



## **DISTRIBUTION OF (FREE) LAPTOPS INAUGURATION OF SPORTS and MUSIC**



Chief Guest

**Smt. KANNEGI PACKIANATHAN I.A.S.,**

Secretary, Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons,  
Government of Tamilnadu

Guest of Honour

**Shri. D. K .PATEL,**

Founder, Help the Blind Foundation,  
Hong Kong.

**MRF HALL, LOYOLA COLLEGE**

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On the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2012, Saturday, the Resource Centre for Disability (RCDA) of Loyola College hosted the **distribution of free laptops** and **inauguration of sports and the music studio** for the visually challenged students. The chief guests of the event were **Kannegi Pakianathan I.A.S.** who has held prestigious positions like The Secretary Of the Department of Social Welfare, Tribal Affairs and is presently the Secretary Of the Department of Disability and **D.K Patel** an NRI, the founder of “HELP THE BLIND” foundation, Hong Kong who is known for his great concern for visually challenged students and the help he provides them. Mr. Patel and his trustees had taken the time to interact with the students before the function. At 11 A.M, with the help of the physical director of Loyola College **Mr. A. Vijay kumar**, the sports were inaugurated for the visually challenged and the students were made to play Volley Ball which strengthened the determination of these



students to a further extent. The chief guests declared the sports meet open. The principal, **Rev. Dr. B. Jayaraj S.J** and the officials of the RCDA, along with the eminent chief guests added flavor to the function. This is followed by the inaugural of music studio wherein students would be trained in music.

After this, a grand function was organized at MRF Hall. **KISHINCHAND CHELLARAM EDUCATIONAL TRUST**, Mumbai was generous enough to sponsor 10 laptops to the students who were toppers in their higher secondary examinations. The laptops have the potential to give a promising future to the students. Though there are computers with net facility provided to the visually challenged by the RCDA, the students get to use for a stipulated or in other words limited time per day. The provision of laptops will enable them to study whenever they want. The Wifi facility will create opportunity for them to access any required information under the sun at any point of time. This was followed by the talks of the eminent chief guests of the day's function. Both the chief guests Mrs. Kannegi Pakiananthan and Mr. Patel were introduced by Ms. Anita, lecturer, department of English. This was followed by the inspiring speeches of our chief guests. The Principal made his honorable arrival to address the students and cheer them to reach greater heights. He also expressed his gratitude towards Mr. Patel for his generosity. He also thanked Mrs. Kannegi for having graciously accepted to spend her valuable time amidst the student community. Mrs. Kannegi's speech was enlightening and she encouraged the students to utilize the opportunities that knocked on their doors in a fruitful manner. She also remembered various laws that work to the advantage of the visually challenged and highlighted the fact that very few people are aware of these laws. Mrs. Kannegi also asked the students to enter the administrative sector.



Mr. Patel who was the 'cause' of the function addressed the gathering. He also urged the government and the students to make good of the resources available in order to promote the welfare of the differently abled. It has to be mentioned that he stayed a week before the function so that he could interact with the students and to

assess their progress and requirements. 'Differently abled students are in no way inferior to others' this has been proven by the cultural program of our students. It has also received a greater applause from the audience. The poem and the song were meaningful and they stood as a testimony to the fact that "differently abled" posses the potential to convert the "impossible" into possible. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Navarasan, the student president of RCDA. Lunch was provided and the function came to an end with flying colors.

The presence of the HOD of the Tamil department, **Dr. S.A. Raja Rajan** made the moment more special because most of the visually challenged students belonged to the departments of Tamil and English. **Mr. J V Ramani** and **Mr. V. C. Ganesan**, the trustees of "HELP THE BLIND" foundation have made themselves a part of the function. With a heart pouring at its gratitude, the RCDA would like to remember their contribution forever.



An event to be successful demands the hard work with the precious guidance of the staffs of the organization. **Mr. J. Jerald Inico**, the professor of the department of computer science, also, the project director of RCDA was the guiding force behind the success of this event. The relentless efforts of **professor Lenin**, department of Tamil also the deputy director of RCDA and **Ms. Anitha**, professor, department of English, also the assistant director could not be forgotten time immemorial. The dedication of Mr. Karthik, the Instructor Cum Manger of MRCDS, Mr. Ronaldo the co-coordinator and Mr. jagan, the member were commendable.

Blessed with those dedicated officials, the community of "differently abled" looked forward for their co-operation and support. The RCDA would like to offer its gratitude to the Dean of Students **Prof. I.A.J. Jayadoss** who has always been a source of inspiration to mould the lives of "differently abled". Also, let our ray of gratitude shine upon the physical director and the new trainer who has come to discover the potential from YMCA.