

**THE SPASTICS SOCIETY OF TIRUCHIRAPALLI**  
No.5, Revival Nagar, Ramalinga Nagar South Extension,  
Vayalur Road, Trichy- 620017

We are very glad to present this Annual Report for the year April 2022 – March 2023, highlighting the important activities in the Centers during this one year period.

**OUR MISSION**

- Our focus is to provide accessible, affordable and appropriate range of high quality habilitation services for children and adults with CP and other disabilities.
- Our aim is to provide self-development opportunities to the disabled, in order to enable them to live with dignity and be considered as equal citizens of India.
- Our commitment is to change for the better, the lives of the disabled.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The following members continue to function as office-bearers and EC members

|                                |   |                 |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. Mr. P.M.Shafi               | - | President       |
| 2. Mr.V.Vasudevan              | - | Vice-President  |
| 3. Mr. M.Subramanian           | - | Secretary       |
| 4. Dr.Kingsley P.Jebakumar     | - | Joint-Secretary |
| 5. Mr. K.Thiruneelakandan      | - | Treasurer       |
| 6. Prof.Dr.S.Prabakar Immanuel | - | E.C.Member      |
| 7. Mrs. Gowri Bhaskaran        | - | E.C.Member      |
| 8. Mr. N. Venkatramani         | - | E.C.Member      |
| 9. Mr. M. Muruganandam         | - | E.C.Member      |

The Executive Committee meets periodically to review the activities of the organization and the members have taken initiative and efforts in promoting the development of the Spastics Society.

“The Management, Staff & Students of the Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli condole the death of two of our Committee Members who passed away during this year.

- Mr. S.P. Swamy died at the age of 95 on 5 December 2022
- Mrs. G. Mangayarkarasi died at the age of 83 on 10 March 2023.

Both of them were senior members who worked for the development of the organization. We remember with gratitude their contribution to the organization.

**AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS**

Auditing of Accounts is done by M/S.V.Narayanan & Co., Chartered Accountants Trichy. We thank Mr. N. Venkateswaran, Chartered Accountant for the professional service being rendered to us.

| RECEIPTS                               | PREVIOUS YEAR<br>2021 – 2022 |                  | CURRENT YEAR<br>2022 – 2023 |                    |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|  | BREAK UP                     | TOTAL            | BREAK UP                    | TOTAL              |
| <b>Donations &amp; Sundry Receipts</b> |                              | <b>42,43,369</b> |                             | <b>72,05,430</b>   |
| Trichy Centre                          | 37,52,845                    |                  | 53,15,989                   |                    |
| Musiri Centre                          | 1,49,387                     |                  | 5,70,244                    |                    |
| Lalgudi Centre                         | 1,02,210                     |                  | 3,09,986                    |                    |
| Thuraiyur Centre                       | 1,75,354                     |                  | 5,98,732                    |                    |
| Manaparai Centre                       | 63,573                       |                  | 4,10,479                    |                    |
| Parents Contributions                  |                              | 2,28,170         |                             | 6,63,650           |
| State Government Projects :            |                              | 28,61,359        |                             | 42,26,096          |
| Feeding Grant                          | 4,86,000                     |                  | 8,52,000                    |                    |
| Early Intervention Centre              | 9,36,650                     |                  | 9,47,000                    |                    |
| Staff Honorarium                       | 10,60,709                    |                  | 20,49,096                   |                    |
| House Rent                             | 3,78,000                     |                  | 3,78,000                    |                    |
| RCI Course : Fees / Mess               |                              | 2,26,433         |                             | 192701             |
| Vocational Stream :                    |                              | 1,52,966         |                             | 235922             |
| Sundry Receipts                        |                              | 5,560            |                             | --                 |
| Life Insurance Corporation of India    |                              |                  |                             | 16,14,436          |
| SST Masala Contribution                |                              | 70000            |                             | 30000              |
| SST Masala Loan                        |                              | 50000            |                             |                    |
| Bank Interest                          |                              |                  |                             | 69665              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           |                              | <b>78,37,857</b> |                             | <b>1,42,37,900</b> |

| EXPENDITURE                  | PREVIOUS YEAR<br>2021 – 2022 |                  | CURRENT YEAR<br>2022 – 2023 |                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                              |                  |                             |                    |
| Salaries                     |                              | 43,47,233        |                             | 72,52,350          |
| Rent                         |                              | 4,44,000         |                             | 4,44,000           |
| Electricity                  |                              | 1,08,135         |                             | 1,51,013           |
| Transport / Travel Expenses  |                              | 52,939           |                             | 81,779             |
| Administration               |                              | 78,922           |                             | 1,25,547           |
| Boarding Expenses            |                              | 5,96,377         |                             | 14,60,910          |
| Building Maintenance         |                              | 1,47,293         |                             | 3,50,595           |
| Vocational Training Expenses |                              | 34,961           |                             | 1,29,258           |
| Miscellaneous                |                              | 1,70,878         |                             | 3,65,738           |
| RCI Course Exp.              |                              | 72,584           |                             | 81,513             |
| State Govt. EIC              |                              | 45,497           |                             | ---                |
| SST Masala                   |                              |                  |                             | 10,214             |
| Fixed Deposits               |                              |                  |                             | 2,40,000           |
| Titan Project                |                              |                  |                             | 7,10,000           |
| School Van                   |                              |                  |                             | 16,14,436          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 |                              | <b>60,98,816</b> |                             | <b>1,30,17,353</b> |

