



## **National Conference**

on

# **“Addressing Environmental Barriers and Universal Design”**

**February 27-29, 2020**

**organized by**

**Department of Special Education, SNDT Women's University**

**in collaboration with**

**National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)**

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*Programme Schedule*

**Day I**

<b>February 27, 2020</b>	<b>Experts</b>	<b>Time</b>
Registration	8.30 am to 9.30 am	
Inauguration Ceremony	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chief Guest</b> Smt. Manisha Verma, IAS Principal Secretary, Tribal Development Department Govt. of Maharashtra</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presided by</b> Prof. Shashikala Wanjari Hon. Vice Chancellor SNDT Women's University (SNDT WU)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guests of Honour</b> Dr Himangshu Das Director, NIEPMD</p>	9.30 am to 10.45am
Tea	10: 45 am to 11:00 am	
Keynote	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairperson</b> Prof. Anita Julka Department of Education of Groups with Special Needs (DEGSN), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keynote Speaker</b> Dr Himangshu Das (Primary Force to Breaking Barriers: Engineering Empathy)</p>	11.00 am to 11.30 am
I. Plenary session: <b>Accessible Environments</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairperson</b> Prof. Jayanthi Narayan Former Dy. Director, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Invited Speakers</b> Dr Aloka Guha Former Chairperson, National Trust (Curricular Accessibility for PwID)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Anita Julka (Accessibility and Engagement in Education)</p>	11.30 am to 12:45 pm
Lunch	1:00 pm to 2.00 pm	

<p>II. Plenary session:</p> <p><b>Environmental Barriers</b></p>	<p><b>Chairperson</b> Dr Aloka Guha</p> <p><b>Invited Speakers</b> Prof. Jayanthi Narayan (Addressing Attitudinal Barriers)</p> <p>Dr Vasudha Prakash Founder, V-Excel Education Trust (Challenges in the Employability of Persons with Cognitive Disabilities)</p>	<p>2.00 pm to 3.15 pm</p>
<p>Tea</p>	<p>3.15 pm to 3.30 pm</p>	
<p>III. Plenary session:</p> <p><b>Accessible India Campaign</b></p>	<p><b>Chairperson</b> Dr Himangshu Das</p> <p><b>Invited Speakers</b> Prof. Smriti Swarup Former Director, Centre of Special Education, SNDT WU (Sugamya Bharat: A Dream in the Making)</p> <p>Mr Akhil Paul Director, Sense International, India (Accessible India: A Critical Analysis)</p> <p>Dr Sam Taraporevala Director, Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged (XRCVC) (Technology for Accessibility)</p>	<p>3.30 pm to 4:45 pm</p>
<p><b>Day II</b></p>		
<p><b>February 28, 2020</b></p>	<p><b>Experts</b></p>	<p><b>Time</b></p>
<p><b>IV. Plenary session:</b></p> <p><b>Universal Design of Learning</b></p>	<p><b>Chairperson</b> Prof. Preeti Verma Department of Special Education (DSE), SNDT WU</p> <p><b>Invited Speakers</b> Dr Varsha Gathoo Head, Department of Education Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan) (AYJNISHD(D)) (Teachers' Perception of UDL)</p> <p>Dr Radhika Misquitta Director, Research and Outreach, Gateway School of Mumbai (Designing a UDL Classroom)</p>	<p>10.00 am to 11.15 am</p>
<p>Tea</p>	<p>11.15 am to 11.30 am</p>	

<p><b>V. Plenary session:</b> <b>Challenges and Solutions to Accessibility</b></p>	<p><b>Chairperson</b> Dr Shyamala Dalvi Consultant, UNICEF</p> <p><b>Invited Speakers</b> Ms Jyoti Kumar Director of Education Arya Vidya Mandir (AVM) Group of Institutions (Join the Dots)</p> <p>Dr Seema Gupta Director, Taraben Master School (Lean in, Reach out)</p> <p>Dr Sushama Nagarkar Rehabilitation Psychologist &amp; Founder, Café Arpan (Addressing Challenging Classroom Behaviors Within the UDI Framework)</p>	<p>11.30 am to 1.00 pm</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	<p>1.00 pm to 2.00 pm</p>	
<p>VI. Plenary session: <b>UDL: Pedagogical Innovation</b></p>	<p><b>Chairperson</b> Prof. Reeta Sonawat Former Dean &amp; Head, Department of Human Development SNDT WU</p> <p><b>Invited Speakers</b> Ms Suzanne Rodricks Educationalist, Dubai Scholars &amp; Mr Frank Scarcelli Head of School, Dubai Scholars (Technology Integration for UDL)</p> <p>Prof. Mythili Ramchand Centre for Education Innovation and Action Research Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) (Teacher Preparation for Inclusion: Potential and Challenges)</p>	<p>2.00 pm to 3.15 pm</p>
<p>Tea</p>	<p>3.15 pm to 3.45 pm</p>	
<p>VII. Plenary session: <b>UDL: Rhetoric or Reality</b></p>	<p><b>Chairperson</b> Dr Dinaz Wadia Director, DISHA- Comprehensive Rehab Centre</p> <p><b>Invited Speakers</b> Prof. Asmita Huddar Principal, Hashu Advani College of Special Education (HACSE) (From 'Ought' to 'Is': The Deafness Perspective)</p> <p>Ms Apoorva Panshikar Assistant Professor, DSE, SNDT WU (Treading the Path called UDL)</p>	<p>3.45 pm to 5.00 pm</p>

**Day III**

<b>February 29, 2020</b>	<b>Experts</b>	<b>Time</b>
Panel discussion <b>My Journey</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator</b> Ms Vathsala Sharma Head, Institute of Special Education Arya Vidya Mandir School (AVM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panelists</b> Mr Jai Patni Art Based Therapist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Veena Naren Special Needs Mom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Sachu Ramalingam Head, Inclusive Education &amp; Quality Assurance Billabong Schools</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms Jasmina Khanna Disability Rights Activist &amp; Software Testing Engineer, Atos Syntel</p>	10.00 am to 11.15 am
Tea	11.15 am to 11.30 am	
VIII. Plenary session: <b>NIEPMD: A Model of Accessibility</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairperson</b> Dr Radhike Khanna Trustee and Consultant, Shraddha Charitable Trust</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Invited speakers</b> Dr J. Vijayalakshmy Lecturer (Medical Sciences), NIEPMD (<a href="#">Accessibility in the Early Years – A Medical Perspective</a>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Santosh Kanna Head, Therapeutics, NIEPMD (<a href="#">Access Audit</a>)</p>	11.30 am to 12.45 pm
Lunch	12:45 pm to 1.30 pm	
Musical Play	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Learning Factory (A Puppet Musical Play)</b> Ms Ritika Sahni, Founder Trustee, Trinayani</p>	1:30 pm To 2:00 pm
Paper Presentations	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairperson</b> Prof. Pradnya Wakpainjan Head, Department of Education, SNDT WU</p>	2.00 pm to 3.30 pm
Tea	3.30 pm to 4.00 pm	

<p>Valedictory Ceremony</p>	<p><b>Chief Guest</b> Dr Mithu Alur Founder Chairperson, ADAPT (Formerly Spastic Society of India)</p> <p><b>Presided by</b> Dr V. N. Magare Hon. Pro Vice Chancellor, SNTD WU</p> <p><b>Conference Highlights and Takeaways</b> Prof. Sujata Bhan Head, DSE, SNTD WU</p>	<p>4.00 pm to 5.00 pm</p>
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