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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

CRE Status

NIEPID

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BUILDING BRIDGES FOR INCLUSIVITY

Organised by

National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Secunderabad (TS)

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KiiT International School

under the management of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

In collaboration with

University of Sussex, England, UK

HYBRID MODE

MAY 2nd - 3rd 2026

Campus 6, KIIT University
Patia, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

For registration and more details visit www.niepid.nic.in

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About NIEPID

National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Formerly National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped - NIMH) established in the year 1984 at Manovikasnagar, Secunderabad (TS) is an Autonomous Body under the administrative control of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. NIEPID is dedicated to providing quality services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan) in the National interest. The training programmes are offered on a gradual scale from certificate - diploma - undergraduate - graduate - post-graduate - Masters Levels. Presently, the Institute conducts 2 Certificate Course, 3 Diploma Courses (D.Ed SE (IDD), DVR, DISLI and DECSE). Further, two Graduate course (B.Ed Spl. Ed (ID) and ISITEP (ID) @ middle Stage), one Post-graduate Diploma course (PGDEI) and one Master course (M.Ed Spl. Ed) and one M.Phil (Rehabilitation Psychology) level course are in affiliation with different universities.

The institute conducts International and National level Conference / Seminars / Workshops on persons with intellectual disabilities (Divyangjan) in partnership with leading voluntary organisations and parent associations. The services to be provided at our centre include identification, screening, assessment, delivery of services, training of local resource persons, and supply of training material to the needy persons.

The institute focuses on quality in every aspect of its functioning to bring equality and dignity to the lives of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan), which is endorsed by ISO 9001:2015 certification.

About KiiT International School

KiiT International School is the ideal institution for children as it instils in them the power of positive thinking, exemplary speed of execution, and insatiable desire for new information and knowledge. We encourage children to develop a global mindset and a love for creative thinking. The course curriculum has been designed by benchmarking with the best practices from institutions around the world.

KiiT International School provides a highly evolved, value-based education that moulds the children into strategic thinkers and leaders. Within a span of 15 years, KiiT International School has evolved rapidly to become one of the most reputed schools in Odisha. The Education Today Indian Schools ranking of 2021 ranked KiiT International School among the top-10 residential schools in India, and No. 1 in Odisha.

The Special Education Needs (SEN) Globe, the inclusive education department of KiiT International School, Bhubaneswar, embraces over 250 neurodivergent students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Down Syndrome, learning disabilities and Cerebral Palsy, providing them with specialised interventions, adaptive learning strategies, and an environment of empathy and encouragement. SEN Globe is supported by 140 special educators; 40 therapists, spanning speech, occupational, cognitive, and behavioural specialities; along with nutritionists, psychologists, and clinical psychologists. Together, this multidisciplinary team is united by a single belief: to uphold the rights and dignity of every child who has faced barriers in education and provide an equitable learning environment.

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About SUSSEX

The University of Sussex is a leading higher education and research institution near Brighton, in the south of England. Sussex was the first of the new wave of UK universities founded in the 1960s, receiving its Royal Charter in 1961.

The University of Sussex, United Kingdom, was chosen as the academic partner for this conference in recognition of its internationally acknowledged leadership in inclusive education, disability studies, and social justice–orientated research. The University is globally known for its evidence-based approaches to inclusive pedagogy, universal design for learning, disability policy, and community-engaged research that bridges theory with practice. Through its Inclusive Sussex strategy, interdisciplinary research centres, and strong focus on equity and participation, the University of Sussex has consistently advanced rights-based frameworks for learners with disabilities and neurodivergent individuals. This collaboration brings global perspectives, research rigour, and comparative insights that will meaningfully enrich policy dialogue and practice in the Indian context, while strengthening the spirit of mutual learning envisioned under the India–UK Roadmap 2030.

Through academic collaboration with the University of Sussex, UK, a globally recognised institution in inclusive education and disability research, the conference will facilitate:

- ·Bilateral knowledge exchange
- ·Sharing of global best practices
- ·Joint reflection on policy and implementation challenges

The initiative also supports SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities).

