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**REPORT ON THE AWARENESS GENERATION PROGRAM ON**  
**“Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) 2026”**

**Theme: “Design, Develop, Deliver”**

**Date of Program: 18/05/2026**

**Program Type: National Webinar (Online Mode)**

**Organized by: Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Patna**

Under the Administrative Control of: National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD)

DEPwD, MSJE, Government of India

Date of Program: **18th May 2026**

Venue: **Online Mode (CRC Patna, Bihar)**

Day Celebration: **Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) 2026**

**Total No. of Registration: 240**

**Total No. of Participants: 100**

**OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM**

The objective of organizing the National Level Online Webinar on “Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) 2026” was to create awareness regarding digital accessibility, inclusive technologies, and equal participation of persons with disabilities in the digital environment. The program aimed to sensitize students, professionals, rehabilitation practitioners, educators, and stakeholders about the importance of accessible digital platforms and inclusive practices in education, healthcare, employment, and communication systems.

**INTRODUCTION**

Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Patna, under the administrative control of National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), DEPwD, MSJE, Government of India, successfully organized a National Level Online Webinar Program on the occasion of “Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) 2026” on 18th May 2026.

The webinar was conducted under the esteemed guidance of Dr. Lalit Narayan, Director, NILD Kolkata and Dr. Anil Kumar, Director I/c, CRC Patna. The event was organized with the objective of promoting awareness about accessibility and inclusion in the digital world for persons with disabilities.

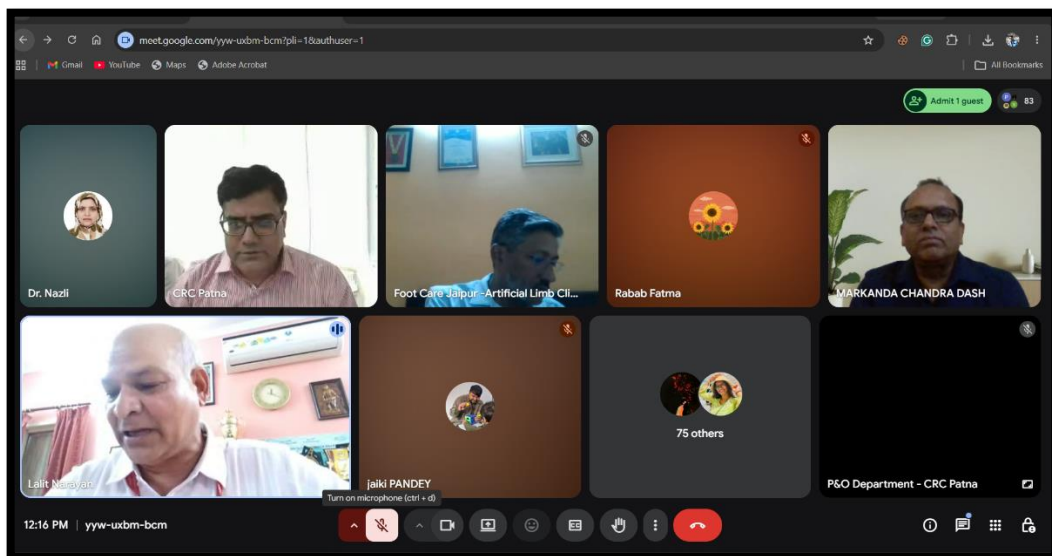
The webinar received an overwhelming response from participants across the country and served as a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and discussion on accessible technologies and inclusive digital practices.

## INAUGURAL SESSION

The inaugural address was delivered by **Dr. Lalit Narayan**, Director NILD Kolkata, who highlighted the significance of accessibility and inclusive digital transformation in the present era. He emphasized the need for collective efforts to ensure equal digital access and opportunities for persons with disabilities.

The welcome address was delivered by **Dr. Anil Kumar**, Director I/c CRC Patna, who welcomed all the dignitaries, resource persons, participants, faculty members, and staff. He stressed the importance of awareness generation programs in building an inclusive and accessible society.

