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# Expanding Disability Inclusive Social Protection

Overview, Status & Wayforward

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# Outline

- **Constitutional & Legislative Framework**
  - Constitutional Mandates for Governments
  - Existing Legislative Framework (Legal mandates)
- **Social Protection Provisions**
  - Direct Cash based assistance (NSAP etc.)
  - Kind based assistance (ADIP, AVVYA etc.)
- **Institutional Framework**
- **DEPwD, CCPD, NHFDC, NIs, CRCs, DDRCs**
- **Way forward**
  - National Strategic Framework for ATs



# Constitutional Mandates

- **Demography (21 Million PwDs & 1 Billion Elderly)**

- **Fundamental Rights**

- ARTICLE 15(1) Enjoins the government “not to discriminate against any citizen of India
- ARTICLE 39 “The state shall, in particular, direct its policy toward securing: That every citizen, equally, have the right to an adequate means to livelihood.

- **Directive Principles of State Policy**

- ARTICLE 41 : Provides for effective provisions for securing the right to work, to education, and public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness, and disablement,

- **UN Resolutions**

- UNCRPD 2006 (India is the first signatory)
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- Incheon Strategy make the right real
- SDGs

# Legislative Framework

- **RPWD Act-2016**

- The act outlines provisions for Social security and social safeguards including reservation in public employment,, Financial Assistance in crisis, penalties for discrimination etc.
- The act also outlines provisions for ensuing accessibility and access to ATs for PwDs,

- **The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disability Act, 1999**

- Provides for Health Insurance for Autism Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities
- Provides for Assistive Devices & Financial assistance for health and education,

- **The Rehabilitation Council of India Act-1992**

- Regulate the special education and provides for care services training



# Social Protection Programs

- **Direct Cash Transfers**

- Social Assistance Programs (Pension, Food Subsidies)
- Scholarships and Fellowships (Pre & Post Metric, NFs. NOS)
- Subsidized Credit facilities (Interest Free Loans, Subsidies, etc. )
- Marriage allowances (Men and Women PwDs marrying to normal Person)

- **Kind based assistance**

- Distribution of ATs ( ADIP, AVVYA, SSA, NBEP, NHIP etc.)
- Travel Concessions (Air, Railways, Bus etc.)
- Tax rebates (GST etc.)
- Relaxations and concessions in age, qualifications for admission and Public Employment
- Free Coaching & Skill & Entrepreneurship Trainings

- **Other Initiatives**

- Accessible India Campaign
- Promotion of Skill and Entrepreneurship among PwDs
- Grants for purchase of Assistive Devices



# Institutional framework

- **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (National)**
- **Departments for Welfare of PwDs (States)**
  - The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities & State Comm. (36)
  - National Institutions for different types disabilities (10)
  - Composite Regional Centers (23)
  - District Disability Rehabilitation Centers (310)
  - National Trust for Autism
  - Rehabilitation Council of India
- National Finance and Development Corporation for PwDs
- **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India Ltd.**







# Way forward

- **Insurance Sector Reforms**

- Insurance coverage for ATs / APs
- Health insurance coverage for all PwDs

- **National Strategic Framework for ATs**

- Promoting Innovation, Investments & Industry in AT Sector
- Making available affordable & quality ATs to all in India & beyond,

- **Setting up of Asian Institute for ATs**

- Promoting research in ATs
- Collection, compilation of Data on AT needs and users
- Provide policy inputs for interventions
- Capacity Building of stakeholders

- **Promoting economic growth through equal opportunities for PwDs in education, employment & economic participation**

Leaving no one behind





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