



## Accessibility for Disabled Persons

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Recently, The [Supreme Court](#) affirmed that the **right to access environments, services, and opportunities** for [persons with disabilities \(PWDs\)](#) is a **human and fundamental right**.

- **Accessibility:** The court urged the government to create universal **accessible public and private spaces, services, and products** as mandated in **Rule 15** of the Rights of [Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017](#).
  - **Rule 15** of the Rights of [Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017](#) covers accessibility of **physical environment, transport, and information and communication technology**.
- **Legal Framework:** The [Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016](#) aims to **protect and promote** the rights of persons with disabilities (PwDs).
  - It aims to give effect to the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(UNCRPD\)](#), which India ratified in **2007**.
  - A person with a benchmark disability is defined as someone with **at least 40% of a specified disability**.
- **Initiatives Related to the Empowerment of the Disabled:** [Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances](#), [Accessible India Campaign](#), and [Unique Disability Identification Portal](#).

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