LIC, Thanjavur Division contributed Rs. 16,14,436  
Titan Company Ltd., Bangalore contributed Rs. 7,10,000  
The J.H. Tarapore Foundation, Chennai contributed Rs. 5,00,000  
Suryavardhan Estates Pvt. Ltd., Chennai contributed Rs. 2,51,790  
Mr. K. R. Sureshkumar, contributed Rs. 2,50,000  
Mr. R. Balasubramanian, Bangalore contributed Rs. 2,00,000  
Ln. C.T. Sabarathinam contributed Rs. 1,41,000  
Mr. Muthukumar, Thuraiyur contributed Rs. 1,24,054  
Mrs. Aarthi Kumar, Dubai, UAE contributed Rs. 1,20,040  
Mr. M. Muruganandam, contributed Rs. 1,00,000  
Mr. Athappan, contributed Rs. 1,00,000  
Mr. K. Premananthan, contributed Rs. 1,00,000  
TANFAC Industries Pvt. Ltd., contributed Rs. 1,00,000  
Mr. Clement Vinodh Samuel, contributed Rs. 85,000  
Mr. Augustine Ponraj contributed Rs. 82,000  
Mr. Nandhakishore, contributed Rs. 60,000  
Mr. Richie Ravikumar, contributed Rs. 60,000  
Dr. P.M. Bhaskaran, contributed Rs. 50,000  
Association of People with Disability (APD), Bangalore contributed Rs. 50,000  
Ln. Sowma Rajarathinam, contributed Rs. 50,000  
Ms. M. Sarathambal contributed Rs. 52,500  
Mr. J. Jayakodi contributed Rs. 40,500  
*ANONYMOUS HOPE* headed by Mr. Hari, Australia contributed Rs. 31,829  
Dr. Rita Shanthakumar contributed Rs. 30,000  
Mr. Jegadeesan, Musiri contributed Rs. 26,000  
Dr. L. Krishnan, contributed Rs. 25,000, Mrs. C.S. Usha Rani, contributed Rs. 25,000  
Ms. Sahana Narayanan, contributed Rs. 25,000  
M/s. Velmurugan Industries Pvt. Lit., contributed Rs. 25,000  
Dr. Amali Jaya, contributed Rs. 24,000  
Mr. Robert Ravikumar, contributed Rs. 24,000  
We offer our sincere thanks to all the donors for their very generous contribution.

## PARENTS TRAINING PROGRAMME

| Date             | Topic  | Organized by                                      | Participants |
|------------------|--|---|--------------|
| 25 July 2022     | Home Management for children with Cerebral Palsy                     | Ms. N. Vasanthi<br>Physiotherapist                | 15 Parents   |
| 17 August 2022   | Managing & Treating back pain  | Mr. B. Balachandar<br>Physiotherapist             | 19 Parents   |
| 25 August 2022   | Modified Furniture for children with Cerebral Palsy                  | Ms. P. Karthigaiselvi<br>Physiotherapist          | 19 Parents   |
| 12 October 2022  | Balance Training   | Ms. N. Vasanthi<br>Physiotherapist                | 12 Parents   |
| 2 December 2022  | Behaviour Management – Safe & unsafe touch – first aid               | Students from Curtin University, Australia        | 46 Parents   |
| 13 December 2022 | Special Education through play-way method.                           | Ms. S. Malathy<br>Special Educator                | 15 Parents   |
| 18 February 2023 | Role of fathers in upbringing / training children with special needs | Dr. Randeep Rajkumar<br>Clinical Psychologist     | 20 Parents   |
| 23 February 2023 | Sex Education  | Ms. Malathy Ramanathan<br>Psychologist            | 27 Parents   |
| 24 February 2023 | Transition of children with Cerebral Palsy                           | Ms. P. Karthigaiselvi<br>Physiotherapist          | 13 Parents   |
| 21 March 2023    | Job opportunities for persons with disabilities                      | Mr. A. Kalaiselvan<br>District Employment Officer | 70 Parents   |



