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## BDU opens skill development centre for the differently abled

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BHARATHIDASAN University (BDU) on Tuesday inaugurated a new skill development centre for the differently abled with a total fund of ₹11.40 lakh released by the State government. The centre will ensure that a student with special needs chooses the right course according to his or her academic background, aptitude and skillset.

By this, they would get career edge and the extra push that is so highly needed in a competitive job market, eventually leading to professional success. V M Muth-

ukumar, vice-chancellor of BDU opened the centre and addressed the gathering.

In his address, he said, "It is a pride on the part of the university in launching this unique 'skill development training centre for the specially abled' as no other university is having such a structure for training the persons with disabilities." He also said that the centre would be one of the pioneers in bringing out entrepreneurs who are specially abled from the region and other parts of the State.

Speaking to Express on the sidelines of the event, M Praba-



A differently abled woman learning sewing in the newly opened skill development centre at Bharathidasan University on Tuesday | M K ASHOK KUMAR

vathy, head, Centre for Differently Abled Persons (CDAP) said, "As an obligation towards developing skill needed for economic independence of the specially abled population from the rural areas, CDAP of BDU has entered into new facet of skill development for the differently abled. The centre has been institutionalised to meet the unique needs of every special child".

The equipment of the centre has been set up with the fund of ₹11.40 lakh released by Government of Tamil Nadu Scheme, "ICT Enabled Training Centre for the Differently Abled." The

other infrastructure was provided by the University.

"Heterogeneity of courses will be the highlight of this centre," Prabavathy said and added that the centre will conduct training programme on various spheres like tailoring, screen printing, handmade greeting cards, plastic recycle unit, photography, communication skill and personality development, basic academics, work place behaviour and employability skills, sex education and self advocacy training, basic computers fundamentals, desktop publishing (DTP), and multimedia training.