Abstract

People with disability in India are of a big concern – both for society and for growth. All of us have equal rights to grow, to gain and possess prosperity in our life. Own-self independence is a dream of every individual which can be achieved with one’s monetary independence. Working abilities and opportunities are very important to achieve ones goals. Today our Government, Society and NGOs are all working to make ‘living’ for us better and particularly of those who have disability(ies). The number of persons with disabilities are large and there is a need to study all these challenged persons so as to change their lives for better.

Our Indian Population being 1.21 billion as per censes 2011, the total number of persons with disabilities are 2.6 cr. Similarly in Pune District alone there are approximately 2 Lac persons with disability and nearly 50000 persons who are physically challenged who can adopt to good work if put through vocational training.

The study has been conducted to address the gap of the vocational rehabilitation facilities available and needed. Survey was conducted with 408 respondents. The research was focused on to record people’s demographic distribution, type of jobs which can be taken up for vocational training to make persons with disabilities independent and motivate them to get employed, identify those factors which will influence PWDs to go for work after training themselves and be independent and live a happier life. The questionnaire was exhaustive to collect data on the objectives and the hypothesis decided for the study.

General awareness in people on the issues related to disability has been poor. Need to have training facilities to the persons with disabilities near their place of stay has been established. Persons affected are motivated and they can be successfully channelized to be better citizens in all respects after a little coordinated effort of vocational training is truly visible. It has been proved that disability brings in poverty and the two have direct relations to each other. The Government, the Corporate sector, NGOs and the society have to make available the needs for Persons with Disability to grow.

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