

3rd World Conference on Education for Children and Adults with Blindness (WCECAB 2027)

From Inclusion to Leadership: Empowering Persons with Blindness through Education, Employment and Social Participation



12-13 February 2027

Mumbai Cricket Association, Bandra Kurla Complex

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

WCECAB 2027 brings together educators, policymakers, researchers, technology innovators, disability advocates, families, organisations, corporate partners and persons with lived experience to exchange knowledge, showcase innovations, strengthen partnerships and identify practical strategies for advancing education, independence, employment and leadership for persons with blindness.



An inclusive world is not just possible, it is within our reach.

THE NEED IS URGENT



1.2 million

Blind children and young adults globally are estimated to require educational support.



288,000

Children with blindness in India require educational support.



Education

Creates opportunities for literacy, independence, employability and full participation in society.



Beyond Inclusion Towards Leadership

Ensuring persons with blindness are not only educated, but also empowered to lead.

ABOUT EK KADAM AUR FOUNDATION

Ek Kadam Aur Foundation (EKAF) works to transform the lives of children with blindness through education, technology and healthcare programs. Our flagship Arunodaya (Sunrise) Program has demonstrated that educational barriers can be overcome through innovation, commitment, community engagement and appropriate support systems.

40 Children in 2022

1577 as of Sept 2026

Supported through Arunodaya (Sunrise) Program

CONFERENCE THEMES

01

SCALING QUALITY EDUCATION

- Models and best practices
- Evidence and research
- System strengthening for greater reach

02

POLICY, RIGHTS & INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- Policy and advocacy
- Government and cross-sector collaboration
- Strengthening inclusive education systems

03

TECHNOLOGY, LITERACY & ACCESSIBLE LEARNING

- Assistive technology and AI
- Digital accessibility
- Braille and tactile learning tools
- Innovations for inclusive classrooms

04

FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES & EARLY INTERVENTION

- Role of parents and caregivers
- Early intervention and development
- Community engagement and support services

05

FROM EDUCATION TO LEADERSHIP

- Vocational skills and employment
- Independent living and social participation
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- Leadership and representation

WHO WILL PARTICIPATE?



Government & Policymakers



Educators



Researchers



Disability Organisations



Teachers & School Leaders



Parents & Caregivers



Persons with Blindness



Technology Experts



Corporates & Employers



Development Agencies

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Mumbai Declaration 2027

A collective declaration outlining priorities and recommendations.

Five Thematic Working Groups

Working groups aligned with each conference theme to continue collaboration beyond the conference.

Action Agenda 2027–2028

A practical roadmap with priority actions, collaborative initiatives and measurable commitments.

Strategic Partnerships

Strengthening collaboration across governments, and development partners.

Knowledge Exchange

Strengthening collaboration across governments, and development partners.



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