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Empowering the differently abled

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An Overview

- Over 30 presentations by national and international experts and eminent professionals.
- Representatives from Government, Corporate and Non Government Organization.



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Inauguration Session: Overview

- Inaugural address by Dr. Jitender Aggarwal, CEO & Founder, Sarthak Educational Trust
- Keynote Address by Padma Bhushan Dr. M. B. Athreya

Enlightening Speeches by:

- Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Ministry of Social Justice
- & Empowerment, Government of India
- Shri Sandeep Kumar, Minister, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Delhi.
- Shri Sunil Kumar Gulati, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana
- Shri Sandeep Bhargava, Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs & Public Policy, Vodafone India Ltd. -Moderator



Dr. Jitender Aggarwal, CEO & Founder, Sarthak Educational Trust and Ms. Nistha Tripathi



Shri Sandeep Kumar, Minister, Dept. of Women & Child Development



Padma Bhushan Dr. M. B. Athreya



Shri Sunil Kr. Gulati, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana



Shri Sandeep Bhargava expressing thanks to guest speakers Shree Lov Verma and Shri Sunil Kr. Gulati

Glimpses of discussion

Sensitization is needed to create a positive environment for differently abled persons as:

- Social inclusion is possible only through breaking attitudinal barriers.
- and services.

• Economic inclusion calls for empowerment of differently abled persons by creating opportunity of employment through skill development.



Lighting of the lamp



Shri Sandeep Bhargava, Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs & Public Policy, Vodafone India Ltd.

• Awareness of the requirements of differently abled persons will pave the path for inclusive infrastructure

Panel 1: **Government Policy and Administrative** Support to PwDs

Panelists:

- Shri Mukesh Jain, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability
- Dr. Madhukar Gupta, Additional Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India
- Shri Anup K. Srivastava, CEO, Skill Council for Persons with Disability
- Shri Krishan Kalra, Member, Proposal Approval Committee, National Skill Development Corporation -

Moderator



Shri Madhukar Gupta, Additional Secretary, Dept. of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Heavy Industries, G. O. I.



Shri Krishan Kalra, Shri Mukesh Jain, Dr. M. B. Athreya, and Shri Anup Kr. Srivastava



Accessibility concerns need to be focused through:

- · Making transport system accessible for differently abled persons.
- and or audio description).
- physical barriers).
- Addressing attitudinal and psychological inhibitions.

• Making information & communication technology accessible for differently abled persons (Text to speech

• Strengthening accessible India Campaign (Universal accessibility for differently abled persons removing

Panel 2: Corporate Leadership for PwDs Inclusivity

Panelists:

- Smt. Aradhana Lal, Vice President Sustainable Initiatives, Lemon Tree Hotels
- Shri P. Balaji, Director Regulatory, External Affairs & CSR, Vodafone
- Shri Murali Krishna Parna, CEO & Founder, Sagar Ratna
- Smt. Lata Menon, Country Head HR, India & Sri Lanka, Aegis Ltd.
- · Smt. Ameesha Prabhu, CEO, Retail Association of India
- Shri Amit Jagga, CRM Delivery Leader, Concentrix
- Dr. V. P. Singh, Executive Director Human Resources, RJCorp Moderator





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Glimpses of discussion

Inclusion of differently abled persons can be done by altering perception. This inclusion leads to multifarious advantages:

- Increase in humanized perspective and sensitivity among employees.
- Increase in the levels of engagement among employees.
- Positive consumer perception leading to increased customer loyalty.
- Diversity of thoughts contributes to heightened creativity and leads to success.

Smt. Aradhana Lal, VP - Sustainable Initiatives, Lemon Tree Hotels

Smt. Ameesha Prabhu, CEO, Retail Association of India



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Panel 3: Inclusive Education in India

Panelists:

- Dr. Uma Tuli, Executive Director, Amar Jyoti
- Dr. Jayanti Pujari, Director, Amity University
- Prof. Sudesh Mukhopadhyay, Immediate Past Chairman, Rehabilitation Council of India
- Dr. Shanti Auluck, Director, Muskaan
- Shri Bhushan Punani, Executive Secretary, Blind People Association (BPA) Moderator



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Smt. Rewa Nayyar, Director, Essel Foundation

Glimpses of discussion

- Inclusion works on 3Cs (Concern, Commitment & Compliance).
- prepares a platform for inclusive education.
- Creation of good TLM (Teaching Learning Materials), barrier free learning environment, and parental involvement are major ingredients for promoting inclusivity in education system.



Panelists of 'Inclusive Education in India' session



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Prof. Sudesh Mukhopadhyay, Immediate Past Chairman **Rehabilitation Council of India**

The discussion encompassed major components to create a platform for inclusive education, such as:

• Preparatory classes for all impairments, differential curriculum, and cooperative and collaborative teaching

Panel 4: Experience Sharing by Super Idols

Panelists:

- Prof. Alim Chandani, CEO, Global Reach Out Initiative, Inc.
- Shri Amit Jain, Researcher, IIM Kolkata
- Smt. Anjlee Aggarwal, Founder & Executive Director, Samarthyam
- · Shri George Abrahim, CEO, Eyeway
- Dr. Vipin Malhotra, Professor, Delhi University
- Smt. Anuradha Bhawnani, Regional Head, Shell Foundation Moderator



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Glimpses of discussion

The session was power packed with the success stories of Panelists. The major underpinnings were:

- Adversities are nothing but a chance to get motivated and inspired.
- · Environment creates disability not the medical condition.
- Compete with normal people and don't expect sympathy.
- There is no boundary, it is all about perception.



Smt. Anuradha Bhawnani, Regional Head, Shell Foundation



Panelists of Super Idol Session



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Audience at the 2nd National Conference on Disability

Sunshine for Differently Abled Persons

reiterated during the National Conference on Disability. Some of these are:

- · Coining of a new term 'DIVYANG' instead of Viklang.
- Recommendation for changes in the nomenclature of the Institutes for Persons with Disability.
- Accessible India Plan (AIP) considering requirements of PwDs.
- A new PwD act is being drafted to strengthen existing PwD Act.
- · Government job reservation of upto 5% for PwDs.
- sickle cell anaemia and others.
- A provision of unique ID across country for differently abled persons to reduce their hassles.
- Separate Indian Sign Language (ISL) research and training centre planning to start in The Institute for the Physically Handicapped (IPH), gradually making a separate centre in Delhi.
- International film festival for PwD: 40 documentary (13 Indian and 27 Foreign movies).
- Appointment of one special educator in school soon to be enforced.



- During the event at International Day for Persons with Disability various provisions were suggested and were

• The purview of disabilities has been expanded from 7 to 19 including multiple disability, thalassemia, and