The introduction of the webinar and program objectives was presented by **Shri Parthasarathi Swain**, who briefed the participants about the significance of celebrating Global Accessibility Awareness Day and the importance of digital accessibility for persons with disabilities. All faculty members and officials of CRC Patna actively participated and extended their support for the successful conduct of the program.





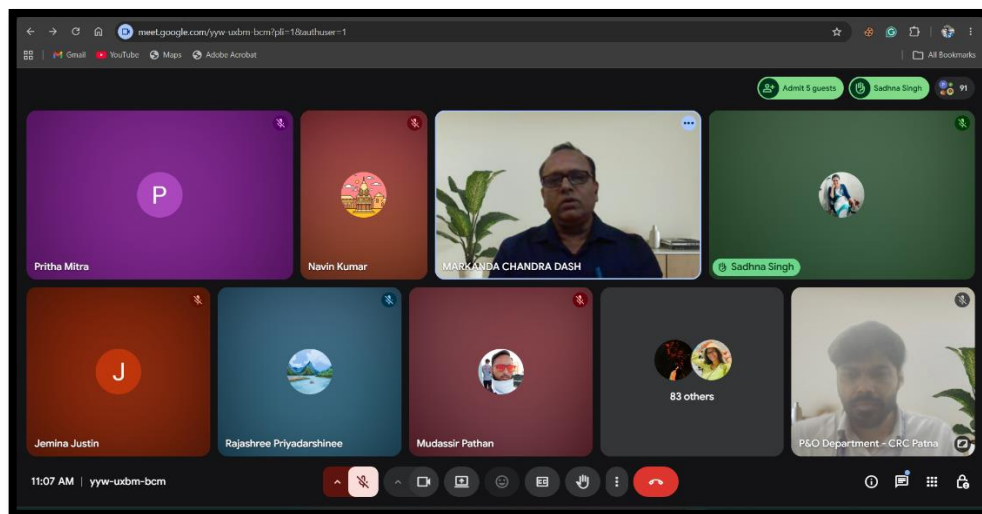
## RESOURCE PERSONS

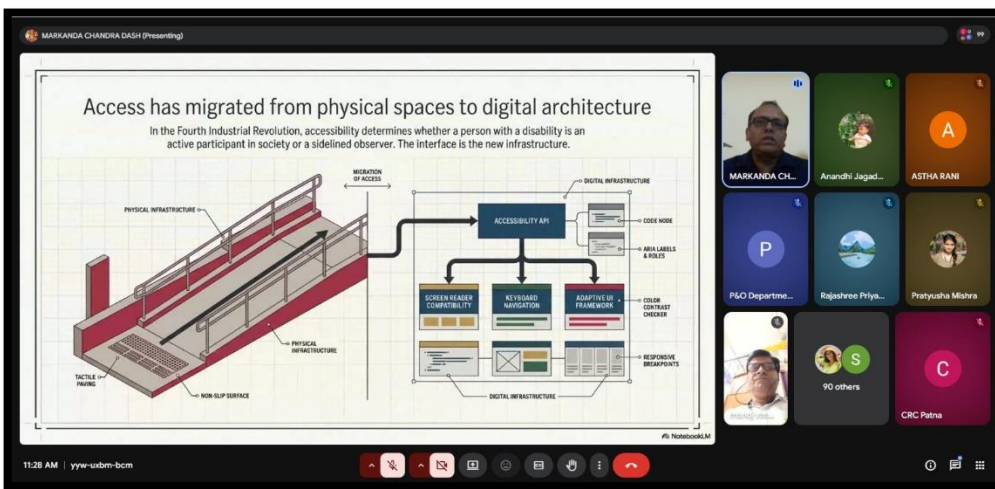
The distinguished resource persons for the webinar were:

1. Dr. Markanda Chandra Dash
2. Dr. Nazli

### Technical Session – 1: Dr. Markanda Chandra Dash

Dr. Markanda Chandra Dash served as the Resource Person for Technical Session – 1. He is presently working as Chief Prosthetist & Orthotist, Senior Manager, and In-charge of Artificial Limb Centre, Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi. He is also the National President of OPAI and Treasurer of ISPO (India). He delivered an insightful session on the topic: “Digital Accessibility and Inclusive Communication: Bridging Barriers for Persons with Disabilities in the Modern Era.”





