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VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE



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December 3, 2015 : Accessible India Campaign was launched on International Disability Day. H'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi not only agreed to [launch](#) it but also ensured that his **Mann Ki Baat**, address to the nation - prior to the launch and after the launch includes this transformational initiative to jump start the awareness creation in a mission mode with this campaign.

18 volunteers of Voice of SAP from around the country were invited to witness this great moment as we take pride in providing thought leadership to Govt. of India by way of proposing this campaign [in September 2014](#).



October 27 2015: Pranav Desai, Founder of Voice of SAP is appointed as **Honorary Adviser** to Department of Empowerment of Persons Disabilities (DEPWD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), **Govt. of India**. We thank the Govt. for this opportunity to serve.

Volunteers of VoSAP are encouraged to provide innovative solutions, thought leadership which can be shared for its merits and evaluation by the Govt. of India. This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to work towards achieving shared goals of Empowerment with the Department.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year 2016!!!

For all of us, who are passionately working for making our country INCLUSIVE for People with Disabilities, this is a historic opportunity where POLITICAL WILL is there at the highest level and onus is onto all of us to work at the grassroots level to spread awareness for critical importance of Accessibility (Building, transportation and Digital) for Empowering Specially Abled People ("Divyang" People).

I invite you all to join Accessible India Campaign, learn how to do Accessibility survey, sensitize building (assets) owners, Govt officers and everyone who can allocate resources to retrofit these assets to make them Accessible.

Thought to Ponder

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

-Mohandas (Mahatma) Gandhi

We have several projects for volunteers. Please check out on our website and let us know which project will you like to work with our other volunteers.

Join our

[passionate team of volunteers.](#)

at: www.voiceofsap.com

[Keep visiting our website and FaceBook Page for regular updates on activities.](#)

Updates on our Volunteers' efforts at Voice of SAP:

** Gujarat team has started conducting Accessibility Survey of public buildings in Ahmedabad. The selected volunteers have also undergone learning session for this exercise for better understanding of Universal Accessibility Standards.

** Karnataka team has started the research activities on analyzing role of State level Disability Commissioners.

** San Jose (Silicon Valley) team has developed database structure for collecting data for employable Specially Abled People and match them with openings with private sector companies. The team is developing solution that intends to integrate with leading job portals in India.

** Tamilnadu team has provided inputs on Accessibility solutions that can be implemented at our Railway stations.

** Atlanta team has prepared multiple short [VDO clips](#) to spread awareness on Accessibility India Campaign and interviewing inspiring individuals.

** With on going efforts of our Community Outreach Leadership team, we continue to expand in newer regions such as Orissa and parts of U.P., Uttarakhand.