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Minister honours differently-abled

The South Indian-adapted volleyball tournament was held for the visually challenged students organised by Nethrodaya. Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Minister Geetha Jeevan presented trophies to the winning teams at Vellamal School at Mogappair recently. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said, 'I am very happy to attend this function. Our Chief Minister informed all of us to attend these types of function without fail and postpone all other work. This government gives first preference to the physically challenged children welfare and development. The Chief Minister had given six grounds of land to Nethrodaya in



year 2006. My thanks to Govinda Krishnan (Gopi), founder of Nethrodaya, for taking care these students who came from other States and con-

ducted various games to bring out the visually challenged children's talent.

'We should not call them as incapable people, we must call

these people who have a different talent to excel,' she said.

Geetha Jeevan added that the government was also taking care of physically chal-

lenged children by providing food, dress, shelter and education. There are so many schemes of the government for these children to develop their

knowledge and provide employment opportunity to them stand on their own legs.

Later, the Minister distributed prizes to the winning teams and handed over a sum of Rs 1.50 lakh given by Nethrodaya Commissioner of

Police R Sekar, vice-president of TVS Sundram Iyengar & Sons Ltd Girish Paliath, CEO

Vollamal Trust MVM Velmuragan, playback singer Anuradha Sriram and patron R-S Vasani also participated in the function.

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