

Enhancing Support for Students with Learning Disabilities

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The Ministry of Education has launched the second cycle of its Capacity Building Program on Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), aimed at empowering <u>Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)</u> to better support students with learning <u>disabilities</u>.

- The <u>National Education Policy (NEP) 2020</u> recognizes learning disabilities, advocating for HEIs to be aware and sensitised to address these challenges, ensuring equitable and inclusive education for all.
- The MMTTP, launched in 2023, aims to improve the quality of higher education in India
 by providing teachers with specialised training and knowledge in various areas.
 - It has been restructured from existing mechanisms, such as University Grants
 Commission (UGC)-Human Resource Development Centres (HRDCs) and Pandit
 Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching Centres
 (PMMNMTT), to better support teacher training.
- The <u>Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act</u>, <u>2016</u>, mandates the government to ensure that PWDs enjoy the right to equality, life with dignity, and respect for their integrity, while also providing for their education, employment, social security, healthcare, and accessibility rights.
- Other Initiatives Related to Education of PWDs:
 - DeenDayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme
 - National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities
 - Samagra Shiksha Scheme

Read More: National Workshop on Empowering PwD in Education

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