



PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

Ananda Rangapillai Library

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**Inauguration of the Louis Braille Centre at Library Annexe of
Ananda Rangapillai Library, Pondicherry University on 30.03.2017 at 4.00 p.m.**

All are requested to grace the occasion

Inauguration of the Louis Braille Centre will be done by Shri V. Narayanasamy, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry, Government of Puducherry at the Library Annexe of Ananda Rangapillai Library, Pondicherry University at 4.00 p.m. on 30.03.2017. He would proceed from there to the Conventional cum Cultural Centre to inaugurate the National Conference on Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act. **Hence, the press is requested to do a coverage at the Louis Braille Centre, in Library Annexe at 4.00 p.m. and then proceed to the Conventional-cum- Cultural Centre for the coverage of the inaugural function of the conference.**

Brief about the Louis Braille Centre:

Special services for the differently-abled was started at Ananda Rangapillai Library in 2010 based on the need to cater to the visually impaired Faculty, Research Scholars and students. The essential hardware and software required were installed and other gadgets such as scanners and accessories were provided. In a celebration of the International day for Persons with Disabilities in 2010 at the Library, showcasing of the abilities of the differently-abled in accessing e-books, an email account, a newspaper online, a power point presentation of hardware and software for them, etc. led the then Vice-Chancellor Prof. J.A.K. Tareen to declare a policy of the University that from the next forthcoming year (2011), Pondicherry University would provide free education for the differently-abled. Hence, the Library takes pride in being instrumental for a major policy-making at the University.

Though the special services were catered with periodic training workshops and a special workshop by Mr. Daniel Kish, President of the World Access for Blind in 2012, a special Louis Braille Centre was designed and constructed in the Library Annexe by the vision of the then Vice-Chancellor Prof. J.A.K. Tareen. Shri V. Narayanasamy, present Chief Minister of Puducherry had inaugurated the Library Annexe in 2013 and will be inaugurating the Louis Braille Centre now on 30.03.2017.

The existing facilities of hardware and software (Desktops with Audio Head Phones, Flatbed Scanners, Refreshable Braille Display, Braille Typewriter, Readit-Instant Reader and JAWS-Screen Reader Software) available at the Ananda Rangapillai Library are shifted to the Louis Braille Centre and several other equipments such as Instant Reader with Assistive Technology, Single Sheet Braille Embosser, Image Scanner (Overhead Scanning), Desktops (additional), Tamil OCR Software, Hindi OCR Software, Handled Magnifier and Large Keyboard are in the process of procurement shortly.

The HEPSN Centre (Higher Education Centre for Special Needs) of Pondicherry University is working in tandem with the Louis Braille Centre to create awareness and promote maximum utilization of the facilities for the differently-abled at the University.


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