

COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF PwDs IN GOA

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The Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and O/o State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa will soon undertake a Comprehensive Survey of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) across the state.

This initiative aims to create an accurate and updated database of persons with disabilities, which will serve as the foundation for extending targeted welfare schemes and formulating inclusive policies. At present, the state relies on data from the 2011 Census, which was based on the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, covering only seven categories of disabilities.

With the enactment of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, the scope has now broadened to include twenty-one categories of disabilities. In light of this significant legislative expansion, the survey is imperative to ensure that all eligible Divyangjan in the state are identified and integrated into the mainstream through effective planning, service delivery and empowerment initiatives.

To facilitate this process the Department has floated a tender through the Government of Goa's e-tendering.

The field-level survey will be conducted by trained field workers deployed across various Panchayats and municipal councils, under the supervision of the Department for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

This landmark initiative will play a pivotal role in empowering persons with disabilities by enabling access to benefits, services and opportunities thus fostering their full participation in the socio-economic fabric of the state.

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