**Ms.Vasanthi, Physiotherapist speaks on Home Based Training**



**Training programme for fathers addressed by Dr.Randeep Rajkumar**

## STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMME

| Date                  | Topic   | Organized by   | Participants    |
|-----------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| 27 April 2022         | Kavi Plus – Communication App for children with special needs   | IIT Team, Chennai                                    | 70 Participants |
| 13 June 2022          | AVAZ – AAC Communication  | IIT Team, Chennai                                    | 75 Participants |
| 6 August 2022         | Early Intervention for children in EIC<br>Inclusive Education & Teaching<br>Mythology<br>Government schemes & concessions | Ms. J. Navamani<br>Ms. C. Indra<br><br>Ms. A. Amutha | 20 Staff        |
| 17 September 2022     | How to handle children with ADHD<br>Methods of peer teaching  | Ms. T.S. Gowri<br>Ms. D. Suganya                     | 20 Staff        |
| 27 August 2022        | Kavi Plus App – follow up training  | IIT Team, Chennai                                    | 30 Participants |
| 5 November 2022       | Eye – Anatomy, Causes of common disorder in children with CP<br>Vocational opportunity in rural areas                     | Ms. A. Amutha<br><br>Ms. I. Sobana Mary              | 24 Staff        |
| 25 & 27 November 2022 | Two-day Seminar on Management of children with CP   | SPASTI – Team  | 65 Staff        |
| 6 January 2023        | Avaz Training for the staff & parents   | Mr. Ramachandran, Chennai                            | 8 Participants  |



Training Programme on AVAZ  
Communication system



Staff Training on Early Intervention by  
Mrs. Navamani

## PARICIPATION AS RESOURCE PERSON

| Date              | Topic  | Resource Person                 | Organized by   | Participants     |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|------------------|
| 10 May 2022       | Services for the Differently Abled                               | Mr. C. Shanthakumar<br>Director | Srimad Andavar College, Trichy                                     | 48 Students      |
| 5 June 2022       | Holistic Approach in treating children with disabilities         | Mr. C. Shanthakumar<br>Director | Cheery Therapy Centre, Coimbatore                                  | 120 Students     |
| 2 September 2022  | Role of a Social Worker in a centre for rehabilitation of PWDs   | Mr. C. Shanthakumar<br>Director | Department of Social Work, Holy Cross College, Trichy – 2          | 60 Students      |
| 22 September 2022 | Disability and its management                                    | Mr. C. Shanthakumar<br>Director | Department of Social Work, Cauvery College for Women, Trichy – 18. | 80 Students      |
| 3 November 2022   | Listen to the Leaders  | Mr. C. Shanthakumar<br>Director | Department of Commerce, Bishop Heber College, Trichy – 17.         | 200 Participants |
| 19 December 2022  | Felicitation Function to the Alumni Social Worker                | Mr. C. Shanthakumar<br>Director | Department of PG Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Trichy -17     | 120 Students     |
| 10 February 2022  | Sustainable Development leading towards quality of lives of PWDs | Mr. C. Shanthakumar             | Dept. of Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Trichy – 17.           | 150 Students     |

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME

| Date             | Topic                               | Resource Person                        | Organized by                                  | Participants    |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| 26 April 2022    | Awareness on Cerebral Palsy         | Ms. E. Gnanaselvi,<br>Special Educator | Ms. Suguna, MSW, Bishop Heber College, Trichy | 30 Participants |
| 16 May 2022      | Awareness on Cerebral Palsy         | Ms. C. Joice Vennila                   | Bharathidasan University, Trichy              | 28 Participants |
| 14 February 2023 | Awareness Programme on Disabilities | Mr. C. Shanthakumar<br>Director        | Ms. Prettiysha, Bishop Heber College, Trichy  | 21 Participants |

|                  |  |                                       |  |                  |
|------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| 16 February 2023 | Awareness Programme on Cerebral Palsy        | Ms. E. Gnanaselvi, Special Educator   | Ms. Sharon Ida, Bishop Heber College, Trichy   | 65 Participants  |
| 2 March 2023     | Awareness Programme on Cerebral Palsy        | Ms. C. Joice Vennila Special Educator | Mr. Mahesh Babu, Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy | 106 Participants |
| 7 March 2023     | Awareness Programme on Cerebral Palsy        | Ms. E. Gnanaselvi, Special Educator   | Ms. Geetha, Bharathidasan University           | 30 Participants  |
| 9 March 2023     | Awareness Programme on Cerebral Palsy        | Ms. C. Joice Vennila Special Educator | Ms. Swetha, Cauvery College, Trichy            | 35 Participants  |
| 14 March 2023    | Challenges faced by PWDs in Public Transport | Mr. C. Shanthakumar Director          | Ms. Mahalakshmi, Bharathidasan University      | 40 Participants  |



**Awareness Programme in the Community Hall at Maravanur**



**Awareness Programme in Anganwadi Centre , Vazhuthiyur, Lalgudi**

## MEDICAL CAMP

- General Medical Camp was organized for the benefit of the children at Trichy Centre on, 5 September 2022 in which our Consultant Pediatrician Dr. Kingsley P. Jebakumar examined 30 children and prescribed medicines.
- Ortho Consultation was done by Dr. Chockalingam twice this year in which a total of 12 children were examined and given appropriate treatment.



**Dr. Hemalatha David advising the parents on issues related to Diet & Nutrition**

- Consultation on Nutritious Diet for children attending Early Intervention Centre was organized in which Dr. Hemalatha S. David, Senior Consultant Pediatrician participated and suggested the ways & means of improving the nutritious content in the diet.

