

Two-day National Conference on 24th and 25th October, 2017 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Conference Theme: Vocational Rehabilitation and Economic Inclusion of persons with disabilities in India

Conference Organizers

The conference is being organized by National Centre of Disability Studies, IGNOU, supported by National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC).

Conference Venue: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.

Concept Note

As per NSSO (2003) about 26% of the persons with disabilities were employed. The Census 2011 highlighted that, nearly one third of the total disabled persons were working. At all India level, 36% of the total disabled persons are workers. Among the male disabled persons, 47% are working and among female disabled, only 23% are working. Among the persons with disabilities who were workers, 31% were agricultural labourers. Thus, there has been no change in the employment rate in a decade among the persons with disabilities. However, analysis of disability wise and age wise distribution of employment may show some variations. Comparison with the non-disabled population in terms of nature of employment could also be an area of study.

The Rights of Persons with Disability Act (2016) in Chapter IV which deals with Skill Development and Employment provides for formulations of schemes and programmes including provision of loans at concessional rates to facilitate and support employment of Persons with Disabilities especially for their vocational training and self-employment.

The said schemes and programmes shall provide for –

- (a) inclusion of person with disability in all mainstream formal and non-formal vocational and skill training schemes and programmes;
- (b) to ensure that a person with disability has adequate support and facilities to avail specific training;
- (c) exclusive skill training programmes for persons with disabilities with active links with the market, for those with developmental, intellectual, multiple disabilities and autism;
- (d) loans at concessional rates including that of microcredit;
- (e) marketing the products made by persons with disabilities; and
- (f) maintenance of disaggregated data on the progress made in the skill training and self-employment, including persons with disabilities.

The United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) makes provision for persons with disabilities with regard to inter alia, employment, independent living, economic and social self-sufficient. The new RPD Act has been aligned with UNCRPD.

Against this background a two day National Conference on Vocational Rehabilitation and Economic Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in India is being organized for making an assessment of the opportunities available for persons with disabilities for vocational rehabilitation and economic inclusion. The brain storming deliberations and action oriented intellectual discourse will help the policy makers in formulating schemes and programmes as per the provision of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act of 2016.

The conference will bring various stakeholders of disability sector at one platform to discuss various issues related to vocational rehabilitation and economic inclusion of persons with disabilities in the country. For any progressive society, it is vital to provide conducive environment to the adult persons with disabilities to become economically self-reliant through gainful employment/self-employment. This National conference is intended to make practical and implementable recommendations which will be of immense benefit to the persons with disabilities, policy makers and other stake holders.

Themes for the National Conference are:

- Job Identification and Employable skills
- Vocation/skill training
- Employment/Self-Employment in Urban and Rural Areas
- Role of Financial Institutions
- Role of Technology
- Role of Distance Education in Vocational Training
- Access to Work Place
- Advocacy for Vocational Rehabilitation and Economic Inclusion

Abstract and Paper Submission

- The presenters should submit an abstract of around 350-500 words that provides the summary of the paper with key words, author's name, designation, postal address, e-mail, telephone/mobile no. Abstracts and Papers should be submitted using MS Word, font Times New Roman for English, font size 12, Mangal for Hindi font size 14 with 1.5 line spacing on A4 size. Submission of abstract and full paper in PDF, image format will not be accepted.
- Full paper should have around 2500-3000 words including figures and tables etc. (Paper will be accepted in Hindi or English)

Abstracts of the papers are to be submitted on the following address positively by 27th September, 2017:

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Intimation regarding acceptance of papers will be sent by 3rd October, 2017. There are no registration charges for the national conference.

Submission of full Paper by 17th October, 2017.

The presenters of the selected papers will be allotted maximum 15 minutes for presentation.

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(Paper presenters and participants to bear the travel expenses and make stay arrangements on their own)

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Registration Form

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Note: Registration is free.

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