**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear Participants,

A very warm welcome to relatively cold Kathmandu, the land of Himalayas. We are very excited to host you for 3 days of learning and exchange of ideas. More than 300 participants has already registered for the conference, and we expect that some more friends and colleagues from Nepal would be joining us. We hope that you too share the same excitement to join us for the conference.

The three days conference has been designed to provide us maximum opportunity to share our learning and experiences. Whereas the day one and three of the conference will be plenary sessions, day two will be dedicated to workshops sessions. Altogether, we will have opportunity to hear from more than 70 professionals from Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, United Kingdome, United States of America and other Asian countries.

**ICEVI: International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI)** is a global association of individuals and organizations that promotes equal access to appropriate education for all children and youth with visual impairment so that they may achieve their full potential. The West Asia Region of the ICEVI is headed by Dr. Bhushan Punani with Head Quarters at Ahmedabad. Visit website [www.icevi.org](http://www.icevi.org) for more details on ICEVI. Visit website [www.iceviwestasia.in](http://www.iceviwestasia.in) for more details on ICEVI West Asia.

**Sense International India** (also known as Sense India) is the first and only national level organisation supporting specialized services which enable children and adults with deafblindness to overcome the challenges caused by deafblindness. We combine individual, corporate, institutional and government support to work with a growing network of partner organisations in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, who provide a wide range of services to create opportunities for children and young adults through home and centre based services to learn communication and daily-living skills and receive basic education and acquire income generating skills which lead to family-based productive activities and independent living. Visit website <http://www.senseintindia.org> for more details on this organization.

**Our Experience of Hosting Conferences**: The ICEVI West Asia if known for organizing such National and Regional Level Conferences at regular intervals. So far, it has organized the following conferences:

**Hosted by ICEVI Nepal and ADRAD-Nepal**

**Action on Disability Rights and Development (ADRAD-Nepal)** is a human rights social organization of persons with disabilities established in Nepal. The purpose of this organization is to support implementation of UNCRPD, policy intervention, promotion of accessible Information Communication Technology, Disability Inclusive DRR and achieving Disability related indicators of SDG. ADRAD has been awarded in Zero Project Conference, Vienna in 2016 and 2018 respectively for the promotion of inclusive education using accessible ICT and promoting accessible post-earthquake reconstruction in Nepal. This organization has been listed as accredited organization of UN, member of the disability stakeholder group of UNISDRR and the secretariat of ICEVI-Nepal.

**ICEVI Nepal**: ICEVI Global has been promoting education of children with visual impairment since 1992 with Mr. Madhav Aryal as Country Representative on ICEVI West Asia. Nepal was covered as a Focus Country under Education for All Children (EFAVI) and variety of activities on promotion of education were organized. The Ministry of Education has always extending its fullest cooperation and support. The ICEVI also extended support to Nepal under Lee Foundation Grant and promoted development of Uniform Nepalese Braille and sensitization of teachers. It also motivated formation of Vision Alliance Nepal which is a joint initiative of ICEVI and World Blind Union. The ICEVI also organized a Champions Program for blind youth at Lalitpur during 17-18 August, 2018 and “Reading without Seeing” Workshop at Pokhra. At present, ICEVI West Asia has two representatives from Nepal including Mr. Madhav Aryal and Mr. Birendra Raj Pokhrel.

**Venue**: **Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC)**
 Jawalakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal

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**Dates**: 16th to 18th February, 2020

**Secretariat**: **Action on Disability Rights and Development (ADRAD)**

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**Theme of the Conference**: “**Inclusive Education: Leaving No One Behind”**

**Sub Themes**

* **Early Intervention and Child Preparatory Practices**
* **Inclusive practices and school age**
* **Inclusion and children with severe disabilities**
* **Policies and Legislations in Asia and inclusive practices**
* **Skill training and inclusive practices**
* **Technology and its use to enhance inclusion**
* **Access – Physical, communication , attitudinal , social and emotional**
* **Governance**
* **Resource Mobilization**

**Recognition**: This Conference is recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India for 150 participants (Indian Participants) under Continuing Rehabilitation, Education (CRE).

**Core Committee**

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

\* **Dr. MNG Mani**, ICEVI

\* **Ms. Nandini Rawal**, ICEVI

\* **Mr. Akhil Paul**, Sense India

\* **Mr. Madhav Aryal**, ICEVI, Nepal

\* **Mr. Birendra Raj Pokharel**, ADRAD, Nepal

\* **Mr. Sachin Rizal**, Sense India

\* **Mr. Bharat Joshi**, Blind People's Association

**Programme Committee**

\* **Ms. Nandini Rawal** (Chairperson)

\* **Ms. Vimal Thawani**, Blind People's Association

\* **Ms. Sampada Shevde**, Voice & Vision, Perkins International Program

\* **Dr. S. R. Mittal**, Member, ICEVI West Asia

\* **Mr. Uttam Kumar**, Sense India

\* **Mr. Birendra Raj Pokharel**, ADRAD, Nepal

**Registration Fee Covers:**

* Conference kit including conference material
* 3 lunches, 1 dinner and 1 High Tea
* Pick up from designated hotel to conference venue and return
* Braille material, audio material and e-material

**Responsibility of Participants**: Look after their own travel, make payment and pay for non-covered meals, hotel accommodation, insurance, incidental and other personal expenses. The Conference organizers have arranged hotel accommodation for participants who have to paid the hotel costs themselves.

