



I take this opportunity to congratulate National Forum of Women with Disabilities for the launch on its website which will enable information sharing for disability related issues. It is extremely pertinent to improve our socio economic environment to facilitate over five million disabled people in the country. Inclusion of disabled people will contribute towards achieving overall development goals in the country besides integrating them in society.

UN Women - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women will Endeavour to promote policies and programmes targeting women with disability. This means not only improving conditions but also involving persons with disabilities in decision-making that affects their lives. It is also our deep concern that women and girls with disabilities are three times as likely to experience physical and sexual abuse and they have less access to social services and support systems. UN Women is committed to explore the inter-linkage of gender and disability, and support the Government and work with development partners to translate the recommendations of 'Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' into action.

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I congratulate the National Forum on Women with Disabilities on the work you are all doing to advance the inclusion of disabled women into society. Disabled girls and women are amongst the poorest of the poor throughout the world. We know that as disabled women receive education and view themselves as meaningful members of their community's greater respect and opportunities result. I encourage you all to continue your important work knowing that your leadership inspires others in your community and around the world to work to keep working to achieve equality in our societies. I look forward to working with you.

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