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## **Preliminary Call for Participation**

### **EMPOWER 2019: An Assistive Technology Conference**

**14 – 17 Oct 2019**

I-Tec Techno Park, IIT Delhi, Rajiv Gandhi Educational City

Sonipat, Haryana, 131029

EMPOWER 2019 follows on the success of EMPOWER 2018 that was held in Oct 2018 <http://assistech.iitd.ac.in/empower2018/>. It is being organized to bring together all stakeholders in the assistive technology sector. This includes AT researchers, AT industries, users and user organizations, special educators, inclusive designers, entrepreneurs as well as policy makers engaged in different ways with the issues involved in creation, production and dissemination of assistive technology solutions. This four day event should see active participation of all stakeholders not only to discuss current solutions but also to seed ideas to work on future solutions. The event would consist of key note talks, reviewed and invited papers, posters, user forums, panel discussion as well as an exhibition. The venue is a large conference and incubation centre of IIT Delhi (accommodation available at the centre) located in the Rajiv Gandhi Education City in Sonipat <http://www.iitdsonipat.com>

The exhibition would feature a number of latest Assistive Technology (AT) products with an experience zone for users and others to try out these devices. It is an opportunity for AT researchers/experts from all over India to come together on one platform. There is also a proposal for organizing an innovation and design show for addressing user challenges. Like the last conference it would feature a number of International key note speakers as well as user sessions on AT tools.

***All the stakeholders of Assistive Technology are invited to participate in the event and this is a preliminary call for everyone to plan and book their calendar.*** All conference related information including online registration would be available at the conference website <http://assistech.iitd.ac.in/empower2019/> that would come up soon.

Please suggest sessions, key note speakers or any other special activities that you think can make this event more effective.

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