



Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) in Kota

Why in News?

[Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla](#) inaugurated the **Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK)** in Kota, Rajasthan, to empower [persons with disabilities](#) and distribute assistive devices to them.

Key Points

Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) Initiative

- **About:**
 - The PMDK initiative is led by the **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)**, a public sector unit under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.
 - Its primary goal is to deliver high-quality, affordable assistive devices to senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
 - As of now, **45 PMDK centres are operational** across various states and Union Territories.
 - The government aims to **expand this network to 100 centres by June 2025**.
- **Focus:**
 - The newly inaugurated PMDK places special emphasis on visually impaired individuals.
 - It offers a wide range of services, including:
 - Prosthetics and orthotics
 - Braille appliances
 - Mobility aids
 - Advanced rehabilitation technologies
- **Skill Development and Empowerment:**
 - The objective is to run vocational training programmes to build skills among beneficiaries.
 - These programmes aim to promote [employment](#) and entrepreneurship, enhancing the economic independence of persons with disabilities.

Initiatives for the Empowerment of Disabled People

- [PM-DAKSH \(Divyang Skill Development and Rehabilitation Scheme\)](#)
- [DeenDayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme](#)
- [Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances](#)
- [National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities](#)
- [Unique ID for persons with disabilities \(UDID\) card](#)

