

**MBS SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, DWARKA (DELHI)**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**SENSORY ALL, RAMBAGH INDORE/ KOTTURPURAM CHENNAI**

PRESENTS NATIONAL ONLINE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

**“INTEGRATING UNIVERSAL DESIGN TO FOSTER INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENTS”**

**6TH - 10TH JANUARY, 2025 | 10:30 AM - 01:45 PM**



**Preamble**

The Faculty Development Program on “Integrating Universal Design to Foster Inclusive and Accessible Environments” is designed for architectural educators committed to advancing inclusive design practices within the built environment. As societal awareness of accessibility grows, architects must be equipped with the knowledge and skills to create spaces that meet the diverse needs of all individuals, including those with physical, sensory, and cognitive disabilities. This program delves into the principles of Universal Design (UD), offering faculty practical strategies for embedding inclusivity into architectural pedagogy and practice. In addition to exploring design principles, the program will highlight relevant Indian government norms and regulations that mandate inclusivity in the built environment. The Harmonized Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier-Free Built Environment for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Persons (2016), issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, further reinforce these requirements.

By aligning with these government mandates, faculty will gain a deeper understanding of how to integrate these guidelines into design curricula, ensuring that future architects are well-prepared to create spaces that are not only functional but also inclusive, equitable, and welcoming for everyone.

**Registration Details**

Registration Fees- Rs. 1500/-

\*\*\*\*\***Early Bird Registration (On or before 23-12-2024)-**

**Rs. 1000/-**

**Registration Link-**

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**Program Outcomes:**

By the end of the program, participants will:

1. Understand disability diversity and accessibility challenges.
2. Be familiar with accessibility laws, standards, and Universal Design principles.
3. Gain practical knowledge in designing inclusive spaces.
4. Develop strategies for embedding Universal Design in architectural pedagogy.
5. Advocate for and implement inclusive practices in their institutions and projects.

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**Day: Understanding Disability**

**Speaker: Ar. Shivani Shah, Neurodiversity Accessibility Consultant**

Objective: Build empathy and challenge stereotypes about disability, laying the foundation for inclusive design thinking.

Session 1: Breaking Myths, Stereotypes, and Building Empathy: Who Do We Design For?

Session 2: “Nothing About Us Without Us”- Stories, Barriers, and Enablers

**Day 2: Legal Perspectives on Accessibility**

**Speaker: Smitha Sadasivan, Disability Rights Activist**

Objective: Equip participants with an understanding of accessibility laws, guidelines, and real-life implementation challenges.

Session 1: Accessibility Laws and Rights

Session 2: Real-Life Projects and Challenges in Enforcement

**Day 3: Introduction to Universal Design and Architectural Guidelines**

**Speaker: Dr. Kavita Murugkar, Universal Design Expert**

Objective: Introduce Universal Design principles and explore architectural guidelines for external environments.

Session 1: Principles of Universal Design and Global Perspectives

Session 2: Architectural Guidelines for Accessibility (Part 1): External Environments

**Day 4: Architectural Guidelines (Part 2) and Design Thinking**

**Speaker Session-1 : Dr. Kavita Murugkar, Universal Design Expert ,**

**Speaker Session-2 : Ar. Shivani Shah, Neurodiversity Accessibility Consultant**

Objective: Deepen understanding of architectural guidelines for internal environments and engage in design thinking for inclusive design

Session 1: Architectural Guidelines for Accessibility (Part 2): Internal Environments

Session 2: Design Thinking for Inclusive Design

**Day 5: Incorporating Universal Design in Pedagogy**

**Speaker: Dr. Kavita Murugkar, Universal Design Expert**

Objective: Enable participants to integrate Universal Design principles into architectural education, fostering inclusive design practices.

Session 1: Embedding UD in Architectural Pedagogy: Identifying Gaps and Opportunities

Session 2: Developing Interdisciplinary and Experiential Teaching Methods

**Speakers**



**Ar. Shivani Shah,**  
**Neurodiversity Accessibility**  
**Consultant**



**Smitha Sadasivan,**  
**Disability Rights Activist**



**Dr. Kavita Murugkar**  
**Universal Design Expert**

**Notes:**

- Teachers/ architects who wish to register for the development program may do so by filling up the Google form available on the given link.
- To confirm registration, kindly upload proof of payment towards the registration fees.
- Attendance on all days for all the sessions is mandatory and it is compulsory to stay connected online throughout the program.
- Link to join the program will be shared one day prior to the program. This program is not for students.
- E-Certificate of said development program shall be send via email on registered email id of participants, after successful completion of development program by participant i.e. attending all sessions and submitting assignments and feedback form of the development program.