## JOB PLACEMENT

- Master Ponnar joined KMC, Trichy on 15 November 2022, working in housekeeping department.
- Master Vignesh too joined KMC, Trichy on 15 November 2022, working in housekeeping department.
- Master Disselva has been appointed as a staff in housekeeping department of KMC. He joined duty on 27 February 2023.
- Mr. Sakthivel has been appointed as a Lift Operator at Femina Hotel, Trichy.

## STUDY / RESEARCH

- A study on the psychological wellbeing of parents with Intellectually Disabled Children by Ms. S. Parameshwari, Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Trichy.
- Parenting styles among the parents of children with Cerebral Palsy by Suguna, Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Trichy.
- Incidence of swallowing disorder in children with CP by Ms. P.S. Divya, Speech Therapist.
- Management of drooling in children with CP by Ms. Lobzang Dolma, Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College, Trichy.

## D.ED SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSE

The renewal of recognition for D.Ed Special Education (MD) course has been granted by the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi for a period of three years 2023 – 2026. The copy of the certificate of the approval is given below.

As part of the Alumni Meet, seminar was conducted through Google meet on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in which 82 Alumnus participated. The topics are as follows.

17-03/20 Ed.Spl.Ed.(MD)/11-RCI-2023 - Speed Post/Email - 17th May 2023

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) hereby accords its approval to the institute to conduct the training programme as per following details:

| Name & Address of the Institute   | Name of the Training Programme and its duration  | Academic Session(s)           | Sanctioned intake (Maximum) per batch/session |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---|
| The Specific Society of Trichrapalli, No 5 Revival Nagar Ramalinga Nagar, South Extension Vayalar Road District - Trichrapalli, Tamil Nadu - 620017 (Institute Code - TN04) | D.Ed.Special Education (Multiple Disabilities)<br>D.Ed.Spl.Ed.(MD)<br>Duration : Two Years | 2023-24<br>2024-25<br>2025-26 | 35 (Thirty five)                              |

2. The approval to conduct the training programme is given subject to the condition that the RCI's prescribed standard syllabus & nomenclature in (i) above mentioned programme to be followed and the requisite infrastructural facilities such as clinical facilities/special school, laboratory, library, curriculum transaction etc. are available and maintained throughout the conduct of training programme at the institute in accordance with the norms prescribed by RCI from time to time.

3. The Council reserves the rights to depute a team of visiting experts to assess the availability of the training facilities and to monitor the examination (theory/practical) at any time as per section 16(3) of RCI Act 1992.

4. The examination for the course shall be conducted in accordance with the norms prescribed by the National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation (NBER), New Delhi from time to time.

5. Any admission taken beyond the validity of this approval shall not be considered for registration in Central Rehabilitation Register (CRR) of RCI under any circumstances.

6. The approval can be withdrawn at any time, if the institute is found violating RCI's norms for any other reasons in public interest.

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(Dr. Hemanth N) Member Secretary

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Copy of the approval letter from  
RCI, New Delhi



- Ms. Elakiya who is working in Amar Seva Sangam, Ayakudi spoke on Community Based Rehabilitation.
- Ms. Surya Prabha who is working in ODA spoke on Inclusive Education in CBR set up.
- Ms. Susan, Special Educator spoke on Professional Ethics.

## NATIONAL TRUST

The Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli is the Institution Member of the Local Level Committee (LLC) of Tiruchirapalli & Perambalur Districts to implement special schemes for persons with Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities under the National Trust. The important activities of the National Trust during this period are listed below.



**Guardianship Certificates issued by the District Collector**

- Legal Guardianship Certificates by Local Level Committee, Trichy have been issued to a total of 103 persons as follows.
  - 28 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 17.06.2022
  - 30 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 01.08.2022
  - 25 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 11.11.2022
  - 10 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 01.02.2023
  - 10 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 21.02.2023
- Niramaya Health Insurance scheme is given for the medical treatment for the category of persons with disabilities mentioned in the National Trust. The Health Insurance coverage upto the amount of Rs. One Lakh is being given for treatment which includes medical checkups, pathology, corrective surgeries, diagnostic tests etc. 5 persons have been issued Niramaya Insurance Card during this period of time.
- Participated in the Annual General Body Meeting of the National Trust held through Virtual Mode on 22 September 2022.

## **VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME**

- SST Masala Unit: The masala products such as chilli powder, coriander powder, sambar powder, etc. have been sold for a total supply of 14,326 kg at a total cost of Rs.27,09,121/-
- File Making Unit: We were able to produce & supply a total of 8,355 files at a total cost of Rs. 1,17,840/-. Our regular customers are –
  - Gitanjali Medical Centre
  - Retna Global Hospital
  - Paduka Hospital,
  - Trichy Diabetic Centre
- Doormat Unit: 126 pieces of Doormats at a total cost of Rs. 6,300/- were sold.
- Jute Product Unit: Jute articles at a total cost of Rs. 42,190/- were sold.

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

A total of 45 students pursue regular mainstream education through Inclusive Education set up. Out of these, 2 students appeared for 12<sup>th</sup> standard & 8 students appeared for 10<sup>th</sup> standard and wrote the exam with the help of a scribe. All have successfully passed out, getting promoted to the next class. Apart from these 5 students pursue higher education, studying in the Colleges.

