



## Centre for Differently Abled Persons Bharathidasan University

### Report of events 2022-2023

#### Report of the Activities of the “Two-Day International Workshop on Skill Development for Students with Disabilities”

**Date: 27-07-2022 to 28-07-2022**

**Venue: CDAP Seminar Hall**



The Centre for Differently Abled Persons organized a two-day international workshop titled “Skill Development for Students with Disabilities” on 27th and 28th July 2022 at the CDAP Seminar Hall.

Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director i/c, inaugurated the workshop with a welcome address. She emphasized the importance of acquiring functional English skills, particularly for students with hearing impairments who are often exempted from English during their school education. She also highlighted the significance of leadership development and skill-building for shaping a successful professional career.

A total of 32 participants took part in the event, which featured interactive sessions and hands-on training.

#### Day 1:

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi, IELTS Coach and Soft Skills Trainer, conducted an engaging session focusing on the use of English as a communication tool. Through practical exercises, she introduced participants to the basics of functional English, helping them improve their everyday language skills in a supportive and accessible environment.





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Day 2



Mr. Amirtharaj Alexander, CEO of GoodEx Company, Muscat, Oman, led a dynamic session on leadership skills development. He inspired the students through motivational interactions and team-building exercises that encouraged self-confidence, communication, and active engagement.

Ms. Mocia Rasambal served as the Sign Language Interpreter, ensuring accessibility and full participation of students with hearing impairments throughout the workshop.

The workshop was a significant step toward empowering students with disabilities by enhancing their communication and leadership abilities through inclusive, skill-based training



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#### REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE “JOB FAIR FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES”

Date: 30-07-2022      Venue: Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli

The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, in collaboration with the PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, and Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, Chennai, jointly organized a Job Fair for Youth with Disabilities on 30th July 2022.



The event witnessed participation from 14 reputed companies, all committed to promoting inclusive hiring practices. These companies offered employment opportunities to qualified and skilled youth with disabilities.

Approximately 150 participants from various districts across Tamil Nadu,

representing a wide range of disabilities, attended the job fair. The event was inaugurated by the Trichy District Collector, Thiru M. Pradeep Kumar, IAS, who formally opened the job fair by lighting the traditional lamp.

The job fair successfully facilitated employment for several candidates, with 40 participants receiving offer letters from various companies. The event served as a vital platform to bridge the gap between inclusive employers and job-seeking youth with disabilities, promoting empowerment through meaningful employment.







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#### REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF “INAUGURATION OF DIGITAL LEARNING”

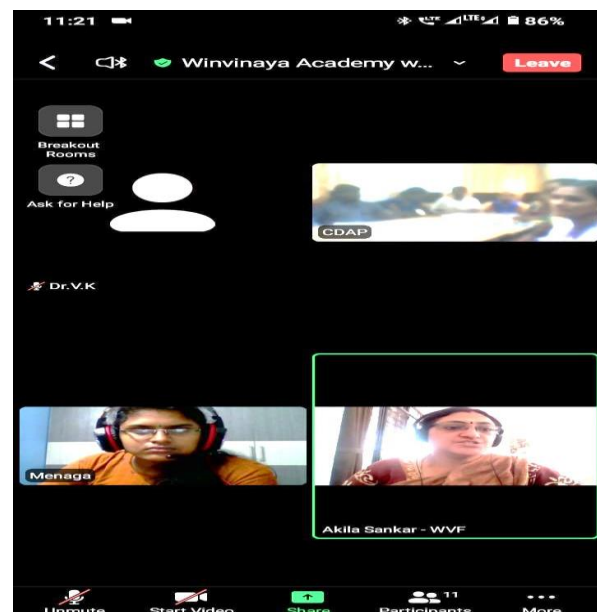
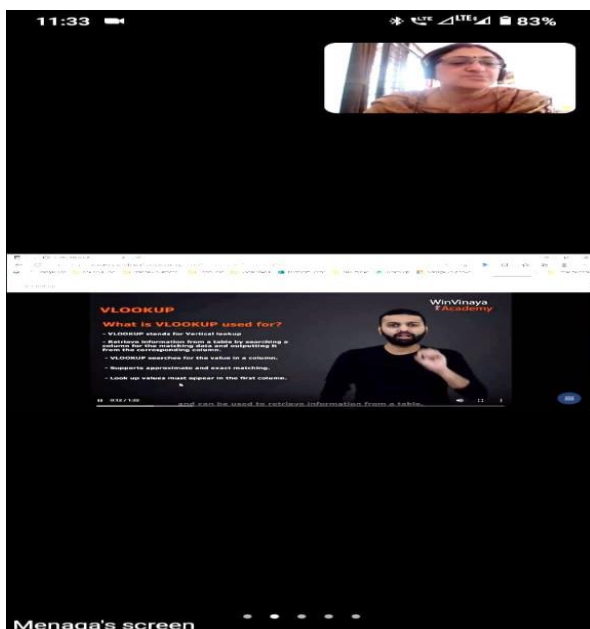
**Date: 04-08-2022**

**Venue: CDAP, Computer Lab**

The Centre for Differently Abled Persons organized the Inauguration of Digital Learning on 4th August 2022, focusing on teaching Computer Language and English through the WinVinaya platform. The program was designed for the faculty and students of CDAP to promote accessible and self-paced digital learning.

Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director, welcomed the gathering and emphasized the importance of digital learning platforms as a flexible and inclusive means of education that enables students to learn at their own pace. She also highlighted how such platforms can bridge gaps in traditional classroom settings, especially for students with disabilities.

The program will run for duration of one year.



Ms. Akila, Mr. Shiva Jayagopal, and other resource persons from WinVinaya Foundation gave a comprehensive introduction to the platform. They demonstrated how to access and navigate the learning modules and highlighted features tailored to meet the diverse needs of learners.

Approximately 20 participants attended the session and gained valuable insights into digital self-learning methods. The platform features both guided and self-learning modules, with periodic assessments and remediation plans to monitor and support student progress. For the benefit of students with hearing impairments, the learning modules include sign language-integrated videos, ensuring accessibility and equal participation.

This initiative marks a significant step toward promoting inclusive digital education and empowering students with disabilities through technology-enabled learning.



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#### REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF “TWO-DAY HANDS-ON TRAINING PROGRAM ON OPEN-SOURCE SCREEN READING SOFTWARE FOR PERSONS WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT”

Date: 12-08-2022 & 13-08-2022    Venue: CDAP, Computer Lab

**Equal Opportunity Cell  
&  
Centre for Differently Abled Persons  
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**Two Days Hands-on Training Program  
on  
“Open Source Screen  
Reading Software”  
for Persons with Vision Impairment**

**Resource Persons**  
**Mr. SHANKAR SUBBIAH**  
**Mr. NAVARASAN**  
Assistive Technology Consultants  
Agete Infotech, Chennai

**Date: 12.8.22 & 13.8.22**  
**Time: 10.15 AM**  
**Venue: CDAP, BDU**

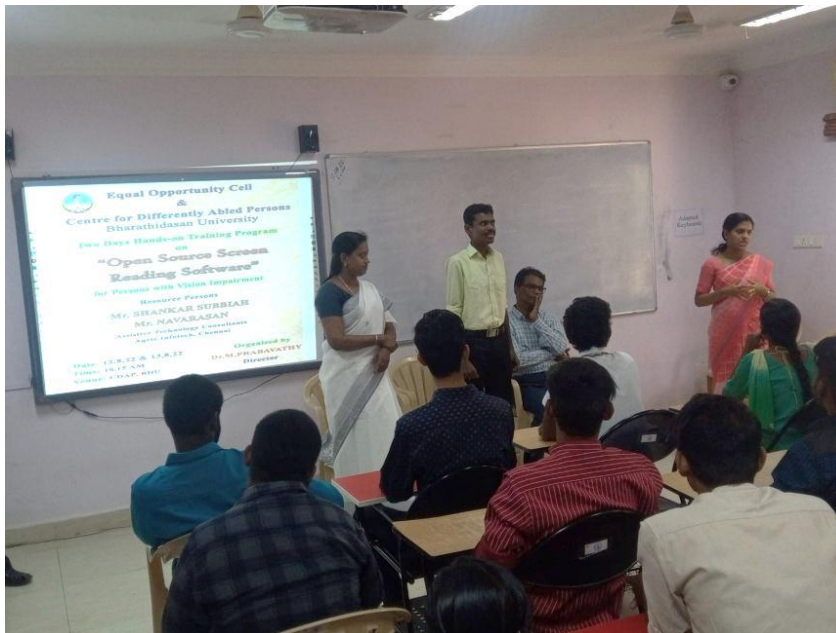
**Organized by  
Dr.M.PRABAVATHY  
Director**

The Centre for Differently Abled Persons organized a Two-Day Hands-on Training Program on “Open-Source Screen Reading Software” for persons with vision impairment on 12th and 13th August 2022, at the CDAP Computer Lab.

Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director, delivered the inaugural address and highlighted the growing importance of digital literacy for persons with vision impairment. She spoke about the expanding career opportunities in the IT sector and how assistive technologies are breaking barriers in digital inclusion.

The training program saw the participation of around 20 members, including persons with vision impairment and trainers.

Mr. Shankar Subbiah, Assistive Technology Consultant, and Mr. Navarasan, NVDA Trainer from Agete Infotech, Chennai, served as the resource persons for the program. They provided comprehensive hands-on training on the use of NVDA (NonVisual Desktop



Access)—an open-source screen reading software widely used by visually impaired users.



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The training was delivered through a step-by-step demonstration of NVDA functionalities, including keyboard shortcuts, navigation commands, and accessibility features. Participants were given practical exposure to using NVDA effectively for educational, personal, and professional purposes.



The program was well-received and helped empower visually impaired learners by improving their digital skills and confidence in using assistive technology.





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**REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF  
“75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS”**

**Date: 01-08-2022 to 13-08-2022**

**Venue: Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University**

**Organized by: Centre for  
Differently Abled Persons**

**Theme: Tribute to  
Freedom Fighters – Azadi  
Ka Amrit Mahotsav**



As part of the nationwide celebrations of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”, marking 75 years of Indian Independence, the Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, organized a series of competitions and events from 1st August to 13th August 2022. The objective was to honor the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and to instill patriotic fervor, confidence, and creativity among students with disabilities. Various competitions were conducted with active participation from differently abled students, making it a vibrant and inclusive celebration.

