

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### DEEPA PALANIAPPAN

SYLFF Fellow | Accessibility & Disability Inclusion Specialist

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### PROFILE SUMMARY

Disability Inclusion and Accessibility professional with extensive field experience working with persons with disabilities across diverse institutional and community settings. Worked with World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank, UN OHCHR, International Disability Alliance, and multiple Government Departments in India.

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Disability Inclusive Development
  - Assistive Technology Solutions
  - Document Accessibility (PDF, Word, PPT, EPUB)
  - Built Environment Accessibility
  - Reasonable Accommodations
  - Event Accessibility
  - Disability Law and Rights Framework
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### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- General Council Member, NIEPID
  - Member, BIS Disability Informatics Sub-Committee
  - CPACC Certified
  - Founder, Disability Rights Repository
  - Distinguished Fellow, KIHT (WHO CC)
  - Technical Committee Member, Purple Building Scheme
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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Consultant, Office of Disability Inclusion, Azim Premji University (2025–Present)
- Assistant Professor, Azim Premji University (2022–2025)
- Consultant, WHO Disability Unit, Geneva (2021–2023)
- Consultant, World Bank – TN RIGHTS Project (2021–2022)

- UN OHCHR – Consultant (2022)
  - International Disability Alliance – Research Intern (2020)
  - State Disability Consultant Roles – Bihar & Odisha
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## **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- Mid-career Master’s in Development Studies, Geneva (2019–2021)
  - MA & MPhil in Political Science, JNU
  - PG Diploma in Special Education, Delhi University
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## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- Enabling Policies, Yojana Journal (2020)
  - Cross-Disability in India? – SAMAJ Journal
  - Chapter: Disability & Rawlsian Justice – Sage (2018)
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## **TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS**

- CPACC Certification
  - AT Solutions Certificate (NISH)
  - WHO Quality Rights
  - DEI Training, FICCI
  - Accessibility Training, BIS-NITS
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## **CONFERENCES – DISCUSSANT / PANEL CHAIR**

- World Health Innovation Forum
  - Disability Justice Conference, IDSK
  - University of Chicago Delhi Centre
  - JNU National Conference (2015)
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## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- SYLFF Fellowship (JNU)
  - Distinguished Fellow, KIHT
  - Sarai-CSDS Award
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