

Event held during the Month of January 2018

1. Zonal Level Working committee Expert Members Meeting :

National institute for Empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities organized a “**Zonal Level Working committee Expert Members Meeting on Vocational Training Process and Placement Strategy for Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Intellectual Disabilities & Autism Spectrum Disorder**”. This programme was convened by **Dr. Himangshu Das, Director**, NIEPMD on **25/01/2018** at NIEPMD, Chennai, Muttukadu. Stakeholders from Government & Corporate Sector like National Carrier Service Centre for Persons with Differently Abled, National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visually Disabilities, PARIVAR-an umbrella forum of NGO’s, Corporate Sector, ICT Consultant, Parents Advisory Board Members, Legal Experts and Non -Governmental Organizations deliberated in the meeting. Objective of this meeting in to draw a road map for Vocational Empowerment and Placement Process for Persons with Multiple Disabilities. The outcome of the discussion includes the following:

- ✓ Strengthening of self advocacy forum on various schemes available of persons with disabilities such as NHFDC, NSDC, PMKVY, MGNREGA, etc...
- ✓ Taping of Central and State Government programme and schemes for strengthening the family members on entrepreneurship development programme through MSME, Ministry of Rural Development, Urban& Rural Development & Panchayati Raj etc...
- ✓ Formulating process for conducting uniform vocational trades, streamlining of syllabus / curriculum, portability of skills, mapping of job & admission procedure etc...
- ✓ Networking with NGO’s, Training Partners to create various models of employment through research activities.
- ✓ Strategies for awareness building towards employment and skilling.



2. Best Institution Award:

NIEPMD received the Best Institute Award from the District Collector of Kancheepuram during Republic Day Celebration on 26th January 2018 held at Kanchipuram District Collectorate, Kancheepuram. for providing better rehabilitation services to Persons with Disabilities.



3. Republic Day Celebration:

NIEPMD celebrated the 69th Republic Day at NIEPMD on 26th January 2018. To mark the occasion various cultural activities were organized. Dr. Himangshu Das, Director, NIEPMD hoisted the tricolor National Flag and delivered the Republic Day Address. The Students, trainees and Persons with Disabilities performed various cultural activities.





4. International Conference on Challenging Exclusion 2018:

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPMD), SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, Chennai with the Knowledge Partnership of University of Northampton, United Kingdom jointly organized “**International Conference on Challenging Exclusion at SRM Institute of Science and Technology**” during 30th January 2018 to 2nd February 2018. The Inauguration of the program was held on 30th January, 2018 . **Smt. Ms. Shankuntala D. Gamlin, I.A.S.**, Secretary to the Government of India for Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJ&E) inaugurated the conference and deliver the Inaugural address. **Dr. T.R. PaariVendar, Honorable Chancellor of SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai** was the Guest of Honour. **Mrs. Dolly Chakroborthy, Joint Secretary, DEPwD MSJ & E, GOI, Prof. SudeshMukhopadyay, Former Chairperson of RCI and Prof. Richard Rose, University of Northampton,** were the Distinguish Guests of the Conference.





