

Monthly Report for the Month of December 2019 16th December 2019

1. International Day of Persons with Disabilities:

NIEPMD celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December 2019. The theme of the year is Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda. To mark the occasion NIEPMD organized a seminar on Sustainable Development Goals. Prof.V.Rajeswari, Former Dean College Development Council and Dean Faculty, Dept.of Education, Mother Theresa Women's University, Kodaikanal was the resource person for the program. Dr. Himangshu Das, Director, NIEPMD, Shri.S.Sanakara Narayana, Deputy Registrar(Admin), NIEPMD staff and Students are among those present on the occasion.



As part of the International Day of persons with Disabilities, Office of the State Commissioner for Welfare of the Differently Abled, Government of Tamilnadu organized the Special Exhibition for displaying ICT Lab for Persons with Disabilities at Anna University, Chennai on 3rd December 2019. NIEPMD participated the exhibition and show case the Aids and Assistive devices of Persons with Disabilities. Shri.Johny Tom Varghese, IAS, Director, welfare of the Differently Abled, Govt. of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Exhibition.



As part of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, NIEPMD organized the Awareness program on Sustainable Development Goals at Patrician College of Arts and Science , Chennai on 3rd December 2019. To mark the occasion HRD Trainees (Special Education) performed various awareness activities related to Sustainable Development Goals 2030 with reference to disability through Mime, Drama & songs related to Social Inclusion of PwDs and also delivered presentation on SDG Goals and Objectives. About 600 participants participated the program.



As part of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2019 NIEPMD organised Impression campaign at workplace towards reducing inequality(SDG No.10) on 4th December 2019.



As part of celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Children with Special Needs accessing the Marina Beach through the accessible walkway, Social Work staff and students of NIEPMD volunteering and explaining about the activities of NIEPMD to PwDs and families on 4th December 2019.



2. Workshop:

NIEPMD organized a Workshop on “Divyanayan” - Technology Intervention and validation for inclusiveness of the visually impaired People in association with CSIR- Central Scientific Interventions and Technologists, Chandigarh on 6th December 2019.



3. Awareness Program on Yoga:

As part of the celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2019, NIEPMD organized an “Awareness program on Yoga for Persons with Disabilities and their family members” on 10th December 2019. Swami.Udaaradhi, delivered lecture on Importance of Yoga for Daily Life. About 120 participants attended the program including NIEPMD Staff, PwDs, Parents and HRD Trainees.



4. Review Meeting :

Review Meeting on Compilation of Post reserved for Persons with Bench Mark Disabilities as per RPWD Act 2016 was held at NIEPMD on 9th December 2019 under the Chairpersonship of Dr.Prabodh Seth, IAS, Joint Secretary (PS), DEPwDs, MSJ&E, GOI.



5. Workshop:

In observance of International day of Persons with Disabilities 2019, NIEPMD in Association with Leonard Cheshire (UK) South Asia Regional Office, Bangalore jointly organized a Workshop on Technology Enabled Economic Inclusion – Prospects and Challenges at NIEPMD on 13th December 2019. Shri.Rajive Ratru, Disability Rights Advisor, was the Chief Guest. About 100 participants from Representatives of various corporate companies, Start up agencies, Persons with Disabilities and Parents of PwDs participated. Dr.Himangshu Das, Director, NIEPMD, Shri.S.Sankara Narayanan, Deputy Registrar (Admin) ,Smt. Revathi Rukmini, Leonard Cheshire, (Regional Representative, LC), Staff of NIEPMD & Leonard Cheshire are among those present on the occasion.



6. Executive Council Meeting:

The 37th Executive Council Meeting of NIEPMD was held at CRC, Kozhikode 14th December 2019 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, DEPwDs, MSJ&E, Govt. of India.

7. Conference

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyanjan) (NIEPMD) in association with National Commission for Protection of Child Rights(NCPCR), New Delhi organized the conference on “Beyond Medical Diagnosis: Integration of Psychosocial Perspectives on Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Child Sexual Abuse Victims” on 21st December 2019 at NIEPMD. Dr.R.G.Anand, Member, NCPCR, inaugurated the conference. This conference had enlightened and created awareness among the masses about the attributes of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) for its role in

understanding the dynamics of its epidemiological rise in India. Eminent speakers from the field of psychology, psychiatry integrated with rehabilitation and sociology had provided scientific insight about the gravitas of psycho-social impact on victims of child sexual abuse and responded to gaps in rehabilitation of the victims to explore the comprehensive rehabilitative after-care response as well as the strategies to combat the social exclusion of CSA victims in the society. About 80 participants attended the conference were Members of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), Director, Program Managers of State Child Protection Society, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), representatives of Social Defense, Tamil Nadu, psychologists, Psychiatrists, and social workers.



8. Kavalan SOS App:

NIEPMD in association with Kanathur Police Station, Muttukadu, Chengalpet District organized an Awareness program on “Kavalan SOS” a Mobile based app designed for Android and IOS devices to avail police help during emergency introduced by Tamil Nadu Police Department, on 19th December 2019. Smt.Ananda Jothi, Inspector of Police, Kanathur Police Station, spoke about the features and the use of the Mobile App to HRD students and Staff. About 130 participants attended the program.



9. Stall :

NIEPMD put up stall at the 2nd National Conference on Assistive Technology in Neuro Rehab organized by Indian Association of Assistive Technologists (IAAT), held at Chandigarh during 22nd – 23rd December 2019.



As per the order from State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities letter No: ROC No:101038/SO/2018 dated 20.1.20 regarding Welfare of Differently abled – Fairs and Festivals – 46th India Tourist and Industrial Fair 2020 at Island Ground, Chennai for Setting up stalls, NIEPMD put up stall at the venue on 22nd December 2019. Dr. Eadppadi K Palaniswami, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Fair. Shri. Vellamandi N. Natarajan, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Govt. of Tamilnadu inaugurated the Dept. of Welfare of Differently Abled Pavilion and visited the stalls.

