

## **Development Education Centre**

### **Annual Report 2018-2019**

*Fill your brain with high thoughts and the highest ideals, place them day in and day out before you and out of them will come great work.*

- Swami Vivekananda.

For the past 23 years Development Education Centre has been travelling with the aim to Enable & Empower the people oppressed without education, self respect and social reasoning. DEC thanks God for this great opportunity to take various steps reaching out to more than 3000 families including women, children, persons with disability especially persons and families with intellectual challenges in and around the Tiruvallur district.

The services of education, vocational training, job placements, economic support, counselling, medical and other aids & appliances etc., are offered from the renowned experts as per the needs of the beneficiaries.

Even though we meet hurdles and victories likewise in our journey the most we experience is all happiness and satisfaction. We remember all who support in our initiative.

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICE**

### **AnbalayA Special School**

With reference to the proverb that says “Numeric and alphabets - two eyes for a human”, DEC aims to eradicate the ignorance of people and bring them to social light. The organisation is accessible with academic, non academic, sports and cultural training programmes for the special children with intellectual challenges from the age group of 5 to 18 as per their skill set. Early intervention (below 6 years), inter medium ( below 7 to 9 years), primary (10 to 12 years), secondary (12 to 14 years) and pre-vocational (above 14 years) are the various class divisions to train the students in activities of daily living, speech, physio and occupational therapy and also mainstream education from 1st level to the 10th standard. It is proud that last year our students Yashwanth and Hemalatha succeeded in the X - standard state syllabus for the year 2017-2018 and student Soundarya for the year 2018-2019.

### **Wheel Vocational Unit**

The vocational training is offered to up bring our trainees economically independent. The unit prepares handicrafts, household articles, cleaning materials, decorative materials, the recent demands of Jute bags and gift articles. The required items are supplied to hospitals, schools and factories for sale. The successful trainees are placed in jobs and they prove their skills. The unit also pay stipend for the

intern trainees. WHEEL team has also conducted small scale training for women in neighbour communities and churches.

### **Small Scale Training Programme**

At DEC – Anbalaya, we organised a small-scale training for Vadagam making for the anbalaya parent cum self-help group Vadagam Training on 05.12.2018. Parents of cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities got benefited in the training. Trainer Mrs. Meena done her job meaningfully and she thought two types of vadagam preparation. 1. Rice vadagam, 2. Ilavadagam. Parents learnt two types of preparation and they also did this preparation. Parents told these workshops were useful.

### **Sale Outlet**

Display cum sale @ Piramal on 17th Oct 2018. Products made by our trainees from Wheel Vocational Unit. We received good response from the HR team and employees from the company of Piramal Enterprises. Four of them with one parent, teacher and two trainees were gone. The trainees did demo to the consumers. Our sincere thanks to HR Manager, Mr. Siva Sankar for their hospitality support.

### **Anbalaya Rural Special School (ARSS)**

The ARSS in Melnallathur Village Tiruvallur District is been in active for 12 years. It was started with 3 children, now with 25 children and also a hostel for them. There are also days scholars are part of this centre. 15 children from in & around the villages are coming to centre by a hired auto sponsored by Mrs. Usha Venkatragavan or otherwise they will find difficult to reach the centre. The centre is established in the gifted land donated by our Secretary Mr. Prabhakaran. Many donors have extended food and other basic things for the welfare of the special children which help for the centre to sustain.

### **ARSS –Inauguration of the dormitory building**

The newly constructed dormitory portion of the building was inaugurated on the 26th April 2018 in a very pleasant ceremony at Melnallathur. We invited Mr. Senthil Kumar, Marketing Manager, Caterpillar as the Chief Guest while the other staffs of Caterpillar Mr. Nallasivam, Mr. Thangaraj & Mrs. Kunthavai, Mr. Kanthasamy, Head Master, Govt. School and Dr. Sagy, Thiruvottiur were the distinguished guests of honour. The special guests shared their experiences in their journey with ARSS and appreciated the efforts of Mr. Prabhakaran and Mr. Panjabi, the Coordinator. They felt happy that Anbalaya has improved its facility for the hostellers at the residential centre.

