



DSE SNDT WU in collaboration with NIEPMD

announces

National Conference
on

Addressing Environmental Barriers
and
Universal Design

Date : February 27 - 29, 2020

Venue : DSE, SNDT WU, Juhu Campus, Santacruz W, Mumbai

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Objectives of the Conference

This conference is planned with the following objectives :

-  To provide a forum to discuss the barriers to inclusion
-  To reflect on universal design as a tool for developing a barrier free environment
-  To develop an action plan to implement universal design and create a barrier free environments

Abstracts are invited in the following sub themes:

-  Physical Accessibility
-  UDL: In Digital Age
-  UDL: Pedagogical Innovation
-  Challenges and solutions for accessibility in education

Only full papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings Book with ISBN number.

Instructions for Paper Presentation

Delegates are welcome to submit papers based on their research, experience and involvement in relation to the sub themes. The abstract for the paper should not exceed 250 words.

The specifications for the full length research paper :

- Soft copy in MS-Word / Open-Office, max. 2500 words.
- Font type: Verdana
- Font size: 10pts for body text, 11pts for sub heading and 12pts for heading
- Line spacing: 1.15
- Page size: A4
- Margin: 1inch on all sides
- The title of the paper should be center aligned, bold, with font size 14pts. Details to be mentioned: Author's name, Affiliation / Institution, Programme title, Semester of studies (If a student).

Kindly mail your abstract and paper to dsesndtwuevents@gmail.com

Registration Link <https://forms.gle/qxf8c9XJLVcAE8EM8>

About the Conference

The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (2001) identified three aspects of environment – physical, social/ attitudinal, and policy – that can either restrict or facilitate a person's participation in society. It is documented that most of the time the environment is a barrier (than a facilitator) to participation of persons with disability (PWD) and consequently to inclusion. Recognising the specific environmental barriers and identifying ways to address them will improve access and facilitate inclusion for PWDs. It is imperative, however also, to address all the aspects of the environment parallelly.

Generally, addressing the environmental barriers appears to be a reactive step with efforts to break the existing blockades. Inclusion experts today are attempting to deal with the barriers by taking cognizance of them at the planning stage of activities and creating environmental designs to include ALL persons. Universal designs increase the usability, accessibility and social participation by incorporating need customization aspect for diverse population. It thus aims at meeting the widest range of needs irrespective of ability, age, gender, life status etc.

About SNTD Women's University



SNTD Women's University is the first women's university in India as well as in South-East Asia. The university operates from 3 campuses; Churchgate (headquarters), Juhu and Pune. The University has been accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade in 2015. **Department of Special Education (DSE)** was established in 1977. Ever since DSE has been involved in human resource development for the disability sector. Our mission is 'Nurturing, Enabling & Empowering People with Disabilities' and our commitment is to provide quality education. The department offers programmes in Ph.D. (Special Education); M.Ed. (LD, ID, VI); B.Ed. (LD, ID, VI) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management of Learning Disability.

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities

(NIEPMD) was established in the year 2005, under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, to serve as a national resource center for empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities. NIEPMD works towards promotion of research in the areas related to Multiple Disabilities. It follows a trans-disciplinary model for social rehabilitation of diverse groups of people with Multiple Disabilities.



Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) is a statutory body to regulate and monitor services given to persons with disability, to standardize syllabi and maintain a Central Rehabilitation Register of all qualified professionals and personnel working in the field of Rehabilitation and Special Education. RCI has granted CRE (Continuing Rehabilitation Education) Status to this Conference and Pre-conference Workshop and Symposia. The rehabilitation professionals attending the workshop will earn the applicable **CRE points**.

Registered professionals under CRR can avail 18 CRE points accredited by RCI

Registration Fees (includes Breakfast, Lunch and Conference Kit):

CRE Participants:

Students / Research scholars / Professionals: 2500/- , *Early Bird: 2000/-

Non CRE Participants:

Students / Research scholars / Professionals: 4000/- , *Early Bird: 3500/-

Mode of Payment: Cash / NEFT / Cheque / DD drawn in favour of "Department of Special Education"

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Important dates

Last date for submission of abstract: **14/12/2019**

Intimation of acceptance of abstract: **23/12/2019**

Last date of submission of full paper: **15/01/2020**

Organizing Committee

Patron: Vice Chancellor Prof. Shashikala Wanjari

Conference Convener: Prof. Sujata Bhan

CRE Coordinator: Ms Betty Abraham (SNDT WU)
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