# RPWD Act 2016: Summary and Overview [with Infographic]

**Text 4**

**Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act (RPWD Act) / (2016)**

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 is the disability legislation passed by the [**Indian Parliament**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament_of_India)to fulfill its obligation to the [United Nations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations) [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Convention_on_the_Rights_of_Persons_with_Disabilities). The types of disabilities have been increased from existing (7) to (21) and the Central Government will have the power to add more types of disabilities. The **(21)** disabilities are given below:-

**1- Blindness**

**2- Low-vision**

**3- Leprosy Cured persons**

**4- Hearing Impairment**

**5- Locomotor Disability**

**6- Dwarfism**

**7- Intellectual Disability**

**8- Mental Illness**

**9- Autism Spectrum Disorder**

**10- Cerebral Palsy**

**11- Muscular Dystrophy**

**12- Chronic Neurological conditions**

**13- Specific Learning Disabilities**

**14- Multiple Sclerosis**

**15- Speech and Language disability**

**16- Thalassemia**

**17- Hemophilia**

**18- Sickle Cell disease**

**19- Multiple Disabilities including deaf blindness**

**20- Acid Attack victim**

**21- Parkinson's disease**

### 1. [Blindness](https://wecapable.com/blindness-definition-meaning-disability/)

### 2. [Low-vision](https://wecapable.com/low-vision-disability/)

### 3. [Leprosy Cured Persons](https://wecapable.com/leprosy-cured-persons-disabilities-definition-meaning/)

Leprosy, also known as Hansen’s disease (HD), is a chronic infectious disease caused by a bacteria called Mycobacterium leprae. The disease mainly affects the skin, the peripheral nerves, mucosal surfaces of the upper respiratory tract and the eyes. Leprosy is known to occur at all ages ranging from early infancy to very old age. About 95% of people who contact *M. Leprea* do not develop the disease.

### 4. [Hearing Impairment](https://wecapable.com/hearing-impairment-disability-definition-and-types/)

It is a [disability](https://wecapable.com/disability-definition-meaning/) which is sub-divided in two categories of **deaf** and **hard of hearing**.

### 5. [Locomotor Disability](https://wecapable.com/locomotor-disability-meaning/)

Strictly speaking Locomotor Disability means problem in moving from one place to another — i.e. disability in legs.

### 6. [Dwarfism](https://wecapable.com/dwarfism-criteria-disability-certificate-types-causes/)

### 7. [Intellectual Disability](https://wecapable.com/intellectual-disability-types-symptoms-causes/)

Intellectual disability, also known as general learning disability and mental retardation (MR), is a condition characterized by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behavior which covers a range of every day, social and practical skills.

### 8. [Mental Illness](https://wecapable.com/mental-illness-definition-symptoms-stigma/)

Mental illness or mental disorder refers to a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life. But it ***does not include*** retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially  characterized by sub-normality of intelligence.

### 9. [Autism Spectrum Disorder](https://wecapable.com/autism-spectrum-disorder-disability-symptoms-causes/)

### 10. [Cerebral Palsy](https://wecapable.com/cerebral-palsy/)

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is a disabling physical condition in which muscle coordination is impaired due to damage to the brain. It occurs at or before child birth. Cerebral Palsy is not a progressive condition; meaning it does not get worse with time. However, muscle disuse could increase the extent of disability over the period of time. At present there is no cure available for this condition. Thus, Cerebral Palsy is incurable and life-long condition, at present.

### 11. [Muscular Dystrophy](https://wecapable.com/muscular-dystrophy-md-disability-meaning-symptoms-causes-types/)

Muscular Dystrophy (MD) is a group of neuromuscular genetic disorders that cause muscle weakness and overall loss of muscle mass. MD is a progressive condition; meaning that it gets worse with the passage of time.

### 12. [Chronic Neurological Conditions](https://wecapable.com/chronic-neurological-conditions-meaning-types-disability/)

Examples of Chronic Neurological Conditions:

1. Alzheimer’s disease and Dementia
2. Parkinson’s disease
3. Dystonia
4. ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease)
5. Huntington’s disease
6. Neuromuscular disease
7. Multiple sclerosis
8. Epilepsy
9. Stroke

### 13. [Specific Learning Disabilities](https://wecapable.com/specific-learning-disability-definition-examples-types/)

### 14. [Multiple Sclerosis](https://wecapable.com/multiple-sclerosis-ms-causes-treatment-disability/)

In Multiple Sclerosis (MS), the immune system of body attacks the Central Nervous System, which includes brain and spinal cord. As a result of MS, the **myelin sheath** covering on neurons gets damaged. This exposes the nerve fiber and causes problems in the information flow through nerves. With time, MS can lead to the permanent damage to nerves.

### 15. [Speech and Language Disability](https://wecapable.com/speech-and-language-disability-definition-examples-certificate/)

### 16. [Thalassemia](https://wecapable.com/thalassemia-disability-types-major-minor/)

Thalassemia is a genetically inherited blood disorder which is characterized by the production of less or abnormal hemoglobin.

### 17. [Hemophilia](https://wecapable.com/hemophilia-types-definition-genetics-treatment-disability/)

Hemophilia is a blood disorder characterized by the lack of blood clotting proteins. Hemophilia almost always occurs in males and they get it from their mothers. Females are rarely affected with hemophilia.

### 18. [Sickle Cell Disease](https://wecapable.com/sickle-cell-disease-disability/)

Sickle Cell Disease is a group of blood disorders that causes red blood cells (RBCs) to become sickle-shaped, misshapen and break down. It is a genetically transferred disease.

### 19. [Multiple Disabilities including Deaf-blindness](https://wecapable.com/multiple-disabilities-meaning-definition-examples/)

### 20. [Acid Attack Victims](https://wecapable.com/acid-attack-survivors-disability-rpwd-act-2016/)

An acid attack victim means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

### 21. [Parkinson’s disease](https://wecapable.com/parkinsons-disease-meaning-symptoms-disability/)

Parkinson’s disease (PD) is Central Nervous System disorder which affects movement. Parkinson’s disease is characterized by tremors and stiffness. It is a progressive disease,