

UDID BENEFITS

<https://swavlambancard.gov.in/>

The Unique Disability ID (UDID) card is a gateway to access multiple government schemes, benefits, and concessions for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). This handbook provides a structured overview of major central government initiatives that can be availed using the UDID card.

Benefit	Explanation / Use Case
Single identity / document	Instead of carrying multiple disability certificates or proofs, UDID consolidates details in one record/card.
Easier access to central schemes	Many central government welfare schemes for PwDs will expect or require UDID as proof.
Travel & transport concessions	PwDs often get concessions in railways, state transport, etc. A UDID card helps in claiming these more smoothly.
Education / exam accommodations	For students with disabilities, UDID helps in accessing accommodations such as extra time, use of scribes, subject reductions (e.g. in Class 10/12) or waiver of certain requirements.

Reservation in jobs / lower qualification thresholds	The disability status is more easily verifiable, aiding reservation in government jobs or relaxations.
Access to assistive devices, aids, rehabilitation	Government schemes often provide prosthetic appliances, hearing aids, etc. being in the UDID registry helps in smoother access.
Welfare schemes, pensions, grants	Scholarships, disability pension, and financial assistance become easier to process when an individual is in the UDID system.
Tracking and monitoring	The government can monitor implementation and fund utilization for PwDs more transparently (at district / state / central levels).
Pan-India validity	The card / certificate is meant to be valid throughout the country — less need for state-specific certification.
Reduced paperwork, fewer repeated medical evaluations	UDID aims to reduce burdensome repeated submissions of medical proofs across schemes.

Central Government Schemes & Benefits for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in India *(with UDID Card as the key document for access)*

SCHEMES RELEVANT FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Tax Benefits

1. Income Tax Deductions

- **Section 80U:** ₹75,000 deduction for PwDs (≥40%), ₹1,25,000 for severe disability.
- **Section 80DD:** Deduction for family members supporting PwD dependents.
- **Section 80D:** Extra deduction for insurance premiums paid for PwDs.

More info:

<https://incometaxindia.gov.in/Pages/section-wise-statutes.aspx>

(Select Sec 80U, 80DD, 80D in the drop down menu to know more)

Social Security & Pensions

2. Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS)

- **Eligibility:** PwDs (≥80% disability), aged 18–79. Based on disability % and income.
- **Benefit:** ₹300/month (central) + state + gram panchayat (*if applicable*)

More info: <https://nsap.nic.in/>

3. National Trust Schemes (for Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Dysfunction, Multiple Disabilities)

- Examples:
 - **NIRAMAYA:** Affordable health insurance.
 - **GHARAUNDA:** Group homes for lifelong shelter & care.
 - **SAMARTH:** Respite care for families.

More info: <https://nationaltrust.nic.in/niramaya/>

Education-Related Schemes

4. Pre-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

- **Who can apply:** Students with $\geq 40\%$ disability studying in Class 9–10.
- **Benefits:** Maintenance allowance, book allowance, tuition fee reimbursement.
- **Income limit:** Annual family income $\leq$ ₹2.5 lakh.

More info: <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

5. Post-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

- **Who can apply:** PwD students studying in Class 11 to Post-Graduation.
- **Benefits:** Maintenance allowance, book allowance, tuition fee, exam fees.
- **Income limit:** Annual family income $\leq$ ₹2.5 lakh.

More info: <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

6. Top Class Education Scholarship for PwDs

- **Who can apply:** PwD students pursuing graduate/postgraduate/professional courses in top institutes.
- **Benefits:** Up to ₹2 lakh per annum for tuition fees, maintenance, assistive devices.

More info: <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

7. National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

- **Who can apply:** PwD students selected for Masters/PhD abroad.
- **Benefits:** Covers tuition, visa fees, airfare, living expenses.

More info: <https://depwd.gov.in/en/scholarship/>

8. Conducting Written Examination for PwD

- **Unified Criteria:** No separate criteria for regular and competitive exams.
- **Scribe/Reader/Lab Assistant:** PwBDs can use their own or request one from the examination body. Compensatory time (minimum 20 minutes per hour) is provided. Specific requirements for different disability categories are outlined.
- **Exam Format Choice:** PwBDs can choose Braille, computer, large print, or audio recording. Exam bodies must facilitate this through technological adaptations.
- **Accessible Exam Centers:** Ground floor access and suitable seating arrangements are mandated.
- **Assistive Devices Allowed:** Talking calculators, Braille slates, etc., are permitted.
- **Additional Time:** Minimum one hour for 3-hour exams (or pro-rata), excluding compensatory time for scribes.
- **Open Book Exams:** Accessible reading materials provided.
- **Alternative Questions:** Provided for hearing and visually impaired candidates.

More info: [Vikaspedia](#)

Assistive Devices

9. Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP Scheme)

- **Who can apply:** PwDs with ≥40% disability, low-income households.
- **Benefits:** Free/subsidized assistive devices (hearing aids, wheelchairs, prosthetics, smart canes).

