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2. International Women's Day celebration:

As part of the International Women's Day celebration on 8th March 2020, NIEPMD organised various programs. Viz. Awareness Rally, Cultural and skill training program for women with Disabilities, Drawing Competition for women with Disabilities, Sports for women with Disabilities.



3. Annual Sports Meet 2020:

NIEPMD organised Annual Sports Meet 2020 for Differently Abled children at NIEPMD, on 5th March 2020. Dr. Simmachandran, President, TNDFC, Chennai was the Chief Guest and declared the sports meet open. The Prize distribution ceremony of Sports Meet was held in the evening. Shri.Krishnamachari Srikanth, Former Indian Cricket Captain and Shri.Murali Vijay, Indian Cricket Team was the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively. About 300 participated the various sports event. Viz. Running, Walking, wheel Chair Race, Rolling the Ball etc.



4. “Handloom Weaver” trade for Adult with Multiple Disabilities:

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5. Press Conference of Divya Kala Shakti:

As part of the Divya Kala Shakti : Witnessing Abilities in Disabilities - A Cultural program by Children and youth with Disabilities organized by NIEPMD in Collaboration with Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities(Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to exhibit the talent of differently abled children NIEPMD organized press conference at Press Information Bureau (PIB), Chennai on 11.03.2020. Dr.A.Amarnath, Director I/c, Shri.Sansankara Narayanan, Dy.Registrar (Admin) briefed media about the Divya Kala Shakti for wide publicity.



6. Divya Kala Shakti:

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Shri.Banwarilal Purohit** witnessed the first ever regional event Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing the abilities in disabilities a unique cultural event at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 12th March 2020. He was accompanied by the Hon'ble Minister **Dr.V.Saroja**, Department of Social Welfare & Nutritious Noon Meal Program, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and it's senior officers. The event was organized by National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPMD), Chennai in collaboration with Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India. Around 1000 invitees including Persons with Differently Abled, Parents of Persons with Differently Abled, teachers, care-givers NGOs, etc. attended the program. This event brings together children and youth with Differently Abled from all the five Southern zone Viz. Andhra Pradesh-33, Karnataka-31, Kerala-03, Tamil Nadu-18, Telangana-07, Andaman nicobar-01 and Puducherry-05. About 98 children and youth with differently abled of various disabilities like Visual Impairment, Hearing Impairment, Locomotor Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual

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7. Corona Virus Prevention:

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What is a coronavirus?

- Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).
- A novel, or new, coronavirus is called nCoV.
- The current new coronavirus is called 2019-nCoV.

What are the symptoms of Coronavirus?

- The most common symptoms are fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties.
- In more severe cases infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and even death. The period within which the symptoms would appear is 2-14 days.

Where do coronaviruses come from?

- Coronaviruses cause disease in a wide variety of animal species.
- Several known coronaviruses are circulating in animals that have not yet infected humans.
- A spillover event is when a virus that is circulating in an animal species is found to have been transmitted to humans.

How can I protect myself from infection?

- Wash your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Peel above when coughing or sneezing.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, sleeve or a Taped elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid unprotected close contact with anyone developing cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Seek medical care if you have a fever, cough, and/or difficulty breathing.
- When wearing face masks, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals.
- Cook your food and especially meat thoroughly.
- Seek medical care if you have a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing; please reveal your travel or contact history.

Is there treatment?

- As of yet, there are no specific treatments for coronaviruses, but symptoms can be treated.

Are antibiotics effective in preventing and treating 2019-nCoV?

- No, antibiotics do not work against viruses. The 2019-nCoV is a virus and, therefore, antibiotics should not be used as a means of prevention or treatment.

Does 2019-nCoV only affect older people, or are younger people also susceptible?

- People of all ages can be infected by the virus. Older people and those with pre-existing medical conditions appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

Can pets at home spread the 2019-nCoV?

- At present, there is no evidence that companion animals/pets such as dogs or cats can be infected with the virus. However, it is always a good idea to wash your hands, with soap and water after contact with pets.

