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Navajeevana's paramedical services for people with disabilities showcased in Tangalle Hospital event

Navajeevana Rehabilitation Tangalle, a community based rehabilitation programme in southern Sri Lanka specialising in people with disabilities, last week showcased its services at a unique event this week organised by the Tangalle Base Hospital. The event, which was a medical exhibition to raise awareness of existing services and the need for a new intensive care unit in the area, included a one-day clinic with free consultations and medication for patients. The exhibition featured a display of medical and paramedical services available in the area, including those provided by Navajeevana,.

Navajeevana, which is the only organisation in Sri Lanka to provide a holistic service to people with disabilities, displayed information and advice on its paramedical services, including its prosthetics (artificial limbs) and orthotics unit, physiotherapy unit, speech therapy unit and audiological unit. The physiotherapy and audiological units participated in the one-day clinic on 20th March, offering free consultations to those in need of their services.

Janaka Hemathilaka, Director of Navajeevana said: "At the heart of our programme is the aim to reach the unreached members of society – those people with disabilities who cannot access the services they need to improve their quality of life. We know that only by working in partnership with doctors and hospitals in this area will we be able to reach these people and offer patients the benefits of our holistic approach. We are therefore very grateful to Tangalle Base Hospital for having invited us to participate in this important event, and wish them well in the development of the vitally important intensive care unit.

Navajeevana displayed information on its services on 20th, 21st and 22nd March at the Mahawidyalaya School, Tangalle.

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About Navajeevana

Navajeevana, meaning “new life”, has been working to rehabilitate people with disabilities in southern Sri Lanka for over twenty years. Based in Tangalla, the organisation’s vision is to see people with disabilities as equal and participating members of a non-discriminatory society.

Navajeevana provides a holistic service for people with disabilities and work with the “whole” person—from early identification, intervention, and treatment to full rehabilitation, where the person is able to earn an independent income. It is this holistic approach which makes Navajeevana unique in Sri Lanka.