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To

The Director
All ICAR Institutes/ Bureaus/ NRCs/ ATARIs

Subject: To make public documents accessible under Accessible India Campaign – reg.

Sir/ Madam,

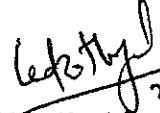
As you are aware, the Accessible India Campaign (Sugamaya Bharat Abhiyan) was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 3rd December, 2015, the International Day of Persons with Disability. The main objective of the programme is to create unhindered access for the persons with disability in the built environment, transport system and the information & communication technology (ICT) eco-system. The progress of the programme is being monitored by the Cabinet Secretariat.

It has been decided by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India that in order to make public documents accessible to physically disabled persons following may be implemented in all Government Departments/ Institutes:

- i. All the Government notification/ orders uploaded on the websites should be digitally signed and in ePub or OCR based PDF only, along with a technical write-up regarding conversion.
- ii. All RFPs should include a clause that all procurement should be GIGW (Guidelines for Indian Government Website) compliant for accessibility to physically disabled persons.
- iii. The procedure of making OCR based PDF files, W3C guidelines at [//www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20-TECH/PDF7.html](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20-TECH/PDF7.html) may be referred to.

You are requested to ensure that above directions are complied with by your Institute. A compliance report from ICAR has to be submitted to the MeitY for further review by Cabinet Secretariat. It is requested that a status report on the same may be submitted to Director (Works), ICAR by 15th March 2020 for review by AS (D) & Secretary, ICAR and further submission to Cabinet Secretariat.

Yours faithfully


(V.P. Kothiyal)
Director (Works)

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1. DDG(CS/HS/AS/FS/ NRM/ Agg. Engg./ Agg. Edn/ Agg. Ext.), for kind information.
2. Director/ DS of the SMDs to ensure that Institute under the SMD complete the work on priority.

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To,
All Secretaries to Govt

Dear Madam/Sir,

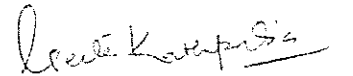
Under Accessible India Campaign (AIC) (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan), all Government websites are to be made accessible. In this regard, MeitY vide letter no. 18(3)/2018-E-Infra (Vol-II) dated 12th June 2019, had requested all Central Government Ministries to issue advisories to all Government departments/organizations/PSUs under the ambit of the Ministry to make websites accessibility compliant as per Guidelines for Indian Government Websites(GIGW). A copy of the letter is enclosed for kind reference.

2. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities(DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has sought an inventory of all Central and State Government websites along with the status of accessibility in these websites. The status of accessibility may be based on GIGW certification of websites by STQC/empanelled agencies.

3. It is requested that accessibility status of websites of your Ministry and the departments/organizations/PSUs/affiliated bodies under the ambit of the Ministry may please be provided in the enclosed format with a copy to DEPwD.

With Regards

Yours sincerely,



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Encl: As above.

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Dear Secretary,

Accessible India Campaign (AIC) (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) is a flagship programme of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched in the year 2015 as a nation wide campaign for achieving universal accessibility of the built up environment, transportation system and Information & Communication Technology ecosystem, aiming to provide equal opportunities for the growth and development of persons with special abilities (divyangans).

2. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has been entrusted the task of making all Government websites Accessible and to monitor the progress on monthly basis.

3. MeitY has taken steps for enablement of Government web portals for accessibility compliance. NIC under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has already formulated guidelines for Indian Government websites. Further, second version of the guidelines has been released by NIC in February 2018. It is available on the website at guidelines.gov.in. Resources pertaining to the techniques and best practice for compliance to the guidelines are also provided in the website.

4. A meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary was held on 21st January 2019 to review the progress made under Accessible India Campaign. MeitY updates the status of enablement of Central/State Government web portals for accessibility compliance to DEPwD and in the meeting of CoS under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary.

5. We solicit that necessary advisories may be issued to all Government departments/organizations/PSUs under the ambit of the Ministry to make websites accessibility compliant.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

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