



National Academy of Direct Taxes, Regional Campus, Mumbai

Purple Fair to be Organized at Kautilya Bhawan, Bandra Kurla Complex on 3 December 2025

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The National Academy of Direct Taxes, Regional Campus (NADT-RC), Mumbai, will organize a *Purple Fair* on 3rd December 2025 at the Income Tax Office, Kautilya Bhawan, Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai. The event is being conducted under the **Awareness Generation & Publicity (AGP) Scheme** of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.

NADT-RC Mumbai, an ISO 9001:2015 certified institution, is responsible for the professional training and capacity-building of officers and officials of the Income Tax Department across the Mumbai and Pune regions. The Principal Additional Director General, NADT-RC Mumbai, **Shri Navneet Manohar**, informed that the Purple Fair is being organised an initiative to promote disability inclusion and accessibility awareness. The fair will serve as an inclusive platform to celebrate the diverse abilities of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and highlight their contributions in fields such as art, music, dance, sports, and entrepreneurship.

Several organizations and NGOs working in the disability sector—such as the **National Association for the Blind** and the **Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities**, among others—have been invited to showcase their best practices and initiatives.

The event will feature experience-sharing sessions and open-mic performances by PwD officers and officials. A cultural programme presented by PwD officials of the Income Tax Department, along with performances by children from special schools, will be the highlight of the event. Games and recreational activities, including chess and carrom, will also be organized for PwD personnel of the Department.

As part of the Fair, a variety of stalls supported by NGOs will display and offer for sale products created by entrepreneurs with disabilities. These will include items such as jute torans, gajra torans, mogra torans, spices, candles, clove candle stands, hair accessories, dusters, kitchen napkins, duplex flowers, keychains, travel bags, doormats, and more. Additionally, cookies, muffins, and other baked products prepared by PwD entrepreneurs will be available, encouraging visitors to support PwD-led enterprises.

The event underscores the Department's continued commitment to empowering employees with disabilities and acknowledging their contributions to organizational and national development. Shri Navneet Manohar further informed that NADT-RC Mumbai conducts specially designed training programmes for PwD officers and officials, focusing on their specific requirements and

supporting their capacity-building and professional advancement. In 2025, two such programmes have been organized for PwD officials of the Department —one in Mumbai and another in Pune.

The upcoming Purple Fair reflects the Department's steadfast dedication to fostering an inclusive work environment and celebrating the strengths, talents, and achievements of Persons with Disabilities. The event is expected to receive enthusiastic participation from the officers, staff members, NGOs, and the local community.

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