

**Report on one-day workshop of the representatives from schools of social work, on Disability and Inclusive Development held in Bharathidasan University.
(March 26, 2014)**

One day workshop on “Disability and Inclusive Development” was jointly organized by the Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University and UDIS forum, Coimbatore on 26-03-2014 in the University campus at Trichy. A total of 35 Professors and Research Scholars from various Universities and Schools of Social Work in the State (The list enclosed separately) and also 57 students from different departments of Bharthidasan University took part in the workshop.

Dr. R. Mangaleswaran, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work of the University welcomed the gathering.

In his inaugural address, Mr. C. Shanthakumar, Director of Spastics Society, Trichy appreciated the Department of Social Work and the UDIS Forum, Coimbatore for organizing such a workshop. He gave explanations to the different terms like handicap, impairment and disability. He urged that the disabled should be given equal opportunity for participation, taking up responsibility and in getting social security. He said free education under the RTE Act should be available without any hindrance to the children with disability. He added that the teachers could be trained suitably to handle all types of disabled children. He concluded by saying “The effort is not for just giving the person with disability a life but a worthy living”.

Hence the workshop contributed abundantly for the whole humanity and it was a grant success in the field of education.