

# **SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, SHARDA UNIVERSITY**

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**National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan)**

(Department of Empowerment of Person with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India)

*In collaboration with*

**Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA)**

*are jointly organizing*

**Symposium on**



# **MOVING FORWARD TO INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

**(Post-Covid19 Strategies)**

**28-30 July, 2020**

The proposed Symposium is an excellent development opportunity for all involved in the Education and support of students with disabilities, and this brings these groups together to learn, collaborate, and focus on strategies that work. This Symposium will develop an insight how future systems will be inclusive and be cognizant of different education provision mechanisms. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 defines inclusive education as a “system of education wherein students with and without disability learn together and the system of teaching and learning is suitably adapted to meet the learning needs of different types of students with disabilities”. Inclusive education is about how we develop and design our schools, classrooms, programs and activities so that all students learn and participate together. It means that all students attend and are welcomed by their neighbourhood schools in age-appropriate, regular classes and are supported to learn, contribute and participate in all aspects of the life of the school. Inclusive education is about ensuring access to quality education for all students by effectively meeting their diverse needs in a way that is responsive, accepting, respectful and supportive.

This Symposium will help us to visualise and create strategies for inclusive education by facilitating learning across diverse geographies in India. Moreover, it will provide an opportunity for educators to come up with customized learning solutions for every student. Inclusive learning solutions, especially for the most vulnerable and marginalized, need to be developed. Many inspirational strategies are needed to be initiated for innovative, models for effective delivery of Inclusive education to an even broader understanding of inclusiveness within classrooms and thereafter. It also calls for us to re-imagine the education systems of the future and to consider how these systems can promote inclusiveness and the formation of a broad set of knowledge and skills by dealing with the complex socio-political and economic contexts in which education systems operate.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE SYMPOSIUM**

- To make the teachers and teacher educators aware about their changing role, as a contributing members of society for the promotion of Inclusive Education.
- To enable remote learning, by providing the knowledge through the mechanism of remote instructions.
- To impart the knowledge about the fundamentals of creating and maintaining truly inclusive classrooms keeping in mind the future perspectives.
- To explore useful educational resources for the support of inclusive Education.
- To motivate the faculty to support diverse learners through universal design for learning, social and emotional supports.
- To prepare a draft module on strategies and techniques for inclusive classroom.

### **SUB-THEMES OF THE SYMPOSIUM**

- Emerged challenges of inclusive education in context to present COVID-19 scenario
- Preparation for inclusion of children with disabilities in Education
- Inclusive Education : Lessons from Innovative Practices
- Inclusion In School : How to overcome challenges
- Concept of Children with special wads
- Inclusive Education: A sense of belonging and acceptance of differences
- Recent approaches for promoting quality in Inclusive Education
- Implementing Inclusive Education In the era of pandemic
- Summarising and recommendations on inclusive education

### **TARGET GROUP**

Faculty/Students/Research Scholars/Non Teaching staff



## RESOURCES PERSON

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Dr. Uma Tuli, (Padma-shri Awardee)**

Founder & Managing Secretary, Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust

Dr. Uma Tuli is an Indian social worker, educationist and the founder of Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, a Delhi-based non-governmental organization, working for the rehabilitation of the physically challenged people. She was honored by the Government of India, in 2012, with the fourth highest Indian civilian award of Padma Shri. She served as the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for Government of India. She has held the chair of the Education Commission of the Rehabilitation International, USA and is its National Secretary. She has been a member of the National Human Rights Commission and has served the advisory board of Voice and Vision, a Mumbai-based resource and training centre for children with multiple disabilities. She is the Secretary General of the National Abilympic Association of India and is an executive member of the International Abilympics Federation. She is also the patron of Society for Empowerment and Trade Upliftment of Artisans (SETU), a non-governmental organization working for the development of the weaker sections of the society.



**Prof. Madhu Parhar**

Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA)

Prof. Madhu Parhar joined as Director, Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) on 3rd June 2019. Previously she was Professor of Distance Education in Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) at IGNOU and was appointed as Director of STRIDE in November 2018. She specializes in educational technology, open and distance education, instructional design and has contributed several articles and research papers in these areas. She has co-edited several books including Open and Distance Education, Indian Education: Development since Independence and Education in India; Dynamics of Development. She was consulted by UNESCO on various distance education projects.



**Mr. Ajai Kumar Mittal**

Secretary-General, President, All India Confederation of the Blind

Mr. Mittal, from India, elected as Secretary General of the World Blind Union 2016. Previously, he was the WBU Treasurer from 2008 till 2016. Mr. Mittal has held top administrative and leadership positions in the Government and voluntary organizations for over 40 years. He was the Director of the apex government organization working with the blind in the country for over 22 years. In this capacity, he has overseen implementation of financial policies and developmental activities of the blind with a budget of over one million US dollars in a year and a team of over 200 professional colleagues and staff. He was also the head of a reputed private school for the blind and a teacher-training institute for about 15 years. Mr. Mittal has also been an integral part of the self-help movement of the blind for more than 30 years and is currently the president of the All India Confederation of the blind, one of the principal organizations of the blind in India. Mr. Mittal is passionate about learning and promotion of Braille, access to quality education for all blind and partially sighted children and about ensuring involvement of developing countries in WBU work.



