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**Pondy Univ releases global study on Prosopis juliflora**

Puducherry: Pondicherry University Vice-Chancellor P Prakash Babu on Friday released a new book titled *Prosopis Juliflora: Attributes, Impact, Utilization*, published by Elsevier and Academic Press. Authored by former professor S A Abbasi and his team, the book presents years of research on sustainable uses of *Prosopis juliflora*, an invasive species known locally as seemai karuvelam. Featuring global contributions, it examines the plant's ecological impact, particularly in Tamil Nadu, and proposes solutions for turning the species into a resource for ecological and economic benefit. ENS

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## Free UPSC coaching for persons with disabilities at varsity

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The Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN) and the Centre for Study of Social Inclusion (CSSI) of Pondicherry University propose to organise a 12-month, free-of-cost UPSC coaching programme exclusively for persons with disabilities (PWDs).

According to a press note, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD), under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, will render financial support for the programme. The launch of the initiative is scheduled for May 29 on the university campus. The entire coaching will be provided through physical mode.

The course is open to PWDs aged 20 to 41 years, with annual family income of less than ₹8 lakh, who have completed a degree,

or are set to appear/appeared for their final semester and those having a Unique Disability Identity Card. Interested persons with disabilities are invited to apply by filling up the google form <https://forms.gle/7GrACguPiRVrWHfY8> by uploading the required supportive documents on or before May 25.

Only selected candidates will be intimated to join the classes. Classes are expected to start by the end of May or the first week of June. A high-level selection committee has been nominated to carry out the selection process.

A. Chidambaram, coordinator of HEPSN, is the Nodal Officer for the programme while G. Madan Mohan, professor, Department of Management Studies, is the programme coordinator. For details, mail to [chidambaram.cseip@pondiuni.ac.in](mailto:chidambaram.cseip@pondiuni.ac.in) or call 9994037077/9442314404.