### **Sports Activities**

Sports are as equal to nutrition for the health of any person. So our children have given opportunity to learn athletics, team games and individual sports. Special running, standing long jump, badminton, Basketball, Throw ball and Table tennis are the important events they participate in district, State and National events with Special Olympics Bharat and won awards and medal. This detail is as below:

***Events details:***

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Medals</b>
1.	05.07.2018	Kelo India	Gujarat	4 Silver
2.	24.09.2018	Spl. Olympics District event	Madurai	Silver
3.	09.11.2018	SDAT- district event	Tiruvallur	1 Gold 1 Silver
4.	12.11.2018	Spl Olympics district event	Bangalore	Bronze

**Floor ball**

5.	19.11.2018	National Competition	Punjab	Bronze
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**Floor hockey (male)**

6.	25.11.2018	National Competition	Utharkhand	Bronze
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**Floor ball (Female)**

7.	01.12.2018	World Disabled Day District Event	Anna University, Chennai	1 Silver
8.	02.12.2018	National Competition	Kerala	Bronze

**Floor ball (Female)**

9.	11.02.2019	Unified sports	Nehru Stadium	11 Gold 9 Silver 9 Bronze
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**Other Programme**

In order to develop their talents, more openings are given to children through many programmes. These programmes helped them in socialisation, communication and self esteem. Parents also felt proud of their children participation.

Autism day, Teachers Day, Children's Day, World Disabled day, Festival - Pongal, Diwali Christmas, Annual day.

**Out Door Visits**

- Students went to library for observation and they continue to visit to develop reading and to prove inclusion.
- 25 Students with parents were taken to Bangalore for excursion by train. The tour brought not only joy but more learning through experience.
- Our teachers celebrated their teacher's day at Plicate for one day trip.
- The CARE organisation invites our children to Tirupathi for a trip. 10 children and 2 staffs took part in this outing.

### **Medical Camps**

#### **Free Medical Camp @ ARSS – 2018**

In our rural centre Anbalaya Rural Special School, Melnellathur, Tiruvallur we organised free general medical camp on 07<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The camp included local public also with the support of help age India @ Sriperambuthur. The camp organisers provided free check up with medicine. It is more useful for our children and local public. Thanks to Help Age India for their support to organised such a helpful general camp for the rural based centre.

#### **Free Eye Check Up Camp**

Dec – Anbalaya organized free eye check up camp by **Health Line Charitable Trust** on 27.07.2018 at our campus. Dr.E.S.Moorthy, The Managing Director, along with four assistants, assessed the vision problems and eye diseases for all the beneficiaries. Nearly 100 campers benefited in the camp. There were 42 boys, 24 girls and 32 other neighbours were benefited. According to their assessment and advice of the doctor they arranged spectacles for each beneficiary.

#### **Parents Meeting**

Parent's meeting is held for every quarter health, nutrition, parents' role and appearing for Govt. exams and vocational training are the topics covered in each meeting. Specially RPWDA is explained in detail to all the parents. The other topics are

- TB prevention & Treatment
- RPWD ACT-2016.
- Government scheme for the autism children
- NIRAMAYA scheme.

#### **Special Programme**

#### ***CONTINUING REHABILITATION EDUCATION (CRE) – REPORT***

DEC – Anbalaya collaborated with National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) as LPO to organise CRE programme at the campus of DEC from 7th to 9th September 2018. The inauguration on the first day was with lighting the lamp

lit. After the lighting ceremony Mr. K. Prabhakaran, Secretary, DEC welcomed the resource persons and the gathering to make days best. He continued his words of thanking towards NIEPMD for given this opportunity to conduct first CRE programme at our centre. He gave short brief about the organisation and also the topic. Then he handed over the session to Mrs. R. Santhana Lakshmi, Superintendent of SPASTIN, Royapuram. There were 30 professionals attended three days and get to know each other experiences.

Towards the end of the training on the 3rd day, feedback form was prepared and given to the participants. Few participants shared about their experiences gained during these three days. Mostly all have shared each days title was very informative and time bound. They expresses that this training gave formation to initiate vocational training in their centres. The programme coordinator Mr. M. Nagandra Prabu from NIEPMD, Mr. S. Ramalingam, Tamil Nadu Commission for Protection of Child's Rights, Mr. K. Prabhakaran, Secretary, DEC and Mrs. D. Arokia Mary, Correspondent of DEC - Anbalaya, distributed the certificates to the participants. Finally, the programme ended by taking group photo and thanking NIEPMD to such a first and best opportunity to organise this kind of training in northern part of Tamil Nadu.

