



Event Report

Department/Committee Name: Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC) & Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC SVU)		Academic Year: 2024 -25
Title of the Event	Transportation Accessibility and Mobility Solutions for Persons with Disabilities	
Type of the Event (Webinar/Seminar / Conference /FDP / Workshop /Training / Guest Lecture)	Guest Lecture	
Level of Organization (Local/State National /International/ Intercollegiate /Intracollegiate)	Local	
Date of the event	05 th December 2024	
Time	11:15 am	
Venue	Room No. 315, Aryabhat Building	
Name of the Resource Person/Guest	Mr. Ferdinand Rodricks	
Resource Person	Mr. Ferdinand Rodricks is the Proprietor of Ferro Equip, a pioneering company specializing in modifying vehicles with a range of innovative adaptations and mobility devices customized for persons with disabilities. With over 40 years of experience, he has made significant contributions to transportation accessibility, earning numerous national and international awards for his efforts.	
Objective of the Event	To enhance understanding about inclusive design accommodations and solutions that make mobility a reality for persons with disabilities, particularly those with motor disabilities.	
Report of the Event	<p>The event was conducted to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD). The session featured Mr. Ferdinand Rodricks, a distinguished expert with over four decades of experience in designing and customizing vehicles to enhance mobility for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>The guest lecture began with a warm welcome by Dr. Prasanna Shete, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, including the guest speaker, Dr. Ramesh Lekurwale (Director, IQAC), and 2 students among the present students, followed by the Somaiya prayer.</p> <p>Dr. Shete introduced the guest speaker, highlighting his extensive experience. Dr. Ramesh Lekurwale felicitated the guest before the session commenced.</p> <p>Mr. Rodricks discussed various challenges faced by persons with disabilities in accessing transportation and shared innovative solutions his company offers, including customized vehicles with hand-operated controls, wheelchair ramps, and interior modifications. Real-life examples highlighted the transformative impact of these adaptations, such as enabling individuals with physical disabilities to regain independence and dignity.</p>	



	<p>Mr. Rodricks also emphasized the role of technology in developing mobility solutions, such as automated wheelchair lifts and voice-activated controls. Additionally, he stressed the importance of inclusive public spaces, advocating for ramps, tactile pathways, and accessible elevators in urban infrastructure. The discussion extended to workplace accessibility, showcasing how modified environments empower employees with disabilities to contribute meaningfully.</p> <p>The lecture concluded with a call to action for stronger policy enforcement, increased awareness campaigns, and collaborative efforts among communities, organizations, and government bodies to promote transportation accessibility. Attendees were inspired by Mr. Rodricks insights and the emphasis on creating an inclusive society where mobility is not a privilege but a right.</p>
Number of beneficiaries	73 Attendees
Expected Outcome	Participants gained valuable knowledge about transportation accessibility and its role in fostering inclusion. The session encouraged attendees to advocate for policy changes, support inclusive practices, and contribute to a society that values diversity and equity.
Documents Attached	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Flyer 2) Attendance 3) Invitation & Appreciation letters 4) Geo Tagged Photos

