



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

We are very glad to present this Annual Report for the year April 2023 – March 2024, highlighting the important activities in the Spastics 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 varied activities of the organization and all the members have taken initiative & efforts in promoting the development of the Spastics Society.

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.

	PREVIOUS YEAR 2022 – 2023		CURRENT YEAR 2023 – 2024	
	BREAK UP	TOTAL	BREAK UP	TOTAL
RECEIPTS				
Donation / Contribution / Sundry Receipts		72,05,430		74,49,765
Trichy Centre	53,15,989		56,40,294	
Musiri Centre	5,70,244		4,38,254	
Lalgudi Centre	3,09,986		2,82,391	
Thuraiyur Centre	5,98,732		7,01,821	
Manaparai Centre	4,10,479		3,87,005	
Parents Contributions		6,63,650		11,17,310
State Government Projects		42,26,096		53,52,100
Feeding Grant	8,52,000		8,52,000	
Early Intervention Centre	9,47,000		15,36,100	
Staff Honorarium	20,49,096		23,76,000	
House Rent	3,78,000		3,78,000	
Caretaker Salary	----		2,10,000	
RCI Course : Fees / Mess		1,92,701		1,68,320
Vocational Stream		2,35,922		1,96,463
Life Insurance Corporation of India		16,14,436		--
Contribution from SST Masala		30,000		1,40,000
Bank Interest		69,665		53,053
TOTAL		1,42,37,900		1,44,77,011

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR	CURRENT YEAR
	2022 – 2023	2023 – 2024
Salaries	72,52,350	88,03,904
Rent	4,44,000	5,58,500
Electricity	1,51,013	1,11,964
Transport / Travel Expenses	81,779	2,09,467
Administration	1,25,547	40,742
Boarding Expenses	14,60,910	14,47,323
Building Maintenance	3,50,595	4,79,744
Vocational Training Expenses	1,29,258	---
Miscellaneous	3,65,738	3,85,511
RCI Course Exp.	81,513	70,137
Payment dues to SST Masala	10,214	----
Loan to SST Masala	---	5,00,000
Arrear paid to SST Masala	--	50,000
Fixed Deposits	2,40,000	3,30,000
Titan Project	7,10,000	17,97,567
School Van	16,14,436	----
TOTAL	1,30,17,353	1,47,84,859

“We make a *LIVING* by what we get but

We make a *LIFE* by what we give.”

We offer our sincere thanks to all the donors for their very generous contribution

Titan Company Ltd., Bangalore contributed Rs. 16,10,000

The J.H. Tarapore Construction Pvt. Ltd., Chennai contributed Rs. 5,00,000

TANFAC Industries Limited, Cuddalore contributed Rs. 5,00,000

Mr. K. R. Sureshkumar, Managing Director, KR Fuels / KR Gases contributed Rs. 2,00,000

Mr. Muthukumar, Correspondent, Zamindar Hr. Sec. School, Thuraiyur contributed Rs.1,51,523

Mr. R. Balasubramanian, Bangalore contributed Rs. 1,50,000

Mrs. Aarthi Kumar, Dubai, UAE contributed Rs. 1,27,000

Mr. Hari, Australia contributed through Swadharma Foundation Rs. 1,19,500

Mr. K. Vinayagam, Managing Director, Space Textiles Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore donated Rs.1,00,000

Mr. Athappan, Managing Director, Kwaliti Shutters, contributed Rs. 1,00,000

Dr. K. Sridharan, State Bank Colony, Lawsons Road, Contonment, contributed Rs. 1,00,000

Mrs. Gowri Bhaskaran, EC Member, SPASTI contributed Rs. 1,00,000

Mr. Augustine Ponraj contributed Rs. 87,000

Mr. Clement Vinodh Samuel contributed Rs. 75,000

Derek Prince Ministry contributed Rs. 60,062

Mr. Nandhakishore contributed Rs. 60,000

Mr. Richie Ravikumar contributed Rs. 60,000

Ms. M. Sarathambal contributed Rs. 59,000

Mr. J. Jayakodi contributed Rs. 50,000

Mr. K. Thiruneelakandan, Treasurer, SPASTI contributed Rs. 40,000

Ms. Jemi Anugraha contributed Rs. 40,000

Mr. C. Abuthaheer contributed Rs. 35,000

Dr. Rita Shanthakumar contributed Rs. 33,000

Trichy Round Table Foundation contributed Rs. 32,000

Mr. Joshua Ponraj contributed Rs. 30,000

Dr. Samuel Devakumar, Arputhaa Medical Care Hospital, Perambalur, contributed Rs. 27,000

