

PIB Accreditation Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5)

Name of Product:

PIB Accreditation (<https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/>)

Report Date:

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Product Description:

This website is designed for PIB-accredited media persons to facilitate registration, renewal of accreditation, and access to various journalist welfare schemes. It provides a streamlined platform for managing accreditation-related services and ensures efficient delivery of benefits and support to eligible journalists.

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Evaluation Methods Used:

Accessibility testing as per WCAG 2.2 AA guidelines.

The evaluation was performed using the following tools/tests:

- Screen readers:
 - NVDA on Win11/ Chrome
 - VoiceOver on iPhone/ Safari
- WAVE automated tool
- Color contrast testing using the Color Contrast Analyzer
- Browser zoom
- Keyboard-only
- Text-spacing testing using bookmarklets

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance with the following accessibility standards/guidelines:

| Standard/Guideline | Included in Report |
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| Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 at https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG22/ | Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No) |

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion.

WCAG 2.x Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

Notes:

The VPAT has been prepared based on the accessibility evaluation of the following pages/ flows:

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| https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/ | Login |
| https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/newcode/statusid.aspx | New Code |
| https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/newusermain.aspx | New User Main |
| https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/NewUser.aspx | New User |
| https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/logincheck.aspx | Login Check |
| https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/ChangePassword.aspx | Change Password |
| Fresh Accreditation - Basic Criteria Modal - List of Documents Modal | Fresh Accreditation |
| https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/newcode/newGeneralinfo.aspx | New General Info |
| Renewal-2026 - Basic Criteria Modal - List of Documents Modal | Renewal-2026 |
| https://accreditation.pib.gov.in/TechnicalHelp.htm | Technical Help |
| Change in Organisation/Freelance Category - Basic Criteria Modal - List of Documents Modal | Change in Organisation/Freelance Category |
| Request for Duplicate Card due to loss of card - Basic Criteria Modal - List of Documents Modal | Request for Duplicate Card due to loss of card |
| Change in Contact Details - Basic Criteria Modal - List of Documents Modal | Change in Contact Details |
| Renewal of extension of J visa (for Foreign Journalists) - Basic Criteria Modal - List of Documents Modal | Renewal of extension of J visa (for Foreign Journalists) |
| Change in Category - Basic Criteria Modal - List of Documents Modal | Change in Category |

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

| Criteria | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations |
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| 1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A) | Supports | Images on the website contain relevant alternative text. |
| 1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A) | Not Applicable | No audio-only or video-only content is present on the website. |
| 1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A) | Not Applicable | The website does not include prerecorded video content with audio. |
| 1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A) | Not Applicable | The website does not include prerecorded video content. |
| 1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A) | Supports | The website has consistent headers and global table structures to establish clear information and relationships within the website. Screen readers properly identify most of the information available on the website. Visually impaired users are easily able to perceive the relationships between a particular element and its role. |
| 1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A) | Supports | The sequence of the content present on the website is meaningful and appropriate, and does not affect the meaning of the provided content. |
| 1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A) | Supports | No information is present on the website, which is based on sensory characteristics such as shape, size, location, sound, etc. |
| 1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A) | Supports | Color is not used as the only visual means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element. |
| 1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A) | Not Applicable | No audio content is present on the website that plays automatically for more than 3 seconds. |

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| <u>2.1.1 Keyboard</u> (Level A) | Supports | The website supports standard keyboard navigation and input functions (including swiping to move between input fields and pressing [Double tap] to make selections). |
| <u>2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap</u> (Level A) | Supports | Keyboard focus is moving sequentially throughout the website without the focus getting trapped in any section, and it is convenient to access the functionality. |
| <u>2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts</u> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2) | Not Applicable | No functionalities are dependent on or controlled by character key shortcuts. |
| <u>2.2.1 Timing Adjustable</u> (Level A) | Not Applicable | There is no such activity present on the website where time needs to be adjusted or extended. |
| <u>2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide</u> (Level A) | Supports | All instances of moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-updating content within the product provide mechanisms that allow users to pause, stop, or hide the content. Controls are accessible via keyboard and assistive technologies, and are consistently available wherever such content is present. |
| <u>2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold</u> (Level A) | Not Applicable | There is no flashing content present on the website. |
| <u>2.4.1 Bypass Blocks</u> (Level A) | Supports | A bypass mechanism for skipping to the main content is implemented. |
| <u>2.4.2 Page Titled</u> (Level A) | Supports | Descriptive and correct page titles are present for pages throughout the website. |
| <u>2.4.3 Focus Order</u> (Level A) | Supports | The focus moves in a correct sequence order on the website from left to right and top to bottom. |
| <u>2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)</u> (Level A) | Supports | All links are provided with appropriate link text, and the user would be able to understand the purpose of the link from its link text. |

