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### **VISION REHABILITATION CENTRES NEWSLETTER**

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- **Be it restaurants, Cinemalls, super markets or dosawala... explore it all and more!**

One of the major challenges faced by persons with vision loss is travelling from one place to another and navigating the world around them. Eye-D app aims to resolve this issue using technology and giving information about the user's surroundings. Aimed to enhance their living experience and be independent, this app helps a user to know where he is, what is around him and it also reads images and texts.

Source: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=in.gingermind.eyed&hl=en>

- **Supreme Court: 3% quota for persons with disabilities must in all posts**

This is the first authoritative judgement that has explicitly directed the government to do away with distinction and give benefits of reservation to the persons with disabilities without any classification. Quashing central government's earlier orders on restricting reservations for persons with disabilities in promotion to Group A and Group B posts, the Supreme Court has ruled that 3% reservation shall be provided to them in all posts and services under the Government of India.

Source: <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/disability-quota-disability-reservation-supreme-court-2892283/>

- **Caption Bot, an image reading application by Microsoft Cognitive Services**

Caption Bot was created to showcase some of the new capabilities of Microsoft Cognitive Services. It uses computer vision and natural language to describe the contents of images to users with vision loss.

Source: <https://www.captionbot.ai/>

- **Disability to be a part of school curriculum soon**

Chapters on disability will soon be included in school curriculum to increase awareness and sensitize the youth about the issue, Human Resource Development Minister, Prakash Javadekar said at a bikers' rally organized to spread awareness about universal accessibility for the persons with disabilities. He said that the educational institutes would be made accessible to PWD in a phased manner.

Source: [http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/chapters-on-disability-soon-in-school-curriculum-javadekar-116072400447\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/chapters-on-disability-soon-in-school-curriculum-javadekar-116072400447_1.html)

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Source: <http://newzhook.com/>

- **Medical insurance for PWD by New India Assurance**

New India Assurance Company limited is offering a health insurance scheme called Swavlamban for persons with disabilities (as per PWD Act, 1995) launched in association with Ministry of Social Justice, Dept of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Source: <http://www.newindia.co.in/Content.aspx?pageid=6363>

- **Are you a Braille user? Do you like creative writing?... then this competition is for you**

All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB) is conducting 5<sup>th</sup> National Madanlal Khandelwal Braille essay writing competition for persons with vision loss. Last date for submitting essays to AICB office is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Source: <http://www.aicb.org.in/>

[AICBfifthNationalMadanlalKhandelwalBrailleEssayCompetition.html](http://www.aicb.org.in/AICBfifthNationalMadanlalKhandelwalBrailleEssayCompetition.html)

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- **Smart kit at subsidised price!**

Saksham is providing a smart kit which consists of a Samsung Android J2 mobile phone, smart cane and 3 days of training for Rs 6,500/- Interested persons can contact Saksham Helpline for more.

Contact numbers: 011 42411015, 011 64650655

- **Marga Schulze merit scholarships for girls with vision loss**

All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB) invites applications from girls with vision loss studying in B.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, B.Ed. and Masters degree courses. The applications should reach AICB latest by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

Source: <http://www.aicb.org.in/>

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