**1. Drawing Competition Date: 01-08-2022**

**Theme: Freedom Fighters**





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The celebration began with a drawing competition, where students with disabilities showcased their artistic skills by depicting India's freedom struggle and renowned national heroes. The artworks reflected their admiration for leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Subhas Chandra Bose, and Bhagat Singh.

Dr. M. Prabavathy and her team inspired the participants by narrating the lives and sacrifices of freedom fighters. Ms. Rathi served as the judge and awarded prizes to the best entries.

#### **2. Elocution Competition Date: 02-08-2022**

**Theme: From the Writings of Freedom Fighters**



In this unique event, students with Hearing Impairment prepared and presented speeches on the thoughts and philosophies of freedom fighters using sign language. The event empowered students with communication skills and gave them a platform to express their views confidently.

#### **3. PowerPoint Presentation Competition Date: 03-08-2022**







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This competition focused on the lesser-known heroes of India's independence movement. Students prepared PowerPoint presentations highlighting the lives of unsung freedom fighters. The event promoted research skills and public speaking. Outstanding presentations were recognized and awarded.

#### **4. Freedom Fighter Quotes Competition    Date: 04-08-2022**



##### **Theme: Famous Quotes by Freedom Fighters**

To encourage critical thinking and appreciation of the powerful words spoken by freedom fighters, a quote-writing competition was conducted. Students selected and interpreted inspirational quotes. The most impactful entries were awarded.

#### **5. Dance and Skit Competition    Date: 05-08-2022**

##### **Theme: Struggles of Freedom Fighters**

Students with Hearing Impairment performed patriotic dances and enacted skits portraying key moments from India's freedom movement. The performances were both moving and motivational. Participants were appreciated and awarded prizes for their efforts.



#### **6. Motivational Talk by Role Model Achiever    Date: 06-08-2022**

**Chief Guest: Mr. Raju, Head,  
Tiruchirappalli Deaf Association**





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Mr. Raju, a railway employee and a person with hearing impairment, shared his inspiring journey of overcoming barriers. His motivational talk resonated deeply with the students. He encouraged the BCA (Hearing Impaired) students and congratulated them on their participation and achievements.

#### **7. Honoring the Achiever – Deaf Olympics Medalis Date: 08-08-2022**

The Centre honored Mr. Manikandan, medal winner of the Deaf Olympics 2021, recognizing his achievement in international sports. His success served as a source of inspiration for students to excel in both academics and extracurricular pursuits.



#### **8. Rangoli Competition Date: 11-08-2022**



##### **Theme: National Symbols**

To enhance creativity and fine motor skills, a Rangoli competition was conducted. Students designed vibrant Rangolis based on national symbols like the Ashoka Chakra, tricolor, and the national bird. The best entries were awarded prizes.



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**9. Special Event: “Feel the Freedom    Date: 13-08-2022**

**Venue: Dolphin Special School**

**In collaboration with Dolphin Special School, a concluding event titled “Feel the Freedom” was organized.**



Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director, Centre for Differently Abled Persons, and Mrs. Praveen Carmel, Director, Dolphin Special School, addressed the gathering on the importance of freedom and inclusion. Students with disabilities and their parents actively participated, celebrating the essence of independence through cultural activities and interactions. The week-long celebration of the 75th Independence Day was a vibrant confluence of art, expression, learning, and inspiration. It provided a platform for students with disabilities to display their talents, learn about the sacrifices of freedom fighters, and draw motivation from achievers among their own community. The events successfully instilled a deep sense of patriotism, self-worth, and pride in their identity as empowered citizens of India.





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**“ONE-MONTH SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAM ON DIGITAL  
PHOTOGRAPHY”**

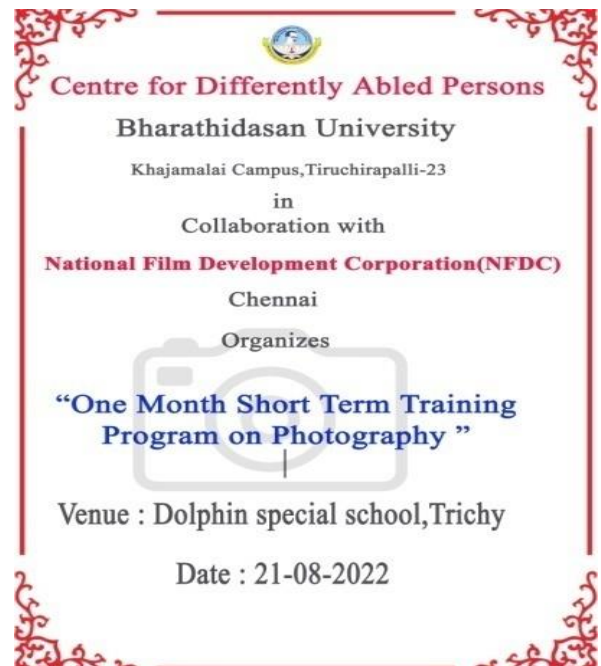
**Duration: 21-08-2022 to 23-09-2022**

**Venue: Dolphin Special School, Tiruchirappalli**

**Organized by: Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University**

**In Collaboration with: National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Chennai**

In an effort to empower persons with disabilities through creative and vocational skill development, the Centre for Differently Abled Persons (CDAP), Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Chennai, launched a One-Month Short-Term Training Program on Digital Photography. The program was designed to introduce and train differently abled students—particularly those with intellectual and developmental disabilities—in the art and technology of photography, enhancing both their expressive abilities and future employment prospects.



**Inaugural Session**

The training program commenced on 21st August 2022 at Dolphin Special School, Tiruchirappalli. The inaugural session was presided over by:

Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director, Centre for Differently Abled Persons and Organizer of the Program and Ms. Praveena Carmel, Director, Dolphin Special School

In her address, Dr. M. Prabavathy emphasized the importance of inclusive skill development programs in creative sectors like photography. She highlighted that with the right training and opportunities, individuals with disabilities can successfully express themselves and find fulfilling livelihoods in media and visual communication.



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#### Program Objectives

- To introduce students with disabilities to digital photography as a creative skill.



- To provide hands-on training in using cameras and digital devices.
- To develop basic knowledge in composition, lighting, subject framing, and visual storytelling.

- To promote self-confidence, fine motor coordination, and visual literacy among participants.
- To create pathways for potential self-employment or freelance careers in photography.

#### Participants

**A total of 28 students took part in the training program, including:**

- 8 students with Intellectual Disabilities
- Other participants with diverse disabilities, including hearing and learning impairments

Each participant was given individual attention and adapted instruction according to their learning abilities and needs.

#### Resource Persons

- Mr. R. Naveen, Professional Photographer and Visual Media Expert
- Mr. Velmurugan, Freelance Photographer and Trainer in Digital Imaging



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Both resource persons brought a wealth of experience and empathy, tailoring the training to suit the pace and comprehension of each participant. They used a combination of visual demonstrations, step-by-step practice sessions, and simplified technical explanations.

#### **Training Modules Covered**

1. Introduction to Digital Photography
2. Framing and Composition
3. Lighting Techniques
4. Basic Camera Functions
5. Portrait and Object Photography
6. Photo Review and Feedback

#### **Outcomes and Impact**

**The training encouraged students to express themselves visually.**

Several students discovered a passion for photography and showed significant improvement in handling cameras and composing images. It was the first exposure to a professional creative tool for many participants, boosting their confidence and social engagement. The initiative laid the foundation for future certification-level training or mentorship programs in photography or digital media.





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#### Valediction



The program concluded on 23rd September 2022 with a small photo exhibition of selected works by the trainees. Parents, staff, and invited guests appreciated the creativity and effort shown by the participants.

Certificates of Participation were distributed to all students by Dr. M. Prabavathy and Ms. Praveena Carmel, recognizing their commitment and successful completion of the training. This one-month training program on digital photography served as a transformative learning experience for students with disabilities. It not only imparted a valuable skill but also contributed to their personal development, confidence, and visibility as artists. The Centre for Differently Abled Persons continues to work toward more such inclusive, skill-based initiatives that support the full potential of every learner.



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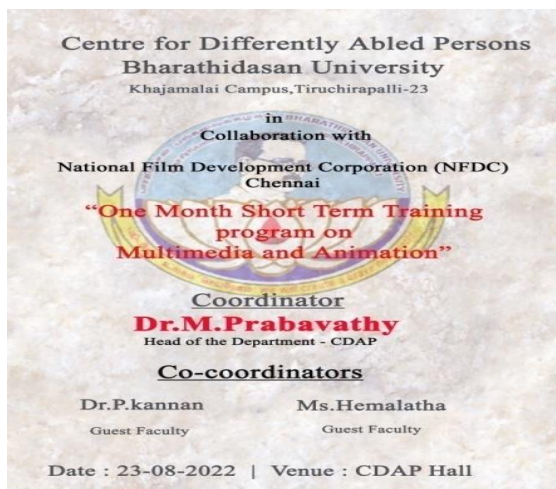
#### ONE-MONTH SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAM ON MULTIMEDIA AND ANIMATION

Duration: 23-08-2022 to 25-09-2022

Venue: CDAP – Computer Lab, Bharathidasan University

**Organized by: Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University**  
**In Collaboration With: National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Chennai**

#### Introduction



With the rapid growth of digital media and creative technology, there is increasing demand for skilled professionals in the field of multimedia and animation. Recognizing the potential of this sector to provide inclusive and accessible employment opportunities, the Centre for Differently Abled Persons (CDAP) at Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Chennai, organized a One-Month Short-Term Training Program on Multimedia and Animation for undergraduate students with disabilities.

#### Inaugural Session

The training program commenced on 23rd August 2022 at the CDAP Computer Lab. Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director of CDAP and organizer of the program, inaugurated the session. In her



opening remarks, she emphasized the growing relevance of multimedia and animation in various sectors, including education, marketing, entertainment, and digital inclusion.

#### Objectives of the Training

- To introduce the fundamentals of multimedia design and animation techniques
- To train participants in using professional software tools used in the industry
- To foster creativity and digital expression

among students with hearing impairment

- To build skills that can lead to freelancing, employment, or entrepreneurship in media and design



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#### Participants

A total of 14 undergraduate students with hearing impairment participated in the training.

