

Facilities Available To and Challenges Faced By Students with Blindness in Pursuing Higher Education

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Man has been curious to know more and more about himself/herself and his/her environment ever since he/she appeared on the earth. There have been a number of learned individuals both in the ancient and modern world with disabilities in general and blindness in particular who overcome all the difficulties imposed by their blindness. In the present presentation the achievements of such individuals will be highlighted. The facilities such as: Scholarship schemes, technological support availability of material in accessible formats etc will be discussed. Also the provisions for education in general and higher education in particular in various national and international instruments will be discussed.

Challenges such as Availing the existing facilities, accessing the physical environment, seeking admission and accessing admission related information, accessing various reading material, appearing in examination and so on will also be discussed. Some plausible suggestions will be thrown for consideration to promote higher education for students with blindness and also to widen the opportunities to these students in higher education.