

RPwD Act Amended to Include Acid Ingestion Victims

The Centre informed the Supreme Court about amending the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD) of 2016 to include victims of acid ingestion.

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD) of 2016 is a central law that ensures the rights, protection, and full participation of persons with disabilities in India.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Union government** informed the **Supreme Court** on **July 14, 2026**, about the amendment.
- The amendment is to the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD)** of **2016**.
- It extends the definition of '**acid attack victim**' to include persons with **internal injuries** caused by **acid ingestion**.
- The **2016 law** had previously recognized only victims of **acid-throwing**.
- The amendment will have a **retrospective effect**, allowing **victims** with prior injuries to claim benefits.
- Victims with **internal injuries** that occurred prior to **May 22, 2026**, can also claim benefits under the **2016 Act**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD)** was enacted in **2016**.

It replaced the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

The **RPwD Act 2016** increased the number of recognized **disabilities** from **7** to **21**.

It includes **specific learning disabilities** and **acid attack victims** as categories of disability.

The Act ensures **4% reservation** in **government jobs** and **educational institutions** for persons with benchmark disabilities.

It mandates **accessibility** in **public buildings**, **transportation**, and information and communication technology.

India ratified the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)** in **2007**.

The **RPwD Act 2016** was enacted to align **Indian law** with the principles of the **UNCRPD**.

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RPwD Act 2016 amended to cover acid ingestion victims with retrospective effect.

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