

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



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SABIN – PATHWAY

HOME FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION AND ASSOCIATED
CONDITIONS

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"HAVE THE POOR HELP THE POOR"

Pathway began in 1975 with just two children in a small, rented house in Chennai, India.



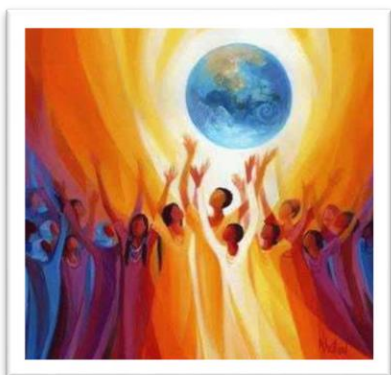
A D S N Prasad, an Audiologist and Speech Pathologist, sought to fill the void existing in the care and rehabilitation of mentally retarded children.

From these humble beginnings grew an organization that has served almost 31,700 children and adults in two city centers and a rural agricultural farm.

Prasad guides Pathway with the belief that

"EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE THEIR POTENTIAL IN ORDER TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT, REGARDLESS OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS."

Pathway is a voluntary, charitable, nonprofit and non - governmental organization which serves children and adults without any bias to religion, caste, creed, or any other consideration.



ORGANIZATION – GOVERNANCE

Pathway has a clearly defined Memorandum and Articles of Association which directs the working of the organisation. This society has a distinguished Board of Trustees

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Pathway is run under the auspices of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust a Registered Society under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act.

❖ Recognized by the office of the Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Government of Tamil Nadu (Department of Differently Abled Welfare).

The organization receives an annual grant-in-aid from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

The organization receives grant in aid from the office of Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Government of Tamil Nadu (Department of Differently Abled Welfare) for the project “Pathway -Home for persons with Mental Retardation and Associated Conditions”

Pathway is monitored and audited yearly by independent parties to ensure proper implementation of all finances and governance.

RECOGNITION AND GRANT-IN-AID

- ❖ Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India
- ❖ Office of the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Government of TN
- ❖ Department of Social Welfare as a recognized Orphanage.

REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION

- ❖ Director of Exemptions, Dept. of Income Tax, Govt. of India, Nungambakkam, Chennai U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act.
- ❖ Ministry of Home Affairs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, Government of India, New Delhi
- ❖ Registered with The National Trust for Autism, under section 12(4) of the Act for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Disabilities and Mental Retardation, Government of India, New Delhi
- ❖ Registered under Justice Juvenile Act, Department of Social Defence, Govt of Tamil Nadu

- ❖ Registrar of Societies (South), Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai
- ❖ Registered with Department of Social welfare, Govt of Tamil Nadu under Orphanages and other Charitable homes supervision and control act 1960
- ❖ Registered with Department of Social Welfare, govt. of Tamil nadu under section 52 of persons with disabilities, equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation act 1995
- ❖ Registered with Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Govt of Tamil Nadu

ORGANIZATION BOARD

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST ORGANIZATION - BOARD

The board members meet at least four times a year to transact the business of the organization and meets every year to conduct the Annual General Body meeting to review the work of the organization and resolve various important issues, including: Acceptance and passage of yearly budget

- ❖ Reviews of audit accounts and balance sheet
- ❖ Appointment of auditors and lawyer
- ❖ Election of officers
- ❖ Long- range planning and development goals of the centres
- ❖ Offers general direction in the everyday operation of the organization.



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FROM THE DIRECTORS



As we welcome the New Year, we are indeed grateful for the many blessings we have received. This year saw new challenges in form of cyclone which left a trail of disaster not just for us but the entire Tamil Nadu state which had been affected. Infections and injuries and other skin problems were the biggest issues we were confronted with along with increase of snakes, scorpions etc during that period. We also face the monkey menace. An estimate of nearly 100 thousand in US dollars was our damage. It was



heartening to realise that during this trial period we led a charmed life since all the kids, and staff at all the facilities were unharmed. We are grateful to have been blessed with courage, strength, and above all with mercy of God to overcome these daunting challenges.

We are indeed very grateful to Sabin Foundation, Mr Yoh-Chie Lu and Mr William P Benac and Mr John-Luc Butel who came forward to help during these challenging times for basic needs of the staff and children. The staff has pledged to intensify their efforts and serve more of His children with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. As members of the editorial board, we earnestly hope that you enjoy reading this annual report.

This year too we had visits from some very wonderful well wishers like Ms Bonnie Lynn, Ms Noji Chizuru, Mr William P Benac, Mrs Barbara Benac, and Mr John-Luc Butel and Mrs Carole Butel

It is also our desire to magnify our endeavor to serve many more “poorest of the poor” through our outreach program in remote villages. We believe that every child is special and has been especially sent to us to be served. At this marvelous time we convey our continued gratitude to all our partners and benefactors and pray for their continued love, munificence, and association.

AGRO FARM – SUSTAINABILITY

The AgroFarm is situated 90 km from Chennai in the sub-tropical Kanchipuram district, making it suitable for growing a variety of produce:

- ❖ PADDY- RICE
- ❖ CHILLI - PEPPERS
- ❖ COCONUTS
- ❖ BANANAS
- ❖ JACKFRUIT



- ❖ PEANUTS
- ❖ MANGOES
- ❖ LEMONS
- ❖ VEGETABLES
- ❖ SAPOTA
- ❖ WATERMELONS

Farming capabilities include:

- ❖ 25 acres for horticulture
- ❖ 29 acres earmarked for rice, peanut, and Lentil cultivation
- ❖ Smaller areas dedicated for growing vegetables

The yield from the Farm provides the children their daily intake of rice, which is the staple of the Indian diet. The Farm also contributes towards the supply of fruits and vegetables.



AGROFARM – OUTREACH “HELPING THE POOREST OF THE POOR”



An important goal of the AgroFarm is to provide food to the surrounding destitute villages, to instill a sense of duty, responsibility, and community, and show that the poor and disabled can become self-sufficient and contribute to society. With this in mind, the children of Pathway inaugurated the program “Poor Helping Their Poor Brethren” in August 2002, which will donate rice and any surplus crop regularly to needy persons each month.



SABIN CENTRE FOR EDUCATION & REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED



"SABIN HOME FOR CHILDREN"

PATHWAY AGRO FARM FOR CHILDREN, AGILI, KANCHIPURAM DT. INDIA



"SABIN CENTRE FOR EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION OF DISABLED CHILDREN"

PATHWAY AGRO FARM FOR CHILDREN, AGILI, KANCHIPURAM DT. INDIA

The Sabin Centre for Education and Rehabilitation of the Disabled has been serving children, adolescents and adults with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism and related dysfunctions from the year 2009 . This centre continue to have the services of the following professional and other staff:

- ❖ SPECIAL EDUCATORS
- ❖ PHYSIOTHERAPIST
- ❖ OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
- ❖ MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER
- ❖ VISITING DENTIST
- ❖ PSYCHOLOGIST
- ❖ VISITING SPEECH PATHOLOGIST
& AUDIOLOGIST
- ❖ VISITING PHYSICIAN
- ❖ VOCATIONAL TRAINERS
- ❖ ASST. EDUCATORS
- ❖ WARDENS
- ❖ HOUSE MOTHERS
- ❖ COOK
- ❖ SECURITY STAFF



The above professional team is involved in diagnostic and assessment of various disabilities. The centre has standardized a comprehensive case sheet that involves examination of all relevant aspects of child before embarking on therapy, treatment or special education. This case sheet addresses all issues such as examination of speech and language functions, evaluation of hearing and complete audiological tests, if warranted children are referred to Chennai for detailed ENT and audiological examination. The case sheet also addresses towards examination of physical functions, such as power, tone, reflexes, deformities and evaluation of various needs of the occupational therapist. The initial examination also includes special educational assessment, psychological evaluation and a proforma for social worker's assessment. The initial testing includes complete medical evaluation by the physician and will include all other experts' opinion, such as neurologist, psychiatrist, etc on a referral basis. The centre utilizes standard tests in vocational skill evaluation as developed by the NIMH and also inputs that is given by Pathway. In addition to this the social worker evaluates the family situation and circumstances and evaluates emotional needs of the client in question.

Training schedules with regular program has been devised to train Rural Rehabilitation Workers (RRW). This program is helping to train many mothers and women from the villages in the art of care of the disabled. These RRWs have been regularly attending the centre twice every week to undergo training in basic rehabilitation and care of the disabled children and adults. Visiting experts in various fields engage these RRWs in theory and practical training.

The every day schedule consists of special education, physio therapy, occupational therapy, pre-vocational training, vocational training, personal hygiene and teaching life skills, yoga, medical care, etc. Each child with disability has an IEP that is established that clearly indicates the child basic level of performance. Every child is evaluated once in a quarter to assess the child's progress or other wise in every area under care. The centre follows a systematic time table that care of every aspect of individual's waking hours, Children and adults are encouraged to take part in physical exercise right in the morning and they are involved in looking after the general cleanliness of the facilities and also tending the garden and lawns.

