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**Q9****How do you understand disability? Substantiate the need for inclusive policy framework in India in this regard.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · GS I · 10 marks · Indian Society and Diversity

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Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

**Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**

Expanded the categories of disabilities from 7 to 21 and aligned Indian law with the UNCRPD.

**Census 2011 Data**

Recorded India's disabled population at 2.68 crore, constituting approximately 2.21 percent of the total population.

**Constitutional Provision (Article 41)**

Directs the State to make effective provisions for securing the right to work, to education, and to public assistance in cases of disablement.

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