

### **Inclusive Education in SSA- A Synopsis**

SSA provides upto Rs.1200/- per child for the inclusion of disabled children, as per specific proposal, per year. The interventions under SSA for inclusive education are identification, functional and formal assessment, appropriate educational placement, preparation of Individualized Educational Plan, provision of aids and appliances, teacher training, resource support, removal of architectural barriers, research, monitoring and evaluation and a special focus on girls with special needs. SSA ensures that every child with special needs, irrespective of the kind, category and degree of disability, is provided meaningful and quality education. Hence, SSA has adopted a ***zero rejection policy***. This means that no child having special needs should be deprived of the right to education and taught in an environment, which is best, suited to his/her learning needs. These include special schools, EGS, AIE or even home-based education. 29.57 lakh have been CWSN have been identified till now in SSA. Out of this, 24.77 lakh CWSN (83.78%) have been enrolled in regular schools. The current coverage of CWSN is 26.47 lakh (89.53%). The States have shown an overall expenditure of 81.77% on CWSN inclusion related activities in 2008-09.