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**ICT CENTRE FOR VISUALLY CHALLENGED
C H MOHAMMED KOYA LIBRARY
IN COLLABORATION WITH CHAKSHUMATHI
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

organises

TWO DAY WORKSHOP

ON

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

FOR

VISUALLY CHALLENGED

**on 27th & 28th JUNE 2018
Seminar Hall, CHMK Library**

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The ICT (Information and Communication Technology) Center for the Visually Challenged was started in 2010, in CH Mohammed Koya Library with the intention of making the visually challenged, computer literate and to make them acquainted with the assistive technology to equip them more employable and more efficient in their studies.

There is a lot of print impaired students and teachers around us, such as visually challenged, dyslexic as well as aged people who are visually challenged. For them, especially for the students and teachers, reading is a must to enrich their knowledge and make them at par with the main stream society.

Till recently, braille books, were the only source of information delivered to the blind and the visually impaired. Still, in many parts of the world. Braille is the only means for reading for the blind, even though the production of Braille books is costly and time consuming. Since 1960s, Audio Books are also popular among the community. Audio Books were originally recorded on analogue format and then transferred to a tape. Later, when the digital era started, they were moved to digital format and copy to CD. These books were known passionately as 'Talking Books'. But these audio books for the blind were like printed books given to a sighted person on a roll of tissue paper, as it is really tiring effort to find the area that he wants to select to hear repeatedly.

Recently, DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) has been developed, in which the text displayed in a small device called a daisy player is simultaneously read aloud that helps the visually challenged read the text by themselves. Since the text can be stored in a CD or USB, it is portable and can be read, not only through the daisy player but mobile phones also. This system is useful, not only for the visually challenged, but to those people who have learning disability such as dyslexia.

Another development in this field is that of smart phones and smart canes. Now-a-days, a smart phone has enormous potential in addition to talking and sending messages, for the visually challenged such as surfing the INTERNET, finding the location for navigation etc. These gadgets are used by many visually challenged persons, yet more and more of them has to be got introduced to these gadgets.

The CHMK Library in collaboration with NGO called Chakshumathi, Thiruvananthapuram, organizes a workshop on these gadgets on 27th and 28th June 2018 at CHMK Library, University of Calicut.

Target Participants: Up to a maximum of 25 visually Challenged. Sighted persons who are facilitators for the blind can also participate.

Registration: Those who wish to participate in the Two - Day Programme should register their names on or before 18/06/2018 on erenuka@gmail.com. or call us on 9447336145, 9446243420, 8281130994. **Registration will be on first come first serve basis.** Admission to the workshop is free.

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