## **AIDS & APPLIANCES**

We regularly receive aids & appliances from the District Differently Abled Welfare Office, Trichy. They supply us with CP Chair, Rollator, Walker, Wheelchair, etc. The materials that we received during this one year period are given below.

- Special CP Chair distributed by DDAWO – 1 No
- Toilet Seat supplied by DDAWO – 1 No
- Wheelchairs supplied by DDAWO – 12 Nos.
- Sewing Machines supplied by DDAWO – 4 Nos.

We regularly receive aids & appliances from the Freedom Trust, Chennai. They supply us with CP Chair, Rollator, Walker, Wheelchair, etc. The materials that we received during this one year period are given below.

- Wheelchair - 12
- AFO - 18
- KAFO - 2
- Walker - 7
- Hand Splint - 2
- Gaiter - 5
- Post Tube Splint - 5
- Modified shoes - 5
- Corner Seat - 1
- Knee Splint - 10

We thank Dr. Sunder, MD for the free supply of orthotic aids from Freedom Trust, Chennai.

## FUNCTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

- World Autism Day was celebrated on 4 April 2022 at the District Collector Office. Children with Autism from various special schools in Trichy participated in the event. Oath taking was done followed by the release of Blue Colour Gas Balloons into the air, symbolizing the colour of Autism. The District Collector was the Chief Guest for the programme.



**Releasing of the Blue Colour Balloons into the air by the District Collector**



**Three Staff members received Best Teacher Award**

- Teachers Day Programme was celebrated on 9 September 2022. The programme was sponsored by Rotary Club of Jambukeshwaram. The Best Teacher Awards were given to the following staff -  
Ms. Sasikala, Special Educator, Trichy Centre,  
Ms. Sobana Mary, Special Educator, Lalgudi Centre  
Ms. Nagammal, Cook, Thuraiyur Centre



**29 Special Educators from various special schools were honoured with Awards**

Similarly Special Teachers Day Programme was organized by Trichy Disability Forum and held at the Auditorium of the Spastics Society. 29 Special Educators from various Special Schools were honoured with the Best Teacher Award by the District Collector of Tiruchirapalli on 28 Sept 2022.

- World CP Day was celebrated at the Spastics Society on 6.10.2022. A Special Guest Lecturer was delivered by Dr. S. Chockalingam, Orthopedic Surgeon on the topic, “Journey towards fullness of life for children with Cerebral Palsy”.



**Students display the placards, highlighting their basic rights**



**Indoor Cricket Tournament for children with Cerebral Palsy**

- Inter-Centre Cricket Tournament was held at the Auditorium of the Spastics Society in which Trichy Super Kings was the winner of the tournament on 10 October 2022.

- Boccia Game : It is a Paralympic Sports originally designed to be played by people with Cerebral Palsy but now includes persons with other disabilities as well. Boccia is played from a seated position, players propel balls to land as close as possible to a white marker ball. Points are accumulated over the course of the match to find out a winner. This was held on 11 October 2022.



**Boccia Game in progress**



**Inter School Quiz Competition**

- In *Quiz Bowl* - a quiz competition for children with special needs, children from various special schools participated in the programme hosted by the staff of the Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli on 28 October 2022.

- To Celebrate the Children's Day, Drawing Competition was conducted on 14 November 2022 by Trichy Round Table in which 70 children from EIC & Day Care Programme participated.
- Quiz Competition was conducted through online by the Spastics Society of Tamilnadu, Chennai in which 38 children from this organization participated.



**Drawing Competition**



**State Commissioner speaks in Ruby Jubilee Celebration**

- In order to commemorate the 40 years of services of the Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli, Ruby Jubilee Celebration was organized to mark this special occasion. The programme was held on 16 December 2022 in which Mrs. Jacintha Lazarus, IAS, State Commissioner for the Welfare of Differently Aabled, Chennai participated as a Chief Guest.

- Annual Christmas Programme was held on 21 December 2022 in the Auditorium of the Spastics Society.
- Pongal Celebration was held on 13 January 2023 in which *kolam* competition, cookery competitions were conducted for the mothers of children with CP.

## AWARDS

- Association of Persons with Disabilities (APD) is a registered organization rendering services for persons with disabilities for the past 60 years in Bangalore, Karnataka. In the category of the Best Institution Award instituted by APD, the Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli bagged the second prize, getting a citation and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- .
- The Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli received the Best Institution Award for having created Barrier Free Environment by the Tamilnadu State Government on 3 December 2022, World Disabled



**State Government Award for Barrier Free Environment**

Day by the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamilnadu, Thiru. M.K. Stalin at a glittering function held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai. A certificate with 10 grams of Gold Medal was given to the organization.

- Mr. C. Shanthakumar, received the Paul Harris Fellow Award given by the Rotary Foundation on 7 March 2023.

## NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

### MUSIRI CENTRE

- A total of 26 House Visits were made to see children with disabilities in their home environment and suggest necessary training and suitable modifications.
- Parents meeting on Special Education was conducted by Ms. Malathy, Special Educator on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 in which 34 parents participated.
- Dr. R. Ananda Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Welfare of Differently Abled, along with Mrs. Jacintha Lazarus, IAS, State Commissioner for Welfare of Differently Abled from Chennai visited the Musiri Centre 22 February 2023. They gave a positive feedback of the functioning of the Musiri Centre.
- Review meeting of the functioning of the Musiri Centre was held on 6 March 2023 in which special educators participated.



House Visit



The dignitaries observing the work at the Doormat Unit

### LALGUDI CENTRE

- The Annual Day Programme was held on 27 February 2023. Fr. Jude Muthuselvan, Correspondent of the Don Bosco School presided over the function, Mr. Kaliyamoorthi, President of



Annual Day Programme at Lalgudi

the Lions Club was the Chief Guest and Mr. Mr. Mathivanan, Block Health Supervisor, offered felicitation.



➤ Medical checkup was organized for the children in which Dr. M. Rajkumar participated, examined the children and prescribed medicines. It was held on 17 July 2022.

#### **Medical Check-up by Dr. Rajkumar**

- Parents meeting on Special Education was conducted by Ms. C. Joice Vennila, Special Educator on 29 July 2022 in which 24 parents participated.

### **THURAIYUR CENTRE**

- The mother of Ms. Madhu Priya, a severely disabled girl was helped with a donation of Rs. 10,000/- for pursuing goat rearing as a vocation.
- It must be mentioned here that Mr. Muthukumar, Correspondent, Zamindhar Higher Secondary School, is our regular sponsor for grocery items. This year he supplied grocery provisions worth Rs. 1,24,054/-



**Goat Rearing by Madhu Priya**

- Dr. Samuel Devakumar from Perambalur is our Consultant Medial Practitioner who also happens to be our regular donor. He conducted medical checkup on 27 April 2022 and donated washing machine for the Centre.
- Master Ravichandran who has completed 12<sup>th</sup> Std., has now joined a two-year Diploma Course



**Ramp at the entrance**

in Hotel Management & Catering Technology at Carnival Catering Institute, Thuraiyur.

- The Annual Day Programme was held on 15 November 2022 in O.N. Mini Hall, Thuraiyur Dr. K. Srinivasan, Chairman, Thirumalai Srinivasan Group of Institutions presided over the function and Mr. S. Vijayakumar, participated as a Chief Guest.

## MANAPARAI CENTRE

- Mr. Henry Royappan, a person with disability was helped in starting a vocational trade of Goat Rearing with a donation of Rs. 10,000/- contributed by a well-wisher
- Students of B.Com from Bishop Heber College, visited the Manaparai Centre lending their helping hand by contributing materials for whitewashing and colour painting of the building, both inside & outside of the premises.
- Independence Day Programme was held on 15 August 2022 in which Mrs. Karuna Selvam, Member, Lions Club participated as a Chief Guest and hoisted the National Flag. Sweets & gifts were distributed to the children.
- Parents Training Programme on physiotherapy was held 26 October 2022 in which Mr. B.Balachandar, & Ms. J.Jayasri participated and gave useful tips on how to handle children with CP in the area of mobility.



**Goat Rearing by Henry Royappan**



**Children enjoy playing Carrom Board**

## THE STAFF

- The members of the staff are 50 in all the five Centres. Of these, 4 are Physiotherapists, 13 Special Educators and 3 part-time visiting faculties such as Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist & Psychologist. In addition to this, 5 staff members continue to work in our SST Masala Unit. The staff members discharge their duties with commitment, competence and compassion for promoting the welfare of children with disabilities under our care.



## VISITORS REPORT

*“Very happy to visit the Centre. The staff members are dedicated and motivated and the parents coordination is very good. My best wishes.”*

22.2.2023

Mrs. Jacintha Lazarus, IAS,  
State Commissioner for Welfare of Differently Abled,  
Chennai

*“We met the mothers of children with CP at the Musiri Centre. Mrs. Tamaraiselvi, Sellipalayam, Erumapatti Block, Nammakal and several mothers were present in this home and praised the Centre. Ms. Bhuvaneshwari and staff were very courteous. I met children like Akash, Aarthi, Rohith, Dinesh.... Wish them good.*

22.2.2023

Dr. R. Ananda Kumar, IAS  
Secretary  
Welfare of Differently Abled,  
Chennai

*“To Spastics Society, Trichy, Thank you so much for working us for two weeks. This experience has been extremely valuable and we admire the dedication and generosity of your lovely staff and the parents. We wish you all the best”.*

9.12. 2022

The Students  
Curtin University, Australia

## CONCLUSION

So we have had an eventful year which we can look back upon with sincere gratitude to the **One** without whose guidance and help, no mere human endeavor can hope to succeed. With the assurance of divine support manifested in the past, we can look forward with confidence to brighter future for our work with these little ones.

## ‘மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கான நலத் திட்டங்களில் திருச்சி முதலிடம்’

திருச்சி, செப். 28: மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கான நலத் திட்டங்களைச் செயல்படுத்துவதில் தமிழகத்திலேயே திருச்சி முதலிடத்தில் உள்ளது என்றார் ஆட்சியர் மா. பிரதீப்குமார்.

