

1. NIs Review Meeting:

Review Meeting of National Institutes organized by DEPwDs, MSJ&E, GOI, New Delhi held at New Delhi on 10th July 2018 under the Chairpersonship of **Ms. Shakuntala D. Gamlin,**

Secretary, to Govt. of India, DEPwDs, MSJ&E.

2. Executive Council Meeting:

33rd Executive Council Meeting of NIEPMD was held at NIEPMD, Chennai on 10th July 2018, under the Chairmanship of Smt. Dolley Chakrabarthi, Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, DEPwDs, MSJ&E, Govt. of India.

3. Press Conference:

As part of the Hon'ble Minister visit to NIEPMD for Inauguration of Special Education HRD Block & Accessible Bus Service and Bhoomi Pooja for Construction of Nambikkai Bhawan & Barrier free waiting lobby & dining area at NIEPMD on 13th July 2018, NIEPMD organized a Press Meet at NIEPMD on 12th July 2018. Dr. Himangshu Das, Director NIEPMD briefed the press officials about the Hon'ble Minister Union Minister visit and details of projects initiated by NIEPMD during the meeting. About 15 press officials from various print and electronic media attended the meet.



4. Hon'ble Minister Visit:

The Hon'ble union Minister for social justice and Empowerment **Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot**, inaugurated the Special School Education Building of NIEPMD, Accessible bus service for Persons with Disabilities at NIEPMD campus, Chennai on Friday, July 13, 2018; Bhoomi Pooja for construction of Nambikkai Bhawan (SC/ST Beneficiary hostel and family Cottage) and Barrier Free waiting Lobby & Dining area are also performed by Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot in the presence of **Dr. V. Saroja**, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare

and Nutritious Meal Program, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, **Smt.K.Maragatham**, M.P., Kanchipuram Parliamentary Constituency, Ms. Dolly Chakrabarty, Joint Secretary, Ms. T.C.A. Kalyani, Financial Advisor & Joint Secretary, MSJ&E, officers of CPCL and other dignitaries.

This NAMBIKKAI Bhawan will be built at a cost of 20.78 crores will be used for student's hostel, research scholar hostel, gymnasium, recreational-facilities, library, dining facility, seminar-conference facility, short-term family stay and other developmental programmes for the institute

This HRD block of Special Education with 25 rooms will facilitate the special education teacher-education programmes; and conduction of research in special education. Built by CPWD at the cost of 3.17 crores; will meet the immediate requirement of the Department of Special Education, and help produce over 200 special education professionals from across the country annually.

Accessible Bus for individuals with multiple disabilities is first of its kind. Sponsored by HPCL under its CSR initiative this highly accessible bus costing 24.00 lakhs will have facility for special seating of 39 number of Divyangjans and 4 number of wheelchair bound Divyangjans. This bus will soon serve as a model of best practice with the potential of revolutionizing the concept of public-transport system for making it accessible.

The CPCL Chennai (*Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited*) under their CSR initiative has accepted to build an Accessible Special Utility Area for our beneficiaries and parents in NIEPMD at the cost of 31.70 lakhs. Hundreds of beneficiaries and parents those come to NIEPMD for various services will greatly benefit from this facility. This area will have a Waiting Area, a Dining Area, a Canteen, Feeding Area, Resting Area and Toilets.

Shri. Suresh Manohar Rao Patil, Member, Executive Council & General Council of NIEPMD, Shri S.N.Pandey, Managing Director, CPCL, Ms. RevathyRugmini, Regional Representative, Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD), South East Asia Regional Office, senior CPWD officers, Dr.Himangshu Das, Director, NIEPMD, NIEPMD staff, Persons with Disabilities and Parents of PwDs, are among those present on the occasion.



5. Memorandum of Understanding:



NIEPMD signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SSN College of Engineering and Technology, Chennai for the purpose of Faculty Exchange program, Research and HRD on 25th July 2018.

6. National Summit:

NIEPMD organized the **2nd National Summit on “Employment Opportunities for Adult with Multiple Disabilities and Family Members”** from 26th & 27th July, 2018. The Inaugural function of the program was held on 26th July 2018. **Shri.Srinath, District Differently Ablded Welfare Officer, Kanchipuram District** was the Chief Guest and delivered the Inaugural address. Shri.M.Leela Krishnan, Asst.Director, MSME Development Institute, Chennai, Cdr. Shrirang N Bijur, President, Parivaar, Ms.kadhamabari S.Viswanathan, Asst Vice-President, VIT, Chennai, Shri.Pankaj Maru, GC & EC Member, RCI, New Delhi, and Smt. K.S.Revathy Rugmini, Regional Representative, Leonard Cheshire, South Asia Region, are among those other dignitaries participated the program.



