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## Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) Report

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On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) was observed with the goal of promoting awareness and understanding of digital accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities. The event featured several engaging programs:

1. Poster Competition among students of NILD, Kolkata.
2. Quiz Competition for the PWDs and others attending OPD.
3. Webinar on “Emerging Digital Accessibility and Inclusion”.



A total of 62 students from the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata, participated in the poster competition.

Dr. Himel Chakraborty, Research Officer and Mr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee, Demonstrator(O) served as judges for the competition.

The top three students were awarded prizes:

1. Ms. Manishree Kalita-1<sup>st</sup> Prize
2. Mr. Sagnick Karmakar- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize
3. Ms. Gayatri Lenka-3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

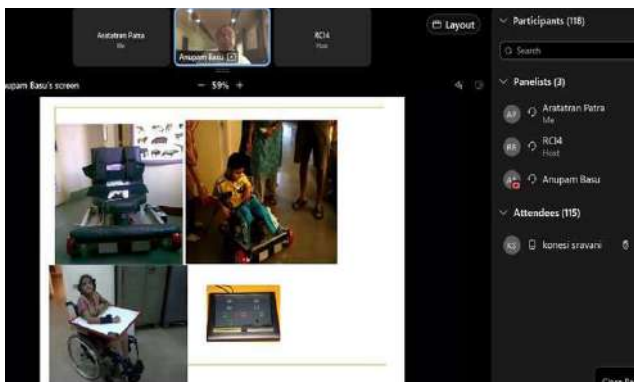


The Prizes were distributed by Dr. Ameer Equebal, Director In-charge, Mr. Saugato Banerjee, Dy. Director(Admin) and Dr. P. K. Lenka, HOD, P & O. Mr. Hasan Arif Raihan coordinated the poster competition.

A quiz competition was organized for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and OPD attendees with a total of 52 participants. Participants received pens and chocolates. Mr. Abhishek Tripathi and Ms. Polly Ghosh conducted the quiz.



Webinar on “Emerging Digital Accessibility and Inclusion” was approved by Rehabilitation Council of India as CRE status vide F. No.CRE-24041320398322/2024-RCI.Total 118 participants attended the webinar. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Amed Equebal, Director I/c in the presence of Mr. Saugato Benerjee, Deputy Director(Admin) and Dr. P. K. Lenka (Head of Prosthetics & Orthotics). Mr. Aratran Patra, Program coordinator welcomed the Guests and participants. Dr. Amed Equebal, marking the beginning of an enlightening journey into the realm of accessibility. Director’s inaugural remarks set a tone of enthusiasm and commitment towards fostering a more inclusive digital environment.



Distinguished speakers included Prof. Anupam Basu, Former Director and Professor, Dept of Computer Science and Engineering, NIT, Durgapur, West Bengal discussed technological innovations for accessibility. Dr. P. K. Lenka, HOD(P & O) addressed mobile accessibility challenges and solutions. Prof. Anupam Basu discussed cutting-edge technological advancements aimed at enhancing accessibility for people with disabilities. These innovations could span various domains, such as software, hardware, and assistive technologies. Topics covered include: Smart Devices: Exploration of how smart devices (e.g., smartphones, wearables) can be customized for accessibility. Machine Learning and AI: Applications of machine learning and artificial intelligence to improve accessibility. Gesture Recognition: Innovations in gesture-based interfaces for individuals with mobility challenges. Wearable Assistive Devices: Examples of wearable devices designed for accessibility. Accessible User Interfaces: Design principles for creating inclusive user interfaces.



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