Mr. M. Muruganandam, EC Member, SPASTI contributed Rs. 25,000

Dr. L. Krishnan, Consultant Pediatrician contributed Rs. 25,000

Mrs. C.S. Usha Rani contributed Rs. 25,000

Dr. Amali Jaya, Consultant Gynecologist contributed Rs. 24,000

Mr. Robert Ravikumar contributed Rs. 24,000

Mr. Masilamani, Lalgudi contributed Rs. 24,000

Ms. Geetha, Manaparai contributed Rs. 23,531

Mr. Jegadeesan, Musiri contributed Rs. 22,000

Freemason Lodge contributed Rs. 22,000

Rotary Club of Jambukeswaram contributed Rs. 20,469

Mr. T. Sudhakar contributed Rs. 20,000

Mr. Ragupathy, Proprietor, Thalpathi Printers, contributed Rs. 20,000

PARENTS TRAINING PROGRAMME

DATE	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON	PARTICIPANTS
20 April 2023	Epilepsy Management for Children with Cerebral Palsy	Dr. A. Veni, M.D. DM Neuro Physician	36 Parents
20 April 2023	Role of parents in home based training	Mrs. Praveena Carmel, Dolphin Special School	25 Parents
21 April 2023	Role of parents in training / upbringing children with CP	Mrs. Sheela Chelliah, Counselor	49 Parents
12 October 2023	Alternative and Augmentative Communication	Ms. Divya, Speech Therapist	55 Parents
27 October 2023	Work Place Behaviour	Ms. S. Malathy, Special Educator	24 Persons with Disabilities
30 October 2023	Developing Hand Function in children with Cerebral Palsy	Ms. Vasanthi, Physiotherapist	24 Parents
8 November 2023	Knowing about casting vote and following Election Procedure	Ms. S. Malathy, Special Educator	38 Persons with Disabilities
9 November 2023	Safety measures to be adopted while burning crackers during Deepavali Festival	Ms. Gnanaselvi, Special Educator	32 Persons with Disabilities
21 November 2023	Availing bank loans and starting self entrepreneurship ventures for Persons with Disabilities	Mrs. Gandhimathi, Branch Manager, TDCC Bank	32 Parents
30 November 2023	Preparing children with special needs for competitive exams	Mrs. Maharani, AO, Dist Employment Off.	30 Persons
16 February 2024	Role of parents in upbringing children with special needs / Challenges in employment sector for Persons with Disabilities	Mr.P. Sureshkumar / Dr. S. Vinothkumar	64 Persons
22 February 2024	Awareness Programme on Health & wellbeing of women	Dr.S.Rohaiyaah, Gynecologist	42 Persons

2 March 2024	Management of children having sibling rivalry at home	Dr. Cresenta, Holy Cross College	15 Students
7 March 2024	Soft Skills for Persons with Disabilities	B.R.Sc. Students Holy Cross College	30 Persons with Disabilities
8 March 2024	Starting self entrepreneurship ventures under NABARD Schemes	Ms. Ilakiya, District Industries Centre	35 Parents



Ms. Divya, Speech Therapist speaks on AAC Communication



Dr. Rohaiyaah, Gynecologist addresses the parents on wellbeing of Women



Ms. Gnanaselvi, Special Educator speaks on Safe Cracking Diwali



Dr. Cresenta speaks on management of children with sibling rivalry

STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMME

DATE	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON	PARTICIPANTS
19 Aug. 2023	Community Based Rehabilitation Programme and Inclusive Education	Staff Members, ODA	27 Staff
4 Nov. 2023	Handling Children with Autism	Mrs. Praveena Carmel, Dolphin Special School	20 Staff
18 Nov. 2023	Preparation of Teaching Materials / Teaching Method	Ms. I. Sobana Mary, Spl. Ed. Lalgudi Centre	20 Staff
	Developing Rapport & Communication with children and siblings	Ms. G. Bhuvaneshwari, Spl. Ed. Musiri Centre	

18 Nov. 2023	Handling children with behavior problem	Ms. D. Suganya, Spl. Ed. Thuraiyur Centre	20 Staff
	Effective Management of a Centre for Children with Disabilities	Ms. R.Gayathri, Spl. Ed. Manaparai Centre	