#### Resource Persons

1. Ms. Hemalatha – Media Trainer
2. Dr. Kannan – Techno Expert

#### Modules and Topics Covered



- Week 1: Introduction to Multimedia
  - Applications, Components, Software Overview
- Week 2: Graphic Design Basics
  - Image editing, layout design, color theory
- Week 3: Basics of Animation
  - 2D animation, animation tools, exercises
- Week 4: Project Work & Presentation
  - Personal projects, peer review, feedback

#### Highlights of the Program

- Hands-on sessions with accessible tools
- Project-based learning to improve creativity
- Sign language integration for inclusivity
- Creation of digital portfolios
- Emphasis on teamwork and collaboration



#### Outcomes

All 14 participants successfully completed the training program. Students gained basic proficiency in multimedia tools and animation principles. The program sparked interest in pursuing further training or freelance opportunities.

#### Valedictory Session

The training concluded on 25th September 2022 with a certificate distribution ceremony held at

CDAP. Dr. M. Prabavathy appreciated the efforts of the students. Select projects were showcased during the event.

This training program marks a significant step toward digital inclusion and creative skill development for students with hearing impairments. The Centre for Differently Abled Persons is committed to organizing more such empowering programs.





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## “COMMEMORATION OF INSPIRATIONAL NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE – MOTHER TERESA”

**Date: 26-08-2022      Venue: CDAP – Lecture Hall, Bharathidasan University**



**Organized by: Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University**

To honor the life, legacy, and humanitarian contributions of Mother Teresa, a Nobel Peace Laureate and global symbol of compassion, the Centre for Differently Abled Persons (CDAP) at Bharathidasan University organized a commemorative program on 26th August 2022. The event aimed to inspire students—especially

those with disabilities—through the selfless service and enduring message of love and humanity that Mother Teresa exemplified.

### **Participation and Audience**



The program witnessed the enthusiastic participation of around 55 attendees, including faculty, staff, and 35 students with disabilities from the Centre. The diverse group came together to reflect on the values of empathy, inclusion, and dignity that Mother Teresa devoted her life to upholding.

### **Program Highlights**

#### **Opening Remarks:**

Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director and organizer of the event, welcomed the participants and spoke about the relevance of Mother Teresa's service-oriented approach in today's world, especially in the context of supporting and uplifting vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities.



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**Inspirational Insights:**

Dr. Kannan and Dr. Neelkandan, both esteemed faculty members, shared thoughtful insights into the life journey, challenges, and global impact of Mother Teresa. They highlighted how her values can serve as a model for educators, students, and service providers working in inclusive and social welfare spaces.

The event served as a powerful tribute to one of the world's most revered peace icons. It successfully instilled in the participants a sense of responsibility, compassion, and the importance of service. By drawing inspiration from Mother Teresa's life and Nobel Prize-winning legacy, the Centre reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing not only the skills but also the values and character of students with disabilities.



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#### Report of the Activities of “Teachers' Day Celebration”

**Date:** 05-09-2022

**Venue:** CDAP Lecture Hall

The students of the **Centre for Differently Abled Persons**, Bharathidasan University, celebrated **Teachers' Day** on **September 5, 2022**, in honor of the teaching profession, often regarded as the noblest of all professions. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**, a great teacher, philosopher, and the second President of India.

To mark this special occasion, the students expressed their gratitude and appreciation to their teachers by presenting **handmade gifts** and showcasing a **presentation on the life and contributions of Dr. Radhakrishnan**. The celebration was enriched with **cultural performances** by the students, which included songs, dances, and poetry that reflected the significance of teachers in shaping the future of students.

The program was hosted by the students themselves, showcasing their talents in event organization and presentation. The faculty members, **Dr. M. Prabavathy (Director)**, **Dr. P. Kannan**, and **Ms. Vijayalakshmi**, were honored guests at the event. They appreciated the efforts taken by the students and shared inspiring words about the role of teachers and the importance of learning.

The event served as a heartfelt tribute to the dedication and commitment of educators and strengthened the bond between teachers and students at the Centre.







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#### Report of the Activity: Motivational Speech on "Empowering Persons with Disabilities towards Employability"

Date: 07-09-2022

Venue: Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University

As part of its ongoing efforts to inspire and empower students with disabilities, the **Centre for Differently Abled Persons**, Bharathidasan University, organized a **Motivational Speech on Employability for Persons with Disabilities** on **September 7, 2022**.

The session began with an address by **Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director**, who emphasized the importance of skill development and its role in enhancing the employability of persons with disabilities. She stressed that acquiring relevant skills is essential for securing a respectable position in society and achieving self-reliance.

The keynote speaker was and former **Employment Officer, Tiruchirappalli**, a renowned motivational speaker. Dr. Suresh delivered an inspiring talk that focused on building confidence, identifying individual potential, and navigating the path toward employment for persons with disabilities. His experience and insights resonated deeply with the audience.



The session also included an interactive component, during which students clarified their doubts and shared their thoughts. The motivational talk not only uplifted the spirits of the participants but also provided practical guidance on preparing for and accessing employment opportunities.

A total of **30 students with hearing disabilities** actively participated in this awareness program, making it a meaningful and impactful event.





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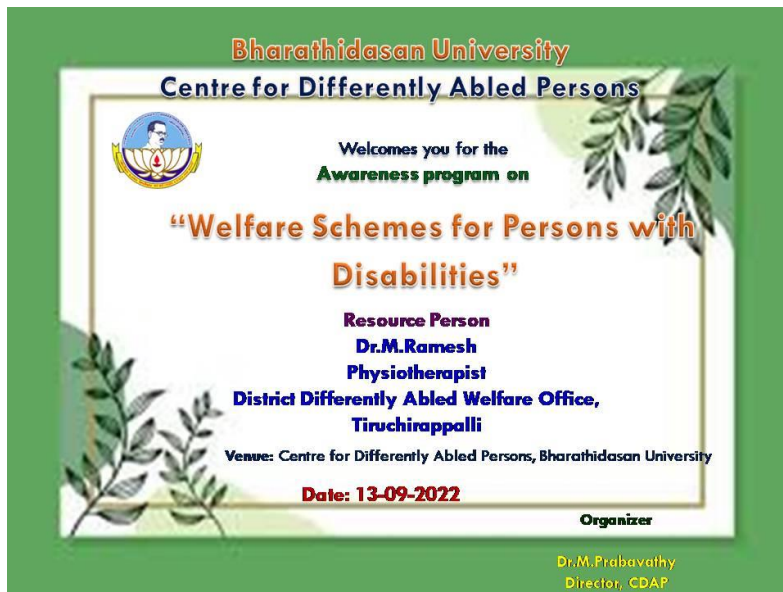
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**Report of the Activity: Special Lecture on “Welfare Schemes for Persons with Disabilities”**

**Date: 13-09-2022**

**Venue: CDAP Lecture Hall, Bharathidasan University**

The **Centre for Differently Abled Persons**, Bharathidasan University, organized a **Special Lecture on Welfare Schemes for Persons with Disabilities** on **13th September 2022**. The objective of the event was to raise awareness among students with disabilities about the various government schemes available to support their education, livelihood, and well-being.



The session commenced with an inaugural address by **Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director**, who highlighted the significance of being informed about welfare schemes that support persons with disabilities in both education and employment sectors. She stressed the need for such awareness to ensure that students can avail the maximum benefits and opportunities available to them.

The resource person for the event, **Dr. M. Ramesh, Physiotherapist, District**

**Differently Abled Welfare Office, Tiruchirappalli**, delivered an informative lecture on various state and central government welfare schemes. He elaborated on the eligibility criteria, benefits,



application procedures, and the role of the District Welfare Office in facilitating these services. His session was comprehensive and highly informative, offering practical insights to the participants. The lecture concluded with a Q&A session, where participants actively interacted with the resource person and clarified their doubts. A total of **55 participants** attended the event, making it a successful and impactful initiative.



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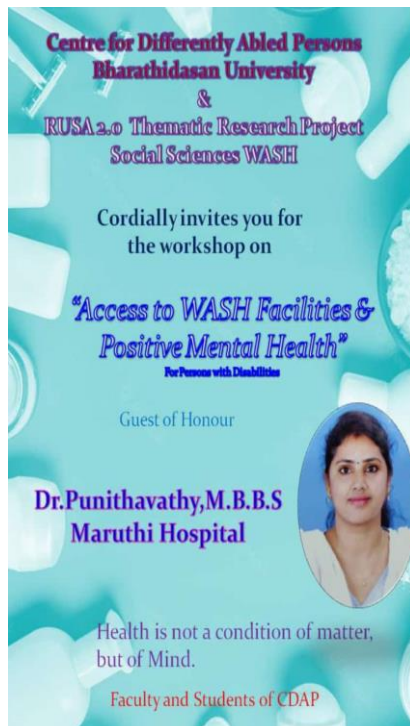
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#### Report of the Activity: Workshop on “ACCESS TO WASH FACILITIES AND POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH”

Date: 14-09-2022

Venue: CDAP Lecture Hall, Bharathidasan University

The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, organized a Workshop on Access to WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Facilities and Positive Mental Health on 14th September 2022. The workshop aimed to raise awareness about the importance of inclusive sanitation infrastructure and its connection to the mental well-being of persons with disabilities.

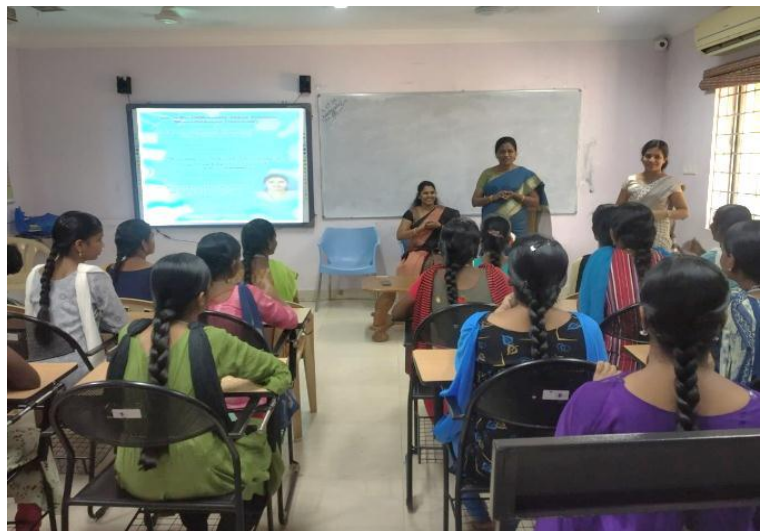


The session commenced with a welcome address by **Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director**, who emphasized the urgent need for accessible WASH facilities for persons with disabilities. She highlighted how proper sanitation not only improves physical health but also plays a critical role in enhancing **mental health, dignity, and self-esteem**.

