

Disability Towards Capability

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Shangreela – A Holiday Gift for the Differently Abled

22nd-31st May

Shangreela is an annual event organized by the Centre for Disability Studies, Poojapura to create awareness and sensitize on the creative potential of "Differently abled Children". This is intended to provide a platform for them to explore their talents such as Creativity Exploring, Training on Jewel Making, Bag Making, Flower arrangement, Free painting & Coloring and similar activities.

Shangreela is often used in a similar context to "Garden of Eden" to represent a paradise hidden from modern man. It is sometimes used as an analogy for a lifelong quest or something elusive that is much sought. For a man spends his life obsessively looking for cure to a disease, such a cure could be said to be that's man's "Shangreela".

Shangreela-"The Fine Arts Summer Camp" was organized for differently abled children from 22nd to 31st May 2014 at CeDS Poojapura. Thirty five children and their parents participated and enjoyed the camp. Subject experts Mrs. Zubaida-Associate Professor, Kerala Agricultural University, Dr. Rari John- Associate Professor, Kerala Agricultural University, Mr. Sabu John-floral decoration expert, and Smt. Leena-Jewelry Artist handled the sessions in various art activities. The children were given training on Jewelry making, Flower arrangement and Paper Bag making. The children's newly made products were exhibited for two days. As part of the event, there was also a drawing competition. Mr. Joby, Cine Artist and his team entertained the children with disabilities and their parents with a puppet show.

In the valedictory function, Dr. K.M. Abraham IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala handed over the certificates to the participants. The LBS Centre for Science and Technology Director Shri. Sayeed Rasheed, IPoS enthused the participants with inspiring words. It was a great opportunity for children with disabilities to display their artistic and performing skills, and to develop some new vocational skills. Parents' active involvement is a noteworthy feature of the workshops



Clear the Queries and Be Aware of Disability Rights

Colloquium on law relating to People with disability (A Parent Networking Workshop)

21st June 2014

On 21st June 2014 CeDS initiated a one day Colloquium on "law relating to people with disability". Parents of children with special needs actively attended and collected adequate information regarding legal rights and occupational reservation under "Right to know" Act. Parents of children with various disability categories including Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and learning disabilities engaged in the discussion at Mini Banquet Hall, Chaitram Hotel Thiruvananthapuram. Shri.Sayeed Rasheed IPoS, Director, LBS Centre for Science and Technology was the Chief Guest for the occasion.

Shri N.S. Unnitan, an Advocate, the High Court of Kerala delivered a talk on "An insight on law relating to people with disability". Shri. Satheesh Chandran, former Rehabilitation Officer, Vocational Rehabilitation Centre, touched upon "Legal information on career and vocation for people with disability". There was a fruitful interaction and discussions among the participants around the rights and legal provisions for the individuals with disabilities. The legal experts cleared various doubts and queries raised by the parents. The parents acknowledged that they were able to receive lot of information in relation to their children's rights and opportunities.



Volunteer

- As a volunteer here at the CeDS, first, I want to thank the Director for giving me an Internship training opportunity at the Centre. This is a great practical chance for graduates and undergraduates, common people with passion and empathy to work, observe, understand, explore, learn and get practical life experience of children with disabilities. I got opportunity to work and assist with Development Skill Training Programme, Horticulture Therapy Project, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) tool developing Project. In the computer classes for children with disabilities, I got a chance to deal with the children face to face and clear their doubts during the practical classes. In this short period, I came across children with all kinds of needs at the Centre. I was very happy to develop a compassionate approach towards the difficulties of disabled people's lives. I always had the freedom to learn, observe, understand and get information from the project fellows and other office staff about ongoing programmes at the Centre. Truly, it is a great experience!

“There is a farmer in every child” Workshop on Child Development through Horticulture Therapy (HT) 30th, 31st July-1st August

Three day workshop “Child Development through Horticulture Therapy” was conducted on 30th, 31st July - 1st August at CeDS Poojapura. Honorable Minister of Education, the Government of Kerala, Shri. Abdu Rabb inaugurated the workshop. Dr. Beela G.K., Director in-charge CeDS welcomed and Shri Sayed Rasheed, IPos, Director, LBS Centre for Science and Technology presided over the inaugural function. A Motivating introduction session was taken by Dr. C. Bhaskaran, (Rtd.) Prof. Kerala Agricultural University. The Horticulture Therapy training programme included Horticulture therapy activities by Dr. Rari John, the Department of Home Science Kerala Agricultural University. Selection, Maintenance and Protection of Crops and their therapeutic benefits for children with physical disabilities and mental health issues were meticulously portrayed by Dr. Reghunath B. R, Prof. Head and the Department of Biotechnology Kerala Agricultural University. Dr. Abdul Vahab, Professor, the Department of Olericulture, Kerala Agricultural University enumerated the practical skills in Seed Cultivation and Nursery Management. The important benefits and opportunities for children with disabilities in Mushroom Cultivation were elaborated by Dr. Luladas, Professor, the Department of Plant Pathology.

