

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.