**For more details contact:**

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**Conference Email**: iceviwestasia@gmail.com **Website:** [www.iceviwestasia.in](http://www.iceviwestasia.in)

**Conference WhatsApp Group**: ICEVI Sense Nepal 2020

**Green Conference**:

As this will be a green conference,

* No conference material shall be printed
* All updates shall be provided through WhatsApp, website, email and mobile
* Complete material shall be provided as e-text (Audio, soft material and Braille

**Hotel Accommodation**:

Stay arrangements have been made in following Hotels:



Tillganga, Kathmandu, NEPAL

00977-9802031523-9851024965

00977-1-4113676-77-78

This hotel is approximately 1.5 KM / 15 minutes walking from the international and domestic airport in Kathmandu. You can follow the walking route along with Ring Road which will have Golf Course in your right.

**PALAGYA HOTEL**



This hotel is approximately 1.5 KM / 15 minutes walking from the international and domestic airport in Kathmandu.

**Hotel Marshyangadi**



### Chaksibari Marg, Thamel Kathmandu, Nepal

### Tel : +977 01 4700105 | 4701129 | 4701788 | 4700022. sales@hotelmarshyangdi.com, info@hotelmarshyangdi.com

This hotel is located at the heart of City, Thamel, the hotel is 25 minutes’ drive from the airport.

**Sponsors of the Conference**:

# **Lead Sponsor:**

# FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LOT OF THE BLIND

 

**Conference Bag:**



Arvind Ltd, Ahmedabad

**Reception Lunch :**



Hart Foundation & Research Institute

**Reception Dinner :**

 

Nepal Tourism Board

**Supported By**

Ankur Foundation for Inclusive Education (AFINED)

**25 Participants Sponsored**



V S Gandhi Charitable Trust, Kapadwanj, Gujarat

**Writing Pad:**

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Adult Training Centre for the Blind, Ahmedabad (www.atcforblind.org)

Award Function

* Padmshri Jagdish K Patel - Sense India Award for recognizing outstanding work to be announced during valedictory function.

**General Information:**

* Weather at Kathmandu

The weather in Kathmandu during the conference period will be towards colder side where maximum temperature will reach upto 18°C and minimum temperature will dip upto 6°C. The days will be mostly sunny with some clouds.

* Need for woolen clothes

It is recommended to carry warm clothes to cover yourself well when outside. Venue is air-conditioned, hence will be warm and cozy.

* **Accommodation:**

Registered participants-who have sent their hotel booking forms, the rooms have been booked for them. Letters indicating place of your accommodation and venue of conference and other details are being sent to participants. If you do not receive any information, kindly visit our website: [www.iceviwestasia.in](http://www.iceviwestasia.in)

People who are booked at the Hotel are requested to bring identity proof. The valid identity proofs are

1. Voter id Card (for participants from India)
2. Passport
* **Payment for Accommodation:**

All participants **(except those who are sponsored**) will pay for their stay and food on their own directly to the hotel. ICEVI West Asia Region will not be responsible for payment of accommodation.

For participants who are sponsored, ICEVI West Asia will only be responsible to pay for your accommodation, food and transportation between hotel and conference venue. All other expenses has to be met by you.

* **Breakfasts, Lunches during the Conference:**

The breakfast for participants staying in Hotel Narayana and Palagya and local participants on all three days (16, 17, 18 February 2020).will be provided at the conference venue

The lunch on all three days (16, 17, 18 February 2020) will be provided at the conference venue.

* **Cultural Programme and Reception Dinner:**

The cultural programme followed by reception diner will be organized on the first day (16th February 2020) of the conference.

The participants will also get an exposure to Nepali Music and Culture in a unique programme through performance by persons with disabilities. Participants will also be provided an opportunity to showcase their talent. The cultural evening will start at 5:30 pm on 16th February evening and dinner will start at 7:30 pm onwards at the conference venue.

* The lunch on 16th February has been sponsored by the Heart Foundation and Research Institute, Ahmedabad
* The reception dinner on 16th February has been sponsored by Nepal Tourism board, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of Nepal.
* **Travel Documents:**

### Identity Documents Required for Indian Citizen Going To / Coming From Nepal By Air.

### Valid National Passport.

### Photo Identity card issued by the Government of India/State Govt./UT Administration in India to their employees or Election ID card issued by the Election Commission of India.

