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# World White Cane Day

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**Why is in new?** The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) observed the World White Cane Day

World White Cane Day is observed to **promote accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities** and to **increase public awareness of the rules of conduct for the blind.**

For **visually impaired people**, the white cane represents **independence and mobility**, and it is now a representation of freedom, independence, and confidence

It helps a visually impaired person move around freely and completes daily tasks.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India is the nodal department to look after all the development agenda of Persons with Disabilities of the country.

With the vision to create awareness about the importance of White Cane among the masses, the Department observed the White Cane Day, through the institutions associated with it by conducting various activities like Awareness Programmes, Seminars & Webinars, Interviews and Rally at more than 30 places across the country.

## About the day:

World White Cane Day is observed annually on **October 15th** to celebrate the **resilience and achievements of the blind and visually impaired.**

World White Cane Day is an important day to **celebrate the contributions of the blind and visually impaired to society.**

People with disabilities are often marginalized and excluded, but World White Cane Day is a day to celebrate their resilience and achievements.

It is also a day to raise awareness about the importance of accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities.

World White Cane Day was **first celebrated in 1964**, and it was established by **the International Federation of the Blind (IFB).**

The purpose of the day was to promote the use of the white cane as a mobility aid for the blind and visually impaired and to raise awareness about the needs of people with disabilities.

The white cane quickly became a popular mobility aid for the blind and visually impaired, and it is now used by people with disabilities all over the world.

The white cane is a symbol of independence and mobility for people with disabilities, and World White Cane Day is a day to celebrate their resilience and achievements.

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