

DIVYANG SANSKRUTIK MAHOTSAV 2017



The Regional Deputy Commissioner (Mumbai Region) Ministry of Social Justice & University of Mumbai in association with HITS Charitable Trust & CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF INDIA organised the **Divyang sanskrutik Mahotsav 2017** on 4th February 2017 at University of Mumbai from 11am to 2pm.

The Presiding Guest was Dr. Surendra Kumar Bagade (IAS) Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice, Government of Maharashtra.

The Chief Guest was Prof. Sanjay Deshmukh, Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai.

Guests Of Honour: Mr. Nitin Patil (IAS), Commissioner, Disabilities, Social Welfare, Mr. Anil Kumar – Executive Vice President of Axis Bank, Mr. S.K.Wadhwa – Zonal Manager (PNB), Mr. Moley Kumar Bose, circle head Mumbai Suburbs (PNB).

Other guests were Mr. Vipul Kaushik (PNB), Mr. Ramdas Niitiware (PNB), Mr. Sanjay Padawe (Axis Bank).

493 students, 235 staff members and 195 parents from 74 special schools of Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburb, Thane and Plaghar district participated in the event. Trustees of various organizations also were present.

The sanskrutik event began by observing one minute of silence to pray for souls of the soldiers who lost their lives.

The Presiding Guest Dr. Surendra Kumar Bagade's encouraging speech was presented to the audience. The lamp was lit by the Chief Guest Prof. Sanjay Deshmukh Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai.

He motivated the organizers of the event and the students with his motivating speech.



The Anchor gave a brief information about the event and introduced the guests. Swagat geet was presented by students of Kamla Mehta Andha shala.

The Physically challenged students of SECD school Agripada performed a group dance on wheel chair to the popular divyang prerna song sung by Sri Shankar Mahadevan.

The event continued with few more solo and group songs by persons with visual impairment, group dances by students of Skills and Ability, Nerul and Shree Nakoda karnabadhira school, Solo dance by Ms. Divya Nayar and skit by C.S.D.S school.



245 Prizes were presented to the winners of different events like drawing & painting contest, dance competitions for the intellectually challenged and hearing impaired students and singing competitions for the visually impaired by the esteemed guests. The judges who helped in judging various competitions were felicitated.

Divyang Yogi Puraskar was presented to the Trustee of Punarvas Special school and Rochiram Thadani School for their life long contribution and support to the special children.

Stalls were put up to display the products made by the students of various vocational units and workshops. The prize winning drawings were also displayed.

The event ended with vote of thanks by Sri. Yashwant More, the Regional Commissioner, Mumbai Region. He thanked the donors and sponsors of the event Axis Bank, Punjab National Bank, Mumbai University for their support. The cash rewards to the students were sponsored by both the banks. The University of Mumbai provided its auditorium free of charge and also sponsored the decorator's charges. The food packets were sponsored by ETC, NMMC, Vashi. He appreciated the efforts of the organizers, schools, NGOs and the committee members and Mumbai University staff and volunteers for an eventful day and assured that this event would be carried out every year henceforth.



The day ended with a silent National Anthem by the students of Rochiram Thadani Highschool.