

FIFTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY, INCLUSION AND WELL-BEING, 16-18th DECEMBER, 2021

Organised by "I Access Rights Mission" as Disability Inclusion Mission in Higher Education, Centre for Disability Studies and Action, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

Aim

The Online Conference aims to bring together initiatives, intervention strategies and inclusive practices in the disability sector under one platform to dialogue, debate and *"Re-imagine Disability Inclusion in the Covid-19 times"*. It aims to highlight the existing problems of PWD in the context of new normal and gaps in the system. The idea is to come together and brainstorm together the possible solutions, intervention strategies with stakeholders, experts and budding professionals in disability studies. It's important to recognise the multidisciplinary approaches to design the need based interventions/services for PWD through NGOs, GOs with value of equal distribution of resources to persons with disability ensuring justice and dignity to them as citizens of the country. The Conference also aims to highlight the work done by universities/higher education institutions towards inclusion/accessibility. In pandemic crisis, it aims to bring all stakeholders together to strategize and develop the road map ahead for future.

Objectives

- To examine the emerging issues of Persons with Disability in COVID -19 Scenario and initiate a constructive dialogue among all stakeholders including Government, NGOs, Activists, Universities in order to explore and develop strategic road map for future.
- To build capacity of stakeholders to understand the current scenario of PWD with multidimensional poverty context to facilitate towards needs based intervention for PWD and critically analyse the lens of human rights. This conference will focus on the scope of convergence of various dimensions of disability, i.e. education, health, rehabilitation and wellbeing with a larger goal of 'inclusion of all' and accessibility.
- To bring best practices in the disability sector to understand the range of initiatives, services provided by organisations to improve their quality of life. Also, re-imagine the disability in light of the current legislation and policy framework to understand the diverse needs of persons with disability and invite disciplines to contribute towards the new field of disability studies.

Background:

This is the Fifth conference organised by I Access Rights Mission, Centre for Disability Studies and Action at TISS on issue of Inclusion and Accessibility. We started our journey with first 'International Conference on Disability Rights, Accessibility and Inclusion in India' at TISS in collaboration with HRLN and ISLP UK, where more than 150 disability rights activists participated from all over India and renowned Disability Rights advocates from ISLP UK. As the first conference, it was instrumental to start the series of **"National Conference on Disability, Accessibility, Inclusion and Wellbeing" 2017, 2018 and 2019** which was **organised** by I Access Rights Mission, CDSA and TISS in **December every year** symbolically **acknowledging** the week when **RPWD Act, 2016** was passed by our parliament.

Who can attend?

The conference brings together all key stakeholders working in various disability sectors i.e. Rehabilitation professionals, Therapists, Special Educators, teachers, Government bodies, CSRs, NGOs, academicians, lawyers, health care experts, psychologists, parents, social workers, PWD, PhD, doctoral students, human rights organisations, scholars and students.

Types of Inclusive practices/ Scope of Paper Presentation

Rehabilitation Strategies and Interventions
Interventions/Participatory Approaches for Teaching in COVID 19
Teaching Pedagogies
Community Practitioners initiatives
Government Programmes- Gap Analysis
NGO Initiatives
Academic papers
Evidence Based Research /Practices
Grassroots level Practices
Case Studies
Analysis of Landmark Judgements/Disability Rights
Curriculum Development
Policy initiatives/Inclusive practices
Accessibility Initiatives

Call for Papers & Important Dates:

Last Date for Abstract Submission: 20th September, 2021

Approval of Abstract: 1st Oct, 2021.

Acceptance of Final Paper: 10th Oct, 2021

Paper Submission Themes:

Covid-19 Scenario and Disability
Disability and Poverty
Disability Data, Statistics and Census of India
Disability Studies and Social Work
Disability Laws, Human Rights and Policy
Curriculum Accessibility, Inclusive practices in Universities/Higher Education
Universal Design and Accessibility
Accessible Technology, ICT and Innovations
NEP 2020 & Disability
Disability, Health and Mental Health
Quarantine and Isolation facilities for PWD
Disability Employment, Skill Development and Decent Work
Disability and Sustainable Development Goals
Disability & Gender
Special Education vs. Inclusive Education
Voices of Persons with Disability
Online Education for Students with Disability: Problems vs Solutions

Instructions for Scholars for Abstract/Paper Submission:

Abstract: All abstracts shall maintain word limit up to 200 words. Abstract should clearly specify brief description of study, objective, methodology, outcome of the study submitted by the scholar. The key words should vary from 6-8 words,

Paper Submission: The final paper shall constitute the abstract, comprehensive description of the study with introduction, literature review, methodology, process/ critical analysis and outcome. The word limit for final paper submission shall be of 5000 to 8000 words following the referencing pattern of APA 7th Edition. The papers submitted by the scholars will be sent for peer review process.

Contact Email: Abstracts/Papers shall be submitted to vaishalikalhe2020@gmail.com

Outcome:

1. Final outcome of the conference will be developing future roadmap towards inclusive higher education and creating pathways for equal access for persons with disability
2. The best papers will be published in the conference proceedings. This includes compilation of the inclusive practices in the disability sector and documenting critical analysis of the process of implementation of the RPWD Act 2016.

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