Children and adolescents who are above the age of 15 years are offered the following vocational training programme:

- ❖ Exquisite Candle Making
- ❖ Production of Handicrafts
- ❖ Nursery and vegetable garden
- ❖ Cleaning and house keeping
- ❖ Paper mache craft
- ❖ Wood working and carpentry
- ❖ Making of presentation items using saw dust
- ❖ Agriculture and horticulture'
- ❖ Production of coir products
- ❖ Production of dried petal powders to use for Rangoli

Medical and Outreach programme for the Disabled : As a part of Sabin Centre for Disabled the organization has initiated out reach programme to serve disabled in a couple of locations in nearby villages. The rehabilitation team comprising of the following:

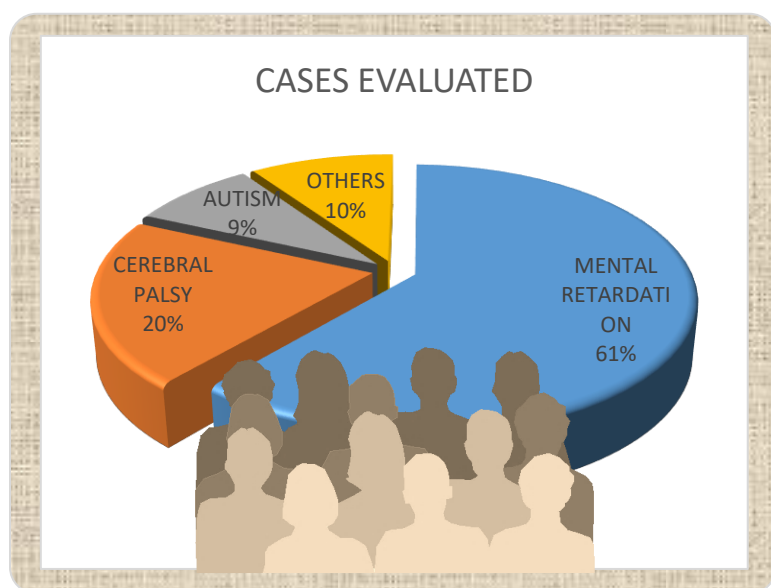
- ❖ Special Educator
- ❖ Physio therapist
- ❖ Social Worker
- ❖ General Physician
- ❖ Dentist
- ❖ Volunteers

The above team visit villages regularly and evaluate and serve the disabled right at their door steps. We also offer basic essential necessities like mats, pillows, kitchen utensils, provisions etc including our farm produce. The team also offers home bound programme for these children that could be practiced by the parents and relatives of the children. Children with cerebral palsy who have physical disabilities and that need regular physiotherapy and occupational therapy have been receiving regular therapy from Village Rehabilitation Worker(VRW) trained by the organization. Efforts are on to locate a couple of more permanent locations at Senthamani, Ramapuram, Chintamani, Mathur, Elandathur, Agili, etc, so that it would be possible for the organization to serve a large number of children with disabilities who are need of our services. Thirteen new children were identified in a nearby village and qualitative rehabilitation services are being provided to them

INTEGRATION OF THE ABLE AND THE DISABLED:

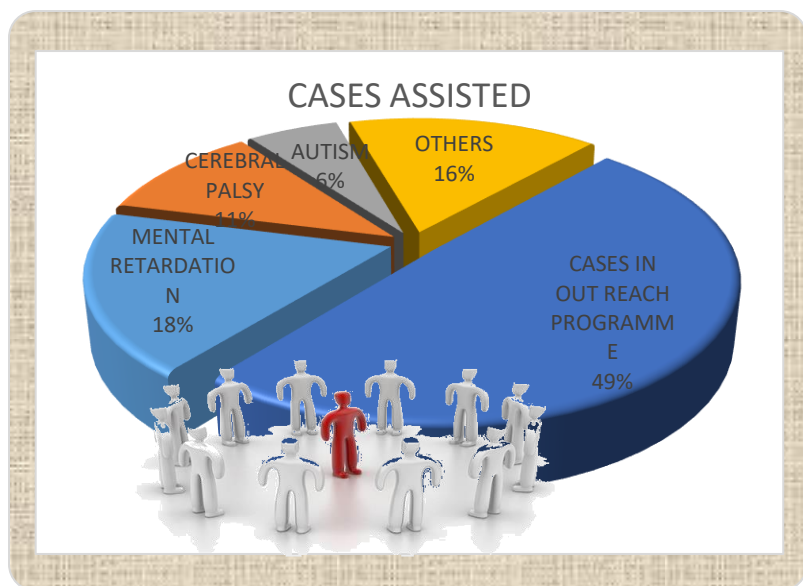
After establishing the Sabin Centre for the disabled at the Agro Farm for Children, the facility has been striving hard to develop a model integration unit of able and disabled children. The initial stigma and hostility has certainly reduced with children and they now readily accept their disabled counterparts in their everyday life. The disabled children and adults now are well accepted in several situations such as recreational and play situations, during their assembly and prayer, during events and functions. Some children with disabilities also attend classes in certain areas of learning along with their able counterparts. This is particularly true when children with borderline dysfunction are grouped in an average class room.

During the year 2016 – 2017 the following cases were evaluated and assisted



Cases evaluated till
March 31st 2016

MENTAL RETARDATION	481
CEREBRAL PALSY	161
AUTISM	68
OTHERS	78
TOTAL	788

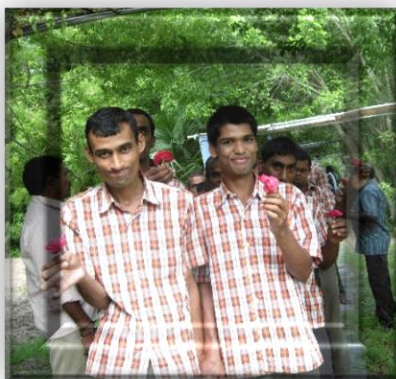


Cases assisted by the Sabin Centre For Education & Rehabilitation of the Disabled

MENTAL RETARDATION	25
CEREBRAL PALSY	15
AUTISM	08
OTHERS	22
CASES IN OUT REACH PROGRAMME	68
TOTAL	138

Right from the beginning efforts were made to bring these two groups together so that they develop a sense of tolerance and harmony. Efforts were made to include both groups of children in the following spheres, such as:

1. During Morning Assembly and Prayer
2. During Dining
3. During Social and cultural events, such as involving them both in plays, dramas, music
3. During play and recreational activities
5. During group activities such as painting, scrubbing of walls or surfaces
6. During cleaning the grounds and their class rooms
7. A few children with learning disabilities and with borderline mental handicap were integrated with their able peers at the Pamela Martinez/Pathway Matriculation school, with inputs both from the special educators as well as teachers working in the matriculation schools.



MEDICAL AND OUT REACH PROGRAMME FOR THE DISABLED

After the Inauguration of the Sabin Centre for Rehabilitation & Education of Disabled Children, it was decided to enlarge and magnify the work of the hospital on wheels by including not only the poor and needy patients who needed general medical care but also the disabled and their families.

The organization conducted systematic data gathering on the distribution of disabilities in the area of Kancheepuram district in general and Maduranthakam and Acharapakkam and Elandrathur Taluks in particular. The staff from the centre made a representation to the presidents of town and village panchayats to gain their active cooperation in the setting up of outreach day care units in their respective villages and towns.

The village panchayats were approached and persuaded to let their office space utilized towards setting up of these outreach programmes. It was the plan of the organization to install such day care programmes in 3-4 large villages and towns, where the expert team from the Sabin centre and some volunteer staff from Chennai centre who would visit regularly thrice a week for assisting the disabled by way of consultation, offering therapy, special education and counselling.

Through The Sabin Centre for Rehabilitation and Education of the Disabled, the organization has initiated a pilot mobile rehabilitation programme to offer rehabilitation services in couple of nearby villages and towns to over 50 disabled children and adults.

The mobile unit of the facility travelled twice a week to offer free rehabilitation programme in these remote villages. We are now looking at expanding this programme to serve a few more villages in the area and also starting a day care programme outreach centres in Maduranthakam and Acharapakkam towns.

In addition to offering support for the developmentally disabled children and Mobile Hospital will also continue to offer free medical consultation and treatment by way of dispensing medicines and drugs to the needy patients. The centre apart from supplying aids is also supporting some deserving disabled children with regard to their basic needs like bedsheets, pillow covers, personal toiletries essentials etc. any aids.





FAMILY SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME



It is often said that disabilities and poverty go hand in hand. This relationship impacts the lives of people all over the country, especially in rural areas where there are few and scant opportunities to earn a living. Realizing this, the organization has initiated Pathway Family Support Entrepreneur Program to assist poor adults with disabilities such as blindness, deafness, poliomyelitis, and dwarfism, as well as helping parents who have children with mental disabilities. Assistance comes by advancing small fund to help establish tiny enterprises, such as rearing goats, peacocks, ducks, or chickens, or small marketing efforts, such as selling condiments in villages, tailoring and servicing of cell phones, etc.

This year the centre has touched as many as 16 new beneficiaries to aid them to establish their trades which will support them financially. The previous year results led us to serve more number of people thereby making them self sufficient to meet some of their basic needs. Its indeed heartening to see their confidence levels building and the urge to move in a focused way and to fight the challenges that lay before them more positively.



COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

Community Based rehabilitation has been rightfully explained by the United Nations as----

"A strategy within community development for the rehabilitation, equalization of opportunities and social integration of all people with disabilities"

---By United Nations

In India almost 80% of its population is residing in rural and remote areas, where the services are yet to reach.. Over 68% of India's population of 1.2 billion is located in 600,000 villages scattered throughout the country. On average, the needs of the rural population differ from those of the urban for various reasons --contrasting socio-economic conditions, available occupations, access to healthcare, life ambitions, emphasis on schooling etc. Though mental and physical disabilities occur in both environments, individuals and families who live in rural India receive little in the way of relief or support.

Perceiving this deficit as an opportunity, for the past six years, Pathway has been implementing a "Community-based Rehabilitation" (CBR) program for individuals and families who live in rural Tamil Nadu covering different villages in an around the farm centre. This program seeks to empower persons with disabilities without 'removing' them from their environment and helps provide tools to rural communities to assist such families and individuals. This programme goes beyond basic medical management and rehabilitation.



Pathway develops customized programs by first by meeting with constituent partners to understand the community, the local culture, type of population, abilities, disabilities, types of occupation of the majority of the community, etc. After this is studied, metrics for success are created and major stakeholders, such as parents, close relatives, or disabled individuals themselves, are identified.

We are trying to instill self reliance of the disabled and their parents by highlighting and exploring their talents. Providing them with small micro loans to help their families to be as independent as ever.



