

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



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2023-2024

“PATHWAY”

Centre For Rehabilitation & Education
of Intellectual Disabled

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FROM THE CO-FOUNDER-HON.DIRECTOR'S DESK



Being grateful for Every day that passes fruitfully has been our goal. 2023-2024 has been extremely pleasant. We started our new financial year with the same gusto as the previous year. We were invited to celebrate the Intellectual Disabled Day along with our wonderful kids to perform a dance which was very well appreciated by the collector who also honored our Director.

This new financial year started with celebration of World Autism Day at all our centres. We were overjoyed to welcome all our children back at our centres with many a new admissions. The faith reposed on us by the children staff, parents and society deepened our commitment to our work and we promised our inner selves to give a more meaningful life to our deserving kids. Our commitment led us to co-operate with the Corporation of Tamilnadu to conduct a medical camp along with two medical colleges. The chief guest being our Honorable ---Mr Irai Anbu IAS. Apart from medical help the public also availed the Kalaingar Insurance policy.

We continued with our renovation work of painting of our dormitories both interior as well as exterior at the Chennai Centre. The work on the renovation of the swimming pool and stage was taken up with full interest and executed. Along with the renovation work we also executed a cover for the stage, renovation of the gazebo and a parking area.

Many a educational tour were conducted for all the centres which were added in their education portfolio.

Regarding the agriculture sphere we did harvest paddy but the weather conditions were not very conducive for vegetables. Coconut production and mango grove were boosted by carrying out maintenance activity.

Our desire to magnify our endeavor to serve many more “poorest of the poor” through our outreach program in remote villages was executed. Our help was extended to 24 villages by way of Physiotherapy and Dental Oral Screening. We are extremely proud to say that we were able to help a differently abled children and adults in gifting number of wheel chairs and provisions with help of our great supporter- Kinderhilfe Emmaus. At this juncture I convey our continued gratitude to all our supporters and benefactors and pray for their continued love, munificence, and association. Pathway was selected by the TN govt to participate in the Divya Kala Mela organized by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India for ten days in the month of November.

This period has also allowed us to share our blessings in form of provisions to more than 5000 families which includes our children and staff too. The areas covered were in Chennai and Chengalpattu.

We have also been fortunate to receive many awards for creating an impact on the society. This year also we were able to rope in the prestigious Life achievement award by Puthia Vanigam Publication, Indian Social Impact Award-Brand Honchos, Life achievement award by FTIEA - Fame Times International Excellence Awards – presented at Malaysia in Oct 2023

We are indeed grateful for all those souls and every well wisher who stood by our side. We also acknowledge the visit to all our centres by Robert and MaryAnn Parsons, and Matt and Karen Parsons who happen to be second cousins of Mr Gary Sabin. We were equally delighted by visit of Mr Amit Sachdeva who is a social entrepreneur, philanthropist and founder Mahatma Award. He is known as the CSR Man of India for his efforts and advocacy for the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Bill in India.

We are indeed very grateful to Sabin Foundation, Mr Gary and Valerie Sabin, Mr Eric Otteson, A Brighter Path – Mr Alex and Mrs Pamela Martinez, Late Judge William Sheffield, Mr and Mrs William P Benac, Mr Bill Benac Jr, Mr Tim Fewkes, Mr BJ Butel and Mr Jean-Luc Butel, Kinderhilfe-Drawing & Sponserhip Emmaus, Mr Jim and Karen Dossdall, Mr Michael Ang and family, Mr Jim and Gemie Martin, and Mr Kirsten Monson who continue to support us. Our most grateful thanks to Mr Shant Jain (Trustee) who took time out of his busy schedule to supervise the renovations done at the farm and school unit without any remuneration. We are indeed very grateful for his selfless service. My most sincere and grateful thanks is also due to the grants received by the State Govt of TamilNadu, which includes Chennai and Chengalpattu 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.

ORGANIZATION – GOVERNANCE

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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 Defense, 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

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- CHENNAI**

Recognised by **Commissioner For Welfare Of The Differently Abled, Chennai** As Special School
Cum Vocational Training Centre For The Intellectual Disabled For The Period **07.04.2023 To**
06.04.2026

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06.04.2026

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION-PATHWAY-SABIN CHENGALPATTU**

Registration is renewed to **“SABIN/ PATHWAY HOME FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITY AND ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS – REHABILITATION CENTRE, No:1
A.D.S.N Prasad Street, Agili Village, Sendivakkam Post, Via Sothupakkam, Maduranthakam Taluk,
Chengalpattu District – 603319, S.No.244/5A – 685.0,12.70 as an institution for the persons with
Disabilities vide S.No.315/ 2019 under Section 51 (2) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,
2016 to run a Home & Vocational Training Centre For Intellectually Disabled which is valid
from 01.09.2021 TO 30.06.2024.**

