

Vision 2020 for The Specially Abled People of India

Empower the Specially Abled people of India to contribute to society by creating a barrier free environment in which the Specially Abled will be able to live, study, work and participate inclusively in development and high growth of India.

Key Goals

1. Pass the amended bill into law - PwD 2014 (per amendments proposed by our volunteers to draft bill 2012) to drive change in a phased manner in the country
2. By 2020, generate resources to fund upto 3-5% of total government budget for infrastructure and programs of Specially Abled people
3. Tax code changes like incentives to employer, individual, family, company for supporting specially abled individuals' needs
4. Independent government department, operational within 3 years in every state
5. All government buildings, public places, government websites are fully accessible in 5 years. After 5 years, steep penalty imposed for non-compliance
6. Account for 100% of special needs people using the Aadhar card, which should be the single identity to prove the disability across country
7. Literacy level among specially abled people should match to the national level literacy
8. Each district head quarter should have CRC (Community Rehabilitation Center) with vocational training included for skill development of all types of special needs
9. Above 60% employment within employable Specially Abled population
10. Introduce home based or remote education courses using e-learning technology
11. Electronic complaint system (web and mobile enabled) for seeking resolution to the complaints with office of Disability Commissioner
12. Update the definition of disability to include people who acquired disability due to age, diseases or other factors

Enablers

1. Political-WILL, translated into legal provisions for the justice, empowerment and overall transformation of the societal values towards the Specially Abled people
2. Tax Provisions - Incentives for family, employer and individuals, introduction of “Disability Insurance” tax, 20% of CSR funds etc. “New” measures to generate required funds and pay for the budget provisions
3. Budget Provisions – 3-5% of budget allocation to fund infrastructure needs and programs supporting individuals and families to take care of their basic needs while maintaining their dignity
4. Independent government department to plan and execute programs, covering end to end needs of the Specially Abled people
5. Technology solutions (Including Assistive and Adaptive technologies): To drive the program execution, accountability and compliance measurements
6. Global Best practices per benchmarking with WHO and UN recommended global standards and guidelines
7. NGO Collaboration for improved overall output and delivery partnership

Key Messages

- Specially Abled people can contribute equally or at times more than expectations if provided with necessary training, infrastructure and tools
- Provide dignity and empowerment but not the entitlement or create a welfare state
- Large market for products and services related to the needs of Specially Abled people, untapped economic opportunity to create millions of new jobs
- Disability is not a disease but a physical condition hence insurance and other laws should change their practices
- Society need to accept that rights of Specially Abled people are violated grossly and that must change in 21st century high growth oriented young Indian society
- Everyone in society is “temporarily abled” so everyone should be more sensitive to the needs of specially abled people
- Become a proud society and country in the world by providing Empowerment to Specially Abled People

Key Inputs to develop the Vision 2020 Document

1. www.India272.com volunteer inputs on issues, suggestions to PwD draft Bill 2012
2. Inputs from leading NGOs, institutes and expert individuals
3. Research on Global Information such as guidelines of UN, WHO plus US, UK, Brazil and other countries' information
4. Application and Adoption of Technology solutions and e-governance