Training on Community Based Rehabilitation Programme



Ms.Praveena, Director, Dolphin School handles a session on Autism



Ms.Sobana, Special Educator speaks on Preparation of Teaching Materials



Ms.Suganya, Special Educator speaks on handling children with Behavior Problems

GOVERNMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

DATE	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON	ORGANIZED BY	PARTICIPANTS
24 Nov.2023	Challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities in getting job placement	Mr. C. Shanthakumar, Director	Collector's Office, Trichy	30 Persons
22 Jan. 2024	Universal accessibility	Mr. C. Shanthakumar, Director	Collector's Office, Trichy	35 Persons
12 Feb. 2024	Disability – causes, types, prevention & treatment	Ms. A. Vasuki Devi, Course Coordinator	ICDS, Lalgudi	50 Persons
16 Feb. 2024	Accessibility Sensitization Training	Mr. C. Shanthakumar, Director	Collector's Office, Thanjavur	20 Persons



Mr. C. Shanthakumar speaks on challenges in employment sector for PWDs at Collector's Office



Ms. Vasuki Devi speaks on Prevention, Identification & Intervention of Disability for ICDS workers

PARICIPATION AS RESOURCE PERSON

DATE	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON	ORGANIZED BY	PARTICIPANTS
6 Mar. 2024	National Trust Act	Mr. C. Shanthakumar, Director	Dolphin Special School	22 Parents
8 Mar. 2024	Skill Development Counseling & Vocational Training Mentorship	Mr. C. Shanthakumar, Director	God's Love Special School	16 Parents
9 Mar. 2024	National Trust Act	Mr. C. Shanthakumar, Director	Holy Cross Service Society	20 Community Workers

PAPER PRESENTATION IN A SEMINAR BY THE STAFF

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTED BY	WORKSHOP
29 Feb. 2024	Barriers and facilitators for participation in leisure time activity for children with CP	Mr. B. Balachandar, Physiotherapist	One-day International Conference at Holy Cross College,Trichy

AWARENESS PROGRAMME

DATE	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON	ORGANIZED AT	PARTICIPANTS
14 Sept.2023	Awareness on Disabilities	Ms. A. Vasuki Devi, Course Coordinator	Arignar Anna Govt. Arts College, Musiri	200 Students
3 Oct. 2023	Awareness on Disabilities	Ms. E. Gnanaselvi, Special Educator	Solamadevi Village	65 Persons
29 Feb. 2024	Awareness Programme on Disabilities	Ms. C. Jocie Vennila, Special Educator	Allavanthannallur Village	250 NSS Students
29 Feb. 2024	Cerebral Palsy and its Management	Ms. J. Jayasri, Physiotherapist	Sri Indra Ganesan Institute of Medical Science	56 ANM Nursing Students
5 Mar. 2024	Awareness on Cerebral Palsy	Ms. E. Gnanaselvi, Special Educator	Jamal Mohamed College of Teacher Education	55 Students
10 Mar.2024	Disability Awareness	Ms. C. Joice Vennila, Special Educator	Poonampalyam, Manachanallur Tk	32 SHG Members



Ms. Jayasri, Physiotherapist addresses the ANM - Nursing students



Ms. Gnanaselvi addresses the B.Ed students in Jamal Mohamed College

MEDICAL CAMP

DATE	NAME OF CAMP	CONDUCTED BY	PARTICIPANTS
2 Aug. 2023	Consultation on Nutritious Diet	Dr. Hemalatha S. David, Consultant Pediatrician	3 Children
21 Nov. 2023	Ortho Consultation, Trichy Centre	Dr. Chockkalingam, Kauvery Hospital, Trichy	8 Children
30, Jan. 2024 / 1 Feb. 2024	Eye Camp, Trichy Centre	Joseph Eye Hospital	118 Children
13 Feb. 2024	Dental Camp, Trichy Centre	Dr. G. Muralidharan, MDS Dr. Murali's Dental Clinic	115 Persons
14 Feb. 2024	Eye Camp, Lalgudi Centre	Joseph Eye Hospital	35 children
19 Feb. 2024	Eye Camp, Manaparai Centre	Joseph Eye Hospital	29 children
21 Feb. 2024	Eye Camp, Thuraiyur Centre	Joseph Eye Hospital	31 children
6 Mar. 2024	Eye Camp, Musiri Centre	Joseph Eye Hospital	29 children
22 Aug. 2023 / 12 Mar. 2024	General Medical Checkup	Dr. Kingsley P. Jebakumar, Consultant Pediatrician	61 children



