



On the occasion of International day of Persons with Disabilities

3rd December 2020, 10 am to 1 pm

National Stakeholder Consultation on Access for Persons with Disabilities and the Economics of Inclusion

Central Theme: Access Audits for Persons with Disability

Link to join the event: <https://meet.google.com/jur-gcqz-jmm>

Eminent Guests/ Stakeholders



CHIEF GUEST
Sri Mukesh Kumar
Commissioner of Police
Bidhannagar
West Bengal



GUEST OF HONOUR
Dr Indu Prakash Singh
Social activist & Facilitator
City Makers Mission
International



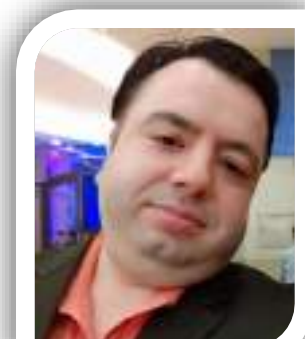
SPECIAL GUEST
Dr Kingshuk Sarkar
Independent Researcher &
Labour Administrator
Govt. of West Bengal



CHIEF PATRON
Dr Hina Nandrajog
Officiating Principal
Vivekananda College
University of Delhi



PATRON
Prof. Archana Verma
Principal
Manyavar Kanshiram
Government Degree College
Ghaziabad
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PANELIST
Vaibhav Gupta
Financial Expert
Smart City Ghaziabad



PANELIST
Dr Apoorv Kulkarni
Associate Director
Ola Mobility



CONVENER
Dr Seema Sharma
Assistant Professor
Vivekananda College
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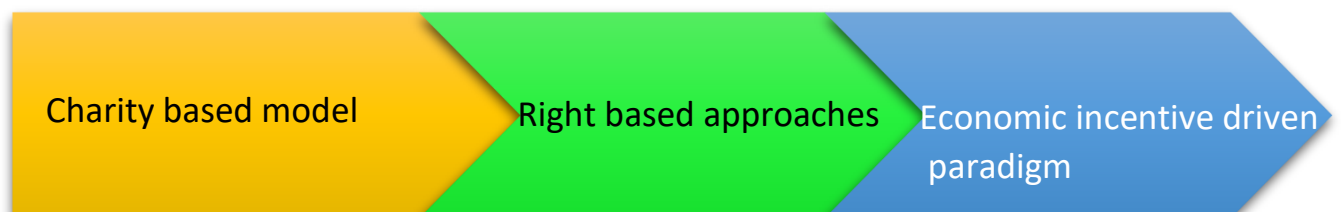
CO-CONVENER
Dr Arnab Bose
Fellow
O.P. Jindal Global University

Introduction

The purpose of this stakeholder consultation is to:

- Help policy makers, practitioners, academia and community be aware of the **ground realities**, and *ways to move ahead* for various kinds of issues surrounding **accessibility to the built environment**, and to some extent the *technological environment* too.
- Propose and launch methods for **Access Audits** given ground realities and institutional capacity within the ambit of applicable rules, law and policy.
- Highlight that building an inclusive built environment or technological space will be **economically beneficial** to all stakeholders and improve economic growth prospects for any country.

Now with respect for Persons with Disabilities, the narrative has moved from welfare and charity models to rights based approaches, in this consultation we will strive towards a paradigm where inclusion for Persons with Disabilities will mean good economics too. This is a stakeholder consultation where we would like to bring forth that making the built or technological environment is not additions to cost but actually will increase the return on investments of such projects.



A common heuristic is to find that at any given time around fifteen percent of the population will be living with disabilities. Official estimates will vary, and sometimes understate the issue; however past decades have seen active movements for the Rights for Persons with Disabilities; and much has been achieved in terms of international and national policy, planning and law. For instance, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 has been passed by the Indian Parliament. This law in turn emanated from the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with

Disabilities (CRPD) by the United Nations. CRPD is an international human rights treaty intended to protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities.

The reasons according to our studies (conveners Dr Seema Sharma & Dr Arnab Bose) is due to certain non-alignments with implementing agencies, while developing the plans of the built environment, implementing it, or even maintaining it in accordance to user needs. Our studies also find that there many cases where the built environment is at par in India with any developed country. Delhi Metro is definitely one such success story. What our studies reveal is that the best mechanism to ensure a sound built environment has a meaningful, practical, cost effective audit mechanism with multiple stakeholders.

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Convenor: Dr. Seema Sharma, Department of Environment, Vivekananda College, University of Delhi and *Co-convenor:* Dr. Arnab Bose, O.P Jindal Global University;
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Partners

1. Manyavar Kanshi Ram Government Degree College, Ghaziabad, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
2. Center for Inclusion (CFI):
Centre for Inclusion is a fledgeling umbrella body of Academics from around the world working on issues on Gender, Age and Disability with a lens of effective local governance and sustainable development.
3. O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana

Schedule

3rd December 2020		
SESSION I		
10 am to 10.15 am	Inauguration and Welcome address Message from Manyavar Kanshi Ram College, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh	Dr. Hina Nandrajog, Officiating Principal Vivekananda College, University of Delhi Dr. Archana Verma, Principal, Manyavar Kanshi Ram College, Ghaziabad, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

10.15 am to 10.50 am	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theme Presentation 2. Key Note address by Chief Guest 3. Launch of Access Audit module (module authors: Dr Arnab Bose & Dr Seema Sharma) 	<p>Dr. Arnab Bose and Dr. Seema Sharma</p> <p>Chief Guest Shri Mukesh, IPS, Commissioner of Police Bidhannagar, West Bengal</p>
	Break 10 minutes	
	SESSION II	
11 am to 12 noon	<p style="text-align: center;">Stakeholder consultation</p> <p>“Need and implementation of access audit module and way forward”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Esteemed Panelists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bidhannagar Law Enforcement 2. Delhi NCR: DMRC, DLF, Arc Angel 3. Technology aspects representative 4. Architect / Town Planner 5. Legal/Functional Representatives <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Dr. Seema Sharma</p>
	Break 10 minutes	
	SESSION III	
12.10 pm- 12.40 pm	<p>Acknowledgement to the various institutions/organisations—for successfully providing access to Persons with Disabilities in their respective built environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidhannagar Police, West Bengal • Arc Angel Housing Society, Raj Nagar Extension, Uttar Pradesh • Bandhan Bank, Salt Lake, Kolkata • Asian Community News Network
12.40 pm to 1 pm	<p>Announcement of Police Public Partnership in Bidhannagar, West Bengal & Vote of Thanks</p>	<p>Centre for Inclusion (<i>with other partners</i>) Kolkata, West Bengal</p>