

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

INNOVATIVE PRACTICES AND RESEARCHES FOR EDUCATION AND  
REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT  
(DIVYANGJAN)

26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

## Organizers



Department of Visual Impairment  
Faculty of Special Education  
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Visual Impairment (NIEPVD)  
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## **About the University**

Dr. Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation (DSMNR) University established by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Uttar Pradesh Government came up by an Ordinance dated August 29, 2008, later replaced by U.P. Act No. 1 of 2009, dated February 19, 2009 and U.P. Act No. 24 of 2011, dated November 28, 2011. The first University of its kind, which also provides accessible and quality higher education to challenged students, in a completely barrier-free environment. The University comes under section 12(b) of UGC Act. University's mandate is primarily to serve the differently-abled segment (challenged students) of the society for which a horizontal reservation of 50% seats in all courses of the University has been provided, in addition to the normal reservation policy.

## **Objectives of the University**

- To facilitate & promote studies, research & extension work in emerging areas including rehabilitation courses with focus on visual impairment, hearing impairment, mental retardation, rehabilitation through engineering/ technology, community based rehabilitations, rehabilitation psychology, speech & hearing, locomotors and cerebral palsy, autism, spectrum disorder, rehabilitation therapy, vocational counseling rehabilitation, social work etc. through conventional and distance systems.
- To improve the delivery system through service initiatives, institutional and human resource and build partnerships to provide high quality, affordable, accountable, responsive & integrated services to the students, alumni, placement partners and all other stakeholders as one of the best centre for higher learning specially for differently able ones.
- To prepare professionals specially disabled to succeed as leaders, professional, informed consumers, responsible citizens, and life-long learners; reach out to an expanded audience of learners through residential and distance education, utilizing a variety of learning media and technologies; promote human and intellectual diversity by providing equal access and opportunity to the challenged population; contribute to the welfare and advancement of challenged people throughout the world.

## **About Department of Visual Impairment**

DSMNR University started its Department of Visual impairment under the banner of Faculty of Special Education since the inception of the University from academic session 2009-10 with D.Ed. and B.Ed. Special Education - Visual Impairment disability areas. Later the department started M.Ed. Special Education- Visual Impairment with approval of RCI. The Faculty developed excellent quality of infrastructural facilities which includes well equipped library, computer lab with adequate number of computers having internet and screen reading softwares and OCR, Orientation & Mobility Lab, Psychology Lab, Low Vision Assessment Lab, Vision Stimulation Room and other infrastructural facilities. Department also started Ph.D. from the year 2014. Currently the Department is having 2 Associate Professor, 3 Assistant Professors, 2 Special Educators and 1 Orientation & Mobility Instructor.

## **About NIEPVD**

The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD) owes its origin to St. Dunstan's Hostel for the War Blinded established in 1943, which offered a basic set of rehabilitation services to the soldiers and sailors blinded in the World War II. In 1950, the Government of India took over the St. Dunstan's Hostel and entrusted the Ministry of Education with the responsibility of developing comprehensive services for the rehabilitation of blind persons. Subsequently, services for the blind witnessed remarkable expansion. In the same year, the Government established the Training Centre for the Adult Blind to ensure reintegration of blind soldiers including other persons in the world of work. In 1951, the Government established Central Braille Press; in 1952, workshop for the manufacturing of Braille Appliances; in 1954, Sheltered Workshop; in 1975 Training Centre for the Adult Blind Women, and in 1953, Model School for the Visually Handicapped. In 1963, National Library for the Print Handicapped was established out of which National Talking Book Library was curved out in the year 1990. On integration of all the units in 1967, the Government established National Center for the Blind (NCB). This Centre was further upgraded as National Institute for the Visual Handicapped in the year 1979 and finally in 1982, it was registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and gained the status of an Autonomous Body.

## **Objectives of NIEPVD**

- To conduct, sponsor, co-ordinate and/or subsidize research in collaboration with other NGOs and research organizations including Universities into various dimensions of the education and rehabilitation of the visually impaired.
- To undertake, sponsor, co-ordinate or subsidize research into biomedical engineering leading to the effective evaluation of special appliances/ instruments or suitable surgical or medical procedures or the development of new special appliances/instruments.
- To undertake or sponsor the training of trainees and various specialized professionals including Teachers, Employment Officers, Psychologists, Vocational Counsellors and such other personnel as deemed necessary.
- To distribute, promote, or subsidies the manufactures of prototypes and to manage distribution of any or all devices designed to promote any aspect of the education, rehabilitation or employment of the Visually Impaired.

## **About the Seminar**

Goal of International Conference-2020 on Innovative Practices and Researches for Education and Rehabilitation of Persons with Visual Impairment (Divyangjan) is to deliver an outstanding program for exchange of ideas and authoritative views by leading eminent scholars which covers the entire spectrum of research in the field of visual impairment, their educational & rehabilitation and share the cross-cultural experiences of various intervention procedures.

