DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT 2019 - 2020

"PATHWAY"

CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION & EDUCATION OF INTELLECTUAL DISABLED

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As we welcome the start of the new session of the year 2019-2020 we welcome the many blessings bestowed on us by mankind as well the Almighty. As we welcome the New Year, we are indeed grateful for the many blessings we have received. We have had a windfall of awards this financial year which has spiralled the moral of all working at Pathway since their efforts has been recognized as a team. We are indeed grateful to work with most dedicated team from all the three centres. At the same time this year we have also witnessed and been a part of the challenges that the Corona Virus or COVID-19 has brought throughout the world. It was heartening to note that there were umpteen number of people all over the world praying and fasting for us though facing the same challenges like us. We are indeed grateful for all

those souls and every well wisher who stood by our side. Because of

the lock-down many events have been postponed indefinitely. It was heartening to realise that during this turbulent 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.

This year too we had visits from some very wonderful well wishers like Mr Joshua Wiser, Mr Alex Martinez, Mrs Pamela Martinez, Brix, Hannah, Roger Wood and his daughter, Julie Stock and her family, students and faculty from Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities, Odisha twice in this academic year. Below I am sharing some excerpts of their visit in their own words-

We are happy to have the opportunity to visit this institute on this 24^{th} jan 2020 to express our experience got from people of this institution. We do not have words. The word excellence does not even say how good the children learn and trained by the committed teachers and staff.

We are really inspired by the words of the present Director of this institute-Dr. ChandraPrasad.

Hope we carry this experience and put them in work to prove ourselves that we are inspired. With regards- 25 students of REGIONAL CENTRE, JANLA, ODISHA, ALI YAVAR JUNG NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISABILITIES

It was wonderful to see the farm and the kids. I felt like a very welcome guest ---JOSHUA WISER

I think about our experience daily. You and Pathway made such a great impact on me and my family.---ROGER WOODS

Had an amazing experience. The staff are friendly and attentive. Interacted with students. Found to be very experienced in the vocational unit. Wonderful dedication. Keep it up. ----Dr PARVATHY S

It is truly amazing place for -the abilities of special children who have very special talents.---ALI YAVAR JUNG NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISABILITIES, REGIONAL CENTRE 14.02.2020- 30 students

It is also our desire to magnify our endeavor to serve many more "poorest of the poor" through our outreach program in remote villages. This academic year we have partnered with RMD Hospice group for serving two panchayats thereby helping more than 1000 families. We believe that every child is special and has been especially sent to us to be served. At this marvelous time I convey our continued gratitude to all our partners and benefactors and pray for their continued love, munificence, and association. I would like to add a note here that we have lost one of our honorable



trustee Mr Y V R Rao who was a staunch supporter of our work for umpteen number of years. His death will always leave a lacuna . We will definitely miss his smile and the goodness of his heart which had gladdened so many a heart here.

We are indeed very grateful to Sabin Foundation, A Brighter Path, Judge William Sheffield, Mr and Mrs William P Benac and Mr John-Luc Butel, Mrs Ursula Bose, Drawing & Sponsership Emmaus, Mr Jim and Karen Dosdall, Mr Michael Ang and family, Mr Jim and Gemie Martin, Mr Keyne Monson who continue to support us. My most sincere and grateful thanks is also due to the grants received by the State govt of TamilNadu, which includes Chennai and Kancheepuram district as well the Govt of India who have strengthened our hands and are an integral part of our work .Our most dedicated staff continue to intensify their efforts and serve more of His children with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. As member of the editorial board, I earnestly hope that you enjoy reading this annual report.

ORGANIZATION BOARD

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

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.

Note : Mr Y V R Rao served from June 2000 to 2020 February





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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 -Sabin 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 Section 53 of Justice Juvenile Act, 2015, Dept of Social Defence, Govt of TN

Registered under Section 34(3) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000, amended in 2006 and rules therein., The State Govt/Director of Social Welfare-Child Welfare .

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 51(2) of the Rights of the Persons with Disability Act, 2016

Registered under TN Recognized Private Schools (Regulations) Act, 1973 and Rules 1974

Registered with Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Govt of Tamil Nadu

 Registered under NGO-Darpan Portal of NITI AAYOG, Govt of India The details of each registration is given below

✤ <u>CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- CHENNAI</u>

★ vide S.NO.13/2017 under Tamil Nadu Recognized Private Schools (Regulations) Act, 1973 and Rules 1974, vide this Office Proc.No.1772/ST2/2017, dated.5.6.2017 is revised as follows; The Certificate of Recognition is renewed to "PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION CENTRE – An Unit of DR. DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST, E-76/1, 12TH WEST STREET, KAMARAJ NAGAR, THIRUVANMIYUR, CHENNAI – 600041" to function as "SPECIAL SCHOOL CUM VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DISABLED". Valid for the period the commencing from 7.4.2017 to 6.4.2020 for the classes <u>ADL GROUP I & II,</u> EDUCABLE, EDUCABLE & TRAINABLE, TRAINABLE,

✤ <u>CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION- CHENNAI</u>

★ vide S.NO.10/2017 under Section 51 (2) of the Rights of persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, vide this Office Proc.No.1771/ST2/2017, dated.2.6.2017 & Proc.No.1772/ST2/2017, dated.5.6.2017 are revised as follows; Registration is hereby renewed to "PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION CENTRE – AN UNIT OF DR.DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST, E76/1, 12TH WEST STREET, KAMARAJ NAGAR, THIRUVANMIYUR, CHENNAI – 600041" – as an institution for the Persons with Intellectual Disabilities to function as "SPECIAL SCHOOL CUM VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DISABLED". The certificate of Registration is valid from 7.4.2017 to 6.4.2020

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER JJ ACT -Chennai

This Certificate of Registration is awarded to PATHWAY CHILDREN HOME, Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, E-76/1, 12th West Street, Kamaraj Nagar, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai-600041 as an institution for children in need of care and protection vide S.No.1060/DSD/2017 under section 41(1) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 from the date 15.09.2017 to 15.09.2022

★ <u>CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION-PATHWAY-SABIN</u> CHENGALPATTU



♦ <u>CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER JJ ACT -</u> <u>PAMELA MARTINEZ/PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL</u> <u>CHILDREN'S HOME</u>

This Certificate of Registration renewal is awarded to – PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME, (Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust) Agili Village, Sendivakkam post, Madhuranthagam Taluk, Kancheepuram District- 603319 of Tamil Nadu as an institution for children in need of care and protection vide SI.No.1285/DSD/2020 under section 41(1) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, therein valid from 29.01.2020 to 29.01.2025

★ <u>CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER DEPT OF</u> <u>SCHOOL EDUCATION- PAMELA MARTINEZ/PATHWAY</u> <u>MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME</u>

This Certificate of Recognition renewal is awarded to – PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME, (Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust) Agili Village, Sendivakkam post, Madhuranthagam Taluk, Kancheepuram District- 603319 of Tamil Nadu STATE Government under RTE ACT 2009 and Tamilnadu Government Rules 2011- Sl No. 10112/B7/ therein valid from 01.09.2018 to 31.08.2021





THE PAMELA MARTINEZ – PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL AND CHILDRENS HOME



SABIN-PATHWAY HOME FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILTY & ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS



SABIN -PATHWAY HOME AGILI, KANCHIPURAM DT. INDIA



SABIN - PATHWAY REHABILITATION BLOCK, AGILI, KANCHIPURAM, INDIA



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

Dr. 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 40,000 children and adults in a city center and two in rural agricultural centre.



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.





PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION & EDUCATION OF THE INTELLECTUAL DISABLED





PATHWAY'S TEAM OF SPECIALISTS INCLUDES

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST AND AUDIOLOGIST **CON.PSYCHIATRIST SURGEON** YOGA INSTRUCTOR **PSYCHOLOGIST CREATIVE DRAMA AND ART THERAPIST** PEDIATRICIAN PHYSIOTHERAPIST **OCCUPATIONAL** THERAPIST SPECIAL EDUCATORS DENTISTS **NUTRITIONIST** VOCATIONAL **INSTRUCTOR CON. NEUROLOGIST PHYSICIANS etc**









CONDITION	NO. OF CASES
INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED	17120
CEREBRAL PALSY	2108
AUTISM	1217
SPEECH DISORDERS & LANGUAGE DISORDERS	3915
VOICE DISORDERS	154
APHASIA	118
LARYNGECTOMY	47
STUTTERING & SIMILAR DISORDERS	330
ORTHOPAEDIC & PHYSICAL CONDITIONS	6015





People with disabilities are vulnerable because of the many barriers we face: attitudinal, physical, and financial. Addressing these barriers is within our reach and we have a moral duty to do so..... But most important, addressing these barriers will unlock the potential of so many people with so much to contribute to the world. Governments everywhere can no longer overlook the hundreds of millions of people with disabilities who are denied access to health, rehabilitation, support, education, and employment—and never get the chance to shine. ------Stephen Hawking

Examples of successfully rehabilitated and integrated patients:

Nearly 50% of children with Cerebral Palsy

Almost 90% of children with speech and learning disabilities Includes language and voice disorders, stuttering, and others

Adults with CVA or stroke with Hemiplegia and Aphasia

Adults with Carcinoma Larynx 90% are accomplished esophageal speakers

Disability is a global public health problem as people with disability, throughout the life course, face widespread barriers in accessing health and related services, such as rehabilitation, and has worse health outcomes than people without disability. Disability is any continuing condition that restricts everyday activities. The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) defines disability as an umbrella term for impairments, activity limitations and participation restrictions. Impairment is a problem in body function or structure; an activity limitation is a difficulty encountered by an individual in executing a task or action; participation restriction is a problem experienced by an individual in involvement in life situations.

Disability is not just a health problem; it is the interaction between individuals with a health condition and personal and environmental factors (such as negative attitudes, inaccessible transportation and public buildings, and limited social supports). Overcoming the difficulties faced by people with disabilities requires interventions to remove environmental and social barriers.

Over 1 billion people, about 15% of the world's population have some form of disability. Of this number 110 million to 190 million people of 15 years and older have significant difficulties in functioning and 93 million people less than 15 years of age live with a moderate or severe disability.

In India according to the Census 2011, 2.2% of population had some form of disability. The prevalence of disability was found to be more in rural areas (2.24%) as compared to urban areas (2.17%) and more among males (2.4%) than among females (2%). The proportion of different types of disability among people with disability reported as: (i) seeing 18.8%, (ii) hearing 18.9% (iii) speech 7.5% (iv) movement 20.3% (v) mental retardation 7.6% (vi) mental illness 2.7%, (vii) multiple disabilities 7.9% (viii) Any other 18.4%. In the coming years, prevalence of disability will continue to increase due to increase in ageing populations and with the global increase in chronic health conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer and mental health disorders, injuries, car crashes, falls, violence.

All people with disabilities have the same general health care needs as everyone else; however they have greater unmet health care needs than people without disabilities. Evidence suggests that people



with disabilities face barriers in accessing the health and rehabilitation services they need in many settings. According to World Health organization (WHO) estimates:

200 million people need glasses or other low vision devices and do not have access to them.

70 million people need a wheelchair, only 5-15% have access to one.

360 million people globally have moderate to profound hearing loss and only 10% of global needs of hearing aids are met.

Half of the people with disabilities cannot afford health care.

People with disabilities have generally poorer health, lower education levels, fewer economic opportunities and higher rates of poverty than people without disability. This is due to many obstacles they face in their everyday life and due to lack of services available to them.

Disability is now understood to be a human rights issue. People are disabled by society, not just by their bodies. These barriers can be overcome, if governments, nongovernmental organizations, professionals and people with disabilities and their families work together.

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Overall percentage of persons with disability in the population was 2.2 per cent during July 2018 to December 2018 in the country, showed a National Statistical Office (NSO) survey report .

The NSO, a wing of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has conducted a Survey of Persons with Disabilities during July 2018 to December 2018 as a part of 76th round of National Sample Survey (NSS). The present survey covered 1.18 lakh households across India. The survey said among persons with disabilities of age 7 years and above, 52.2 per cent were literate.

"Among persons with disabilities of age 15 years and above, 19.3 per cent had highest educational level as secondary and above. Among persons with disabilities of age 3 to 35 years, 10.1 per cent attended pre-school intervention programme. Percentage of persons with disabilities of age 3 to 35 years, who were ever enrolled in ordinary school was 62.9 %" it said.

Majority (69%) of the disabled population resided in rural areas (1.86 Cr disabled persons in rural areas and 0.81 Cr in urban areas). In the case of total population also, 69% are from rural areas while the remaining 31% resided in urban areas. The number of disabled persons is highest in the age group 10-19 years (46.2 lakhs). 17% of the disabled population is in the age group 10-19 years and 16% of them are in the age group 20-29 years. Elderly (60+ years) disabled constituted 21% of the total disabled at all India level. The Intellectual Disabled pose a unique challenge toward rehabilitation, as cultural biases in India shun those with retardation, and jobs are scarce. The Indian government in 1977 had reserved jobs for the Disabled but had included only three categories like locomotor disability, blind and deaf. This continued for about 18 years. In 1995, reservation was extended to all categories and the definition of disability now was expanded to include people with low vision, hearing impaired and leprosy cured. The number of disabilities had risen to seven. It was only in 2016, the government introduced a bill increasing the number of disabilities from 7 to 21. After



enactment in 2017 the government has worked out the specifics in January 2018. The reservation from 3% has now risen to 4% for jobs for the disabled.

Pathway has continued to successfully place many rehabilitated children and adults in workshops and small businesses and provides employment within its own centers.

More than 31,024 Intellectually Disabled children have been served by Pathway

- ✤ 50% are considered "trainable"
- ✤ 35% have been placed in sheltered workshops and small businesses
- ✤ 10-15% are profoundly retarded

This unit caters to all disabled children regardless of their abilities and limitations. Each child is properly and comprehensively assessed with special educational tools. Base line scores are established for progress measurement. Parameters include:

- ✤ Intelligence
- Level of performance
- Specific behavioral problems
- ✤ Social integration

Data is used to formulate individual educational needs and programs. Once children have been thoroughly tested, they are classified according to degree of disability, and placed in the appropriate educational course for optimal rehabilitation.

CHILD ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATIONS	SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES
PROFOUND	ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING I
SEVERE	ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING II
MODERATE	TRAINABLE GROUP I
MILD	TRAINABLE GROUP II
BORDERLINE	EDUCABLE-TRAINABLE GROUP I
	EDUCABLE-TRAINABLE GROUP II
	EDUCABLE GROUP I
	EDUCABLE GROUP II
	PRE-VOCATIONAL GROUP
	VOCATIONAL TRAINING

HOMEBOUND PROGRAM

In addition to comprehensive care at its centers, Pathway has developed an outreach program that enables a child's therapy to continue at home. We have started going digital and serving many by



way of doing video calls and helping to ease the parents or caregivers queries and acting as an emotional support too. This unique program was created to address the following needs:

Pathway attracts many children from different parts of India

These children need a place to live while receiving treatment at Pathway.

No facility in India has the means or capacity to house every child in its care.

How it works:

A parent or family representative is trained by a rehabilitation expert at the center with specific therapies for their child

The parent give treatment to the child in their home

• The child must visit a Pathway center once every three months to be examined and monitored by an expert

Benefits:

- The family becomes involved in the child's care
- Family members attain a high level of proficiency in therapeutic treatment
- Housing costs are reduced for both the families and Pathway
- More children throughout India can be treated by Pathway professionals
- In 2019-2020 a total of 55 children participated in the Homebound Program

VARIOUS INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED BY OFFICIALS DURING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

✤ We had an inspection by the District Level Inspection Committee on the 11th April 2019 regarding recognitions, registrations and all the registers pertaining to the home by three members-Mr T. Alagappan, Ms Priya and Ms Malathi

• On the 25th and 26th April there was a joint meeting conducted by the Tamilnadu Commission for Protection of Child Rights(TNCPR) and Bachao Bacho Andolan (BBA) at Hotel Westin Park which was attended by our staff.

• On 06.05.2019 a meeting was conducted by the DCPU unit for reviewing the ICP. The purpose of this meet was to strengthen the protection and rehabilitation of a child to enhance the child care system

• On 17.05.2019 there was a government Inspection from CWC, Royapuram regarding the Home Inspection. The officials conducting the same were Mr Suresh, Mr Subramanian and Ms Uma Maheswari

The DCPU unit also conducted and organized a one day Awareness and Capacity Building Training Programme for us on the 27.06.2019 at the Collectorate Office attended by our staff.



The DCPU unit also conducted and organized another a one-day Awareness and Capacity Building Training Programme for us on the 24.09.2019 at the Collectorate Office.

