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AT MISSION ACCESSIBILITY

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FOUNDERS' NOTE

The last six months witnessed robust progress in the cases and interventions pursued by Mission Accessibility. We obtained seven new judgments, moved the needle on several more cases, spoke extensively about our work, and pursued new collaborations with government authorities. Here is a snapshot of our work. We hope for your continued support of our work.

Thank you!

Amar and Rahul

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL AND STRATEGIC LITIGATION

NOTABLE WINS

- In a landmark judgment, the Delhi High Court set aside the transfer of the caregiver of a person with muscular dystrophy from Delhi to Silchar. The court held that a person with a disability has the right to receive the support of their caregivers and therefore caregivers must be posted where the disabled person lives.
- The Supreme Court directed the Union Public Service Commission to develop a concrete roadmap to enable civil service aspirants to take the civil service exams on a computer. It also directed the UPSC to enable candidates with disabilities to change their scribes up to 1 week before the exam date.
- The Supreme Court directed the Union of India to accommodate our client, a person with Specific Learning Disability, against a reserved post after his candidature was unlawfully cancelled.
- A Supreme Court case concerning the denial of reasonable accommodation to judicial service aspirants with disabilities in Uttarakhand, and the grant of reservation only to those with disabilities who are domiciled in Uttarakhand, concluded. The Supreme Court issued directions for the grant of reasonable accommodations and recorded an undertaking from the Government that the domicile norms would be suitably revised.
- The Central Administrative Tribunal set aside the exclusion of a candidate with locomotor disability, having the subcategory of "both legs affected", from consideration for the post of assistant professor in radiology.
- The Delhi High Court ordered the National Testing Agency to allow a candidate with visual impairment to give the NET-JRF exam on the computer with a screen reader as opposed to being reliant on a scribe.
- The Supreme Court, in a contempt petition filed by us, ordered that a blind teacher in West Bengal who was not being repatriated to his previous job as per its earlier judgment be suitably absorbed.
- The Delhi High Court dismissed a writ petition filed by the Union of India, challenging a progressive judgment of the CAT. The CAT had held that the exclusion of those with Category D disability from the civil service exams lacked any documentation, data or reasoning.
- The Supreme Court directed the Union of India to consider strengthening the framework for non-negotiable accessibility norms as well as the offices of the Chief and State Disability Commissions.

NOTABLE HEARINGS

- The Delhi High Court issued notice in a writ petition filed by us regarding the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's failure to enact guidelines on the accessibility of television content.
- In our ongoing case against Rapido, the Delhi High Court directed Rapido's tech teams to have 2 rounds of discussion with us and to resolve all pending accessibility issues. In a subsequent hearing in January, the Delhi High Court directed Rapido to resolve the issues flagged during these consultations.
- In a case filed by us on the inaccessibility of the Khan Global Studies platform and study material for persons with visual disabilities, the Delhi High Court issued notice and directed the Respondent to take urgent steps to address the accessibility issues.
- The Delhi High Court directed Swiggy and Zepto, - a leading food delivery and quick commerce platform respectively - to resolve accessibility issues on their platforms.

- The Central Administrative Tribunal reserved judgment in a case filed by us challenging the rejection of the candidature of a person with visual and hearing disabilities for the post of Assistant Section Officer.
- The Delhi High Court issued notice in a writ petition filed by us challenging significant dilutions made to the finally issued OTT accessibility guidelines.
- The Central Administrative Tribunal issued notice in a plea by a candidate with locomotor disability, challenging the rejection of his candidature in the medical test after cracking the Combined Medical Service Exams, 2024.
- The Delhi High Court directed Delhi University to resolve all accessibility issues on its website, to commission an accessibility audit by a government-empanelled agency, and to resolve all accessibility barriers in a time-bound manner.
- The Central Administrative Tribunal issued notice in a plea challenging the exclusion of those with deaf-blindness from the ambit of reservation in the Civil Service Exams.

SENSITISATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- We celebrated our third annual day with a workshop on legal rights and empowerment of persons with disabilities as part of the International Purple Fest in Goa in October 2025. Our third annual lecture was delivered by Justice Abhay S. Oka, a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India.
- We conducted a training for all the Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) of Uttar Pradesh, in collaboration with the Office of the State Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities in the state, on disability assessments, certification, UDID, and social protection.
- Rahul Bajaj, our Co-Founder, delivered a special address at the High Court of Meghalaya on the occasion of Constitution Day: [Advocate Rahul Bajaj on Advancing Disability Rights & an Accessible Justice System](#).
- We entered into a 3-year partnership with the Government of Meghalaya to help make the state a model for persons with disabilities. We also conducted a workshop for all prison officers in Meghalaya on making prisons more disabled friendly.



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- [“In Purple, some signs of hope”](#)- a piece on the International Purple Fest, published by Deccan Herald
- [“Humour cannot trump dignity”](#)- a piece on the Samay Raina controversy, published by Deccan Herald
- [Danish Mahajan interviews Advocate Rahul Bajaj on Television Accessibility Guidelines on Radio Udaan](#)
- [Danish Mahajan interviews Advocate Rahul Bajaj on Caregiver Judgment & Sugamya Bharat App on Radio Udaan](#)
- [Danish Mahajan talks to Advocate Rahul on GST for Blind and UPSC Reservation on Radio Udaan](#)
- [Danish Mahajan interviewed Advocate Amar Jain on OTT Guidelines & Rajeev Raturi Case Intervention on Radio Udaan](#)
- [Danish Mahajan talks to Researcher Ms. Ayushmita on Disability Certification Process and Key Circulars on Radio Udaan](#)