Sixty school resource teachers and special educators attended the workshop. The trainers gave enough information to utilize the horticulture therapy activities for the benefit of children with disabilities in schools. The trainees were given a complete freedom to discussing various aspects of HT and related activities and clearing doubts and queries. The participants also had the opportunity to visit the Kerala Agricultural University, Vellayani for hands on experience at practical level. Handbooks and leaflets were also given to each trainee to get clear ideas and practical wisdom about horticulture therapy for all children especially with Autism, ADHD and Learning disability.



Campus Interview at CeDS 13th August 2014

On 13th August 2014 CeDS facilitated a campus interview for the students who underwent D Skill Training Programme at CeDS. Mutthoot Pappachan Group Enterprise interviewed the students and three students Arun Kumar, Bharath and Bindu got selected.



Independence Day 15th August 2014

CeDS celebrated the country's 68th Independence Day. The Flag hoisting ceremony was done by Dr. Beela G. K., Director in-charge. Students of Development Skill Training Programme, research project fellows, volunteers and staff members were present.

News from the Office

1 Call for Research Proposals

Centre for disability Studies provides financial assistance for those who have innovative ideas and are interested in research in the field of disability studies. The following are the eligibilities to apply for the schemes.

- Any faculty member from a government, government aided or government controlled self-supporting Engineering College / Medical College / Polytechnic / Other Professional Colleges in Kerala.
- Students who are currently studying at Engineering Colleges / Other Professional Colleges / PG Students of Government and Government aided colleges in Kerala.
- Any qualified person with disability (40% and above disability) can apply through the faculty of any Government Engineering College / Government Medical College/ Government Polytechnic / Other professional Colleges in Kerala.

2 Eco Green Paper Bag Making Unit in September 2014

CeDS is organizing a vocational course for students with disability. Interested students are invited for the programme.

3 International Symposium on “Assistive technology for Rehabilitation and Disability Management” from 2nd-4th December 2014

3rd December is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities as declared by United Nations, which aims to promote an understanding of people with disability and to encourage their appropriate inclusion in the society. This year's theme is: 'Sustainable Development: The Promise of Technology'. To commemorate the Day, CeDs Poojapura is organizing three day International Symposium on “Assistive technology for Rehabilitation and Disability Management” from 2nd-4th December 2014.

Call for Research Papers/Posters/Documentary films for Presentation on themes:

- Assistive Technology (AT) and accessible information
- Assistive devices and tools in Agriculture sector
- Assistive Communication technology
- Service delivery models
- Research and evidence based practice in AT

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

- Paper format - A4
- Microsoft Word Document
- Font Size - 12
- Font Style- Times New Roman
- Abstract –limited to 300 words (sample available on www.cedsdsc.org)
- Abstracts should be mailed to symposium2014@cedsdsc.org



Important Dates

- Symposium Dates : 2nd - 4th December 2014
- Last Date for Abstract of Submission : 10th October 2014 (Oral, Poster and Documentary Film)
- Intimation of Abstract Acceptance : 20th October 2014
- Last Date for Receipt of Full papers for oral presentation : 30th October 2014
- Last Date for booking stalls for the exhibition: 20th October 2014

Exhibitions

- Creative works of differently abled people
- A dynamic marketplace for rehabilitation industry professionals

Registration

Registration Fee for Delegates from India: 500 INR (Delegates) and 250 INR (Student delegates)

International Delegates Fee is 100 US Dollars

The registration fee will be accepted by a crossed Demand Draft / e-payment from any Nationalized Bank drawn in favour of the Secretary, Disability Studies Conference 2014, Centre for Disability Studies, payable at SBT Poojappura, Trivandrum to be remitted along with duly filled registration form, before 30th October 2014. For further information regarding e-payment, visit: www.cedsdsc.org.