We had an inspection on 27.09.2019 by our DDRO Mr Ravi Joseph regarding the working of school and vocational unit at Pathway

Ms Jayanthi from the High Court inspected our place along with two police escorts on 23.10.2019. they checked the necessary records and gave a satisfactory report on the behalf of CWC
There was a meeting conducted by DCPU for ICP on 16.11.2019 at Royapuram Govt

Children Home Campus attended by our staff.

• On the 14.12.2019 we had another inspection by our new DDRO Mr Balaji who checked the records and registers necessary.

• On the 09-12-202019 the Ration department staff visited the centre for inspection of rations

♦ On the 17.12.2019 we had another inspection by our new DDRO Mr Balaji who recommended our case for renewal of civil supplies

✤ 30th of December we had a review meet for CCI attended by our PRO regarding the monthly reports , the review meeting format and ICP filled format

✤ An UDID camp was conducted at the Alandur Tahsildar office on the 24.01.2020 attended by our staff

Ms Gayathri IAS Revenue Divisional officer visited us for renewal of building license with her PA and police escort on 05.02.2020

The State Protection Unit conducted a child training programme under the theme- HEALING THE INNER CHILD supported by UNICEF from 25 to 29th Februaury at Nagercoil. It was attended by our Social Worker.

More than 4 Parents meetings were conducted for the year 2019-2020.

CHILDREN'S CARE EMMAUS

The purpose of The Children's Care Emmaus association (IN THEIR OWN WORDS) mainly is inspired by the motto: "Serve the most needy first". It makes no distinctions between confessional, political or other views and has the purpose:

a) To help children in difficult circumstances mentally, spiritually and materially and to allow them school attendance or professional education;

b) To realize in this sense own aid projects and to promote existing diverse projects of development cooperation (sponsorships, family aid, building projects, project sponsorships, health and busines programs ate.):

health and hygiene programs etc.);

c) To cooperate with other local, national or international organizations with similar purposes.

It has been a great blessing that Pathway has been continuously receiving support from Children's Care Emmaus, Berne. Currently 20 children are being sponsored by the above esteemed organization. All the children are disabled. While some of them are destitute, the others are below poverty level. The money received is used for for their physical, mental and spiritual development, informal clothes, healthy nutrition, medical care, adequate supervision, school attendance, school supplies and school uniforms etc..We are indeed very grateful to this wonderful supporter.



VOCATIONAL JOB TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Pathway realizes the importance of training since it is the process of imparting knowledge, skills and aptitude to perform desired job. A well planned and well executed training program can provide the following advantages:

It helps in improving the level of performance and hence results in higher productivity.

Uniformity of work methods and procedures helps to improve the quality of product or service

A systematic training program reduces the cost and time drawn in learning. Good training helps in economical use of

materials and machinery.It reduces supervision.

- It reduces supervision.
- It lowers the rate of accidents.
- It boosts the morale of employees to perform the task/job efficiently.



One of the key factors in helping people build self-esteem and self-sufficiency is having a job and earning an income. Pathway recognizes the unique challenges of training intellectually and physically disabled children and adults with skills that will qualify them for some type of rudimentary employment. As such, they have developed a comprehensive vocational program that includes several levels of training and development, as well as internal income-generating activities and outside job placement.

Pre-vocational training includes utilizing teaching aids developed by the Pathway vocational staff, as no standardized tools exist in the ready market. These aids are specially designed to meet specific learning disabilities, determined by extensive testing and evaluation of each child.

All children above age 14 are evaluated for trainability, and taught key values necessary for successful integration and job placement:

- TIME MANAGEMENT
- HYGIENE
- SOCIAL INTERACTION
- **RESPONSIBILITY**
- AGE-APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR
- HEALTHY SENSE OF COMPETITION
- CLEANLINESS –PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL

Pathway also requires each child to contribute to the cleaning and maintenance of each center. It is the goal of the organization to replace as many "normal" workers with the disabled in various household functions. These activities provide "on the job" training for many children. Additionally, the pre-Vocational Training methodology takes into consideration several aspects of a given task, such as:



TYPE OF JOB PHYSICAL ENERGIES REQUIRED FOR A SPECIFIC JOB MASTERING A PARTICULAR SKILL

TYPE OF VOCATION	NO. OF TRAINEES
WEAVING	25
GREETING CARD: HANDMADE	10
JEWELLERY MAKING /PAPER MACHE	15
SPECIAL ARTIFACT WITH BEADS	15
BAKING	10
MAKING OF PRESENTATION ITEMS	15
GARDENING	12
SELLING VARIOUS PRODUCE	4
PACKAGING	2
HELPERS	6
CLEANING & BOOK BINDING	5

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2019

The United Nations General Assembly announced 2nd April as World Autism Awareness Day in 2008. Since then the UN, with a number of other organisations have worked to spread information about Autism Spectrum Disorder which affects a major portion of population across the globe. This day aims at making healthcare and technology more accessible to people living with autism. However, the main aim of celebrating World Autism Awareness Day is to make sure that no one, including people living with autism, are left behind.

Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder of variable severity which causes disruption in communication and social interaction. The disorder is also characterized through repetitive behaviour and thoughts. On 2nd April every year we observe the World <u>Autism</u> Awareness Day to spread information about <u>Autism</u> Spectrum Disorder and help the global ASD population lead a healthy social life. The UN Department Of Global Communication and Department Of Economic and Social Affairs is the main organization responsible for shaping this day. A number of other organisations



working for the people with ASD are also associated with WAAD.

The theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2019 was 'Assistive Technologies. Active Participation' is the theme for WAAD 2019. The theme is derived keeping in mind that technology plays an integral role in the development of people with any form of disability including autism. Not only is technology important for development, it also ensures that people with



disabilities enjoy their basic human rights and helps them tackle any issues they face as a member of the society. However, this theme also highlights the fact that assistive





technologies are expensive and inaccessible to a large population living with autism. There is also a lack of guidance about the usage of assistive technologies and their efficiency throughout the globe.

As a theme of WAAD 2019, the United Nations at its headquarters in New York will discuss the engagement of assistive technologies for people living with autism as a tool to remove any barriers which may hamper their complete participation in the social, political and economic aspects of the society. It will also focus on the use of technology to promote equality, equity and inclusion. Topics to be addressed through discussions with self-advocates and experts at UN today include:

• The Internet and digital communities: Leveling the playing field

✤ Independent living: Smart home technology and more

✤ Education and employment: Communication and executive functioning

Telemedicine: Opening the doors to healthcare

• The right to be heard: Political participation and advocacy

According to the World Health Organisation one out of every 160 children is living with autism. However, there is a lack of awareness about this disorder on a whole. People living with ASD are prone to problems relating to communication and social interaction. These issues can be tackled successfully if ASD is detected at a young age and thereof managed-well. Through WAAD, United Nations aims to raise awareness about ASD. It aims to help people detect the signs of autism in children at an early age and to



fight the discrimination faced by people on the spectrum.

What's more, World Autism Awareness Day goes one step further to celebrate the unique talents of those with autism, while putting a huge focus on the warm embrace and welcome that these skills deserve through community events around the globe.



Regarding this above mentioned event was given importance by our staff and children who tried to spread awareness of the same. A parents meet was held to highlight about the meaning and the term Autism. To mark this wonderful day competitions were held in drawing which is shown below. This special day was also marked by children donning blue color clothes and waving blue balloons.

We have also participated in the drawing competition held by VIEWS FROM PLANET AUTISM GROUP which has been sent to Delhi where these selected artworks will be up for exhibition from April 15-17 at Open Palm Court Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The title of our artwork is as follows

THE WORLD YOGA DAY



As per the announcement by Union minister of AYUSH Ministry Shripad Yesso Naik on Thursday that the theme of 2019 World Yoga Day will

be 'Yoga for Heart'. But according to the United Nations, the Yoga day 2019 theme is Climate Action. He also said that today the whole world is celebrating Yoga Day by the efforts of the Prime Minister of India.



In United Nation, it was celebrated a day before that is on 20 June, 2019 with 'Yoga with Gurus' and followed by a panel of discussion on 21 June.

Climate Action theme focuses on the way how yoga can help us to solve the problem of climate change and also it brings lot

more benefits into the lives of people. It is necessary to work towards climate change. The sense of



respect for mother earth overcomes regular yoga practitioners that will help people to act in a certain way at home and working environment to work and build better future.

Some interesting facts about International Yoga Day:

1. **Meaning of yoga:** Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' derives from Sanskrit, which means to join or unite, symbolising the union of body and consciousness.

2. **History of International Yoga Day:** The idea of International Day of Yoga was first proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his speech at the UN General Assembly (UNGA), on September 27, 2014. Thereafter, a draft resolution on 'International Day of Yoga' was introduced by India's Ambassador to UN, Ashok Kumar Mukerji. The draft received support from 177 nations, the highest number of co-sponsors for any UNGA resolution. Thereafter, the United Nations proclaimed June 21 as the International Day of Yoga.

3. **International Yoga Day 2019:** This year, Jharkhand's capital Ranchi will be hosting the main yoga day event. The event will take place at at Prabhat Tara ground tomorrow morning where PM Modi will perform Yoga along with 18,000 people, including Chief Minister Raghubar Das.



We have belief in the importance of Yoga. We realise that we are living in a fast-growing world, where we do not have time to understand ourselves and that is why we face stress every day. Yoga helps us deal with the external environmental factors and it is possible with a peaceful mind.

The Importance for International Yoga Day is to highlight the benefits of

yoga throughout the globe, which is helping people around the world to deal with various health issues and establish a path to create peace and harmony in their lives.

The purpose of World Yoga is to ---

- Make people aware of the wonderful benefits of yoga.
- By practicing yoga, connecting people with nature.
- Reduction in the rate of challenging diseases worldwide.
- Make people aware of the usefulness of yoga in a busy routine.
- Spread the development and

peace all over the world.

• Relieve stress through yoga.

We at Pathway at all the centres believe in the above and have embraced this in our day to day activity and have already introduced this into our daily curriculum. The benefits are definitely manifold.





The staff and students were made to realise the importance of practising yoga. In short Yoga can enhance the ability to focus, able to keep one in state of happiness, it can relax your system, aids in boosting up self confidence which leads to a healthy lifestyle and also aids in maintaining one's health.

The children were made aware of the relevance of yoga in daily life. Different asanas were demonstrated under the guidance of the trained staff. They also preapred charts and used flash cards to reach out the concept and meaning of Yoga

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



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



The Independence Day of India, which is celebrated religiously throughout the Country on the 15th of August every year, holds tremendous ground in the list of national days, since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning, the beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of British colonialism of more than 200 years. It was on 15th August

1947 that India was declared independent from British colonialism, and the reins of control were handed over to the leaders of the Country. India's gaining of independence was a tryst with destiny, as the struggle for freedom was a long and tiresome one, witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives on the line.



In his first address to the nation from Red Fort after this year's Lok Sabha elections sixth consecutive and the one on Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today spoke about issues like Article 370, Article 35A, criminalising triple talaq, welfare schemes for the farmers and announced the launch of a new Jal Jeevan Mission to provide potable water. On the economic front, PM Modi expressed confidence that India will become a \$5









trillion economy in the next five years. "From 2014 to 2019, we became a \$3 trillion economy. Before that, in the last 70 years, the country was a \$2 trillion economy. We added \$1 trillion to the economy in just five years. Now we are looking forward to making the nation a \$5 trillion economy," said Narendra Modi in his speech. He also stood up in support of industrialists, saying that wealth creators should not be eyed with suspicion and that they are country's wealth and should be respected.

Addressing the nation on the eve of India's 73rd Independence Day. President Ram Nath Kovind expressed that the decision to form two new Union territories will benefit the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. President Kovind mentioned several decisions taken by the Cabinet and noted, "It is critical for our key institutions and the policymakers to study and appreciate the message being sent by

citizens and to be responsive to the thoughts and wishes of our people." He also expressed his happiness over the functioning of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in the recently concluded Parliament session.

Remembering Mahatma Gandhi, President said, "his vision is relevant even today. He believed that we could use the resources of nature and the environment with discretion."

We at Pathway centre welcomed this day with full patriotism The staff and the children were busy right from 6



am, They were to also participate in the FREEDOM CARNIVAL 2019-GIVE THEIR WORLD at the Jain Engineering College conducted by Ooruni Foundation at Thoraipakkam where sports and fun games was going to be held. This festival encourages children to showcase their talents and potential. Such celebrations and events open up a new world to them and give parents a chance to meet others.

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









demonstrate their new found learning in the form of a different sports, drill, drama, dance and skit children were ready to present colourful programmes based on India's independence. 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 her next order Our Principal, Mrs Jeyseeli and Mrs Radha were requested to unfurl the national flag. She and the General Secretary 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 with rapt attention. The unfurling of the flag showered down the soft fresh petals of marigold, jasmine and ofcourse the rose petals. The gentle breeze spiralled the florets and petals gently down to the ground was a lovely sight to watch. The flag by right seemed to stand up to its full potential, gently swayed by the breeze, seemed to make a conversation with the cloud filled blue sky. The assembled group sang the national anthem in unison. By the time the national anthem ended the last of petal had rested on the ground creating a kaleidoscope of colors upon mother earth, nature showered incessant rain down on us.

After the national anthem was sung with pride filled in each Indian the children and staff trooped down to the waiting bus which was to transport them to the sport arena at the college mentioned.

As soon as they reached the venue they were treated with snacks and and were led to the different areas for their various talent skill testing. Lunch too was







provided by the sponsors and the kids had a gala time. There were plenty of fun games which the kids took part in like- PLAY YOUR MIND RIGHT, HAND FOOTBALL, SWAP THE CAN, RING THE CONE, FEED THE CLOWN, HIT OR MISS,CAT WALK, MATCH THE STRIKET, A dance performance included a group which consisited of Anitha, Vani, Rani, Dhanalakshmi, Ishwarya, Madhavan, Joseph, Pratap, Chandru, Leander, Shivchander and Mohd. Zabiullah. Children brought home prizes much to the delight of their teachers and directors. After attending the protocol in

Chennai centre the trust board members thanked the staff and children and immediately drove down to the agro farm to oversee the celebrations at the farm.

WINNING THE STATE AWARD AS THE BEST SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE YEAR 2019

Tmt CHANDRA PRASAD is presently working as the Co-founder /Gen. Secretary of PATHWAY-



an unit of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, Non-Governmental а organization serving for the Rehabilitation and Education of the Intellectually Disability. She has put in 36 years of dedicated service in the field of vocational training and rehabilitation of the intellectual disabled. By virtue of her initiative and special efforts about 31700 special children and adults with various disabilities have been fully evaluated

and rehabilitated through various rehabilitation programmes. She is instrumental in starting special schools with Vocational Training centre for the differently abled children in Chennai and Kancheepuram districts. In this centre the children with intellectual disability are provided various vocational training i.e. artificial jewellery, bakery, handicrafts, and horticulture. Placement work is also executed for the benefit of the adult intellectual disabled. In this regard as many as 80 differently abled persons have so far been placed in various private organisations. She also has currently placed 5 differently abled persons in her own organisation- PATHWAY.

In recognition of her outstanding services for the intellectually disabled children, Government of TamilNadu confers on her the BEST SOCIAL WORKER award for 2019



SWATCH BHARAT CLEAN INDIA GREEN INDIA



As per the EMIS department Pathway completed a 15 days project starting from 04.06.2019 to 20.06.2019. These are depicted in picture format depending on the various topics given. The following has been depicted in picture format as shown below -











PLEDGE DURING THE PRAYER, DRAWING, SINGING, MODEL MAKING WEALTH FROM WASTE, DEMO ON SEGREGATION OF WASTE BY CI'S AND CS'S, EXHIBITING THE MODELS AND VISIT BY PARENTS, SKIT-20 MINUTES, and PUPPET SHOW-15 MINUTES



CULTURAL PROJECT REPORT

CONDUCTED BY THEATRE ARTS FOR HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT - RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIVEKANANDA UNIVERSITY

• GAYATHRI P - student

• VISHNUPRIYA - student

VishnuPriya selected her project on importance of WATER. The children who participated in the same were – Beena, Vishal, madhavan, Arun, Tarun, MayurPriya and Bhuvaneshwari. The characters played by these students were as follows-

The mom character was played by Beenarani-

On the character of Sai was Vishal.

The supportive brother Adithya was played by Madhavan.

Fun loving friends of Adithya was Joseph and Arun.

Tarun helped on playing the young boy facing severe water crisis.

The canteen lady was played by Priya.

Bhuvaneshwari played the character who struggled to get one bucket of water.

- The properties used were-
- Toothbrush
- Chair
- Clock
- Door Frame with padlock drawing
- Ball
- Lunch Box
- Broomstick
- Plug and socket
- Plate containing a plastic knife and few vegetables.
- TV setup in a cardboard.
- 2 pitchers
- Lorry setup in a cardboard.
- Background music.