திருச்சி வயலூர் சாலையில் உள்ள ஸ்பாஸ்டிக் அறக்கட்டளை அரங்கில், மாவட்ட மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத் துறை சார்பில் புதன்கிழமை நடைபெற்ற சிறப்பு ஆசிரியர் நள் விழாவில் ஆட்சியர் மேலும் பேசியது:

திருச்சி மாற்றுத்திறனாளி அமைப்பானது 30 ஆண்டுகளாக மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நல இலக்குகளைச் செயல்படும் கூட்டமைப்பாகும். அரசுமீட்டும், மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத்துறை, மாவட்ட நிர்வாகம், தனியார் அமைப்புகளுடன் இணைந்து பல்வேறு நலத் திட்டங்களை யும் செயல்படுத்தி வருகிறது. அனைத்து வகையான மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கும் சுயதொழிலை மேம்படுத்து மானியத்துடன் கூடிய உதவித் திட்டங்களையும் சிறப்பாகச் செயல்படுத்துகிறது.

மாவட்ட நிர்வாகத்தின் சார்பில் மணப்பாறை, மருங்காபுரி வட்டங்களில் 2021-22ஆம் நிதியாண்டுக்கு நடத்தப்பட்ட சிறப்பு முகாமில் 964 பேரிடமிருந்து விண்ணப்பங்கள் பெறப்பட்டன. இவர்களில் 618 பேருக்கு ரூ.47.53 லட்சத்தில் உதவி உபகரணங்கள் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

மேலும், மாவட்டத்தில் இதுவரை 62,249 பேருக்கு தேசிய அடையாள அட்டை 37,442 பேருக்கு தனித்துவ அடையாள அட்டை வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. மனவளர்ச்சி குன்றியோருக்கு பராமரிப்பு உதவித் தொகை வழங்கும் திட்டத்தில் 9,121 பேருக்கு தலா ரூ.2 ஆயிரம் மாதந்தொறும் வழங்கப்படுகிறது.

கடுமையாகப் பாதிக்கப்பட்டோர் என்ற வகையில் 567 பேருக்கு மாதம் ரூ.2 ஆயிரம், தலைச் சிலை நோயால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டோரில் 184 பேருக்கு மாதம் ரூ.2 ஆயிரம் உதவித்



ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு பாராட்டுச் சான்றிதழ் வழங்குகிறார் மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் மா. பிரதீப்குமார். உடன் மாவட்ட மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நல அலுவலர் எஸ். சந்திரமோகன், மாற்றுத்திறனாளி அமைப்புக்கான தலைவர் எஸ். மார்ட்டின் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

தொகை வழங்கப்படுகிறது. தொழிநோயால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டோருக்கான மாதாந்திர பராமரிப்பு உதவித் தொகை வழங்கும் திட்டத்தில் 409 பேருக்கு மாதம் ரூ. 2 ஆயிரம், முதுகுத் தண்டுமடம் பாதிக்கப்பட்டோருக்கான திட்டத்தில் 46 பேருக்கு மாதம் ரூ. 2 ஆயிரம் வழங்கப்படுகிறது.

அதிக உதவி தேவைப்படும் மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் தங்களுடன் உதவியாளர் வைத்துக் கொள்ள அனுமதி மாதம் ரூ. ஆயிரம் என்ற வகையில் 71 பேருக்கு வழங்கப்படுகிறது. தனியார் நிறுவனத்தில் பணிபுரீவோர், சுய தொழில் புரீவோர், கல்லூரி பயிலும் மாணவ, மாணவிகள் என 103 பேருக்கு இணைப்புச் சக்கரம் பொருத்தப்பட்ட பெட்ரோல் ஸ்கூட்டர் வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. சிறு, குறு தொழில் வங்கிக் கடன் மானியம் வழங்கும் திட்டத்தில் 94 பேருக்கு ரூ.20 லட்சம் வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இவைதவிர, மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலனுக்

காக 34 சிறப்புப் பள்ளிகள், மனைலன் பாதிக்கப்பட்டோருக்கு 5 காப்பகங்கள், 6 ஆரம்ப சாலை பயிற்சி மையங்கள், 14 வயதுக்கு மேற்பட்ட அறிவுசார் குறைபாடுள்ளோருக்கு 8 தங்கும் விடுதிகள், தொழிற்பயிற்சி மையங்கள், தொழிற்பயிற்சி யுடன் கூடிய 3 இலங்கைகள் சிறப்பாகச் செயல்படுகின்றன. அமைப்பு சாரா தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு சிறப்புப் பதிவுகளும் நடைபெறுகின்றன. இதன் மூலம் தமிழகத்திலேயே திருச்சி மாவட்டம் மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத்திட்டங்களில் முதலிடத்தில் உள்ளது என்றார் ஆட்சியர்.