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER JJ ACT -PAMELA MARTINEZ/PATHWAY
MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME**

This Certificate of Registration renewal is awarded to – **PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY
MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME, (Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust)
No:1 A.D.S.N Prasad Street, Agili Village, Sendivakkam Post, Via Sothupakkam, Maduranthakam Taluk,
Chengalpattu 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**

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER DEPT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION-
PAMELA MARTINEZ/PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME**

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Taluk, Chengalpattu District - 603319 of Tamil Nadu -**

- 1.Chief Educational officer proceedings SL NO 3833/A1/2021 dated 29.10.2021 as per RTE act(Right to Education Act) 2011 ,Recognition for the LKG TO VIII grade from **01.09.2021 to 30 .06.2024**
- 2.As per Matriculation School regulations, Chief Educational officer proceedings SL NO 3833/A1/2021 dated 29.10.2021, Recognition for the IX TO X grades from **01.09.2021 to 30 .06.2024**

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION (UNDER SECTION 12 (4) OF THE ACT)**

❖ **REGISTRATION NO. TDRD16513235267**

**PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR MENTALLY
RETARDED** a unit of DR. D. M. C. TRUST, 12TH WEST, STREET, CHENNAI, Chennai, Tamil
Nadu-600041 (SR/Company Act/ Public Charitable Trust : S.No.7 of 1985) Voluntary Organisation is
registered with The National Trust. The Registration shall remain valid from **15/05/2021 to 14/05/2026**

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR CSR ACTIVITIES FROM MINISTRY OF
CORPORATE AFFAIRS, GOVT OF INDIA**

Registration No. CSR00015933

"HAVE THE POOR HELP THE POOR"

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 the Intellectually Disabled adults and children.

From these humble beginnings grew an organization that has served almost 41,950 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