Pathway is then able to provide professional teams comprised of medical and rehabilitation experts who visit communities several times a year. These teams assist communities in identifying persons with disabilities and then investing time to explain to parents and relatives the various aspect of their child's disability. Family members are trained to perform simple exercises. Training material is disseminated so that those disabled persons can receive basic help from their caretakers as the need arises. Special assistive devices are given if needed to make for an easy transition. To our above medical services we also have started adding the component of dental services too.

We are also encouraging this identified group to join in all our centres celebrations thus including them into the society and preparing for a better awareness among communities.

The teams also stress prevention of disabilities, such as the need for good food for the mother and child, principles of cleanliness, public health and hygiene, clean water, the value of breast feeding, vaccination in early childhood, etc. In regard to specific problems, communities are assured that they can have access to experts for consultation when needed. These efforts by Pathway not only provide immediate



medical and therapeutic relief, but also seek to change prevailing cultural beliefs and habits to positively impact community trajectories. We have identified another group of differently abled whom we have focused and helped in this current year. To highlight a few- they are-

Hariharan, Subashini and Sakthi,- who being Cerebral Spastic have quadriplegia which in turn has affected their spine. Srikanth and Priyadarshini under the same above category suffers from diplegic spasticity. Divya and Devakumar was diagnosed as Mentally retarded with severe speech defect. These are just to name a few.

VILLAGE OUTREACH



For many years now Pathway has been running an outreach program in nearby villages to help the poor and disabled children living there. Originally there was a limited, time bound program funded by the government to serve the disabled in villages, which has since concluded. Pathway decided to enter this space with skill and novel methods to energize this program that offer intervention program for the mentally and physically disabled children.

Several of these children have very limited use of their legs or arms and would be completely quadriplegic without the free therapy Pathway provides. Pathway is well known in these villages because they bring help to the villages whereas it would be impossible for the villagers to reach a bigger city for aid. Volunteers are able to assist with such outreach efforts and can directly help rural children in south India to better live with or overcome disabilities. Our team of Physiotherapists and Occupational therapist reach out to these families and their children in assessing and formulating a programme which in turn is taught to a parent or relative by the community rehabilitation worker. Every two to three months the programmes are assessed and re formulated if necessary.



THE WORLD YOGA DAY



It was a landslide victory for India at the UN General Assembly when the United Nations declared June 21st as International Yoga Day (or World Yoga Day). This came after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had urged the world community to celebrate yoga at the international level, in his maiden speech at the UNGA in September 2014. He had said, “yoga is an invaluable gift of our ancient tradition. It is not about exercise, it’s a path through which an individual can discover his

sense of oneness with nature. It embodies unity, unity of the mind and the body, thought and action, restraint and fulfilment. On the whole, it's a holistic approach to health and well being."

The idea of an International Yoga Day had garnered overwhelming support: 175 countries in the 193-member General Assembly had joined as co-sponsors as on December 9, 2014, the highest number of co-sponsors ever for any UNGA resolution. The initial official document circulated to the General Assembly, known as the L document, itself had 130 member states joining as co-sponsors, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, several Asian, European and Latin American countries and nearly 60 per cent of African nations. It could be concluded that



India had managed to lay its golden paving stone to walk proudly through the gateways of the world and embrace yoga practitioners across the globe.

It is estimated that close to 200 million people around the world practice yoga (of some form or the

other), a majority of them in India, and over 20 million of them in the United States alone. With this resolution for an International Yoga Day, more people will become aware of the tenets of yoga and will be encouraged to follow a yogic life style, a life that is healthy, humble and devout.

BKS Iyengar, one of great modern propagators of yoga was quoted:

"yoga, an ancient but perfect science; deals with the evolution of humanity. Yoga means union – the union of body with consciousness and consciousness with the soul." The reason why June 21st was suggested was because it is the Summer Solstice, and from the perspective of yoga, it marks the transition in the Sun's celestial passage from north to south.



Understanding the above we at Pathway became a part of the world yoga day celebrations. Across all the centres we embraced yoga too. This was not a new concept to us since it has been a part of our curriculum. The benefits of the same is manifold. The children were made aware of the relevance of yoga in daily life. Different asanas were demonstrated under the guidance of the trained staff.

The pictures shown give you a glimpse of the different asanas performed by the children and the wonderful concentration with which they exhibited their learning.



VEGAM 2016 – AN ATHLETIC MEET FOR THE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



school
Athletic events.

VEGAM is a dedicated sports event for differently-abled children started in the year 2011. This event has gained trust among the special and differently-abled children across Chennai as they make use of this platform to compete in various



The number of participants has grown from 250 to 1200, the enthusiasm expressed by the teachers towards their wards performance has been the motivating force behind regular participation of some schools.

On the 16th July 2016, the 5th edition brought our 39 children along with 12 staff members to board a bus early morning to reach the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium.

We were the proud winners in 100 mts race category bagging the first and second prize by Maria and Devi and second prize in potato gathering too. Under the same above category Mohammed bagged the first prize for the boys section.

70TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

It was at the stroke of midnight of August 15, in 1947, that India finally won its freedom from the British Rule. The event was marked by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, broadcasting his famous speech 'Tryst with Destiny' over All India Radio. That magical night was enough to draw tears for years, from all those who were born and lived during that period. Even today, patriotic songs that are broadcast through the day still manage to bring out tears for some and invoke a deep sense of patriotism and pride in all Indians.





For any country, its journey into the future is influenced by the journey of its past, and therefore, it's important for the present generation to know and recognize the sacrifices that our forefathers made for the freedom that we take for granted – well, mostly – today. It's also a day for the present generation to discuss and debate the learnings of history to ensure that we, as a nation, do not repeat any past mistakes. India's Independence Day is celebrated all over the country as a National holiday of India. It is observed every year in every Indian states and union territories with great enthusiasm. President of India gives a speech every year in order to “Address to the Nation” on the evening of a day before the Independence Day. It is celebrated with big passion in the Capital of country on 15th of August where the prime minister of India hoists the Indian flag on the Red Fort, Delhi. After the flag hoisting, National Anthem song is sung and twenty-one gun shots are fired to salute and honour the Indian flag and solemn occasion.

This year the Independence day became more special since our Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided to launch a programme named as “70 Saal Azadi-Zara Yaad Karo Kurbani”, also called “AZADI70” (means, 70 years of independence-Do recall the sacrifices). The aim of this campaign was to make Indian people aware that country is first and individual is secondary as well as remember those supreme sacrifices made by the great freedom fighters of India during the freedom struggle. There was also a week-long “Tiranga Yatra” in order to motivate people regarding nationalism and patriotism.

Since many schools have a plethora of activities organised in the week leading to the D-day, schoolchildren make the extent of celebration by singing patriotic songs and the National Anthem, performing stage acts on ‘Azaadi’-inspired stories, collating Prime Ministers’ Independence Day speeches and so on. Flag hoisting ceremonies are also carried out in schools and are followed by patriotic songs and sweets distribution. Similar events are organized in residential colonies and societies across the country. At our Pathway centre the staff and the children were busy right from 6 am, Every child showed his /her keenness to give their best performance. Excitement feverishness had already paved its way. The past few months practice was going to be tested today. They were to demonstrated their new found learning in the form of a dance, drill, drama, and skit children were ready to present colourful programmes based on India's independence.



The co curricular activity in the special classes had submitted their skill by making tri colour batches using the appropriate ribbons to design our National Flag. This was given by pride by the students to the staff and directors which were equally worn with pride by the proud wearers of the same.

The children were raring to go and perform. The principal Mrs Jeyseeli took charge. Her one whistle brought every child to form a line and assemble near the flag mast area. They stood in attention waiting for their next order.

Our President Mrs Sudha Subramaniam was requested to unfurl the national flag. She and the Vice President along with the treasurer moved to the centre stage to do the honors. With rapt attention, every soul standing there watched with the greatest pride. The unfurling of the flag showered down the soft fresh petals of marigold, jasmine and ofcourse the rose. The lovely breeze swaying the florets and petals gently down was a lovely sight to watch. The flag by right seemed to stand up to its full potential, gently swayed by the breeze. The bright blue sky with the flag trying to touch the heights the assembled group sang the national anthem in unison. The unison and the emotion brings out the patriotism in every assembled person. By the time the national anthem ended the last of petal had rested on the ground causing a myriad of colors covering the earth.

The dignitaries took their seat to watch the kids performance. It started with a drill and followed by a dance presented by 8 children. This song - senthamizh nadenum pothinile written by Bharthiyar a very famous poet. This was followed by a drama depicting the freedom fighters This was well presented by the children, choreographed by the special educators and others of Pathway. Children dressed as Gandhi, Nehru, Bhartiya, Subash Chandra Bose, Tilak and other great patriots. The narration of the same was beautifully executed by Harish.. The event came to close with distribution of sweets and special lunch for the day.

The trust board members immediately then drove down to the agro farm to oversee the celebrations at the farm.

The Independence day celebration at the Pathway Agro Farm for Children was a highly colourful feat this season. The grand display of talent were eye catching and awesome by the children of the Pathway-Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and adolescents of the Pathway-Sabin Centre for Education and Rehabilitation of Disabled. Over 200 children of the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School were seen to be rehearsing for this big day for almost a fortnight. They had prepared a long programme of nearly three hours to be presented on the eve of the Independence Day. Similarly, boys of the Sabin Centre were also seen to be practising many programmes which they were planning to showcase on the D Day.

The Independence day celebration were planned fairly elaborately in the grounds of the school where a special flag mast is permanently installed. It is the rule of the organization that every day as all the children assemble for their morning assembly and morning prayers there should be hoisting of our national flag with the singing of national anthem; this was done to inject a sense of ownership and patriotism amongst the children right from the beginning of their lives.

On this special day the flag mast was well decorated with colourful paper and the entire area was decorated with colourful buntings and tiny flags. The area around the mast had ornamental variety plants and a tastefully decorated rangoli by the girl children added beauty to the entire background. Every child was found to sporting with a small Indian Flag that was affixed on the lapel of their shirts.

All the staff and all invitees were encouraged to affix such flags. The entire show was well very choreographed and organized to the minute detail.





