

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The School of Rehabilitation and Behavioural Sciences (SRBS), Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), Puducherry Campus, observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 6th December 2025 at the SRBS Block and Smt. Annapoorani Multipurpose Hall (MPH). The event was organized with the objective of celebrating the abilities, talents, and inclusion of children with special needs while promoting awareness and community participation in rehabilitation and empowerment initiatives.

A total of 40 children with special needs from five special schools and centres, namely Care Special Education School, Anbagam Special School for Mentally Challenged, Sharon Special School, Vasantham Special School and Home, and SRBS Therapy Children, from Puducherry and Cuddalore, participated in the programme along with their teachers and parents. The event featured creative competitions and cultural performances, providing children with opportunities to express their skills and confidence in a supportive and inclusive environment. The programme began with a welcome address by Dr. Arun Banik, Director of SRBS and Convenor of the event, who highlighted the importance of inclusive platforms and holistic rehabilitation for children with special needs. The event was formally felicitated by Dr. Prajna Bhat, Deputy Director of SRBS and Chairperson, who emphasized interdisciplinary collaboration in rehabilitation services. Cultural activities and competitions conducted during the programme showcased the enthusiasm and talents of the participating children.

A prize distribution ceremony was held wherein all participating children and teachers were awarded prizes and certificates, along with special prizes for best performances, distributed by the dignitaries present on the dais. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. C. Saravanan, Head of the Department of Clinical Psychology. The event was efficiently organized and coordinated by Mr. Dhanesh R (Assistant Professor – Audiology), Dr. Theja Prabhakar (Assistant Professor – Clinical Psychology), and Ms. Ashmitha A.R (Assistant Professor – Speech Language Pathology). The celebration reflected SRBS's continued commitment to inclusion, empowerment, and community-based rehabilitation.

