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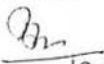
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**PRESS RELEASE**

The State Govt. has decided for universalization of all disabled pensions schemes w.e.f 1st November 2008. In this connection the existing schemes namely pension to 100% Blind persons and pension to 80% and above physically challenged persons have been modified as follows:

1. "The pension scheme for the 100% Blind Persons" shall be renamed as "Allowance for 100% Blind".
2. "The pension scheme for the "80% and above Physically Challenged Persons" shall be renamed as "Disability Allowance".
3. The eligible age group for both the above schemes is reduced from "18 years and above" to "10 years and above".
4. For assistance under Disability Allowance scheme, eligibility criteria have been reduced from 80% to 60% disability and will be applicable for all categories of disabled (physical, mental, or multiple) persons under BPL category.
5. For assistance under Allowance for 100% Blind all 100% blind persons under BPL category will be eligible.
6. New applicants can apply to the respective CDPOs duly backed by supporting documents including a Medical Certificate as per prescribed application form which is available in the offices of the CDPOs and in [www.tripurawelfare.nic.in](http://www.tripurawelfare.nic.in).

  
Under Secretary 13.11.08  
To the Govt. of Tripura.

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The Director ICAT, Govt of Tripura, Agartala for information. He is requested to arrange publication of the same in the local news paper for wide circulation.