



**Centre for Differently Abled Persons
Bharathidasan University
Report of the Activities of**

**One-month Computer based skill development training
programme for the Visually Impaired” in Madurai**

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Centre for Differently Abled Persons of Bharathidasan University in association with NFB has organized one-month computer training



programme for the visually impaired as a part of NFB's two months skill development programme. The residential training programme was conducted in Madurai in Royal Vision training centre. Dr.M.Prabavathy, Head, Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University organized the programme.

Mr.Ulasundaram coordinated the program in Madurai. This is an landmark initiative from Centre for

Differently Abled Persons blind towards giving quality computer based skill development training for visually impaired people who have completed their studies and seeking for a job. In this programme training was given right from basics of switching on the computer, working on notepad, MS office-word ,excel and PowerPoint till getting information, sending and receiving mails and working with internet. Emphasis was given on training with NVDA open source screen reading

software that aided the visually impaired to “hear” everything that a sighted person would “read”.

The Main goal of this training programme was to make the students employable by providing computer knowledge and making them efficient



in using computers independently and to increase the employment opportunities, betterment of existing job, and for higher studies. Along with imbibing knowledge of

computer operations, the training programme also gave emphasis on developing language skills, reasoning ability, verbal ability and skills



required for qualifying in competitive examinations.

Training of trainers programme was also conducted in which the curriculum to be covered during the one-month computer-training course was briefed. Intensive hands on training were given to the trainers. Syllabus and study materials were given in adapted format. Periodical visits to all the centers were made for providing expert guidance and technical support. Practical Evaluation was done at the end of the programme and grades were given based on the scores of the students.