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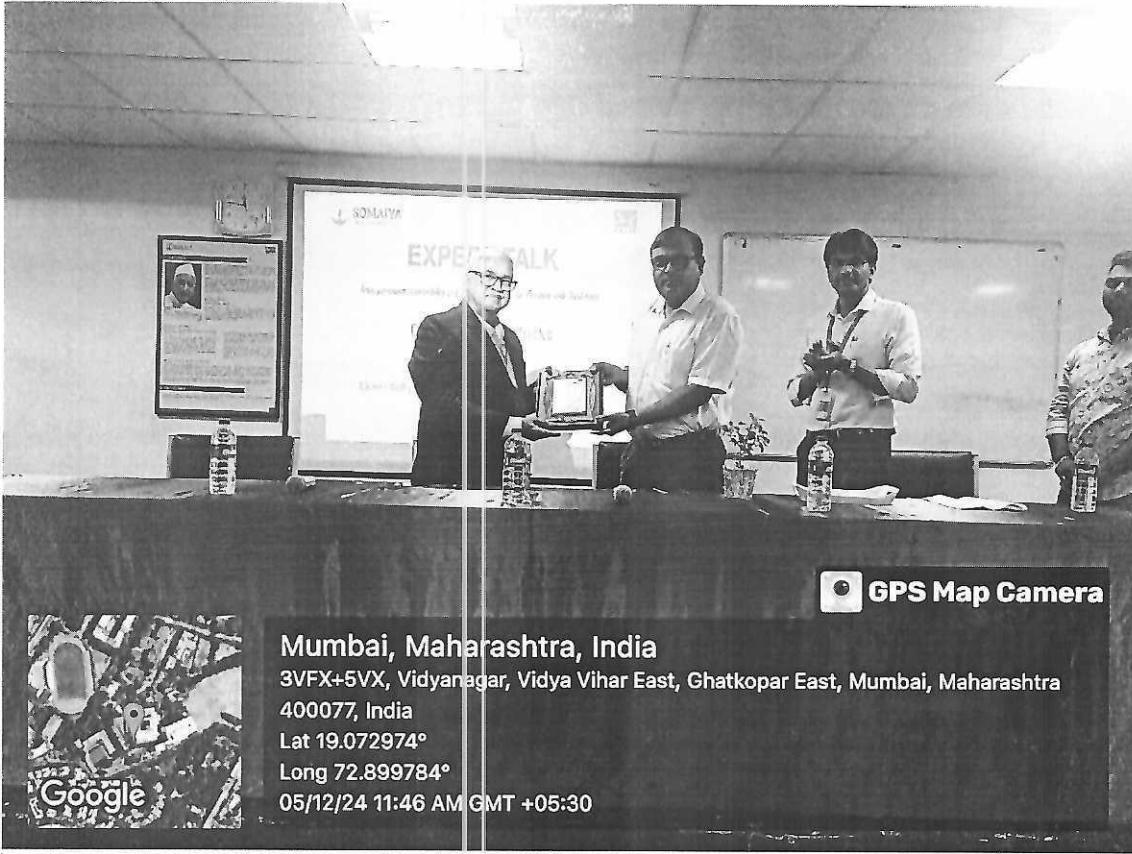
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Inclusive education begins with accessible opportunities !



On the occasion of
International Day of Persons with Disabilities

EXPERT TALK

**Transportation Accessibility and Mobility Solutions
for Persons with Disabilities**

Organized by
Equal Opportunity Cell & Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), SVU



Dr Ferdinand Rodricks
Proprietor, Ferro Equip

Thursday, 05th December 2024, 11:15 AM

Room No 315, Aryabhat Building





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Expert Talk on "Transportation Accessibility and Mobility solutions for Persons with Disabilities"

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Dear Sir/ Madam

Greetings! On account of **International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)**, the **Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC)** and **IQAC** of Somaiya Vidyavihar University is organizing an Expert Talk on-

"Transportation Accessibility and Mobility Solutions for Persons with Disabilities" by *Dr. Ferdinand Rodricks*.

Dr. Ferdinand Rodricks is the Proprietor of "Ferro Equip", the company which is a pioneer in the domain of modifying vehicles with a diverse range of innovative adaptations and mobility devices and customizing it for persons with disabilities as per their special needs. His contribution to the domain of transportation accessibility has won him various awards at the National as well as International level.

The details of the event are as follows:

Date/Day: December 5, 2024, Thursday

Date/Time: 11.15 am onwards

Venue: A- 315, Aryabhat Building K J Somaiya School of Engineering

This event aims to enhance our understanding about inclusive design accommodations and solutions available that make the mobility dream of persons with disabilities; especially motor disabled a reality.

PFA the Event Flyer and Speaker profile.

We request you to kindly join the event.

Thanks and Regards

Dr. Prasanna Shete
EOC SVU



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Day & Date: Thursday 05th December 2024

Time: 11:15 AM

Venue: A 315, Aryabhata Building,

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ferdinand J. Rodricks, "Ferro Equip" Proprietor

Expert Talk on "Transportation Accessibility and Mobility solutions for Persons with Disabilities"

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22.	Mrishikesh Mancharkar	Life sciences (BT)	
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24.	Yeba Naaz S. Sreed	Life Sciences (BT)	
25.	Sharvati Tawade	Life science (BT)	
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27.	Sakshi Joshi	Life science (BT)	
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31.	Abhigyan Jha	Life Science (BT)	
32.	Shubam Dwoble	Life Science (BT)	
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Date: 05th December 2024

To
Dr. Ferdinand Rodricks
Proprietor
Ferro Equip


LETTER OF APPRECIATION


Respected Sir,

On behalf of the Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC) at Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai, we extend our sincere gratitude for graciously taking time from your busy schedule to serve as the Guest Speaker for the "*International Day of Persons with Disabilities*" event held on 05th December 2024. Your insightful lecture on "*Transportation Accessibility and Mobility Solutions for Persons with Disabilities*" greatly enriched the event and was highly appreciated by all attendees.

We deeply appreciate your acceptance of our invitation and thank you for your valuable time and support in making the event a success.

Thanks and Best Regards,


Dr. Prasanna Shete
Chairperson
Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC)
Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai


Dr. Ramesh Lekurwale
Director
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

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