



Unique Disability ID Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has asked **states to speed up implementation of the [Unique Disability ID \(UDID\)](#)** scheme for **[Persons With Disabilities \(PwD\)](#)** in the 75 districts.

- The Rural Development Ministry has selected the UDID programme as **a part of its 90-day campaign in districts “selected on the basis of unsung heroes of India’s freedom struggle”** under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The campaign aimed for **100% coverage of 17 Central schemes** in the 75 districts.

What is UDID?

- **About:**
 - The Unique ID for Persons with Disabilities project is **being implemented with a view of creating a National Database for PwDs, and to issue a Unique Disability Identity Card** to each person with disabilities.
 - The objective is to enable the **PwDs to obtain the new UDID card / Disability Certificate to avail schemes** and benefits provided by the Government through its various Ministries and their Departments.
- **Significance:**
 - 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 helps 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.

What is Disability?

- Any restriction or lack of ability to perform an activity in a manner or within the range considered normal for human beings, resulting from impairment is termed as a disability.
- Disability is an important public health problem especially in developing countries like India.
 - To sensitize the matter of disability, **3rd December** has been marked as the **[International Day of Persons with Disabilities by the United Nations](#)**.
- About 2.2% of India’s population lives with some kind of physical or mental disability, as per the **[National Statistics Office](#)** report on disability released last year.
 - In India, **[Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016](#)** replaced the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

What are the Schemes Related to Disability?

- **[Accessible India Campaign: Creation of Accessible Environment for PwDs](#)**

- [Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances \(ADIP\)](#)
- [DeenDayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme](#)
- [National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities](#)
- [Unique Disability Identification Project](#)
- [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)
- [National Mental Health Programme.](#)

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