The show started with an impressive march past by nearly 234 children comprising of able and disabled children of the Farm.



They marched with precision driven by a rhythmic band that was played by two senior boys. This year the specialty was that our youngest kindergarten children too were involved. All the children in their neatly pressed clothes and neat footwear marched perfectly and went past the saluting base and the Flag mast where the President of our trust was present with the principal to take the salute. Each class lead by its leader marched past the saluting base in perfection saluting the flag with reverence. The march past culminated in orderly assembly of all children in their slots and with this the day was set to unfurl the national flag. The President was asked to unfurl the tri-colour by the principal and the leader of the school. As the flag was unfurled there was copious sprinkling of petals of roses, jasmines and various flowers showered on her and others. This signalled the singing of national anthem which was rendered with great poise and decorum.



The children of the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and Orphanage presented a huge variety of programmes consisting of drill which also had elements of yoga asanas, using hoops to emphasise the colours of our national flag. The boys showcased their talent using dumbbells and topping it with a pyramid show where the inner most circle of this human chain moved in a beautiful circular formation and the apex of the human pyramid depicting the national flag with a salute. Similar more different formations were displayed by the boys of various classes. The girls not willing to remain behind showed their prowess too in the separate drills they



performed like a human pyramid taking the salute under their guidance of their teacher and guide- Ms Gunasundari.. the exercises also involved using of lazems.

This was followed by a speech in Tamil by Archana and Dhanalakshmi, a tamil poem by Anika and Pandurangan, A speech in English by Sathya which all related to the nation's independence. A fancy dress, that is, children dressed up like national leaders who were responsible to gain independence to our country was displayed by our very tiny tots which definitely brought a thunderous applause from their school mates and all others present.. This was followed by a mime which was truly executed well by the senior boys depicting the theme- UNITY IN DIVERSITY The entire show was full of great educational value and truly delightful. The songs and dances presented by the children were particularly spectacular and grand.

The children with special needs from the Sabin Centre for Education and Rehabilitation of Disabled did not lag behind in any sphere. Apart from being a part of the main marchpast they also showcased highly enjoyable and loveable programmes comprising of songs and dances with the theme of independence. They also performed the different yoga postures and their benefits which drew great amount of appreciation. This three hour grand programme ended with a closing message by the present directors followed by distribution of chocolates, pastries and a sumptuous lunch.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

The kids at the farm and the Sabin centre were invited for celebrating in advance Diwali on the 16th oct 2016. This invite came from the Tamil Nadu Crackers Association and District Child Protection Unit. A total number of 80 boys, 46 girls and 13 staff included attended the same. They were kind enough to arrange transport facility and special dinner for all.

Diwali celebrations on 16-10-2016 was conducted at YMCA by Kancheepuram district assisted by Mr David who is the District Child Protection officer. Transport, dinner and crackers were provided free of cost. We are indeed grateful to them. Children at the main centre celebrated Diwali with the same gusto on 26th Oct followed with a cultural programme. New dresses and sweets were distributed for all the centres



This year Diwali fell on the 26th October 2016. Diwali, or Deepawali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row(*avali*) of clay lamps (*deepa*) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects us from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians.

In northern India they celebrate the story of King Rama's return to Ayodhya after he defeated Ravana by lighting rows of clay lamps.



Southern India celebrates it as the day that Lord Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura. In western India the festival marks the day that Lord Vishnu, the Preserver (one of the main gods of the Hindu trinity) sent the demon King Bali to rule the nether world. In all interpretations, one common thread



rings true—the festival marks the victory of good over evil. Diwali, celebrated in October or November each year, originated as a harvest festival that marked the last harvest of the year before winter. India was an agricultural society where people would seek the divine blessing of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, as they closed their accounting books and prayed for success at the outset of a new financial year. Today this practice extends to businesses all over the Indian subcontinent, which mark the day after Diwali as the first day of the new financial year. Indians celebrate with family gatherings, glittering clay lamps, festive fireworks, strings of electric lights, bonfires, flowers, sharing of sweets, and worship to Lakshmi. Some believe that Lakshmi wanders

the Earth looking for homes where she will be welcomed. People open their doors and windows and light lamps to invite Lakshmi in. Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that is enjoyed by most Indians regardless of faith: Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs.

All the centres from Pathway were a part of this festival. Children donned new colourful dresses and they looked forward for the special meals and sweets which would follow for the day. Crackers being a part of this festival it was kept minimal to sparklers and safe flower pots with a few display of fancy fireworks. Children had been busy from morning. They had very tastefully produced colourful rangoli patterns in from of their building entrances with each group trying to outdo the others.

All the simple rituals of Diwali have a significance and a story to tell. The illumination of homes with lights illuminate our homes and hearts, that this simple truth finds new reason and hope. From darkness unto light — the light that empowers us to commit ourselves to good deeds, that which brings us closer to divinity. and the skies with firecrackers is an expression of obeisance to the heavens for the attainment of health, wealth, knowledge, peace and prosperity. According to one belief, the sound of fire-crackers are an indication of the joy of the people living on earth, making the gods aware of their plentiful state. In all this joyous festival is always welcomed by not just the kids but adults too.

Every special educator as well as other educators for normal children prepare their wards a month earlier to the history and significance of this festival in form of varied activities.



THE SPORTIVE SPIRIT

Our adult boys from Sabin Centre were invited to be a part of the sports activity conducted by ANNAI ILLAM on the 5th November 2016. They participated in two events namely 50 mtrs running race. The candidates selected were Dinesh, Saravana Kumar and



Ezhilarasan and in the 100 mts running race they were Citi, Siva, Senthil, Madhan, Anandan, Kishore and Anandan K. A total of ten participated in the above.

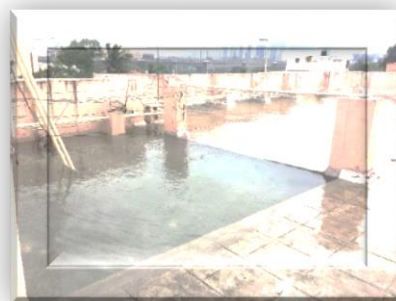
They had practiced for about a week and were very eager to display their skill. Their goal was not winning a prize but the happiness to participate and enjoy their outing though they did get merit certificates. After the event when they came back their stories were more about how many friends they have made and what they observed in their neighbourhood. Winning a sport just for winning sake doesn't seem to be their motto. Their special smiles can gladden any heart.

DEVASTATION OF VARDAAH CYCLONE AT CHENNAI, FARM & SABIN CENTRES

Last year we were hit with floods and we were gearing back to normalcy when nature decided to strike out at us again. But this time it was in the form of a cyclone also known as Vardah. The name Vardah, an Urdu word meaning red rose, contributed by Pakistan. The name of cyclones in the Indian Ocean Region are decided by the member countries, which are India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand, Myanmar, Maldives and Oman.

Even before we could realise and gather our wits the cyclone had hit us with a wind speed of 120 and 130 kmph bringing with it heavy rain that lashed the coast in Tamil Nadu and neighbour Andhra Pradesh all through Monday. We at Pathway were so shocked to see a sudden change in weather that for a few minutes we were rooted to our spots not knowing how to handle the situation. There was a sudden quietness and we sensed fear in the kids eyes. This sudden change brought us back to reality and we took stock of our surrounding. Orders were given and the older kids rushed to close the windows and checked and made sure that every head was counted and safe inside the building.

The next area to look into was our terrace door. It seemed that nature was enjoying playing tag with us. It took super human effort to close the terrace door. The wind speed had increased by now. We thought



we were safe and decided to get back to our usual chores when we heard the first shattering of glass. All the smaller kids were herded to their dorms since that seemed at that time to be the safest area. A few older kids and we assessed the damaged. In a few minutes the entire glass panes had shattered and rain with full glee burst into the building. The next sounds we heard were the swishing of our trees. Prayers became intense. We prayed for every life to be safe. It seemed nature was not in a mood to listen. There was a thunderous sound and our gigantic trees had been ploughed down by this mighty wind. we tried our best to stop the water gushing in by using every available vessel to collect the excess water. Magically every drum or bucket seemed brimming with water. We remembered our office was down and with magical speed we rushed to save our files and computers. Having done that we waited patiently for nature's calamity to settle down. Lunch was forgotten. We were too busy deciding how to minimise our damages. Our immediate concern was no child should fall prey to that shattered glass inside the buildings. Little did we realise that nature had decided to give us some more flying object gifts like-broken shafts , broken asbestos bits flying in and all the other unwanted materials. We did realise that the power lines were down and so was the internet. There was no way to contact anyone. Outside situation was not less. Nearly 20,000 people had been evacuated from low areas. Cyclone Vardah made landfall in Chennai on Monday afternoon between 3 p.m. And 5 p.m., uprooting trees, defacing highrises, smashing cars, disrupting public transport and telecommunication, bringing the metropolitan area to a standstill.



The total rainfall received from early Monday up to 6 p.m. was 16 cm in the Chennai region alone, according to the Meteorological department. By 8 p.m. The windspeeds decreased to 60-70 kmph, and the system now a 'cyclonic storm' moved westwards, bringing moderate to heavy rainfall to the interior areas as well.

By the next morning when we stepped down to the ground floor we were shocked to see that our main entrances were blocked by the fallen trees and the vehicles were damaged. The enormity of destruction was slowly seeping into our minds. We tried to get information about the farm and children residing at the Sabin centre. Fortunately no life was in danger but the aftermaths like - snakes, scorpions etc were another challenge we had to meet. Our biggest ever challenge is always infections occurring during these periods.



We decided to first clean up the centres phase by phase. Help was not available since every staff member were facing the same situation as we were. This is the most beautiful time to relish and feel blessed that children never gave up hope and decided to contribute their mite. Their confidence helped us to overcome the worst situation.

When we took stock of our surroundings we found that we had lost our terrace garden nursery cover, our medical roof had been blown away, our dental clinic was totally flooded with water, 80% of our window glass panes were shattered. Nature didn't even spare our plumbing lines which were ripped away along

with our display boards. We never realised till it did take place that we would be in darkness for a fortnight and internet for coming months wouldn't work.



