



Two days national conference on

**Disability Rights and Status in India– Policy &
Program for PWDs**



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**CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION & INCLUSIVE POLICY,
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY**

In Association With

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH MULTIPLE
DISABILITIES (NIEPMD)**

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Prelude: Systematic efforts have been made since 1981 to improve the living conditions of person with disability across the world, followed by the declaration of UN. These steps fused both worldwide and National level initiatives, Collaborations, agreements, sharing the expertise and via facilitating the member nations, with powerful suggestions. In order to ensure inclusive society national and international organizations together promoted Right based efforts to promote the lives of disable persons with proper assistance via medical, educational, vocational, economical and environmental initiatives.

Appropriate governments in India formulated plenty of special policies for PWD, enacted five major legislations around 100 welfare programs, number of projects and schemes being sanctioned in every financial year made available from both governments and non-governmental organization along with international supports. The PWDS suffer without having basic assistive aids, appliances, necessary devices, clinical assistants and quality education which is quite essential for their survival. “Prosperity depends upon the individuals mobility”, whereas, the person with disability suffers without having mobility aids, barriers are everywhere, the so called civilized society has failed to realize the assistive appliances are very important basic requirements of the PWDs.

This should be viewed one of the most essential services required for this invisible community. These efforts need to be deliberated with critical lens among policy makers, young aspirants, and student with special needs, rehabilitation professionals and organization

working in the field of disability enabling to get new dimensions. Hence this conference was proposed with the anticipation of collective action.

A conceptual framework is provided by the noble laureate Dr. Amartya Sen who sees human capabilities as “the capacity and freedom to choose and to act; and calls for opportunities that give individuals the freedom to pursue a life of their own choosing to be equalized.”

The relevancy of this statement to the current era is very apt as evinced in the plethora of opportunities available and the burgeoning desire among the youth to capitalize on these opportunities. There are no exceptions in this regard as the differently able strongly feel the need to rise to the forefront by demanding a competitive field, with superior level of excellence. In what so ever the tasks assigned to them, with dedication, diligence and decorum as the cause and effects of this showcasing, would no doubt speak volumes in history, rather to add pride to NIEPMD & Central University, kindling spirits to share more time towards this needy section of society.

About Pondicherry University: This institution was started in 1985, continues to be a leading University situated in the southern part of the country and focuses on both quality teaching and innovative research of high standards in a wide range of disciplines. Housing 15 Schools, 37 Departments, 10 Centers and 2 Chairs, offering over 144 PG & Research programmes accomplish the needs of over 8000 students in every year in the society.

Equity of access to higher education calls for efforts to provide opportunities for person with various types of disabilities for inclusion in university system. In this endeavor Pondicherry University has initiated measures that won the National best institution Role Model Award from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in the year 2011. In pursuance of this mission, the higher education for person with special needs HEPSN cell was established to consolidate and co-ordinate the renowned legacy of this disabled friendly institution.

About CSSEIP: Centre for study of social exclusion and inclusive policy is a unique centre functioning since 2009, this centre has dedicated forums for research on Dalits, tribes and minorities in general particularly working towards the empowerment of person with disability. An action research of this centre paved the way to the university to offer free education including food and lodging facilities to persons with Disabilities, outcome of this initiatives single digit enrollment in 2010 turned into triple digit in the current academic year. As part of policy recommendation and ensuring reservation benefits to this invisible community This centre played key role with Tamil Nadu public service commission TNPSC for the special recruitment drive resulted 125 visually challenged person placed in the

category of group C and D in the year 2011-12. With the same drive this centre has intended to take-up another step via organizing this conference.

About NIEPMD: Established in the year 2005, on East Coast Road, Muttukadu, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Under Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, to serve as a national resource center for empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities such as those with two or more disabilities in a person. Since its inception in 2005 the services for persons with disabilities has been given through a multi disciplinary team model, besides the cottage and extension services are available, in line with eight department. This institute aim to achieve the following objectives to undertake development of human resource for management, training, rehabilitation, education, employment and conduct research in all areas relating to multiple disabilities. Also extend strategies for social rehabilitation and to meet the needs of divers groups of people with multiple disabilities.

The CSSE&IP of Pondicherry University in collaboration with NIEPMD try to find opportunities to build human resources to work in the field of disability rehabilitation. It is one of the core areas demanding immediate attention at present where in RPWD Act -2016, is replacing the PWD Act of 1995, necessitates capacity building and research. In the field of disability rehabilitation, the RPWD act pave the way for include of fourteen additional categories under the umbrella of disability estimated that the size of this populace will increase from three to five percent. This imposes the higher learning institutes to work out the possibilities to go hand in hand in building the capacity of the students & scholars, rehabilitation practitioners and other stake holders to equip with the recent legislation, rules of state and central, schemes, programmes and projects.

The technological and clinical advancements have enabled this group to function independently on par with others. These advancements are to be disseminated to service providers they play cartelistic role in identifying and encouraging young, energetic and innovative researchers to contribute in this sector and persuade graduates and scholars. Discussions on subjects such as the legislative provisions, highlights of state and central schemes , responsibilities of institutions, roles of DPOS and vision for their future.

Sensitize persons with disabilities, rehabilitation professionals, medical, Para-medical and non -governmental organizations on the recent development in the sector facilitating to focus more on empowerment and accessibility aspects such as universal design for the betterment

of the society. To mobilize like-minded potential volunteers to spread this message among the public.

Target Group: Rehabilitation Professionals, Special Educators, Resource Teachers, Vocational Instructors, students and scholars interested to persuade special education. Rehabilitation Professionals & others those who are in the field of Disability Sector can avail the opportunities, to reach cross section of this intellectual and potential society to light lamp in scorched lives, to raise like phoenix out of ashes.

Themes:

- ❖ Empirical research on Magnitude and types of disability
- ❖ Struggles and success – PWD case studies
- ❖ Special programmes for PWD and its implication
- ❖ Community based rehabilitation in Disability
- ❖ Role of disable people organization
- ❖ Agitation and advocacy for Disabilities
- ❖ Disaster relief and rehabilitation
 - Role of Professionals, Families & The Community
 - Role of Civil Society Organizations & Corporate
 - Role of Government bodies; State / Central
 - Role of ICT for Persons with Disabilities
 - Role of Institution of higher & Technical Education
 - Role of Media, Judiciary & other stakeholders

Full Papers

Full Papers (Max 2800 words including abstracts) to be submitted by on or before 15th January 2019, as per the following guidelines within the deadline through E-mail: rpwdact2016@gmail.com.

ALL ABSTRACTS & PRESENTATIONS INCLUDING FULL PAPER MUST ADHERE TO THE THEME & SPECIFIC SUB THEME (ONE) OF THE CONFERENCE.

All submissions must be made in MS Word (2003 or 2007) format: Paper Title, Name of the author(s), Abstract, Key Words. Author's affiliation, Contact address, Designation, Phone / Mobile, and e-mail should be printed as Footnote. Font Style: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, Line spacing: 1.5 Space. The paper should not exceed 7 pages, References in APA style, Plagiarism is strictly denounced. Undertaking must be given by the author(s) declaring the originality of the work in the prescribed format (Enclosed)

Publication: The selected papers will be published as an edited book by Pondicherry University with ISBN number /UGC listed journal.

Important Dates:

Submission of Abstract: 31st December 2018

Submission of Full Paper: 15th January 2019

Intimation to selected presenters: 20th January

Conference dates: 7th&8th February 2019

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Rehabilitation Professionals-Rs.1200
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Paper Publications: Rs.1000

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