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| <u>2.5.1 Pointer Gestures</u> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2) | Not Applicable | The website does not include functionality that requires multipoint or path-based gestures (such as pinch, swipe, or drag). All interactions can be performed using simple pointer inputs, such as single clicks or taps. |
| <u>2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation</u> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports | No down-event of the pointer is used in the website to execute any part of the action. |
| <u>2.5.3 Label in Name</u> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports | All labels on the website include text, and the same text is defined in the code as well to assist speech recognition technologies. |
| <u>2.5.4 Motion Actuation</u> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2) | Not Applicable | No functionality is present on the website that is operable only by device motion. |
| <u>3.1.1 Language of Page</u> (Level A) | Supports | The language attribute is correctly defined for the web pages. |
| <u>3.2.1 On Focus</u> (Level A) | Supports | No interactive element is triggered automatically on receiving the focus. |
| <u>3.2.2 On Input</u> (Level A) | Supports | Change of context does not happen when the user changes the setting of any input controls. |
| <u>3.2.6 Consistent Help</u> (Level A 2.2 only) | Supports | A sufficient help mechanism is provided in a consistent place on multiple web pages. |
| <u>3.3.1 Error Identification</u> (Level A) | Supports | Errors present on the website are notified to the users correctly. |
| <u>3.3.2 Labels or Instructions</u> (Level A) | Supports | The website provides support for motor-impaired and cognitive users as the labels and instructions are provided for the form fields, which are visible and readable to such users. |
| <u>3.3.7 Redundant Entry</u> (Level A 2.2 only) | Not Applicable | The website does not require users to enter the same information more than once during a single process or transaction. |

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| <u>4.1.2 Name, Role, Value</u> (Level A) | Supports | All the website elements have a proper label associated with their role, and the screen reader is recognizing them correctly with updated values as well. |
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Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

| Criteria | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations |
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| 1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA) | Not Applicable | No live multimedia content is present on the website. |
| 1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA) | Not Applicable | The website does not include prerecorded video content that would require audio description. |
| 1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports | The website does not restrict its view and operation to a single display orientation. |
| 1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports | Interactive fields on the website are clearly labeled to direct the user to enter the data expected in the fields. |
| 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA) | Supports | The website adheres to minimum contrast standards. |
| 1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA) | Supports | The website is fully responsive. At a zoom of 200%, no loss of content or functionality is observed. |
| 1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA) | Supports | No information is conveyed to the user via an image of the text. |
| 1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports | The website does not require scrolling in two dimensions to present content without loss of information in 400% zoom. |
| 1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports | The website user interface components have a contrast ratio of at least 3:1 against adjacent color(s). |
| 1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports | The website is compliant with WCAG text spacing requirements. |
| 1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports | The content that is triggered by hover or focus is dismissible, hoverable, and persistent. |
| 2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA) | Supports | A proper navigation header is provided to access the different types of website pages. |

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| <u>2.4.6 Headings and Labels</u> (Level AA) | Supports | Headings and Labels on the website provide sufficient detail of the content they are describing. |
| <u>2.4.7 Focus Visible</u> (Level AA) | Supports | All the elements present on the website have focus visibility. |
| <u>2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum)</u> (Level AA 2.2 only) | Supports | All elements that receive keyboard focus are at least partially visible upon receiving the focus. |
| <u>2.5.7 Dragging Movements</u> (Level AA 2.2 only) | Not Applicable | The website does not include functionality that requires dragging movements. All interactions can be completed using simple pointer inputs such as clicking or tapping. |
| <u>2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum)</u> (Level AA 2.2 only) | Supports | All the interactive pointer targets are at least 24 by 24 CSS pixels or have sufficient spacing around them. |
| <u>3.1.2 Language of Parts</u> (Level AA) | Not Applicable | English is the primary and only language of the website. There are no phrases or sentences written in any other language that need to be defined separately. |
| <u>3.2.3 Consistent Navigation</u> (Level AA) | Supports | Navigational mechanisms are repeated on the website and occur in the same relative order each time they are repeated. Hence, consistent navigation is provided to the user. |
| <u>3.2.4 Consistent Identification</u> (Level AA) | Supports | Components that provide the same functionality throughout the website can be easily identified by the user. |
| <u>3.3.3 Error Suggestion</u> (Level AA) | Supports | The provided error messages are descriptive enough to understand the error and identify the location where they occur. |
| <u>3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)</u> (Level AA) | Not Applicable | There are no critical forms available where error prevention is required. Error suggestions are enough to fill out the form and correct the errors. |
| <u>3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum)</u> (Level AA 2.2 only) | Not Applicable | The website does not require users to authenticate or log in to access its |

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| | | functionality. Because no authentication process is present. |
| <u>4.1.3 Status Messages</u> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports | The updated content automatically notifies the visually impaired users via a screen reader. |