The next entire month was spent day in and day out in cleaning up the mess and trying to get lowest quotations to fix the glass panes and the roof. Certain priorities were immediately met and some we had to wait till we could raise some more funds.



Out at the farm the situation was as grim. Many glass panes were broken, trees in hordes had lost their bearings and our entire paddy cultivation was destroyed. Though the damage was intense but we were happy that no life was in danger. We were thankful to that Almighty for keeping us safe. Our prayers were answered and we are indeed humbled by HIS grace.

Summing up our city's damage the Corporation officials pegged the number of trees fallen at 568 along the 471 bus routes and

over
33,000

interior roads in the 426 sq km of the Greater Chennai Corporation limits, impeding the flow of traffic. Flight operations were also suspended at the Chennai airport along with Suburban train services. The roads, were flooded with ankle-deep water, remained deserted now, with tree branches, police barricades and banners lying twisted by the side. Power supply, banking transactions were affected too.



CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION



Since 13th December so much havoc in our state in the form of the Vardah cyclone, we celebrated Christmas on a very low key. The basic in house programmes were conducted since the children had prepared for the occasion and their beautiful art work banner was displayed to their peer groups. The message of Christmas eve was not lost on the children. They proved in action this time by gifting away their toys to other needy children in and around our centres and gave their time in community service since every place was strewn with broken branches of trees, garbage in form plastic materials of all sorts etc. they decided to



clean and beautify their surrounding areas. We were touched by their resolve and learnt that Christmas was after all giving and not taking. We are proud and blessed to have such wonderful children in our facility. I can sum up this feeling in the below words of the prophet-

"Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values." - Thomas S. Monson

PONGAL



Mid January is an important time in Tamil Nadu, so also for Pathway. The harvest festival falls typically on 14 January. This time the harvest brought great cheer in the hearts of everybody at the Pathway Agro Farm as plenty of rice and vegetables were harvested. This three day long Pongal festival was celebrated with great fun and frolic by the children and staff of Pathway, Chennai, the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and the Sabin Centre for the differently abled.

The wardens, spl school staff, Farm staff, Supervisor, Electrician, Plumber, Driver and Hostel staff, teachers are called to participate in the event with their Tools All the children are involved in the spring cleaning of the entire campuses. The drivers are incharge of cleaning their vehicles. In general every body is involved in the above activity. Though this practice is in everyday life here but this gives a start for a new year ringing in freshness and beauty all round. Special prayer was said by Archana, and there after the Principal explained about the meaning and concept of these three days significance much to the delight of Bonnie Lynn who was visiting us then.

A small joint prayer or pooja is organized and the blessings are given in form of puffed rice, fruits, sweets



and ofcourse the inevitable goodness of sweetness- the sugarcane. this community act brings people closer and friendships and ties get stronger. Worshipping the tools which offer one's livelihood makes them respect these aids.

Pongal is celebrated by the Indian state of Tamil Nadu as well as Tamils worldwide, including those in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Mauritius, South Africa, USA, Canada and Singapore. The festival is at least 1000 years old although some believe that the festival is more than 2000 years old. As per epigraphic evidence, it used to be celebrated as Puthiyeedu during Medieval Chola empire days. It is thought that Puthiyeedu meant the first harvest of the year. People of all religions celebrate the pongal festival. This is a harvest festival - the Tamil equivalent of Thanksgiving.

Once the pongal is ready a Padayal (the offering) is first made. Sharing of the Pongal with friends and relatives follows a few minutes of meditation or a prayer. The children were absolutely excited about this

day. The excitement of a festival is always writ with pleasure on their face and this showed in their eagerness to follow any ritual rules like getting up early in the morning and having a shower and donning new clothes. The previous night the kids had collected their old clothes and each one had made their own bundles since the first day, Bhogi, is celebrated by throwing away and destroying old clothes and materials, by setting them on fire, marking the end of the old Thai and the emergence of the new Thai. The excitement was definitely on high since they receive new clothes and toys to mark the occasion. The day set off by the girl children drawing kolam decorations in front of their school and dormitory buildings. Everywhere colorful buntings were installed. The buntings waved along with the breeze matching the childrens smiles. Their enthusiasm brought a renewed energy in the adults who thought less of their everyday worries and became a part of the scenario by joining the kids in the festivities.

The second day, Pongal, is the main day, falling on the first day of the Tamil month Thai (January 14 — 15). Also known as Sarkarai Pongal or Veetu Pongal, it is celebrated by boiling rice with fresh milk and jaggery in new pots, which are later topped with brown sugar, cashew nuts and raisins early in the morning and allowing it to boil over the vessel. This tradition gives Pongal its name. The moment the rice boils over and bubbles out of the vessel, the tradition is to shout of "Ponggallo Ponggal!" and blowing the sanga (a conch), a custom practiced during the festival to announce it was going to be a year blessed with good tidings. All the children from all the centres joined along with their staff and our special visitor Bonnie to watch the setting up of the clay pot on bricks with wood as the fuel. The sugarcane was a part of their decoration which was used in the form a stand . The children were dressed in their new clothes and the entire farm was dotted with a riot of colors. A bystander could watch the kids bobbing their heads and chatting gleefully waiting for their principal to say the prayers. Once done all the pair of eyes were focused on the pot waiting for the rice to boil over. The sight of the rice boiling over immediately brought a chorus from children who shouted "Ponggallo Ponggal!" The happy faces smiled gleefully and waited with bated breath to receive the offerings made and ofcourse the best loved sugarcane. Children were busy seated in and around the playground area with their sugarcane pieces in their mouth and their strong teeth skillfully



tearing the top layer and enjoying sucking the fresh juice. The excitement was hard to contain. Many a times watching them send an adult back to his memory lane where he or she relives their childhood. The third day, Maattu Pongal, is for offering thanks to cattle, as they help farmer in different ways for agriculture. On this day the cattle are decorated with paint, flowers and bells. They are allowed to roam free and fed sweet rice and sugar cane.

Some people decorate the horns with gold or other metallic covers. In some places, Jallikattu, or taming the wild bull contest, is the main event of this day and this is mostly seen in the villages.

The staff had organized a wonderful fun day programme for children . Some children were dressed in their traditional costumes. The older girl children danced a classical number in front of their peers to mark the day's festivity. This was followed by a popular game known as Tug of war. The air was filled with happiness and joy and cheering sounds from the crowds who egged their groups to pull harder to win the contest. This was displayed by the tiny tots, middle school kids, special children, and ofcourse the lady

staff members who were pitted against the male staff members. The boys were thrilled that their gender won. The adult special children weren't going to be left behind and they showed their skill in musical chair which was won by Armugham followed by Zair. The last but not the least was the blindfold game which challenged the participant to hit a pot which is hung eight to nine feet above the ground and try to smash it and carry the prize housed in it. It seems like another version of piñata. Tired and exhausted the kids trooped in for their special food which they enjoyed and welcomed the nap after it.

During the final day, Kaanum Pongal (the word kaanum means "to view") people visit beaches and theme parks. The children in batches were taken out to visit the nearby bird sanctuary. They were delighted.

This day is a day to thank relatives and friends for their support in the harvest. Although it started as a farmers festival, today it has become a national festival for all Tamils irrespective of their origins, caste or even religion. It is as popular in urban areas as is in rural areas.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS 2017



Republic Day is the symbol of true spirit for the independent India where military parades, exhibiting military equipments, salute to the national flag by the Indian president and variety of events are take place at this day. Indian national flag has horizontally tricolour (upper saffron, middle white and bottom of dark green colour divided in the equal proportion) and a wheel (navy blue colour, having 24 spokes) in the centre representing the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka.

India is a country having people of different cultures, societies, religions and languages who interplay with each other harmoniously. Independence to the India is the great pride as it was obtained over years after facing a variety of obstacles and hurdles.

The day is celebrated every year to feel the Indian people very proud for living in the multi cultural and independent country. Republic Day is celebrated in very colourful and exhilarating ways in order to make memorable and significant celebration of the year. National Anthem is sing by the people participated in the celebration. This celebration brings all the Indian people together at one place and thinks at one topic

The chief guest on Republic Day of India 2017 was Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. As every year, the India would follow the great Indian culture and tradition "Atithi Devo Bhav" of welcoming the prime Minister of another country as a chief guest. The major highlights of this years 68th republic day are-



- For the first time a contingent of the National Security Guard (NSG) popularly known as the Black Cat Commandos walked down the Rajpath during Republic Day celebrations.
- The parade also saw the fly-past of three LCA Tejas Aircraft flying 'Vic' formation and the Airborne Early Warning & Control System (AEW&C) developed by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

- Indian Air Force tableau with the theme "Air Dominance Through Network Centric Operations" received huge applause from the massive crowd at Rajpath. The tableau featured scaled down models of fighter jets Su-30 MKI, Mirage-2000 and also AWACS, UAV, Apache and communication satellite.
- The stunning show by the marching contingents of Army which included horse-mounted columns of the 61st Cavalry, the Mechanised Infantry Regiment, the Bihar Regiment, the 39 Gorkha Training Centre, 58 Gorkha Training Centre, the Madras Engineering Group and Centre and 103 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army) Sikh Light Infantry.
- Abu Dhabi crown prince and deputy supreme commander of the UAE armed forces Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan was the chief guest at this year's Republic Day celebrations at Rajpath.



The 68th Republic Day anniversary was celebrated with pride at Pathway. The boys and girls of the Centre were seen to be practicing many program which they were planning to showcase. On this special day the flag mast and the entire area was decorated with colourful rose petals and buntings and tiny flags. Each child was found sporting a small Indian flag that was affixed on the lapel of their clean white shirts. The show started with an impressive march-past by nearly 50 children. They marched with precision driven by a rhythmic band that was played by two older boys. All the children in their neatly ironed clothes marched perfectly past the saluting base.



