

SRI GVG VISALAKSHI COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, UDUMALPET

WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTRE

CIRCULAR

Date: 18.07.2018

Dear Professor,

Women's Studies Centre is organizing UGC Sponsored two days National Conference on "Access to livelihood for persons with Disabilities" at Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women in the assembly hall on 29.07.2018 & 30.07.2018.

*S. Kalaiselvi*  
Principal



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## National Conference at GVG College.

1 message

Fri, Aug 10, 2018 at 10:41 AM

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Respected Madam.

Greetings..!!!

We had meeting with management of GVG women's college on 09.08.2018 and obtained dates for two days National Conference on 29th & 30th of August 2018. (Wednesday & Thursday).

In this regard we kindly request you to share the list of participants to whom can be invited from our Indian projects.

Following are estimated group for the conference. kindly provide input.

1. LCD- SARO
2. A2L & EUL livelihood project partner's in India.
3. Education Institutions (Professors & Research Scholars)
4. NGOs
5. Disabilities ambassadors
6. Government Officials (Disability department & Social welfare Department)
7. Employers
8. Training Institutions
9. Persons with Disabilities & Networks

*Tentative concept note is attached along with this email for your Input*

*kindly suggest conference title & RPWD Act 2016 chapters need to be included in few session (Employeblity, Skill development, Accessibility & Equality etc.,)*

Budget planning is under process which will be shared shortly.

### Copy marked:

The Principal - GVG College  
 Dr. Sundari Bai - Nodal contact of GVG College  
 CHC committee members  
 Project Team  
 LCD - SARO

Looking forward.

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Thanks &amp; Regards.

Rajarajan.S

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**Conference Abstract - Background note.**

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Respected Madam.

Background note of the conference along with Panel discussion session are forwarded for your kind review, please provide input to proceed further.

Thank you.

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Thanks &amp; Regards.

**Rajarajan.S**

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## National Conference on 'Access to Livelihoods' for persons with disabilities 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Background

"It is an Agenda of the people, by the people and for the people - and this, we believe, will ensure its success." - 2030 Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals, Art. 52. This call for action reflects the disability movement's own principle: 'Nothing About Us Without Us'

'Access to Livelihoods' is one of the flagship programmes of Leonard Cheshire Disability under the strategic partnership with the Accenture Foundation since 2008 aims to improve livelihoods opportunities for persons with disabilities through skills development, inclusive training and support. It is implemented through building local partnerships and stakeholder engagement in India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines and South Africa.

Cheshire Homes Coimbatore is holding a National conference on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at Udumalpet in Association with Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women, to bring together multiple stakeholders and sectors from over 10 project locations from India. This event will showcase the globally recognized Livelihoods Resource Centre (LRC) approach, established under the 'Access to Livelihoods' programme through sharing the learning, best practices and achievements in providing inclusive economic opportunities to persons with disabilities.

The LRCs and [Jobability.org](http://Jobability.org), an online resource for persons with disabilities act as one-stop-shops for persons with disabilities seeking employment, providing training, career guidance and links between employees and employers.

As part of this programme, nearly 4700 people with disabilities (PWDs) have been trained in South Zone of Tamil Nadu 2450 over PWDs have been placed in various sectors such as IT/ITES, manufacturing, hospitality, banking, retail etc. or started their own businesses. The programme has facilitated to ensure a greater role in society, become more self-sufficient and realizes their hopes and aspirations.

### About the conference

The overall objective of this conference is to bring together multiple stakeholders such as representatives from key employers/corporates, Government organizations, training institutions, sponsors, NGOs, DPOs, Experts in the disability sector, business association representatives, Education Institution & Research scholars etc to share collective experience and knowledge of Livelihoods Resource Centres in providing livelihoods opportunities for persons with disabilities and addressing the issues and challenges faced by them.

The conference will specifically cover the following aspects.

- Share highlights of Access to Livelihoods' programme in providing inclusive economic opportunities for persons with disabilities, that can be scaled up/replicated
- Panel discussion on skill development, promoting inclusion in the workplace/businesses and digital inclusion - *Experts panel from the government, donors, skills providers and other key stakeholders*
- Create a network of likeminded organizations/stakeholders to take forward the disability inclusion agenda with multi-stakeholders

Duration: It is proposed to hold the conference for Two days 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.



