

Disability and Utility: Social Exclusion and Inclusion

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It is interesting to note that the United Nations celebrated disabled day on third December, 2013. The U.N. selected a very relevant theme for the day. The theme was Break 'Barrier, open doors: For an Inclusive Society'. When we apply this theme to Indian social and political structure, we do not see a flattering picture. It is a very sad state of affairs that in India, the disabled are the most marginalized and scattered minority. As far as their number is concerned, it is not very less. According to 2011 census, India has got around 21 million people who suffer from some kind of disability. Though it is a large number, it is unfortunate that they are neglected by society and the state.