INCLUDES

OF SPECIALISTS

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST AND
AUDIOLOGIST

CON.PSYCHIATRIST
SURGEON

YOGA INSTRUCTOR

PSYCHOLOGIST

CREATIVE DRAMA AND ART
THERAPIST

PEDIATRICIAN

CON. NEUROLOGIST



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPIST

SPECIAL EDUCATORS

DENTISTS

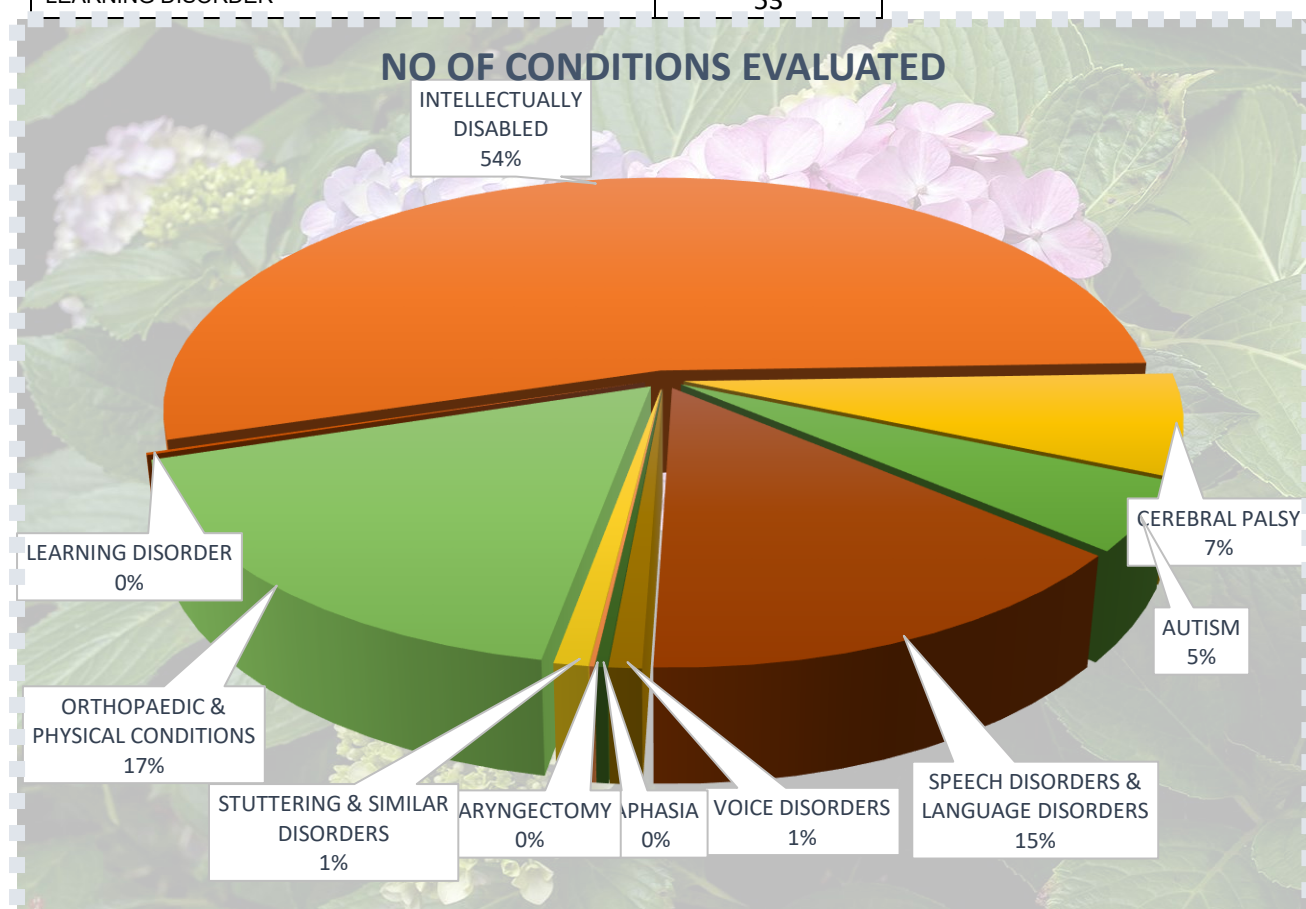
NUTRITIONIST

VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR

PHYSICIANS etc

CONDITION	NO. OF CASES
INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED	18905
CEREBRAL PALSY	2419
AUTISM	1663
SPEECH DISORDERS & LANGUAGE DISORDERS	5018
VOICE DISORDERS	315
APHASIA	118
LARYNGECTOMY	47
STUTTERING & SIMILAR DISORDERS	330
ORTHOPAEDIC & PHYSICAL CONDITIONS	6023
LEARNING DISORDER	53

**FROM THE YEAR
1989 TO 2024**



“When you focus on someone’s disability you’ll overlook their abilities, beauty and uniqueness. Once you learn to accept and love them for who they are, you subconsciously learn to love yourself unconditionally.” — Yvonne Pierre, The Day My Soul Cried: A Memoir

The Preamble to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) -2006, adopted by the United Nations, describes disability by stating that:

“Disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.”

The Convention further emphasizes that “Persons with disabilities include those who have long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.” Both the expressions reflect a shift from a medical model to social model of disability.

As per NSO information and report - Citing Census 2011, the report states that there are 26.8 million persons with disabilities in India, making up 2.21 per cent of the total population. There are 14.9 million males and 11.9 million females with disabilities in India – accounting for 56 and 44 per cent of the total population of disabled persons. About 2.41 per cent of India’s male population and 2.01 per cent of its female population reports having a disability.

As many as 18 million persons with disabilities (69 per cent of the disabled population) live in rural India, and about eight million (31 per cent) live in urban areas. Roughly 2.45 per cent of persons with disabilities in India are from Scheduled Castes (SCs) and 2.05 per cent are from Scheduled Tribes (STs).

The report presents data on the number of persons with different kinds of disabilities in the country. It says that 20 per cent of persons with disabilities report impairments in movement, 19 per cent face disability in seeing, 19 per cent in hearing, and seven per cent in speech. The report notes that six per cent of the disabled population faces ‘mental retardation’ or intellectual disability which results in difficulty in understanding, comprehension or communication. Over a fifth of all persons with disabilities in India are elderly persons, or those above 60 years of age.

According to Census 2011 data, 61 per cent of children with disabilities (aged 5-19 years) are in an educational institution, 12 per cent have been in such institutions in the past, and 27 per cent have never attended one. The report states that 50 per cent of children with mental disabilities have never attended any educational institution.

Citing Census 2011, the report notes that nearly a third of all persons with disabilities in India are working. This is the case for 47 per cent of the male and 23 per cent of the female disabled population. Among women with disabilities, 25 per cent of those in rural India, and 16 per cent of those in urban areas, are working. About 1.46 crore persons with disabilities are literate, accounting for 54.4 per cent of the disabled population. The report states that 22.4 per cent of the disabled population in rural areas, and 19.9 per cent in urban areas, reported receiving aid or help from the government.

The Constitution of India guarantees “equality, freedom, justice and dignity” of all individuals – the report notes. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in May 2012, established the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) to ensure focused attention to policy issues related to persons with disabilities and work towards their empowerment. Some of the critical schemes introduced by the government of India for the welfare of persons with disabilities are Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme which aims to provide grants to non-governmental

organisations for projects involving the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, and related activities.---courtesy from Govt source

"There is no greater disability in society than the inability to see a person as more."
- Robert M. Hensel

We at Pathway continue to uphold our mission by trying to help the Intellectually Disabled in every sphere as possible. Moving with times we are also trying to strengthen our vocations to enable more jobs for this group which are sustainable in nature.