As the national flag was unfurled by the President of our trust with the Vice-President at tow, there was a shower of fresh petals of roses, jasmine, marigold and various other flowers. This signaled the singing of national anthem which was rendered with great poise and decorum.



Republic day was celebrated at Pathway, Chennai in a grand manner. There was feverish excitement in the children as many of them were ready to present a colorful program. Beena was dressed up as mother India, Divya and many other girls were dressed up in their white and colourful chiffons ready to dance to the patriotic tunes selected for the occasion.



As the children were called to attention, Sudha Subramaniam was requested to unfurl the national flag. With this the children, staff and everyone assembled



sang the national anthem in unison. Children dressed as Gandhi, Nehru, and other great patriots passed by, drawing resounding claps from all assembled, culminating in praising and offering obeisance to Mother India. The event came to a close with distribution of sweets. Every year these special moments are captured on camera and they get embedded in the special album of special children achievements. Children at Pamela Martinez and the Sabin Centre group were not to be left out. They showed their prowess in the different drill and exercises like pyramid formation which was followed by resounding applause from their peer groups. In all the children practised their best to win the hearts of their trainers and audience alike. The march past was followed by a wonderful beat of the band. The band leader had made sure that all his counterparts were in their best attire which caught envy of many. This year the salute was taken by the Principal

UNIQUE DISABILITY ID

"Unique ID for Persons with Disabilities" project is being implemented with a view of creating a National Database for PwDs, and to issue a Unique Disability Identity Card to each person with disabilities. The project will not only encourage transparency, efficiency and ease of delivering the government benefits to the person with disabilities, but also ensure uniformity. The project will also help in stream-lining the tracking of physical and financial progress of beneficiary at all levels of hierarchy of implementation – from village level, block level, District level, State level and National level.

The Objective of this project is to enable the PwDs to obtain the new UDID card / Disability Certificate to avail schemes and benefits provided by the Government through its various Ministries and their Departments. This card will be valid pan-India. The UDID portal shall be designed to provide an online platform for the following:

- ❖ New application for UDID
- ❖ Renewal of existing Certificate/Card on expiration of validity
- ❖ In the event of loss of card/certificate
- ❖ In addition to the above, the UDID Portal shall also provide information on the various schemes/benefits, procedures to apply for Disability Certificate/UDID Card, Success Stories, Suggestions/Feedback, Manuals etc.

The benefits of this card entail the card holder to the following:

- ❖ Persons with disabilities will not need to make multiple copies of documents, maintain, and carry multiple documents as the card will capture all the necessary details which can be decoded with the help of a reader
- ❖ The UDID card will be the single document of identification, verification of the disabled for availing various benefits in future
- ❖ The UDID Card will also help in stream-lining the tracking of the physical and financial progress of beneficiary at all levels of hierarchy of implementation – from village level, block level, District level, State level and National level

We at our centre have made sure that every child under our umbrella is covered under the above mentioned portal.

PATHWAY EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 2016

The Pathway Excellence award was conferred in an impressive but a simple function recently at Pathway, Chennai. The venue was tastefully decorated with colorful 'Shamiana' with a large stage. These awards were conferred on meritorious poorest rural children of Tamil Nadu selected from all over the district. This concept of bestowing awards on such children was conceived six years ago. Pathway being an organization serving the disabled and the poor wanted to focus on the needy children who show promise in their scholastic performance. The mandate of the organization has been to serve the most needy and deserving children without any bias to their religion, caste or any other consideration.

It is the aim of the organization to discover the unsung heroes who live in the dusty rural areas of the state without being recognized. The aim of Pathway also has been to uncover the potential of highly deserving children who are generally neglected or marginalized by the society because of their obvious problems, such as, poverty, lack of opportunities, poor facilities in the rural areas, etc. The panel also studied the performance of each short listed student in his/her scholastic achievement as well as in their all round achievement. The specialty of this award was to allocate a mentor to each of the selected awardees. Pathway has selected a panel of highly successful professionals drawn from different walks of life for the mentorship program. The panel consisted of doctors, engineers, captains of industry, marketing and business management experts, scientists, administrators, etc

The Pathway Agro Farm for Children was packed with invitees, a large section was





earmarked for children, their parents, there were rows of seats that was reserved for principals of schools from the rural areas. The faces of children were beaming with smiles of great expectation. They were all seated as per their awards. All together 8 meritorious awardees were present to receive the honours. It was really interesting and overwhelming to listen to the parents of the some of the children who hailed from remote rural areas. They expressed their glee and delight in participating in a such an event and thanked Pathway for this great opportunity. The principals of village schools were equally delighted with the honour bestowed on their wards.

Excellence award was given for three categories of high performers. During this event 8 meritorious children were conferred with Pathway special Awards. These awards were bestowed on children shortlisted from all over the district which also included a couple of children from the Pamela Martinez /Pathway Matriculation School and Orphanage who matched their performance with high performing children from different parts of the state. Children who obtained high scores, who were first generation or first time school goers were selected for all the awards. The award consisted of a cash prize, a certificate, a medal and a shawl.

The most coveted awards were:

The Pathway Judge William Sheffield Excellence Award

The Pathway- Gary Sabin Excellence Award

The Pathway A D S N Prasad Excellence Award

The Pathway- William P Benac Excellence Award

The Pathway-Jean-Luc Butel Excellence Award

The Pamela Martinez/Pathway Excellence Award



These prestigious awards were bestowed on children who showed exceptional grit and strength and also superlative performance in their scholastic performance despite severe trials and tribulations.

Almost every Awardee had a great and impressive story. The Pathway Judge William Sheffield Excellence Award was conferred on G Pandian. He and his sister were brought to our fold in the year 2005 by their single parent who is a housemaid. He has passed with flying colors making us proud with 96 % score .He is continuing under our guidance for his higher studies. D. Jothilakshmi and her four other siblings lost their mother at a tender age and were brought to Pathway by their father who was a labourer. Despite this hardship, despite this poverty and in spite of these trials and challenges she was adjudged First Rank in her school and second in the district with over 93% scores in all subjects, with 100% in science and social studies. Pathway salutes this great achiever and bestows The Pathway A D S N Prasad Excellence Award. She was thrilled to receive this honor.

The Pathway-Gary Sabin Excellence Award was bestowed on K Chandrakalai from Kanikapuram village studying in the Govt.School, Kilkodungallur, Wandavasi.has scored 98percent with centum in social science This 15 year old has been attending a government high school in a remote village, and has shown great dedication, perseverance and ability in her education and in her life. Hailing from a very poor family, living in a shanty hut, carrying water for over 5KMs everyday for survival, this girl has excelled despite severe challenges.

Chandra Prasad, Hony Director and Chief Functionary, Pathway, described briefly the work done by the organization for the disabled from the past 40 years and has also outlined contribution made by Pamela Martinez school and orphanage and the Agro Farm, from the past 15 years. She said nearly 40,000 lives have been touched by Pathway for over these years.

She conveyed her grateful thanks to Judge William Sheffield, Gary Sabin, William and Barbara Benac, Pam and Alex, and Jean-Luc Butel for their long association and for their great contributions.

Ms Sudha Subramaniam, President and Director Spl.Projects chaired and steered and Mrs Dhuli Patnaik, Vice-President of Pathway proposed a vote of thanks.

FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

29th march was engraved in every soul who had known Dr Prasad the founder and father of Pathway. This day has been declared as the Founders day in history of pathway. We wanted every individual to honor and respect and in his memory create moments of treasure this day.

In consultation with the staff of all centres we decided to conduct a full day programme involving parents, our alumini group and children from all centres. The programme was designed to have fun elements,



cultural programme along with fun games. This year we had some surprise visitors from Singapore Katie Deavor and her two wonderful daughters who became of guests of honor.



Everybody gathered around 9 in the morning at the schools play ground area. The day started with a opening prayer and hymn. It was followed by unfurling a huge banner of the founder whose ever smiling face brought heartfelt respect and cheer from every soul present. After paying our humble respects to this wonderful visionary a birthday cake was cut. This cake was especially prepared by special hands of Chennai centres bakery group.



Children paid their respects in different forms like greeting cards by the Sabin group, flowers from the tiny tots, in memory poems for their dad from the older children and some had even prepared individual cards. The mike was later handed over to the hony director followed by the president of the trust. Children were patient and very respectful.as the speeches were over their tiny whispers and excitement started growing. This is the first time they would be seeing their parents too taking part in the fun games and vice versa. The tiny tots had a series of games to attend to like the potato gathering, balancing a ball on a tiny plate, sack race, balloon bursting, and arranging paper cups in limited time period. Every game was watched with earnest spirit and loud cheering with applause and claps rendered the air. Now it was the turn of the parents. The games played were musical chair, matching picture game, going through memory test and finally the tug of war. The biggest applause was for the tug of war. Children's beaming smiles left us totally satisfied. The spirit of happiness seemed to have surrounded us all. Every game event ended with a prize which was so kindly distributed by our guests. Snacks were distributed at the end of this session.

After a sumptuous lunch and a bit of relaxation the kids and staff were ready for the next session. The next session was started by 3 in the afternoon which concluded by 5 in the evening. The various programmes conducted were group dances, special talent show by Paul Johan, solo and group dances by different class groups. The highlight of the show was a magic show by David and Chandru and finally a



fun skit. The children from all centres had participated to make this a very memorable event. As expected every event was concluded with special prizes. The Sabin group boys had to blow balloons till it burst. The winners declared here were Citibabu and Dayalan. Thaneer, Saravana, Siva, Sheikh and Anand were involved in the game of throwing a light plastic ball into a bucket kept at a distance. Sheikh was declared a winner here. Not to be left out of the festivities the staff too participated in the fun event. The entire campus was resounding with cheers and children's laughter. I am sure there could be no better way to celebrate a founders birthday which gladdened so many hearts.

THE AMAZING USES OF NEWSPAPER

The Previous year we had used old newspaper and converted it to paper mache. We have been able to convert this simple resource to a dry powder form and create many beautiful artefacts of the same. This time the challenge was placed before the Sabin group as to how this paper resource without converting it into paper mache.