The project was a drama play on importance of water. The children adapted to her teaching style very easily. They were very supportive and could adhere to changes quickly. They welcomed her warmly and helped her throughout the drama. The sessions started with an introduction to the story. The students were able to understand each situation and empathise with their assigned characters. They imitated the actions very well and were able to remember the sequence of the play as session progressed.





The students were confident on performing on stage though a bit nervous on doing well.

Each session helped her to change her attitude and insight towards the group so that they could relate to the play more. With each session, it helped her to gain more knowledge on the complications involved in the drama plays and the various solutions to solve a problem.

Dressing up the children according to their roles and making them accept their character was indeed a challenge to her. Though anxious but the children did put up a great show in the end much to the delight of the audience

The other project was conducted by Gayathri with her subject being Environmental Issues. Though Gayathri was really nervous on her first day to Pathway, the children made her welcome and showed their interest in participating in the above-mentioned drama. Kids were very flexible to changes. This presentation was staged to an unassuming audience who were taken by surprise.

Working with such a wonderful batch of children helped her in understanding many aspects of life as inferred by her in her words----

Learnt how to love selflessly Not to overthink and doing things as it is said. Being thankful for every little thing. Perfection is elusive True happiness is in simplicity Love and respect are earned, not given

It was indeed an eye opener for a college student to have volunteered to do these projects with the intellectually disabled. The taught becomes the teacher and vice versa here.

EKATVA

The meaning of ekatva being oneness was celeberated with RASA for their thirty years of completion where are students were the participants on the 27th September 2019.

The following students namely Prasanna, Tamilmani, Joseph, Devendran, Arun, Madhavan, Pratap, Jerin, Vardarajan, Poongodi, Vani, Rani, Joshwa and Beena who already have experience in dance drama events open to public audience were selected and attired in the mythological charaters. The





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supporting staff accompanied them to the MCTM School campus at Smt Sivagami Petachi Auditorium.Our children enjoyed the event . Their self confidence level definitely rises up and their urge to learn new skills helps us to integrate them with outside participants in making it a more enriching experience.

DISTRICT LEVEL SPORTS MEET AT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

The District sports level meet was conducted in two different venues this year. The first sports meet on 28th November 2019 was conducted in the grounds of BKN school working with the Intellectually Disabled and the other event was held at CSI School working for the Deaf and Dumb at Santhome, Chennai.

Seven children and four staff members from Pathway participated in all the events with great enthusiasm and excitement. This event was conducted for the categories like- Autism, Cerebral Palsy

and the Multiple Disabled kids. The march past being the first event was the highlight of the show since participants and non participants of all organisations get a chance to walk in perfect march in front of so many dignitaries and their friends and parents alike. This year saw Beena from Pathway carry the Olympic torch along with three more children. After the march past the signal was flagged for the events to take place. Each staff member with their wards rushed to various



EVENT	1ST PRIZE	SECOND PRIZE	3RD PRIZE
POTATO GATHERING		ANITHA	PRATHAP
CRICKET BALL THROW	VARDHARAJAN		
RUNNING	SWATHI	MOHD.ZABIULLAH	
50MTS RUNNING	PRASANNA		
Above 17 years			
RUNNING	VANI	VISHAL	





winners were announced.



Teachers' Day in India is celebrated on 5th September to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was a renowned scholar, recipient of Bharat Ratna, first Vice- President and second President of independent India. He was born on 5 September, 1888. As an educationist, he was an advocate of edification, and was a distinguished envoy, academician, and above all a great teacher.

areas of the stadium to ensure that they were in time for their event. They won several prizes in individual and group events The Special educators took great interest in each child's performance and encouraged them to perform and win. It was indeed a gala event enjoyed by all the children. The below table shows the event taken place and the prizes won-

At the end of the events the overall state level sports

Pathway is proud to reveal that Vani and Prasanna have been selected for the same. We applaud these children who show that courage and determination are the only two words which prove that irrespective of any disability the motto WE CAN is possible. Even the word possible is hidden in impossible. We salute them.

TEACHERS DAY



Teachers' Day aims to value and acknowledge the contribution of all the teachers in shaping one's lives. Though it is not a holiday and students are required to report to school, normal classes are replaced by activities of celebration in school, honouring the teachers for their hard work and endless contribution to a student's educational life.



Teachers' Day is dedicated to all the teachers, gurus and mentors who guide their successors to become better human beings, just like Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan did in his time.

As the common adage goes, the future of a country lies in the hands of its children and teachers, as mentors, can mould students into future leaders who shape the destiny of India. They play an important role in our lives to become successful in career and business. They help us to





become a good human being, a better member of the society and an ideal citizen of the country. Teacher's Day is celebrated to acknowledge the challenges, hardships and the special role that teachers play in our lives.

This year, World Teachers' Day was celebrated with the theme, "Young Teachers: The future of the Profession."

The day provides the

occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, to take stock of achievements, and to address some of the issues central for attracting and keeping the brightest minds and young talents in the profession.

A Joint Message from Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Organization, Henrietta H. Fore,



Executive Director, UNICEF Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP and David Edwards, General Secretary, Education International, on the occasion of World Teachers' Day "Young Teachers: the Future of the Profession", 5 October 2019 read out as-

"With the theme: "Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession," we recognize the critical importance of reaffirming the value of the teaching mission. We call upon governments to make teaching a profession of first choice for young people. We also invite teacher unions, private sector employers, school principals, parent-teacher associations, school management committees, education officials and teacher trainers to share their wisdom and experiences in promoting the emergence of a vibrant teaching force. Above all, we celebrate the work of dedicated teachers around the world who continue to strive every day to ensure that "inclusive and equitable quality education" and the promotion of "lifelong learning opportunities for all" become a reality in every corner of the globe."

In all the centres this event has been given importance and the day has been celebrated by children honouring their teachers. A fun event filled with games, skits and cultural events conducted by both the groups mark the occasion. Children are absolutely delighted to see their educators enjoy their hospitality for a change. They also honoured their teachers with beautiful handmade cards professing their love and regards and respected for them.

GANESH CHATURTHI



Ganesh Chaturthi also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi is one of the important Hindu festivals celebrated throughout India with a great devotion. This festival is celebrated once a year and is considered to be the most important festivals for Hindus. While it comes to the importance of Ganesh Chaturthi, it is celebrated as a symbol of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune. We at Pathway centres celebrated this festival on the 2nd





September 2019. This day is celebrated as the birthday of Lord Ganesh, the elephant-headed son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Lord Ganesh is the symbol of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune.



Hindus with a great enthusiasm. People bring idols of Lord Ganesh to their

homes and do worship. The duration of this festival varies from 1 day to 11 days,

depending on the place and tradition. On the last day of the festival the idols are taken out in a colorful and musical procession and immersed traditionally in water. As per Hindu mythology Lord Ganesh is considered as "Vigana Harta" (one who removes obstacles) and "Buddhi Pradaayaka" (one who grants intelligence). This festival is very important for students, they worship Lord Ganesh to illumine their minds. The children of all the centres enjoyed doing the various activities pertaining to the festival in the form of making mud idols, drawings etc of Lord Ganesha.

THE HONORARY DOCTORATE



The Global Peace University has conferred the HONORARY DOCTORATE in the degree of - DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK on CHANDRA PRASAD on the first of September 2019. The National Integrity Cultural Academy along with The Peaks magazine also conferred the Award for Excellence 2019



NEWSPAPER NATIVITY BY VOCATION



Christmas is the time that reinforces the values of giving and sharing. At Pathway centre for rehabilitation, we aim not only to inculcate these values in the children but also help them learn to implement these in innovative but ecologically responsible ways. Our latest figurine crafted by the children is a prime example of this.

The special children at Pathway vocational centre have hand-made a twelve-piece Nativity figure-set which is a brain child of Chandra Prasad the Hony.Director and Co-Founder of this institution.

What is different about these particular figures compared to the already existing ones, you may ask – this entire set is made completely from newspaper. Previously, a similar set had been made but it had been made with beads. This was sent to all overseas patrons of Pathway.

The children, under the guidance of expert team of vocational teachers -Ms Linda, Ms Radha, Ms Porkodi, Ms Priya and Mr Ashirvatham, enthusiastically jumped at the idea of trying something unique and novel. The children's willingness to try something new is commendable. The first set took little over four months to be completed. Twenty five number of children were involved in the making of these dolls. The staff are confident that the next sets will be processed quicker – the children are quick learners and are quite proud of their accomplishment – as they rightly should be.

The hand-made nativity scene depicts the scene of the birth of Baby Jesus couple of days after he is born when the three wise men visit him. An angel has announced the birth of infant Jesus to the shepherds who then visit the humble site of his birth – the stable where he is found lying in a manger. This scene comprises of the new-born Baby Jesus, Mother Mary, Joseph, a camel and a sheep in the stable, three wise men, who come bearing gifts and the shepherd. These figurines are all made from and decked out in newspaper. The size of the dolls are around 11 to 12 inches. The clothes for the



three wise men are also made from paper but what enriches them is that they are woven to give it a rich-look. The faces are made with paper mache moulds to give them a life-like appearance and each face has an individuality that makes it stand apart from the others.

The children eagerly await Christmas this year – it is a wait that we all are impatient for; to see the fruits of their labour being enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.





MAHATMA GANDHI 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY 2019



Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man. ---Mahatma Gandhi

This year, on October 2, did celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary is celebrated every year as Gandhi Jayanti to

commemorate his ideals of peace and non-violence as well as his immense contribution to India's freedom struggle.

On 15 June 2007, The United Nations General Assembly announced that October 2nd will be celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence. Gandhiji had a natural love for 'truth' and 'duty'. With his complete dedication and confidence, Gandhi freed India from the British Rule and proved the world that freedom can be achieved with non-violence. Even today his teachings are encouraged to stay away from violence and find peaceful solutions to conflicts. For Gandhi,



Truth and Non-violence was his entire philosophy of life. Gandhiji was one of the biggest contributors to India's freedom movement and his methods for achieving it shaped the country greatly. He is even called the Father of our Nation. That is why his legacy is honoured, not only in India, but all over the world. Albert Einstein and Gandhi were big admirers of each other and exchanged letters frequently. Einstein called Gandhi "a role model for the generations to come" in a letter, writing about him. "I believe that Gandhi's views were the most enlightened of all the political men in our time," he said.

The President and the Prime Minister, along with other political leaders, pay homage at Raj Ghat, the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. To honour Gandhi's respect for all religions and communities, representatives from different religions take part in the prayer meeting held at Raj Ghat. Prayers and Verses are read out from Holy books of all religions. Mahatma Gandhi's favourite



song 'Raghupati Raghava' is customarily sung at all meetings associated with him.

Pathway's children too were a part of this national festival by way of honouring our greatest leader in form of drawings and prepared a model of him in his honor. In simple words they were given information about him in form of small skit, and role model play.

Naveen an autistc student participated in the INTER SCHOOL COMPETITION organized by bright learning centre for autism, adhl students. He obtained the first prize along with a certificate.



On the eve of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji the Steering and Selection Committee of Mahatma Awards on 1st October 2019, congratulated PATHWAY- a unit of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust on their entry being chosen for India edition of Mahatma Award 2019. They were selected on the basis of excellence, highest standards of ethical conduct,



integrity, civic and social responsibility. **Mr Amit the founder of the** Mahatma Awards, along with the award trophy partner - Eternal Gandhi initiative of Aditya Birla Group presenting the award to Dr Chandra Prasad on behalf of **PATHWAY**

 Receiving the MAHATHMA GANDHI AWARD on Oct 1st 2019, on the 150th Anniversary of our Father of the Nation for SOCIAL GOOD



NAVARATHRI

Navaratri, the nine-day autumn festival, is a celebration of women empowerment. Although the festival is

celebrated across the length and breadth of India, the long-standing tradition of 'Golu' marks the celebrations here in the southern states.



Golu (or Kolu) in Tamil refers to the display and decoration of dolls and figurines of human beings, and idols of gods and goddesses during Navaratri. It is not only popular in Tamil Nadu, but also in



Karnataka and the two Telugu states, where it is known as Gombe Habba (Kannada) and Bomma Koluvu (Telugu).

As per the tradition, the dolls and figurines are placed on steps stand for the spiritual progression of human beings. The term 'Kolu' comes from the Tamil words '*Kolu veetriruthal*', which means the presence of kings and queens in the court. The term extends to describe the presence of gods and goddesses surrounded by their devotees and saints.





Diwali is celebrated all over India and various parts of the world. Diyas and lamps light up the entire country and the sight is truly magical and brilliant. According to the Hindu calendar, Diwali falls on the 15th day in the month of Kartik. This year Diwali took place on October 27. Diwali can also be arguably called as one of the most important and elaborately celebrated festivals.

The houses are lit with fairy lights, decorated with *diyas* and dress up in their best traditional attires to celebrate the day. Families

people

come together to celebrate Diwali and worship idols of Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi on this auspicious day.

Diwali's history can be traced back to ancient India, with several legends associated with it. Many believe that Diwali is the celebration which marks Goddess Lakshmi's wedding with Lord Vishnu. Others believe it to be a celebration of Lakshmi's birth, as it is believed that she was born on the new Moon day of Kartik. In

Bengal, during Diwali Goddess Kali is worshipped, who is the Goddess of strength. In certain homes Ganesha is worshipped too, since he is a symbol of auspiciousness. For Hindus, Diwali symbolises the return of Lord Ram to Ayodhya after being exiled for 14 years. When he returned, Lord Ram was welcomed home with diyas which were lighted throughout the kingdom.



Significance

The lighting of diyas signifies the

triumph of good over evil, and with all the prayers and people meeting with love in their hearts overall there is a bright and cheerful atmosphere. People from all religions, castes and backgrounds are united during the occasion of Diwali and there are celebrations happening all around. People visit their friends and relatives on Diwali and present each other with chocolates, dry fruits, sweets and other gifts. Diwali brings with it the joy of togetherness and festivity. It is also the time when one sits back and reflects on one's life and how to make things better going forward.

During the festival of Diwali it is imperative that we start the journey to end the darkness within our lives and fill it with love and light. Whether it is changing our lifestyle into a more healthier one or becoming abetter person, this is an auspicious occasion to start on these life changes.

This Diwali started with a small project on -SAFETY FIRST conducted by the school involving firemen from our district who demonstrated the safety measures to be used while playing with crackers and the use of fire extinguisher. The interesting image is of our security guard (dog-Browny) who is listening with rapt attention about the fire safety.




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. As usual the multi colored Rangoli depicting happiness and ushering good tidings were a part of the childrens handiwork. They also were involved in making the diyas with their bare hands which was lovingly lit around their campus. 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.

Children of Chennai centre and Sabin had made

models of their favourite crackers and sweets and ofcourse their special Rangoli design for the occasion. All the rituals of simple Diwali have а 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.

CHILDRENS DAY CELEBERATION

"Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow." - Jawaharlal Nehru The 14th November day which also happens to be the 130th birthday anniversary of India's first prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is celebrated as the Children's day. Children's Day is also known as Bal Diwas. Chacha Nehru was mainly fond of children and roses. According to Jawaharlal Nehru, children should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow. They are the strength of the country and the foundation of society.





It is a reminder that every child deserves education, nurturing and the best of everything. They are the building blocks of the nation and hence, the future of the nation depends how well they are brought up. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru real message was to provide our children with a safe and loving environment in which to grow as well as giving them ample and equal opportunities through which they can take great strides and contribute to the progress of the nation.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was a great person, leader, politician, writer and speaker. He loved children so much and was a great friend of the

poor people. He always understood himself as the true servant of the people of India. He worked hard all through the day and night for making this country a successful country. He became the first Prime Minister of the Independent India and thus called as the architect of modern India. India used to celebrate Children's Day in India on 20th November every year before 1956 as the United Nations, in 1954, had declared the day as Universal Children's Day.

But, after the death of India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in 1964, a resolution was passed in the parliament unanimously to honour to Pt. Nehru declaring his the day of his birth anniversary, 14th November as National Children's Day. Therefore, each year since then 14th

November is celebrated as Children's Day in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of the country's first PM.

Nearly every school celebrates this day with various events like quiz, debates, cultural programs like dance, music, and drama. Teachers organize and perform various cultural events for the students. Chacha Nehru always believed that a child is future of tomorrow and hence through drama or play the teachers often on this day communicate to the Children the importance of having a fulfilled childhood to have a country with better tomorrow.

Many schools also celebrate the day by organizing sports events. School teachers often invite children from nearby orphanage or slum to participate with the students of the school together. Such gestures are very welcoming as the children learn to share and accommodate everyone from society with them. Such gestures also instill a sense of equality among students.

Teachers and parents on this day also shower their love and affection towards the child by distributing gifts, chocolates, and toys. Schools also organize various talk shows, seminars where inspirational personalities from various fields like sports, education, cultural and entertainment sector come and deliver motivational







speeches to the students. Children are the ones who light up our world, the ones who have the potential to

put a smile even on the chronically sad faces, the one whose hugs can melt anyone's heart, whose one wail can cause all the members of a family to panic, and whose innocence give people the hope that the world still is a good place; children are like the ray of sunshine. Without them, this world would be nothing but a dull and boring place!