**Dr. Bhushan Punani, Chairperson, ICEVI West Asia**

The International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment

Dr. Bhushan Punani, Chairperson, ICEVI West Asia has been selected by an eminent panel comprising of highly respected who's who of the corporate, academic, finance and social sectors of our country. He has been selected as the Leader in the category of "Community Service & Social Upliftment". This coveted award is given annually in the category of Business, Science & Technology and Community Service and previous recipients include luminaries like Mr. Ratan Tata, Dr. Narayan Murthy of Infosys, Sunil Bharati Mittal, Anand Mahindra to name a few. He has been chosen this year from 388 nominations for final selection of 6 winners by the Jury. He provided his services as Executive Secretary of Blind People's Association based at 132 ft Ring Road, Opposite IIM Ahmadabad. It has emerged as one of the most leading disability development NGOs in the country. It promotes comprehensive services for persons with all categories of disability. He has been Executive secretary of Blind People's Association and Chairperson, of West Asia at International Council for Education of Children with Visual Impairment.



### **Prof. Anita Julka,**

Former Head, NCERT

Former Head, Department of Education of Groups with Special Needs and Inclusive Education Cell, National Council of Educational Research and Training, Delhi, India, Involved in various research, training, development and extension activities. The Department functions as an advisory body to the Federal as well as State Governments in the area of inclusive education. She has been also involved in a major programme of the Government of India, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, IEDSS & RMSA, providing consultancy for developing the State Plans for Inclusive Education. She has developed an index for Inclusive education which will facilitate Inclusion of children with disabilities in education from early years of their lives. Also, she has provided significant inputs from the perspective of children with disabilities for the National Curriculum Framework for the country and Position paper on education of groups with special needs.



### **Dr. Sujata Bhan**

Professor and Head Department of special education SNT Women's University

Dr. Sujata Bhan is a trained psycho-educator, clinical psychologist, and teacher educator. She is actively involved in teaching, administration, research, and training teachers in Special Education for more than 24 years. Dr. Bhan has conducted extensive research in special education in national and international projects. Her area of specialization is clinical psychology and Visual Impairment She has developed a standardized tool, Functional Skill Inventory for the Blind (FSIB), for the functional assessment of the blind in functional skills which has been published by National Association for the Blind. She has authored "Understanding Children: a Manual for Teachers", published by Prasad Psycho Publications. She has been an invited speaker in international conferences organized by British council of India. She has received UGC educational exchange Scholarship for Mauritius and International fellowship for Sweden. Prof. Bhan is a consultant in many national and state government bodies.



### **Mr. KVS Rao, Director, DEPWD**

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

K. Vikram Simha Rao is a Director in Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, New Delhi with over 15 years experience in health and disability sectors and having specialization in the policy and planning space. His work at this Department has spanned effective policy and programme transects for promotion and protection of rights of persons with disabilities In the last four years, he has contributed extensively to frame a new legislation that includes the broad principles endorsed in the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities. He has provided policy inputs and programme oversight to the Department's roadmap towards achievement of Incheon Strategy goals; setting up of a National level Institute for Mental Health Rehabilitation and creation of a National Database of all persons with disabilities so that Government benefits reach the last mile. He coordinates intensively with various allied Central Ministries/Departments, UN agencies, civil society organisations and State Governments to strengthen their focus on disability related issues



### **Ms. Aloka Guha**

Founder-Chairperson, National Trust

Founder-Chairperson, National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities. Technical Officer, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Unit, World Health Organization, South-East Asia Regional Office, (SEARO), New Delhi. She has a vast experience of 45 years exclusively in disability and development, in teaching, training, admin, policy making, evaluation, monitoring and in mentoring. As Director, Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu, developed and implemented Horizontal Convergent Model of Rehabilitation in the State of Tamil Nadu, with the State Government (Health, Education and Social Welfare Departments). Dr. Guha has successfully completed Projects funded by UNICEF, ILO, WHO's and been part of a GOI-UNDP Project on Inclusive Education. She has represented Government of India in the drafting and negotiations of the Biwako Millennium Framework, 2nd UNESCAP Decade of Disabled in Bangkok and in Japan. She has represented Government of India in the elaboration of the UN Convention on Disability, several times at UN headquarters in New York. Prepared the Indian Draft submitted to the UN in 2003, also participated in the preparation of the Draft UNCRPD in New York in 2003/2004 as GOI representative.



### **Prof. Rajni Ranjan Singh,**

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M.A.(Eco.), M.A. (Psy.) Gold Medalist, M.Ed.Gold Medalist (BHU) PGPDSEMR (Distinction) UGC-NET in Education and Psychology Teaching Areas: Psychological Foundation of Education, Research Methodology, Measurement and Evaluation and Special Education Research Areas: Value Education, Special Education and Psychometrics in Pedagogic Sphere Research Work in Tribal Affairs, Counselling, and Rehabilitation Work for Children with Special Needs (MR)



### **JN Baliya**

Professor at Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu

Dr. J. N. Baliya has a vast experience of teaching and administration in teacher education institutes as teacher educator as well as principal for last 29 years and is presently working in the Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu, Jammu (J&K).He is also involved in the research work in the field of educational technology, curriculum development and pedagogical practices and written various research papers and articles in the relevant fields in the reputed journals at national/international level..He has authored six books on various educational issues. Dr Baliya is associated with various international and national organizations/bodies as, the life member in the executive boards. He is also the chief editor of International Journal of Education Technology and Movement Sciences and involved as advisor for various educational institutes at international, national and regional level.

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### Registration

Registration: **Rs. 100/-only** (Free for Persons with Disabilities)  
\*\*Xerox of the certificate of disability needs to be uploaded.

Account No.: **912010034708496**

IFSC Code: **UTIB0000624**

Bank Name and Address: **Axis Bank Ltd.**, Alpha Commercial Belt, Greater Noida

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**E-certificate will be provided after active participation.**

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