This led to animated discussions which went on for a few days. The kids waited for me to visit the farm. Once I settled down in my office I could hear their excited chatter outside the door. I beckoned them in and asked their

reason for their excitement. They looked at each other smilingly and nudged Citi to start the conversation. Citi placed a handful of tightly coiled rolls on my table and demanded my attention. I was amazed at their sincerity in the work. I congratulated them on their good work and decided to pose them my next query as to how they would use these rolls. They looked at each other not knowing how to answer my question.



The special educators decided to intervene at this point. They asked the kids to first hone their skill in rolling more rolls of newspaper of equal lengths. The kids seemed satisfied by this discussion and they left my room motivated.

Using their special techniques the educators set out the programme in coming weeks to display their hard work. It took months of sheer work to come up with absolutely perfect sized rolls. Their work set me thinking. I needed to use this in a product which would be unique and at the same time useful. While toying with this idea I decided to check out whether it could be used in our bead weaving looms.

After having a discussion with the educators we tried it on the loom. After initial trials proper spacing of

the warp threads were done and finally the rolls of the newspaper were weaved. The process does seem a bit time-consuming and probably requires a little bit of practice. Basically a wooden stick was used to help roll very tight rolls of newspaper before gluing them right at the end so they stay rolled. After that, it's really just a matter of doing the actual over-under-over-under basket weaving that they were familiar with already. Looking at the neatness and the wonderful fabric like structure the first thought that flashed in my mind was to create a dining mat. Somehow this concept didn't appeal to me but I gave them go ahead to complete the same.

Once the mat was completed and the sides were neatly manicured with a contrast paper border. I was still not confident about the result and was still contemplating what to do. The answer came in a jiffy. I decided to convert it into a clutch purse. The kids who were already getting their expertise in rolling the rolls were eager to



into along with the clasp button.

produce as many as required to complete this project. Here and there small alterations and examination of different cloth clutches and purses finally gave birth to our new product. We were definitely pleased with the result. Now the kids were motivated to make these purses in different sizes and shapes. The pictures speak the story. Each purse is lovingly crafted , varnished and coated with beautiful colours sprayed. Every detail was looked

THE TALE OF THE COCONUT BROOM

Looking at our vast expanse of farm we are blessed to have a huge number of coconut trees. This has benefitted our Sabin Centre since it provides another useful vocation. It is quite common in India to use every part of this miracle tree in some way or the other. It is widely used in nearly every household. For the benefit of the readers we are listing out some beneficial uses of this "tree of life" as referred by many. These benefits are an added consumption for our centres in different ways like- The Coconut milk from the mature coconut is used to make Virgin Coconut Oil.



This oil is also used as hairdressing and as a massage oil. Coconut oil is quite popular nowadays due to its unique, attractive flavor. It is even used as a replacement for butter in many recipes. The lauric acid in coconut oil is believed to be excellent for health due to the fact that it improves the immunity and can protect against several illnesses.

the fresh Coconut kernel is shredded or scraping and used in our food accompaniments like chutneys and baked goods and Indian sweets . Coconuts can be eaten either raw or cooked, and they are rich in vitamins, minerals, and powerful antioxidants. The dried coconut, called copra, contains over 60% oil. This oil is used in making soap, cooking fat, margarine, cosmetics, lubricants, and many other products. The Coconut cake, the solid material left after the oil is removed from the copra, is used in making cattle feed and fertilizer. The coconut water being very nutritious acts as a refreshing drink . This wonderful natural drink is very popular during the summer season.

The fibre from the coconut husk is used to make mats, brushes, cordage and packaging material for plant, and coconut husk is used as floor polisher. There are a number of uses for the coconut husk. They can be used as natural scrubbers to clean dinner plates, cups, and other vessels and even the floor. Coconut husks are also used as a craft material to create many beautiful things The shell is used for ladles and cups, and is polished and ornamented into souvenirs, accessories and decorative objects.

The leaves of the tree are used to thatch roofs and to make hats, baskets, and fans. The trunk is used for canoes, posts, rafters, and Coconuts are exotic, edible fruits produced in coconut trees. The coconut tree is a kind of palm tree with a single straight trunk and has been used for many purposes since prehistoric times.



Every part has a use, including the fruits, wood, and leaves. Because of this, the trees are widely cultivated in many places in South India for both commercial and home use. The above mentioned merits made us decide a worthy vocation which would benefit the children as well as create a market for the same. We decided to use their skills in the following different ways....

❖ *To pick up the daily coconuts on the ground and use for our central cooking*

- ❖ *The next activity was to de husk the coconuts and send it to our kitchens to be used as vessel cleaners thus avoiding use of plastic scrubbers. This also added as a eco friendly effort.*
- ❖ *The third activity was to make a coconut broom which is the most versatile floor cleaner it allows one to Sweep the rubbish in the street, around ones garden and house.it is also very*
- ❖ *Effective in removing and clearing dirt and dust off the floor and walls as well as cobwebs at the ceiling.*

Also referred as “Kule” we decided to make our own supplies and avoid buying moppers and brooms from the market.

With the help of the educators we drew a plan and procedure to produce these brooms keeping our requirements on monthly basis. The children were guided how to select the fallen coconut leaves which had thick midribs. These midribs were removed using a hand sickle under



the supervision of the educators. The leaves of the midribs are removed finally and then a group of these trainees are chosen to lay out in bundles lengthwise. To make sure that each bundle is of the same thickness a plastic pipe of six inches length was chosen and the midribs were filled into it. When the mouth of the plastic pipe opening was completely filled it was tied with a thick rubber band first and after removal a strong jute string was tied with. The plastic pipe acted as a template for the next one. At the beginning this seemed a big feat for them but with practise they were able to assemble it better and trimmed the ends to give a better look to this finished product. Every paisa saved is a paisa earned here. The satisfaction it gives to create even the simplest item is better than any applause.



As days passed by the children not only could meet the requirement of the centre but have been able to produce a few more for use in the market.

PADDY HARVESTING



With draught and cyclone this year we have faced severe crisis on our agriculture front. In spite of these natural calamities we still have been lucky to grow two cycles of paddy netting in two hundred bags of rice which was cultivated using ten acres of area which has been very modest comparing to last year. Factors such as fertility of land, monsoon behaviour, rainfall, irrigation,, application of fertilizers, climatic conditions, marketing facilities, prices, availability of agricultural labourers etc. determine the area and productivity of any crop. The nutrient

value and health benefits of rice are so many that it has been our staple food. The benefits are-
It's a very good source of energy

It is cholesterol free

The bran oil derived from its paddy form supports cardiovascular health

It is also a very good source of niacin, vitamin D, calcium, fiber, iron, thiamine and riboflavin

Since there are thousand varieties of hybrid varieties of rice available we decided to grow ADT 45 for the given reasons-

Parentage – IR 50/ADT 37

Duration (Days) – 110

Average yield (Kg/ha) – 6100

1000 grain weight (g) – 17.5



Grain type – Medium slender

Habit – Semi dwarf, Erect

Rice color – White

Special features - Resistant to Gall midge and moderately resistant to Brown Plant Hopper.



Using the Wet system of cultivation, the land is ploughed thoroughly and puddled with 3 to 5 cm of standing water. The land is then levelled to facilitate uniform distribution of fertilizers and water. After the seedlings of rice sprout its transplanted into the main fields.



We used the Transplantation method which is the basic method practiced here. To begin with, seeds are sown in nursery and seedlings are prepared. After

4-5 weeks the seedlings are uprooted and planted in the field which has already been prepared for the purpose. The entire process is done by hand. It is, therefore, a very difficult method and requires heavy inputs. But at the same time it gives some of the highest yields.

During this period lot of care is taken to see that it is weed free. Since rice responds well to manure and fertilizers care is taken to procure the best we can from the market. The most enjoyable part for our Sabin group comes during the harvesting time. Dressed in their farm attire the entire lot trooped to paddy area. Under the guidance of their special teachers and watchful eyes of the farm labourers they set out to do their task. They enjoy the



tractor ride and the excitement on their faces light up when the harvester machine pours the paddy into the dipper. The special hands gather these grains with delight and feel proud that they were a part of this entire process which would feed many a mouth..

OUR EMERALD TREASURE



Mango farming is one of the leading crop and considered to be the king of fruits. Besides its wonderful delicious taste, excellent flavor and its haunting aroma it is loaded with vitamin A and C. In South India, mango usually gives two growth flushes, one in February-June and the other in October-



November. In mango about 8-10 months old shoots under certain conditions cease to grow at least 4 months prior to blossoming. These shoots are capable of producing flower buds. Other shoots, which appear in subsequent flushes during late monsoon, do not come to flowering. These shoots flower during the next season after accumulating sufficient metabolites necessary for fruit-bud differentiation. Thus the fruits will be ready for

harvest in April-May from a plant flowered during October-November. The major harvesting seasons in Tamil Nadu April-May The mango fruits should be harvested at green mature stage. The best way to observe maturity in mango is the colour of the pulp, which turns cream to light yellow on maturity and hardening of stone. Mangoes are generally harvested at physiologically mature stage and ripened for optimum quality. Fruits are hand picked or plucked with a harvester. During harvesting, the latex trickles

down the fruit surface from the point of detachment imparting a shabby appearance to it upon storage. Therefore the fruits should be harvested with a 10-20cm stem attached to it.



RUMANI

The fresh mangos and mango pulp are the important items for exports from India. Realising this we at Sabin centre decided to maximize our efforts more for better production of our mangoes so that the excess could be marketed to a factory nearby. We have been very fortunate to have a buyer in a nearby town known as Krishnagiri where are mangoes are converted into pulp and exported to other countries. To maintain our trees Every year Sabin Centre is involved in spraying and maintaining the mango groves. The children as usual are happy taking care of the trees with unconditional love. The first schedule of spray in December was done using Isabion which activates plant potency, regulates plant metabolizing, increases plant vigor and safeguards plant functioning to maximize plant's capability. It is a natural biological activator. Isabion facilitates vegetative growth, induces flowering, pollination and fruit setting to improve fruit quality and enhance risk-resistant capacity against harmful environment. It also alleviates damages from pesticide and fertilizer to certain extent.



