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## Poem

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### CBR in an Abled India

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Amidst storms of mental anguish,  
We keep our spirits high  
Our people, fellow beings, self help groups, stakeholders  
Together share a common sky.

Dignity, independence, empowerment  
are strong footholds to our civilisation,  
Social justice, equal opportunities  
That's the purpose truly of any education.

Living in a society  
Where inclusion spells no bounds  
Education, sports, wage, jobs  
Very well it all sounds.

Capacity building, hand holding, social mobilisation  
We must all proceed,  
Barrier free environment, full participation, protecting rights  
All are tools to succeed.

We are deaf but cant miss a rotten apple,  
We are blind but can swim with great tussle,

We are lame but can predict history of time,  
We are dumb but can balance series of balls on our spine.

Available are assistive devices, Acceptable are jobs  
Affordable are illnesses, Accessible are hospital buildings  
We are for civilised peeople needed  
Our minds, hearts, souls truely rehabilitated

How much can a stipend, a card, or a medical certificate  
buy?

Dreams, attitudes, ambitions, motivation, let give it another  
try.

Community, society, tradition, culture,  
Active participation is always an adventure.  
Medical, social, Vocational, Mental rehabilitation  
Even with unintact teeth,  
Disability can be chewed with a denture.