Adapted from World Health Organization

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF CORONAVIRUS INFECTION

- Clean hands** with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
- Cover nose and mouth** when coughing with tissue or flexed elbow
- Avoid close contact** with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
- Thoroughly cook** meat and eggs
- Avoid contact** with wild or live farm animals

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b. Total No. of Beneficiaries serviced under various Clinical and / or other services March 2020):

New Cases	No. of follow up Beneficiaries	No. of follow up Services
874*	5450*	9435*

* No. of case may vary on receipt of data from extension centres & ongoing camps/short term Training programs.

C. Conferences/Seminars/Job fair conducted during the month/any other events:

National conference on Cerebral Palsy:

NIEPMD in association with Spastic society Trichirapalli, organised National conference on Cerebral Palsy at Trichy from 5-6 March 2020, Dr. Samson Daniel, Orthopedic surgeon inaugurated the conference on 5th March 2020. Dr Kingsley Jebakumar Pediatrician, shri.Subramanian Secretary Santhakumar Director Spastic society of trichirapalli, Shri. K.K. Dhanavendan, program coordinator NIEPMD, among those present on the occasion. About 100 participants attended the program.



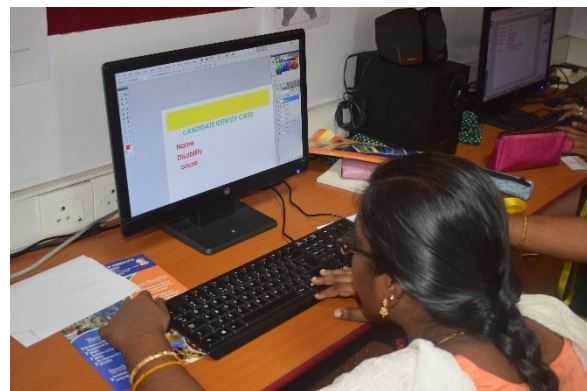
Zonal Level CRE on Research in Disability and Rehabilitation:

NIEPMD in collaboration Vidyavardhini Education Society organised Zonal Level CRE On Research in Disability and Rehabilitation at Nanded Maharashtra on 7 March 2020. Shri.Satendra virendra Aalwar, District Social Welfare Officer, Nanded was the Chief Guest About 75 participants attended the program.



d. Skill Development Activities:

NIEPMD commenced Skill Training course on “**Multimedia**” for Individual with Multiple Disabilities. This programme organized in collaboration with “**National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)**”, (*Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India*), Chennai. Duration of the course is period of 6 months with special emphasis on *Creative, Layout Designer*. 12 beneficiaries enrolled for this course. The model curriculum for this job role is approved by NSDC.



NIEPMD commenced "Skill training program on Small Poultry Farm (SCPwD QP code: PWD/AGR/Q4306) in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra- TANUVAS. 1st batch started from January 2020 for Adults with Multiple Disabilities. Duration of the course is 6 months.

The Model Curriculum for this "Job Role" is approved by Skill Council for Persons with Disability- National Skill Development Corporation.

e. Awareness Generation / Distribution and other camps organized:

Corona Virus Awareness poster prepared & displayed in the campus and pamphlets distributed to parents of PwDs.

f. Action Taken / Progress Made in:

i. E-Governance:

- NIEPMD website got SSL certificate (Secured website).
- Renewed the STQC certificate for NIEPMD website.
- NIEPMD website registered with National Portal of India
- Implemented PFMS
- Member of National Digital Library of India to access E-books and Journals
- Most of the Payments made through electronic clearance
- Digitalization of Service and Administration.
- Library services are automated.
- E-platform mechanism of website further enhanced to increase feedback mechanism.

ii. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:

Routine cleaning activities underwent during the month.

iii. Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan:

- Orientation on Universal Design and accessible websites given to students and Internship trainees of various colleges, and schools of Chennai who visited NIEPMD.

iv. Progressive use of Hindi (Rajbhasa):

Quarterly report has been sent to Ministry.

