

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED – 2011**

**CULTURAL PROGRAMME AND STATE AWARDS DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION**

In accordance with 'United Nations Organisations' appeal to observe 3<sup>rd</sup> December of every year as “**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED**”. The main aim of this day is to encourage the Differently Abled persons in exhibiting their different skills and abilities in the field of Arts and Sports to the society. In this connection on 9.12.2011, Aids and Appliances and other rehabilitation assistance under various rehabilitation Schemes will be distributed to the Differently Abled persons. State Awards will also be distributed to the Best Employers, Best Social Workers, Best Employees, Best Teachers and Best Institutions.

Cultural Programmes will be performed to showcase the talents of physically and mentally challenged children at Vivekananda Auditorium, Anna University Chennai-25 on 9.12.2011 at 10.00 A.M. About 1200 Differently Abled children from Government and Non-Governmental Organisations throughout the State will participate in the Cultural Programmes.

At 5-00 p.m. on the same day (i.e. 9.12.2011) a Public function will be held at Vivekananda Auditorium, Anna University Chennai-25. Tmt.S. Gokula Indira, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, will be the Chief Guest and distributes Aids and Appliances to the Differently Abled Persons and delivers a special address. Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare Tmt. Selvi Ramajayam will deliver a Special Address and present State Awards to those who have rendered outstanding services for the Differently Abled persons and Worshipful Mayor of Chennai Corporation, Thiru.Saidai Duraisamy will deliver Special Address and Prizes to the winners in the Cultural events for the Differently Abled children. Dr. P. Mannar Jawahar, Vice Chancellor, Anna University will preside over the function.

Thiru.P.R. Shampath, I.A.S., State Commissioner for the Differently Abled will welcome the gathering. Tmt. Kannegi Packiyathan, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, welfare of Differently Abled Persons will preside over the function.

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