



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

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OPEN DAY MEET REPORT - July 2025

(Sharing for caring)

Mr. R. Dhakshnamoorthy, Vocational Instructor, welcomed the participants (parents and students) and outlined the objectives of the meeting. He overview the ongoing activities of the Department of Adult Independent Living (DAIL), the significance of the Open Day Meet, and the collaborative partnership between DAIL and parents in guiding the progress of trainees. Further, emphasized the importance of regular feedback from parents to enhance the skill development programs of DAIL and promote inclusive rehabilitation. A total of **43 parents** actively participated in the event.

Team Members: -

Dr. K. Balabaskar	Lecturer - AIL
Mr. J. V. Subbaraman	Rehabilitation Officer
Mr. R. Dhakshnamoorthy	Vocational Instructor - DAIL
Topic	<i>Celebrate Abilities: Exploring Self-Employment Opportunities for Persons with Multiple Disabilities</i>
Date	30-07-2025
Guest Speakers: (Representatives from parents of DAIL students)	
Mrs. S. Sankaragomathi,	Ezhil Karan Enterprises, Melakottaiyur, Chennai 600 127.
Mrs. K. Subhasri	M/o Ms. K. Abirami (DOAAT)



Mrs. S. Sankaragomathi, - Ezhil Karan Enterprises, Melakottaiyur, Chennai. and

also a siblings of 2 PwDs (Son & Daughter)

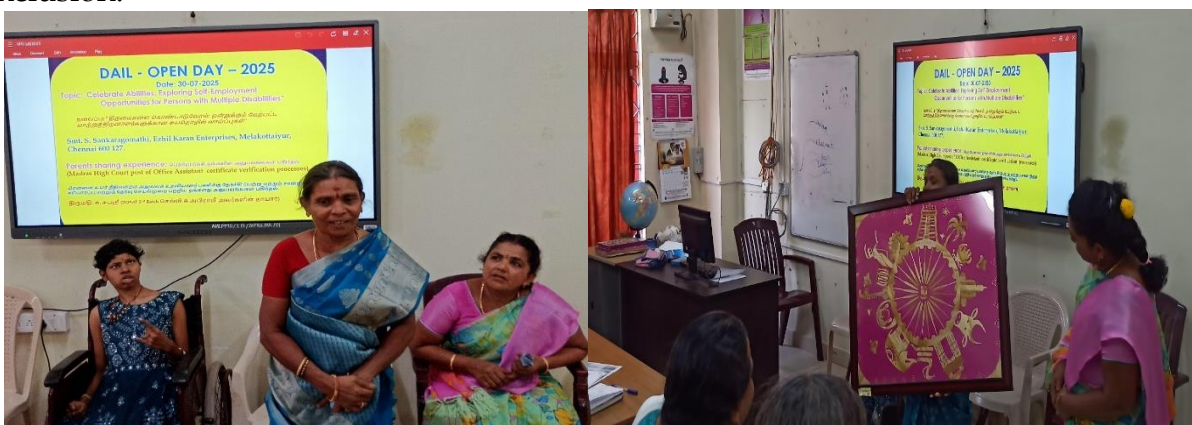


Mrs. S. Sankaragomathi

During the special session, **Mrs. S. Sankaragomathi**, Proprietor of *Ezhil Karan Enterprises*, shared her inspiring journey as a self-employed entrepreneur. She explained how her enterprise in **jute bag making, tailoring, and art and craft design** has grown into a sustainable livelihood initiative that promotes creativity, independence, and inclusion. She emphasized that self-employment opportunities can empower persons with disabilities by enabling them to earn an income, develop vocational skills, and actively participate in community life.



Also highlighted the importance of family encouragement, consistent practice, and skill training in supporting adults with disabilities to engage in **self and supported employment** ventures. Her story served as a motivational example for other parents to explore similar opportunities for their children's economic empowerment and social inclusion.



Highlights from the Parent Sessions:

Parents of students enrolled in various skill training and Follow-up programs under DAIL shared their experiences, offering valuable insights into how DAIL's initiatives are positively benefiting the lives of adults with multiple disabilities.



Mrs. K. Subasri

Mrs. K. Subhasri, mother of **Ms. K. Abirami (DOAAT)**, shared an inspiring success story of a person with disability who secured employment as an Office Assistant in the **Madras High Court** and **Tamil Nadu District Courts**. She highlighted the role of consistent effort, proper mentorship, and structured preparation in achieving such milestones.

Special Address:

Shri. S. Gowtham, *Master Trainer from the Department of Special Education*, briefed the participants about the newly introduced course titled "*Diploma in Sign Language Interpretation (D.S.L.I)*" offered by NIEPMD. He explained that the course provides parents with an opportunity to undergo formal training and obtain RCI certification, enabling them to contribute meaningfully to inclusive development and community-based rehabilitation.



Shri. S. Gowtham, *Master Trainer, Department of Special Education*,

During the interactive session, parents raised queries regarding the course structure and eligibility criteria. All questions were addressed in detail, and parents were encouraged to enroll and utilize this opportunity to enhance family-centered support and inclusion.

Participants expressed their sincere appreciation to the guest speakers and conveyed heartfelt thanks to the DAIL team for organizing an informative and empowering session. The Open Day Meet such as provided a meaningful platform for parents to share, learn, and feel supported in their journey towards promoting independence and inclusion for persons with multiple disabilities. The program 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 30-07-2025



Topic: "Celebrate Abilities: Exploring Self-Employment Opportunities for Persons with Multiple Disabilities"
Resource person: Smt. S. Sankaragomathi, Ezhil Karan Enterprises, Melakottaiyur, Chennai 600 127r, Chennai.
Parents sharing experience:
Smt. K. Subhasree (M/O Ms. K. Abirami DOAAT 2nd Batch) – Madras High Court TN Chennai, Post of Office Assistant