7. Guest Lecture:

Dr.Peter Allen, Anglian Duskin University, U.K visited to NIEPMD on 31st July 2018 and also delivered Guest Lecture on the Topic “Managing Visual issues in Dyslexia”.



ADIP distribution camp was held at Tiruvarur on 21st July 2018. Shri.P.Kamaraj, Minister for Food and Civil supplies, Govt. of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest and distributed the aids and appliances to eligible beneficiaries of Persons with Disabilities.



NIEPMD Special Activities for the Month of August 2018

1. Flag off Ceremony of Accessible Bus:

Flagging of Ceremony of Barrier free Accessible Bus services was held at NIEPMD on 2nd August 2018. Shri.Suresh Shetty, Chief General Manager, HR(Mktg) , HPCL, Chennai was the Chief Guest and Flag off the barrier free Accessible Bus to PwDs in the presence of Shri.Sandeep Maheswari, G.M(I/c), South Zone – HPCL, Chennai, Shri.Balaji Anandan,DGM, Shri.M.A.Mahendiran, EX-General Council Member, NIEPMD and Dr.Himangshu Das, Director, NIEPMD.



2. Skill Development Program

NIEPMD in collaboration with Leonard Cheshire project, Nagapattinam under EU India- Livelihoods Project, implements Parents Child Supported Employment Initiative.

The main objectives of this programme were livelihood empowerment for persons with multiple disabilities and their families. These programme focus on strategies to evolve a self/supported model with the support of family members and to enhance the quality of life for persons with multiple disabilities.

Under this initiative 11 families' members were identified and provided with trade specific on – job trainings, under the concept called “ PARENT – CHILD SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT CONCEPT” . This programme implemented in various location of Chennai, Tamilnadu on specific trades such as Tailoring and Embroidering, Sublimation Printing, Petty Shop, Grocery and Nursery.

On 3rd August 2018, the following entrepreneurs were inaugurated with the support of family members, community members and neighbours. Such initiatives clearly shows the support of Corporate social responsibility with the support of various stakeholders for empowering persons with multiple disabilities and their families.



Manjari sewing creation – (Tailoring and Embroidering) at Padur **Vetri associative printers** – (Sublimation Printing) at Mambakkam



SRS creation – (Tailoring & Embroidering) at Vadanemmeli

3. Independence Day Celebration:

NIEPMD celebrated 72nd Independence Day on 15th August 2018. Shri.Nachiketa Rout, Associate Professor, Speech, Hearing and Communication, NIEPMD hoisted the tricolor National flag and delivered the Independence Day address. To mark the occasion NIEPMD organized various cultural programs and events performed by HRD Trainees. To mark the occasion NIEPMD building is illuminated with Serial Lights. NThe Special School Children of NIEPMD participated the Freedom Carnival 2018 (Knowledge Partner) organized by Ooruni Foundation, at Annai Velankanni College of Arts and Science, Chennai. The Parents Counselling Program also organized during the Program.





72ND Independence Day celebrated at the NIEPMD Extension Centre, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with NCS CDA, GOVT. OF INDIA. About 100 Divyangjan were participated the program and performed various cultural activities like play activities, fun activities and competition.



4. Scholarship:

The 9 Students of D.Ed.Spl.Edn, B.Ed.Spl.Edn and M.Ed.Spl.Edn received Scholarship under CSR Scheme sponsored by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited, Chennai and United Way, Chennai, on 23rd August 2018 at NIEPMD, Chennai.



5. Guest Lecture:

Dr. Shashidhar Rao Chavan, Kuwait University, delivered the Guest Lecture on the Topic "Management of Motor problems in Cerebral Palsy" on 29th August 2018.



6. Swachh Bharat:

As part of the Swachh Bharat Clean drive activities, NIEPMD organized Clean drive at Kovalam Beach, Chennai on 16th August 2018. The Staff and HRD trainees involved the cleaning activities in and around kovalam beach.



Swachhta Packhwada activities at Model School of NIEPMD was organised in collaboration with CPCL, Chennai on 30th August 2018. During the Program the importance and cleanliness were discussed amongst the Children with Multiple Disabilities and Parents of Children with Disabilities besides the school staff. Diapers for 33 Children with Multiple Disabilities and Smart bins were handed over to school for promote Hygiene, cleanliness and Recycling.



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7. Audit of NIEPMD Accounts

The Annual Audit of accounts of NIEPMD for the year 2017-18 has been taken up by DAG, Chennai. A team of Auditors deputed by the office of DAG stationed at the Institute and audited the accounts from 29th August 2018.