தொடர்ந்து, மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலனில் முனைப்புடன் செயல்படும் சிறப்பு ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு பாராட்டுச் சான்றிதழ்களும், விருதுகளும் வழங்கப்பட்டன. நிகழ்வில், மாவட்ட மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நல அலுவலர் எஸ். சந்திரமோகன், மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் அமைப்பின் தலைவர் எஸ். மார்ட்டின் உள்ளிட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

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## 29 special educators honoured for services to persons with disability

‘Though we have many new legal safeguards in place for empowerment and inclusion of persons with disability in India, much more can be done to actually achieve these goals on the ground’

The Hindu Bureau  
TIRUCHI

Twenty-nine academic and support staff working for over 25 years to rehabilitate persons with disability were honoured at a ‘Special Teachers’ Day’ function by Tiruchi Disability Forum on Wednesday.

The first-of-its-kind event was held at Spastics Society of Tiruchi and was presided by Collector M. Pradeep Kumar.

“Though we have many new legal safeguards in place for the empowerment and inclusion of persons with disability in India, much more can be done to actually achieve these goals on the ground, especially in mainstream education and job reservations,” S. Martin, president of TDF, told *The Hindu*.

TDF is a network of 52 organisations working for persons with disability for the past 30 years.

“We celebrate many of the international days for persons with disability



Collector M. Pradeep Kumar honours a special educator at a programme in Tiruchi on Wednesday.

throughout the year. We felt that felicitating the men and women who have devoted their life to this section of society would send a positive message to the public and also encourage them to keep up the good work,” said C. Shanthakumar, secretary, TDF, and Director of The Spastics Society.

Thomas Ebenezer, who has been working for the

empowerment of persons with intellectual disabilities, mountain tribes and women for 40 years through his charitable organisation Integrated Action Trust (INTACT), was one of the recipients of the Teachers’ Day awards.

“I am very thankful for the honour, which I wish to share with the INTACT staff team, as it validates our efforts to enable persons

with disability to live independently within a supportive network, equipped with skills and jobs. Parents of disabled persons play an important role in giving hope and encouragement to their wards, which is why our training programmes include them,” said Mr. Ebenezer.

All invited educators received certificates and trophies.

# Tiruchi selected for World Bank's RIGHTS Project

The district's record in rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities has made such an inclusion possible, says Commissioner for Welfare of the Differently Abled

**The Hindu Bureau**  
TIRUCHI

**T**iruchi is among five districts in Tamil Nadu selected by the World Bank's 'RIGHTS project' entailing financial aid worth \$162 million to strengthen social protection systems and capability of the State to empower persons with disability (PwD).

Jacintha Lazarus, Commissioner for Welfare of the Differently Abled, said this while addressing the 40th anniversary celebration of Spastics Society of Tiruchi (SST) as the chief guest. She appreciated Tiruchi's record in rehabilita-



Jacintha Lazarus, Commissioner for Welfare of the Differently Abled, with a student at the 40th anniversary celebration of Spastics Society of Tiruchi on Friday.

tion and employment of PwD that had made such an inclusion possible.

S. Chandramohan, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Tiruchi, said

that the groundwork for the World Bank-funded programme was in progress, and that the initiative would be formally launched in January. Chennai, Dharmapuri, Tenkasi and Cuddalore districts are also part of the RIGHTS project. SST's anniversary function saw a student Muthu Rekha and her mother Karpagavalli sharing their experiences.

Ms. Rekha, who has cerebral palsy, came to SST at the age of five and with the help of remedial coaching and physiotherapy, went on to join mainstream education after Class V. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D at National Institute

of Technology - Tiruchi.

In her address, Ms. Rekha said, "It is very difficult for persons with disability to participate in regular schooling because of the bias that we cannot be on a par with the others. But my parents and teachers have always encouraged me to realise my dreams with hard work."

C. Shanthakumar, Director, SST, thanked the well-wishers for their support, saying, "This has been a very rewarding journey for the students, their parents and educators, as we have all seen children with special needs overcome their disability to achieve great things."

## Cricket match held for children with cerebral palsy

**The Hindu Bureau**  
TIRUCHI

A day of sportsmanship and team-building was organised for 42 children with cerebral palsy (CP) who participated in the fourth annual edition of a 'cricket match' organised in the city by Physio Vision Foundation Tamil Nadu on Monday.

Held in the auditorium of Spastic Society of Tiruchi (SST), the event was part of Physio Vision Foundation's observance of World Cerebral Palsy Day (October 6).

The teams comprised of CP children from three

centres in Tiruchi, and one each from Manapparai, Lalgudi, Musiri and Thuraiyur centres of SST playing 'modified' cricket matches with assistance from parents and teachers. The winners trophy was lifted by 'Trichy Super Kings', while 'Manapparai Bulls' was the runner-up.

The best fielder Junior Raghavan and 'Man of the Trophy' Vadivel were also felicitated. Physiotherapist T. Akusthenal and entrepreneur A. Arokiaraj, a person with cerebral palsy, were honoured with achievers' awards. B. Balachandar, president, Physio Vision Foundation, spoke.



**மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத்துறை**

**உலக மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் தினம் - 2022**

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