

## **Quotas for PwDs in All Trains**

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The <u>Ministry of Railways</u> has approved quotas for <u>People with Disabilities (PwDs)</u> in all trains, irrespective of whether any concessional fare facility is available or not.

- PwD quota will be earmarked in all reserved Express/Mail trains.
- To avoid misuse of the provision, Verified Indian Railways Unique Identity Cards will be issued to eligible by Indian Railways, and tickets under this quota will be booked using this Card only.
  - The <u>Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)</u> was instructed to update its reservation software to verify Unique Identity Cards on all trains, including those without concessional fares.
    - CRIS, an Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Railways, is tasked with developing and overseeing essential IT applications for the Indian Railways.
- Initiatives undertaken in India to empower persons with disabilities include:
  - Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwDs) Act, 2016
  - Unique Disability Identification Portal
  - Accessible India Campaign
  - DeenDayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme
  - Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances,
    National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities
  - Divya Kala Mela 2023

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