



**National Institute for Empowerment of Persons
with Multiple Disabilities**

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OPEN DAY MEET REPORT - May 2025

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Mr. R. Dhakshnamoorthy, Vocational Instructor, welcomed the participants (parents and students) and outlined the objectives of the meeting. He highlighted the ongoing activities of the Department of Adult Independent Living (DAIL), the significance of the Open Day Meet, and the strong partnership between DAIL and parents in guiding the progress of the trainees. He also emphasized the importance of regular feedback from parents to strengthen the skill development programs of DAIL and ensure inclusive rehabilitation. A total of 38 parents actively took part in the event.

Team Members: -

Dr. K. Balabaskar	Lecturer - AIL
Mr. J. V. Subbaraman	Rehabilitation Officer
Mr. R. Dhakshnamoorthy	Vocational Instructor - DAIL
Topic	"Empowering PwDs through Education: Parental Guidance, Success Stories, and Learning Opportunities"
Date	30-05-2025
Guest Speakers & (Representatives from parents of DAIL students)	
Mr. M. Manikandan (Lecturer, IHM, Taramani, Chennai)	Awareness on the courses of Institute of Hotel Management
Mr. M. Ramamurthy (NIEPMD, Dept. of SE)	Awareness on NIOS Courses (NIEPMD Study Centre)
Mr. T. Kannabiran	F/o Ms. K. Leelavahy (Free Coaching)
Mrs. K. Meena	M/o Mr. K. Vishal (Free Coaching)



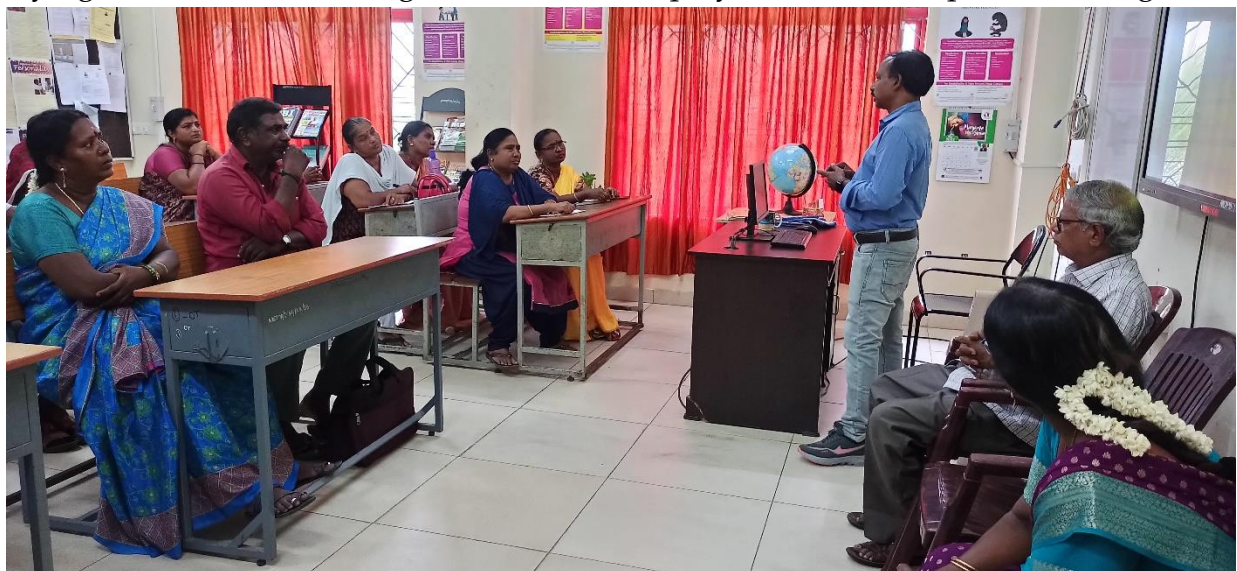
Special Address:

Mr. M. Manikandan, Lecturer at IHM, Taramani, Chennai, shared insights on the inclusive hospitality courses offered by the Institute of Hotel Management. He emphasized that these vocational programs provide persons with disabilities the opportunity to acquire industry-relevant skills, gain certification, and pursue employment or self-employment in the hospitality sector. He added that such initiatives not only promote personal and professional empowerment and also enable meaningful participation in the broader community.



Mr. M. Manikandan, Lecturer, IHM, Taramani, Chennai

Mr. M. Ramamurthy from the Department of Special Education, NIEPMD, provided a comprehensive overview of the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) programs available through NIEPMD's study center. He explained how these flexible, learner-friendly academic and vocational courses cater to the diverse needs of students with disabilities. He highlighted provisions such as accessible question papers, scribe assistance, and additional time during examinations, ensuring equity in education and laying the foundation for higher education, employment, and independent living.