SENTHURA

During the month of February Nimbecidine was applied which exhibits multiple modes of action. Its benefits are listed below



BANGANPALLI

- It effectively controls the economically important pests such as Whitefly, Aphids, Thrips, Mealy bugs, Caterpillars and Leafhoppers in a wide range of crops.
- Does not affect the natural enemies. Safe to use with beneficial parasites and predators and thus offers long-lasting pest control.
- Helps to increase productivity by controlling the pests and improving crop health.
- It is eco-friendly and helps to maintain the Ecological Balance.
- Insects cannot develop resistance against Nimbecidine.
- No residue.



TOTHAPURI

The varied form of natural calamities have given us a great challenge which is loaded with monkey menace. Our group tries to drive them away with the sound of crackers for a short period of time. We still have no knowledge as how to overcome this issue. In spite of these major hurdles we have been able to get some yields from our trees.

The various varieties that we have been able to collect this year has been the Sendura and Tothapuri variety to the tune of ten to twelve tonnes. The other varieties we harvested were the Banganpalli, Mulgoba, Rumani and Neelam which amounted to two tonnes. Mulgoba is considered as the “Alphonso of South India” is considered

The Sabin group while harvesting these mangoes take special care since the market acceptable fruit has to be devoid of any bruises. It's a wonderful sight to watch our children do this task with diligence along with the experienced labourers. At the end of each day they vie with each other for the most number of mangoes harvested. The fun part is rolling these mangoes into the dipper attached to the tractor which proceeds to the mango pulp factory since the shelf life is quite short.

The remaining raw mangoes which don't make it to the market are used for preparing various traditional products like raw slices in brine, amchur, pickle, murabba, chutney, juices etc. The fruit is consumed raw or ripe. Children are allowed to pluck the mango and consume it fresh. Its always a feast time during the mango harvest season.

Raw fruits of local varieties of mango trees are used for preparing various traditional products like raw slices in brine, amchur, pickle, murabba, chutney, panhe (sharabat) etc. Presently, the raw fruit of local varieties of mango are used for preparing pickle and raw slices in brine on commercial scale while fruits of Alphonso variety are used for squash in coastal western zone.

The other crops we were able to cultivate with the help of this wonderful Sabin group was vegetables like the Okra, Bottle gourd, chillies, tomatoes, greens, herbs, pumpkins, water melons, sapota, jackfruit and ofcourse the versatile coconuts. Their whole year of activity bore fruits to feed all the centres seasonally. We are proud to say that some portions we were able to sell which were in excess. More than the money profit the praises from various quarters brought laurels to these children.



THE VISIT OF DDRO

Every year we undergo strict inspections from the acting officer of Differently Abled Welfare Officer under State Government of Kancheepuram jurisdiction. We are pleased to inform that we are recognized



by them and they have certified the institution for and continue to give us their valued support. The officers incharge in this current year session were Mrs J.SendhilKumari. and later Mr Joseph D Ravi



SNAPSHOTS OF OUR MYTH BUSTERS



On the 3rd of march2017 we received an intimation from the national trust, society for child development and Muskaan to submit photographs for an exhibition “THE

PATHS WE WALK: Snapshots of our myth busters” on the occasion of World Down Syndrome Day and World Autism Day. The venue had

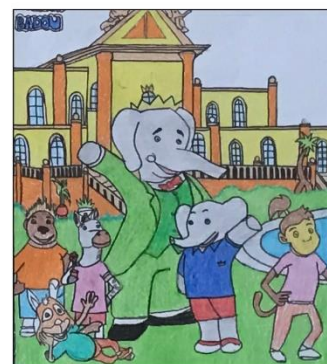
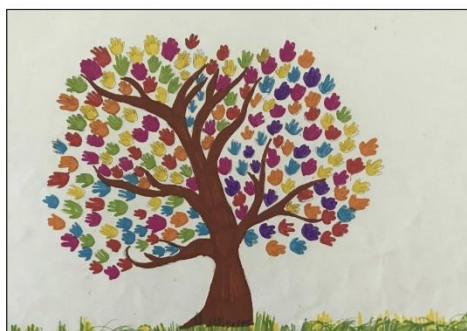
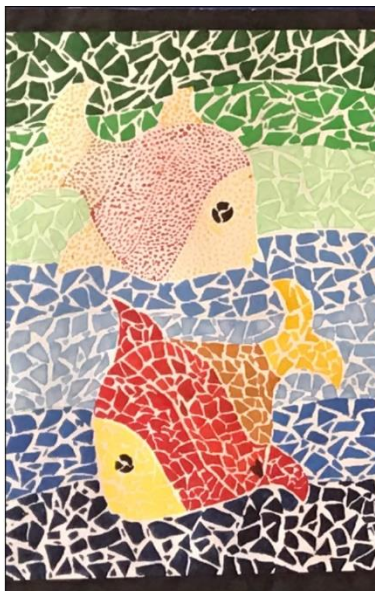
been decided as the India Habitat Centre at new Delhi from 20th march to 20th April. The subject was : Adults with Intellectual disability, Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, or Multiple disability **at work**. The **aim** of the exhibition is to create and promote awareness of the capacity and ability of persons with the above disabilities in doing productive and gainful work. Most people in the larger community are convinced that these individuals require only care and welfare. However, we do know that with adequate opportunities, they do us proud! The above exhibition was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment-Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot. We at Pathway diligently answered and sent in 5 submissions. These were all selected among 76 individuals supported



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'Pathway' to progress

By V. Vaishnavi

Pathway is a voluntary, nonprofit NGO for children and adults with Cerebral Palsy, speech and learning disabilities and mental retardation. They have a comprehensive vocational programme for their inmates, with activities that generate income and give job placement, thus realizing their potential to do work that gives them hope and dignity.



"Our founder, A.D.S.N. Prasad, started Pathway to provide care and rehabilitation for children with mental retardation. Though we face many challenges while training our inmates, we believe that nothing is impossible because even the word 'impossible' has the word 'possible' hidden in it. We try to make products that are both visually appealing and are easy to teach our students, and make teaching aids to simplify the process of making the products. Sometimes it takes months to come out with a product, but the joy, pride and self worth on

the faces of our children during our crafts fairs makes it worth while," says Chandra Prasad, the Honorary Director of Pathway.

The types of jobs available to inmates at Pathway range from weaving, making greeting cards, jewellery making and offset printing are focused on bringing out their talents and motivating them.

They are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and visitors are welcome to view and purchase items from their collection of beautiful, colourful, and painstakingly crafted works of art during these hours. Some of the interesting items include, a Nativity set with dolls made of colorful glass beads woven with precision using computer-rendered designs. They have a large range of quilled works of art, many wall pieces, table decorations, dolls and a jewellery line made of colourful paper quills. Wind chimes, table decorations, made of Paper Mache or pulped paper is another item. They make greeting cards made of collages, punched paper, desiccated flowers and leaves and take special orders for weddings and other functions. Scented and decorative candles and freshly baked bread, buns, cookies and pastries are also available.

Pathway is registered with the Dept. of Income Tax and donations are exempt from taxation under section 80G of the Income Tax Act. At E-76/1, 12th West Street, Kamaraj Nagar, Thiruvannmiyur. Ph: 2448 3949.



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Thiruvannmiyur

Pathway shows the way



Pathway, an organisation serving the disabled in Thiruvannmiyur conferred 'The Pathway Excellence Awards' on meritorious, poor rural children of Tamil Nadu selected from all over the State on Feb. 23 at their Pathway Agro Farm for Children, in Melmaruvathur.

During this event 8 meritorious children were conferred with Pathway special Awards including a couple of children from the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and Orphanage run by Pathway in Melmaruvathur. Chandra Prasad, Hon. Director and Chief Functionary, Pathway, described briefly the work done by the organisation for the disabled for the past 40 years. Pathway can be reached at 2448 3949

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AWARDS



Pathway has received numerous awards and prizes from various sources and institutions over the years:

🏆 GODFREY PHILIP Social Bravery Special Award conferred on A. D. S. N .PRASAD in the year 2013

🏆 THE PROFESSOR RAMESH K OZA Oration Award conferred on A. D. S. N. PRASAD in the year 2013

🏆 “Best Employee” awarded to one Pathway employees – Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 2013

🏆 "The Noble Soul Award" - Award of Excellence in the field of Social Responsibility & for Valuable Support presented by Sathyabama University on 7th December 2013

🏆 Pathway Centre for Rehabilitation & Education of Mentally Retarded was awarded "
–The Best Institution for the Disabled for the year 2009-2010 by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of TamilNadu, - Mr. M. Karunanidhi

🏆 “MCDS-Award for a couple rendering exceptional services to the disabled” awarded to -
–Mrs Chandra Prasad and A D S N Prasad, 2007. Award consisted of cash award, plaque and a citation handed over by Hon’ble Shri Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu, in the presence of many distinguished persons including Mr. Devarajan, Managing Trustee of MCDS.

- 🏆 Award for “Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled”
–Council of Parent's Association of the Mentally Retarded, Chennai, 2002
- 🏆 “Vocation Excellence” award to A.D.S.N. Prasad for his services to the disabled
–Rotary Club International, 1999
- 🏆 1998 award for “Most Outstanding Institution in India Serving the Disabled” and “Most Outstanding Employer of the Disabled in India”
–Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, (awarded in 1999)
- 🏆 “Best Institution Serving the Disabled”
– Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Ms. J. Jayalalithaa, 1995
- 🏆 “Best Employer of the Disabled”
– Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995
- 🏆 “Best Employees” awarded to two Pathway employees
– Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995
- 🏆 “Exceptional Contribution for Services to People”
–Government of Karnataka, 1995
- 🏆 “Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled in India”
–Japanese SIVUS Council, 1993

