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**(Planning Branch)**

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GGSIP University,  
Sector-16C, Dwarka,  
New Delhi-110078.

Dated: 20.07.2017

**Subject:- Invitation for conference on "Accessibility for the Person with Disabilities" on 14.08.2017 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi .**

Sir/Madam,

Please find attached herewith the invitation received from Ms. Anwasha Choudhari, Senior Project Coordinator, National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) for conference on "Accessibility for the Person with Disabilities" which is scheduled on 14.08.2017 in India Habitat Centre. There is no fee to attend the said conference. Please facilitate the students of Physical Handicapped category to fill the registration form on <https://goo.gl/forms/PT5TVTXDJ8NM9RwQ2>. The detailed schedule is also attached with notification for reference. Kindly forward the names of the students who has applied/ registered for the said conference to the office of the undersigned.

Thank you

Your sincerely

  
20/7/17

(Dr. Vijay Kumar)

Assistant Registrar (Planning)

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1. The Registrar for kind information.
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**Invitation - Conference on 'Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities' - Monday, 14th August, 2017 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**

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Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 5:06 PM

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Dear Professor Tyagi,

We are pleased to invite you to the conference on the issue of accessibility for persons with disabilities in India, which will take place on August 14, 2017 in New Delhi at the Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre.

The conference will bring together various key stakeholders in the field of accessibility within the government, public and private sector to explore and discuss opportunities to help bridge the gap and most importantly, the importance of the right legislation (what the new law provides) and procurement policies, guidelines and standards required to pave the road ahead for the right vision for an 'Accessible India' to become a reality.

A high level of experts from various sectors working on key aspects of Universal Design will speak at the conference. Individual sessions are informed by a series of keynote speakers, including high-level representatives from the field of Architecture, Information Technology, Transport and Social Development.

The conference panel will comprise of a platform for open dialogue/discourse, knowledge, and sharing and awareness creation in the following fields:

1. Built Environment
2. Transport
3. Information and Communication Technology
4. Services
5. Aids and Appliances

Following the panel, there will be a simple award ceremony where we celebrate deserving candidates - individuals and organisations - who have done exemplary work in the field of accessibility.

An important aim of this conference is to create future role models in the field of accessibility and create awareness on accessibility of persons with disabilities. To build future conscientious role models, we encourage all the students to participate in a short essay competition, which will help them understand obstacles faced by the disabled citizens of our country.

**Conference admission is free of charge and we very much hope you send a delegation of ten students from your prestigious institution. Through your participation, you can help developing issues to be explored further.**

Please find the concept note, and the registration form enclosed with this mail: <https://goo.gl/forms/PT5TVTXDJ8NM9RwQ2>.

We very much look forward to seeing your delegation this August at India Habitat Centre!

Warm Regards,  
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**'ACCESS FOR ALL'**

**Conference on the Issue of Accessibility for  
Persons with Disabilities in India**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

**Title:** Conference on the Issue of Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities in India

**Date:** 14th August, 2017

**Time:** 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Venue:** Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

**Organizer:** National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP)

**Supported by:** Mphasis

**Overview:**

It took decades for India to learn the term 'accessibility' but, unfortunately, it remained confined to just the disability sector. However, in the recent years, we saw the issue of accessibility being brought outside the disability discourse and into the public realm thanks to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's flagship 'Accessible India Campaign' or 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan'. But, India still remains a far cry from being accessible! A case in point would be the inability of the government to successfully converge the Accessible India Campaign with other equally important campaigns and initiatives like Digital India, Make in India, Smart Cities Mission, etc. thereby lacking in various accessibility aspects like Digital Inclusion or Banking Inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Interestingly, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) to which India is one of the first few signatories mandates all State Parties to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities in their respective countries. Further, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda adopted in 2015 strengthens the call for action to 'Leave No One Behind'. And, now with India getting a new Disability Law that is CRPD compliant – The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016, the disability sector in India has been ushered into the next stage of disability rights, "Disability 2.0" as we are now calling it. This new law is a game changer as it not only

mandates provision of accessibility for persons with disabilities by the government but also by private sector!

Unfortunately, to this day, 'accessibility' remains a foreign concept in India with our understanding being limited to only the built environment whereas it is a much broader concept encompassing not only access to physical spaces/built environment but also, access to technology, transport, services, aids and appliances, websites, apps, documents, television broadcasts, information and other communication mediums and devices used by us on a daily basis and a gamut of other things. Access thus, is an issue that cuts across disabilities and sectors and forms the very basis of education, employment and information which leads to empowerment!

It was to address this lack of understanding of accessibility for persons with disabilities in India and to spread awareness and popularise the concept intrinsic to any kind of access i.e. 'Universal Design' - a design that is usable to the greatest extent possible by everyone, regardless of age, ability, or situation (people with disabilities, older people, pregnant and nursing mothers, children, and others who are non-average in a way that is not stigmatising and benefits all users) that NCPEDP, in association with Mphasis, instituted **The NCPEDP - Mphasis Universal Design Awards** in 2010.

Since 'access' symbolizes the true spirit of freedom as far as persons with disabilities are concerned, these Awards are given away every year on 14th August, the eve of India's Independence Day in a simple Presentation Ceremony to those individuals and organizations who have been doing exemplary work towards the cause of accessibility in India and thus ensuring a life of equality and dignity for people with disabilities in the following five fields:

1. Built Environment
1. Transport
2. Information and Communication Technology
3. Services
4. Aids and Appliances

2017 being the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of The NCPEDP - Mphasis Universal Design Awards, NCPEDP plans to take the mandate further by attempting to create a platform for open dialogue/discourse, knowledge sharing and awareness creation on accessibility of persons with disabilities in India by way of organizing a half day Conference. The theme of the event will be 'Access for All', which is also the tagline for the Awards.

The structure of the Conference is still very fluid but will include three panel discussions/sessions of 60 minutes each on the issue of 'accessibility' covering the Built Environment; ICTs; and Transport, Services and Aids & Appliances which will then be followed by the Presentation Ceremony for The 8<sup>th</sup> NCPEDP - Mphasis Universal Design Awards 2017. Experts from each of the 5 fields that the Awards cover will address the audience after which the floor will be open for Q&As.

The Conference will aim to address the knowledge gap by understanding the issue of accessibility and where India stands today with respect to the same, the importance of Universal Design, the various challenges, gaps and opportunities, the (non)availability of tools and capacities required to fulfil the shortcomings, identifying stakeholders and how technology can help bridge the gap, the opportunities present within the government/public sector and the business case and value addition for the private sector, the global mandate and most importantly, the importance of the right legislations (what the



new law provides) and procurement policies, guidelines and standards required to pave the road ahead for the vision for an 'Accessible India' to become a reality.

**Programme:**

9:30-10:00      **Registrations**

10:00-11:00      **SESSION 1: Accessibility of the Built Environment**

*Interactive Dialogue*

11:00-12:00      **SESSION 2: Accessibility of ICTs**

*Interactive Dialogue*

12:00-13:00      **SESSION 3: Accessibility of Transport, Services and Aids & Appliances**

*Interactive Dialogue*

13:00-13:30      **PRESENTATION CEREMONY: The 8<sup>th</sup> NCPEDP-Mphasis  
Universal Design Awards 2017**

13:30-14:30      **LUNCH**