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Observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The U.G. Department of Social Work, Madras School of Social Work in collaboration with GLRA India observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 4th December, 2018 at Madras School of Social Work, Egmore. The resource persons for the day were Mr. Joseph Ravi, District Rehabilitation Officer and Mrs. Neeradha Chandramohan, Former Director of NIEPMD, Head of Department of Clinical Psychology. The programme began with the singing of Tamizh Thai Vazhthu and College Song by the BSW Choir. Then, Mrs. S. Sudarmathy, Assistant Professor, delivered the welcome address. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Shibbu George, who elaborated on the work that GLRA had been doing in the field of disabilities and the importance of observing an international day for the person with disabilities. Then, Mr. S. Raja Samuel, delivered the presidential address. Mr. Joseph Ravi was introduced to the audience by Mr. S. Xavier Vivek Jerry, Assistant Professor. The resource person spoke about the various schemes and programmes brought out by the government to assist the persons with disabilities. He also stressed on the need to make the parents of the differently-abled understand that their child has a problem and it should be given proper attention. The second speaker, Mrs. Neeradha Chandramohan, was introduced to the gathering by Mr. T. Rufus Singh, Assistant Professor. Mrs. Neeradha mentioned the types of disabilities and the various legislations for the differently-abled. She also reminded the audience of the role of social workers in working for the persons with disabilities in areas of policy and legislations, rehabilitation, employment opportunities and research and development. Mrs. P.K. Vathani, HOD of BSW dept, honoured the resource persons with a memento. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. A. Thirumagal Rajam, Assistant Professor. The program concluded with national anthem. All the participants were provided with lunch.