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**Location:** Udumalpet, Tamil Nadu

**Venue:** Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women (Autonomous)

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Expected number of participants:** 160

Participants will include representatives from various parts of India including Govt. departments, Bilateral and multilateral organizations, Practitioners from Corporate Social Responsibility, Corporate/Employers, Media, Public sector, Education Institutions, skill developers, Research Scholars, NGOs/DPOs, Cheshire Homes, Project beneficiaries, Financial Institutions etc.,

### Objective of the conference.

- To share the issues and challenges of persons with disability.
- To create awareness, support and hope for persons with disabilities to overcome or manage the physical, sensory and emotional challenges so as to become socially and economically independent.
- To encourage skill development among the differently-abled and promote equalisation of opportunities.
- To provide a platform to exchange ideas and best practices on the creation of a nondiscriminatory environment for disabled persons.
- To examine the ways and means to raise stakeholders' and community awareness about the various disabilities.
- Hence, the conference will be a game changer and ensure a bright future for the persons with disability.

### Expected Outcomes

- Promote diversity and inclusion at workforce/businesses
- Strengthen opportunities for skill building and employment of persons with disabilities
- Create network of likeminded organizations/stakeholders
- Explore opportunities to strengthen policy/advocacy efforts to promote inclusion

### About Cheshire Homes Coimbatore (CHC)

Cheshire Homes Coimbatore (CHC), a 49 year old non-profit organization is a member of Leonard Cheshire Disability Global Alliance. It is a Home for Mentally ill persons belonging to both genders. Its community based rehabilitation project is about creating inclusivity, accessibility and equal opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the society. CHC's mission is to create Sustainable Livelihood for the Differently Abled by providing training, wage employment, self-employment, assistive devices, etc.



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About Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD)

At Leonard Cheshire Disability, we believe in putting disability at the heart of global development. With over 65 years' experience and a deeply rooted network of over 200 Leonard Cheshire Global Alliance members in 54 countries, we have a powerful understanding of disability. We are one of the world's largest networks wholly dedicated to supporting people with disabilities.

Leonard Cheshire Disability works in partnership with global corporations and foundations to promote the inclusive development agenda. These include Accenture, Anglo American, Credit Suisse, GSK and The Vitol Foundation.

### Sri Visalakshi GVG Womens College

About six decades ago, 1952, Sri G.V.G. Visalakshi College appeared on the academic map of Tamilnadu as the first women's college in then composite district of Erode, Coimbatore and Nilgiris. Set in idyllic environs the stone edifice of the college stands as an eternal monument of the philanthropy and foresight of the founder Sri G.V. Govindaswamy Naidu, who envisioned a futurity of emancipated womanhood of the socially, economically and culturally backward rural society of Udumalpet.

### Women Studies Centre

Women's Studies Centre established in the year 2005 is supported by University Grants Commission (UGC) focusing on women issues. The Centre undertakes major activities namely Teaching, Training, Extension and Outreach programmes. It has spontaneously provided a platform for comprehensive discussions on key women's issues. The centre has been actively involved in networking with national and international agencies. The Women's Studies Centre has its foray into curriculum by offering certificate courses in Gender Studies to all UG students and Diploma in Gender Studies to PG students in the faculty of Literature, History and Economics. The Women's Studies Centre also offers a special "Entrepreneurial Development Course" for Alumnae and for any women candidates with plus two qualifications.

### We take a unique approach to global development through:

- Innovative programmes that transform the lives of people with disabilities through Education, Livelihoods and Healthcare.
- Cutting edge campaigns that empower people with disabilities to bring about lasting change.
- World class research at our world renowned Disability and Inclusive Development Centre at University College London that improves policy, practice and programmes.

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Women studies center &amp; Department of Economics

And

**CHESHIRE HOMES COIMBATORE**

Cordially invites you to the

UGC Sponsored two days National Conference on

**“Access to Livelihoods for Persons with Disabilities”**Date: 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Time: 09.00 am – 05.30 pm Venue: Conference Hall, Sri G.V.G. Visalakshi College**Inauguration**

Time	Topic	Speaker
09.00 am	Registration	
09.30 am	Prayer song & lighting the Lamp	
09.40 am	Welcome Address	Dr. Sundari Bai, HOD Dept. of Logistics, Women's study center Coordinator
09.50 am	Presidential Address	Mrs.S.Kalaiselvi, Principal, Sri G.V.G Visalakshi College for Women
10.00 am	Inaugural Address	Chief Guest
10.15 am	Guest of Honour	Ms. G.Danalakshmi, Secretary Cheshire Homes Coimbatore
10.30 am	Keynote Address	Mrs. Revathy Rugmini K.S. Regional Representative, South Asia Regional Office – Bengaluru.
11.00 am	Vote of thanks	Mr.S.Rajarajan, Manager Cheshire Homes, Coimbatore.

