


# NEWS LETTER

TAMIL NADU DIFFERENTLY ABLED FEDERATION CHARITABLE TRUST



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## JOYOUS PONGAL CELEBRATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

 Tamil Nadu Differently Aabled Federation Trust (TNDFC Trust), in association with the Federation of Tamil Nadu Differently Aabled Associations (FEDABLED), jointly organized the “Joyous Pongal” celebration for the benefit of persons with disabilities.

A total of 50 families of persons with disabilities participated in and benefited from this event. Reflecting the rich traditions of the Pongal festival, the program featured music, dance, and joyful celebrations, creating a festive and inclusive atmosphere.

Distinguished guests, social activists, and representatives from various organizations took part in the event and delivered inspiring speeches that encouraged livelihood development, social unity, and motivation among persons with disabilities.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the state-level administrators, members, and representatives from all district associations across the state, whose active participation and dedicated efforts contributed to the successful and smooth conduct of the event.

Overall, the celebration stood as a meaningful and memorable event, fostering happiness, enthusiasm, and social integration within the differently abled community.



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## SPECIAL WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION FOR 10 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Wheelchair Distribution Programme – Fedabled Arangam, Chennai

21 January 2026

The Tamilnadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFACT) successfully organised a Wheelchair Distribution Programme at Fedabled Arangam, Ekkattuthangal, Chennai, with the generous CSR support of Cegeka India Private Limited.

The programme aimed to enhance mobility, independence, and quality of life for children and persons with disabilities. The event commenced with Tamil Thai Vazhthu and was presided over by Mr. P. Simmachandran (President), Dr. D. Ponnusamy (Secretary), and Mr. T. Karuppaiah (Treasurer) of TNDFACT.

We were honoured by the presence of Ms. Indu Padmanaban, Vice President, Cegeka India Private Limited, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and personally distributed wheelchairs to the beneficiaries, spreading hope, dignity, and empowerment.

We also thank the Special Guests from Cegeka:

- Ms. Ananda Jyothi Balakrishnan – Director
- Ms. Sangeetha Gnanaprakasam – Lead, Human Resources
- Mr. Balasubramaniam Maheswara – Senior Associate, Human Resources

The programme was further strengthened by the presence of Distinguished Guests Mr. Srinivasan, Vice President, Fedabled, and Dr. M. G. Rakul, Treasurer, Fedabled.

The smiles of children and beneficiaries receiving their wheelchairs reflected the true spirit of inclusion, accessibility, and social impact.

Heartfelt thanks to Cegeka India Private Limited for being a committed CSR partner and helping us move closer to an inclusive society.



## FREE MARRIAGE CEREMONY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust, with the support of Mr. D. Thamodharan & Mrs. D. Kanaka and Mr. D. Thirumurugan & Mrs. Chitra Rajan, a marriage ceremony for persons with disabilities was organized completely free of cost, in a dignified and well-organised manner.

As part of this initiative, the newly married couple was provided with all essential marriage articles, household items, and kitchen utensils. This support significantly reduced the financial burden for persons with disabilities who otherwise find it difficult to get married.

To ensure equality, dignity, and social inclusion for persons with disabilities, the Tamil Nadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust continues to undertake such meaningful social service initiatives.

This noble effort was widely appreciated by the general public and supporters of social welfare.

With the support of well-wishers, the Trust spent ₹2.50 lakhs per couple. It provided 51 varieties of traditional marriage articles, successfully conducting the marriage under the banner of the Tamil Nadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust.



## BUNKSHOP PHASE - II SUCCESS STORY – MS. SAKILA K

Ms Sakila K (40) from Erungalur Panchayat, Mannachanallur Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, is a person with 50% locomotor disability. Despite her physical challenges, she runs a grocery and provisions shop, along with idli batter preparation, earning a stable income and supporting her family independently.

With a daily income of around ₹1,700 and a monthly turnover of ₹30,000–₹40,000, she earns a daily profit of ₹400–₹500. This positive change was made possible through the support and guidance of the Tamil Nadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust, with assistance from Five Star Private Limited Company.

Ms. Sakila's journey is an inspiring example of how timely support and opportunity can empower persons with disabilities to lead self-reliant and dignified lives.



## BUNK SHOP PHASE III - SUCCESS STORY – MRS. MARUTHAMBAL R

Mrs. Maruthambal R (Age 42) is a woman with 65% locomotor disability (LD) from Kurumbalur Thoppu Street, Kurumbalur Post, Perambalur Taluk and District.

Despite her physical challenges, she successfully runs a bunk shop, earning an average daily sales turnover of ₹1,500 with a daily profit of approximately ₹500. Through this business, she earns a monthly income of around ₹45,000, which enables her to support her family independently.

Her journey reflects strong determination, self-confidence, and resilience. Mrs. Maruthambal's success clearly demonstrates that with the right opportunity and encouragement, persons with disabilities can achieve economic self-reliance and a dignified livelihood.

Mrs. Maruthambal R stands as an inspiring example of entrepreneurship and empowerment among persons with disabilities.



## BUNK SHOP PHASE I - SUCCESS STORY MR. ESWARAN N



Mr. Eswaran N (Age 45), son of Mr. Nachimuthu, resides at No.121, Iraniyan Street, Rangampalayam, Erode – 638009, Erode District. He is a person with 100% visual impairment.

Despite his disability, Mr. Eswaran runs a small business with confidence and determination. His daily sales range between ₹800 and ₹1,000, generating a daily profit of approximately ₹200 to ₹300. Through this activity, he earns a monthly income of around ₹30,000, enabling him to meet his basic needs independently.

Looking ahead, Mr. Eswaran plans to start a tea stall as the next stage of his livelihood development, with the aim of increasing his income further.

Mr. Eswaran's journey stands as a strong example of how persons with disabilities, when given the right opportunities and encouragement, can achieve self-reliance and a dignified livelihood.