Irrespective of the occasion, children are pampered the most and they should be for these bambinos have an inherent ability to attract anyone's attention and caress them. There are two popular stories as to why Pt. Nehru came to be referred to as Chacha. It is believed that he was fond of children and used to meet kids with immense affection. It was because of his friendly attitude towards children that kids fondly called him Chacha. However, as per another story, he was called Chacha because of his closeness with Mahatma Gandhi. Many believe that Pandit Nehru was seen as the younger brother of Mahatma Gandhi, whom all referred to as 'Bapu'. Hence, people suggest he became famous as Chacha for he was seen as the younger brother of the father of the nation. The pre vocation and vocational group children pooled their resources and bought balloons and festoons to decorate their school. Childrens day paper caps were distributed to all. They requested finally their teachers and other peer group to witness a small programme. This year the staff all dressed in the favourite color of our leader's choice conducted various competitions for the students like drawing, Rangoli etc. The children had a field day since many fun games were introduced for the children like - LEMON AND SPOON RACE, BURSTING THE BALLOONS, EATING THE BUN WITH HANDS TIED BEHIND, The children also posed a fancy dress competition with a team of students like Achutan, Swathi, Srikanth, Akshay, Satyanarayan, Iswariya and Vasanth kumar. Along with this a skit was



presented by the older group whose dialogues the made audience split laughter. in Not to be left out the girl children presented а dance event.

The staff also educated the children with our national leaders in form of speeches and a fancy dress. Choosing our late prime ministers favourite flower rose they showed their love for him by handing it to every staff. There was also a musical chair event After the end of session, prizes were distributed and the entire group was given snacks and sweets along with a gift which they cherished.



At the end of the day the children appeared to be exhausted from their activities while thoroughly enjoying their cakes and traditional Indian sweets. Such childhood delight made the adults realize that children are indeed precious gems and are divine gifts from above!

We do believe in the following quote made by our leader-"CHILDREN DO NOT THINK OF DIFFERENCES AMONGST THEMSELVES."

CHILDREN'S DAY STAMP DESIGN CONTEST- 07-08-2019 TO 20-09-2019

Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, Government of India organized a Stamp design competition for children across India on the occasion of Children's Day every year. Given that the two momentous occasions for child rights viz. 30 years of CRC (19 89-2019 } and 70 years of UNICEF in India (1949-2019) coincide this year, the Department of Posts partnered with UNICEF to launch this year's Children's Day stamp design contest on the theme of Child Rights.

Accordingly, entries were invited for Children's Day 2019 - Stamp Design Competition". The theme of the competition was "Child Rights". The participants are to make original design on the subject (should not be copy of picture painted/creative by someone else).

The rules of the competition was that Children studying in classes 1st to Xllth could participate in this contest. The drawing/ painting could be in ink, water colour, oil colour or any other medium (Computer printed/ printout will not be allowed). The design submitted should be such as can be depicted on the stamps in a visually appealing manner so as to be of interest to philatelists/collectors. Participants are free to use drawing paper, art paper or any other type of white paper of A4 size.

An undertaking stating that 'The artwork submitted is- original and no copyright issues are involved' was to be sent along with the entry. There was going to be a prize money for various category along with consolation prizes and the entries are invited from 07.08.2019 to 20.09.2019.

"PUNNAGAI" – a cultural show & talent competition for Special Children



The members of ROTARACT club of Akash, who are the youth wing of Rotary International arranged a cultural show and talent competition for the special children for various institutions covering length and breadth of Chennai city on the 12th October 2019. Pathway was delighted to be a part of the same. Their motto is to to provide an opportunity for students and the working professionals (18-30 yrs) to enhance their knowledge and their skills that will assist them in personal development that will address the physical and social needs of



their communities and to promote better relations.

Punnagai 2019 was scheduled for 12th Saturday, the Oct, 2019, at Asan Memorial Matriculation Higher Secondary School. more than 1000 Special Children below 17 yrs of age took part in this year's Punnagai. The main objective is to provide opportunities to bring out the hidden potentials of these children as well as a smile . It was truly a day of enjoyment for our centres since 85 children with 20 staff members went as participants.

The kids were delighted to know that a sumptuous breakfast would be supplied to them which had their favourite choice of dishes. Having feasted they were raring to go and show their prowess in the different competitive events. We would like to inform our readers that we have been winning the shield consecutively for the 6th time. The motivation banner was high and each participant wanted to uphold the tradition of bringing laurels back home.

The children displayed their talents by taking active participation in the cultural programs which included the dance, drama, music, mime, skit, solo dance, rangoli, painting and singing events. The activity hours just rushed past and the time had come for results.

There was a hush of silence finally when the prizes were to be announced. As the prizes were announced a beautiful smile and then thunderous clapping was heard since most of the gold medals were won practically in all categories.

Our various participants were in group singing were divided into two categories. The children below 12 years Gurubaran, Sivachandran, Chandru, Mohammed, Vasanth and





Balaji who won the third prize under this category and in the category below 17 years Pratap, Joshwa, Vishal, Joypeter walked away with a handful of gold medals by being declared first in the category

Regarding the solo dance category Karthikeyan danced to the tune of a popular film star Ajith's dance sequence namely Adchithooku and lifted to our delight the first prize.

In the group dance performed by nearly ten students to the sound of remix sings earned them the second prize. Not to be left behind in skit area- the children performed a skit under the title-IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION TO ALL- we proudly declare that the group walked away with the first prize.

To cap the above the kids also participated in the special talent events in different areas like clay modelling, mimicry and group drill. Overall the children had a great time and came home winning the Runner Cup shield this time.

The organisers had taken care to see that no child goes empty handed by handing out gifts to them and to their respective teachers. This time they handed a Punnagai Kit containing stationery and their certificates. The next day these children who lovingly shared their success, placed all the trophies in front of their directors and proudly asked for the moment to be captured in a photograph. Punnagai, true to its name brings a smile of joy and contempt on the faces of all those who have been a part of



27th ROTARY TALENT CONTEST FOR CHILDREN

The silver jubilee celebration of this cultural programme was held on 22nd November 2019 along with their co-sponsor "Neeta Memorial Charitable Trust" at Kamarj Hall in Chennai. The main objective of this programme was to discover and promote the hidden talent in children.

This would encourage integration and sense of belongingness in them. As per the rules of the event we registered all the participants for different events like- Group Dance, individual or solo Dance, Talent competition, Group and Individual singing and last but not the least the drawing competition. The children were also treated to various entertainments of which the magic show, candy stall stole their heart.





On this day a total of 42 kids along 5 staff members reported at the venue by 8.00 in the morning. As imagined they were ready before the deadline and waited for their transport service to take them to their destination. The bigger children as per the rules seated the younger kids along with some extra napkins, snacks, and not to forget their First Aid Box. After the initial round of seating arrangement they waited for their instructors and then boarded the buses. Their other peer group cheered them on and wished them with smiles. Its so heartening to see these innocent and pure hearts



which bear no shred of selfishness. Everytime we witness this scene my heart and soul get humbled. The excitement of the bus doors closing brought a twinkle to their eyes and spontaneous music filled the air. Each child was looking forward to the event and wanted to give their best. The buses weaved through the city roads and were in time for the event. It was definitely hard to control the childrens excitement who on seeing the venue were already on their toes to rush out. The staff always has a hard time to rein this excitement but their assuring confidence brings a calming effect and the kids are easier to control. Once out of the buses, the children were escorted by a group of volunteers for a light breakfast and then led into the venue for participation.

Around five children - Tamilmani, Madhavan, Karthikeyan, Prathap and Joseph were led by their

special educators Bindhu and Pavithra for group dance. They got busy with their costumes and make up. They were to enact a beautiful fusion dance to be played on tamil remix songs. In the other designated area Sivagami their special educator drew them to the place where Rangoli competition was to be held.

A pinch of rangoli powder is taken using the index finger and thumb. As the rangoli is a coarse powder of special soft white stone, it can





flow freely when slowly released from the pinch of index finger and thumb.

To make a rangoli on floor, following steps are used -

The surface on which the rangoli is to be drawn is prepared by cleaning it thoroughly. Traditionally, the surface was smeared with cow dung, and after it dried, rangoli was drawn on it at specific locations. In the ancient times it was a practice to daily sweep and sprinkle every doorstep with cow dung and draw rangoli. A design or auspicious symbols or signs are selected for drawing. After the selection, the required numbers of points are created on the floor using the Rangoli. Then these points are joined with the appropriate design shapes, lines, curves, etc. Lastly, colours are filled in the rangoli as per the design recommendations.

Sandhya and Bhavani took their group of 8 children for the skit that they had prepared termed as – EDUCATION FOR ALL. Fairose another special educator collected her group of 7 children to participate in the drawing and painting competition and also the special talent competition. The various themes were given as a challenge were- Child Labour, Save a Girl Child, Stop Smoking etc. All of them won prizes for their efforts. Vasanth walked away with a first prize under Stop Smoking category whereas Naveen used clay to depict a park which entitled to him to secure the first prize here. Our solo dance enthusiast- Madhavan could be seen practising his steps for the final call. Some children who had come as helpers to this group of participants helped and aided the staff. Every nook and corner of the venue was bustling with activity. Their concentration and the urge to do their best brought sincere applause from the volunteers and the organising committee. Children came home tired but happy since they received individual gifts, treats and a name for themselves.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED-2019 STATE LEVEL MEET FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN

December 3 is observed as the International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) internationally. This UN sanctioned day aims to increase public awareness, understanding, and acceptance of people with disabilities and celebrate their achievements and contributions. People with disabilities have conquered mountains, climbed the corporate ladder, shone on sporting arenas, built businesses, and are championing for rights and access for all.

The World day of the Disabled is celeberated all over country and the entire world. In India it is held at the national level and Tamil Nadu at the state level celebrates this day appropriately honouring the differently abled who excel in various walks of life and honour those who serve the disabled. Pathway joined the festivities in several ways, in participating in the events organized by the state government. The theme for this year as per our state government was- THE FUTURE IS ACCESSIBLE. Though we turned out in large numbers of 60 children and 9 adults from



Pathway Centre, Chennai as well as 42 adults from Sabin Centre, Agili, to partake in the grand





where they performed a folkdance using different props while competiting with various other schools from the entire state. The judges were very appreciaitive of their efforts.

On the 3^{rd} December the selected gropus who won in the cultural event on the 2^{nd} were given a chance to perform on the stage at Anna University at the Vivekananda Hall to a huge audience.

The programme ended with prize distribution.

Inspite of the incessant weather the government further planned various activities for the kids thereby giving them the best moments in life like- 260 children from

march past, sports, dance and musical events nature had its own course. Due to heavy rainfall the sports were not conducted but the cultural show was on. This event was conducted at Anna University. The Honourable Social Minister Dr V Saroja, Mr C. Vijayaraj Kumar, IAS (Principal Secretary to Government), Mr Johny Tom Verghese- State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, did the honors.

On the 2nd December, twelve children from Pathway attended a cultural programme at the Opportunity School









across the state aided by the Chennai Metro Rail Limited awere given a joy ride in the Metro rail exclusively for them. A movie was screened FROZEN 2 at the theatres much to the delight of the kids. The freeing of pigeons and realeasing ballons of our national flag color indicated the start of events. Anitha and Vani were selected for state level sports for long jump and potato gathering respectively participated in the events. Sabin centre represented Kancheepuram district.

Pathway received special appreciation for its dance depicting a popular folk dance. The participants were Vani, Rani, Joseph, Madhavan, Priya, Chandru, Prathap, Sivachandran, Tamilmani, Dhanam, Anitha and Yamini. These participants received gifts for the above.

NATIONAL AWARD FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

in the category of BEST INDIVIDUAL – PROFESSIONAL FOR THE YEAR is conferred on DR. CHANDRA PRASAD for her achievements in the year 2019



The Vice President of India Shri M. Venkiah Naidu was the Chief Guest at a function to celebrate "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" organized by the DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment here today. He conferred the National Awards on Individuals, Institutions, Organizations and State/District etc. for their outstanding achievements and work done towards empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot presided over the function. Ministers of State for Social Justice & Empowerment Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, Shri Ramdas Athawale and Shri Rattan Lal Kataria also graced the occasion. Addressing on the occasion, the Vice President said that it was indeed a pleasure for him to be present on this occasion of presentation of National Awards for the empowerment of persons with disabilities on the occasion of the International



Day of Persons with Disabilities. The name of this 'Day' should have been the International Day of Persons with Special Abilities. We have many of these remarkable men and women with special abilities amidst us who have excelled in a number of fields. Given the right kind of environment and opportunities they can make immense contribution to the cause of nation building. Today, some of these great achievers are being honoured for their achievements. He said that India has one of the highest numbers of people with disabilities globally. According to the Census of India 2011, there are 2.68 crore Persons with Disabilities in our country, which constitutes 2.21% of our population. This number may still be higher as many persons, specially because those with mental health issues often hide them due to social stigma attached to these ailments.

Dr CHANDRA PRASAD is presently working as the Co-founder /Gen. Secretary of PATHWAY, a Centre for comprehensive Rehabilitation and Education of the Intellectually Disabled.

PAMELA MARTINEZ-PATHWAY- a Matriculation School and Children's Home , and PATHWAY-SABIN, - A Home for Persons with Intellectual Disability and Associated Conditions, all being the units of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust

She has put in 36 years of selfless dedicated service in the field of vocational training and rehabilitation of the intellectual disabled. By virtue of her initiative and special efforts about 40,000 special children and adults with various disabilities have been fully evaluated and rehabilitated through various rehabilitation programmes. She is instrumental in starting special schools with Vocational Training centre for the differently abled children in Chennai and Kancheepuram districts. In this centre the children with intellectual disability are provided various vocational training i.e. artificial jewellery, bakery, handicrafts, and horticulture.

Placement work is also executed for the benefit of the adult intellectual disabled. In this regard as many as 80 differently abled persons have so far been placed in various private organisations. She also has currently placed 5 differently abled persons as staff in her own organisation- PATHWAY and training more than 100 adults under vocational training who receive stipend.

Her organization has received various awards from the Govt. of Tamil Nadu. The National Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the category of **BEST INDIVIDUAL – PROFESSIONAL FOR THE YEAR 2019** is conferred on **DR. CHANDRA PRASAD** for her achievements.

WORLD DISABLED DAY OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED-2019 AT MADRAS HIGH COURT

On the 12th December 2019 we were invited to the Madras High Court premise to celeberate the world disabled day along with them. Both the centres from Chennai and Sabin Centre attended this



function. The children performed a group dance and mime which thoroughly entertained the audience. More than 100 children and adults attended this programme. The Chief guests were- Mr S N Seshasai IPS Officer, the District Judge-Ramalingam Sudhakar , and Hon. Judge Jayanthi and Dr Chandra Prasad.













DR. A D S N PRASAD - COMMUNITY BASED MEDICAL AND REHAB SERVICES



An mou was signed between **DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST and RMD TRUST**, having its Registered Office at 17, Ragaviah Road, T Nagar, Chennai 600017, represented Dr Republica Sridhar. Since our TRUST, is engaged in the activity of providing education to under privileged Children and is having its facilities at Thiruvanmiyur-Chennai, and Melmaruvathur we decided to join hands to provide medical care not just for our children but also the community around.

RMD is engaged in the activity of providing medical and palliative care and is having its facilities at T Nagar, Maduravoyil and Sriperumbudur and is having state of the art hospital to handle patients. The reason for us to choose villages and communities in and around Sriperumbadur taluk was based on the demography. It showed lower socioeconomic group, migration labour, farmers and coolie (daily Wages). The total population to be covered would be 1200 average families in each village. Total would be 2.5 lakhs people.

The survey also showed us there is a lot of Non communicable disease and Children and young adults with special needs are a part of this. These are the majority who are unable to reach for treatment, Rehab or therapy. The Present project has been initiated with minimal intervention as community home based care.

The team is headed by Dr Republica Sridhar who controls the entire operation along with other staff members namely 3 doctors, dentist, community volunteers, community health workers, administrative staff, medical camp co-ordinators and specialized doctors whenever needed along with nurse and driver.

The above said programme was flagged off in December , the 15th of 2019. We held a small group meeting to inaugurate the same at the farm centre in honor of our late founder- DR A D S N PRASAD on whose name this Outreach programme has been named. Members of our Trust including the staff from the RMD team participated in the above event.

Below are reports conducted monthwise and the different beneficiaries covered over the period.

