

# VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE



## Newsletter: January 2017

Dear Friends,

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year 2017!

With grace of God and tremendous collective efforts of all of you, in year 2016, Voice of SAP has grown with its volunteer base, crossing 2,000. Our "Thought Leadership" and focus on "Enablement" has been widely appreciated and in many instances, accepted for execution by NRI community, Corporate, Spiritual and Political leaders and most importantly IAS officers with central, state and local governments in India. With this strong foundation being established in year 2016, getting into 2017 and onward, we all can aim much higher for accelerating Social Transformation process, Empowering "Specially Abled People" with more jobs, better education and accessibility to all places.

**November 28 2016:** We all are honored for the opportunity to [meet and present our suggestions to H'ble PM of India](#) on Nov 28 2016. This was my 3rd meeting with him in past 2.5 years and each meeting has helped advance our cause - be it Accessible India Campaign or much awaited [RPD ACT 2016](#), as foundation for Transforming India's Disability Sector. Six similarly high impact initiatives were presented to H'ble PM during our meeting and subsequently to PMO and concerned ministries such as HRD, Health, MSJE, Railways etc. Overall, great commitment as seen in quick actions by the Govt. of India, which confirms our belief that this is the right time to maximize our efforts, collective strengths, resources to bring in happiness to 10 crore Divyang and effectively 50 crore people (with average family size of 5).

**December 3 2016:** We have taken our mission with [H'ble CM of Gujarat](#) and as a first immediate step out of 10, we are now working with Govt. of Gujarat to develop comprehensive state Policy for Divyang. Such commitment and immediate action of H'ble CM and his IAS officers is highly appreciated. We hope CM of other states will follow Gujarat Model once again, now in the field of disability!

**November 29 2016:** Our adviser and [MP Smt Meenakshi ji Lekhi](#) organized a round table meeting with Chairman of NDMC (New Delhi Municipal Council) and his team. We met again on Dec 7 2016 to discuss several actions needed to be taken for creating fully accessible New Delhi under NDMC. As an immediate next step, 270 civil engineers of NDMC will be sensitized on accessibility related standards, issues etc. in a day long workshop.

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over 200 people from business and management community to understand our perspective that "Inclusive - Disability friendly business practices are emerging as Competitive Business Advantage". We thank AMA for the opportunity and all the arrangements to spread the unique perspective with data and examples.

In my 18 days trip to Bharat, met over 300+ [great individuals](#) and leaders from Engineers and Architects community ([GICEA](#), [CREDAI](#)), [business](#), [media](#), [spirituality](#), [local govt.](#), NGOs, [several MPs](#) PLUS our 100+ volunteers of VoSAP in Delhi, [Meerut](#), [Haridwar](#), [Ahmedabad](#), [Surat](#) and Vadodara. Lot of energy, great ideas and actions such as monthly, bi weekly follow up calls and meetings - reaffirms that we all are blessed with divine energy to come together, work together for realizing our vision and mission to Empower SAP.

*We have several volunteer tasks and projects for volunteers.*

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