

The Strength of Being Specially Abled

People with disabilities have many abilities, which many of us do not have. Ensuring that their abilities blossom and shine is our social responsibility.

Barun Roy, a person with disability (PWD) from Cooch Behar, was facing financial crisis during the nation-wide lockdown. Due to his physical infirmity, he was unable to earn enough money and support his family.

Barun had earlier lodged a petition with a request for grant of the Disability Pension sometime in the month of January, 2020. Within next two months, his economic condition further deteriorated and by April, he was nearly out of money.

After *Barun's* request was received, it was enquired and he started receiving benefits under the disability pension scheme of the State Government, *Manobik*, on a regular basis.

The pension fund *Barun* received helped him considerably during the lockdown, when he did not have a steady source of income.

However difficult life may seem at be at certain bends, there is always something we can do and look for. This is how *Barun* would cherish his memories. *"I cannot thank the CMO Public Grievance Cell enough. It is because of them that I could support my family during the lockdown. Today, the financial assistance from the State Government enables me to overcome multiple hardships in most trying times."*