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SVAYAM (GLOBAL Centre for Inclusive Environments), in partnership with Chandigarh-based NGO Yuvsatta, is going to conduct a workshop on 'Access Audit Training' for the youth leaders at the ongoing 10th Global Youth Peace Fest (GYPF) Wednesday. The workshop will be organised at PGI and Government Multi-Specialty Hospital, Sector 16.

Svayam works for the promotion of an inclusive and barrier-free public infrastructure to facilitate participation of people with reduced mobility. Founder of Svayam, Sminu Jindal, who was awarded the Global Youth Icon Award at GYPF in 2014, spoke about creating public infrastructure that is welcoming irrespective of age, gender or physical/sensory abilities. "We talk of several schemes to promote the concept of smart city, and we also are continuously de-

A workshop on 'Access Audit Training' will be organised at PGI and GMSH-16 today

vising ways to be on par with other nations. However, we have failed to provide proper accessibility to the people of our nation. Infrastructural challenges affect the quality of lives of millions across India, and we need to create awareness about the same," Jindal said. "Accessibility is a right that every citizen, irrespective of their physical/sensory abilities, is entitled to," she added.

Talking about the workshop, Jindal said, "Hospitals across our country need to have infrastructure that is accessible to all groups of people. We will perform audits at these two hospitals, and in the process, bring out the challenges faced by people. Further, few students will also be trained to perform the audits to enable them to further create awareness," Jindal said.