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**Nationality:** Indian

**Designation:** Founder Trustee, Executive Director and Access Advisor, SAMARTHYAM- National Centre for Accessible Environments

**Ed. Qualification:** Bachelor of Science (Honours), University of Delhi

**Access Audit experience:**

Conducted access audits of more than 2500 public buildings in the country since 1998

**Training Experience:**

- 2004, Non-Handicapping Environment Workshop for National Trainers and Policy Makers, Asia Pacific Development Centre on Disability (APCD), Bangkok, Thailand
- 2002, Non-Handicapping Environment for Disabled People, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) at Bangkok, Thailand
- 2000, Promotion of Accessible Tourism, UNESCAP at Bali, Indonesia

**International Representation:**

- 2010 Chair and Speaker at 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Transport & Mobility for Elderly and the Disabled, June, Hong Kong
- 2009, Master Resource person and Access Consultant for framing of Universal Design Guidelines for Refugee Camps and villages, Bangladesh
- 2008, Resource Person and organizer of "Access for All" workshop, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2007, Chair and Speaker at 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Transport & Mobility for Elderly and the Disabled, June, Montreal, Canada
- 2006, Resource person at International Workshop on Implementing Accessibility Regulations, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2006, Panelist at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference for Universal Design Kyoto, Japan.
- 2006, Guest Lecturer at Municipal Lifelong Learning Centre, Osaka, Japan.
- 2004, Speaker at 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Transport & Mobility for Elderly and the Disabled, Hamamatsu, Japan.
- 2002, Resource Person at UNESCAP training on Non-Handicapping Environment for Disabled People at Bangkok, Thailand.

**Awards:**

- 2009, Noble Laureates- Karamveer Purskaar, National Awards for Social Justice and Citizen Action
- 2005, Social Act of Courage- 13<sup>th</sup> Red & White Bravery Gold Award, Delhi State
- 2005, Cavinkare Ability Mastery Award
- 2003, "National Award –Role Model", presented by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Former President of India

## Member:

- 2007-2012, Working Group on Empowering the Disabled (Barrier free Environment and Social Awareness), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, for the XI Five year Plan
- 2008-2011, Indian Road Congress- Urban Roads, Streets & Transport Committee (H-8)
- Asia Pacific Development Centre on Disability (APCD), Bangkok (Thailand)
- International Centre of Accessible Transportation (ICAT), Canada
- Transport Research Board (TRB), UK
- GIA Committee, Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- Design for All Institute, India
- Equal Opportunity Cell, University of Delhi, India
- ICONGO Confederation of NGOs, India
- NMT Cell, Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System Limited, India

## Publications:

- 2009, "Training Manual to promote Universal Design", Second Edition, published by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)
- 2008, Authored first edition of "Training Manual to promote Barrier Free Environment- Guidelines for Training of Trainers", published by RCI
- 2008, Technical Brochures on "Right of Way" & "Traffic Police & Hum Tum" for Professionals, Administrators and Planners published by National Trust, MSJE, Government of India
- 2007, "Access ABCD"- Authored Booklet on Barrier Free Environment, in Internal Design Considerations for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities published by for National Trust
- 2006, Authored chapters in "Work Book for In-service Teachers", on Barrier Free Environment in Inclusive School published by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).
- 2005, Authored chapter in "Handbook of Inclusive Education for Educators, Administrators and Planners", published by SAGE Publications; New Delhi/Thousand Oaks/London.
- 2004- 07, Technical Brochures on "Access for All" and "Internal & External Design Considerations", for Professionals, Administrators and Planners, published by VSO, FICCI SEDF, Vidyasagar and Handicap International

## Research:

- 2010, Accessibility Research and Comparative Analysis of Building Standards & regulations (Building Bye-Laws) in various states of India
- 2009, "Research study on IRC: 103-1988 -Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities for Indian Road Congress"
- 2010, Action Oriented Research Project On Community Accessibility & Inclusion Audit
- 2008, "Research on Right of Way in Road & Street Infrastructure for Persons with Severe Disabilities"
- 2006-07, "Road Safety Aspects and Street Infrastructure for Persons with disabilities and Elderly" with implementation strategies for 1 km area in Central Delhi
- 2006-07, "Research & Design for making of Braille Registration plates and Audio Meters in Auto Rickshaws"
- 2006, "Implementation of user-friendly Public Transport Systems (Bus & bus Shelters) in Delhi"
- 2005, "Promotion of user-friendly Public Transport Systems (Bus & bus shelters) in India"
- 2005, "Accessibility of Indian Railways"

