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Diagnostic camp for handicapped held

KOCHI: "The Corporation is committed to helping the mentally and physically challenged," Mayor Tony Chammany has said.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Kochi Corporation's diagnostic camp for the handicapped held at the Town Hall on Sunday. The camp was organised by the Corporation in association with Keltron.

The Corporation will organise another camp at the Nehru Memorial Town Hall, Mattanchery, on December 28, for West Kochi residents. The Corporation authorities have said that those from other areas who could not attend Sunday's camp can attend the camp at Mattanchery.

Based on the diagnosis held here on Sunday, the Corporation will distribute artificial limbs, crutches, walking sticks, walkers, wheelchairs and tricycle for the handicapped, hearing aids for the hearing-impaired, white cane, Braille watch, slate and tape recorder for the visually-impaired.

The Corporation has a total budget of Rs 1,19,50,000 for various welfare activities.

Of this Rs 15.5 lakh is for the distribution of equipment for the handicapped, Rs 91 lakh for scholarships to mentally-challenged students, Rs 8 lakh for the distribution of medical kit to those suffering from epilepsy, dementia, Alzheimer's and cancer and Rs 5 lakh for the distribution of nutritious food to HIV-infected persons.

Deputy Mayor Bhadra Satish, Development Committee chairman T J Vinod, Welfare Committee chairman Essy Joseph, Tax Appeal Committee chairman Ratnamma Raju, Keltron chief general manager Zacharias P Thomas and other Corporation councillors were present.