



One-day National Seminar on "The Road Map for Effective Implementation of RPwD Act, 2016",

jointly organised by

Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN), Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) & National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) kick started on 17th of May, 2018 by 10:00 hours at the Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium, Pondicherry University.

The seminar was attended by heads of educational institutions in Puducherry, officials of government departments and public sector undertakings, representatives of different disable people organization DPOs, parents of disabled persons and staff and scholars of Pondicherry University.

Dr. M. Thanuja, Head of CSSEIP, delivered the welcome address and Dr.A.Chidambaram, Coordinator of HEPSN, appraised about the seminar. The seminar was formally inaugurated by the Honorable Registrar I/C of Pondicherry University, Professor K. Tharanikkarasu, who gave a screen shot of the RPWD Act, 2016. He talked about the importance and implications of provisions of the legislation and sincere efforts taken by the University to effectively implement provisions of the Act and also spelt out distinct services offered by the University to disabled persons quoting real time instances. Ms. Chitra Shah, Director, Satya Special School ,Puducherry, delivered the Special address, loaded the coordination efforts of Pondicherry University and HEPSN in bringing NGOs and Disability-serving Institutes in an umbrella and deliberating on means to serve disabled persons in a better manner. Dr. Samyuktha, Chief Librarian, Pondicherry University, in her felicitation Address, recalled the moments leading to Pondicherry University authorities announcing various welfare measures for disabled students.

The key note address was delivered by Mr. Rajesh Ramachandran, Rehabilitation Officer (S&P), NIEPMD, Chennai, who stressed upon the valuable services provided by NIEPMD in serving persons with more than one disability. Special address delivered by Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Dr. Kamallesh Kumar Pandey, who gave a brief on the history of evolution of various legislations enacted for serving the disabled right from the British reign while the Deputy Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Shri Dr. S. K. Prasad gave a brief

outline on measures which has been taken by the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities to serve the cause of disabled persons and called for spreading awareness about the 2016 legislation to all stake holders concerned to ensure that rights of disabled persons are upheld. The Director of NIEPMD, Dr. Himangshu Das, was also present during the occasion as a special guest of honor. The inauguration programme concluded with Dr. K. S. Kuppusamy, Counsellor, HEPSN, providing the formal of Of Thanks.



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