

REPORT ON WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE ORTHOPAEDICALLY HANDICAPPED, KOLKATA IN COLLABORATION WITH JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY (DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE)

A workshop was held at the Institute of chemical engineers, Jadavpur University on **23rd May 2008**. Title of the program was “**Workshop on Barrier free Environment -Design For PWDs**”.The program was inaugurated by **Prof.P.N Ghosh**, (Vice Chancellor,Jadavpur University)and the key note address was given by **Dr. Ratnesh Kumar Director**, N.I.O.H.



There were total 11 no of speakers for the scientific session from various parts of the states/institute. The topics covered were manifold highlighting all the areas of intervention for the disabled with respect to Barrier free environment design for PWDs.Briefly as Dr.A.K.Sinha, Member Secretary Rehabilitaion Council Of India covered the topic “Needs of barrier free features for persons with hearing impaired”,

Dr.L.Govinda Rao,Ex-Director,NIMH and presently Lead Partner ,BYRRAJU Foundation ,Hyderabad,spoke on the topic “Needs of barrier free features for the mentally challenged. Ms.Haimati Bannerjee,Head,Design and Co-ordination, Bengal Housing and Development Corporation threw light on the topic “Barrier free design in public housings scheme”.

The other guest faculties were-Dr Sibabrata halder,Head of the Department of Architecture,Bengal Engineering college, Prof.Aditya Bandopadhya Sr.Architect,Bengal Engineering College, Prof Akhil Ranjan Sarkar,Visiting Prof ,Jadavpur University, Mr.Kabir Rao,Sr.Architect,Kolkatta, Mr.Debashis Das,Lecturer,Dept of Architecture,JU.The internal faculties were- Mr Pankaj Bajpai ,Assistant prof and Head, Dept of Occupational Therapy,Mrs.Rupali Sen,lecturer,Dept of Occupational Therapy, Mr.Jeetnedra Mohapatra,Demonstrator , Dept of Occupational Therapy . A total of 71 participants attended the program. Participants were from all zones of the Kolkata. The participants were Architects, Engineers, Town planners and others



The Valedictory session was presided over by **Dr.B.N.Dutta,A.P Rehab,N.I.O.H**. **Dr.P.K.Pyne,DDA.Offg N.I.O.H** delivered the valedictory speech. The Co-ordinators of the program were Ms Eva Snehlata Kujur,Senior Occupational Therapist,N.I.O.H and Mr Debashis Das faculty of Jadavpur university .

