

# NEWS LETTER

TAMIL NADU DIFFERENTLY ABLED FEDERATION CHARITABLE TRUST



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## Magizchi Pongal at Tndfc Trust

On January 11, 2025, the Tamilnadu Differently Aabled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFCT) hosted the Magizchi Pongal 2025 celebration at Fedabled Arrangam. The event brought together 50 differently-abled couples, married through the Trust, along with their children.

The festival aimed to dispel the myth that children of differently-abled couples are inherently disabled, while celebrating the joy and success of these families. As part of the festivities, new sarees, dhotis, and Pongal gift packs were distributed to the couples, along with a cash gift of ₹1,500.

The celebration was graced by distinguished guests of honor, including:

- Rtn. N.S. Saravanan, District Governor 3234
- Mr. G. Senthamizhan, Former Minister
- Mr. S. Sathappan, General Manager, CSR, Aspire Systems India Pvt. Ltd.
- Adv. Prabhakaran Ramachandran, LL.M., Trustee and Founder of Pravda Law Associates
- Mr. Francis Bastiyan, Industrialist
- Mr. M. Muthukumar, Industrialist
- Mr. P. Karuppaiah, TANGEDCO
- Mr. R.S. Annamalai, Industrialist

State and district office bearers of the TNDFCT were also present.

During the event, four sewing machines were distributed to differently-abled women to support their livelihoods. The celebration featured vibrant cultural and musical performances by differently-abled individuals, showcasing their talents.

The TNDFC Trust extends heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors who made the event possible: Aachi Masala, Uniform Craft Rotary District 3234, Aramporul, iGiver.Org, Deepica Nandakumar, Muthukumar Arumugam, and Geetha Muthukumar.



## Happy Pongal at Perumbakkam



14.01.2025 We celebrated the vibrant festival of Pongal with joy and togetherness at Sumaithangi Trust and TNDFCT Offices, Perumbakkam.

The event was filled with traditional rituals, cultural activities, and shared smiles, highlighting the essence of gratitude and prosperity.

Let's spread love, happiness, and positivity as we welcome the harvest season!

The Pongal festival was celebrated enthusiastically at the Sumaithangi Trust and TNDFCT offices in Perumbakkam.

🌸 The event was graced by the presence of TNUHDB officials, Prof. Dr. Ponnusamy, and Mr. T. Karuppaiah of TNDFCT.

🌸 School students showcased their talents through vibrant cultural performances, including Silambattam, Parai Isai, dance, and engaging games like musical chairs. Prizes were distributed to the students to recognize and encourage their participation and efforts.

🌸 The event was meticulously organized by the dedicated members and staff of Sumaithangi Trust.

🌸 A special thanks to Mrs. Jayalakshmi, Founder of Sumaithangi Trust, whose vision and leadership made this wonderful celebration possible.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making the event a grand success!

## TNDFCT Constructs 5 New Houses for Disabled Families Affected by Fenjal Cyclone

Tamilnadu Differently Aabled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFCT) has successfully supported the construction of five new houses for disabled families who were severely affected by the Fenjal cyclone in Vilupuram District. This initiative was made possible with the generous financial support of Mr. B.V. Krishnan from Mumbai.

Out of the five houses, two were inaugurated on 21.01.2025 by Mr. Simmachandran (President), Prof. Dr. D. Ponnusamy (Secretary), and Mr. T. Karuppaiah (Treasurer) in the presence of Mr. Palani (President) and other office bearers of the Vilupuram District Differently Aabled Welfare Association.

TNDFCT extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. B.V. Krishnan for his immense contribution to this noble cause. His generosity has provided a safe and secure home for five differently-abled families, giving them hope and stability for the future.



## TNDFCT Distributes 20 Bunk Shops to Differently-Abled Beneficiaries Under 'Stand Without Legs' Project

Tamilnadu Differently Aabled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFCT) has successfully provided 20 bunk shops to differently-abled beneficiaries as part of the 'Stand Without Legs' project, funded by Five Star Business Financial Services Ltd. Each bunk shop, worth

Rs. 1.5 lakhs, includes merchandise, products, and essential equipment to support the beneficiaries in achieving economic independence.

As part of this initiative, two bunk shops were distributed to beneficiaries residing in Sankarapuram, Kallakurichi District. The inauguration took place on 21.01.2025 by Mr. Simmachandran (President), Prof. Dr. D. Ponnusamy (Secretary), and Mr. T. Karuppaiah (Treasurer), along with Dr. Chandrakumar (President) and Mr. Nediavel of GODABLED.

TNDFCT extends its sincere gratitude to Five Star Business Financial Services Ltd. for their invaluable support in empowering differently-abled individuals and helping them build a sustainable livelihood.



## World Disabled Persons Day Conference Held in Mayiladuthurai

On January 22, 2025, a grand World Disabled Persons Day Conference was organized by the Cholamandala Disabled Persons Association in Mayiladuthurai district. The event aimed to empower and support disabled individuals by spreading awareness about various government schemes and available welfare programs.

The conference was graced by the presence of several esteemed dignitaries, including the District Collector, State President Dr.P.Simmachandran, State Secretary Tha. Karuppaiya, State Treasurer Dr.M.G.Rakul, and State Deputy Secretary I. Anbazhagan. Their participation added prestige to the event, highlighting the government's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for disabled individuals.



During the ceremony, State President Dr. P. Simmachandran took the initiative to explain various government welfare schemes and financial assistance programs designed for disabled persons. He emphasized the importance of education, employment opportunities, healthcare benefits, and social inclusion, ensuring that every eligible individual receives the necessary support. His detailed speech provided clarity and guidance, encouraging the disabled community to take full advantage of these schemes.

## Rice Distribution at Perumbakkam Disabled People

On January 25, 2025, a thoughtful initiative was carried out at the Tamil Nadu Differently Abled Federation of the Disabled Foundation in Perumbakkam. As part of the program:

Beneficiaries: 100 differently-abled individuals received 10 kg of rice each.

Coordination and Oversight: The distribution took place in the presence of the Social Welfare Officer, Mr. Maria Selvendran, highlighting the active involvement of local authorities in supporting the disabled community.

This gesture demonstrates a commitment to ensuring food security and support for differently-abled individuals, fostering inclusivity and care within the community.



## Railways Holds Meetings to resolve concerns of Differently Abled Passengers



On January 29, 2025, a crucial Railway Meeting was conducted to discuss and resolve the concerns of differently-abled passengers. The meeting focused on enhancing accessibility, improving facilities, and addressing key challenges faced by disabled individuals while traveling by train.

Dr. P. Simmachandran, DRUCC Member & State President, actively participated in the discussion, emphasizing the need for better infrastructure, reserved seating, accessible restrooms, and assistance services for differently-abled passengers. His presence and contributions highlighted the commitment to ensuring inclusive and barrier-free railway services for all.

This meeting marks an important step towards improving railway accessibility, and further actions are expected based on the discussions held.

