



# Future for Disables in India

With a population of 2.68 crore persons with disabilities as recorded in Census 2011, India faces the dual challenge of addressing historical exclusion while responding to emerging opportunities created by policy reforms, technological advancements, and changing social attitudes. Despite constitutional guarantees and progressive frameworks such as the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, many individuals with disabilities continue to encounter barriers in education, employment, accessibility, and social participation. The conference is grounded in the understanding that disability is fundamentally a human rights and development issue rather than a matter of charity or welfare. India's commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals further underscores the need for inclusive policies and practices that ensure equal opportunities for all citizens. However, gaps in implementation, limited awareness, and inadequate institutional mechanisms continue to undermine the realisation of these commitments. The conference seeks to critically assess India's progress in disability inclusion and identify pathways for translating policy into meaningful change at the grassroots level. A key focus of the conference will be an evaluation of the implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, with an emphasis on identifying challenges, best practices, and areas requiring reform. Deliberations will also address employment and entrepreneurship as crucial dimensions of empowerment, exploring strategies for skill development, inclusive hiring practices, workplace accessibility, and the role of the corporate sector in fostering economic independence among individuals with disabilities. Education will be another central theme, with discussions on inclusive education models, institutional support systems, and the transformative role of emerging technologies such as assistive devices and artificial intelligence in enhancing learning and autonomy. Accessibility and infrastructure will be examined as foundational requirements for inclusion, highlighting the importance of universal design in public spaces, transportation, and digital environments. The conference will also address mental health and social inclusion, recognising the compounded challenges of stigma, discrimination, and psychosocial stress experienced by many persons with disabilities. Emphasis will be placed on community-based support systems and the need for attitudinal change to build a more inclusive society. By bringing together policymakers, academics, activists, practitioners, industry representatives, and persons with disabilities, the conference aims to foster collaboration and shared responsibility. It envisions contributing to a future where persons with disabilities are active participants in nation-building, with dignity, autonomy, and equal opportunities at the core of India's inclusive development agenda.

**Last date to send full paper is January 25, 2026, at  
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**Note: Selected papers will be published in book form by a reputed publisher**

**Travel allowance (TA) for travel by Sleeper Class (for scholars) or third AC (for faculties) of Indian Railways or Government-operated buses, and Accommodation** will be provided only to participants who submit a full-length paper of 6,000-7,000 words.

Tickets bought from third-party apps or Private players will not be refunded. Tickets only booked from the IRCTC Website will be valid.

**TA and accommodation will not be provided to those who fail to submit a full paper.**

## About the University

The Mahatma Gandhi Central University, named after the Father of the Nation, was established in the historical Champaran region under the Central Universities (Amendment) Act, 2014 [No. 35 of 2014], enacted by Parliament. The university is funded and regulated by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The University is currently operating from five temporary campuses: Chankya Parishar, Buddha Parishar, DDU Parishar, Gandhi Bhavan, and an administrative block. The university comprises seven schools, with over 20 departments and more than 65 ongoing programs. The Faculty of Sciences is currently operating from a temporary campus at Zila School, known as "Chankya Parishar," located in the heart of the city.

## About Champaran

The University is located in Motihari, which is a city in the Champaran district of Bihar, India. This city holds great historical significance as it is the Karam-Bhoomi of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. It was in this very place that he first practised his idea of Satyagraha against the Neel plantation that was being carried out in the area. The establishment of MGCU is a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's Champaran Satyagraha, which took place a century ago. The city is situated close to Nepal, only 55 km away from its border town of Birgunj. The beautiful Motijheel Lake divides the village into two, offering a panoramic view. The weather in the city in February is usually pleasant. Bodh Gaya, the place where Buddha attained enlightenment, is approximately 250 km away from Motihari. The largest Buddhist stupa in India is located in Kesaria, approximately 50 km away from Motihari.

## About the Connectivity

The nearest airport to the city is in Patna, which is approximately 170 kilometres away from Motihari. Motihari is also connected to all the major cities by train. The nearest railway station is Bapudham Motihari (BMKI), which is approximately 2 kilometres from the Temporary Campus at Zila School, Motihari. One can also reach Motihari by train via Samastipur, Muzaffarpur, and Raxaul, which are located within a 100-kilometre radius. Motihari is also well-connected to all major cities and towns of Bihar and adjoining states by road through a network of four-lane National Highways.

## Registration

Every person intending to participate in the conference shall have to register by filling up the registration form using registration link with appropriate remittance fee. Detail of registration fee is as :

### Registration fee

**The registration fee for all faculties is Rs. 2,000/- INR; for independent researchers and research scholars, it is Rs. 1,000/- INR (Rs. 500 for scholars/students of MGCU).**

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### Paper Submission Guidelines:

Original/ Unpublished research papers are invited for presentation/ publication in the conference.

Please refer to the following guidelines for paper submission:

- The paper should be typed in MS Word & written in English.
- The first page continues the title of the paper, the author's name, designation, affiliation and email id & contact number.
- The second page should include an abstract of not more than 150 words with five keywords.
- The paper should be written in TIMES NEW ROMAN with a 12 font style.
- Referencing should be in APA style (7th Edition).
- Manuscript should not exceed 7000 words in all with 1.5 spacing throughout.
- Tables & figures must be numbered in sequence as they appear in the text and should include clear titles, notes or source details wherever needed.

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