

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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In news– Every year, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is marked on December 3.

About the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)-

- The day is observed to promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities at every level of society and development.
- Additionally, it also aims to raise awareness of the situations of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic and cultural life.
- Since 1998, the day has been observed every year with a particular theme.
- **The theme of 2021 is** 'Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post-COVID-19 world'.
- **The annual observance of this day began in 1992** after it was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3.
- In 2006, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) was also adopted.
- It aims at working towards creating equal opportunities for persons with disabilities through the implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

The United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy –

- It was launched in the year 2019.
- The Strategy provides the foundation for sustainable and transformative progress on disability inclusion through all pillars of the work of the United Nations.
- Through the Strategy, the United Nations system

reaffirms that the full and complete realization of the human rights of all persons with disabilities is an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Key statistics-

- 1 billion+ people with disabilities globally.
- 15% of the world population will have a lived experience of disability as per WHO.
- Indian Census 2011, states that 2.68 crores that is 2.21 percent of our population comprises people with disabilities.