

A Structured Framework for Digital Inclusion of Persons with Visual Impairment

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Objective

- ◇ Highlight inclusion gaps
- ◇ Explain why digital access matters
- ◇ Present a structured solution

The Inclusion Gap

- ◇ Equality is missing
- ◇ Opportunity is unequal
- ◇ Security becomes impossible

This is a system failure — not an individual failure

Why Inclusion Is Still Missing

- ◇ Separation starts early
- ◇ Parallel education systems
- ◇ Lowered expectations

The problem begins the moment we separate

Belonging Matters

- ◇ Inclusion must start at school
- ◇ Learn and play together
- ◇ Shared experience builds empathy

Rethinking Education Systems

- ◇ Stop default segregation
- ◇ Build inclusive systems
- ◇ Technology as an enabler

Technology Levels the Field

- ◇ Screen readers
- ◇ Laptops and accessible tools
- ◇ Inclusive learning platforms

Inclusion Is Already Working

- ◇ Kerala education system
- ◇ Inclusive schools exist
- ◇ Teachers benefit too

This is not theory

Equality \neq Opportunity

- ◇ Degrees exist
- ◇ Skills exist
- ◇ Rules still exclude

Capability exists — opportunity is blocked

Rethinking Jobs and Assessments

- ◆ Tech-enabled candidates
- ◆ Vacancies not increasing
- ◆ Exams must test capability

Exams should qualify, not exclude

Shared Responsibility

- ◇ Government: policy and funding
- ◇ NGOs & experts: implementation
- ◇ Institutions: evaluation

Nothing about us without us

The Way Forward

- ◇ Early digital access
- ◇ District-level support centres
- ◇ Accessible exams and validation

Thank You

Inclusion is not charity.
It is system design.