

Our flagship programme, **Centre of Excellence for PwDs** (Divyangjan), conducted an exclusive roundtable for '**Implementation of Reservations for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities**' at Delhi on 11th September, 2018. The roundtable was attended by **Ms. Shakuntala Doley Gamlin**, IAS, Secretary to GOI, DoEPwDs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, executives from the government of India and a few other eminent personalities working closely with PwDs.



**Objective:**

This roundtable aim to highlight the challenges in the implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPWD Act) of 2016 with regards to the reservation of posts. The RPWD Act, which was passed in the Parliament on 14th December 2016 and was notified on 28th December 2016, has made various wider provisions for protection of the rights and privileges of Divyangjan by way of raising reservation in services. The types of disabilities under the RPWD Act have been increased from existing 7 to 21 and it now includes an additional 14 categories of disabilities, viz. Acid Attack Survivors, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Leprosy Cured Persons, Thalassaemia, Haemophilia, Dwarfism, Learning Disabilities and Parkinson's disease. The objective is to draw out a plan for effective implementation of the RPWD Act and to work out the best strategies to implement the Act in a comprehensive manner.