

Netherlands students on humane mission

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KAKINADA, FEB.17. Some more batches of human kinetic technology graduates from Netherlands are expected to visit Kakinada during the next few years under a tie-up with Hague University, according to Thatavarti Srinivasa Rao, Maharshi Sambamurthy Ashram School for Handicapped Girls.

Addressing a press conference at the school premises here on Tuesday, he said already a batch of five graduates of human kinetic technology had stayed at the school for six months preparing appliances enabling the crippled to move freely either on wheels and on callipers under the "India project 2003". He said human kinetic technology course was the first of its kind and not available in any university in India. Mr. Srinivasa Rao said all the five persons would be leaving for Netherlands within a couple of days.

While explaining the salient features of the "India project, Ms. Esther bloom, team leader

said that the aim of the project was to leave some of their knowledge behind. She said that they had selected five enthusiastic students for imparting human kinetic technology and gave them coaching for five months. She hoped that the technology left behind by them would be further taken forward for the benefit of disabled persons. She said they were leaving behind Rs.30,000 worth workshop equipment at the Maharshi school for use as workshop-cum-production centre.

Other members of the team said "Azad Khan, board member of friends indeed foundation was instrumental in sending them to Kakinada to take up the project. They said all the six months, they had rendered free service, mobilising resources in Netherlands by approaching the service organisations there. They claimed that new appliances enabled the physically challenged to move freely in their surroundings at a lesser cost by using the human kinetic technology and the locally available raw material.