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Dear Friends, Members & Non-Members,

Greetings from National Association of the Deaf! We hope this letter finds you in good health with your work progressing well.

N.A.D. is an organisation that is working to empower Deaf and Hard of Hearing people across India; one that is of the deaf, by the deaf and for the deaf. N.A.D. hopes to breathe new life into the deaf movement and empower deaf people across the country to stand up and claim the rights that they are entitled to. N.A.D. is a non- governmental, not for profit, organisation registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860, no. s/50137/2004. It is a voluntary organisation and all the work that it carries out it down to the dedication and hard work of its members and the executive board. N.A.D relies on the support it receives not only from its members, but also society at large.

We are very glad to inform you that we are organising **the World Disabled Day at India Gate, Amar Jyoti Jawan, New Delhi on 3rd December, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

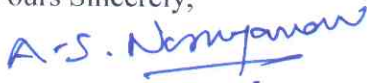
1. Established in 1996, National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) completed its twentieth anniversary this year.
2. 3rd December 2016 will mark the first anniversary of the launch of Hon'ble Prime Minister's flagship 'Accessible India Campaign' or 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan' which has brought the issue of accessibility outside of the disability discourse into the public realm.
3. 2016 also celebrates the first anniversary of the adoption of the Sustainable Development Agenda, providing for a disability inclusive development agenda for the first time.
4. Last but not the least, the most important celebration reverberating across the United Nations and disability organisations worldwide is the celebration of the 10 years of the UNCRPD - the first human rights convention concerning persons with disabilities. As you can see, we have much to celebrate and our celebrations are, therefore, going to be bigger and better than ever before! At the same time, the celebrations are also a means to come together, to debate and discuss our achievements and the way ahead. They provide a platform to engage other stakeholders, to share issues effecting people with disabilities and work together to find and implement solutions to calibrate the way forward in a manner that ensures inclusion of people with disabilities in all future developments and policies adopted across Governments and the private sector. Therefore, you can even use this opportunity to make your demands but in a mild and toned down manner!

Also, we with NCPEDP organise the 'Walk to Freedom' at India Gate, New Delhi on 3rd December, 2016! The general theme will be the celebration on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities but the collaterals can also be designed keeping in mind the above 4 sub-themes. Apart from this, we will also demand for the passage of the RPWD Bill 2014 and Driving License for the Deaf.

We wish to invite you, any deaf leaders & deaf senior members from each of your deaf associations, deaf clubs, deaf sports, deaf women associations, deaf organisations & deaf institutions to attend the World Disabled Day on 3rd December, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Thanking you!

Yours Sincerely,



A. S. Narayanan
Secretary