## Technical Session – 2: Dr. Nazli

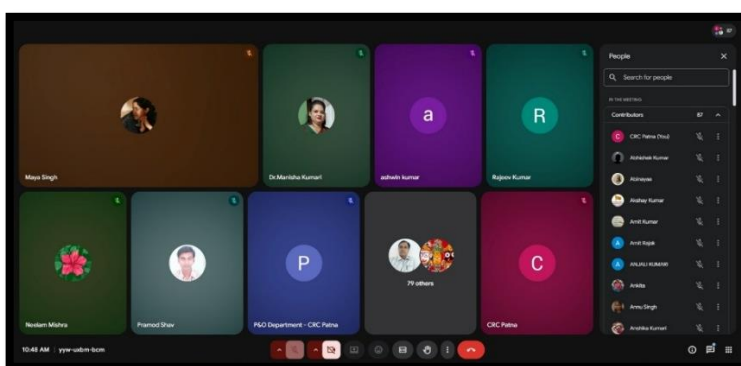
Dr. Nazli was the Resource Person for Technical Session – 2. She is serving as Assistant Professor in Special Education at Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, with more than 20 years of experience in the field of Special Education and Rehabilitation. She delivered an informative session on the topic: “Promoting Digital Accessibility and Inclusive Technologies for Empowering Persons with Disabilities in Education.”



## PARTICIPATION AND PROCEEDINGS

The webinar witnessed **registration from approximately 240 participants** from different parts of the country, including rehabilitation professionals, students, academicians, special educators, therapists, PWDs, Parents and other stakeholders working in the disability sector. Due to the limitations of the Google Meet platform, live participation during the session was restricted to 100 participants. Despite this limitation, the program received active engagement and appreciation from participants.

The sessions were highly informative and interactive. The resource persons discussed various aspects related to digital accessibility, accessibility barriers faced by persons with disabilities, universal design principles, inclusive communication, and the role of assistive technologies in enhancing accessibility and participation. The webinar successfully created awareness among participants regarding the significance of Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) and promoted the concept of accessible and inclusive digital environments.



## SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

The program was effectively interpreted in sign language by **Ms. Monika Singh**, ensuring accessibility and inclusive participation for persons with hearing impairment.

## VOTE OF THANKS

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by **Dr. Rajendra Kumar Praveen**, Asst. Professor (SE), CRC Patna. He expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, resource persons, participants, faculty members, organizers, and supporting staff for their valuable contributions and active participation in making the program successful.



## **COORDINATION AND MODERATION**

The entire online national webinar program was successfully coordinated and moderated by **Shri Parthasarathi Swain**, P&O/Program Coordinator. His dedicated efforts and effective coordination ensured the smooth execution of the event.

## **CONCLUSION**

The National Level Online Webinar organized on the occasion of “Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) 2026” by Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Patna was successfully conducted and achieved its objectives of promoting awareness regarding digital accessibility and inclusion. The program provided an excellent platform for professionals, students, and stakeholders to understand the importance of accessible technologies and inclusive digital environments for persons with disabilities. The active participation and positive response from attendees reflected the relevance and significance of the program in promoting accessibility, equality, and inclusion in society.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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- **Shri. Pravin Kumar, Asst. Professor (PT), NILD Kolkata - Nodal Officer, CRC Patna**
- **Ms. Priyadarshini, Director, CRC Patna**
- **Dr. Anil Kumar, Director I/c, CRC Patna**
- **All Resource Persons and Dignitaries**
- **Faculty, Staffs and Participants**

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