

Press Release

**Inauguration of Career Guidance Program for Sri Lankan Tamil School Students
by the Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non Resident Tamils.****Kalangarai :- Career Guidance Scheme**

The Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Non Resident Welfare department in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Model Schools of School Education Department, successfully launched a one-day career guidance program for Sri Lankan Tamil students called 'Kalangarai'. This initiative aims to support and empower students residing in rehabilitation camps across the state.

Approximately 57,772 Sri Lankan Tamils live in 103 Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camps in 29 districts across Tamil Nadu. This year, around 2,250 students from these camps passed the 10th, 11th, and 12th standards. This 'Kalangarai'. career guidance program was conducted in Government Model Schools across the 29 districts, targeting these students.

The inauguration ceremony took place at Nungambakkam the Prof. Anbazhagan Educational Campus (DPI CAMPUS) Mr. K. Nandakumar IAS, Secretary of the Public and Rehabilitation Department, inaugurated the event, which saw the participation of around 50 students from the Puzhal Sri Lankan Rehabilitation camp. Students attending the program in the respective Government Model Schools in 29 districts joined via video conferencing.

In his address, Mr. Nandakumar IAS highlighted the importance of the event and its benefits for students across all districts. He emphasized the various welfare schemes provided by the government, including cash doles and educational scholarships etc., and encouraged all students in the camps to study diligently. He also explained the critical role of education in identifying individual skills and talents and guiding students toward careers where they can best utilize these abilities.

Mr. B. Krishnamoorthy IOFS, Commissioner of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils department said that the career guidance program is an important testament to the government's commitment to providing educational assistance and employment opportunities to Sri Lankan Tamils.

He said that steps are being taken to construct a community hall in all the camps to conduct career guidance training and skill development training regularly. He also informed that steps are being taken to provide skill development training to Sri Lankan Tamil students living in the camp through the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation to create suitable employment opportunities as part of 'Naan Mudhalvan' programme.

Further, he mentioned that education is very important for students to turn their hurdles into stepping stones to progress in life. Also, he said that the gap between all the Tamils living in the camps can be bridged through education.

Following the inauguration, District Guidance Officers of Tamil Nadu Model Schools and experts from various fields delivered talks on career opportunities. The program was held from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A total of 2,256 students from 103 camps across Tamil Nadu participated and benefited.

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