**Conference Panel - Day -1**

Time	Topic	Speaker
11.30 am	Understanding the newly recognized disabilities under the RPWD Act 2016	Ms. Rama Chari, Secretary Diversity and Equal Opportunity Centre.
12.30 am	Accessibility as right towards rehabilitation, welfare, education and livelihoods	Mr. Deshpande - Leonard Cheshire, Bangalore Mrs. J Swarnalatha, Managing Trustee, Swarga Foundation, Coimbatore Mr.Eevera- Special Correspondent - Sun News. Media sector.
01.30 pm	Lunch	
02.30 pm	Employability: Diversity and Inclusion	Mrs. Revathy Rugmini K S- Leonard Cheshire Mr. Gnanasekaran, Deputy Director Employment, Govt of Tamil Nadu. Mr. Kasi, General manager, Victus Garments, Udumalpet. Ms. Nandini, Managing Director , Saravana Textile, Udumalpet
03.30 pm	Tea Break	
3.45 pm	Skill Development and Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	Mr. Gunasekhar, Employment and Placement Division, Dept. of Ad Independent Living, NIEPMD Mr. K. Raghuraman, Secretary, Karna Vidya Foundation Dr.Saumya Chandra, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Intellectual Disability, FDMSE Dr. M. Mehar Banu, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics – Sri G.V.G Visalakshi College for Women, Udumalpet. Mr. Prabhar – Assit. Professor. RMPC – Udumalpet.
4.45 pm	My Path, My Story – Experience sharing by Employees / Entrepreneurs with Disabilities	Mr.Lalith Kumar, Love & Acceptance Organisation – Tirupur. Mr. V G Jagadeesh, Website Administrator, Madura Travels Differently abled participants & General Audience

## Conference Panel - Day -2

Time	Topic	Speaker
09.00 am	Registration – Day 2	
09.30 am	Technology-enabled Interventions for promoting employability of persons with disabilities	Mr.Shankar - IT Consultant - Chennai.
10.30 am	Entitlements and Social Security for Rehabilitation and Livelihoods as per RPWD 2016	Mr. Chandrasekar - DDAWO – Tirupur District – Govt. of Tamil Nadu. Mr. Subramaniam – Employment officer, Erode - Govt. of Tamil Nadu Ms.Radha – Employment officer, Tirupur - Govt. of Tamil Nadu
11.30 am	Tea Break	
11.45 am	Inclusive Education in School and Higher Education for Persons with Disabilities	Dr.S.Theenathayalan, Head, Dept. of Economics, The Madura College – Madurai. V.Sanmukapriya – Managing Trustee, VedaVyas Waldorf Inspired International School – Udumalpet. Mrs. Anbu Selvi – HOD, Dept. of Socail Work – STC College – Pollachi Mr. Chandrasekar – CEO – Olirum Erode Foundation.
12.45 am	Women with Disabilities and Gender Based Violence	Dr. Manimehalai, Director, Regional Association for Women Studies Dr. Rajeshwari, HOD., Dept. of Social work – PSG College.
01.30 pm	Lunch	
02.30 pm	Future Challenges and Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in India in the context of RPWD 2016	Mr. Shivaram Deshpande, Programme Manager, A2L India, Leonard Cheshire, SARO, Bengaluru.& India livelihood Project Partners.

### Valedictory

Time	Topic	Speaker
03.45 pm	Prayer	
03.50 pm	Welcome	Dr. Radha Assit. Prof. Department of Economics.
04.10 pm	Valedictory Address	Dr. B.Vanitha – Registrar i/c. Professor & Head i/c., Dept. of Econometrics - Baharathiyar University.
04.30 pm	Certificate Distribution	
04.00 pm	Feedback	by Participants
05.00 pm	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Sundari Bai. HOD Dept. of Logistics, Women's study center Coordinator
05.00 pm	National Anthem.	





## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "ACCESS TO LIVELIHOOD"**

Organized by

Cheshire Homes Coimbatore & Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women  
(Autonomous), Udumalpet.