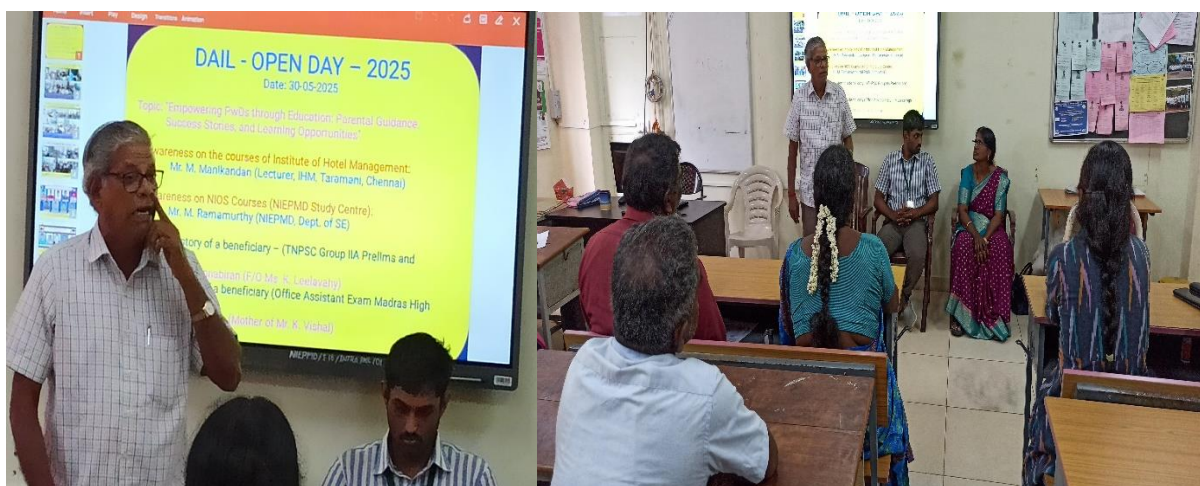


Mr. M. Ramamurthy, Department of Special Education, NIEPMD, Chennai

Highlights from the Parent Sessions:

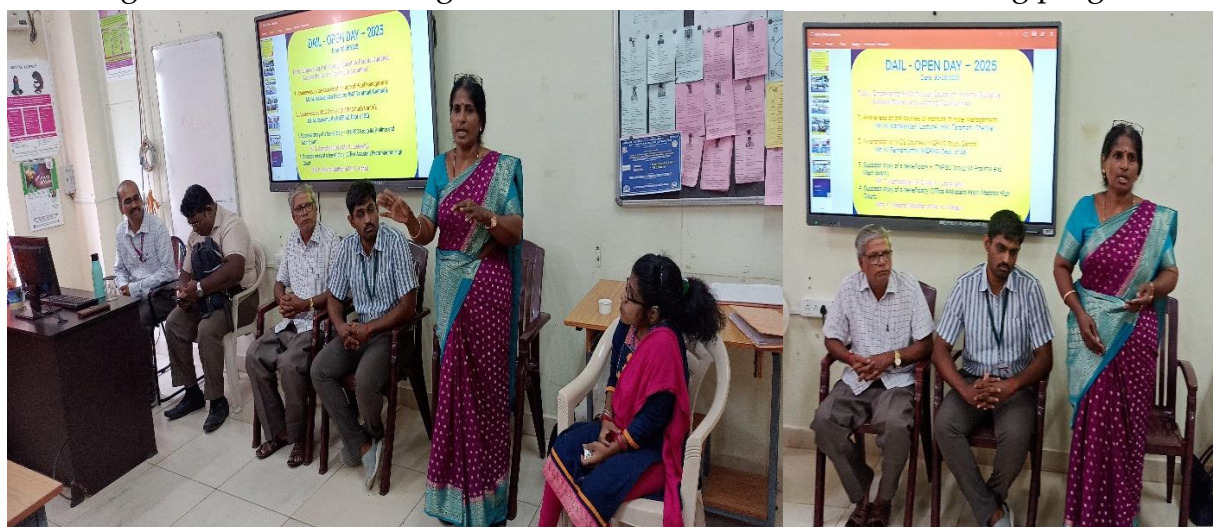
Parents of trainees enrolled in the Free Coaching Scheme under DAIL shared their personal experiences and highlighted the transformative impact of structured support and guidance provided through the programs.

Mr. T. Kannabiran, Father of Ms. K. Leelavathy (Free Coaching), shared the inspiring journey of a person with multiple disabilities who successfully cleared both the TNPSC Group IIA Preliminary and Main Examinations. He emphasized the role of NIEPMD's coaching program in enhancing confidence, strengthening academic foundations, and opening up viable career pathways for persons with disabilities. Also encouraged fellow parents to trust in their children's potential and to actively engage in their educational pursuits.



Mr. T. Kannabiran

Mrs. K. Meena, mother of Mr. K. Vishal (Free Coaching), shared a similar success story of a person with disability who secured a position as Office Assistant in the Madras High Court and Tamil Nadu District Courts. She highlighted the crucial role of consistent effort, proper mentorship, and targeted preparation in achieving this milestone. Her message to other parents focused on the importance of continuous encouragement, and the strategic use of available resources and training programs.



Mrs. K. Meena

During the interactive session, parents raised few questions regarding course eligibility, structure, and enrollment procedures. These were addressed by the DAIL team, who encouraged parents to make full use of the available opportunities and remain actively involved in the family-centered and community-based rehabilitation.

The participants expressed their appreciation to the guest speakers and conveyed their heartfelt thanks to the DAIL team for organizing an enriching and informative session. The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. R. Dhakshnamoorthy, Vocational Instructor, DAIL.

GLIMPSE OF DAIL OPEN DAY MEET FOR PARENTS – 2025
organised by Department of Adult Independent Living (DAIL) on 30-05-2025



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Awareness on NIOS Courses (NIEPMD Study Centre): Mr. M. Ramamurthy (NIEPMD, Dept. of SE)
Success story of a beneficiary – (TNPSC Group IIA Prelims and Main Exam): Mr. T. Kannabiran (F/O Ms.K. Leelavathy)
Success story of a beneficiary (Office Assistant Exam MHC: Mrs. K. Meena (Mother of Mr. K. Vishal) Free Coaching, DAIL
