

# NEWSLETTER

TAMIL NADU DIFFERENTLY ABLED FEDERATION CHARITABLE TRUST



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## MARRIAGE CEREMONY FOR A DISABLED COUPLE ORGANIZED BY TNDFCT

The Tamilnadu Differently Aabled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFCT) successfully organised and conducted a free marriage ceremony for a disabled couple, **\*Mr.S. Suresh and Ms. D. Dharani**, from **Erode District, on 12.03.2025 at Erode.**

As part of this noble initiative, TNDFCT provided the couple with essential wedding gifts and household items to help them start their new life with dignity and comfort. The support included:

- Gold Thali (Mangal Sutra)
- Silk Dhoti and Saree
- 50 items of Seervarisai, including:
  - Wooden Cot and Mattress
  - Steel Cupboard
  - Mixer and Grinder
  - Stainless Steel Utensils
  - And other essential household items



The ceremony was graced by the presence of office bearers from the **\*Fedabled-** affiliated Erode District Disabled Welfare Association, along with several **local VIPs** and well-wishers, who extended their blessings and support to the newlyweds.

This event is a part of TNDFCT's ongoing commitment to supporting the social inclusion and well-being of persons with disabilities through marriage assistance, livelihood support, and other welfare programs.

## TNDFCT STATE PRESIDENT PARTICIPATES AS PANELIST IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL WORK

We are proud to share that **Dr. P. Simmachandran**, State President of the Tamilnadu Differently Aabled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFCT), participated as a **panelist** in the **International Conference on Sustainable Social Work, organized by the Madras School of Social Work on 14th March 2025.**

The conference brought together experts, academicians, and practitioners from around the globe to discuss innovative and inclusive approaches to sustainable development in the field of social work. Dr. Simmachandran contributed his valuable insights on disability-inclusive development and the importance of empowering differently-abled individuals through sustainable livelihood and social inclusion initiatives.

TNDFCT is honored to have been represented at this prestigious platform and remains committed to promoting sustainability, inclusion, and empowerment in all its initiatives.



## EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED TO TWO WOMEN STUDENTS UNDER TNDFACT INITIATIVE

The **Tamilnadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFACT)** continues its commitment to empowering the next generation through education. As part of our scholarship initiative, **two deserving women students**, who are children of persons with disabilities, were provided financial support to continue their higher education.

1. **Ms. V. Manjula** – A 3rd-year **B.E. (Computer Science)** student and daughter of the late Mr. Venkatachalam. Manjula has **lost both her parents** and is currently under the care of her **aunt, who is physically challenged. She was referred by our affiliated Thiruvarur District Disabled Welfare Association.**

TNDFACT extended a total scholarship of **₹1,05,000/-**, contributed as follows:

- ₹25,000 sponsored by **Sumaithangi Trust**
- ₹50,000 through TNDFACT with the support of **Shri Seetha Krishnan**
- ₹30,000 contributed by **Mr. Elango** of TNDFACT

2. **Ms. R. Devaki** – A 3rd-year **Microbiology** student at **Apollo Arts and Science College**, and daughter of **Mr. Raja, who is visually challenged. She was referred by our affiliated Red Hills Disabled Welfare Association.**

TNDFACT facilitated a scholarship of **₹20,000/-**, generously sponsored by **Sumaithangi Trust.**

We sincerely thank **Sumaithangi Trust, Shri Seetha Krishnan, and Mr. Elango** for their generous contributions toward this noble cause. Your support not only helps these young women achieve their academic dreams but also brings hope and dignity to families of persons with disabilities.



## ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING CONDUCTED FOR LIVELIHOOD PROJECT BENEFICIARIES UNDER FORD MOTOR CSR SUPPORT

**Tamilnadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFACT)** organized a two-day **Entrepreneurial Training Program** on **12th and 13th March 2025** at the **TNDFACT Training Hall**, exclusively for persons with disabilities who have been selected as **beneficiaries under the Livelihood Support Project** funded by **Ford Motor Company** as part of their CSR initiative.

The primary objective of this training was to equip the selected disabled individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to **establish and successfully run small vending shops** as part of their journey toward economic independence and self-reliance.

The training program included the following key modules:

- Basics of entrepreneurship and self-employment
- Selection of suitable products for vending shops
- Shop management and customer handling
- Inventory and stock management
- Basic accounting and money management
- Digital payments and mobile banking
- Legal compliance and government schemes for persons with disabilities
- Motivational sessions and experience sharing by successful entrepreneurs with disabilities

The sessions were interactive and practical, designed to empower the beneficiaries to confidently start and sustain their own micro-enterprises.

