

A gesture of generosity

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Rajalakshmi Engineering College has taken an initiative to improve the lifestyle of the autistic kids by training them through its vocational training programme.

Organised by the Department of Mechanical Engineering in collaboration of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for one month, the children, mostly from lower socio-economic background, would be trained to find a moderate career.

As the students tend to grasp repetitive actions more easily, the college has decided to train them in carpentry, fitting and machinery.

More courses planned

“We plan to include some more courses like welding, auto cad, and moulding in future,” said S.P. Srinivasan, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department and mentor for the training programme.

Parvathy Viswanath of Aikya foundation, an organisation which helps to promote the welfare and interests of children with Autism, ADHD, Down syndrome and specific learning disabilities, said that it had been her long-time dream to have this kind of training programme for their students.