<u>Inviting applications for Internship Programme with the State</u> <u>Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities</u>, <u>Government of Tamil</u> Nadu

The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Tamil Nadu is keen to set up a rewarding programme to not only provide exposure for students towards this area but also to create a vigorous mechanism that will be most beneficial to a section of our society which needs grave attention. Towards that aim, it is pleased to invite applications of committed students for an internship with the State Commissioner for the period 2019-2020.

The details of the internship program are outlined below:

Overview

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, a statutory authority created under The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,2016 (RPD Act,2016) is responsible for implementing and monitoring the said Act. The Act recognises the civil and political rights of persons with disabilities in addition to delineating the economic, social and cultural rights of such persons. Importantly, it adopts a social and human rights-based approach to disability and recognizes that persons with disabilities are capable of human rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis with others. The State Commissioner, who has the same power for trying a suit filed under the Act as a Civil Court, is assisted by an Advisory Committee of not less than five members drawn from experts in the field of disabilities.

Scope of internship/Responsibilities

- a. During the internship, the students will work with and gain knowledge about the following statutes:
 - 1. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,2016 and Rules,2017 & Tamil Nadu Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules,2018

- 2. National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disability Act, 1999.
- 3. The National Trust Rules,2000 & The National Trust Regulations, 2001
- 4. Rehabilitation Council of India Act,1992 & Rehabilitation Council of India Regulations,1997 & 1998
- 5. The Mental Healthcare Act.2017
- 6. The Tamil Nadu Private School Regulations Act 1975, Rules 1976 & The Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Bill 2018
- 7. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act,2009 & Tamil Nadu Rights of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011
- 8. Tamil Nadu Registration of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Rules, 2002
- 9. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
- 10. The Tamil Nadu Prevention of Begging Act, 1945
- 11. Other related Acts, Rules and Office Memorandums and Guidelines etc.
- b. They will be expected to interact with complainants under the Act, and assist them with their complaints after understanding the nuances of the legal processes under the various statutes.
- c. Relevant research will have to be conducted on persons with disabilities and their rights.
- d. They will get the opportunity to understand the functioning of the office, work closely with the State Commissioner, and members of Advisory Committee and assist them in devising methods to implement the RPD Act, 2016 in a beneficial manner.
- e. Interns will be expected to understand the functioning of the office of the State Commissioner and undertake tasks that will involve assisting in cases before the officer. It will involve work around intensive research and drafting.

Eligibility:

The program is open for students pursuing an LL.B degree. Preference will be given to students in the 4th year and above in an integrated course and final year students in 3 years course.

A working knowledge of Tamil is preferred. The students will have to produce a passport-size photo and a recommendation/no-objection letter from their Director or Head of Department, after receiving intimation from this office.

Duration:

Internships are full time and for a period of a minimum of 4 weeks to a maximum of 12 weeks. Candidates must indicate the exact dates in their application.

Certification

A certificate will be issued to the Intern at the end of his/her internship after assessment of the work done by the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

Location

Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities,

No 3, Kamarajar salai,

Chennai-600005.

Ph. No. 044-2844 4940.

Application process

Interested applicants must apply through the email: scd.tn@nic.in on or before 31.10.2019.

The application form is given below

VOLUNTARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME FOR LAW STUDENTS IN OFFICE OF STATE COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

APPLICATION FORM

Paste here recent passport-size photo

Name	:			
Father's Name	:			
Mother's Name	:			
Address for correspondence	:			
E-mail address	:			
Mobile No./ Tel. No.	:			
Date of Birth	:			
Sex	:			
Name of University/Institute	:			
Educational Qualification starting from 1st year of Law course onwards: -				

S. No.	Name of University/Institute	Semester Passed	Month and Year of Passing	Percentage (In case of CGPA, SGPA, etcto be converted into percentage)

Subjects of Interest :

Preferred date of Internship. :

Names of the Director and Head of department of the present Institute with telephone numbers and fax/e-mail.

Indicate the proposed topic of research during internship with a brief note on specific aspects relating thereto.

Signature with Date