DECEMBER 15TH 2020 to MARCH 31st 2020 is as follows



CHANGING LIVES FOREVER The below table shows various activites conducted during the above period mentioned

MONTH	ACT IVITIES CONDUCTED	VILLAGE NAME	PEOPLE BENEFITTED	CHILDREN / STUDENTS BENEFITTED	ST AFF BENEFIT TED	NO OF VILLAGE PEOPLE BENEFIT TED	HOME VISIT S
NOVEMBER 2019	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		87			
DECEMBER 2020	MEDICAL CARE	SOMANGALAM	102	28			
	MEDICAL CARE	NALLUR VILLAGE	13	115			
	MEDICAL CARE	RMD HOSPITAL CAMP	84	21			
	MEDICAL CARE	PILLAIPAKKAM VILLAGE	116	42			
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		37			
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		59	2		
	DENGUE AWARENESS AND ORAL CARE TALK IN GOVERNMENT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL –NALLUR VILLAGE.	NALLUR	128	115	13	1	
	FREE SPECIALISTS MEDICAL CAMP AT RMD SPECIALITIES HOSPITALWHICH INCLUDES – ORTHOPEDICIAN, GYNECOLOGY, DENTAL, PHYSIOTHERAPY, CARDIOLOGY AND GENERAL PHYSICIAN	SRIPERUMBADUR	105	21	46	38	
JANYUARY 2020	MEDICAL CARE	IRUNGATTUKOTTAI	72	6			
-	MEDICAL CARE	KATRAMBAKKAM	56	9			1
	MEDICAL CARE	AMARAMBEDU	61	16			1
	MEDICAL CARE	NALLUR VILLAGE	77	11			1
	MEDICAL CARE	FARM SCHOOL		25			
	MEDICAL CARE	SCHOOL KAT RAMBAKKAM		100	5		
	MEDICAL CARE	SCHOOL -NALLUR VILLAGE		54	6		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		17	19		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		24	5		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		20	11		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		6	5		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		27	2		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		22	5		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		28	2		
	Dental consultation and Oral hygiene instructions with brushing techniques given by Dr.Udhayavani	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		25			
	Adolescent Day Awareness talk In Rural Government schools	Katrambakkam	105	100	5		
	Dr.Udhayavani- Government Higher Secondary School-	NALLUR	60	54	6		



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FEBRUARY 2020	MEDICAL CARE	PERIYAR NAGAR	69	13		1	
	MEDICAL CARE	VENGADU VILLAGE	80	9			1
	MEDICAL CARE	KATRAMBAKKAM	104	6			1
	MEDICAL CARE	SUDHANDHIRAMEDU	74	6			1
	MEDICAL CARE	FOOT WEAR DESIGN& DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE		200	5		
	MEDICAL CARE	SCHOOL-AMARAMBEDU		33	2		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		21	9		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		21	3		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		19	4		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		19	2		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		8	6		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		2	1		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		17	4		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		21			
	World Cancer Day awareness talk given by Dr.Udhayavani at Footwear Design and Development Institute	Irungattukottai	205	200	5		
	World toothache day awareness Talk	Government Middle School –Amarambedu	35	33	2		
MARCH 2020	MEDICAL CARE	MANIMANGALAM VILLAGE	65	10			
	MEDICAL CARE	MAPPEDU VILLAGE	61	7			
	MEDICAL CARE	MANNUR VILLAGE	64	8			4
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		24	3		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		10	1		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		30	1		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		17	3		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		85	5		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		6	39		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN		10	11		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	156	14	7		
	PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTION FOR THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES WAS DONE BY HAND AND THROUGH NEWSPAPERS	SURROUNDING VILLAGES					
	CORONA VIRUS AWARENESS AND HAND WASHING PROCEDURE TALK WAS DONE BY DR CHANDRU AT THE FARM SCHOOL	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	362	180	12	170	



The villages covered so far are -

- SOMANGALAM
- NALLUR VILLAGE
- RMD HOSPITAL CAMP
- PILLAIPAKKAM VILLAGE
- IRUNGATTUKOTTAI
- KATRAMBAKKAM
- AMARAMBEDU
- SCHOOL KATRAMBAKKAM
- SCHOOL -NALLUR VILLAGE
- SCHOOL-AMARAMBEDU
- FOOTWEAR DESIGN&
- DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
- PERIYAR NAGAR
- VENGADU VILLAGE
- KATRAMBAKKAM
- SUDHANDHIRAMEDU
- PAMELA MARTINEZ-PATHWAY AGRO FARM-MELMARVATHUR
- MANIMANGALAM VILLAGE
- MAPPEDU VILLAGE
- MANNUR VILLAGE









CHRISTMAS CELEBERATIONS

Every year the month of December is a very awaited month since it brings out in each one of us the best spirit by ringing out the old & ushering of the new year.

It is definitely the busiest time of the year where last minute shopping, wrapping gifts and planning the programme takes place.

This is a festival which actually you can feel days before in the air. The whole being of oneself seems to get soaked in helping others and to share the joy & peace one





observes in giving than receiving gifts. For children it is the most wonderful season to wear and don new clothes, creating special Christmas cards for their friends & families and to take part in the cultural activity depicting the birth of Christ.

This year too has been no different for the children who awaited the great day to bring

the joy & peace message to the world in their own special way. Apart from performing on the stage

a welcome dance , skit and nativity at Pathway centre. The teachers had laid out a special project for the kids under Trainable & Educable Group.

Using teaching methods & materials the



children were taught to make a crown, a star, candle, candy and the angle wings which all symbolise Christmas season.







It was a real joy to watch the kids immersed in the activity and trying their best to produce results to gladden their hearts. One could

teachers hearts. One could observe their tendency of helping their peer group which gladdened many a heart. The true meaning of





Mohammed Zabiullah as an Angel, Sivachandran Gurubaran dinesh Manikandan, Praveen, Balaji, Tharun and Jeevanandhan as sheep, Srikanth, leander and Chandru as Shepherds, Naveen, Joy Peter, Vardarajan as kings. Silent night was performed by a group of girls

Last but not the least the Santa Claus act was enacted by Karthikeyan who was enthusiastically received by the entire school. Their laughter echoed in every corner and finally they all danced to the music of Jingle bells their all time favourite.



Christmas could be seen here. The joy was pure and the air around was filled with the beauty of their innocence and smiles.

After creating these beautiful symbolic pieces the children held these props as a part of their dance programme. All the participants were donned in white and the props were carried out diligently by the children

Karthik was the torch bearer of the star, where Sachin held the candle Avyukt bore the angel wings and Vasant carried the candy.

Their faces were lit with smile and they performed effortlessly much to delight of all the people watching them. They received a thunderous applause from their peer group.

The nativity skit was enacted by the following children-

Dhanam as Mary, Vijayaprakash as Joseph,







The favourite place of Chennaiites to hang around during their winter vacations, Trade Fair at Island Grounds, was inaugurated recently. It has been witnessing a steep rise in the number of visitors.

The 70-day fair by Indian Tourism and Trade Exhibition is being organised to tap in the festive spirit and ensure better profit for traders. The expo which aims towards the promotion of Indian tourism has interesting stalls of Rajasthan handicrafts, Jaipur handlooms and Kashmiri fruit shops.

A stall by Tamilnadu Science and Technology Centre has fascinating illusions

and display boards about various planets which attract the kids. Gaming centres aided with VR technology are unique features of this year's fair.

The Island Grounds constitute a vast empty space on the island where fairs and exhibitions are held on a regular basis. Anna Salai is one of the major roads of Chennai. It originates on this island running mostly in the southwest direction towards the south. From the year 1975, the annual India Tourist and Industrial Fair, which is popularly known to the locals as the trade fair, has been conducted on this island by the state government of Tamil Nadu during the months of January to March. The fair was open to visitors from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and on Sundays it will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The attraction of this edition's exhibition is a giant world clock tower which displays the time of more than 20 countries. Besides that, the HR & CE department's stall has a statue of Kanchipuram Athi Varadar, which has been witnessing a huge number of visitors

Government exhibitions are organized to enable people to easily understand the schemes,

activities achievements and of the Government as exhibitions draw people in large numbers. Visual displays are grasped easily by mind and hence reach a larger audience. These exhibitions are organized in district headquarters during festive seasons and holidays so that a large number of people will be able to see the exhibition and benefit. The 46th India Tourism and Trade Exhibition 2020 began on Island Grounds on January 1st to March 7th 2020. There were more than 110 stalls, 30+ amusement rides, 18 special shows and 30+ government Pavilions of one of which Pathway was a participant under the





Disability sector. To this wonderful Exhibition Pathway's Vocational unit was called once again this year to be a part which opened on a grand note at the Island Grounds. Several dignitaries from State departments were present

"The idea of this fair was to provide a billion opportunities to the tourists visiting. During this 2 month long fair. Our children also participated in a mime from the Sabin-Pathway Centre much to the delight of the elite guests. This year was different from other years in terms of aesthetic value of the pavilion which was shaped like a house and all the articles inside were disabled friendly along with our vocational products. It worked as an eye opener and awareness campaign for the public regarding the various disability schemes, aids developed and different vocations along with jobs availability. It was indeed a very commendable part to reach out to the masses by the government of Tamilnadu.



The fair was open from 3 pm to 10 pm on weekdays and from 11 am to 10 pm on Sundays and public holidays. In this fair, state government departments showcase their services, alongside entertainment activities and amusement rides.









Pongal, one of a major Hindu festival is celebrated on the fourteenth day of January every year in the state of Tamil Nadu. For four long days, the festival is celebrated and mother nature and Sun God is worshipped for bestowing food grains and providing energy for agriculture. The word Pongal is derived from the Tamil word 'Ponga'. The derived meaning of the word is "to boil, spillover" or "overflowing." It is said to signify the overflowing harvest in the season, since harvest is usually associated with an abundance of food.



Pongal: Celebration and significance

The four day festival is celebrated as follows:

• Bhogi Pongal: The first day of Pongal is known as Bhogi Pongal. It is dedicated to Indra, the god of the heavens, lightning, thunder, storms, rains, river flows, and war in Hindu mythology. A large bonfire is lit to celebrate prosperity and the end of the winter season.



• Surya Pongal: The second day of the festival is dedicated to the sun god in Hindu mythology, Surya. On this day rice is boiled and offered to Surya. Sugar cane, coconut and bananas are also offered in temples. Kolam, a traditional design of the sun god, is drawn in homes.

• Mattu Pongal: The third day of Pongal is dedicated to cows. On this day, cows are decorated with beads, bells, corn, and garlands of flowers and worshipped by their owners. Cows are then offered the Pongal sweets and offering set aside for the gods.

• Kannum Pongal: The last and final day of Pongal is known as Kannum Pongal. On this day, a turmeric leaf is laid out on the ground with Pongal including sugar cane and seasonal delicacies early in the morning. Sisters pray for the long life and prosperity of their brothers on this day.

This day coincides with Makar Sankranti. 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. These 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, special 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.

This year it was more special with special guests attending at this time of harvest- Roger Woods and his family. They were excited to witness this great festival . It was a first time witnessing and their first time visit to India.

Though this practice is in everydays life here but this gives a start for a new year ringing in freshness and







beauty all round. Special prayer was said by Shalini, and there after the Principal explained about the meaning and concept of these three days significance. The children at the Chennai center had another project to work before the event. They were made to draw, color and cut out the main symbols used in the celeberation of Pongal. It was very interesting to watch the efforts each child took to draw and color at their own pace. 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 the sweetness of 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.

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 "Ponggalo Ponggal!" and blowing the sangu (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 watched 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 "Ponggalo 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.

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 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.

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.

At the Chennai centre children were dressed in their most beautiful attire. They all joined together swept the frontage paving way for a beautiful set of harvest images which included a overflowing pot of sweet rice, the symbol cow which denotes kamadhenu and sugarcane. Their principal Mrs Jeyseeli patiently explained the meaning of the festival . The children listened with rapt attention. To the utmost delight of the children the staff performed a folk dance Every student present there cheered their favourite teacher with beaming smiles. In turn the children enacted the entire harvest festival in dance form using various props so preciously made by their special hands.



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.

IMPRESSIONS OF VISITORS

(in their own words -

8 August 2019

Dearest Children of Pathway

I want to say how proud I am of each of you! The joy in your eyes is priceless! Your bappiness is the most important thing to me because each of you is a choice child of our Heavenly Father. The time we get to spend with you has created memories that I will cherish always. Your performances last night were a delight to watch and experience. The music, the dancing, the miming, it was all precious to me. I love each one of you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to help bring joy to your lives.

Yours always, ---Alex Martinez

Joy fills my beart every time I come to PATHWAY. The children are well cared for and they have bright smiles for everyone that passes through the gate. Chandra and all the staff bring happiness to each child by nurturing then with patience, kindness, and love. As I have come to PATHWAY over many years, I have found well educated children mature into productive adults to add value to society. Each child has found a place in my heart. --- Pamela Martinez

Thank you all for making us feel so special as we came to Pathway. I'm going to miss you all!!! I am so glad I got to meet you and I love each one of you. Keep up the great work! ----Brix Hazen

Brothers! I had such a good time being with you and playing with you. Thank you all for your gifts and your love. I will miss you all but I will remember the good times we had together! -Love --- Tommy Biglin

Thank you for showing me how to LOVE! Your smiles shine BRIGHT and your hearts BRIGHTER! Keep smiling and keep LOVING! --- Anabelle Sorensen

Sisters! Thank you for loving me! I will always remember your sweet spirits! I love you! I miss you! Chandra! You are the sweetest, most kind, giving women I have ever met. The work you do for these children is miraculous. The kindness you have shown the kids, my friends, and myself will forever last in my mind as an example of goodness --- Juliette Sorensen

Thank you for welcoming us and loving us so freely ! I will always remember your sweet smile and beautiful bearts! I love you! I love Pathway! Study bard! I miss you!

Chandra, you are such an amazing women and a great role model for me! Everything about you radiates love! Thank you for welcoming us with open arms and cooking great dishes. You are so selfless and raise such amazing kids! Thank you for everything this trip was been life changing. --- Hannah Olsen Dear Chandra,



CHANGING LIVES FOREVER Thank you for you bospitality. Thank you for your example of love and genuineness. You radiate with god's love and light. Thank you for taking the time to educate us and to tell us the stories that are so close to your heart. Thank you for giving SO MUCH! Giving to the children, giving to the now grown children, giving to Prasad, giving to US. You are beautiful inside and out.. Thank you for your work! --- Annabelle Sorensen



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBERATIONS



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The Republic Day is a national holiday of India, celebrated every year on 26th January. This day celebrates the anniversary of the Constitution of India and the transition of India from a British Dominion to a republic on 26th January, 1950.

getting freedom from the British rule on 15th August 1947, India was George VI till the constitution of India came into force on 26th

January 1950. On this day India is declared as a democratic republic nation. Dr. Rajendra Prasad was elected as the first president of India.

Republic Day is celebrated with a great pride and enthusiasm throughout India. Every year on this day a grand parade is held in New Delhi. The parade starts from the Raisina Hill near the Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's Palace), along the Rajpath, India Gate and on to the Red Fort. The different regiments of the Army, the Air Force and the Navy participate in the parade with all their finery and official decorations. The President of India, who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces, takes the salute and addresses the nation.

On this day Indians proudly fly their tricolor Flag, sing patriotic songs like "Vande Mataram", "Jan Gan Man" and pay tribute to all the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives in order to gain the freedom for India.

India marked its 71st Republic Day on Sunday with a parade showcasing some of its newly acquired capabilities and military hardware, both homegrown and like the anti-satellite missile as well as

bought from abroad like US made heavy lift Chinook and the anti-tank attack Apache helicopters.

The ceremony that lasted one and a half hours, was witnessed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the chief guest of this year's parade, Brazilian president Jair Messias Bolsonaro as President of India. Ram Nath Kovind took the salute. Cabinet ministers home minister Amit Shah, foreign minister S Jaishankar and Human Resources development minister Ramesh Pokrival — were among the audience alongwith top bureaucrats and diplomats of many countries.







• The ceremonies this year was marked by several firsts – starting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi paying homage to soldiers killed in battle at National War Memorial instead of the Amar Jawan Jyoti at the India Gate where he was met by the newly appointed Chief of Defence Staff, Bipin Rawat, besides Indian Army chief Manoj Mukund Naravane, Navy Chief Karambir Singh and Air Force chief R.K.S. Bhadauria. The National War Memorial which was inaugurated in February last year by Modi, has been built in memory of the soldiers who laid down their lives for the country after independence.

• Other firsts included a contingent of women bikers of paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force that performed daredevil stunts. It was led by Inspector Seema Nag who was seen saluting the president while balanced on a moving motorcycle.

• Marching for the first time in the Republic Day parade was a contingent of the Corps of Army Air Defence that was recently awarded colours by the president of India.

• One of the showstoppers of the parade was India's Anti-Satellite Weapons (ASAT) system that was successfully tested in March last year and which propelled India into an exclusive club of nations including the US, China and Russia to successfully demonstrate its capabilities to shoot down a low-orbital satellite.

