

Regarding appointment of Nodal Officer  
under "Project Ability Empowerment"

Government of Gujarat

Social Justice and Empowerment Department

No.: SJED/MISC/e-file/17/2025/2303/CHH-1 Section

Secretariat, Gandhinagar

Date: 21/01/2026

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Read:

D.O. letter dated 08.01.2026 of the Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India.

Order:-

In compliance with the judgment dated 12.09.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India delivered in the Writ Petition filed by the Justice Sunanda Bhandare Foundation and the Special Leave Petition (later Civil Appeal No. 11938 of 2016), the Hon'ble Court has, under the initiative titled "Project Ability Empowerment," entrusted the National Law Universities with the responsibility of monitoring and evaluating all state-managed and privately managed care institutions for persons with disabilities, with particular emphasis on persons with cognitive disabilities, within the regions allocated to them. Accordingly, the National Law University, Jodhpur, has been assigned the responsibility of undertaking the study, monitoring, and assessment of all such institutions located in the states of Rajasthan and Gujarat and the union territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

In pursuance of the instructions contained in the above-referred D.O. letter, and with a view to ensuring effective coordination and extending necessary cooperation to the National Law University, Jodhpur, In this regard, the **Commissioner of Disability** is hereby appointed as the **Nodal Officer**, ex officio. The details of the Nodal Officer are as under:

Name and Designation of Nodal Officer	Name and Address of Office	Telephone No. / E-mail ID
Shri PravinKumar D. Palsana, I.A.S. Commissioner of Disability	Commissioner of Disability, Wing D-1, Block No. 2, Karmayogi Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar	Office: 079-232-56749 Mo.7698459204 E-mail ID: commi- pwd@gujarat.gov.in

The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for liaison, coordination, and facilitation with the National Law University, Jodhpur, and shall ensure timely cooperation and assistance for effective implementation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.



(Devendrasinh Rathod)

Section Officer

Social Justice and Empowerment Department

To,

Shri PravinKumar D. Palsana, I.A.S.,

Commissioner of Disability,

Office at Karmayogi Bhavan, Gandhinagar.

Copy to:

- Private Secretary to the Secretary(Social Justice), Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Secretariat, Gandhinagar.
- Director, Social Defence, Block No.16, Dr.Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
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