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## Depicting the courage of the disabled



**DISCUSSION:** Participants at an interactive session during the film festival on disability issues in Bangalore on Thursday. — PHOTO: BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

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**BANGALORE:** A variety of films highlighting the problems faced by people with disabilities and the courage with which they overcame them were part of the day-long film festival organised by Jain University on Thursday to mark International Day for Persons with Disability.

"Dream it do it", a five-minute film showed how Preeti Monga, who dropped out of school because of her visual impairment, continued her studies at home.

The movie depicted the positive and untiring attitude of Monga, who is presently a Public Relations Officer (PRO) in an eyecare centre in the city and also runs a NGO for disabled people. Another

film, "Basket Brown" talks of Alex, who has a disability in one leg.

Alex dreams of playing basketball like his idols, but the people in the neighbourhood keep reminding him that he cannot play. Yet, the never say die spirit in Alex helps him play basketball.

"The main aim of the film festival is to sensitise students and public on various issues of general disabilities," said Madhavan, a faculty at Jain University.