• The finale was marked a breath taking fly past that too saw many new elements. For starters, there were three helicopters — one from the army, navy and Air Force each flying past the saluting dias in a "Tri-service formation."

• This was followed by three of India's newly acquired Chinook helicopters, used for airlifting diverse loads to remote locations, flying in "Vic" or in a formation resembling the letter "V."

• The Chinooks were followed by five Apaches flying in an 'arrowhead' formation. Both were inducted into the Indian Air Force last year and made their debut at this year's parade.

• India's heavylift capabilities were showcased by three C-130J Super Hercules transport aircraft and three C-17 Globemasters while the Indian Air Force's airborne early warning capabilities were showcased by India's 'Eye in the Sky- Netra' (NEtwork TRaffic Analysis) radar system that



was

flanked by two Russian made Sukhois. Upgraded MiG 29s and the French-British made deep penetration strike Jaguar aircraft too took part in the fly past.

Republic day was celebrated with the same pride 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. The entire frontage of the centre was decorated with our national flag and tri color balloons. A beautiful



Rangoli ushered and welcomed each one. The children were dressed smartly in white uniform As the



children were called to attention, Dhuli Patnaik our President was requested to unfurl the national flag. With this the children, staff and everyone assembled sang the national anthem in unison.

The programme started with a drill using rings as props. The added value was that the respective class teachers lead the drill with their children. This had brought lot of excitement and each child wanted to give his best. The different colors of the ring depicted the colors of our flag..

This event was followed by a Pyramid construction by these children and ending it with upholding our national flag. Not to be outdone a carefully prepared speech by Karthikeyan was read out. The gist of his speech traced out the reasons for celeberating this special day.

The children have always loved donning costumes and act the part of our heroic icons which led them to model their favourite leaders. Tharun enacted our father of Nation-Mahathma Gandhi, Vasanth modelled as Bhartiyar, Akshaya moselled as our former Prime Minister- Mrs Indira Gandhi and Sandhya stole the show by modelling as Bharat Matha.

The curtains were finally drawn after a dance event. The children dispersed after the completion of their last even to have a sumptuous breakfast and ofcourse the sweets whiccih is an all time favorite.

NITHYA MUKTHAN OR THE EVER FREE -PERFORMANCE GIVEN BY 200 DIFFERENTLY ABLED



Pathway believes in giving comprehensive rehabilitation and education to all the special children it serves. hence another dimension of holistic approach using theatre as a medium has been catered too. Pathway joins hands with this wonderful organisation known as RASA to allow our children to grow in this sphere. RASA is a unique organization which focuses on the holistic development of each individual through experiences of music, dance, drama, story telling, Arts Crafts. This and structured methodology is called Theatre for Holistic Development (THD), and was

developed by Rasa's Founder-Director, Dr. Ambika Kameshwar, after intensive research and successful application. They believe in the unconditional sharing of love between the 'able' bodied and the 'dis'abled based on the belief that every single person is born with tremendous potential and to fulfill a specific purpose

Children at the Pathway Chennai centre were absolutely ecstatic about the final creative drama which was fast approaching on the 28th February 2020. Past seven months they had been practising twice a week. A total number of 27 participants were chosen for the above. In total there were 7 organisations drawn from the city totalling to around 200 children for the dance drama The preliminaries were conducted twice before the D-Day. Excitement and the sparkle in their eyes was a sight to behold. As the day approached the confidence that they enthused was





remarkable. They behaved like a professional troupe going to perform. An audience of more than 2000 was expected to witness this beautiful production.

The day did dawn. One did not need to remind the kids to have an early lunch and to get ready with their belongings to board the buses. Absolute care was taken to pack their necessary items to the last detail. They waited for the buses to roll into the campus . A wave of happiness and cheer were the indicators when their transport arrived. In a flash the kids boarded the buses trying to get the best seat possible and

waited eagerly for their teachers to give the thumbs up command to the bus driver for their destined spot. It was an half hour ride into the city. As soon as they landed they were ushererd by the volunteers to the green room for their costume dressing. The teachers along with the make up artistes and the costume supplier went into action.



It was going to be a mammoth task of getting 250 children into their costumes, along with the necessary jewels and hair do's and outfits. The entire place was alive with laughter, smiles and above all a confidence which would pale a professional artist. During this period of getting ready, snacks in form of biscuits, juice and pizzas were supplied to the entire troupe. Every kiosk had minimum 20 to 30 children to adorn their costumes and make up. There was not a soul there who wasn't busy. Each had something to add to the scenario. An hour and a half was required for this team of 60 volunteers along with

the staff members to get everyone dressed. Now it was time for the participants to wait in turn for their turn to enact on the stage. We would like to inform the reader that the event was termed as NITHYA MUKTHAN- meaning- ETERNAL LIBERATION.



The story is termed as Nondip Paiyan – The Lame Monkey. Going back to yore days in 1916, Bhagavan's Mother Azhagammal and her youngest son Nagasundaram came to live with Bhagavan at Virupaksha Cave. Here the word Bhagwan has been termed for Sri Ramani Maharshi A little later, in the same year, it was decided to move into Skandasramam. Bhagavan moved there along with a number of devotees and His animal companions. He would make Skandasramam His abode for the next six years.





the monkey eventually limped into Virupaksha Cave. The all compassionate Bhagavan bandaged his leg and nursed him Backto health. In due course, the injuries were healed but he was left permanently crippled. Bhagavan named him Nondip paiyan, the little Hobbler. He was called Nondi as a pet name as he had to limp while walking or running.

Nondi would always sit on Bhagavan's lap or next to Him while He ate His food. He would never waste food offered to him. He was a

In the days just prior to Bhagavan moving from

Virupaksha Cave to Skndasramam, there was a monkey troop near Virupaksha Cave. There was a young monkey in the troop who had started to show some promise, and was gaining popularity within the tribe. The leader of the troop became envious and was very much displeased. Out of jealousy he attacked the young monkey, making him fall from a high tree. The fall badly injured a leg. The leader and the other monkeys abandoned him to his fate near the Virupaksha Cave. Barely conscious,



scrupulously clean eater. He followed Bhagavan wherever He went, limping along. Even Bhagavan told him not to follow Him, he would follow with great effort. He developed a fondness for Bhagavan and was devoted to Him, looking up to Him as his Master. Under Bhagavan's loving care, Nondi's leg improved, and he regained his strength. Nondi became a friend not only to Bhagavan but also to other Asramites. They appreciated his charming personality. But whatever has a beginning has an end too. Nothing is eternal except the Self. Five days later, the monkeys from Nondi's former troop came to Virupaksha Cave. The asramites saw them coming and were scared that they might hurt Bhagavan. Even Mother Azhagammal felt the same and told Bhagavan to leave Nondi. But Bhagavan









assured them that nothing would happen. The monkeys would not hurt anybody in Virupaksha Cave. As soon as Nondi saw his troop members, he went and climbed on to Bhagavan's lap. One of the members of the troop came near them and looked at Nondi's bandaged leg, Bhagavan told that monkey that He had applied medicine and bandaged to cure the injured leg. The monkeys were sorry that they had hurt Nondi so badly. They gave a friendly growl and one of them came and pulled Nondi asking him to rejoin the troop. But Nondi did not want to leave Bhagavan. He looked at Bhagavan. Bhagavan told Nondi, 'Your troop has come to reclaim you. Go with them like a good boy. Do not forget us when you become a King.' So saying, Bhagavan patted Nondi and sent him Back with his relatives. Like other animals the monkeys too have love and attachment to one another. Nondi used to come to see Bhagavan even after Bhagavan and others moved to Skandasramam. He used to come with his troop and be with Bhagavan for some time. When Azhagammal once gave Nondi food in a separate plate, he refused to eat, preferring to share food with Bhagavan from His plate, helping himself by taking from the plate! Nondi after eating, would pick up the fallen grains from the floor and made it neat. Bhagavan's appreciated Nondi's smartness. The entire drama was enacted by our troupe of these amazing children who had so seriously and dedicatedly taken up their roles which is evident in the pictures. To name a few of these children who participated in this great production were in the order were-

Prasanna-as Bhagwan-Ramana Maharshi, Beena -as Cook in the ashram , Mohammed Zabiullah-

the lame monkey, Chandruiealous the monkey, Vasanth and Vishal as other two small monkeys whereas the big monkey roles was played by Madhavan, Balaji, Devendran, Ranjith, Prathap, and Anitha, Tamilmani-Swami/Devotee. The other

acting devotees were-Bharath, Tamilmani, Vijayprakash, Sivachandran, Srikanth,





Naveen and Vaideeswari. The different animal roles were enacted by Vani, Rani as peacocks, Tharun was the deer, Joshwa depicted a dog and Leander was the snake.

ANTI LEPROSY DAY



The State Health Department would carry out intensive screening against leprosy till February 13 as part of the Leprosy Awareness Campaign across the State, said Health Minister C Vijaya Baskar while inaugurating the campaign at MGR Janaki Arts and Science College on the account of Anti Leprosy Day.

The senior officials of the State Health Department said that the intensive screening for leprosy has helped to identify more number of cases and thus better preventive and control measures have been taken against leprosy in the State. A series of activities towards the prevention and control of leprosy have been planned up and intensive screening would be carried out from January 30 to February 13 across the State.

The Health Minister also emphasized on the need to create awareness on the availability of treatment for leprosy and removing stigma against leprosy in the State. A team of 200 urban primary health centre nurses, health inspectors, zonal officers and non-medical staff conducted the screening at the Koyambedu market. As part of the State Leprosy Eradication Programme, the healthcare personnel





are carrying out an intensified screening programme for identifying the cases of leprosy among the workers.

The deputy Director of the Tamil Nadu Leprosy Eradication Programme Dr Dharma Lingam said that the State has recorded new cases of leprosy since the intensified screening programme launch. "*After the screening programme was started, more number of new cases are being identified. The intensified screening led to an increase in the total number of leprosy cases recorded in the State, but majority of them are new cases. We aim to eliminate leprosy even at block level to ensure zero deformities due to the disease,*" said a senior official from the State health department.

"The number of cases of leprosy in women and children is comparatively higher and constitute more than 50 percent of the leprosy cases in the State. The State Health Department under its Leprosy Eradication Programme is working towards preventing and control of cases of leprosy," said a senior official from the Tamil Nadu Leprosy Eradication Programme.

The health department said that the State has recorded an increase in the prevalence of the leprosy cases by about 5 per cent, which is mainly due to intensified screening across the State at district and block level.



"We are also conducting screening for police personnel in police headquarters, police resident quarters and for MTC bus drivers and conductors as part of the drive. The team has also conducted screening at old age homes and orphanages which included our centre on the 6th February 2020. A total number of 115 children were screened in our centre with no positive cases for leprosy but a few skin ailments were noted with the day care children where they were advised and short visuals were used to magnify the advantages of keeping oneself clean and hygienic. The staff took extensive efforts to do the follow up and mention to the parents to continue the advise given by the doctors .

NEW CREATIVE VOCATIONAL NEW IDEAS OUR PAPER TIME CLOCK



After the success in making the newspaper nativity and seeing the marvellous work the kids had made the newspaper mats our brain cells started ticking for new ideas. The word ticking made us think of the most obvious choice- a clock.

We sat in a group and decided whether the designing should include a wall clock or a time piece to add beauty to a table or mantle. There was lot of thinking involved . the internet was explored and finally we decided to make a model of a table clock which would have a stand of its own to cradle it with love.

We watched the kids keenly and after assessing their dexterity with a mat we decided to use that as a base and the obvious choice was a recycled CD.

Children were quite excited to start the project and add to our thoughts. The CD was

sandwiched between a strong cotton cloth and a weaved paper mat and the final finish was a braided mat rope circled around the CD to give it a perfect round touch.

The next challenge was to create a stand to cradle the CD clock. Earlier we had thought of using cardboard or nuwood for this but the uniqueness would have been only if we incorporate the newspaper. We mused over the idea and finally our idea was kindled by seeing a photograph stand. Using the same weaved mats we designed the stand and used buckram cloth for strengthening the same.



Once this was complete the numbers posed another challenge. Since the entire clock was designed only with paper we decided to use only paper for the numbers too and zeroed on white paper clay to mould them. To add some aesthetic touch we used a metal bangle with gold relief paper for the centre point where the time assembly part was to be inserted. Everything fitted beautifully and the final touch was to varnish it with minimum three coats to get a strong and beautiful finish.

With pride we had created another milestone of a unique product made by our special children. A brown box was further designed to showcase the same which has a clear plastic window for viewing. Time had been captured by these special hands and encased in a beautiful box for eyes to feast and urging the viewer to want to own one.

THE ROYAL GARLAND

For years we have been making different kinds of garlands using various kinds of materials.

Each Garland has been appreciated and we have had success over years. Changes are inevitable with time. All our previous efforts were already available in the market and we need to resolve this new challenge with another unique piece of art work.

Our thoughts once again shifted to the humble newspaper. The weaved mat had actually caught our fantasy and we were keen to use this in our new garland. Finally that scored in our votes and we ended with making circular CD size decorative pieces which had been embellished with newspaper beads to give a three dimension look added with sequins in the middle.

The next work was to make the strands to hold these decorative piece which would add statement to our garland. We had never tried using satin ribbons for the same. Each one in the group decided to lend their thoughts and we used the beautiful rich material fit for kings into our garland making. After much deliberate thought and always keeping the baseline of our special children we ended up making a petal having dual colour. This arrangement of each petal was based on our usual jasmine flower garlands which we use too decorate our hair taught in our childhood.



Sizes, measurements and the quantum was decided based on our earlier garlands and we put our thoughts in action. Each strand completed brought more motivation and it started gaining shape. The beauty of this wreath was it's weight. It was unbelievable light on ones neck and the wearer would not be uncomfortable. After completing this stage we finally started thinking seriously about the neck piece band. We had always used beads as a choice in our earlier attempts but this had to be different and we sat down to have discussion again.

Our bead jewellery caught my eye. I remembered we had a used a French knitter to create the strand for the necklace part. Though we were not sure but decided to use the same technique for the neck band. We definitely were slightly hesitant at doing it but it was worth giving a try. To our amazement



it did work. We were on our road to success. We had achieved a new model and definitely a unique one. The children's enthusiasm and patience and hard work had paid off. We are indeed glad to have a wonderful team who works with full dedication and love. Every piece churned out has been a witness of hard labour with full sincerity and love filled in it. We salute these very special hands without which our goal would never have been achieved.

The time for our Pathway Excellence Award was drawing nearer and we felt the need to change the garland design to honor those brave souls which in spite of poverty had learnt to cross the barriers and challenges of life to make a mark in the society. What better way to honor them than garlanding them with very unique garlands made by our special children.



EXOTIC BIRDS

After every completion of a new product we are not able to rest. Our minds continue to think about new things that we can produce and how to involve our vocation and prevocation students to be more creative and have a healthy competition in the work. It's a continuous process if one wants to get the best out of his or her student.

One afternoon while taking a class for the vocation group we happened to visit the terrace garden at the behest of the children. They were very eager to show their

prized secret. Their face were lit up and they couldn't contain their excitement. It was at this point that we decided to clear the mystery. We climbed the staircase to reach the terrace and we were ushered to enter the terrace garden gate one by one only. One kid asked us to maintain complete silence before entering their arena. At a particular patch of their beautiful nursery they indicated us to stop with a gesture. Looking quizzical at their faces we wondered what was in store. Slowly our gaze was directed to a hidden branch where a mother bird had built a nest and the babies were nesting in it. It took a while to understand that some teachings can't be taught in a classroom situation. These children had taken such wonderful care that the mother bird was not afraid of them and had trusted them with keeping her babies safe. Their immense joy was visible when they saw the wonderment in our eyes. Situation demanded that we keep silent and watch Mother Nature in its full form. As quietly as we had stepped in to watch with the same intensity we trooped out quietly without making a noise.

As soon as we entered the classroom back the entire group burst out into a discussion. It followed by the leader explaining the different stages of the parent birds circling to building a nest, laying the eggs and feeding the young ones. Nature had trusted these pure souls. We listened with awe their stories .


This event led us to our new product. We decided to make a life like bird using our fine white paper clay. Moulds were brought out and each group set out to make the birds. Very carefully after drying these halves were joined to give a full 3D effect to the bird. Wire was wound with pliers to give a natural appearance for the feet and finally we set out to assemble the entire pieces.

Children were overjoyed to see the bird taking shape. The real challenge was now to give it Color. We decided that each group would add a touch of Color to their birds and then we would decide how



we would showcase them. The project took more that ten days to complete and the results were very satisfying, looking at the handiwork we decided to mount them on pieces of oval shape bases of guava tree branches from our farm unit. Every piece was lovingly polished and varnished and finally every bird was placed on this piece of wood. The kids felt that it should have a touch of nature and thus paper flowers were introduced . Lovely roses and different flowers of all hues were formed and finally our project made it to the showcase.

