

**Smt. Poonam Natrajan, Chairperson, National Trust inaugurates  
the cultural event organised by NHFDC**

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Smt. Poonam Natrajan, Chairperson, National Trust inaugurated the cultural event in Dilli Hatt organised by the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation. In her speech, she said we all should participate in bringing the all round economic and social development of disabled persons. We must make them friends and must give them the feeling of inclusion as they have been suffering from exclusion from the society. The National Trust works for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

On this occasion Dy. General Manager, National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) informed that 18 physically handicapped artisans are showcasing their product in this 15 days Shilpotsav from all over India. It was also informed that combined sale of these artisans will surpass 15 lac target. NHFDC is a apex corporation under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, which provides concessional credit to young persons with disabilities (PwD's) entrepreneurs all over India. NHFDC is also implementing 1500 scholarships for PwD's and also provide them education loan @ 4% for studies in India and abroad.

In order to showcase the extra ordinary talent of disabled persons, NHFDC organized a cultural programme at Dilli Haat in the evening today by disabled students of Amarjyoti Charitable Trust, Akshay Pratishthan and Ali Yawar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped. The audience was overwhelmed by the exceptional performance given by the disabled persons. The programme concluded with performance of National Anthem in sign language by the hearing handicapped students of Ali Yawar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped.

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India organizes Shilpotsav each year since 1997 to provide marketing support to young entrepreneurs from all our India. This 15-days mega event is organised in association of NSFDC, NHFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC, National Trust, ALIMCO & National Institutes working under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

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**Smt. Poonam Natrajan, Chairperson, National Trust lighting the lamp to inaugurate the cultural evening organized by NHFDC in Shilpotsav-2011/New Delhi, 29.09.2011**



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**Cultural programme- “Choti si Asha” by the students of Akshay Pratisthan, New Delhi in the programme organized by NHFDC in Shilpotsav-2011/New Delhi, 29.09.2011**