

# India employs only 38% of differently-abled

**Namita Singh**, New Delhi : **ONLY 38** percent of the differently-abled people in India are employed, said industry body FICCI on Friday.

The figure is dismally low as compared to the global scenario, where the employment percentage is up to 63 percent, said KK Upadhyay, head Corporate Social Responsibility, FICCI.

“Five-six percent of the Indian population is disabled. Poverty is the cause and consequence of disability,” said PM John, chairperson, Cheshire Disability Trust (CDT) on the sidelines of an event organised by FICCI with the aim of empowerment of disabled people. Top officials from different ministries, corporate owners and various NGOs came together to help such people.

Various entrepreneurs, NGOs and organizations participated in the National Conference on Livelihoods for Persons with Disability.

PK Pincha, Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disability, pointed out that unawareness about the state provision was the biggest problem.

He also appreciated the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerela, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh for their initiatives to help disabled people.

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