

## **Dr. Sam Taraporevala**

Dr. Sam Taraporevala, Associate Professor & Head Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Director, XRCVC has been teaching since 27 years. He has been actively involved in advocacy and awareness work in the field of social inclusion using applied research to address key access challenges for persons with blindness and low vision. He has been at the forefront of work resulting in the amendment of the Copyright Act, India in 2012, deployment of over 12000 accessible ATMs in India and opening up of science education for blind and low vision students.

### **He is currently on various national bodies including**

- Vice President & Chair, Committee on Policy Intervention, DAISY Forum of India
- Member, Braille Council of India (BCI)
- Member, General Council, National Institute for the Visually Handicapped (NIVH)
- Member, Expert committee to decide and list out modern assistive devices for all categories of PWDs under revised ADIP Scheme, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India

### **Other positions held:**

- Member, Expert Committee for the Resource Centre for Persons with Different Disabilities, National Library, Kolkata.
- Member, Task force for National Centre of Universal Design and Barrier free Environment for Persons with Disabilities, India.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai.
- Member, National Selection Committee for selecting the awardees for the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Member, Sub-group on Accessibility, Mobility, Research & Innovation to give inputs for the 12<sup>th</sup> Five year Plan.
- At St. Xavier's College, Autonomous Mumbai he is on various committees including :
  - a. Member Board of Management.
  - b. Member, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
  - c. Member Academic board
  - d. Chairman Board of Studies