

Events held during the month of February 2018

1. General Council Meeting:

The 11th Meeting of the General Council (GC) of NIEPMD was held on 9th February 2017 at NIEPMD, Chennai Chaired by the President Secretary to Govt. of India, Dept.of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, The meeting was attended by the members of the Council.

2. International Conference:

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPMD), SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, Chennai with the Knowledge Partnership of University of Northampton, United Kingdom jointly organized “**International Conference on Challenging Exclusion at SRM Institute of Science and Technology**” during 30th January 2018 to 2nd February 2018. The Inauguration of the program was held on 30th January, 2018 . **Smt. Ms. Shakuntala D. Gamlin, I.A.S.**, Secretary to the Government of India for Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJ&E) inaugurated the conference and deliver the Inaugural address. **Dr. T.R. PaariVendar, Honorable Chancellor of SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai** was the Guest of Honour. **Mrs. Dolly Chakroborthy, Joint Secretary, DEPwD MSJ & E, GOI, Prof. Sudes hMukhopadyay**, Former Chairperson of RCI and **Prof. Richard Rose**, University of Northampton, were the Distinguish Guests of the Conference.

About 549 delegates from all over the world attended the conference. During the conference 127 paper presenters, 35 posters were presented. Over 74 eminent professionals had chaired the scientific session. The conference included seven plenary sessions, ten parallel sessions under four themes namely.

- Exclusionary factors in Education
- Exclusionary factors in Health
- Exclusionary factors in Empowerment and Employment
- Multidisciplinary perspectives.

The best paper presentations were selected among oral paper and poster presentations.



3. National Conference:

NIEPMD organized the Conference “National Conference on Current Trends in Multiple Disciplinary care for Children with Developmental Disabilities at Kozhikode during 2nd – 4th February 2018.

4. Zonal Level Conference:

NIEPMD organized the Zonal Level Conference “**Vocational Rehabilitation for Persons with Multiple Disabilities Concept and Execution**” in collaboration with Institute of Advances Research and Social Action, Kurukshetra, Haryana, during 10th – 11th February 2018 at Kurukshetra, Haryana. Shri.Lov Verma, (Former Secretary to Govt. of India & Independent Director, Ministry of Railways , inaugurated the Conference in the presence of Shri.Raj Nirbhik, Former Disability Commissioner to Govt. of Haryana, Ms.Surjeet Kaur, District Social Welfare officer, Kurukshetra, and Shri. J.P.Keshri, Director, SEED. About 100 delegates from 10 states of India were participated the program.



5. State Level Conference:

NIEPMD organized the Conference on “Self Advocacy and rights of People with Multiple Disabilities at Rajasthan during 17th – 18th February 2018.

6. International Conference:

NIEPMD organized the conference “Sustainable Practices for inclusion for children with Hearing Impairment at Lucknow during 21st – 23rd February 2018.

NIEPMD organized the “International Autism Conference: Pathway to an Inclusive Life” in association with Society of Parents of Children with Autism Disorder and Kokilaben Dhirubai Ambani Hospital and Research Institute, Mumbai during 22nd – 24th February 2018.



7. Awareness Stall:

As part of the Awareness Generation NIEPMD put up stall at the International Conference on Challenging Exclusion 2016 organized by NIEPMD in association with SRM Institute of Science and Technology during 30th January – 2nd February 2018.



NIEPMD also put up stall at the “International Congress on Holistic Health” jointly organized by the Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University, Chennai and Dept. of AYUSH, Commissionerate of Indian Medicine, Tamilnadu at The Tamilnadu Dr.MGR Medical University , Chennai during 9th – 10th February 2018.