- 51% of Letters received in Hindi are replied in Hindi.
- Preparation of Program schedule, banners, Conference Invitation was also done in Hindi.
- Printing posters on the various themes of Swachh Bharat Mission printed in Hindi.

g. Redressal of Public Grievances:

- Nil-

h. Major important Achievements of the organization/Institute:

- NIEPMD received ISO 9001:2015 certification
- NIEPMD Accredited by NAAC with B Grade in the 1st Cycle

i. No. of New Courses/ any other activities Initiated:

58th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Physiotherapist:

NIEPMD College of Physiotherapy received Four prizes in Quiz (3 first prize and 1 second prize) in the 58th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Physiotherapist, held during 6th -8th March 2020 held at Chennai and also received the Significant contribution award.



j. New Initiatives, if any:

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K. Any other Information considered important to be intimated:

Media coverage of various programs organized by NIEPMD during the month of March 2020.



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Youth with disabilities take the stage at Divya Kala Shakti event

Event provides them a platform to display talent

STAFF REPORTER
CHENNAI

It was an evening filled with dance, music and some daredevil gymnastics, as children and youth with disabilities took the stage for ‘Divya Kala Shakti’, a cultural programme focussed on witnessing abilities in disabilities.

Organised by the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMED), in collaboration with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DIVYANGJAN) and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the cultural event brought together

98 children and youth with various disabilities, including visual and hearing impairment, locomotor disabilities, autism spectrum disorder and other intellectual disabilities.

Regional edition
This was the first regional edition of the event and the participants were from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Puducherry.

The Governor of Tamil Nadu, Banwarilal Purohit, witnessed their performances, along with V. Saroja, Minister of Social Wel-

fare and Nutritious Noon Meal programme, and an audience of parents, caregivers, persons with disabilities and representatives from NGOs.

The performances ranged from folk dances to classical piece. Children performed Bharatanatyam, several folk dance styles, sang and played instruments on stage. Amid loud applause and cheers from the audience, a team of acrobats with disabilities also performed some breathtaking stunts on stage.

The Divya Kala Shakti event aims to provide a wide platform for the disabled to showcase their talents.

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Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamilnadu, inaugurated the ‘Divya Kalashakti’, a cultural programme by children and youth with disabilities, organised by NIEPMED on Mar.12. Dr.V.Saroja, Hon’ble Minister for Social Welfare and Nutritious NoonMeal Programme, and other dignitaries were present.

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Video Conference about various measures taken for Corona virus:

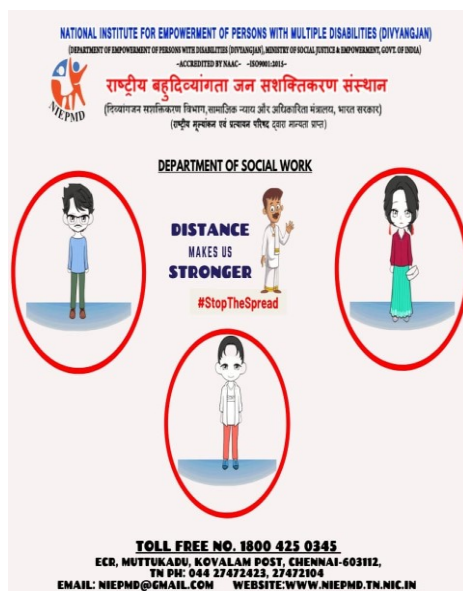
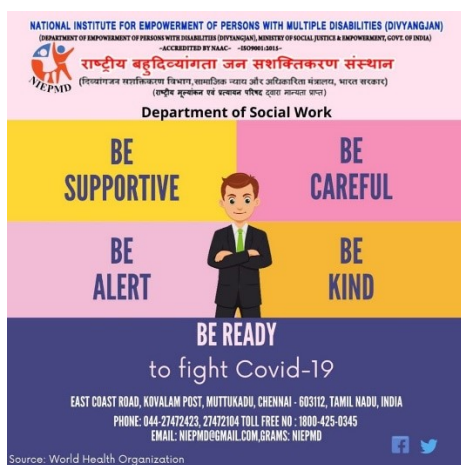
Ms. Shakuntala D Gamlin, Secretary, Dept.of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities(Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Gol, convened meeting of Directors of all National Institutes and CRCs through video conference regarding discussion and steps taken to combat the COVID-19 out break (Coronavirus)

on 19th March 2020. NIEPMD also participated the Video Conference held at NIC, Ezhilagam, Chennai. Dr.A.Amaranath, Director I/c, briefed the various steps taken by NIEPMD to control and combat COVID – 19.

