

Press Release

International Day of Disabled Persons: EDII felicitates disabled entrepreneurs

Ahmedabad, December 03, 2021: The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) in association with Gujarat government's Department of Social Justice and Gujarat State Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation has set-up the Centre for Empowerment of Differently Abled (CEDA). Today, EDII observed The International Day of Persons with Disabilities by felicitating successful Divyang entrepreneurs.

The awards were handed over by Shri. Pradip Parmar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Gujarat Government. On the occasion Shri. Parmar said, "Society's approach and mindset towards the differently-abled created barriers to opportunities for the disabled people. Government policies are focused on creating a favorable environment for them, which is also one of the biggest challenges. To make them self-reliant, skill development, guidance and creating new opportunities are very important aspects that will increase their social and economic contribution. The government's Social Justice and Empowerment Department has been actively working towards welfare and upliftment of the differently-abled." He expressed hope that CEDA at EDII will make all efforts to uplift disabled people of the state.

On the occasion Mr. Samir Kakkad (Divyang Innovator Entrepreneurs category), Mr. Jagdish Patel (Divyang Emerging Entrepreneur category) and Mrs. Harshidaben Prajapati (Divyang Woman Entrepreneur category) were felicitated and given Rs. 25,000 cash award by EDII.

As a part of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, sports competitions including carom, chess, badminton and table tennis were organised for disabled people. This sports competition was inaugurated by Paralympian badminton player Parul Patel in which about 64 players participated in various games.

Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director General, EDII, said, "Every individual has unique competencies and there is a need to tap into this vast potential of the differently abled. Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi ji has very rightly coined the word Divyang, and has helped us all acknowledge the divine power among the differently abled. The nation thanks him for this. It is important to facilitate all-round development of Divyangjan through right skill building, mentoring and counselling, so that they can well be integrated into mainstream social structure."

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