



NALSAR University of Law Hyderabad

7.3 - Institutional Distinctiveness

7.3.1 - Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 200 words

Centre for Disability Studies, NALSAR has significantly contributed to the effectiveness of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 and the first Country Report on Disability to the United Nations. More recently, the Centre led by Prof Amita Dhanda prepared a report on the status of the Right to Accessibility in India for the Supreme Court of India. The Report entitled "Finding Sizes for All" was accepted by the Court and has resulted in the Supreme Court asking the Government of India to redraft the Access Rules in accordance with the Act in order to clearly lay down the minimum mandatory rules of accessibility which must be followed in the built environment, transport, ICT, assistive devices, products and services. CDS is working along with the Department of Disability, Government, disabled persons and professionals to create the new mandatory rules.

Additionally, the Centre is committed to raising awareness through regular sensitisation programmes and conferences addressing crucial legal issues related to disability. These initiatives foster a collaborative environment, promoting dialogue and understanding among stakeholders, while ensuring that the voices of disabled persons remain at the forefront of all discussions.