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018

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### **PANNEL DISCUSSION-1**

**UNDERSTANDING THE NEWLY RECOGNISED DISABILITIES UNDER THE ACT**

[Moderated-1 and 3-5 members to be identified]

### **PANNEL DISCUSSION-2**

**ACCESSIBILITY BEYOND TOILET AND RAMPS**

[Moderated-2 and 3-5 members to be identified]

### **PANNEL DISCUSSION-3**

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND CHILD RIGHTS**

[Moderated-3 and 3-5 members to be identified]

### **PANNEL DISCUSSION-4**

**WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**

[Moderated-4 and 3-5 members to be identified]

### **PANNEL DISCUSSION-5**

**SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEME, SOCIAL SECURITY AND HEALTH AND REHABILITATIONS**

[Moderated-5 and 3-5 members to be identified]

### **PANNEL DISCUSSION-6**

**VOICES OF PERSON WITH DISABILITIES JOURNEY TOWARDS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

[Moderated-6 and 3-5 members to be identified]

### **PANNEL DISCUSSION-7**

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PWD**

[Moderated-7 and 3-5 members to be identified]

### **PANNEL DISCUSSION-8**

**PROMOTING INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY IN THE WORK PLACE FROM A POLICY PERSPECTIVE**

[Moderated-8 and 3-5 members to be identified]

### **PANNEL DISCUSSION-9**

**GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES FOR PWDS**

[Moderated-9 and 3-5 members to be identified]

# Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women (Autonomous), Udumalpet



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for persons with disabilities 29<sup>th</sup>&30<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Organising committee members:

Mr.G.Ravindran, Secretary, Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women (Autonomous), Udumalpet.

(Mrs).S.Kalaiselvi, Principal i/c and Director of Women Studies Centre

Dr.(Mrs). S.Sundari Bai, Coordinator, Women Studies Centre

Dr.(Mrs)M.Mehar Banu, Assistant Professor of Economics, Member, Women Studies Centre

Mrs.J.Geethamani, Assistant Professor of Logistics, Member, Women Studies Centre

Mrs.M.Devipriya, Assistant Professor of B.Com (C.A), Member, Women Studies Centre

Dr. (Mrs).L.Dhanalaksmi, Assistant Professor of Logistics, Member, Women Studies Centre

Mrs.A.Divya, Lab VI Programmer, MBA, Faculty of IBM

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- The registration began at 9.00 am and the Inaugural session began at 9.30 am, with lighting the Kuthuvilakku and Prayer song. Dr.Sundari Bai , HOD, Department of Logistics, Women's Studies Centre Coordinator welcomed the gathering and presented a concise report of activities of the college and Women's studies centre for the disabled people.
- The Presidential address was offered by the Principal of Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women, Mrs.S.Kalaiselvi, she focused on the obstacles and struggles faced by the People With Disabilities(PWD) and the assistance required to open up opportunities for their independent life. She also spoke about the lack awareness in this area and hoped that this conference would aid in creating it.
- The Chief Guest Mrs.Revathy Rugmini.K.S, Leonard Cheshire, Regional Representative, South Asia Regional Office, Bengaluru was introduced and invited to present the Inaugural address.
- She exposed the employment opportunities available for PWD's and the challenges faced by them. She threw light upon the lack of qualified and skilled labour and the necessary steps taken to create a 'win win situation' for both the employees and employers. She outlined the steps to be taken to succeed in this operation, and suggested that those models should be diversified.
- After the presentation of memento to the guests, Ms.G.Dhanalakshmi, Secretary, Cheshire Homes, Coimbatore appreciated the team works of the members of Cheshire Homes, Coimbatore and welcomed all to the conference.
- Vote of thanks was presented by Mr.S.Rajarajan, Manager of Cheshire Homes, Coimbatore and the inaugural session came to an end with an exhibition of products and works of PWD's and tea.
- In this special programme volunteer's played a vital role for the success of this programme.
- Both GVG students and Rudhraveni polytechnic students enthusiastically participated. II BSC Mathematics Students 20, I-II-III all the Economics and logistics students 34, Rudhraveni polytechnic 25, III BA Economics 20 of them participated.



# GVG and Cheshire Homes Coimbatore (Livelihood Resource Centre)

## Person's with Disabilities



**Need Assessment for PwD**



**Volunteer's Programme**



**Collector with Public - Mega Camp for PwD**



**Interaction with PwD by Collector**



**Volunteer's Programme - Awareness**



**Awareness Programme for Students about PwD**



**Tailoring Training Programme**



**Self assessment for PwD - Insurance Camp**



**Tricycle Distribution for PwD**



**Handstick Distribution for PwD**



**Medical Device Distribution**



**Counselling to PwD**



**Secretary & Principal with Student Volunteers**



**EDP - Training Programme for PwD**



**PwD Programme Discussion**



**Ms. S. Rajalakshmi received award from Our College**