The resource person for the workshop, **Dr. Punithavathy, M.B.B.S., Maruthi Hospital**, delivered a detailed session covering two key areas:

- **Sanitary hygiene practices** and their importance in daily life
- **Strategies and available resources for maintaining positive mental health**, especially for persons with disabilities

The session was informative, practical, and well-received by the participants. It helped the students understand the direct link between hygienic living environments and emotional well-being.



A total of **35 students with disabilities** actively participated in the workshop, engaging in discussions and clarifying their queries, making the program both educational and impactful.





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**Report of the Activity: Observance of World Alzheimer's Day**

**Date:** 21-09-2022

**Venue:** CDAP Lecture Hall, Bharathidasan University

The **Centre for Differently Abled Persons**, Bharathidasan University, observed **World Alzheimer's Day** on **21st September 2022** to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and promote preventive measures related to cognitive disabilities.

The program focused on educating students about the **causes, symptoms, and preventive strategies** for Alzheimer's disease. The session was aimed at enhancing understanding of the condition and encouraging early awareness to reduce the risk of cognitive impairment.

**Dr. M. Prabavathy**, Director, coordinated the event and delivered a talk on the broader theme of **prevention of disabilities**, highlighting how early intervention, awareness, and lifestyle changes can contribute to healthier living and delay the onset of age-related or neurological disabilities.

  
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Guest Faculty

**Ms.S.MonicaRasambal**  
Guest Faculty

**Date :** 21-09-2022 | **Venue :** CDAP Hall

**Dr. P. Kannan** and **Ms. Monica Rasambal**, a rehabilitation professional, also addressed the participants. They elaborated on the **various methods of disability prevention**, including physical, cognitive, and psychosocial strategies. Their insights provided a holistic view of disability management and Alzheimer's awareness.

The observance served as an informative and thought-provoking session, strengthening the Centre's mission to empower individuals through awareness and education.





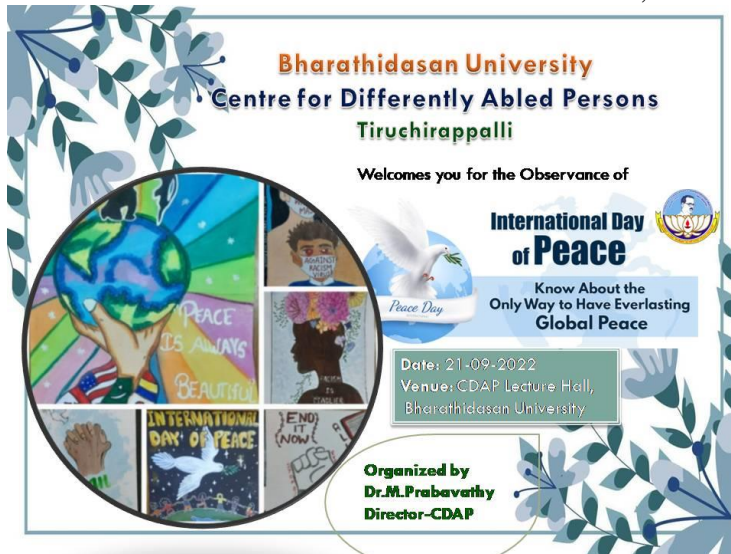
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#### Report of the Activity: Observance of World Peace Day

Date: 21-09-2022

Venue: CDAP Lecture Hall, Bharathidasan University



The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, observed **World Peace Day** on **21st September 2022** with the objective of promoting unity, non-violence, and inclusivity among students.

The event began with a thought-provoking address by **Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director**, who highlighted the **theme of "End racism. Build peace" World Peace Day** and emphasized the importance of peace as a foundation for social

equity and the prevention of conflict. She encouraged students to become ambassadors of peace in their communities.



**Ms. Maya Prakash**, Special Educator, provided **sign language interpretation** throughout the event, ensuring accessibility and inclusiveness for all participants.

As part of the observance, students actively participated in engaging **debates and mime performances** centered on the themes of peace,

harmony, and conflict resolution. These activities showcased the students' creativity, awareness, and commitment to spreading the message of peace.



The observance served not only as a platform for awareness but also as an opportunity to empower students with disabilities to express their thoughts on global harmony and inclusion.





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#### Report of the Activity: Awareness Generation and Rally on the Celebration of International Sign Language Day

Date: 22-09-2022

Venue: Bharathidasan University, Khajamalai Campus

In observance of **International Sign Language Day**, the **Centre for Differently Abled Persons**, Bharathidasan University, organized an **awareness rally** on **22nd September 2022** at the **Khajamalai Campus**. The primary objective of the event was to **create awareness about the importance of sign language** and to promote **inclusive communication** practices within the university community.



Students pursuing their Bachelor's degrees at the Centre actively participated in the rally. As part of the event, they **visited various departments across the Khajamalai campus and demonstrated common words and phrases in sign language**, helping staff and students learn how to communicate with individuals who are hearing impaired.

**Dr. M. Prabavathy, Director**, addressed the participants and spoke about the **various methods of effective communication with persons with hearing disabilities**, stressing the need for empathy and awareness in building an inclusive society.

**Dr. P. Kannan** and **Dr. M. Veera Kumar** delivered informative talks on the **prevention of hearing impairment**, highlighting early detection, safe listening practices, and medical interventions.



A key highlight of the event was the **interactive teaching of basic sign language by students with speech and hearing impairments to faculty members and non-disabled students**. This unique initiative





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fostered **mutual understanding** and gave non-disabled individuals insight into the communication barriers faced by the hearing-impaired community.



**Awareness brochures** were also distributed to the general public, aiming to spread the message of inclusion and the importance of sign language in bridging communication gaps.

The rally and awareness campaign served as a powerful step toward promoting accessibility, respect, and inclusive education.



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#### Report of the Activity: One-Month Short-Term Program on “Photography, Multimedia, and 3D Animation”

**Date of Valedictory Function:** 29-09-2022

**Venue:** UGC-HRDC Seminar Hall, Bharathidasan University, Khajamalai Campus, Tiruchirappalli



The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, Khajamalai Campus, in collaboration with the **National Film Development Corporation**, organized a **one-month skill development training program** to enhance the creative and technical capabilities of students with disabilities.

The program offered two specialized courses:

#### 1. Digital Still Photography

- **Target Group:** 20 students with Intellectual Disabilities
- **Course Duration:** 22 working days (22.08.2022 to 21.09.2022)
- **Timing:** 3 hours per day,

totaling 66 hours

#### 2. Multimedia and 3D Animation

- **Target Group:** 14 students with Hearing Impairments
- **Course Duration:** 22 working days (24.08.2022 to 23.09.2022)



- **Timing:** 3 hours per day, totaling 66 hours

A total of **42 students with disabilities** benefitted from the program. The training focused on tapping the **creative potential** of the participants while equipping them with **industry-relevant**



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**digital skills.** As part of the program outcome, the students' works in photography, multimedia, and animation were **displayed for public viewing**, showcasing their talents and acquired skills.

The **valedictory function** of the program was held on **29th September 2022**. The event began with a warm welcome by **Dr. M. Prabavathy**, Coordinator of the short-term programs, who also spoke about the importance of such skill-based initiatives for empowering persons with disabilities.

Key dignitaries who graced the occasion included:

- **Dr. M. Selvam**, Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University – *Presidential Address*
- **Dr. Gopinath**, Head, Department of Computer Science, Bharathidasan University – *Valedictory Address*



- **Mr. Chandramohan**, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Tiruchirappalli – *Felicitation*
- **Dr. R. Ramesh**, Physiotherapist, District Differently Abled Welfare Office
- **Ms. Praveena Carmel**, Director, Dolphin Special School – *Felicitation*

The highlight of the function was a **live demonstration by students with disabilities**, who confidently showcased the skills they had learned during the training period.

The event concluded with the **distribution of certificates** to all participants who successfully completed the training program.





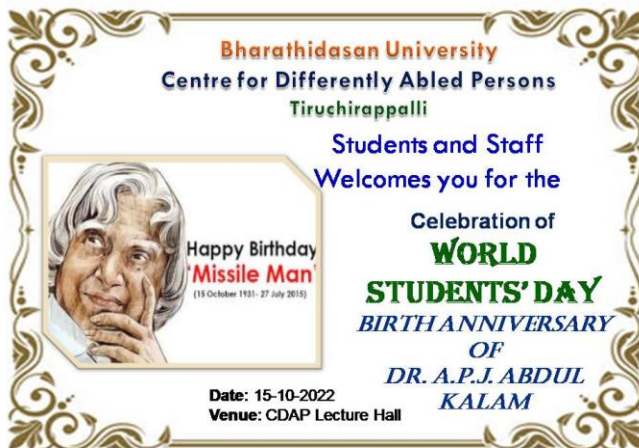
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**Report of the Activities**  
**Celebration of World Students' Day**  
*Observation of the Birth Anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam*

**Date:** 15-10-2022

**Venue:** CDAP Lecture Hall



The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, observed *World Students' Day* on 15th October 2022 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, honouring his remarkable contributions as a scientist, visionary, and former President of India.

As part of the celebration, differently-abled students were encouraged to speak about the life and achievements of Dr. Kalam. Many students actively participated and presented insightful PowerPoint presentations highlighting Dr. Kalam's contributions to science, education, and national development.



Dr. M. Prabavathy addressed the gathering and emphasized the inspirational journey of Dr. Kalam and his dedication to empowering the youth. This was followed by brief talks by Dr. M. Veeralumar and Ms. Hemalatha, Special

Educators, who shared key milestones from Dr. Kalam's life and his unwavering commitment to the student community. Their speeches were interpreted in sign language by Ms. Monica Rasambal, ensuring accessibility for all participants.

A total of 32 students with disabilities enthusiastically took part in the event, making it a memorable tribute to the "People's President."



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**REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES**  
**ONE-MONTH ONLINE CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**Date:** 26-09-2022 to 26-10-2022

**Venue:** CDAP – Computer Lab



The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with **WinVinaya Foundation**, Bengaluru, organized a **One-Month Online Career Development Program** from **26th September to 26th October 2022**. This initiative aimed to empower students with hearing disabilities by enhancing their **communication, employability, and career-readiness skills**.

The program specifically targeted **second and third-year BCA students** and was designed to address the unique challenges faced by individuals with hearing impairments in accessing mainstream education and employment opportunities. A combination of **expert-led online sessions, sign language interpretation, and interactive learning** ensured that participants were able to fully engage and benefit from the training.

