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EDITORIAL

A new academic year begins with new hopes, plans and aspirations. CIMR begins the New Year with new plans for the training and rehabilitation of the children. Our aim is to make them independent as far as possible. Along with special education, livelihood training is equally important as they also need a living like any other human person. CIMR is committed for this. This year we plan to train the children in specific areas which will be useful for their rehabilitation. Let us come together to instill a sense of independence in these children so that they can lead a life with dignity.

Fr. Thomas Cheganariparampil

VOCATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS AT DCMR

Vocational training and rehabilitation are very serious discussions at DCMR and Asha Kendram, especially because majority of the students at both these centers are adults. In these days we are thinking seriously about how we can make these children productive and earning. We have discussed about sheltered workshop where children can work after their training and earn money. As a first step we thought of waste paper recycling and production of various materials from recycled paper.

In this connection, a one day workshop for teachers and students was conducted on 27 June. The staff and students were trained to make paper carry bags, files, envelopes and seed pens. The staff and students felt confident that they can make products with perfection.



BEGINNING OF NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

After summer holidays schools reopened on 2nd June 2025. DCMR and Asha Kendram started its operations on 2nd June. New and old students started coming to the school for a new experience and the children were welcomed to the school with different activities. The day was spent with jubilation and the children were happy back in the school. They were eager to share their experience during the summer holidays with their teachers.

DCMR STAFFS CONDUCT FIELD VISIT AND SURVEY

The staff of DCMR Special School conducted field visit and survey in the coastal wards of Trivandrum in the month of May. They went to the anganwadis, got the details of persons with disabilities in their area and visited them in their homes and discussed with their parents. In this way they could contact 265 persons with various disabilities and guided them regarding education, training and rehabilitation facilities, services and supports available etc.

CIMR CONDUCTS CRE PROGRAMME

CIMR conducted a three days Continuous Rehabilitation Education (CRE) programme for special educators recognised and endorsed by RCI on 22 – 24 April 2025. 190 special teachers working in different institutions in Kerala, participated in this programme. It is mandatory for special teachers to attend a certain number of CRE programme in every five year period to renew their registration as rehabilitation professional. The topic selected for this programme was Psychological Aspects of Intellectual Disability and Autism. The participants appreciated the classes and the facility made available at this centre.



DCMR STUDENTS VISIT PLANETORIUM

The students of DCMR visited Priyadarshini Planetarium at Trivandrum in two batches on 17 and 20 June along with their teachers. They were excited to see the wonders of the universe. On their return they were enthusiastic to explain what they have seen in their own way. It was a great experience for them.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATED

Special programmes were organised at DCMR and Asha Kendram to celebrate World Environment Day on 5th June. The children were given messages about the importance of protecting the environment. They planted saplings along with their teachers. At DCMR, the teacher trainees also joined the celebration.



PAID MEETING AT CIMR

PAID district level meeting was organised at CIMR on 26 June. PAID is the parents Association of the intellectually challenged persons. Rev. Fr. Roy Vadakel, State level and District level Executive members of PAID were present for the meeting. They discussed various matters regarding the future of their children.

DIGITAL EDUCATION

As planned in the previous year digital education for the students was started at DCMR. Sahrudaya Society Ernakulam sponsored 15 verge tabs and Acsia Technologies, Trivandrum sponsored 10 verge tabs. In this way 25 verge tabs are ready for use. 25 children were selected and the digital learning process was started in July and the children are excited to learn contents in digital mode.



ST. THOMAS DAY CELEBRATION

July 3, St. Thomas day was celebrated fittingly. From the beginning CIMR celebrated this day as it was the feast day of Rev. Fr. Thomas Felix CMI. We remembered him and prayed for him. We also celebrated the feast of Fr. Thomas Chenganariparampil on this day. The students staged beautiful cultural programmes and were enthusiastic to express themselves on the stage.

DOCUMENTARY AND BOOK RELEASE

The staff and students participated in the documentary and book release and symposium at Bharat Bhavan auditorium, Trivandrum. Dr. Arun Babu Zachariah prepared a documentary on disability related issues with title "Limitless margins: A journey through the challenging Terrains of Intellectual Disabilities in Kerala". He has also compiled a book on the same subject, named "Limitless Margins". The releasing of both documentary and book was done by Shri. Saji cherian, State Minister for culture on 4th July. Since our institute was also included in the documentary and book we also participated in the programme and expressed our views.



CIMR TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE

The teacher Trainees of both batches had their annual examination from June 20 to June 27. They had classes and internal and practical examinations during the summer holidays. The second year students successfully completed their course and are waiting for their result. The first year students completed their first year of training and their classes for second year started on 7 July. Meanwhile the process of admission to the next batch is going on with Rehabilitation Council of India.