We are very grateful and humbled by each step taken towards creativity because nothing else is more beautiful to watch than the radiant smile on these wonderful faces. They definitely qualify and aptly named as special children.

OUR RESIN ART WORLD continued

After the creation of our quilled nativity and grains filled bangles and pendants the sabin group and Chennai vocational kids wanted to try something yet more different. There has always been a healthy competition between these groups.

The children from the Chennai centre had visited the farm and met their peer group during the harvest time. It was wonderful to sit down watching the sunset and feeling the stock of grains gently blowing and swaying to the tune of the wind. The fresh breath of air and the lovely aroma fills your nostrils and you wish that time would stand still. They were all seated around the edge of the field and





enjoying each other's company and sharing their simple views of life as well as work.

I happened to listen to their talk and suggested they could carry a few handful back home. It was at this point that I realised that we could showcase these grains if I could come up with an idea of



keeping them pest free. By then the sun was setting and we all decided to walk back to our quarters for rest. My hand was clutching two of these stock grains and invariably I laid it down on the dining table to freshen up and set the table for dinner. On my return I noticed the grains had made a pretty pattern on my glass topped dining table. A look of surprise and happiness burst in my inner self. I was pleased with my idea of using these grains in our jewellery products. The thought of RESIN flooded my mind. It took a while before I could drift off to sleep and share my thoughts with others in the morning.

Thus was born the idea of using Resin to make various pendants, bangles etc with embedding our produce much to our delight. Now we had mementos and tiny artifacts which we could have as keepsakes or sell. The group was as excited as me and I decided to check out the market for sourcing out the best raw material I could find.

Finally we were able to procure a box of RESIN which had a ratio of 1:1 between clear epoxy resin and hardener. We used cheap disposable plastic cup along with some icecream sticks for stirring. Every time for any project safety measures and procedures are always followed. Plastic wrap along with gloves were added to our list. Instructions were followed to the last detail and we made our first basic shapes embedding the rice grains last year and now new pendants have emerged as per various ideas shared by our children.

They turned out to be a huge success and Pathway unit had made yet another stride in the world of

Vocation for these special children. We are proud to have made quality items which will give a run to the normal community too.

After our basic trial run we have entered the RESIN WORLD to create more and more variations and unique products using this wonder material. The staff and children of both the centres have given their team effort which makes learning a very unique and pleasurable activity.







The data in December 2019 showed that despite the number of cases reported in the media, data of the Union Health Ministry says that only five people have died due to dengue in Tamil Nadu from January to November this year. According to the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme data, 6,577 people were, in total, affected with dengue in the State during the time period.

The data updated on Monday also showed neighbouring Karnataka having reported 15,232 cases and 13 dengue deaths, the highest number of cases in the country. The other neighbouring states also reported more cases. Andhra Pradesh reported 4,647 cases and zero deaths. Kerala reported 3,940 cases and 16 deaths, and Telangana reported 12,072 cases and

6 deaths.

Dengue is caused by the bite of one of the many types of mosquitoes in the genus Aedes Aegypti, which has white stripes on their bodies and legs. It is caused when the mosquito has previously bitten a person who was infected. The pathway which is followed in case of the

incidence of dengueis 'infected person to mosquito to another person'.

The mosquito-borne viral disease dengue has become one of the worst nightmares of the country. Also called 'breakbone fever' or 'dandy fever', it is caused by a family of viruses and is transmitted via aedes mosquitoes. Dengue begins suddenly, with more benign symptoms at first but which may get severe with time. The symptoms of the disease show in three to seven, and sometimes fifteen, days. They include fever, headache, joint and muscle pain, swollen lymph nodes and rashes. Recovery from dengue does not take over a week unless the condition gets Mostly asymptomatic, severe. if the condition gets critical, dengue can be lifethreatening. The fever of dengue can attack anyone but those with weaker immunity are more prone to the disease getting severe when they are attacked. As it is caused by any of the five serotypes of the aedes aegypti, also called the yellow fever mosquito, dengue can happen multiple times to the same person. However, the person





acquires immunity to the particular viral serotype which has already attacked him. A more severe form of dengue is dengue hemorrhagic fever. The symptoms of dengue hemorrhagic fever include headache, rashes and fever besides bleeding in the body (haemorrhage), formation of red splotches on the skin, black coloured stool, bleeding in gums or nose and a weakened immunity. Dengue hemorrhagic fever is life threatening and can lead to dengue shock syndrome, which is as severe and fatal.

Hearing about this dreaded condition we at Pathway immediately set out on war footing. Basically everbody was educated on the type of mosquito which cause this deadly viral infection which when not treated could lead to death. The dengue mosquito (dengue Machar) Aedes aegypti is one of the only few type of mosquitoes that spread dengue disease.

Every adult staff was briefed to report any warning signs of children like -

- Refusing to accept oral fluids or vomiting
- Sleepy or restless

• Bleeding of the nose and gums, especially gastro-intestinal bleeding with fresh or old blood in the vomit or stool. Old blood in the vomit looks like ground coffee ground; in the stool may be black like coal tar.

- Abdominal pain
- Skin mottling, cold sweating skin or cold hands and feet. Absence of urine in the last 6 hours



They were also informed about the basic treatment though there is no specific treatment like most viral infections, , only simple supportive care with fluids. No antibiotics are needed to treat this viral infection.

They were advised to Bring the temperature down since a very high temperature can be dangerous and can cause fits in young children known as febrile convulsions. To bring down high fever to below 39 deg C, gently sponge the child with cloth soaked in water and give paracetamol was suggested.. Avoid certain drugs, for example, aspirin, NSAIDs (not steroidal inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen) which can worsen platelet problems and also cause gastritis leading to bleeds.

The mainstay of treatment is timely supportive therapy with fluids, oral or Intravenous route. Shock can be detected clinically by the degree of rise in hemoglobin as the fluid leaks into body spaces.

Increased oral fluid intake is recommended. Always use oral fluids if one is able to drink.



Supplementation with intravenous fluids may be necessary if the patient is unable to maintain oral intake and / or is in shock. Close monitoring in this critical period is crucial. Blood products will be needed only if the patient is bleeding, usual site of bleed is the gut.

Our doctors were consulted and they all agreed that tests of platelets, hemoglobin, coagulation profile, liver enzymes. and some specific tests to detect Dengue can be taken for safety reasons. Every member of Pathway was educated on keeping their environment clean, any open storage of water was discouraged. We also took upon ourselves to install steel mosquito meshes throughout all the centres to avoid any casualty.

We are proud to report that except for high temperatures that we witnessed in many children, we were able to contain this dreaded viral infection and apart from a few staff who needed hospitalization everybody scathed out without any serious damage. Keeping our childrens health priority we also got the government to fumigate our centres along with educating our kids through skits, talks and animation clips. Our children were also educated on identifying this mosquito by way of pictures and models. During this season light color clothes with full sleeves was one more precaution taken. Early diagnosis Early treatment with fluids and Close monitoring became our motto.

ORAL POLIO VACCINATION

Tamil Nadu has entered the 16th polio-free year in 2020. This year, the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine is aiming at vaccinating 70.50 lakh children in the age group of 0 to 5 years in a single round of the intensified pulse polio immunisation campaign on January 19.

Public health officials said that due to the successful implementation of the pulse polio campaigns, the State has been free of polio cases. It was important to sustain this polio-free status and protect



children from any possible transmission of wild polio virus.

Every year literally Pathway has been a base to draw in children from surrounding areas to get benefitted from the govt driven polio

vaccination programme. With a drastic decline in the number

of polio cases across the country the government decided to complete oral polio vaccination in one phase. We feel satisfied to note that in some humble way we are able to help the cause of polio eradication in India

Two drops of polio vaccine are administered to all children below the age of five except the sick children. All vaccinated children are marked with ink on their left little finger.





Children below the age of five years are administered polio vaccine by the Tamil Nadu government. The pulse polio vaccination, was inaugurated on 19th January as part of a nationwide campaign, and involved nearly two lakh public health personnel, Integrated Child Development Services, education and other government departments and volunteers were roped in for the campaign supported by UNICEF, WHO and Rotary International.. As part of the drive, around 50,000 immunisation booths were set up across the state in primary health centers, government hospitals, noon meal enters and schools including our centres which functioned from 7am to 5pm. The state also operated 1,000 mobile booths for children living in remote and inaccessible areas and localities that have a migrant population of which 5 to 6000 children of theses migrant labourers were to be immunized and atleast 1652 transit booths which functioned at major bus stands, railway stations, toll plazas, checkposts and airports.

WORLD SUMMIT 2020

" If we talk of God's omnipresence, where is God? He is not found in knowledge. Love, however, is different. It is the parents' heart of love toward their children that makes omnipresence reasonable and possible". ~ Sun Myung Moon

It was January the fourteen when I received a call from Dr Mark Hernandez. He was referred by our wonderful supporter in the United States. We had a lengthy discussion on the type of work that we do and the years of service that my late husband and I have done for the countless children from all over TamilNadu and some other states of India. After this exchange I kept the phone down and slipped back into my usual chores for the day.

The next day when I opened to check my mail I was pleasantly surprised to see a mail sent by the good doctor. It read as follows-



Dear Dr. Prasad,

It was a pleasure to speak with you this morning. You are an amazing, selfless person. I so admire the work of Pathway India. Your late husband and you have labored with love and vision over the course of 40 years - truly bettering the lives of thousands upon thousands of persons with special



needs and disabilities, who otherwise would have had lesser fates. It is sincerely an honor to invite you to join us at the World Summit 2020 in Seoul. The details are below in the official invitational letter signed by our executive officers. As you look the invitation over, I hope that if there be anyway possible you might truly consider attending. It will be an august gathering of global leaders of all races and faiths striving for sustainable peace.

I am happy to answer any questions you might have, logistical or otherwise. I'll be in contact shortly,

Dr. Mark Hernandez



I felt extremely honored to be invited to Seoul since that would give us an opportunity to showcase the world our 40 years of journey into taking care of nearly 40 thousand children and adults totally free. It would give us a platform to share our struggles as well as our success stories with a larger audience.

The President of our trust and I were invited to participate as guest of honor to World Summit 2020 on "Peace, Security and Human Development" to be convened February 2-7, 2020 in Seoul, Korea by Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr.-National Co-

Chairman, IAPD, Ki Hoon Kim, D.Min. National Co-Chairman, IAPD and Dr. Michael Jenkins - President, Universal Peace Federation

I would further like to add that this year World Summit 2020 featured a special session of the *International Association for Peace and Development* (IAPD), a global association of faith leaders from every religious expression, who interact beyond the boundaries of their own faith traditions for dialogue and collaboration for the sake of peace and human development. They felt that our participation would be a valuable contribution to this session.

In addition, World Summit 2020 also included the Inaugural Assembly of the *International Summit Council for Peace*, a worldwide organization of former heads of state and government who, also working outside of political interests, offered their considerable experience in statecraft to lessening tensions at the pivotal flashpoints of the world. sessions were convened to elicit the problem-solving expertise of entrepreneurs, professionals in the communication media, academicians and faith leaders, in addition to the bestowing of the *Fourth Sunhak Peace Prize Awards*. A highly selective group of several thousand delegates from around the world were in attendance.

There is a growing awareness among people throughout the world of the urgent need for innovative vision and bold leadership if we are to resolve the critical issues of our time. With this in



mind, World Summit 2020 brought together world leaders, whose individual and collective experience, wisdom and insight are needed if we are to build a world of mutual understanding, sustainable peace and prosperity.

In addition to the sessions of World Summit 2020, delegates were offered a wide range of opportunities to meet with officials in Korea representing the government, the Korean National Assembly, faith-based organizations, academia, and the private sector.

World Summit 2020 has stood out as uniquely significant in that it has convened at the outset of the centenary anniversary year of the birth of the Universal Peace Federation's founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012). Throughout 2020, programs and celebrations honoring the life, legacy and accomplishments of Dr. Moon will be held around the world, The conferees were guests of honor at a spectacular Centenary Celebration program at a beautiful venue in the mountains beside Cheongpyeong Lake, outside of Seoul We were given a time slot to express about our work in a nutshell. The genuine reactions and expressions from



the multitude of people from various countries gladdened our heart. We felt our visit was successful. We believe that we still have much to learn and give. Learning and gaining knowledge just doesn't ever stops. Every moment of life is meant to gather more knowledge and help the needy and disadvantaged ones. Our resolve to do this only grew more tronger and we are willing to face more challenges.

CFBP-JAMNALAL BAJAJ AWARDS FOR FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES-2019-2020

The Jamnalal Bajaj Awards for Fair Business Practices is a significant milestone that recognises and commemorates businessmen and industrialists who uphold the highest ethical practices in business. Constituted in 1988, these Awards are judged on eight vital parameters, including customer satisfaction, employee motivation, environmental protection and corporate social responsibility, among others. Each year, the Awards are presented to the manufacturing enterprises, service organizations as well as trade and distribution and charitable associations who have made significant efforts in promoting Fair Business Practices and demonstrated high standards of integrity in their business dealings, thereby helping to promote the interest of consumers. The Awards set a benchmark in the Business Sector as CFBP is a brand that evokes credible recognition.Our application was shortlisted for the council for fair business practices and we were



invited to give a power point presentation lasting for ten minutes before the Panel of judges followed by clarifications if any. The panel was to be headed by **Ex-Delhi HC Chief Justice Mr. Justice Ajit P. Shah.** We were requested to attend the meeting scheduled at 2:25 p.m. on 6th March, 2020 at the Board Room of Bajaj Group, Mumbai – 400 021.

We attended the meet at the given scheduled time and returned the same day back to Chennai. On the 9th of March 2020 we received the following letter from the Bajaj group....(some excerpts of the same...)

Dear Dr.Prasad,				
CFBP JAMNALAL BAJAJ UCHIT VYA	VAHAR PURASKAR - 2019-20			
CONGRATULATIONS !				
We are glad to inform you that the Panel of Judges, in its meeting held on 6 th March, 2020 has selected your organisation for receiving a Trophy for 2019-20 in the Category of Charitable Association.				
The Awards shall be presented at a glittering function scheduled to be held on Friday 27 th March, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Walchand Hirachand Hall, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Churchgate, Mumbai – 400 020.				
Mr. Rajnish Kumar, Chairman, State Bank of India is the Chief Guest for the Awards Function along with some distinguished guests.				
Thanks and regards,				
	et Bhatnagar irman, Awards Committee			

Though we were ecstatic but were dampened with news of postponement of the award because of ongoing corona virus situation.

TERRACE GARDEN

Gardening with children who have special needs is indeed a very rewarding experience. Creating and maintaining the ornamental plants and vegetables, plants has long been recognized as being therapeutic. Over these years of experience we feel that it is a tool to help these special children to develop necessary skills and in turn enjoy the fruit of success not just by money but also by being in nature. Their motor skills have improved, working in a group has increased their social and personal skills which has culminated in further self confidence building.

Basically there are plenty benefits to health and environment which include

- Reducing the indoor temperature by 6 to 8 degree
- Reducing overall heat absorption of buildings
- Terrace garden also helps in retaining the rainwater thus helping in rain water harvesting.
- Able to produce pesticide free healthy greens and vegetables
- Providing a regular physical exercise clean fresh air and proximity with nature
- Bringing down sound pollution and a beautiful haven for birds to nest

The only disadvantage of terrace garden is -- It requires labour to maintain







more produce.

We have also observed that the children have shown less aggressiveness and reduced stress and tension.

Every year of work has only reaped more benefits from every angle.

We have covered our terrace with a green shade net and assembled the drip line to aid the children to supply water at correct intervals . the uniform distribution with a mist like effect was more endearing since it totally avoided over watering the plants.

To reduce the wind activity a barrier of water bottles in green and white combination was erected in a vertical fashion which served dual purpose. One it added a aesthetic value and secondly the bottles acted as pots to grow ornamental plants which was a feast to the eyes. Chennai weather conditions being hot requires these plants to be well cared and tended. Fertilising the soil well before planting and use of organic compost and liquid fertilizer go a long way to make our garden envy of the town. Every year we learn from our past mistakes and try to avoid in the current to get our garden blooming with

We decided to grow more of vegetables this year in comparison to flowers and fruit trees saplings this year. The aim was to have year round supply of fresh fruits and vegetables., to reduce expenditure on purchase of fruits and vegetables, effectively utilizing space available at the roof top and supplying toxic free fruits and vegetables., with benefit of growing ones own favourite vegetables and allowing space to grow unavailable vegetables on the roof garden. Once done we had to rework on the outlay. This led to to us rearranging the nursery to give it a added dimension and think of new plants which can be experimented and planned for.

