



Unique Disability Identification Portal

Why in News

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has issued a notification making it mandatory for all **States/UTs** to grant **certificate of disability** through online mode only using **UDID (Unique Disability ID)** portal **w.e.f. 01.06.2021**.

Key Points

▪ Unique Disability Identification (UDID) Portal:

- The project is being implemented with a view of **creating a National Database for persons with disabilities (PwDs)**, and to **issue a Unique Disability Identity Card** to each PwDs.
- The project will not only **encourage transparency, efficiency and ease of delivering the government benefits** to the person with disabilities, but also **ensure uniformity**.
- The project will **also help in stream-lining the tracking of physical and financial progress of beneficiaries** at all levels of hierarchy of implementation – from village level, block level, District level, State level and National level.

▪ Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016:

- **Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016** replaces the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.
- **Disability has been** defined based on an evolving and dynamic concept.
- It **increases the quantum of reservation** for people suffering from disabilities **from 3% to 4% in government jobs** and from **3% to 5% in higher education institutes**.
- This Act brings our law in line with the **United National Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)**, to which India is a signatory.

▪ Other Programmes/Initiatives for Disableds:

- **Accessible India Campaign:** Creation of Accessible Environment for PwDs.
- **DeenDayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme:** Financial assistance is provided to NGOs for providing various services to Persons with Disabilities.
- **Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP):** It aims at helping the disabled persons by bringing suitable, durable, scientifically-manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances within their reach.
- **National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities:** It aims to increase opportunities to students with disabilities for pursuing higher education.

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