

# Union Minister of State Shri B. L. Verma to preside over the inauguration of 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) tomorrow at Badaun, Uttar Pradesh

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The Union Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, is set to inaugurate the 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) at Government Medical College, Badaun, Uttar Pradesh, marking a significant milestone in the nationwide initiative to empower Divyangjan (persons with disabilities) and senior citizens.

The inauguration ceremony will be graced by Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri B.L. Verma, in the presence of senior officials from the Ministry, representatives of ALIMCO (Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India), District Administration, and other dignitaries.

Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra is a unique initiative aimed at providing integrated services under one roof—including assessment, evaluation, counselling, distribution, and post-distribution care—for eligible Divyangjan and elderly beneficiaries. These centres are being established through ALIMCO, a Central Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD).

The newly established PMDK at Badaun will provide assistive aids and appliances under the ADIP Scheme for Divyangjan and the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) for senior citizens. Devices such as tricycles, wheelchairs, hearing aids, walkers, artificial limbs, and mobility support accessories will be offered free of cost to eligible beneficiaries.

With the launch of this centre, the total number of operational PMDKs across India reaches 75, and the initiative has already **benefited over 1.40 lakh individuals with assistive devices worth more than ₹179.15 lakh.**

This centre is expected to significantly reduce the travel and logistical challenges faced by local beneficiaries, offering them accessible, dignified, and timely services at the regional level. The event signifies the Government's strong commitment towards '*Accessible India, Empowered India*' and its vision of inclusive development through last-mile service delivery.

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