The International Conference-2020 on Innovative Practices and Researches for Education and Rehabilitation of Persons with Visual Impairment (Divyangjan) will be meeting of rehabilitation professionals/researchers/ teacher educators/special educators working in the field of visual impairment across the world to discuss the future of various

schemes, policies, Acts and other important aspects related to rehabilitation and inclusion of persons with visual impairment in the mainstream society.

As we know, according to the Census, 2011, it is revealed that there are 2.68 crore persons with various disabilities and out of these 50 lacs persons are visually impaired. In addition to this there are more person with visual impairment among the 70 lacs other disabilities and multiple disabled persons. Such a large number of persons need appropriate and timely intervention for their education, rehabilitation and inclusion.

Quality of services provided to persons with visual impairment is one of the most important criteria which need to be discussed again and again in the context of challenges, new dimensions, effective transaction and evaluation. The conference secretariat invites research scholars/teachers/professional and various stakeholders working in the field of visual impairment and their rehabilitation on a common platform to share their views/ideas to make the conference successful. Recommendations of this conference will address and identify quality and reforms in visual impairment that our system need at this hour.

**Theme**            ‘**Innovative Practices and Researches for Education and Rehabilitation of Persons with Visual Impairment (Divyangjan)**’

**Sub themes**

1. Various Schemes and Policies regarding innovative practices and researches.
2. Early identification & intervention strategies.
3. Use of ICT and assistive technology in education & rehabilitation for PwVI.
4. Co-curricular activities for PwVI.
5. Teaching & evaluation of various subjects for students with visual impairment.
6. Exemplary practices used by Various Stakeholders (GOs, NGOs & Law Enforcement agencies).
7. Role of Print and Electronic Media in promoting Education & rehabilitation of PwVI.
8. Need based Curriculum designing and adaptations for PwVI.
9. Facilitating career and employment opportunities for PwVI.
10. Relevance of Braille in present scenario.
11. Recent trends in researches for education and rehabilitation of PwVI.

**Patron**

**Prof. Rana Krishna Pal Singh**  
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## Registration fee

Categories	<u>Early Bird</u> (Up to 16.12.2019)	<u>General</u> (Up to 16.01.2020)
Teachers/Professionals Students/Research Scholars	Rs. 2000.00	Rs. 3000.00
Foreign Teachers/students	US\$ 75	US\$ 100

**Note:**

1. Registration will be limited to 150 participants with CRE Status (30 CRE Marks) and 100 participants without CRE Status.
2. On the Spot Registration will not be available in any circumstance.

**CRE Marks:**

1. Resource person/keynote speaker : 40 marks.
2. Paper Presentation : 20 marks.
3. Poster Presentation : 15 marks.
4. Participants : 30 marks.

### Note:

1. Link for Registration is available on University's & NIEPVD's websites i.e. [www.dsmru.up.nic.in](http://www.dsmru.up.nic.in) & [www.nivh.gov.in](http://www.nivh.gov.in)
2. Registration Fee is to be submitted through online mode (NEFT/RTGS/IMPS) only.

(NEFT/RTGS details: Name of Account Holder: **Head, Department of Visual Impairment**, D.S.M. National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow, INDIA. Bank's Name: **Bank of Baroda**, Mohaan Road, Lucknow. Account No.: **36510100007794**. IFSC Code: **BARB0MOHAAN** (5th character is Zero)

### Last Date of full paper/poster with abstract submission

Teacher, Scholars, students, professionals, parents, and other stakeholders may send their abstract latest by **2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019** and full papers/posters latest by **20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** on email ID: [dovi.dsmnru@gmail.com](mailto:dovi.dsmnru@gmail.com).

Only selected papers will be allowed for presentations. The selected papers will be published as proceeding of the seminar having ISBN. **Last date i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec., 2019 (for abstract) & 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2019 (for full papers/posters) is final and no abstract/paper/posters will be entertained after the due date.**

### Expected Resource Persons/participants

It is expected that 50 delegates/resource persons from India as well as from abroad will grace their presence and approximately 250 participants/special educator/RCI registered professionals/students will present papers/participate the proposed Conference. Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi has given CRE status to this International Conference for 150 participants.

### Conference Exhibition

It is proposed to organize an exhibition on the various aids and appliances for PwVI, books on special education and other related aspects. The visitors of the exhibition can also procure the exhibited items. NIEPVD, other National Institutes under M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India and various non-government institutions/publishers may also put their stalls.

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**Registration Form**

Name of the participant: Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (with address): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Category: GEN/SC/ST/OBC

PwD: YES/NO Highest Professional Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

CRR No., if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid Accommodation required: YES/NO

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Mob.: \_\_\_\_\_ Aadhaar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Paper/Poster (if presenting paper/poster): \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of Registration fee:**

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**Note:** Please send Registration form along with copy of Registration fee receipt either by post or by email of the conference secretariat)

**Signature of delegate/participants**

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