More info: <https://depwd.gov.in/schemes/adip-scheme>

Skill Training & Employment Support

10. Through CRCs (Composite Regional Centres)

- **What CRCs do:** Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) are institutions under DEPwD established to provide rehabilitation, counseling, skill development, and vocational training to persons with disabilities, including those with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). CRCs function as local resource hubs for empowerment and employability enhancement.
- **How UDID helps:** Persons holding a valid UDID card can register with CRCs for vocational training, job placement guidance, and rehabilitation services. The UDID serves as proof of disability, enabling streamlined access to DEPwD-sponsored training programs.
- **Examples of services:**
 - Vocational and skill training tailored to specific disabilities.
 - Guidance for self-employment, entrepreneurship, and linkage with MSME & NSDC programs.
 - Counseling for career planning, workplace adjustments, and rehabilitation.
 - Support through job fairs and employment cells.

More Info:

- **DEPwD — CRC overview page:** <https://depwd.gov.in/en/crc>
- **CRC list and contact details:** <https://depwd.gov.in/en/list-of-crcs>
- **National Career Service (PwD employment section):**
<https://www.ncs.gov.in/>
- **myScheme portal — skill development schemes for PwDs:**
<https://www.myscheme.gov.in/search?query=skill%20disability>

11. Skill Training by Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD)

- **Objective:** Job-linked skill training tailored for disabilities.
- **Trades covered:** IT, hospitality, healthcare, tailoring, retail.

More info: <https://scpwd.in/>

OTHER UDID BENEFITS

Employment & Financial Help

1. Reservation in Employment

- **As per RPwD Act, 2016:** The Act provides for a 4% reservation in government establishments, which is horizontally distributed across the following four main categories (with the fourth being a combined category):
 - Blindness and Low Vision
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - Locomotor Disability
 - Intellectual Disability/Specific Learning Disability/Multiple Disabilities
- **UDID role:** Standard proof of disability category.

More info:

<https://legislative.gov.in/document-category/post-identified-under-rpwd-act-2016/>

2. National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDc)

- **Schemes:** Loans at concessional rates for self-employment, higher education, skill training.
- **Benefits:**
 - Education loans up to ₹10 lakh (India) and ₹20 lakh (abroad).
 - Business loans with 3–8% interest.

More info: <https://ndfdc.nic.in/schemes>

Health & Insurance

3. Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme

- **Coverage:** Health insurance up to ₹2 lakh for PwDs + 3 family members.
- **Premium:** Subsidized by govt.

More info:

<https://www.cabefoundation.com/p/swavlamban-health-insurance-scheme-to.html>

4. Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY)

- PwDs are eligible under BPL/EWS category with UDID as supporting proof.
- **Benefits:** ₹5 lakh annual cover for secondary/tertiary care.

More info: <https://pmjay.gov.in/>

Accessibility & Inclusion

5. Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)

- **Goal:** Make buildings, transport, websites accessible.
- **UDID role:** Beneficiaries can raise complaints through **Sugamya Bharat App**.

More info:

<https://depwd.gov.in/schemes/accessible-india-campaign>

6. Election Assistance

- PwDs can register via UDID for accessible polling stations, transport assistance, and postal ballots in some states.

More info: <https://eci.gov.in/pwd/>

OTHER BENEFITS (Provided to PwDs)

Travel Concessions

1. Railway Concessions

MS is not included in the 3 categories of disabilities in IR Circular. Endorsement is to be made in the PIC issued by IR Divisional HQ of orthopaedic/parapalegic/can 't travel without an escort. Once the UDID & DC is issued by the assessing hospital, you are advised to visit the social welfare cell at the hospital to fill the application for IR PIC. The medical certificate is to be signed by the PMR Dept.

- **Benefits:** 25%–75% fare concessions in sleeper, AC, and season tickets. Escorts also get concessions. (Railway Dept. conducts its own assessment test, UDID is not accepted.)
- **Disabilities covered:** Blindness, locomotor disability, hearing/speech impaired, etc.

More info:

https://contents.irctc.co.in/en/Divyaangjan_User_Guide_English.pdf

2. Air Travel Concession

UDID is a valid identity document for airport security.

UDID Card is required for availing waiver of drop off/pick up waiting charges at airports where chargeable. eg GOX North Goa Airport

Air India

- **Benefits:** 50% concession on basic fare in domestic economy class.

- **Eligibility:** PwDs with 100% visual disability or/and at least 80% locomotor impairment.

More info:

<https://www.airindia.com/in/en/book/exclusive-deals/other-concessions.html>

UDID CONTACTS

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<https://swavlambancard.gov.in/>

Find Nearest Medical Authority:

<https://swavlambancard.gov.in/findNearestMedicalAuthority>

Find District Welfare Office:

<https://swavlambancard.gov.in/district-welfare-office>

UDID State Coordinator List:

<https://swavlambancard.gov.in/Statewisecordinator1>

GENERAL DEPwD SUPPORT

Toll-Free Helpline:

1800-121-0000

WhatsApp Support:

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Note:

The contact details should be rechecked on the official DEPwD and UDID websites before sending confidential documents or making an official complaint.

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