### **Fun Carnival and Joy of Sharing**

“Just play, have fun” DEC - Anbalaya organized children's day carnival with joy of sharing on 17th November 2018 at DEC campus. For this celebration we invited nearby mainstream and special schools Holy cross Matriculation school, Kumaran special school and Spastin society school and our school in Tiruvallur, totally 250 participants including teachers and parents were present and encouraged the children. The great day began by secretary Mr. K.Prabhakaran by addressing the gathering with his speech about fun activities. The occasion was started with opening ceremony of cutting the ribbon by the Piramal Pharma Solution Ltd., HR manager Mr. Siva Shanker. There were 13 fun games began by Holy cross students followed by other schools, it was an eye capturing moments as they were enjoying each games. The various events of fun activities for students like sensory park, Dark room, 3D Carton Movie, Having fun with nose, Nut stalker, Snow bowling, Blow painting, Puzzles arranging, Memory game, etc., took place on that day. All children were participated energetically and happily in these events. Students performed project to the HR Manager Piramal Pharma solutions company, which gave thought provoking message for the other students who participated.

After the each fun activity prizes distributed to the participants and for the special innovative science project to the students by Mr. Siva Shankar, and Dr. Vijaya Ram, who encouraged and wished the children for their creative project. Children were happily received the prizes.

At 3pm, began our Anbalaya children's cultural programme started by our correspondent Mrs. D. Arokia Mary welcomed the parents and children. The programme began by Early-Intervention and Inter-Medium gave ramp walk with theme on “Sea related things”. Children

creatively performed colourfully. Few children from primary, secondary and pre-vocational have given speech with different topics, dance by secondary students and competition - tying the knot by Vocational students. After that past parent & sponsored Mr.Prabhakaran delivered a speech, it strengthened and encouraged for the students and parents. Finally the day ended up by thanking everyone who helped to be a successful day and sung a National Anthem. The day's events created happiest and unforgettable for the children and all the participants.

### **SOB Achievements**

Special Olympics world games have been conducted in UAE from 14th March to 21st March 2019. There are about 192 Nations with 7000 athletes & 4000 coaches were the key partners of the events. India finished with tally of 368 medals including 85 gold, India also bagged 154 silver and 129 bronze medals across various sports in UAE.

India scripted history in UAE by scooping 85 gold, 154 silver and 129 bronzes.

Medals were won across all sports - athletics, golf, volleyball, aquatics, cycling, judo, power lifting, table tennis, roller skating, badminton, basketball traditional & unified, handball traditional and football 7-side female.

It was also the first time India participated in Judo and Futsal - clinching 3 gold, 1 silver and 7 bronze medals respectively. From Tamil Nadu 21 Athletes took part in these remarkable events. They came out with 3 Gold, 17 Silver and 6 Bronze. We are delighted to share that two female special athletes Ramya & Tamilarasi from DEC., represented Tamilnadu in the world games. Mario Cyril Vasanthan (Unified partner, Basket Ball) and **Ms Laya Rebakka** (Coach) had the great opportunity to participate in the world games. We are so proud of athlete ***Tamilarasi and unified partner Mario Cyril Vasanthan received silver medals in 200mts race and basket ball unified game respectively.*** *Ramya of course proved her performance in the tough events 200mts and 100mts and take the position of 6th and 5th in that order.* It is the moment of encouraging and inclusive atmosphere which enable them to be mature enough to face any situation. With a vision of treating all athletes equally, the Special Olympics event offers chances to individuals with not just physical but also intellectual disabilities to compete in any situation.

### **CHALLENGES**

- Even though the awareness has been increased about the disability, still we are approached by many parents daily for admission. As the centre has limited space, it is difficult to give opportunity to many. So, we expect to have more spacious place for our service.
- As we train more students on sports, we need good ground facility to give sports coach to the players to participate in international sports events.

**In Future**

- To publish monthly magazine with the art work of children and also to share parents views.
- To establish Resource Centre to conduct training to staffs and to guide the parents.
- Finding different placements for the trainees.
- To initiate home based programme for the unreached.

**To conclude,**

We thank all our members, individual well-wishers, Friends of Asha Niketan, Corporate and Ministry of social welfare for their support in our service to the persons with intellectually challenged. We assure to achieve our future goals with your support in the upcoming years.

For Development Education Centre

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