Experts from **WinVinaya Foundation**, along with faculty members from the Centre for Differently Abled

Persons, worked collaboratively to design and deliver sessions focused on:

- Effective communication strategies
- Workplace readiness and soft skills
- Resume building and interview preparation
- Digital skills for the modern workplace
- Confidence building and self-advocacy

The training sessions were **sign-inducted**, ensuring full accessibility for students with hearing disabilities. A total of **15 students** participated actively throughout the one-month program, gaining valuable insights and practical skills required for navigating the job market and industry environments.

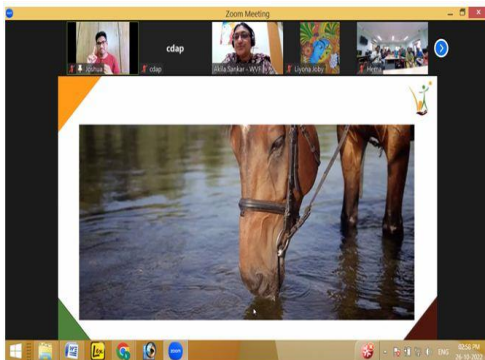


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**Dr. M. Prabavathy**, from the Centre for Differently Abled Persons, and **Ms. Akila Jaygopal** from WinVinaya Foundation coordinated the program, ensuring smooth delivery and continuous student support. Their joint efforts played a pivotal role in bridging educational gaps and creating a more inclusive learning environment.

The program was well-received by the participants, who expressed increased confidence in their abilities and appreciation for the career guidance and exposure provided. This initiative marks another successful step in the Centre's ongoing commitment to inclusive education and skill development for persons with disabilities.







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#### Hands-on Training Program on Assistive Technology for the Rehabilitation of Persons with Special Needs

Date: 27-10-2022

Venue: CDAP Lecture Hall

The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, organized a *Hands-on Training Program on Assistive Technology for the Rehabilitation of Persons with Special Needs* on 27th October 2022.



Around 25 students pursuing M.Sc. Rehabilitation Science (MRSC) from Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, actively participated in the program. The session provided valuable insights into the field of assistive technology and offered practical, hands-on experience in handling various assistive devices.



Dr. M. Prabavathy, an expert in assistive technology, delivered an introductory session that highlighted the significance and applications of assistive technologies for persons with disabilities. She elaborated on how such innovations improve the quality of life, independence, and daily functioning of individuals with special needs.



The training proved to be an enlightening experience, fostering awareness and practical skills among the participants.



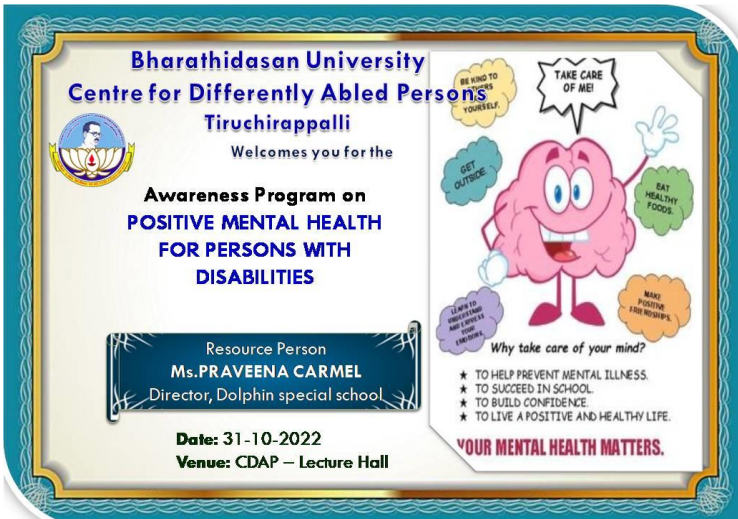
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#### Report of the Activities MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAM

Date: 31-10-2022

Venue: CDAP – Lecture Hall the *Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University,*



Organized a one-day Mental Health Awareness Programme on 31st October 2022 for students with disabilities. The initiative aimed to highlight the importance of mental well-being and equip students with strategies to manage stress and maintain emotional balance.

A total of **30 students with disabilities** actively participated in the program. The session began with a warm welcome address by

**Dr. M. Prabavathy**, who emphasized the growing need to prioritize **positive mental health**, especially among young individuals navigating academic and personal challenges.

The resource person for the session was **Ms. Praveena Carmel**, Director of *Seagull Special School* and *Dolphin Special School*. She delivered an insightful talk on:



- The importance of sustaining mental well-being
- Techniques to overcome stress and emotional disturbances
- Mental health challenges commonly faced during adolescence
- Tools for emotional self-awareness and self-regulation

In addition to the lecture, **interactive self-discovery games and activities** were conducted, enabling students to understand themselves better and connect with their emotions in a



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supportive environment. The session was highly participatory, encouraging open dialogue and self-expression.

To ensure full accessibility, **Ms. Monica Rasambal** provided **sign language interpretation** throughout the session, enabling students with hearing impairments to engage meaningfully in the discussions and activities. The program proved to be an informative and empowering experience, fostering awareness and resilience among students with disabilities while promoting a culture of mental wellness.





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#### Report of the Activities LEGACY MEET – REUNITING THE PAST AND PRESENT

Date: 31-10-2022

Venue: CDAP – Computer Lab

The *Centre for Differently Abled Persons*, Bharathidasan University, organized a special alumni interaction event titled “**LEGACY MEET – Reuniting the Past and Present**” on **31st October 2022**. The purpose of the event was to foster a connection between the alumni and current students of various programs offered by the Centre, including **BCA, PG Diploma, and Diploma courses**.



A total of **21 alumni** participated in the meet and enthusiastically interacted with the current batch of students. The session provided a platform for alumni to **share their experiences, provide feedback**

on the curriculum, and **offer guidance** based on their academic and professional journeys.

**Dr. M. Prabavathy**, Director of the Centre, addressed the gathering and discussed the **current employment landscape** and **opportunities for higher education**. She emphasized the need for skill enhancement and the role of alumni in mentoring and guiding present students toward career development and academic progression.

The alumni appreciated the efforts of the Centre in shaping their careers and expressed their willingness to contribute to future initiatives. The program fostered a strong sense of community, pride, and continuity among past and present students.





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#### Report of the Activities CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

**Date:** 14-11-2022 **Venue:** CDAP – Lecture Hall

India celebrates **Children's Day** on **November 14th** every year to honor the birth anniversary of **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**, the first Prime Minister of India, who was fondly known as *Chacha Nehru* for his deep affection towards children.



To mark this special occasion, the **Centre for Differently Abled Persons**, Bharathidasan University, organized a **Children's Day Celebration** on **14th November 2022** at the CDAP Lecture Hall. The event aimed to celebrate the spirit, joy, and potential of children with disabilities.

The celebration began with a warm welcome of the **differently abled students**, who were greeted with **gifts** as a token of love and appreciation. The atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter as **fun-filled games and interactive activities** were organized by the staff members. These activities encouraged participation, team spirit, and self-confidence among the students.

The winners of the games were awarded **prizes**, and all participants were appreciated for their enthusiastic involvement. The celebration created a joyful and inclusive environment that made the day memorable for all.



This initiative not only celebrated Children's Day but also reinforced the commitment of the Centre to nurture, support, and empowers students with disabilities.





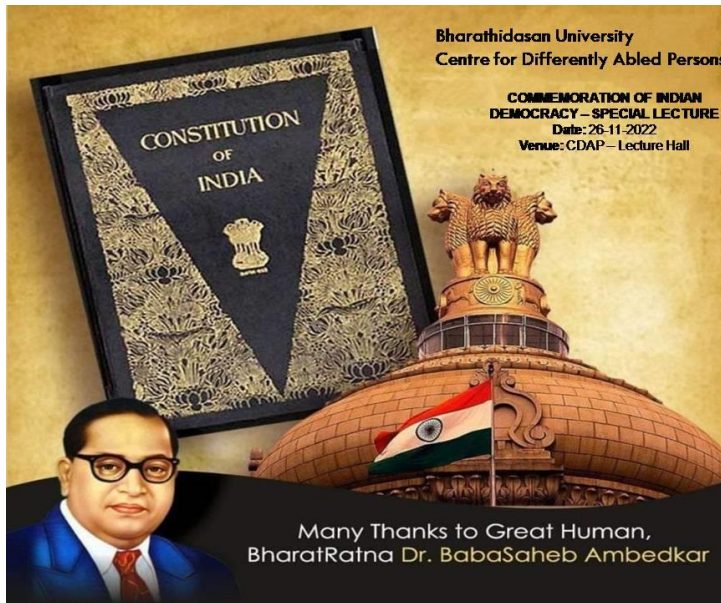
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#### Report of the Activities COMMEMORATION OF INDIAN DEMOCRACY – SPECIAL LECTURE

**Date:** 25-11-2022      **Venue:** CDAP – Lecture Hall

The *Centre for Differently Abled Persons*, Bharathidasan University, organized a **special lecture session** on the **Commemoration of Indian Democracy on 25th November 2022** at the CDAP Lecture Hall. This event was conducted to instill awareness about the values, principles, and functioning of Indian democracy, especially among students with disabilities.



The session featured lectures by **research scholars** pursuing their **doctoral research in the field of Special Education**. The resource persons for the day were **Ms. Shivaranjani** and **Mrs. Deepalakshmi**, who delivered insightful talks on the **significance of democratic values, constitutional rights, and the role of**

**inclusive education** in a democratic society.

Their presentations were tailored to the understanding and context of the differently abled students, promoting awareness of their civic rights and responsibilities. The session encouraged interactive participation and helped the students reflect on how democracy empowers all citizens, including persons with disabilities.



The program was well received by the participants and served as a meaningful tribute to the values upheld by the Indian Constitution.



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#### Report of the Activities ONE-DAY ONLINE WORKSHOP ON ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR INCLUSION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Date: 01-12-2022

Venue: CDAP – Computer Lab

The *Centre for Differently Abled Persons*, Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with the

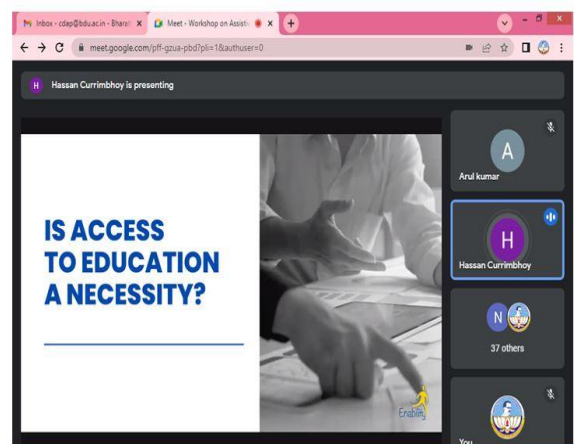
**Enability Foundation for Rehabilitation, Incubation Cell, IIT Madras**, organized a **One-Day Online Workshop** on “*Assistive Technologies for Inclusion of Students with Disabilities*” on **1st December 2022**.



