

Nasscom foundation 'Ability in Tech' – Agenda 11th December, 2023 | The LaLiT Ashok

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08:00am - 09:30 am	Registrations		
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09:45 am - 10:00 am	Keynote	Empowering Tomorrow: Navigating the Intersection of Ability and Technology <i>Harnessing technology to amplify opportunities for individuals with diverse abilities within the dynamic landscape of the technology industry.</i>	Nidhi Bhasin - CEO, nasscom foundation
10:00 am - 10:50 am	Masterclass	Allyship Unleashed: The Power of Starting with YOU <i>This in-depth session is a catalyst. This masterclass ignites your tech allyship, not a fleeting trend but a lasting commitment. It's your voice, amplifying the unheard, rising above the din of exclusion. This session is curated to transform "bystanders" to "change makers."</i>	Arun C Rao - Executive Director, ASLI
10:50 am - 11:00 am	Inclusion Story 1	Vision Beyond Sight: Empowering the Blind through Leadership and Inclusion	Madhu Singhal - Founder, Mitra Jyothi
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Tea Break		
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11:25 am - 12:25 am	Masterclass	<i>This Masterclass isn't your average tech talk. It's a revolution in progress, a celebration of diversity that smashes barriers in the industry. We're going deep with real-life stories of companies empowering people with disabilities to innovate like never before. No theory, just practical "know-how" from the ones who transformed their landscape. Get ready to be inspired and equipped to make a real difference from a speaker that has contributed to writing and making of the policy of disability inclusion in India. This is more than a Masterclass</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rama Krishnamachari - Director, Diversity & Equal Opportunity Centre Sanjay Kumar Das - General Manager, Lemon Tree Hotels Prateek Madhav - Co-founder & CEO, AssisTech Foundation (ATF)
12:25 pm – 12:35 pm	Launch of the program	Ability in Tech Starting a revolutionary effort, the Ability in Tech - an upskilling program reshaping inclusivity in the tech industry. The introduction and kick-off of this program represent a major step forward in empowering people with disabilities. Offering personalized chances to learn and improve skills of PWD's in emerging technologies. This is more than just closing skill differences; it's a transformative adventure that encourages a tech world that is diverse and fair for everyone in the constantly changing landscape of technology.	Roy C Thomas - Head, Diversity & Inclusion, nasscom foundation
12:35 pm- 01:15 pm	Panel Discussion	Limitless Horizons: Leadership Insights on Integrating Persons with Disabilities into the Tech Landscape <i>This insightful conversation with visionary leaders will share their perspectives on fostering disability inclusivity in the tech industry. As we explore the limitless potential of individuals with disabilities, these panellists will provide valuable insights into leadership approaches, innovation, and best practices for creating a more accessible and supportive tech ecosystem</i>	Accenture <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pashupati Kumar – Leader, Risk Advisory Services – Deloitte Global Rajasekharan Pazhaniappan – Co-Founder of V-Shesh Marin Grace - Managing Director, Accenture Song, Advanced Technology Centre, India Vivek Misra - Director & ERG Lead for Disability India – Microsoft (Moderator)
01:15 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch & Networking		
02:00 pm - 02:10 pm	Play	The sound of silence - A mimic play by deaf children	The Association of People With Disability (APD)
02:10 pm - 02:20 pm	Inclusion Story 3	A Managers Tech Tale of A Deafblind Journey in the Tech World	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pankaj Jasal - IT Director, Dell Technologies Pradip Sinha - Technical Analyst, Dell Technologies Naveen Kumar - Technical Analyst, Dell Technologies Shivu Kumar - IT Analyst, Dell Technologies
02:20 pm - 04:30 pm	Interactive Workshop	A Change of Perception <i>A Change of Perception" workshop focuses on disability, promoting understanding and empathy through interactive activities and discussions. It champions inclusivity, explores assistive technologies, and encourages reflection on the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. The session aims to move beyond awareness to actionable strategies for disability inclusion, using round table discussions to foster collaboration and concrete plans across diverse domains. Organized around four key themes, the workshop offers a comprehensive exploration of disability inclusion.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MV Narayana - Senior Subject Matter Expert, HCL Foundation Bhanu Prasad M N - Coach - Impact Innovation, TCS Foundation Sqn Ldr Delshad Master - Assistant Vice President, CareerNet Vishal Kumar Jain - Global HR Consultant, Shell Rajasekharan Pazhaniappan - Co-founder, V-Shesh Deepa Narasimhan - Associate Director D&I, Deloitte Rasha Kutty - Founder, The Empathy University Jim Thakaran - DEI Expert & Consultant Dolly Narayan - Disability inclusion advocate and enabler, V-Shesh Chahat Dubey - Head of Partnerships ATF Divyanand Raj - Head, Impact & Measurement, nasscom foundation Grusha GS – Tech Associate, nasscom AI Aditya Yeluru – Manger, Corporate Relations, nasscom AI Roy C Thomas - Head of Diversity & Inclusion Dhanya Ravi – Executive, EnAble India
04:30 pm - 04:50 pm	Keynote / Fireside	Catalyzing Real World Actions & Board Room Commitment for Disability Inclusion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jay Muthu - Country HR Director, BT Group Deepa Nagraj - Global Head of Communications & Sparkle Innovation Ecosystem at Mphasis Nidhi Bhasin - CEO, nasscom foundation
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