

# NATIONAL POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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# INTRODUCTION

- ◉ Formulated in February 2006
- ◉ Deals with physical, educational & economic rehabilitation of persons with disabilities
- ◉ Focuses upon rehabilitation of women and children with disabilities, barrier free environment, social security, research etc.

# Prevention of Disabilities

- Since disability, in a large number of cases, is preventable, the policy lays a strong emphasis on prevention of disabilities.
- It calls for programme for prevention of diseases, which result in disability during the period of pregnancy and thereafter

# Rehabilitation Measures

- ◉ **Rehabilitation measures can be classified into three distinct groups:**
- ◉ Physical rehabilitation, which includes early detection and intervention, counselling & medical interventions and provision of aids & appliances.
- ◉ Educational rehabilitation including vocational education.
- ◉ Economic rehabilitation for a dignified life in society.

# Women with disabilities

- Special programmes will be developed for education, employment and providing of other rehabilitation services to women with disabilities
- Special educational and vocation training facilities will be setup

# Children with Disabilities

- ◉ Ensure right to care, protection and security for children with disabilities.
- ◉ Ensure the right to development with dignity and equality creating an enabling environment.
- ◉ Ensure inclusion and effective access to education, health, vocational training along with specialized rehabilitation services to children with disabilities.

# Collection of regular information on Persons with Disabilities

- The National Sample Survey Organization has been collecting information on Socio-economic conditions of persons with disabilities on regular basis once in ten years since 1981.
- The Census has also started collection of information on persons with disabilities from the year-2001.

# Social Security

- Central Government has been providing tax relief to persons with disabilities and their guardians.
- The State Governments / U.T. Administrations have been providing unemployment allowance or disability pension.



# Sports, Recreation and Cultural life

- The Government will take necessary steps to provide them opportunity for participation in various sports, recreation and cultural activities.

