

**'SAMARTH'**  
**15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**  
**VENUE: Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi**

Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is organizing a National level event for showcasing the abilities of persons with disabilities (PwDs) and to create awareness about their rights among the PwDs themselves and sensitize general public entitled "**SAMARTH**" from **15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi**. It will also facilitate an interface between PwDs on the one hand and the service providers and employers on the other for empowerment of PwDs.

2. The National Event, which would be the first of its kind, will have a large number of sub-events like Simulation of Disability Experience, Festival of Films on Disability related themes, Exhibition on Assisted Independent Living, Exhibition of Painting by Artists with Disabilities, the disabled Artisans and Craftsmen in action, Glimpses of Abilympics and Panel Discussions/Symposia on a range of disability issues.

3. Indian Judiciary continues to play a significant role in streamlining and strengthening the disability rights regime, more particularly, the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 by coming up with a range of landmark progressive judgements. The contributions of the legal fraternity such as lawyers/advocates and law academicians have also been critical in this regard. It goes without saying that the more sensitive the judiciary and legal fraternity, the better the prospects for persons with disabilities to access speedy justice.

4. Against the above backdrop, a colloquium with judicial and legal fraternity on the rights of persons with disabilities as a part of the programme of "SAMARTH" will be organized on **16<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 from 2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. at Siri Fort Auditorium [Audi-III]** . A Tentative Programme is attached.

5. The Judges of the High Courts, officers of State Judicial services, National Legal Services Authority, State Legal Services Authorities, faculty/officers and the trainees of the National Judicial Academy and State Judicial Academies, the Lawyers, the students of Law and the Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities of the States/UTs have been invited to participate in the Colloquium. Persons interested to participate in the Colloquium may mail their details to [ccpd@nic.in](mailto:ccpd@nic.in) or [tddhariyal@hotmail.com](mailto:tddhariyal@hotmail.com)

**JUDICIAL COLLOQUIUM**  
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**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

14.15 to 14.30 Hrs.	Introduction to the sub-event
14.30 to 15.00 Hrs. 15.00 to 15.30 Hrs. 15.30 to 16.00 Hrs.	Legal & Constitutional Status of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Human Rights with Special Reference to UNCRPD</li><li>➤ Civil &amp; Political Rights</li><li>➤ Educational and Economic Rights</li></ul>
16.00 to 16.30 Hrs.	Problems faced by PwDs in availing their entitlements – Role of Legal Services Authorities and Legal fraternity
16.30 to 17.00 Hrs.	Enforcement Mechanism and Processes – A critical review
17.00 to 17.30 Hrs.	Expectations from the Judiciary
17.30 to 18.00 Hrs.	Open House Discussion, Concluding remarks & Vote of Thanks