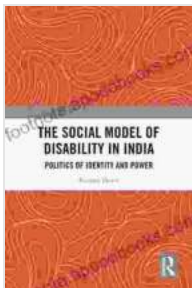


Breakthrough in Disability Advocacy: Unveiling the Social Model of Disability in India

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India's disability landscape is undergoing a profound transformation, driven by the groundbreaking Social Model of Disability (SMD). This innovative approach challenges traditional conceptions of disability, emphasizing the role of societal barriers rather than individual impairments. In a landmark publication, "The Social Model of Disability in India," scholars and advocates delve into the implications and applications of this transformative model in the Indian context.



The Social Model of Disability in India: Politics of Identity and Power by Ranjita Dawn

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The Essence of the Social Model

The SMD reframes disability as a result of social and environmental barriers rather than inherent impairments. It shifts the focus from individual deficiencies to the ways in which society disables people. By recognizing

the interplay between impairment and societal factors, the SMD provides a powerful framework for disability rights advocacy.

India's Journey with the Social Model

India's adoption of the SMD has been a gradual yet significant evolution. From the enactment of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPWD) in 2016 to the establishment of the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (NATPAC), India has made strides towards embracing the social model.

Key Concepts and Principles

"The Social Model of Disability in India" elucidates the core concepts and principles of the SMD, including:

- **Impairment vs. Disability:** Recognizing that impairment is a physical, sensory, or mental condition while disability is a social construct.
- **Barriers and Society:** Identifying environmental, attitudinal, and institutional barriers that create disability.
- **Empowerment and Participation:** Emphasizing the importance of enabling people with disabilities to participate fully in society.
- **Equal Opportunities:** Advocating for equal opportunities in education, employment, and access to social and cultural activities.

Applications in Indian Society

The book explores the practical implications of the SMD in various sectors of Indian society, including:

- **Education:** Promoting inclusive education practices and addressing accessibility challenges.
- **Employment:** Challenging stereotypical perceptions of work capabilities and fostering reasonable accommodations.
- **Health Care:** Redefining health and well-being from a disability perspective and emphasizing equitable access to services.
- **Transportation:** Advocating for accessible and affordable transportation systems.
- **Social Inclusion:** Promoting full and meaningful participation in all aspects of social life.

Empowering Advocates and Policymakers

"The Social Model of Disability in India" serves as a comprehensive guide for advocates, policymakers, and professionals working in the disability sector. It provides practical tools and strategies for advancing the rights of persons with disabilities based on the SMD principles.

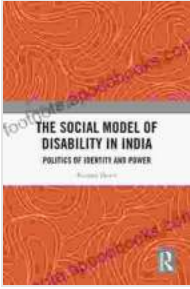
The release of "The Social Model of Disability in India" marks a pivotal moment in the ongoing struggle for disability rights in the country. By embracing the SMD, India is taking a bold step towards creating a more equitable and inclusive society where people with disabilities can thrive and reach their full potential.

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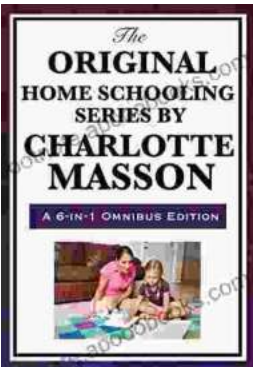
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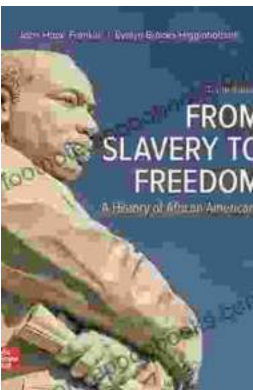


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