Ash blocks were bought and rearranged in a new pattern to allow proper drainage and accessibility for children to grow their favourite plants. The choice was varied since it involved a group. Each one had their favourite and this interest was used as a motivator to be a part of this gardening club. Apart from our usual Bonsais, orchids, pineapples, egg plant, tomatoes all types of greens, green chillies, sapota, lemon, Roses, Jasmine, Bougainvillea, Litchi, Orange apple,





Cactus, Crotons, Papaya, Drumstick, Banana, Lxora,Curry leaves, Coriander, Rangoon creeper, Betel leaf creeper, Tulsi or Basil, Heart ring creeper, Begonia, the list is endless the above vegeatbles seeds were added.

As mentioned earlier the task analysis and break up of activities was planned by the staff was put into action. They took up the action of preparing the grow bag first. The sealed polythene grow bags were laid out and then the upper portion was cut just below the seal with the help of scissors. A next group led by another staff member removed the cocopeat bricks which was allowed to soak for 5 to 10 minutes in fresh water.It was like magic to the kids to watch these cocopeat bricks expanding upto 4 to 5 times their size. They were overjoyed to see this sight unfolding in front of their eyes. 4 holes were made at the side walls nearer to the bottom of the bag for draining the excess water. The next step was to Mix the biofertilizer (Azospirillum and Phosphobacteria) and bio fungicides (Pseudomonas and Trichoderma viridi) with the compost. After adding 1 Kg of mixed compost to 1 bag of cocopeat medium, this



growing medium was filled 1 inch below from the top of the plastic cover. After completing this task the children and staff attended other work since it needed 7 to 8 days for decomposition where the color would turn black. Children waited eagerly for this time period to pass. When the day did dawn they declared the grow bags are ready for sowing or planting.

The next step in their task analysis was to separate the types of vegetable seeds into Transplanted vegetables: (For Trays) Tomato, brinjal and, chillies. and Direct sowing vegetables: like-Okra, clusterbean ,bush lab-lab, greens, radish and coriander were separated

The Number of bags were allocated to each seed variety and depending on the instructions the pattern of sowing and planting was done.

The following was adapted-

The vegetable seeds like Okra, clusterbean, Bush lab-lab, chillies, mint, beetroot, coriander, curry leaves, tomatoes spinach and raddish are directly sown in the growing medium and then pressed by finger. The depth of the seed sowing was about two and a half times of the seed size and two seeds were sown. The staff instructed the students to allow the healthy seedling to grow and remove the other one after one week. For greens because of the tiny size of the seeds,1 tablespoon was mixed with 2 parts of sand/compost and broadcasted on the growing medium. A news paper was placed flat on the surface and water was sprinkled gently. The group headed by Prasanna here were asked to remove the newspaper when germination was visible.





The next method being transplanting where the seedling for crops like brinjal, tomatos and chillies etc., had to be raised in protrays were then transplanted in the polybags. These seeds take 30 to 35 days to be eligible for transplantation. The group incharge was Tamil Mani and Joseph. In the mean time, greens were raised in the bags proposed to be planted with brinjal, tomatos and chillies. Since the greens harvest time was a period of a month which was perfect timing for the other transplanted seedlings to grow.

And finally the Protray nursery headed by a staff with Joseph being the leader attended to it for raising vegetable seedlings. Protrays are the plug trays of 2-3" depth with a drainage hole. Initially the plugs are filled with cocopeat and one seed is sown in each plug and cover with compost or sand mixed

compost.After

sowing, the protray should be irrigated immediately .The protray is covered by a polyfilm till the seedlings emerge, and thereafter it is removed and exposed to sunlight up to 12 noon. There after it should move to some shady places. Most of the seedlings are ready for transplanting within one month from the date of sowing

Watering Plants was the next major issue taken up. Since we had drip irrigation we were able to manage the time



and quantum of water flow since the grow bags need a lot of care and attention. The nest phase was the manuring stage which would encourage root growth and the development of vegetables, The kids were asked to fertilize only once in a week.

After 60 days when the staking phase occured, a







group of these special kids swung to action by bringing small but sturdy guava tree branches from our garden to support plants like tomato, brinjal, bush bean and clusterbean to avoid snapping or breaking during high wind.

Some children were involved in the weed Control and taught hoe to do the removal gently. This was followed by the last step of Pest and disease management by using a spray mix of garlic,ginger and chilli extract. The beauty about this nursery is that it also educates our special child, vocabulary increases, along with other skills like touch, colour and aesthetic sense etc. and concepts are benefited

VOCATIONAL - JOB TRAINING & PLACEMENT

To meet the employment challenges of the disabled, Pathway offers the following jobs to its students:

Over the years, Pathway has developed some long term, time-tested relationships with certain

NO. OF JOBS	TYPE OF SKILL	LOCATION
WEAVING	25	CHENNAI
CLEANING & HOUSEKEEPING	10	CHENNAI
SECURITY	1	CHENNAI
MEDICAL UNIT	1	CHENNAI
JEWELLERY UNIT	15	CHENNAI
BAKERY	10	CHENNAI
HANDICRAFTS	10	CHENNAI
PAPER MACHE	15	CHENNAI
GARDENER	2	CHENNAI
HELPER	5	CHENNAI

companies, organizations, and individuals who have consistently supported the Center and its endeavors to rehabilitate and employ its students. Additionally, many small businesses and individuals regularly buy services from the Center's printing, handicrafts, jewellery making and bakery facilities.

MEDICAL UNIT

Pathway's medical programme is a comprehensive and continues to grow. Established 34 years ago in a rented building in the slums of Thiruvanmiyur, Kamarajnagar, the medical centre is committed to providing care for both Pathway patients and poor communities within Pathway's reach.

Medical centre began with a modest grant from the Drawings & Sponsorship EMMAUS of Switzerland

 Established under the direction of late Dr. V. Shankaran, Professor of Surgery (Retd)

Now located within the Pathway Centre building in Thiruvanmiyur, with funding from :

✤ Judge William Sheffield, USA

Mr. Jean-Luc and Mrs. Carole Butel, USA

On average over 3,505 patients are treated every month at the medical facility:

✤ Nearly 1,577 are men.



✤ Over 1,928 are women and children

The medical centre runs now with the help of three visiting doctors namely- Dr Shameeza Quathoon, Dr. N Jagannathan and Dr. Manoprakash. The medical centre has the following capabilities: Total number of cases treated is : 42059 Men : 18,927, Women and Children : 23,132







GENERAL MEDICAL CONSULTATION	DRESSING AND INJECTION AREA	PEDIATRIC CARE	PHARMACY	
MINOR SURGICAL PROBLEMS	PSYCHIATRIC OUT PATIENT CARE	MEDICAL STORE	TREATMENT ROOM	



CONDITION	NO. OF CASES	CONDITION	NO. OF CASES	CONDITION	NO. OF CASES
ACCIDENT	1648	EYE INFECTIONS	1120	GASTRIC CONDITIONS	4270
CARDIAC	1112	FEVER	5686	GYNIC	1200
EAR/THROAT	1275	FRACTURE	1109	INFECTIONS	9805
DIABETES	1320	MALARIA	1252	INJURY	1198
RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS	3450	SKIN	1484	TYPHOID & OTHERS	1184
DYSMENORRHO EA	642	ARTHRITIS & ORTHOTIC	1342	MYALGIA	1600



Pathway currently employs a total of 47 staff members at the Chennai centre, plus 4 honorary experts

STAFF	N O.	STAFF	N O.	STAFF	N O.
SPEECH PATHOLOGIST & AUDIOLOGIST-part time	1	ASSISTANT TEACHERS	3	HELPERS	5
PEDIATRICIAN	1	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	1	CLEANERS	3
PHYSICIAN, SURGEON	2	YOGA INSTRUCTOR	1	ACCOUNTANT	2
DENTIST	1	PHYSIOTHERAPIST	2	PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER	1
NURSE	2	VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTORS	3	WATCHMAN	1
MEDICAL/DENTAL ASSISTANTS	2	BAKERY ASSISTANT	1	DRIVERS	2
SPECIAL EDUCATORS	13	WARDEN	1	COOK	2

TRAINING OF PARENTS

The institution regularly conducts training programme for the parents in the various aspects of rehabilitation. Parents are encouraged to join various programmes of the centre and work with the special children with special needs. They are also given opportunities to join as regular staff in various programmes for the children and adults of the centre. Groups of parents who have expressed their willingness to work are encouraged to assist the day care programme in several ways. We have conducted three parents teachers meet over this year

SELF HELP GROUPS OF PARENTS

"The parent's association of Pathway" has successfully formed 'Self Help Groups' (SHG). These groups consists of parents of Intellectually disabled children and adults of the centre. The intention of the organization to form such group was to energize and empower parents to take lead in helping their children in various projects drawn by the organization. The organization has ambitious programme for the SHG in organizing sales of various products made by the organization, involving children and parents of the children, so that the SHG can work towards economic emancipation of their wards.



The proposal strongly advocates "Training the Trainers". It is proposed to establish very well organized and planned courses to train young minds to serve the disabled and the needy. These training programs will be need-based and specific to the urgent needs of the proposed facility. All these courses are recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India, Ministry of Welfare, Govt. of India. These courses will run at different levels, such as: Multipurpose rehabilitation workers educators for the disabled, etc. All these training program will have considerable inputs from agriculture.

BENEFITS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The training programs will provide 20-30 qualified and interested helping hands in integrated education to the Farm and reduce the overhead recurring costs. Candidates trained at the Farm are expected to acquire all round expertise which includes general management of the disabled, working with normal children, residential rehabilitation program, specific skills in the techniques of scientific agriculture, etc. Training will be unique as no such programs are available in other centers. We are participating in the CRE programmes this year.

EDUCATING underprivileged CHILDREN FOR THE LAST 26 YRS



It is now more than twentysix years since Pathway started serving poor normal children from the urban slums adjacent to the city centre of Chennai by offering them free educational support. This service has galvanized lives of many children. Recently it was a pleasure to meet some of the boys and girls who have metamorphosed into successful young men and women in different walks of life. Balaji, who was in the 12th grade, has today successfully completed higher

secondary. Some children are looking out for jobs and some are doing part time courses. Similarly, Murugeswari completed her B.Com and has set out to become an account assistant and with the same degree today Lavanya has become an account assistant in Chennai. There have been other success stories from many of the children who were served by Pathway over the years. It was indeed satisfying and thrilling to hear such stories about many former students.

They decided to throw open the doors of the walk-in clinic to all the poor in the slum so that the men, women and children could receive free medical services and thereby have an opportunity get closer to the institution. This helped many so that they would actually visit Pathway and see the services which were given and accept the children with disabilities.





To encourage children to get closer to Pathway, it was decided to start a childfriendly programme of helping a few school children in their education between 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. every day. This step had an overwhelming response as more than 150 children approached the organization for assistance. This compelled Pathway to enlist several well-educated and dedicated teachers to offer educational support to these poor children who were attending the government-run corporation schools. This free and highly friendly support gained the patronage of hundreds of children who needed educational support for completing

homework as well as for understanding their lessons better. This move by Pathway brought great changes in the lives of children as they flocked in the evenings to attend the well-organized classes. The focus on spoken English gained much popularity. This service brought great dividends. Once hostile neighborhood children came to know many of the disabled children by name and showed positive affection and concern to them. In addition to this, Pathway also offered the deserving poor children modest financial support by purchasing books, stationery, clothing and other needs. This experience formed the foundation to understand the needs children, particularly girl children, and the problem of Indian children marginalized by poverty, and paved the way for Pathway to establish the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and orphanage.

Many studies show that poverty and lack of education go hand in hand. One of the best ways to lift children from dire poverty is education, which allows them to earn better wages as adults and to value the education of their children. Poverty in India is widespread, with the nation estimated to have a third of the world's poor.

Inspite of all the good initiatives and good programmes there is still a need to educate our children through extra coaching which will help in the quality education especially where the parents are illiterate. Their offsprings face no access of after school education to compliment the school education. There is no one to provide them tuition once they return from school, because their parents

are very poor and illiterate. No one can help them in their homework and asking a young child to do his homework is a mockery of entire education system. There is poor quality of teaching by private tutors who are not qualified. The major one is lack of study space for the children. Since the houses are always cramped and the noise decibel of TV and continuous stream of visitors inside their tiny settlement, the children find it very impractical to study in such circumstances. Then there is shortage of teachers, rooms, poor light conditions. The major hurdle being the parents lack interest about the education of their children. The society is not sensitive to their emotional needs. Hence like a drop in the ocean Pathway has been addressing this





problem in a humble way, but with some success. By sustained effort, school dropout at the Pamela Martinez/Pathway Matriculation School and Orphanage has been reduced from 19% in 2002 (its first year of operation) to 0% in 2019. We whole heartedly will try to do our best to empower these kids so that their future is secured for generations to come. This lift will not only motivate but also spiral towards a better life. The dedicated staff of Pathway is sensitive to these youngsters and their efforts prove that these children can be an asset not just to themselves or their families but to the world at large.

RENOVATION WORK COMPLETED

As reported in our earlier year that Chennai centre has suffered extensive damages in different areas because of flood and cyclone effect. After much of deliberation we in the committee decided to repair all in different phases and priority wise. The renovation work was taken in the Chennai centre in the following areas –

All the rest rooms and bathrooms of the ground and first floor along with additional tow toilets provided in the outside area have been renovated with high quality sanitaryware along with health faucets, exhaust fans, better plumbing, no stain and easy to clean tiles and stainlesssteel wash basins.

A ramp has been provided in the front entrance to enable easy access for children and wheelchair.

The kitchen too has seen a transformation with new stainless-steel sinks replaced along with kitchen equipment.

• In the dining room the stainless-steel frames of dining tables have been rehauled and granite marble tops have been placed

All the in and around passage areas of the building has been cemented

• The common room for various activities of the school has been rehauled, fans and light fixtures along with electrical lines has been replaced and tiled for easy maintenance

The medical clinic too has been fixed from a leaky roof and damaged side walls.

The lower and upper tanks have been thoroughly cleaned and water proofed along with repairs rectified for the plumbing lines

The roof area which had been damaged by the flood and cyclone effect has been re- water proofed.

The electric room too has been barricaded by a grill door for safety of the children.



IN THE WAKE OF CORONA VIRUS

Corona Virus Baltimore Group IV ((+)ssRNA)



In the wake of the Corona Virus we have taken steps to teach our children about the safety measures and precautions to be taken during this most difficult period.

The children apart from discussions, drama, video, TV presentation we also have enhanced the awareness in the form of posters and showed it in the form of comic which has been designed by the government of India.

Children have been shown in form of demonstration too along with tests carried out for every child to further clear any doubt . Our medical doctors have thoroughly checked every child and the use of sanitizers and hand wash has





been made mandatory.

As per the State Government directive the home and day care children have been sent home to their respective guardians till the 31st march 2020 The following are a few examples of the awareness programme done

The above is a example of the comic book narrated to the children.

The WHO has advised the following which has been introduced to the kids.



1. Wash your hands frequently

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.

Maintain social distancing

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

Why? When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.



Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

Practice respiratory hygiene

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.

Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

Protection measures for persons who are in or have recently visited (past 14 days) areas where COVID-19 is spreading

- Follow the guidance outlined above.
- Stay at home if you begin to feel unwell, even with mild symptoms such as headache and slight runny nose, until you recover. Why? Avoiding contact with others and visits to medical facilities will allow these facilities to operate more effectively and help protect you and others from possible COVID-19 and other viruses.
- If you develop fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical advice promptly as this may be due to a respiratory infection or other serious condition. Call in advance

and tell your provider of any recent travel or contact with travelers. Why? Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also help to prevent possible spread of COVID-19 and other viruses. Protect yourself and others from getting sick



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

^{*} Our organisation has been nominated for receiving a Trophy for 2019-20 in the Category of Charitable Association from CFBP JAMNALAL BAJAJ UCHIT VYAVAHAR PURASKAR - 2019-20

The NATIONAL AWARD FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES in the category of BEST INDIVIDUAL – PROFESSIONAL FOR THE YEAR 2019 is conferred on DR. CHANDRA PRASAD for her achievements.

Receiving the **MAHATHMA GANDHI AWARD** on Oct 1st 2019, on the 150th Anniversary of our Father of the Nation for SOCIAL GOOD

The Global Peace University has conferred the HONORARY DOCTORATE in the degree of - DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK on CHANDRA PRASAD on the first of September 2019.

BEST SOCIAL WORKER AWARD conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2019 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Mr Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Govt. of Tamilnadu

^{*} On 19th January 2019 the Kancheepuram District Self Financing School Association honoured our school in the –THE FIFTH AWARDS CEREMONY' for hundred percent result for the tenth standard for the year 2017-2018

Bharath Jyothi Excellence Award conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD IN THE YEAR 2018 by the National Integrity Cultural Academy under Global Achievers Council

Social Award on 107TH Birthday Anniversary of MOTHER TERESA by Justice S Rajeswaran and Justice M V Muralidharan of Madras High Court conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2017



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 employeesHon'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