



Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission



Directorate of Higher Education
Govt. of Maharashtra

FOURTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY, INCLUSION AND WELL-BEING - 17-18 DECEMBER 2019

Theme: Inclusion Innovation in Higher Education

Venue: Library Conference Hall, TISS Old Campus, Deonar,
Mumbai- 400088

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I-Access Rights Mission



INDIAN CONTEXT

In India, 2.21% of population has one or other type of disability and 80% of them live in rural India. The Rights of Persons with Disability Act 2016 encompasses a total of 17 chapters and a detailed schedule of 21 types of disabilities and its implementation in coherence with UNCRPD.

One of the essential aspects to avail all benefits under the act is the Certification procedure and issuing the Unique Disability Identification Card (UDID) of the benchmark disabilities.

The certification process is rigorous and requires a multidisciplinary team in its implementation. Hence, the conference will focus on scope of convergence of the various stakeholders and facilitate dialogue in the above areas and dimensions of disability, accessibility with a larger goal of inclusion for all. It will also have the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals as foreground with the larger goal of "Leaving No One Behind".



INTRODUCTION

The aim of the conference is to bring best practices in the disability sector and reimagine disability in the context of the current legislation and policy framework. To enable professionals to empower PWD as well as design intervention strategies for them with a rights-based approach by converging all the aspects of disability, education, well-being and health. This is an effort to acknowledge all the disability models together with a bio-psycho-social-cultural-spatial-legal aspect in understanding the needs of persons with disabilities to facilitate inclusive and sustainable development in the country.

There is an urgent need to discuss, dialogue regarding the RPWD Act 2016 and its implementation to all government authorities, schools, universities for its robust implementation.

There is also a need to work with all stakeholders in higher education and universities ecosystems in a collaborative manner for sustainable development of Persons with Disabilities. Hence, the conferences theme highlights on Inclusion Innovation in the above sectors.



OBJECTIVES

- To understand the problems, perspectives and current scenarios of person with disabilities and bring best practices in the disability sector. Also, re-imagine the disability context in light of the current legislation and policy framework to understand the diverse needs of persons with disabilities.
- To empower professionals to understand the current scenario of PWD in multidimensional context to design needs-based intervention with a rights-based approach. This conference will focus on the scope of convergence of various dimensions of disability, health and wellbeing with a larger goal of 'inclusion of all' and accessibility.



IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline: 9th Dec 2019

Approval of Abstract: 11th December 2019

Final Paper Approval: 13th December 2019

Poster Submission (A3 Size): 13th December 2019

Note: Kindly carry your CRR No. and RCI Certificate.

CALL FOR PAPERS

- Rehabilitation professionals or Practitioners.
- Evidence based practices.
- Case studies of PWD.
- PhD Scholars and Researchers.
- Disability rights initiatives.
- Education Innovations.
- Inclusive practices and replicable models.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All the abstracts shall be submitted to tissdisability@gmail.com by 9th December 2019 and full paper by 12th December 2019. Best papers will be published with ISBN publication.



ORGANISERS

- *Tata Institute of Social Sciences* is a deemed university of excellence, contributed significantly to the policy level frameworks in the country.
- *The Centre for Disability Studies and Action* in School of Social Work is first of its kind in the country established in 2006. The centre was instrumental to start M.A. in Disability Studies & Action in Social Work and aims to develop professionals through teaching, training and research.
- *I-Access Rights Mission, Field Action Project of The Centre for Disability Studies and Action, TISS*. It was instrumental to release two GR's on students with disabilities in higher education. This resulted in Disability Inclusion Mission for universities as a policy driven initiative in collaboration with Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of Maharashtra.
- *Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan) (AYJNISHD)*, The institute aims at meeting the local and regional needs in terms of manpower development and services. The objective of the programme is to provide total rehabilitation to persons with sensory (hearing and vision), physical and mental disabilities.
- *The Directorate of Higher Education, Department of Higher and Technical Education*, Government of Maharashtra is apex body towards governance and monitoring of all policies of Higher Education.
- *The Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission (MSHRC)* The State Human Rights Commission is a statutory autonomous body that administers the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.



KEY INVITEES

The conference brings together all key stakeholders working in various disability sectors. i.e. Rehabilitation professionals, teachers, Government bodies, CSRs, NGOs, skill development professionals, academicians, lawyers, multidisciplinary team, health professionals, psychologists, parents, social workers, persons with disability experts, PhD and students.

The Key invitees will be Indian Representatives from renowned organizations, Directors of National Institutes in Disability Sector, Human Rights organizations and institutions from Health sector, Ministry Representatives of key relevance, Health and rehabilitation professionals, Disability experts, Universities, Skill development professionals, State Directorate of Higher Education, University and College Representatives will be participating.



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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PAPER THEMES

Disability Laws and Policy	Accessibility and Universal Design	Inclusive practices in Higher Education	Accessible Technology, ICT and Innovations
Curriculum Accessibility	Education and Inclusion Innovations	Inclusion Initiatives and Exam Reforms	Well-Being & Mental Health
Skill Development, Entrepreneurship	Accessible Sports for Disabled	Inclusive Sports and Accessibility	Disability Social Work



REGISTRATIONS

	Conference Delegates	STUDENTS/ALUMNI/ PWD/ GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
Registrations from 5th to 15th Dec,2019	Rs. 2000	Rs. 1000
Spot Registrations	Rs. 2000	Rs. 1000

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ACCOMMODATION

The candidates have to pay for their own accommodation We will guide to provide reasonable accommodation;

- Hotel at Rs. 3000
- TISS guesthouse at Rs.1800/-.
- TISS Hostel at Rs 350/- per day with GST as per TISS rules for students or any one interested.

Feel free to reach out on-
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