About the Conference

The International Conference on Building Bridges for Inclusivity (ICBBI 2026) aims to strengthen inclusive practices across educational and rehabilitation settings by fostering collaboration among educators, rehabilitation professionals, researchers, policymakers, and community stakeholders. In India, despite progressive legislation and policy intent, disparities persist. Educational attainment and labour force participation among persons with disabilities remain disproportionately low. These challenges are further intensified by socio-economic disadvantage, gender, and limited access to inclusive infrastructure and services. However, evolving educational needs, technological advancements, and labour market transitions require continuous capacity building, research, and policy innovation.

This proposed conference aims to address these needs by creating a clear place for knowledge exchange, policy dialogue, and cross-sector collaboration, grounded in both academic research and lived experiences.

The specific objectives of the conference are to:

1. Promote evidence-based dialogue on disability inclusion in education and employment.
2. Strengthen pathways linking schooling, vocational training, higher education, and employment.
3. Build the capacity of educators, employers, policymakers, and administrators.
4. Amplify the voices of persons with disabilities, caregivers, and community stakeholders.
5. Foster cross-sector partnerships among government, academia, NGOs, and industry.
6. Develop actionable policy recommendations aligned with state and national priorities.
7. Encourage research, innovation, and adoption of inclusive practices.

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THEMES

- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Neurodiversity and multiple disabilities
- Inclusive assessments and assistive technologies
- Safe and empathetic learning environments
- School-to-work transition pathways
- Inclusive workplace practices
- Policy mechanisms and implementation strategies
- Inclusive classroom practices
- Inclusive Higher Education
- Teacher preparation for Inclusion
- Early childhood Care and Education
- CSR and industry engagement

Submit Abstracts for Oral and Poster Presentations

05 APRIL, 2026

Abstract Submission

Submit your Abstract by 05.04.2026
to the email:
niepid.icbbi2026@gmail.com

10 APRIL 2026

Abstract Acceptance

Acceptance of the Abstract will be confirmed by 10.04.2026

20 APRIL, 2026

Full Paper Submission

Submit the full paper of the accepted Abstract by 20.04.2026

15 APRIL, 2026

Registration

Last Date for Registration for the Presentation is 15.04.2026

Cash Awards for Best Presenters

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Abstract Submission Guidelines

1. Abstract Content

- Abstracts must be written in English.
- The content should be original and not previously published or presented.
- Avoid using tables, figures, or references in the abstract.

2. Format and Structure

- Title: Concise and accurately reflects the content (max 20 words).
- Authors: List all contributing authors with affiliations.
- Do not include author names or affiliations in the body of the abstract.
- Body: Maximum 300 words.
- Structure:
  a. Background/Objectives
  b. Methods
  c. Results
  d. Conclusion

3. Submission Process

- Submit abstracts electronically via email.
- Only one abstract per presenting author is allowed.
- All submissions must be received by the stated deadline.

4. Review and Notification

- All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by the scientific committee.
- Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent via email by the specified date.
- Accepted abstracts may be selected for oral or poster presentation.

5. Contact

For questions or technical support, contact the conference organizing committee at

niepid.icbbi2026@gmail.com

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Conference Registration

Registration Process:

Participants are required to register by submitting a duly filled registration form via email, along with their research paper and registration fees through online transfer. A Google Form will be sent via email to all presenters for streamlined registration processing. Bank details will be provided upon receipt of the acceptance letter. The registration fee for the conference is

CATEGORY	NATIONAL (INDIAN RUPEES)	INTERNATIONAL (US Dollars)
Students / Research Scholars	1500/- only	30$
Professionals	2500/- Only	50$
CRE Participants	2500/- Only	50$
Virtual Paper Presenters	500/- Only	20$

Registration Fee Inclusions:

- Conference registration
- Conference kit
- Working tea and lunch
- A copy of the conference publication (Book)
- Conference certificate

Important Note for CRE Participants:

Those who are Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) participants must also register in the RCI CRE calendar in addition to the conference registration to ensure proper credit recognition.

Accommodation:

Accommodation will be provided on a payment basis with shared arrangements, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants who require accommodations should contact the organising committee in advance. Limited seats are available for accommodation.

Contact Information for Queries:

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Key Submission Details

Abstract Length: Maximum 300 words
Payment Method: Online transfer
(bank details provided after acceptance)
Registration Deadline: 15th April, 2026