TNDFACT sincerely thanks **Ford Motor Company** for their continued support in enabling inclusive development and livelihood opportunities for differently-abled individuals.



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## MOBILITY AIDS DISTRIBUTED TO DISABLED BENEFICIARIES WITH SUPPORT FROM AYSWARAYA RAM AND FAMILY

On 13th March 2025, the Tamil Nadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFACT) provided mobility support to 10 persons with disabilities by distributing essential aids such as crutches, walkers, and elbow sticks. The distribution took place as part of TNDFACT's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life and independence of differently-abled individuals.

This noble initiative was generously sponsored by Ms. Ayswaraya Ram and her family, whose compassionate contribution made it possible to assist beneficiaries in need.

The mobility aids were carefully selected based on the specific requirements of each individual, helping them move independently and carry out their daily activities with greater ease and confidence.

TNDFACT sincerely thanks Ms. Ayswaraya Ram and family for their heartfelt support and commitment to empowering persons with disabilities.



## TNDFCT HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF 25 PUSHCARTS TO DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES

TNDFCT Handing Over Ceremony of 25 Pushcarts to Disability Beneficiaries 

Tamilnadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFCT), with the generous support of Ford Motors Private Limited, successfully conducted the handing-over ceremony of 25 pushcarts to 25 differently-abled beneficiaries under the Entrepreneurial Project. This initiative aims to empower people with disabilities by enabling them to establish small vending shops and achieve economic independence.

The event took place on March 21, 2025, at Fedabled Arrangam, Chennai. Out of the 25 beneficiaries, 20 were from Chennai, Kanchipuram, and Thiruvallur districts, while 5 were from Kallakurichi district.

The esteemed guests of honor, Mr. Srinivasan, CSR Head, Ford Motors, along with Mr. Senthil, Mr. Jibby Mathew, and Ms. Susetha from Ford, personally handed over the pushcarts worth ₹50,000 each, along with a ₹10,000 cheque as working capital assistance for procuring merchandise and establishing their small vending businesses.

The event was presided over by Dr. P. Simmachandran, President, TNDFCT, Professor Dr. D. Ponnusamy, Secretary, TNDFCT, and Mr. T. Karuppaiah, Treasurer, TNDFCT. State and district office bearers of FEDABLED were also present to extend their support and encouragement to the beneficiaries.

TNDFCT extends its sincere gratitude to Ford Motors Private Limited for their generous funding and unwavering commitment to supporting the livelihood and empowerment of persons with disabilities.



## EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT!

Tamil Nadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFCT), in collaboration with United Way Hyderabad, proudly inaugurated the Cycle Assembling and Repair Training Programme at Kannagi Nagar. This initiative is dedicated to empowering 50 people with disabilities, equipping them with essential technical skills for economic independence.

The inaugural event was graced by:

- Ms. Anusha Rayanaveni, Project Manager, UWH
- Prof. Dr. D. Ponnusamy, Secretary, TNDFCT
- Mr. T. Karuppaiah, Treasurer, TNDFCT
- Mr. Murugan, President, Vanam Vasapadum Sangam
- Mr. Balamurugan, Secretary, Vanam Vasapadum Sangam

This life-changing initiative is generously funded by United Way Hyderabad, ensuring that differently-abled individuals gain financial stability, self-reliance, and social inclusion.

- 💡 With the right opportunities, every individual can shine!
- 🔗 Join us in breaking barriers and building an inclusive society!



## TNDFCT Distributes 100 Wheelchairs with Support from Kaleeswari Foundation

Tamil Nadu Differently Abled Federation Charitable Trust (TNDFCT) continues its mission of empowering persons with disabilities through mobility support. As part of this initiative, TNDFCT, with the generous support of Kaleeswari Foundation under its CSR initiative, distributed 100 wheelchairs to disabled beneficiaries.

The distribution took place in two phases:

- ✅ Tuticorin District: 50 wheelchairs were distributed on 22nd March 2025 by Mr. Babu from Kaleeswari Foundation.
- ✅ Chennai: The remaining 50 wheelchairs were distributed on 23rd March 2025 at the Fedabled General Body Meeting held at Fedabled Hall, Chennai, by Mr. Sivakumar, Assistant Vice President, Kaleeswari Foundation.

TNDFCT extends its heartfelt gratitude to Kaleeswari Foundation for their dedicated and continuous support in providing wheelchairs every year, significantly enhancing the mobility and independence of persons with disabilities.

