



# Frail voices try to arouse 'sleepy' officials

DISTRICT OFFICIALS IGNORE DIFFERENTLY-ABLED BY SKIPPING THEIR PROG

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**A**nantnag, May 08: Dozens of differently abled students has to wait patiently for hours as not a single senior district functionary bothered to pay a visit to the venue where the children had organized a seminar to mark the World Red Cross Day at Anantnag. The children later took out a protest march to register their protest and get the 'sleepy' officials out of their deep slumber.

Pertinently, dozens of differently abled children studying at the

'Zaiba Aapa School' Bijbehara, had organized a seminar at Dak Bunglow Anantnag to mark the 'World Red Cross' day. The school managed by an NGO which is headed by a philanthropist Javiad Ahmad Tak had offered invitations to almost all the senior functionaries including the Deputy Commissioner of the district.

However, the children who had put in their efforts to reach the venue had to wait for hours together to welcome the officers and other guests who failed to turn up at the venue.

"The disabled students were waiting for the officials of district

administration but none came to address then except Tehsildar headquarter, who too did not meet the students or the representatives of the school or the NGO," one of the participants said.

"The students were waiting for the officials but none came to sooth or encourage them," he added.

"We had invited all district officers besides, the social welfare officials, police and even bank officials with love and hope but none of them neither participated nor even bothered to pay a visit to the venue," Tak alleged.

He said that the reason seems

crystal clear as the venue was not a well decorated one and no Wazwan was being served here.

He said that in most parts of the country, disabled persons enjoy much better facilities but here disabled persons are always ignored by the government and other agencies.

Tak said that we were supposed to present a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner which represented the demands including free education to the disabled children as well as the children of disabled persons, 50% recession in the electric fee to disabled persons and enhancement of the

monthly pension of disabled persons from Rs 400 to Rs 3000.

However, as no one turned up the students decided to march out on the streets to lodge their protest.

Ironically, the students who need help for even attending to their daily chores had to take out a procession and march from Dakbanglow Anantnag to DC office shouting slogans against the government and district administration perhaps with the hope that the babus will wake up from their deep slumber.

