

## Globalization and Its Impact on Disability Studies in India

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### *Abstract*

*Disability studies new interdisciplinary academic field focusing on the roles of people with disability in history, literature, social policy, law, architecture, trade, commerce, industry, technology, tourism in India inspired by developed western nations. Although many antecedents, partly outgrowth of Marxist critical theory, disability studies began in 21st century in India: British colonialism, the events of World War I in 1914, World War II 1939, the UN. Declaration of Human Rights including the rights of PWD's in 1974, the designation of the 1981 as the international year for world disabled, passing of the Disability Act 1995, advent of globalization in 1990s, India's ratification of United Nations Conventions on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (UNCRPD) in 2008 factors for Disability Studies in India: Vide letter dated 29 August 2013, directed all the state and central universities to set up departments and centres for disability studies in India: Vide letter dated 31ST December 2014, directed Himachal University and others to provide action taken report on establishment of Department / Centre For Disability Studies; and hence forthwith, several universities in India are now pondering over doing the needful in this regard as directed by the apex educational institution of the nation.*

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