a. Major Activities undertaken during the month of April 2020:

1. Corona Virus Prevention:

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PREVENTION OF PRESSURE SORE

Keep the skin dry

Report if there is redness on the skin

Repositioning every 1-2 hrs

Use lift sheet or device to reduce shear or friction

Use pressure reduction device/pillow on head, elbow and leg/heel

Eat well and drink fluids

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As COVID-19 pandemic continues to expand in India and in the world, only one thing is certain: the current outbreak will have profound impact not only in the health and economic situation, but also on the psychosocial wellbeing of societies across nations. The impacts will be felt differently among different population groups. As the coronavirus pandemic spreads, self-isolation or quarantine is one of the key strategies in “flattening the curve” of infection rates. The quarantine has created extra burden for parents/caregivers of person with disability

NIEPMD took various Initiatives and measures to facilitate the Divyangjans, Parents of PwDs, through Awareness Posters, Videos, on-call Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychological Counselling, Vocational Guidance counselling, Special Education rehabilitation services etc., during the Lockdown period of COVID-19. NIEPMD sprang into action by 22nd March 2020 itself through various activities, the details of the program initiated for the above are as follows.

Persons with Disabilities:

Tele mode

- Toll free number being used significantly to provide services through tele mode and link the clients with professionals for counseling, rehabilitation services, etc.
- On call Psychological guidance & Counselling for individuals with disabilities and families
- Guidance on coping strategies for families during lockdown and capacity building of caregivers
- Vocational Guidance Counselling services for Individuals with Disabilities
- Occupational Therapy Services during lockdown
- Physiotherapy Services during lockdown
- Speech Therapy Services during lockdown
- Special education services
- Services for caring the assistive devices during lockdown

Institution mode (Direct contact by keeping social distancing)

- Provision of anti-psychotic drugs and Neurological cum rehabilitation medicines
- Sending the anti- psychotic drugs through speed post to the families who were not able to come to Institute due to lockdown.
- Neighborhood clients were provided medicines in the institute itself.

Online/Video mode/Social media activities to be carried out at home

- Speech Therapy at Home (2 series)
- Tips to stay emotionally healthy during Covid-19 lockdown
- Teaching Pre-writing Skills
- Developing Social Skills & Communication
- Functional Activity for Adult with Disabilities during Lockdown due to COVID-19
- Care for children during lockdown
- Home Living Activities for Adult with Multiple Disabilities during lockdown
- Management of challenging behaviors of children with special needs at Home during Lockdown
- Exercise for children with Autism during lockdown
- Guidance for children with Autism during lockdown
- Activities for kids at home during lockdown

Parents of PwDs (The information was provided through tele mode/Social media/Videos)

- Home based program done by Parents of PwDs during lockdown
- Looking after your mental health during Lockdown
- Social Scripts Series 1-3 (COVID – 19)
- Advisory for Senior Citizens during COVID period
- How to Clean Vegetables to Prevent Harmful Viruses & Bacteria (In Sign Language)
- General Measures to Enhance Body's Natural Defence System

- Home based training given by Parents of PwDs with the guidance of Teacher
- Message to Parents of Divyangjan regarding Corona Virus
- On-call Counselling and Guidance Services for Covid-19
- Guidelines by AIIMS on How to Stay Safe from Covid-19 (Part-1)