The workshop aimed to create awareness and build capacity among professionals working with children and students with special needs by introducing them to the latest assistive technologies that promote inclusion and accessibility in education.

**Prof. Arul Prabhakar** from **IIT Madras** and **Dr. M. Prabavathy** from **CDAP, Bharathidasan University**, served as the **resource persons** for

this event. They shared in-depth insights on the application of assistive tools and innovations that support the learning process and independence of students with disabilities.



Key areas covered during the workshop included:

- Overview of current assistive technology trends
- Demonstrations of accessible learning tools
- Strategies for classroom inclusion
- Case studies and implementation frameworks

Approximately **60 participants** from diverse professional backgrounds, including educators, special educators, rehabilitation professionals, and

researchers, took part in the workshop. The interactive sessions allowed for meaningful discussions and knowledge sharing.

The event successfully highlighted the role of assistive technology in fostering **inclusive education** and was highly appreciated by all attendees for its relevance and practical insights.



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#### OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND WORKSHOP ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND SIGN LANGUAGE

**Date:** 03-12-2022 **Venue:** Jamal Mohamed College of Education



As part of the observance of the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, the *Centre for Differently Abled Persons*, Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with **Jamal Mohamed College of Education**, organized a special lecture on "**Inclusive Education**" on **3rd December 2022** at the Jamal Mohamed College of Education campus.

The event aimed to raise awareness about disability rights and promote

the significance of **inclusive education** in creating equitable learning opportunities for all.

The program featured a **special lecture by Dr. Kannan**, who addressed the need for inclusive practices in schools and higher educational institutions. His talk emphasized **policy, pedagogy, and teacher preparedness** to support students with disabilities.



As part of the session, **students from the Centre for Differently Abled Persons** demonstrated some of the **basic sign language symbols commonly used for communication by persons with hearing impairment**, offering the audience a practical and enlightening experience.

A highlight of the event was an inspiring session by **Mr. Kalanjiyam**, a person with hearing impairment who has successfully completed his **M.Tech** and **cleared the UGC-NET**, qualifying for lectureship. He shared his journey of perseverance and achievement, encouraging future educators to believe in the potential of every learner.

**Dr. Veerakumar**, Special Educator, delivered a motivating speech highlighting the **critical role of teachers** in enabling meaningful learning experiences for persons with disabilities.





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The program witnessed active participation from over **100 pre-service teachers**, who engaged enthusiastically and expressed a deeper understanding of inclusive education.

This collaborative event served not only to commemorate the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** but also to inspire and empower the teaching community to build a more inclusive and accessible educational future.





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#### Report of the Activities Human Rights Day Program

**Date:** 07-12-2022 **Venue:** Lecture Hall, Department of Women's Studies

**Theme:** *Dignity, Freedom and Justice for All*



To mark the occasion of **Human Rights Day**, the *Centre for Differently Abled Persons*, in collaboration with the **Department of Women's Studies** and **Department of Statistics**, Bharathidasan University, organized a special program on **7th December 2022**. The event was conducted at the Lecture Hall of the Department of Women's Studies, with the central theme: "*Dignity, Freedom and Justice for All.*"

The program aimed to raise awareness about the importance of **human rights**, especially focusing on the **rights of marginalized communities**, including persons with disabilities, transgender individuals, and women.

The event began with a warm **welcome address** by **Dr. Jaisankar**, Head, Department of Statistics. He emphasized the importance of data, inclusion, and evidence-

based policy-making in upholding human rights for all.

This was followed by a **special address** by **Dr. Murugeswari**, Head, Department of Women's Studies, who spoke on the **significance of Human Rights Day** and the need to uphold equality and dignity across all sections of society.



**Ms. Kajol**, a passionate advocate for the **transgender community**, delivered a compelling talk on **transgender rights**, highlighting the challenges faced and the legal protections available under Indian law.

Further, **Dr. Murgesan**, Associate Professor, Government Law College, presented an insightful session on "**Women's Rights are Human Rights**", discussing constitutional safeguards, global declarations, and real-life implications for women's empowerment and protection.



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The event concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** by **Dr. M. Prabavathy**, Director, Centre for Differently Abled Persons, who acknowledged the efforts of all speakers and participants and reinforced the Centre's commitment to promoting rights-based advocacy and inclusion.

A total of **45 students from various disciplines** attended the program and actively engaged in the discussions, making the event impactful and educational.





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#### Special Lecture on Career Opportunities and Professional Development of Persons with Disabilities

Date: 08-12-2022 Venue: CDAP – Lecture Hall

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Welcomes you for the

**Special Lecture on  
Career Opportunities and Professional Development of Persons with Disabilities**

Resource person  
Mr. Raju  
Head  
Trichy Deaf Association  
&  
Mr. Manikandan  
Trichy Collectorate



Date: 08-12-2022  
Venue: CDAP – Lecture Hall

The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, organized a **special lecture on “Career Opportunities and Avenues for Professional Development”** for students with disabilities on **8th December 2022**. The program aimed to inspire and guide the students in planning their careers and overcoming challenges related to disability.

**Mr. Manikandan**, a person with hearing impairment currently serving at the **Collectorate Tiruchirappalli**, was invited as the **resource person**. He delivered an impactful lecture, offering valuable insights into various **career avenues**, particularly in the **government sector**, and encouraged students to prepare for competitive examinations such as **TNPSC**. His personal journey of perseverance and success served as a strong motivational example for the participants.

Adding further inspiration, **Mr. Raju, Head of the Trichy Deaf Association**, addressed the students

and urged them to **pursue professional careers boldly**, emphasizing that disability should not be seen as a limitation. He encouraged students to become **role models** in society by breaking societal barriers and striving for excellence in their chosen fields.

The session was highly interactive and well-received, leaving the students with enhanced motivation, clarity about career paths, and a sense of empowerment.



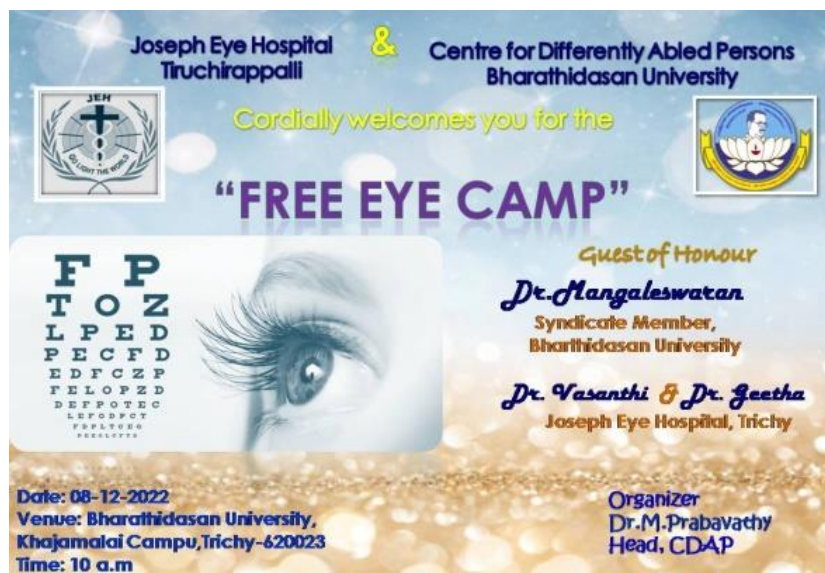


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#### Report of the Activities FREE EYE CHECK-UP CAMP

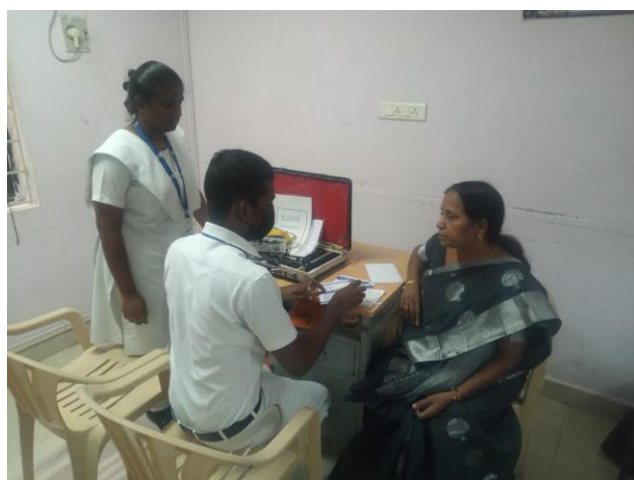
**Date:** 08-12-2022      **Venue:** CDAP – Lecture Hall



The *Centre for Differently Abled Persons*, Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with **Joseph Eye Hospital, Tiruchirappalli**, organized a **one-day Free Eye Check-up Camp** on **8th December 2022** at the CDAP Lecture Hall, Khajamalai Campus.

The event began with a **welcome address** by **Dr. M. Prabavathy**, Director (i/c), CDAP, who stressed the **importance of eye care**, routine check-ups, and

**awareness about eye donation** as a vital social responsibility.



The camp was **inaugurated** by **Dr. Mangaleswaran**, Syndicate Member of Bharathidasan University, who served as the **Guest of Honour**. In his address, he appreciated the Centre's initiative in promoting preventive health care and inclusivity.

The eye check-up camp catered to **students, research scholars, and faculty members** from various departments of the Khajamalai Campus. Participants underwent comprehensive eye screening by a team of expert doctors and technicians from **Joseph Eye Hospital**.



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In addition to eye screening, the medical team provided informative guidance on:

- Preventive eye care
- Common vision problems and treatments
- Eye hygiene
- The significance of timely medical attention for eye-related issues

A total of **110 participants** benefited from this health initiative, making it a **successful and impactful outreach activity** aimed at promoting health and well-being within the academic community.





