

## Centre for Differently Abled Persons Bharathidasan University Report of the Activities of One-month

One month Training Programme on

"Computer based skill development for the Visually Impaired" in Coimbatore 18-10-2015 to 22-11-2015

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 training programme was conducted in National Federation for the Blind, Varthapalayam, Coimbatore. Dr.M.Prabavathy, Head, Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University organized the programme.

This is an landmark initiative from Centre for Differently Abled Persons in association with National Federation for the 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 officeword ,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.



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Abled Persons of
Bharathidasan
University conducted
Training of trainers
programme and briefed
about the curriculum to
be covered during the

one month computer training course. 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. Thirty-six Persons with vision impairment benefitted from the program.