

# ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY

(Accredited with "A+" Grade by NAAC (CGPA:3.64) in the Third Cycle & Graded as Category-I University and  
Granted Autonomy by MHRD-UGC)

KARAIKUDI - 630 003

Date: 5.12.2018

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was observed in Alagappa University, karaikudi on 4.12.18 at L.CT.Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium. More than 250 Special Children from eight Special Schools of Sivagangai district enthusiastically participated in the cultural and sports events. The function was presided over by Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice Chancellor, Alagappa University.



Delivering the presidential address, Prof. N.Rajendran said, that Alagappa University is providing its services to the students with disabilities by running a special school besides training teachers for coaching these students. Special Education programmes offered by Alagappa University upto the doctoral level is lauded by educationists and it is the only State University in Tamil Nadu having a Special Education Department. He stated that Multimodal Materials and Assistive Devices Centre functioning at the Department provides assistance to the students with disabilities; and fees concessions too are extended to them. At a very nominal cost various Therapies are given to the special children in the special school. He said that the children with disabilities should be trained to coordinate the functioning of the mind and the body to kindle their inherent abilities. At home, parents should shower their love on special children while at school teachers should treat them with great care and concern. He added that in an inclusive society they should be given equal opportunities to come up in their life. In this regard he said, that soon Alagappa University would initiate collaborative efforts with District Differently Abled Welfare Office, Sivagangai, to extend Government Welfare Schemes to the needy.



Prof. R.Thirumalaisamy, Former Vice - Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, in his special address, said that in India there are 9 Crore people are afflicted with disabilities and only the Urban people are the beneficiaries of most of the Governmental Welfare Schemes. And mostly rural people are unaware of these schemes and steps have to be initiated to create awareness among the rural populace to avail the benefits from these schemes.

Mr. B.Saravanakumar, District Differently Aabled Welfare Officer, Sivagangai in his felicitation address, said that the Tamil Nadu stands first in implementing the Welfare Schemes for the differently abled. In Tamil Nadu there are 11.79 Lakhs of people with disabilities which accounts for 1.6 % and in Sivagangai District there are 29,750 persons with disabilities and in particular, at Sivagangai District 18,450 are Children below 10 years of age. 3,724 people of this district received welfare benefits worth Rs.56 Lakhs this year. In Tamil Nadu, only in Chennai and Sivagangai there are facilities to screen the new born child for identifying the hearing problem. He concluded by saying that through enormous self confidence and unstinted perseverance the people with disabilities can overcome all their problems and reach the zenith.

Prof. Dharmalingam, Dean, Faculty of Education, offered felicitations on this occasion. Prizes were distributed to the winners in sports and cultural events by the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University. Dr.J.Sujathamalini, Head i/c, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, welcomed gathering and Dr. Murailirajan, Dy.Coordinator, Parasports Centre, proposed a vote of Thanks.

Prof.H.Gurumallesh Prabu

REGISTRAR