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#### Report of the Activities – Short-term Training Program on “Digital Photography” for Students with Special Needs

Date: 16-12-2022 to 12-01-2023

Organized by: Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University in collaboration with National Film Development Corporation, Government of India



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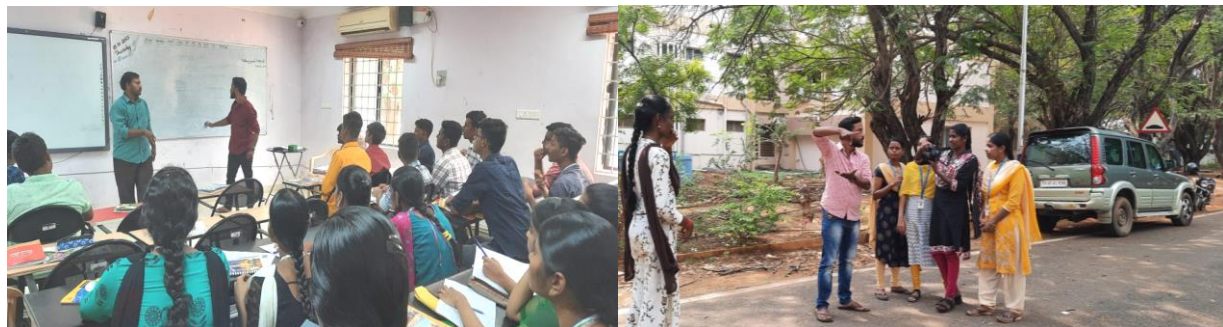


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The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation, Government of India, organized a Short-term Training Program on “Digital Photography” for students with special needs from 16th December 2022 to 12th January 2023.

The program was inaugurated by Dr. M.

Prabavathy, Director (i/c), Centre for Differently Abled Persons, who emphasized the importance of skill development and entrepreneurial empowerment for students with disabilities. She encouraged the participants to pursue creative fields that can lead to self-reliant career paths.



Mr. Naveen and Mr. N. Velmurugan served as the resource persons, providing expert guidance and hands-on training in various aspects of digital photography including framing, lighting, composition, and basic editing techniques. A total of 25 students with disabilities enthusiastically took part in the program. Throughout the training, the students were engaged in practical sessions and creative exercises, which not only enhanced their technical knowledge but also built their confidence in visual storytelling. At the conclusion of the program, certificates and awards were presented to participants based on their performance and creativity, recognizing their dedication and achievements. The program was a meaningful step toward inclusive skill development, fostering creativity and independence among students with special needs.



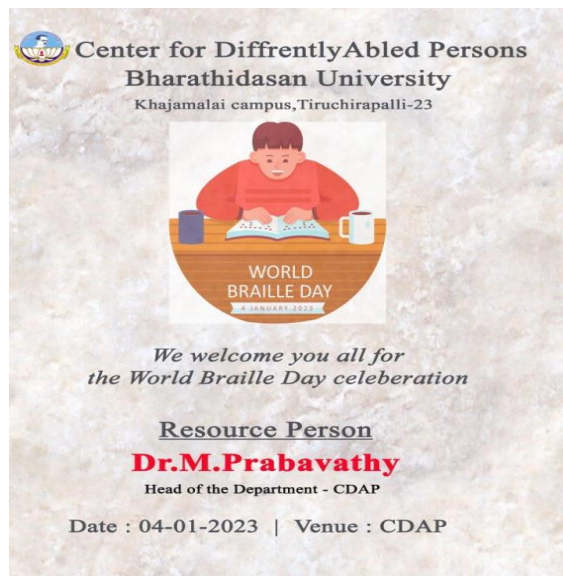
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#### Report of the Activities of “WORLD BRAILLE DAY”

**Date:** 04-01-2023

**Venue:** CDAP Lecture Hall, Bharathidasan University



The **Centre for Differently Abled Persons**, Bharathidasan University, organized a program to commemorate **World Braille Day** on **January 4, 2023**. The theme for this year was “**Reaching Blind and Visually Impaired Persons**”, highlighting the significance of Braille as a vital tool for inclusion and accessibility for individuals with visual impairments.

The event brought together **visually impaired students along with their sighted peers**, fostering a spirit of mutual understanding and inclusivity. A visually engaging **PowerPoint presentation** was prepared by the Head of the Department, offering insights into the **life and legacy of Louis Braille**, the inventor of the Braille system. The presentation served as an informative visual treat that enhanced the participants’ understanding of the evolution and impact of Braille literacy.

In addition to historical insights, the programme also focused on **recent advancements in assistive technologies** for the visually impaired. Devices and tools that support independent learning and digital accessibility were discussed, creating awareness among attendees about the innovations improving the lives of persons with visual disabilities.

This celebration served as an **eye-opener for students and research scholars**, helping them gain deeper



knowledge about the **learning methods and daily experiences of visually impaired individuals**. The event successfully emphasized the value of inclusive education and the continuous need to create an accessible learning environment for all.





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#### Report of the Activities of – “Thanks Giving Day to Mother Nature”

**Date:** 12-01-2023      **Venue:** Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University



As part of an initiative to instill a sense of belonging and reverence towards nature, the Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, organized a special event titled “Thanks Giving Day to Mother Nature” on January 12, 2023. The celebration aimed to raise awareness among students about the importance of preserving nature and appreciating its abundant resources.

The program brought together students, staff, and parents who actively participated in a series of traditional cultural activities and games. The event included vibrant performances and competitions such as Silambam, Uriyadi (pot breaking), rope pulling, and the preparation of traditional sweet Pongal in clay pots — symbolizing gratitude and a hope for prosperity.



The celebration was held in conjunction with the Pongal festival, and included students from both BCA and Diploma programmes. The day commenced with a thanksgiving ritual to Mother Nature, followed by the preparation of sweet Pongal by teachers and parents, expressing collective prayers for

sweet, prosperous days ahead.

Adding to the joy of the occasion, the final year BCA students took the lead in organizing a series of fun-filled games and activities for parents, teachers, and fellow students, creating a lively and inclusive atmosphere.

The celebration concluded on a joyful note, leaving everyone with happy hearts and colorful memories. The event not only brought festive cheer but also reinforced the message of eco-consciousness and cultural heritage among the student community.





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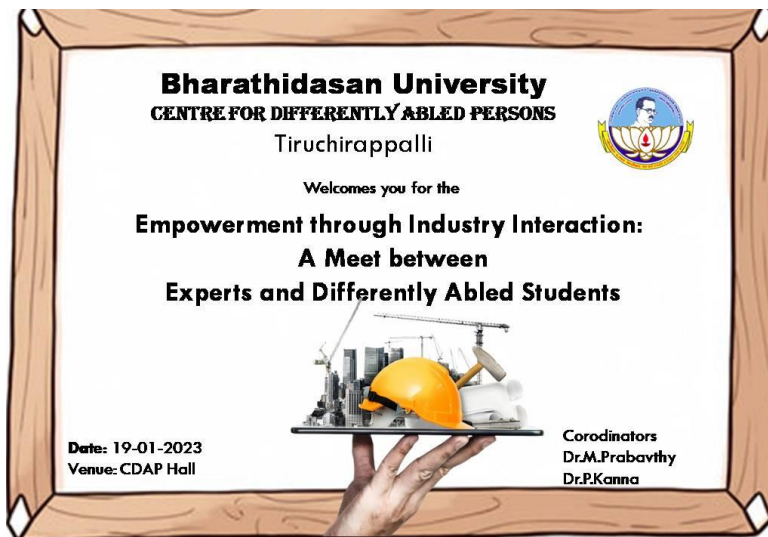
#### Report of the Activities

#### "Empowerment through Industry Interaction: A Meet between Experts and Differently Abled Students"

Date: 19-01-2023

The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, organized an **Industry Interaction Meet** on 19th January 2023 with the aim of introducing students with

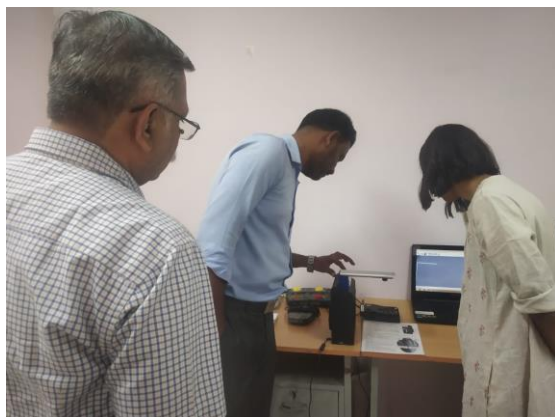
disabilities to industry expectations and providing a platform to showcase their potential and talents to industry professionals.



Experts from **Accenture**, including Ms. Keerthana, along with **Mr. Shiva Jayagopalan**, Director of **WinVinaya Foundation**, and **Mr. Baskaran**, HR professional, visited the Centre as part of this initiative.

The session began with **Dr. M. Prabavathy**, Director i/c of CDAP, who provided an overview

of the various programs and services offered by the Centre. This was followed by a guided tour led by **Dr. P. Kannan** and **Ms. Maya Prakash**, during which the guests interacted with students across various disabilities and engaged in meaningful dialogue with CDAP faculty members.



Students with disabilities actively participated by showcasing their academic and cultural talents. They also took the opportunity to interact directly with the visiting experts, clarifying their doubts and gaining valuable insights into industry trends and career pathways.

This interaction session served as a meaningful bridge between academia and industry, fostering confidence among students and strengthening industry engagement for inclusive

development.



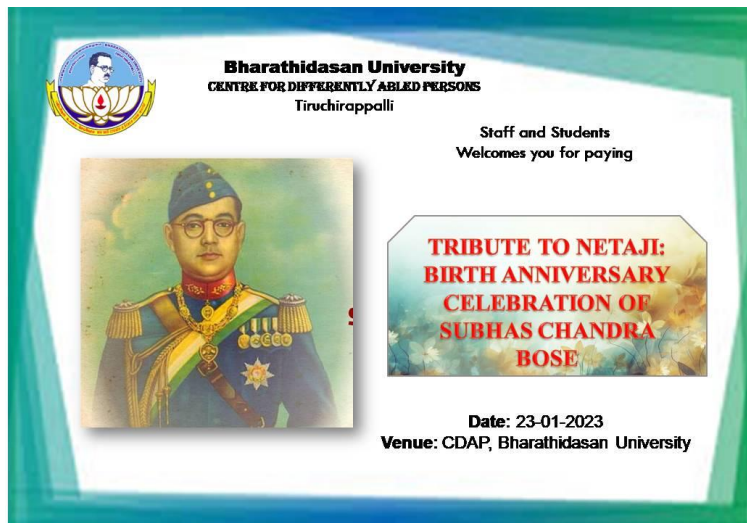
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**Report of the Activities**  
**TRIBUTE TO NETAJI: BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF**  
**SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE**

**Date:** 23-01-2023      **Venue:** CDAP, Bharathidasan University

The **Centre for Differently Abled Persons**, Bharathidasan University, organized a special program on **23rd January 2023** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**, a prominent freedom fighter and visionary leader known for his exemplary service to the nation.