Dental Checkup by Dr. Muralidharan, sponsored by Rt Club of Jambukeshwaram



Screening by the Team from Joseph Eye Hospital, Trichy

JOB PLACEMENT

JOINING DATE	NAME	NATURE OF WORK / DESIGNATION	PLACE OF WORK	MONTHLY SALARY
1 Nov. 2023	Mr. Tamilselvan	Ward Boy	Retna Global Hospital	Rs. 5,000
1 Nov. 2023	Mr. Ameer	Ward Boy	Retna Global Hospital	Rs. 5,000
18 Nov. 2023	Mr. Ragunathan	Godown Section	Pothys, Trichy	Rs. 10,000
18 Nov. 2023	Mr. Durairaj	Godown Section	Pothys, Trichy	Rs. 10,000
8 Dec. 2023	Mr. Manivanan	Packing Section	Pothys, Trichy	Rs. 10,000
15 Mar. 2024	Mr. Thirumurugan	Packing Section	Pothys, Trichy	Rs. 10,500



**R. Thirumurugan /
Packing Section**



**B. Durairaj /
Godown Section**

STUDY / RESEARCH

- “A study on the support system available for Persons with Disabilities in the common work place” was jointly conducted by students doing Bachelor of Rehabilitation Science Course, Holy Cross College, Trichy.
- “A study on the stress and social support of parents having special children” was done by a student of MSW course in Bishop Heber College, Trichy.

D.ED SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSE

The inauguration of the 12th batch of D.Ed. Special Education (MD) Course was held on 10 August 2023 in the Meeting Hall of the Spastics Society. A total of 11 students have joined the course including one boy, Mr. Thiruselvan from Dindugal District.



**Dr. Joel speaks on Management of children
with Muscular Dystrophy**

Important classes on specific topics from Guest Lecturers –



Mrs. Paulo speaks on a rare medical condition of Hemophilia & its treatment

➤ Dr. Joel and Mr. Daffydd Raj from Danny & Friends spoke on the causes, types and treatment of children with Muscular Dystrophy.

➤ Mrs. Paulo from Hemophilia Society, Trichy spoke on the condition of Persons with Hemophilia and its treatment.

NATIONAL TRUST

The Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli is the NGO Member of the Local Level Committee (LLC) of Tiruchirapalli, Karur & 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 Certificate issued by Thiru. Pradeep Kumar, District Collector

- Legal Guardianship Certificates by Local Level Committee, Trichy have been issued to a total of 89 persons as follows.
 - 27 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 06.06.2023
 - 10 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 04.09.2023
 - 23 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 09.11.2023
 - 14 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 19.01.2024
 - 15 persons received the Legal Guardianship Certificates on 18.03.2024
- 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.1 Lakh is being given for treatment which includes medical checkups, pathology, corrective surgeries, diagnostic tests etc.
 - 12 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 4 November 2023.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME



SST Masala Unit at Crawford

SST Masala Unit: The masala products such as chilli powder, coriander powder, sambar powder, etc. have been sold for a total supply of 19,373 kg at a total cost of Rs.38,70,816/-. We supply masala products to -

- Courtyard By Marriott
- Temple In Hotel
- MAM College of Engineering
- Jamal Mohamed College



Screen Printing at File Making Unit

File Making Unit: We were able to produce & supply a total of 10,550 files at a total cost of Rs. 1,34,450/-. Our regular customers are –

- Gitanjali Medical Centre
- Retna Global Hospital
- Cauvery College for Women
- Trichy Diabetes Speciality Centre
- Sree Paduka Speciality Hospital

Doormat Unit: 40 pieces of Doormats at a total cost of Rs. 1,990/- were sold.

Jute Product Unit: Jute articles at a total cost of Rs. 18,010/- were sold.

Sale in Delightful Shoppy, Coffee Shop & Handwork Articles fetched us an amount of Rs. 42,013/-



Doormat Unit at Musiri Centre



Training in taking photocopy

➤ New trade added in our Vocational Training Unit are -

- Xerox
- Lamination Work
- Spiral Binding Work

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

A total of 45 students are into regular mainstream education through Inclusive Education set up. Out of these, 2 students appeared for 12th standard & 7 students appeared for 10th standard, writing the exam with the help of scribe. All have successfully passed out, getting promoted to the next class. In addition to these, 5 students pursue higher education, studying in the Colleges.

AIDS & APPLIANCES

We regularly receive aids & appliances from different sources such as District Differently Abled Welfare Office, Trichy, Freedom Trust, Chennai etc.