For HRD Students

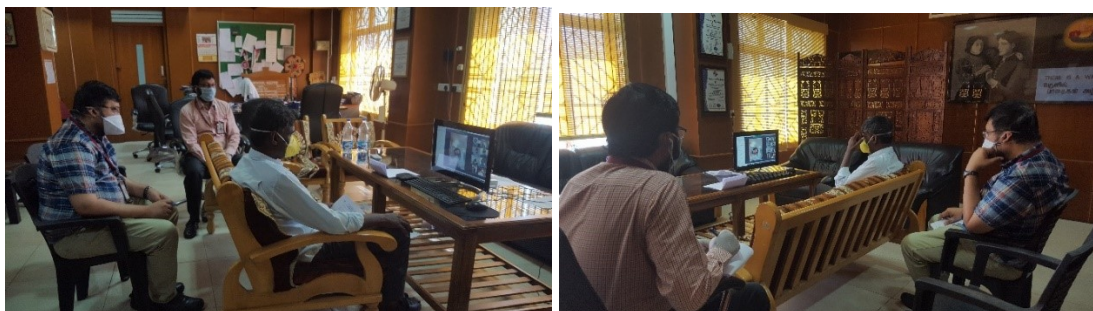
- Faculties engaged in taking classes online through Zoom, Skype, Google Classroom etc.
- Online feedback, discussion with each individual student through text messages, social media were initiated
- Internal unit tests are also being conducted through social media and videos

Research & Development

- All the members involved in R & D prompted into action by creating awareness posters, social media posts and pamphlets
- The members are also involved in producing modules to carry out activities at home for PwDs, Family members and caregivers
- The members have also started creating manuals on various topics related to prevention, activities, psycho social well-being, communication, activities of daily living & functional academics.

2. Video Conference on review of Rehabilitation and HRD Activities carried out during Lockdown period due to the COVID-19 Outbreak:

Ms. Shakuntala D Gamlin, Secretary, Dept.of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities(Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI, convened meeting of Directors of all National Institutes and CRCs through video conference regarding discussion and steps taken to combat the COVID-19 outbreak (Coronavirus) on 16th April 2020. NIEPMD also participated the Video Conference held at NIC, Ezhilagam, Chennai. Dr.A.Amaranath, Director I/c, briefed the various steps taken by NIEPMD to control and combat COVID – 19.



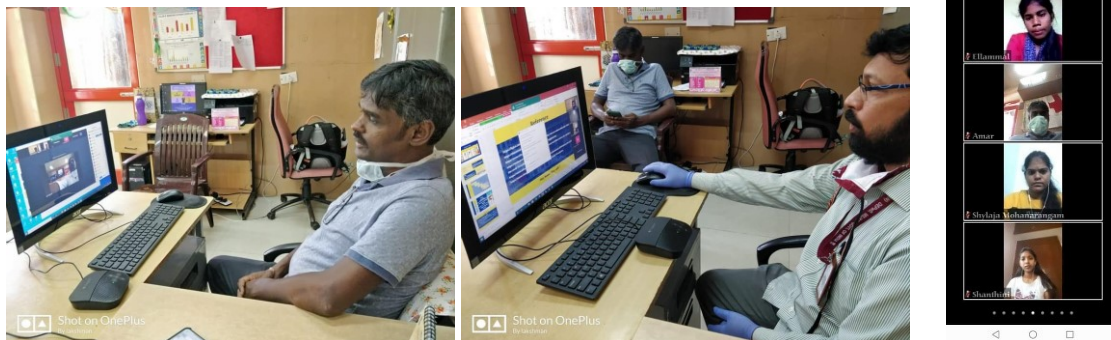
b. Total No. of Beneficiaries serviced under various Clinical and / or other services April 2020):

New Cases	No. of follow up Beneficiaries
11	3050

* No. of case may vary on receipt of data from extension centres & ongoing camps/short term Training programs.

C. Conferences/Seminars/Job fair conducted during the month/any other events:

NIEPMD conducted a Webinar on Health and Hygiene for PwDs and their family members during lockdown as a result of COVID 19 on 29th April 2020 as part of the series of Capacity building of Family Members. Dr. A. Amarnath, Lecturer (Social Work) and Shri. Rajesh Ramachandran, Rehabilitation Officer, NIEPMD was the Resource Person. About 43 participants across the country participated.