The event aimed to instill patriotism and inspire students by reflecting on the life and contributions of Netaji. The session featured insightful talks by **Dr. M. Veerakumar**, Special Educator, **Dr. P. Kannan**, Techno Expert, and **Mr. Kalanjiyam**, who collectively highlighted the remarkable leadership, bravery, and sacrifices of Subhas Chandra Bose in India's freedom struggle.

The speakers emphasized the importance of Netaji's ideologies, dedication, and fearless pursuit of independence, motivating the students to follow his values in their personal and academic journeys.



The program was well-received by the participants and served as a reminder of the enduring legacy of one of India's greatest national heroes.



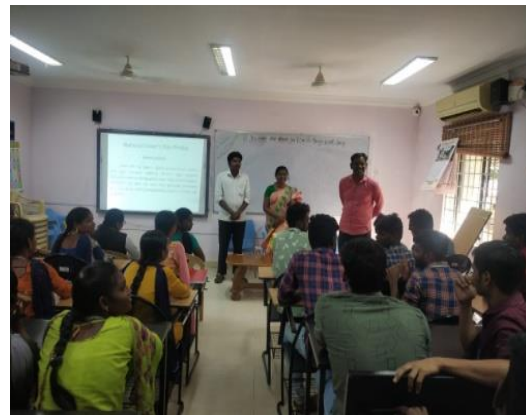
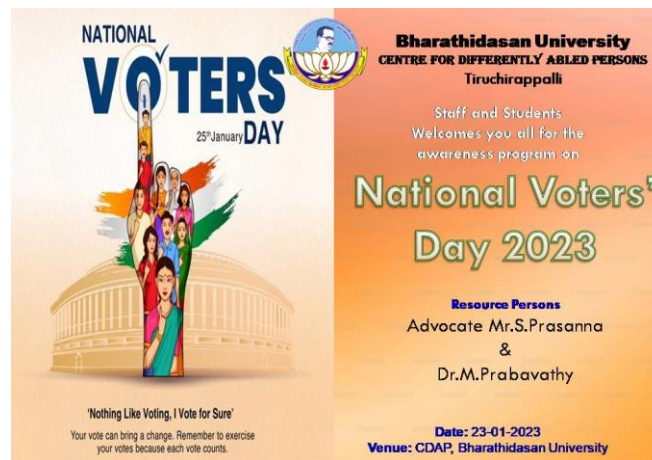
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#### Report of the Activities of “National Voters Day”

**Date: 25-01-2023**

The awareness programme for the national voter's day was conducted and the resource person was Mr. Prassana from the law college. Mr. Prassana gave a brief introduction about the importance of vote and about national voters day. Then the oath was taken by all the BCA students and staff. This gave a good impact among the hearing-impaired students on why the vote is important.







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#### Report of the Activities of Republic Day

**Date: 26-01-2023**

Republic Day is the day when India marks and **celebrates the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26 January 1950**. We celebrate this day to remember the importance of freedom, freedom fighters and to make the better future India with our future generation. The celebration of republic day was started with flag hoisting by the university registrar along with the **national anthem in sign language** by the BCA students. Vote of thanks was done by the IECD staff.





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#### Report of the Activities of Martyr's Day

Date: 30-01-2023

This day is celebrated in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi who sacrificed his life for our Nation. In this day president; vice president; prime minister; defense ministry ( army, airforce, navy) will be honoring Mahatma Gandhi on his death anniversary. In our department to enforce the importance of honoring the freedom fighters and how important it is to utilize the freedom; this day was celebrated with Power Point Presentation by III- BCA students. Students got to know the death history of mahatma gandhi and the struggles faced by the freedom fighters.





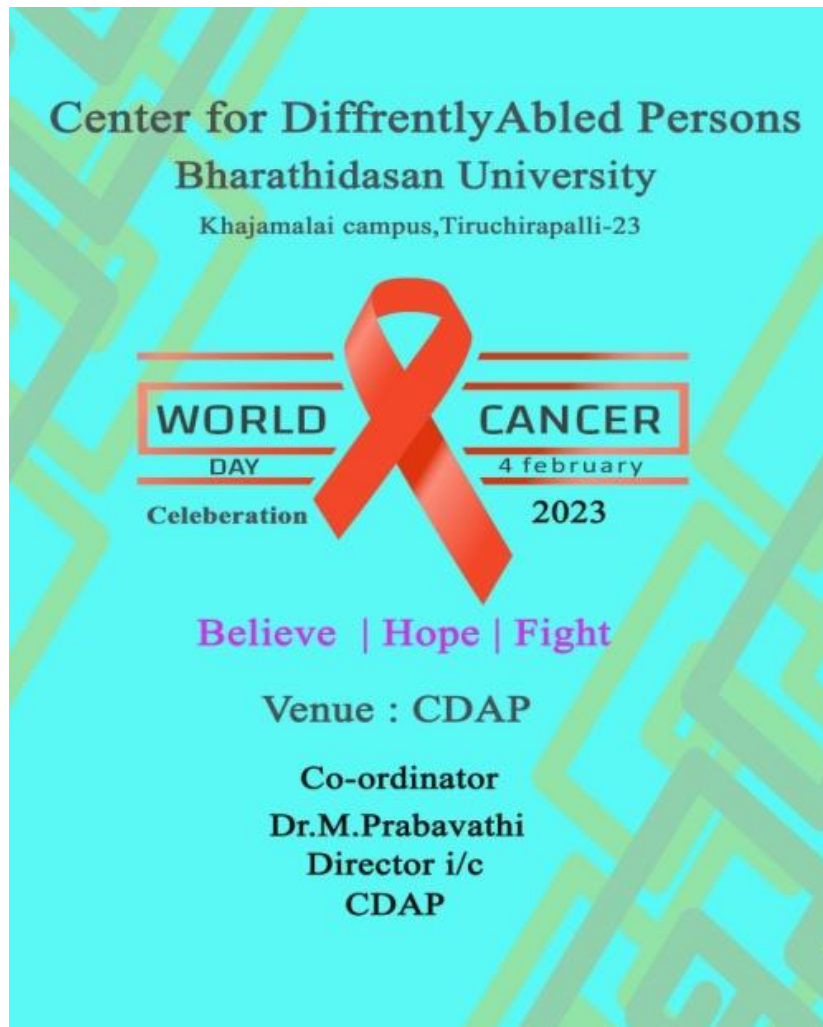
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**Report of the Activities of “World Cancer Day”**

**Date: 04-02-23**

This day was celebrated to create awareness among students about the cancer disease and preventive measures were discussed. The Visually impaired students prepared power point presentation on the same and presented the information regarding the cancer disease.







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#### Report of the Activities "DOMAIN ENRICHMENT COURSE ON INCLUSIVE SOCIAL WORK AND DISABILITY REHABILITATION"

**Date:** 03-02-2023 to 09-02-2023

**Venue:** Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University

The Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with Indira Gandhi College of Arts and Science, organized a **Seven Days Domain Course on Inclusive Social Work** from 3rd to 9th February 2023. The program was specifically designed for faculty and students of Social Work, with an objective to enhance their understanding of inclusive education and rehabilitation practices for persons with disabilities. A total of **32 students and 10 faculty members** participated in the course.

#### **Day 1: Inauguration and Introduction to Inclusive Social Work (03-02-2023)**

The program was inaugurated by **Dr. M. Prabavathy**, Director and Organizer, Centre for Differently Abled Persons, and **Dr. Nagalakshmi**, Professor and Head, Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College. The inaugural sessions provided an introduction to disability, key disability legislation, and the fundamental role of social workers in rehabilitation and inclusive education.



#### **Day 2: Prevention of Disabilities and Mental Health Awareness (04-02-2023)**

- **Morning Session:**  
**Mrs. Praveena Carmel**, Founder of Dolphin Special School and Seagull Special School, discussed **Prevention of Disabilities** and highlighted the **advantages of inclusive education**. The session was especially impactful for the students, as they recognized the importance of early intervention and preventive care.
- **Afternoon Session:**

**Mr. Karan Louis**, Psycho-social Worker, addressed **Mental Health and Its Importance**, followed by **Dr. Adharsh** and **Dr. Aishwarya**, who presented on **Mental Health Awareness in Today's Generation** and **Stress Management**. These sessions equipped students with knowledge on maintaining their own mental well-being and supporting individuals experiencing stress and psychological challenges.



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#### Day 3: Understanding Learning Disabilities and Mental Health (06-02-2023)

- **Morning** **Session:**  
**Ms. Sivaranjani**, Special Educator, Centre for Differently Abled Persons, provided an insightful session on **Learning Disabilities—Types, Characteristics, and Interventions**.
- **Afternoon** **Session:**  
**Dr. Nirmala**, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, delivered a lecture on **Mental Health and the Role of Social Workers in Rehabilitation**.  
The session emphasized the importance of maintaining positive mental health and the significant contribution of social workers in the rehabilitation of persons with mental illness.

#### Day 4: Disability Rights and Assistive Technology (07-02-2023)

**Ms. Maya Prakash**, Assistive Technology Expert, and **Mr. Kalanjiyam**, Techno Expert, addressed the participants on the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities** and demonstrated **Assistive Technologies** used by individuals with hearing impairments. The participants gained practical exposure to tools that improve communication and access for persons with disabilities.

#### Day 5: Diversity, Inclusion, and Indian Sign Language (08-02-2023)

The day focused on **Inclusion and Celebrating Differently Abled Achievers**, presented by **Ms. Monica**, followed by an informative session on **Hearing Impairment and Indian Sign Language (ISL)** by **Dr. Kannan**. Participants were introduced to the basics of ISL and its importance in facilitating inclusive communication.



#### Day 6: Field Visit and Simulation Training (09-02-2023)

On the final day, a **field visit** was arranged to the Centre for Differently Abled Persons. Participants had hands-on experience interacting with children with disabilities. **Dr. M. Prabavathy** conducted a **simulation training session** on disability management and demonstrated **recent assistive technologies** to support persons with disabilities. The course concluded with a feedback and evaluation session. Certificates were distributed to all participants.

This seven-day domain course provided future social workers with comprehensive exposure to **inclusive education, disability awareness, rights, mental health, and assistive technologies**, preparing them to become effective advocates and professionals in the field of disability and rehabilitation.