- Ankle Foot Orthosis (AFO) supplied by SRM Medical College – 7 Pairs
- Walker, CP Chair, Standing Frame supplied by Freedom Trust - 12 Nos.
- Wheelchairs donated by Alpha Educational Trust - 2 Nos.
- Wheelchair supplied by DDAWO - 1 No.
- Walker donated by Rotary Club - 1 No.
- AVAZ Communication Board supplied by DDAWO - 5 Nos.

FUNCTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

- Life Insurance Corporation of India, Thanjavur Division donated 21-Seater TATA Winger School Van to the Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli. The vehicle handing-over function was held on 20 April 2023.



21 - Seater School Van donated by LIC



Mr. K. Thiruneelakandan receives the key from Mr.K.K.Sujith, Senior Divisional Manager, LIC

Mr. K. K. Sujith, Senior Divisional Manager, LIC, Thanjavur handed over the key to Mr.K.Thiruneelakandan, Treasurer, Spastics Society.

- The Annual Day Programme of the Main Centre at Trichy was held on 21 April 2023. Mr. Mallikarjuna from Titan Company Limited, Bangalore participated as a Chief Guest.

- Drawing & Craft Competition was organized by the members of Freemasons Lodge of Tiruchirapalli on 23 June 2023. A total of 140 children participated.
- Teachers Day Programme was celebrated on 7 September 2023. The programme was sponsored by Rotary Club of Jambukeshwaram in which Rtn. J. Karthick, Rotary District Governor 2025-26 participated as Chief Guest. The Best Teacher Awards were given to the following staff –



Best Teacher Awardees with Rotary Club members on Teachers' Day Programme

Ms. C. Indra, Developmental Educator, Trichy Centre,

Ms. P. Saranya, Developmental Educator, Musiri Centre

- In order to commemorate Gandhi Jayanthi Day, Fancy Dress Competition was organized at Trichy Centre. This programme was held on 2 October 2023, sponsored by Lions Club of Trichy (Host).



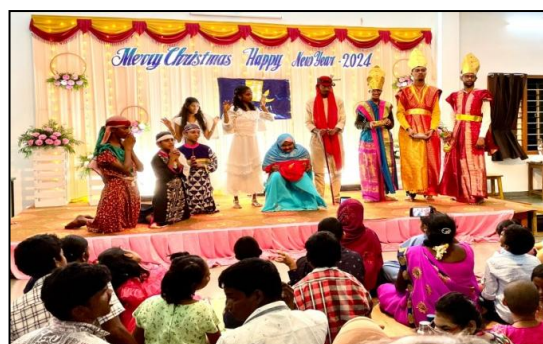
Paralympic Sport, Boccia Game being played by CP children in the Auditorium

- World Cerebral Palsy Day was celebrated at Trichy Centre on 6 October 2023 Dr.S.Venkataramani, Child Psychologist participated in the programme and delivered Chief Guest Address.

- Mr. Rajeev Ranjan & his Team from Chennai organized Boccia Games for children with Cerebral Palsy in the Auditorium of the

Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli. This was held on 28 November 2023 in which 32 children participated.

- The Annual Christmas Programme was held on 21 December 2023 at Trichy Centre. Children from all the branches participated in the cultural programme.
- Pongal Celebration was held in collaboration with Lions Club of Trichy Sakthi on 12 January 2024. Cookery competition was conducted for mothers of children with disabilities.



Manger Scene in Christmas Programme

TRICHY DISABILITY FORUM



Thiru. Pradeep Kumar, District Collector with the Awardees from various schools

Trichy Disability Forum, a Network of NGOs serving for the welfare of children / persons with disabilities organized Teachers Day Programme on 28 September 2023. The function was held at the Auditorium of the Spastics Society in which Thiru M. Pradeep Kumar, District Collector participated as a Chief Guest and honoured 22 senior staff members from various Special Schools with Best Teacher Awards.

ACCOLADES / HONOUR

BEST SPECIAL EDUCATOR AWARD

Ms. A. Vasuki Devi, Course Coordinator got the Best Special Educator Award in the category of having served for children with Intellectual Disabilities. She received the award from Chief Minister of Tamilnadu, Thiru M.K. Stalin at a function held on 22 January 2024 in the Secretariat, Chennai. The award carries a Citation and Gold Medal.



Best Special Educator Awardee, Ms. Vasuki Devi in a photo session with the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

AWARD FROM ADAPT



Award to Mr. B. Balachandar from the Spastics Society of India, Mumbai

Senior Physiotherapist, Mr. B. Balachandar received an award from ADAPT, formerly the Spastics Society of India, Mumbai at a function held on 6 October 2023.