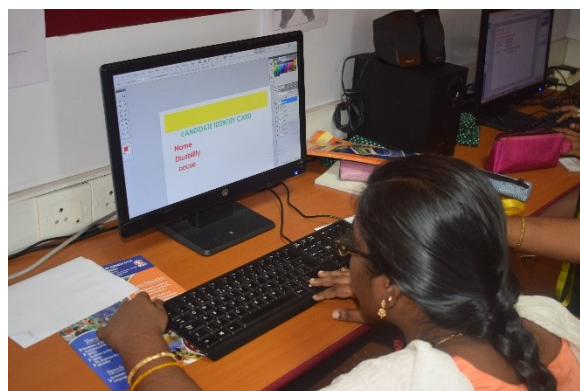
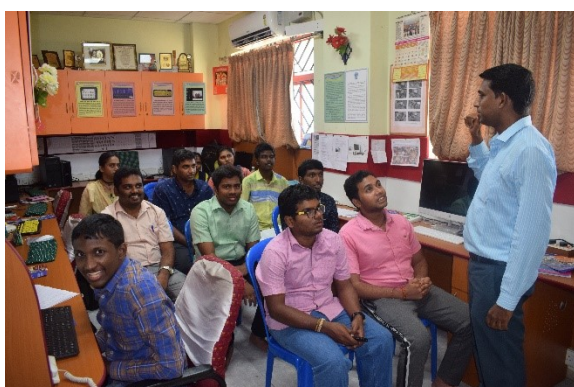
Participation of Details of Online Training of WHO to meet the response of Corona pandemic :

NIEPMD staff are encouraged to attend the online training of WHO to meet the response of Corona Pandemic with reference to the requirement of NIEPMD. The following programs has been attended by staff.

- Health cluster coordination E-learning course
- Competence based learning
- Introduction to COVID 19 through Video based and sign lanaguage
- Protect respiratory infections
- Infection prevention and control
- Operational planning guidelines and COVID 19 partners platform to support coutry.
- How to put on and remove personal protective equipment
- Standard precautions – Hang hyegiene

d. Skill Development Activities:

NIEPMD commenced Skill Training course on “**Multimedia**” for Individual with Multiple Disabilities. This program organized in collaboration with “**National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)**”, (*Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India*), Chennai. Duration of the course is period of 6 months with special emphasis on *Creative, Layout Designer*. 12 beneficiaries enrolled for this course. The model curriculum for this job role is approved by NSDC.



NIEPMD commenced "Skill training program on Small Poultry Farm (SCPwD QP code: PWD/AGR/Q4306) in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra- TANUVAS. 1st batch started from January 2020 for Adults with Multiple Disabilities. Duration of the course is 6 months. The Model Curriculum for this"Job Role" is approved by Skill Council for Persons with Disability- National Skill Development Corporation.

e. Awareness Generation / Distribution and other camps organized:

COVID 19 pandemic Awareness posters and stickers prepared and circulated through Social Media.

f. Action Taken / Progress Made in:

i. E-Governance:

- NIEPMD website got SSL certificate (Secured website).
- Renewed the STQC certificate for NIEPMD website.
- NIEPMD website registered with National Portal of India
- Implemented PFMS
- Member of National Digital Library of India to access E-books and Journals

- Most of the Payments made through electronic clearance
- Digitalization of Service and Administration.
- Library services are automated.

ii. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:

Routine cleaning and sanitization of the campus activities carried out during the month.



iii. Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan:

- Orientation on Universal Design and accessible websites given to students and Internship trainees of various colleges, and schools of Chennai who visited NIEPMD.

iv. Progressive use of Hindi (Rajbhasa):

Quarterly report has been sent to Ministry.

- 51% of Letters received in Hindi are replied in Hindi.
- Preparation of Program schedule, banners, Conference Invitation was also done in Hindi.
- Printing posters on the various themes of Swachh Bharat Mission printed in Hindi.
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g. Redressal of Public Grievances:

- Nil-

h. Major important Achievements of the organization/Institute:

- NIEPMD received ISO 9001:2015 certification
- NIEPMD Accredited by NAAC with B Grade in the 1st Cycle

i. No. of New Courses/ any other activities Initiated:

- NIEPMD initiated a National Mental Health Line under the Guidance of DEPwD to address the mental health issues and COVID 19 pandemic mental health issues.
- Online skill/Employable training programs for Adult persons with Multiple Disabilities. In the wake of COVID 19 pandemic NIEPMD had initiated 3 online skill training programs for Adult Persons with disabilities to occupy them with some employable activities. The following trades are provided in online
 1. Sublimation printing
 2. Multimedia training
 3. Data Entry operator training

