

## **Scheme for Implementation on Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**

### **Objective**

The central government provides financial assistance to implementing organizations for the following activities:

- **Creating Barrier-Free Environment**

Developing infrastructure accessible to persons with disabilities in schools, colleges, educational and training institutions, offices, public buildings, entertainment centers, healthcare centers, and hospitals.

- This includes ramps, handrails, lifts, wheelchair-accessible toilets, Braille signage, auditory signals, tactile flooring, slopes on footpaths, zebra crossings with tactile markings, railway platform markings, and appropriate disability signage.

- **Accessible Websites**

Making government websites at central, state, and district levels accessible as per the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances guidelines.

- **Skill Development Programs for Persons with Disabilities**

- **Improving Ecosystem Accessibility**

The "Accessible India Campaign" aims to enhance accessibility in public infrastructure, transport, and communication systems, ensuring equal opportunities and independent living for persons with disabilities.

- **Support for Rehabilitation Centers**

Financial assistance for existing and new rehabilitation centers at the district and state levels, including regional centers and composite rehabilitation centers.

- Issuance of Disability Certificates

Providing assistance to state governments for organizing camps to issue disability certificates.

- Awareness Campaigns

Conducting awareness programs, sensitization activities, and providing information, education, and communication materials.

- Resource Centers

Setting up resource centers for information dissemination, counseling, and support services.

- Library Accessibility

Enhancing the accessibility of physical and digital libraries and other knowledge resources.

- Research and Development

Promoting research and development initiatives in the field of disability rehabilitation.

- Early Childhood Training

Encouraging pre-school training for children with disabilities, counseling for parents, caregiver training, teacher training programs, and early diagnosis and treatment for children aged 0-5 years.

- Diagnostic and Treatment Centers

Establishing diagnostic and treatment centers in district headquarters and medical colleges to assist children with hearing impairment in developing necessary skills for mainstream education.

#### Infrastructure for State Disability Offices

Providing grants to state governments and union territories for the construction of infrastructure for state disability offices.

- Recreational Centers

Supporting the construction of dedicated recreational centers for persons with disabilities.

- Promotion of Sports Encouraging sports activities at national and state levels for persons with disabilities.
- **Issuance of Disability Identity Cards and Surveys**
- **Other Programs**

Providing financial assistance for additional activities mentioned under the Act that are not covered under existing schemes of the department.

### **Type of Scheme**

Welfare Scheme

Guidelines for Implementation

For more details, click here

<https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/>

### **Beneficiaries**

- The scheme is implemented through the following agencies:
- State Governments/Union Territories
- Autonomous Bodies
- Public Sector Enterprises
- Statutory Bodies established by the Central or State Governments
- National Institutes
- Regional Centers
- District Disability Rehabilitation Centers
- Outreach Centers under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860
- Trusts registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882
- Companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956
- Recognized sports organizations approved by the central or state government.



## **Benefits**

As mentioned above.

## **How to Apply**

- Eligible organizations seeking financial assistance under this scheme must submit a detailed proposal to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi. The proposal must include:
- A detailed description of the proposed activity
- Scope and target beneficiaries
- Total estimated cost
- Implementation timeline
- Approval from the head of the organization
- Details of previously completed projects under this scheme

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