

Accessible India Campaign

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The **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)**, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has conceptualised the 'Accessible India Campaign (Sugamaya Bharat Abhiyan)' as a **nation wide flagship campaign** for achieving **universal accessibility** that will enable persons with disabilities to **gain access for equal opportunity** and live independently and **participate fully in all aspects of life in an inclusive society**. The campaign targets at enhancing the accessibility of the **built environment, transport system and Information & communication ecosystem**.

Objectives

- At least **50% of all the government buildings of the national capital and all the state capitals** will be made fully accessible for persons with disabilities.
- Conducting audit of **50% of government buildings** and converting them into **fully accessible buildings in 10 most important cities/ towns** of all the states.
- All the **international airports in the country and railway stations of A1, A & B categories** will be made fully accessible.
- Conducting **accessibility audit of all the domestic airports** and converting them into fully accessible airports.
- Ensuring that **50% of railway stations** in the country are converted into fully accessible railway stations.
- Ensuring that **25% of Government owned public transport carriers** in the country are converted into fully accessible carriers.
- Ensuring that at least **50% of all public documents issued** by the Central government and the State governments meet accessibility standards.
- Developing and adoption of **national standards on**

captioning and sign-language interpretation in consultation with national media authorities.

Definition of Disability

According to **Person with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation) Act, 1995**, disability means:

- . Blindness
- . Low vision
- . Leprosy-cured
- . Hearing impairment
- . Locomotor disability
- . Mental Retardation
- . Mental illness