K. Any other Information considered important to be intimated:

Service and HRD Activities carried out during the COVID 19 Pandemic Outbreak:

- Informed the staffs of NIEPMD to do the online courses on Management of COVID-19 by World Health Organization.
- Shared awareness posters on world autism awareness day in parent's whatsapp group.
- Shared posters on "mental health well being during lockdown".
- Shared posters on "hand hygiene", proper disposal of mask.
- Shared information about the OPD services of homeopathy, tele mode speech therapy services, and physiotherapy services.
- Shared animated videos on "personal protective measures" such as hand washing technique, proper usage of mask, tips for work from home.
- Shared motivational videos for the parents children with disabilities.
- Provided Anti psychotic drugs to clients registered with NIEPMD through post.
- Created UDID for five NIEPMD registered client.
- Tips to HRD faculties for moving teaching online during lockdown.
- Shri. B.S. Santhosh Kanna – 1. Participated as Panel member in Virtual Panel discussion on " Futuristic goals to Address Challenges in Rehabilitation Post Covid- 19 in Persons with Disability organized by Indian Association of Physiotherapist on 29th April 2020. 2. Completed Record of achievement in COVID-19; Operational Planning Guidelines and Covid-19 partners platform to support country preparedness and response, course run by WHO on 3rd April 2020. 3. Completed on line course on "Certificate on COVID-19 – Awareness and Management" conducted by Medvarsity in partnership with NATHEALTH & FICCI on 21st March 2020.
- Mr.S.Gurumoorthy- participated in online courses: 1. Pediatric concern during Covid-19 by Diksha, 2. Infection prevention and control for novel Coronavirus by WHO, 3.

Protect respiratory infections by WHO, 4. Standard precautions: Hand hygiene by WHO.

- Mr. S. Rajesh - prepared and submitted a draft for NIEPMD MANUAL titled Education for children with disabilities- Chapter 6 : Managing communication, Mobility & other issues in Multiple disabilities; Unit-1 Challenges of CWMD; subunits – Socio-Environment challenges and Barrier in Transport.
- Mr. V.B. Jayakumar – prepared and submitted a draft for NIEPMD MANUAL titled education for children with disabilities; Chapter 6 : Managing communication, Mobility & other issues in Multiple disabilities; Unit—1 Challenges of CWMD ; subunits: Developmental challenges and ADL training in multiple disabilities. Coordinating Manual of Multiple Sclerosis and submitted for approval.
- Mrs. Arul mozhe A - prepared and submitted a draft for NIEPMD MANUAL titled education for children with disabilities; Chapter 6 : Managing communication, Mobility & other issues in Multiple disabilities; Unit-2 : Issues and management of Motor skills; subunits: Issues of Gross Motor Skills and Gross Motor Training.
- Smt.Gowri Webinar on 1.On Line Training of Psychologists for providing brief & basic telephonic psychological support in the context of CoVID-19- organised by Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS- 9 April 2020 2. Online Panel Discussion- Telepsychotherapy services for guidelines(for clinical psychologists) organised by Dept of Clinical psychology in collaboration with Telemedicine centre, NIMHANS- 17 April 2020 3. Online Q & A platform for health care providers offering psychological support in the context of CoVID-19 context & Sharing of experience & insight of clinical psychologists as helpline volunteers offering psychological support organised by Dept of Clinical psychology in collaboration with Telemedicine centre, NIMHANS- 29 April 2020. 4. Preparation of Informative poster on Management of challenging behaviours of children with special needs at home during lock down . 5. Preparation of informative materials (social stories) for parents of children with disabilities for managing behavior problems 6. preparation of draft action plan for providing services to special needs population during lockdown by the dept of clinical psychology.

Media coverage of programs organized by NIEPMD during the month of April 2020.



Article of Smt.Anandalakshmi, Clinical Psychologist, NIEPMD on Handling Children during Corona lockdown published in Dinamani Tamil Newspaper