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From
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To,
The Chief Engineer
Local Self Government Department
Government of Kerala

Madam/ Sir,

Sub: Request for Nomination of Participants for the Experiential Learning Training Programme on Barrier-free Built Environments - 2026-27

Barrier Free Consultancy Cell, Department of Architecture and Planning, College of Engineering Trivandrum, set up under grant from the Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala, has been engaged in promoting accessibility through provision of technical support, research and capacity building activities. As part of its capacity-building initiatives, BFCC is organising one-day experiential learning programmes on "Experiential Learning: Barrier-free Built Environments", tentatively scheduled from December 2026 - March 2027 in various districts across Kerala.

The programme aims to sensitise officials with the accessibility needs of Persons with Disabilities, relevant legal requirements and the technical aspects of providing accessible built environments through sensitisation sessions, experiential activities and practical training through hands-on sessions.

In this regard, it is requested that the list of participants nominated for the training programme, along with their names, designations, office details, districts and contact information, be shared with BFCC at the earliest.

The programmes will be organised on a zone-wise basis, depending on the number of participants from each district. The finalised dates and venues will be communicated to the nominated participants accordingly. The tentative schedule and the details of the programme is attached herewith for your reference.

Thank you.

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Tentative Schedule

The following is the tentative schedule proposed for the training programmes. Please note that the proposed months are subject to change.

For participants from Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Pathanamthitta districts, the programme will be conducted at Thiruvananthapuram. For the remaining districts, the programme locations will be decided based on the number of participants from each district, and the training will be organised on a zone-wise basis.

Participants who are unable to attend the programme scheduled for their respective zones may opt to attend a programme organised in another zone, subject to availability of spots.

Upon receipt of the participant lists, BFCC will contact the concerned DSJOs for organising the training programme. Once the venue and final dates are confirmed, the BFCC team will contact the nominated participants to confirm their attendance and communicate the final dates and venue details.

Sl. No.	Tentative Dates	Participants
1	December 2026	Training for PWD and LSGD officials from **Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam & Pathanamthitta**
2	December 2026	Training for PWD and LSGD officials from **Kannur & Kasaragod**
3	January 2026	Training for PWD and LSGD officials from **Kottayam, Alappuzha & Idukki**
4	February 2026	Training for PWD and LSGD officials from **Ernakulam, Thrissur & Palakkad**
5	February 2026	Training for PWD and LSGD officials from **Malappuram, Kozhikode & Wayanad**

Kindly include technical personnel from LSGD, PWD Buildings, Roads and Bridges divisions.

Details of the training

Experiential Learning: Barrier-free Built Environments

Programme Overview

The One-Day Experiential Learning Programme is designed for officials and professionals working in the built environment sector to sensitise them to the needs of persons with disabilities (PwDs) and equip them with the technical knowledge and practical skills required to create accessible built environments.

The programme introduces participants to the diverse needs of PwDs, the facilities required to ensure their safe and independent use of the built environment, and the relevant legal mandates governing accessibility. It emphasises that providing accessibility is not merely a matter of good practice or an optional consideration, but a statutory obligation, with legal consequences for non-compliance.

The primary focus is on translating this awareness into practice by developing participants' understanding of accessibility requirements, design considerations, construction details and on-site implementation. The programme adopts an interactive approach combining sensitisation, experiential activities, technical sessions, demonstrations and hands-on learning.

Programme Components

Sl. No.	Session	Syllabus
1.	Sensitisation - Accessibility for whom and why	• Understanding the diverse needs of persons with disabilities and the barriers they encounter • Overview of legal mandates, statutory responsibilities and consequences
2.	Experiential Learning - Understanding Barriers	• Familiarisation with assistive devices such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and white cane • Experiencing common physical barriers in the built environment • Understanding the impact of inaccessible spaces through guided activities
3.	Interactive Sessions with PwDs	• Learning from Persons with Disabilities about their experiences in navigating barriers
4.	Technical Session - Designing for Accessibility	• Understanding the technical requirements, dimensions and specifications of accessibility features in the built environment
5.	Examples	• Examination of good and bad practices in accessible design and construction

6.	Design Process	• Understanding the barriers faced on site - cases by BFCC • Discussion of practical constraints and possible solutions
7.	Hands-on Access Audits	• Practical exercise on understanding site conditions, devising solutions and creating technical drawings for implementation
8.	Learning through Sharing	• Presentation of the practical exercise to learn about elements and rectify any errors in understanding

Duration and Mode of Conduct

The programme will be conducted as a one-day, in-person training programme combining presentations, experiential activities, technical demonstrations, hands-on exercises and interactive discussions.

The schedule and venues will be finalised based on the number of participants from each district.

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Copy forwarded to all SEs, in all Corporations, all Executive Engineer, in all District Panchayaths for providing the list of participants nominated for the training..

Dcc

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