**Aadhar Card (UID) is not an acceptable travel document for travel to Nepal.**

### Participants from other countries need to get valid passport and visa to visit Nepal.

* **Conference Proceedings:**

Proceedings of the Conference including Key Note, Full Papers, Entertainment Programme and Photographs & Recommendations will be available from the website [www.iceviwestasia.in](http://www.iceviwestasia.in) the conference session will start every day at 9:30 am; hence you need to be seated in hall by 9:15 am.

* **Exhibitions during the conference:**

The following organizations will exhibit their products, and literature. The participants are requested to visit the exhibitions stalls during the conference.

* + - **Torchit Electronics Pvt. Ltd.**
		- **Benetech- Bookshare Helpline - Asia & Africa**
		- **Perkins International**
		- **ICEVI**
* **Currency:**

Nepal has its own currency (NPR), however, Indian currency (INR) is widely accepted. A fix exchange rate of 1 INR = 1.6 NPR is applicable. The Indian citizens are allowed to carry 25,000 INR to Nepal. Indian Currency **notes of only Rs. 100 are allowed** but Indian currency Notes of 500 and 2000 are illegal to bring into Nepal and if caught they will be confiscated and you will be fined. Indian currency notes of Rs. 100 or less are freely accepted all over Nepal.

You will also find many currency exchange centres around hotel where you can exchange USD / GBP / Euro as required.

* **Method of hiring pre-paid taxis at the airport**

Kathmandu International Airport management committee is providing 24-hour prepaid taxi counter in Tribhuvan International Airport. You could find this just before you exit the airport building, past the tourist information center. They charge at a fixed rate and will provide a receipt. As they are government regulated, they are committed and will ensure your safety and anything else that goes with you! Note, however, that they are on a slightly more expensive side than a local public taxi.

* **Arrangement for travel from hotel to Conference venue**

The organizing committee has arranged complementary bus transfer service from Hotel Narayana, Palagya and Hotel Marshyangdi to the conference venue. The bus will start every morning at 7:30 am from Hotel Narayana and Palagya and at 8:30 am from Hotel Marshyangdi. (Please note that participants staying at Narayana and Palagya will be provided breakfast at the Conference venue). Participants from other hotels shall be required to travel on their own. The bus will drop the participants back to the hotel after the conference sessions are concluded. Please note that the bus will take fixed route and no request to change the route would be possible.

* **Design of Conference Badge and Banner**

 

* **Google maps:**

Conference Venue- Nepal Administrative Staff College ([NASC](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Administrative%2BStaff%2BCollege/%4027.6711711%2C85.3111099%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m5%213m4%211s0x39eb1832b2c9a291%3A0x91894fa7594334d9%218m2%213d27.6711664%214d85.3132986)) Lalitpur.

From Hotel [Narayana](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Hotel%2BNarayana%2C%2BPashupatinath%2BMarg%2B44621%2C%2BKathmandu%2B44600%2C%2BNepal/Administrative%2BStaff%2BCollege%2C%2BLalitpur%2C%2BNepal/%4027.6878552%2C85.3161852%2C14z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m13%214m12%211m5%211m1%211s0x39eb19821200fa5d%3A0x55c2c6fc99659953%212m2%211d85.3487897%212d27.7055986%211m5%211m1%211s0x39eb1832b2c9a291%3A0x91894fa7594334d9%212m2%211d85.3132986%212d27.6711664), Palagya to Conference Venue:

From Hotel [Marshyangdi](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Hotel%2BMarshyangdi%2C%2BChaksibari%2BMarg%2C%2BKathmandu%2C%2BNepal/Administrative%2BStaff%2BCollege%2C%2BLalitpur%2C%2BNepal/%4027.694058%2C85.2749051%2C13z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m13%214m12%211m5%211m1%211s0x39eb18e4876a378f%3A0x539d2ea2574b4d8%212m2%211d85.309995%212d27.717007%211m5%211m1%211s0x39eb1832b2c9a291%3A0x91894fa7594334d9%212m2%211d85.3132986%212d27.6711664) to Conference Venue

* **Medical Services during the Conference:**

The doctor with the team will be available for all three days of the conference.

All the participants are requested to carry their daily prescribed medicines.

* **Availability to Mobile Sim Cards and likely tariff thereof**

You can buy prepaid mobile phone sim card at the airport on arrival, however, conference committee is arranging for a sim card stall at the conference venue on 16th Feb 2020. Please carry a passport size photograph and copy of your passport and Voter ID.

* **Contact numbers in case of emergency:**

When in Nepal, you can reach to organizers on local numbers:

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* **Sightseeing in Nepal:**

 There are plenty of places to see and do in Kathmandu, some of the prominent places are:

* #1 THAMEL NEIGHBORHOOD
* #2 BOUDHANATH STUPA
* #3 SWAYAMBHUNATH TEMPLE
* #4 KATHMANDU DURBAR SQUARE
* #5 PASHUPATINATH TEMPLE
* #6 HANUMAN DHOKA