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SSEPD Department signs MoU for welfare of PwDs

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Government looks forward for productive outcome through different collaborations and convergence with other Departments, Civil Service Organisations, said Sri Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister, Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD). Joining the MoU signing event in Loka Seva Bhawan, Sri Panda said that collaborative partnership is being encouraged by the Department for better result and broader reach across the State.

An MoU was signed between the SSEPD Department, Govt. of Odisha and Sightsavers India, a national level development organisation working for the empowerment of PwDs. The bilateral MoU will be in force for 3 years. Within the collaborative partnership, technical support will be provided at both State and district level in the fields of preparing PwDs database, skill development programmes and strengthening PwDs livelihood aspects.

Principal Secretary, SSEPD Department, Sri Bishnupada Sethi assured government's cooperation in all activities envisaged in the MoU. He emphasised on community participation should be adhered in the welfare programmes in all convergence efforts.

Sightsavers India will actively support SSEPD in sensitizing stakeholders, facilitating self-defense training, establishing computer training center and collaborating on inclusive eye health services. The partnership aligns with SDG for 2030, focusing on the inclusion of disabilities in various targets and indicators.

Sri Dillip Kumar Ray, Special Secretary and other senior officers of the Department were present on the occasion while Sanyaashee Behera, Deputy Secretary, SSEPD and Prasanna Kumar, Director (Programme Operations), Sightsavers India were the signatories in the MoU.

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