AWARD ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Special Award on the occasion of International Women's Day to Ms. Sivakumari

Ms. T.S. Sivakumari, Developmental Educator received *SHE AWARD* for her services to children with disabilities from the Dept. of Commerce, Bishop Heber College, Trichy. This was given on the occasion of International Women's Day.

NATIONAL BOCCIA CHAMPIONSHIP

8th National Boccia Championship was held from 7 to 11 February 2024 in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. Two



Master Vignesh with Certificate of Participation

students - Master. Vignesh & Ms. Sabana from the Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli participated. Ms. Sabana won

two medals – Bronze Medal in Individual Event and Gold Medal in Team Event.



Ms. Shabana with Gold & Bronze Medals

It was indeed a Great Achievement !

PARENTS GET-TOGETHER

- 30 persons met at the house of Ms. Sabana at Allithurai for parents' get-together held on 30 September 2023.
- 48 parents including the staff members of Early Intervention Centre met at the house of Master. Mohamed Safiq at Thuvakudi for parents' get-together held on 7 October 2023.

ONE-DAY PICNIC



Fun time at Ajman Farm

The children, parents and staff of Early Intervention Centre were taken for a one-day picnic to Ajman Farm near Thogaimalai. It was an exciting day for all of them to see camels, ostrich, giraffe in a mini zoo setup.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

MUSIRI CENTRE

- Dr. Meera Mohan conducted Medical Checkup for the children in which 28 children participated. She also helped in fixing handrails in the ramp at a total cost of Rs. 18,000/- .
- Master Madhankumar, a person with Cerebral Palsy completed B.A Tamil Literature in Government Arts College, Musiri. He is now pursuing Masters Degree in Tamil Literature at Tamil University, Thanjavur.
- Two parents – Mrs. Valarmathi, mother of Master Dhanush Raj and Mrs. Manjula, mother of Master Madhankumar from Musiri have joined the Diploma Special Education (MD) Course at the Main Centre in Trichy.



Dr. Meera Mohan conducts medical checkup for children at Musiri Centre

LALGUDI CENTRE

- Parents Training Programme on Special Education was organized on 14 July 2023 addressed by Ms. C. Joice Vennila, Special Educator. A total of 33 parents participated.
- Jai Jawan Sangam, Association of Ex- Servicemen, Lalgudi participated in the Republic Day Celebration by hoisting the National Flag. Sweets & Gifts were distributed to the children.
- Ms. Madhumitha a person with Cerebral Palsy has completed 10th Std.



Flag hoisting by the President of Jai Jawan Sangam on Republic Day

- 34th Annual Day Programme was held in Periyar Thirumana Mandapam, Lalgudi on 27th February 2024. Mr. K. Murugan, Thasildhar, Lalgudi presided over the function.

THURAIYUR CENTRE

- Two students Master. Nishanth, and Master Mithilesh from Thuraiyur Centre participated in the State Level Quiz Competition for the Differently Abled conducted by the Spastics Society of Tamilnadu in Chennai.
- Parents Training Programme was organized on the topic of Physiotherapy in which Mr. B. Balachandar participated and spoke on the importance of regular physiotherapy. A total of 15 parents participated.
- Master. Ravichandran, a person with Cerebral Palsy has completed a two-year course on Hotel Management from Carnival College of Hotel Management & Catering Technology.



Glowing colourful lights in the dark room stimulation

MANAPARAI CENTRE

- Dr. Gowtham from Sinduja Hospital conducted Medical Checkup for our children on 14.12.2023.
- Master Sasikumar & Master Pandipriyan, have been enrolled in 9th std at Government Higher Secondary School, Manaparai.
- Self Help Group for the mothers of children with CP has been formed in the name of *Vaanavil* SHG with 12 members. Initially they obtained a loan of Rs. 2 Lakh from Trichy District Cooperative Bank. Subsequently, four members have started economic development activity by getting goats and one member by starting petty shop.
- The Annual Day Programme was held on 29 November 2023 in the premises of the Centre. Mrs. Sahaya Vijayarani, President, Manaparai Wisdom Lions Club participated as the Chief Guest.



Mr. M. Subramanian, Secretary delivers Presidential Address in the Annual Day

THE STAFF

- The members of the staff are 55 in all the five Centres. Of these, there are 4 are Physiotherapists, 17 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, promoting the welfare of children with disabilities under our care.

