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Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011
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Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has released the "**Harmonised Guidelines & Standards for Universal Accessibility in India, 2021**". This is another milestone on part of the Ministry to make cities inclusive and accessible for all.

2. **The document supersedes the previous version** i.e. "Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disability and Elderly Persons, 2016" and *inter alia* provides details and illustrations of appropriate provisions to ensure universal accessibility in buildings.

3. It is requested that the guidelines and provisions for universal accessibility as per the "Harmonised Guidelines and Standards for Universal Accessibility in India, 2021" may be adopted and implemented in all construction activities undertaken by your Ministry/agencies under the purview of your Ministry.

4. In this regard, the National Institute of Urban Affairs and the Central Public Works Department can be contacted for further reference and guidance for the seamless adoption and implementation of these guidelines. A copy of the "Harmonised Guidelines & Standards for Universal Accessibility in India, 2021" is enclosed. This may be also accessed through CPWD and NIUA website (cpwd.gov.in and niua.org).

With regards

Yours Sincerely,


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