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Special employees from NIEPMD bag State award

Tamilnadu Chief Minister, Edappadi K.Palanisamy, on Dec.21, awarded N. Prabu - telephone operator and D.Madhan - vocational training student, from NIEPMD, in the event conducted by the State Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Aabled, Tamilnadu.

37-year-old Prabu was awarded the Best Employee with Disability (Lacustrator Disability) for the year 2019. He suffered a spinal cord injury at the age of 23 due to a road accident. He became acquainted with NIEPMD in the year 2010 for getting rehabilitation services. In 2014, he applied for the post of Supportive Staff- Telephone Operator (session basis) at NIEPMD, which he got after passing the skill test.

While working at the institution, he completed NET (National Eligibility Test for Lectureship) in Commerce, and TNTET (Tamilnadu Teacher Eligibility Test). Prabu, aspires to become an assistant professor in Commerce, and is seeking the right opportunities. "Over the years, Prabu showed resilience in the face of adversity and NIEPMD resource centre has supported him through his endeavours and will always try its best to provide better opportunities," quoted NIEPMD.

D. Madhan (24 years) received the 'Best Self-Employed with Disability - Male' under the category of Multiple Disabilities, for the year 2020. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy with intellectual disability with 90% impairment. He enrolled in NIEPMD and stud-



▲ Prabu

◀ Madhan

ied Special Education Training and Vocational Guidance and Counseling Services, and was trained in the skill training unit under the adult independent living skills programme.

In 2016, he joined the trade-based training under NIEPMD Skilling / Vocational scheme and learnt basic tailoring. After completing the training successfully, he started his own business 'Madhan Tailoring Works' with his parents. This initiative was supported and funded

by LC Project, Nagapattinam and European Union Livelihood Project, under the theme 'Parent Child Supported Employment Initiatives'.

"Despite his disabilities, he has achieved a good place in the community, by being an earning member and improving the socio-economic status of his family. He is a role model for self-employment and presents a testimony for the Incheon Strategy -Making the Rights Real for Persons with Disabilities," stated NIEPMD.

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Fancy dress contest held for special children

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Chennai, Dec 29:

Dr Kollu Raju, Officer Incharge, Homoeopathy Research Institute for Disabilities Chennai, Central Council for Research In Homoeopathy, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, recently participated as a special guest in a fancy dress competition, organised for Divyangjan children of National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) Chennai.

According to a press release, the event was organised on the occasion



of International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Nachiketa Rout, Officiating Director, NIEPMD Chennai, participated as the

chief guest and distributed prizes to the winners.

A Amarnath, Deputy Registrar, Admin and Head of the Department of Social Work, also took part in prize distribution program along with Abhinaya, Senior Consultant, Corporate Social Responsibility .

Rajesh Ramachandran, Rehabilitation Officer, organised the programme.

The Homoeopathy Research Institute for Disabilities, Chennai, distributed the Arsenic album 30, a Homoeopathic immunity boosting medicine for the Divyangjans and their parents.

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Beating the odds

Two special employees of NIEPMD bag State award for excellence in their work

Two special employees of the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities - N. Prabu, telephone operator, and D. Madhan, vocational training student - have received the State award for Best Employee under the category of Locomotor Disability for the year 2019 and Best Self Employed with Disability Male under the category of Multiple Disabilities for the year 2020 respectively. Both have fought various odds to come up in life. A road accident led to a spinal cord injury for Prabu, who was then working as a supervisor at Thiruvananthapuram. But that did not dampen his spirit.

He went in for a medical intervention and joined NIEPMD as a telephone operator on a session basis. With sheer hardwork he cleared various examinations including UGC's NET examination and the Teacher Eligibility Test, says a release. As telephone operator, Prabu answers and receives calls on queries related to services available at NIEPMD as well as the various government schemes. He got a customised "powered wheelchair", sponsored under CSR activities, that came attached with a typing adaptive device that he allows him to type independently. D. Madhan, 24 years, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy with intellectual disability at an early age but through sheer determination and hardwork he has come up in life. He joined NIEPMD in 2008 and underwent special education training and vocational guidance. Later, he joined the skill training institute to start his own tailoring shop. He now runs Madhan parents helping him in his venture. According to the release, Madhan is punctual and completes assigned tasks within the time frame.



A toy library in Muttukadu for children with multiple disabilities

This facility at NIEPMD would allow these children to borrow from the library once every fortnight.

Bright rubber mats, shape the floor and racks around the room are stacked with eye-catching toys. Sensitive to sound, touch and light, these toys develop motor skills, and children with multiple disabilities.

As part of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, on December 3, this new toy library was inaugurated at The Model School for Children with Multiple Disabilities, which functions on the campus of the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) at Muttukadu, Natchikode Road, Director of NIEPMD, inaugurated the toy library.

Students do not have to wait till the school to reopen next year to use the toy library. School authorities are allowing parents to pick up these special toys to complement online learning.

Currently, children attend online classes that combine 2D and 2D

technology.

"It is a humble start and we plan to keep adding toys in the months to come. As of now, our plan is to have toys, but like books, to children based on their level of functioning, learning objectives and their interest levels," says K. Lorianth, who is in-charge of the Model School for Children with Multiple Disabilities, adding that 100 children with multiple disabilities are currently enrolled with the school.

"The idea behind sending relevant toys home is also to build in them a sense of ownership about them," she says.

The special teachers at the school would demonstrate to parents how the toys should be used to meet each child's learning target.

The toys can be returned after two weeks and they would be sanitised and released to another child.

NIEPMD also invites individuals and organisations who wish to donate toys of this kind to the library.



A view of the library. PHOTO: DIGITAL ARRANGEMENT

Celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Dec.3. The theme of the year was 'Building Back Better: Toward a Disability-Inclusive Accessible and Sustainable Post COVID 19 World'. To mark the occasion various programs were inaugurated by Nachiket Rout, Director NIEPMD in the presence of S.Sankara Narayanan, Dy. Registrar (Admin), A.Amarnath, Dy. Registrar (Offg), P.Kamaraj, HoD, Department of Special Education, B. Leelavathi, Principal - Model School for PwMDs, parents of persons with multiple disabilities, staff, and HRD students.

A toy library was inaugurated at the NIEPMD Model School to engage the children beyond the online classes and promote their learning opportunities. The toys will be issued to children for a period of two weeks, based on their current level of functioning, learning objective and their domain of interest after demonstration to the parents on how to use them efficiently. The returned toys shall be reissued only after sanitizing it.

NIEPMD also launched the e-version of the books published by them. These books provide knowledge, awareness and skills to empower persons with disabilities while also empowering their caregivers at home.

Various teaching learning materials were also distributed under the ADIP scheme.

Poster competition and Fancy dress competition were also organised virtually. Masks and sanitizers were also distributed, sponsored by Hyundai under their CSR scheme.

NIEPMD is open to the public, individuals and organisations who wish to join hands with them. They can be reached at 27472113, 94443 14716



▲ Children check out their toys at the inauguration of the toy library at NIEPMD on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Dec.3. Present here are: Nachiket Rout, Director NIEPMD, S.Sankara Narayanan, Dy. Registrar (Admin), A.Amarnath, Dy. Registrar (Offg), P.Kamaraj, HoD, Department of Special Education. More on page J2.