**Master Trainer for Training of Trainers (TOT) Course for Promotion of Non-Handicapping Barrier Free Environment and Creation of Resource Pool of Access Auditors:**

**2010, Unnati at Ahmadabad** for 27 architects and interior designers

**2009, Voluntary Services Overseas (International NGO)**, at New Delhi for 30 persons from all over India working with NGOs and DPOs

**2009, National Trust, M/o SJE and BITS Mesra**, at Ranchi for 50 persons from BIT Mesra, service providers, stake holders and disabled persons

**2009, Department of Social Welfare and O/o Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities NCTD** at New Delhi for 20 officers from PWD, NDMC, Health, Education, NGO

**2009, CBM (International NGO)**, at Bangalore for 25 persons including persons with disabilities from all over India and Sri Lanka

**2008, Action Aid International and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation**, Bangalore and Delhi for Transport Department, Professional and NGO's for more than 400 persons

**2005-07, Post-Tsunami reconstruction work:** With funding support from Handicap International, organized 8 workshops for around 50 Public Works Department (PWD) Civil Engineers, Architects and contractors in Port Blair & Rangat, Andaman Island.

**2005-07, Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities** (Statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India): **Lucknow** (Uttar Pradesh), **Chandigarh** (Union Territory) and **Raipur** (Chhattisgarh). Around 300 participants from 14 States with diverse backgrounds including architects, engineers and urban planners and NGO's were trained on importance of BFE and practical field visit i.e. access audit and report presentation.

**2004- 2007, Post Earthquake reconstruction work in Ahmadabad, Baroda and Bhuj (Gujarat):** More than 470 Civil Engineers, Architects, students of NID & CEPT, professionals from NGOs and DPOs from Baroda, Ahmadabad (Gujarat State) and New Delhi were trained.

**2004 & 2007, Department of Social Welfare (DSW), Government of Goa, Goa:** Three-day TOT for above 60 Engineers/BDO's and Architects. These trainings have led in promotion of massive accessible features in the entire state of Goa and Goa was awarded National Award for Barrier Free State, 2006 and DSW has taken up the vision of "Accessible Goa by 2008".

**2003-04, Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)** (Statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India): Bangalore (Karnataka) & Chennai (Tamil Nadu).

**2002-2004, O/o the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities: Hyderabad, Guwahati, Delhi:** Around 200 participants from 10 States with diverse backgrounds including architects, engineers and urban planners and NGO's were trained on importance of BFE and practical field visit i.e. access audit and report presentation.

**2004, National Seminar on PwDs and Elderly, Kolkata (West Bengal):** organized by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India and IIT, Kharagpur

## **Organizer and Resource person of First National Conference on Accessible Transportation- “Mobility for All”, 2006:**

In academic collaboration with Transportation Research & Injury Prevention Programme (TRIPP) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, 17-19 March 2006. The very purpose of this Conference was to bring the Government, service providers, stake holders and user groups on one platform and Draft Implementation Policies and Guidelines on “National Policy on Accessible Transportation” addressing the concerns of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and senior citizens. This National Conference was the first endeavor of its kind in the country, supported by Union Tourism Ministry, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India and the Corporate Sector.

## **Resource person/organizer of Disability Awareness/Experiential Exercise Training Workshops:**

2010, CPWD, Architects and Engineers, MoUD  
2010, Centre for Science & Environment- Government officers, Urban Planners and Engineers  
2009, CPWD, Architects and Engineers, Ghaziabad  
2009, IGNOU, Delhi Non-teaching Staff and Security Guards  
2009, Voluntary Services Overseas, New Delhi  
2009, Christopher Blind Mission (CBM), Bangalore  
2009, Deepshikha NGO, BIT Mesra & Service providers, Ranchi  
2009, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Delhi  
2008, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC): Architects and Engineers, Delhi  
2008, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi: Transport Planners, Professors and Researchers  
2008, Engineering Department, University of Delhi  
2008, CPWD, Commonwealth Games Organizing Committee  
2006-07, Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), Delhi, Scientists, Researchers, Academicians, Transport, Town & Urban Planners.  
2005-06, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Delhi, 2 workshops for faculty and Students of Transport Planning, Architecture and Industrial Design.  
2004-07, National Institute for Design (NID), School of Interior Designers (CEPT), College of Architecture; Baroda & Ahmadabad; Gujarat  
2003, Roshni NGO, Gwalior  
2003, 5 workshops for Auto rickshaw/three wheeler drivers (Badge Training) - with State Transport Authority, Burari, Delhi and Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) bus drivers.

**Disability:** Muscular Dystrophy (assisted wheel chair user, need attendant for activities of daily living)