VISITORS REPORT

“I feel so grateful to sponsor food to these children. It’s a good work being done by the Institution with qualified teachers. I feel so grateful visiting here. I thank this Institution Mr.C.Shanthakumar and all teachers for giving me opportunity to see all the process and for doing such great service to the nation.”

26 June 2023

Mrs. R. Harini
Ganesh Nagar, Kattur, Trichy

“Very inspiring and heartening to see the work and engagement at the Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli. Amazed by the passion and dedication shown towards the children by the staff. Very happy to be a part of your journey and partnership.

22 September 2023

Mr. N.E. Sridhar
VP & Chief Sustainability Officer,
Titan Company Ltd, Bangalore.

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.

Academic overcomes cerebral palsy to achieve great heights

Nahla Nainar
TIRUCHI

Achievement means different things to different people and it is important to never give up on one's dreams, says S. Vinoth Kumar, a faculty member of Alagappa University, who overcame cerebral palsy to get a doctorate.

Mr. Kumar, 43, while addressing a gathering at Spastics Society of Tiruchi on Friday, spoke about the challenges that persons with disability face while getting employment and credited his family for his success as a professional.

"I was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when I was around a year old, and doctors said that my progress in life would be limited due to the disorder. I was not even expected to make it to school. But my parents, and later, my younger brother, rallied around, and helped me develop my potential, espe-

cially in education, with targeted training programmes," he says.

Thanks to his persistence, and the encouragement of his teachers and parents, Mr. Kumar completed his doctoral studies, and cleared the National and State Eligibility Tests, which earned him a posting as an assistant professor of English at Alagappa University in Karaikudi.

"There are many sorrows behind my story, and I still get upset sometimes when I remember the bullying that I was subjected to during my school days. But I have learned to move past the pain. Do not get discouraged by people's rudeness and negative attitude. You will find others to help you along the way," says Mr. Kumar.

His father, P. Suresh Kumar, retired Regional Deputy Director of Employment, spoke on the role of parents in bringing up children with special needs.

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Spastics Society student wins medals at national Boccia championship

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Sabana Barveen and B. Vignesh, students of Spastics Society of Tiruchi, did their school proud by competing in the 8th Boccia National Championship held at Gwalior from February 7-11.

Sabana won a bronze

medal in the individual girls' event and a gold medal in the team category.

Both students were felicitated by Tiruchi Collector M. Pradeep Kumar for their participation in the competitions, which drew over 100 people with disability.

Boccia can be played by individuals, pairs or teams.

The aim of the game is to throw leather balls as close as they can to a white target ball. It was originally designed to be played by people with cerebral palsy, and subsequently athletes with severe disabilities affecting motor skills were also included. From 1984, it has become a Paralympic sport.

Special students get exams training

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TIRUCHI

Thirty-six children with mild degree of disability are hoping to ace the upcoming Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNSPC) Group IV exams with the help of training provided by The Spastics Society of Tiruchi (SST).

The institution has been selected by the District Employment Office (DEO) to conduct free coaching

classes for children with disabilities, for a duration of 150 hours. The teaching staff for the course have been deputed by the DEO, according to a statement by the school. Study materials and model question papers will be provided.

The exams are scheduled to be held on June 9. The minimum qualification for applying to this particular category is Class 10. Children with mild degree of disability who have

completed 18 years of age and graduated from Class 10 are also eligible to apply.

Students will be tested in Tamil, Science, Maths, Economics, and General Aptitude. All questions are objective type for three hours. PwD candidates can avail an extra hour and the assistance of a scribe for writing the exam. Parents of the candidates are allowed to attend the classes with their children to enable learning at home.

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தேர்வெழுத மாற்றுத்திறன் மாணவர்கள் ஆர்வம்



▶ திருச்சி மரக்கடை பகுதியில் உள்ள சையது முர்துஷா பள்ளியில் 10ம் வகுப்பு தேர்வெழுத தனது மாற்றுத்திறன் குழந்தைகளை ஆர்வமாக அழைத்து வந்த பெற்றோர்கள். கடைசிபடம்: மாற்றுத்திறன் மாணவருக்கு உதவியாக தேர்வெழுதும் ஆசிரியை.

மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கு சேவை புரிந்தோருக்கு விருது

சென்னை, ஜூன் 22: மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகளின் நலனுக்கு சிறப்பாக சேவை புரிந்தவர்கள், நிறுவனங்களுக்கு முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் விருதுகளை வழங்கினார். இதற்கான நிகழ்ச்சி சென்னை தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் திங்கள் கிழமை நடைபெற்றது.

மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகள் நலனுக்காக சிறப்பான சேவை புரிந்ததற்காக, தாதுக்குடி மாவட்டம் கோவில்பட்டியைச் சேர்ந்த ஆக்டிவ் மைண்ட்ஸ் நிறுவனத்துக்கும், சிறந்த ஆசிரியருக்கான விருது, மனவளர்ச்சி குன்றியோருக்கு கற்பித்துவரும் ஸ்பாஸ்டிக்ஸ் சொசைட்டியின் திருச்சி ஆசிரியர் அவகாசகிதேவிக்கும், செவ்வீதிறன் குறைபாடுடையோருக்கு கற்பித்து வரும் கிருஷ்ணகிரி அண்ணாநகர் தகராட்சி நடுநிலைப் பள்ளி ஆசிரியர் ஜி.அருண்மாதாருக்கும் விருதுகளை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அளித்தார்.

மேலும், பார்வைத் திறன் குறைபாடு உடையோருக்கு கற்பித்து வரும் மதுரை புனித ஜோசப் பள்ளி ஆசிரியர் அபாக்கியமேரிக்கும், சிறந்த பணியாளர், சுமாதேவியார் புரிவோருக்கான பிரிவில் செ.ச.நிஷ்குமார், பா.முத்துக்குமார், ரா.விஜயலட்சுமி, வி.செனத்திரவள்ளி, இ.ஜாக்குலின் சகாயராணி, ஆபிரேமச்சங்கர் ஆகிய

முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் வழங்கினார்



மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கு சிறந்த சேவை செய்தவர்களுக்கு விருதுகளை சென்னை தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் திங்கள் கிழமை வழங்கி கொண்டிருந்த முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின். உடன் அமைச்சர் கீதா ஜீவன், தலைமைச் செயலர் சிவ தாஸ் மீனா உள்ளிட்டோர்.

யோருக்கும் விருதுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன. மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகளை அதிகளவில் பணியமரித்தும் நிறுவனமாக காஞ்சிபுரம் பச்சையப்பாஸ் சில்சஸ் நிறுவனத்துக்கும், சிறந்த ஆரம்பநிலை பல்நிச்சி மைய

ஆசிரியருக்கான விருது காஞ்சிபுரம் அரசு செவ்வீதிறன் குறையுடைய பல்நிச்சி மையத்தின் ஆசிரியர் எம்.பாலசுப்பிரமணியன் பச்சையப்பாஸ் சில்சஸ் நிறுவனத்துக்கும், சிறந்த ஆரம்பநிலை பல்நிச்சி மைய

மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகளின் நலனுக்கு சிறப்பாகப் பணியாற்றிய சிறந்த ஓட்டுநருக்கான விருது இ.சுந்தர்வேலுவுக்கும், சிறந்த நடத்துநருக்கான விருது ஏ.தர்சியாஸ் ஸ்டீபனுக்கும் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியில் அமைச்சர் கீதா ஜீவன், தலைமைச் செயலர் சிவ தாஸ் மீனா, மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகள் நலத் துறை செயலர் ஜெயபுர் முரளிதரன், மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகள் நலத் துறை இயக்குநர் கமல் கிஷோர் உள்ளிட்ட பலர் பங்கேற்றனர். இந்த விருதுகள் அனைத்தும் பதக்கம், பாராட்டுச் சான்றிதழ் உள்ளிட்டவை அடங்கியதாகும்.

53 வாகனங்கள் இயக்கம்: காவல் துறையின் பயன்பாட்டுக்காக, 53 புதிய வாகனங்கள் வாங்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. ரூ.6.50 கோடி மதிப்பிலான 25 ஹெண்டாய் கிரெட்டா, 8 இன்னோவா கிரிஸ்டா, 20 பொலீரோ ஜீப் ஆகிய வாகனங்களின் இயக்கத்தை தலைமைச் செயலக வளாகத்திலிருந்து முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் திங்கட்கிழமை கொடியசைத்துத் தொடங்கி வைத்தார். இந்த நிகழ்வில், தலைமைச் செயலர் சிவ தாஸ் மீனா, உள் துறை முதன்மைச் செயலர் பெ.அமுதா, டி.ஜி.பி சங்கர் ஜிவால், காவல் ஆணையர் சந்திர ராய் ரத்தோர் உள்ளிட்ட பலர் பங்கேற்றனர்.