From inception more than 41800 Intellectually Disabled children and adults 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.



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 2022-2023 a total of 60 children participated in the Homebound Program



CHILDREN'S CARE EMMAUS

"You who are suffering, whoever you are, come in, sleep, eat, regain hope, we love you here"

Abbe Pierre

We are in awe with the above words by the founder of the Emmaus movement in 1949.

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 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 their physical, mental and spiritual development, informal clothes, healthy nutrition, medical care, adequate supervision, school attendance, school supplies and school uniforms etc. We are proud to be associated by this wonderful supporter. In her words we can summarise her thoughts as –

«How you develop in life also depends on the opportunities you get. As a child in Switzerland, all paths





were open to me. I was glad to go to school and found it a privilege to be able to choose as to how my education and its continuation should be. Today, it makes me happy to use my abilities to ensure needy children get a chance for a fortunate and self-determined life.»-- Cornelia Kolgeci-Häner.



Just a year after meeting her physically in India we faced a severe Cylonic Storm in Chennai. **Michaung** was a moderate tropical cyclone which formed in the Bay of Bengal during the 2023 North Indian Ocean cyclone season. Michaung originated as a low-pressure area in the Gulf of Thailand which crossed into the Bay of Bengal and became a deep depression on December 2. It developed into a cyclonic storm thereafter and was named *Michaung*.



On December 4, cyclone Michaung reached peak intensity as it approached the coast of Tamil Nadu with winds of 110 kilometres per hour (68 mph), equivalent to a high-end tropical storm on the Saffir–Simpson scale. Michaung moved almost directly northward along the coast. On December 5, the storm made landfall between Nellore and Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh, weakening as it moved inland. By December 6, the storm had weakened to a depression over central Andhra Pradesh.

As the storm approached the east coast of India, India's meteorological department issued a red alert for the region. In Tamil Nadu, over 500 personnel of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Tamil Nadu Disaster Response Force (TNDRF) were deployed. 121 multi-purpose centres and 4,967 relief centres were set-up in the eight coastal districts of Tamil Nadu to help in the aftermath of the cyclone.



Heavy rain and strong winds battered the coastal areas. Persistent rains caused widespread flooding and inundation in Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu. Rivers including Cooum and major lakes overflowed in Chennai causing further water logging in the low-lying areas along the banks. At least 17 people were killed, and more than 41,000 people were evacuated and temporarily relocated, including 32,158 in Tamil Nadu and 9,500 in Andhra Pradesh. Power supply was cut off by the government in flooded





areas in Chennai as a preventive measure to

avert electrocution.

Chennai

International

Airport closed its operations on

December 4 due to flooding in the

apron and runways, with flights being

diverted or cancelled and

operations resuming the next day.

Schools and offices

were closed due to heavy

rains and flooding. Southern Railways and East Coast Railways re-directed and cancelled several trains. Several businesses and industries in Chennai were impacted adversely as operations were ceased due to power shortages, flooding and damage to equipment. In Andhra Pradesh, crop damage and losses were reported due to the flooding of fields. There was also a shortage of essential commodities including milk which was exacerbated by panic buying.



The Indian Air Force air dropped more than 2,300 kilograms (5,100 lb) of food packets and relief supplies in affected areas of Chennai, while the Indian Navy, in collaboration with the Indian Army and National Disaster Response Force, was tasked with rescuing people and providing supplies using inflatable boats. Greater Chennai Corporation pressed more workers for flood recovery and aiding stranded people while citing staff crunch for delays in clearing fallen trees and garbage. Volunteers engaged in distributing food packets, milk, water bottles and rescuing stranded people through boats in the inundated areas. We are so glad the we were all safe during this natural disaster. We were able to offer with the gracious support from EMMAUS - rice, wheel chairs, Bedsheet & towels as aids to the most under privileged families after the cyclone hit. We have witnessed many challenges but being united is the key that helps us overcome any challenge at any situation.



We at Pathway were indeed very fortunate to escape this calamity but the day care, surrounding village children at the farm had their share of suffering. We extend our heartfelt grateful thanks to this wonderful supporter. The below pictures depict the many children and adults who availed the timely help.

EMPOWERING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES: SUPPORT GIVEN TO ENHANCE MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

OTHER BENEFICIARIES



Dheeran, a 4-year-old boy with development delay within a family that is financially strained. In this family, Dheeran's father is the sole provider for both him and his one-year-old sibling. Dheeran struggles with walking and speaking and there is an imbalance in his head.

Committed therapists are actively working on these challenges by focusing on improving his neck control and correcting his posture, crucial elements for achieving proper hip balance.

To support his progress, Dheeran urgently needs a CP Chair. Adding to these difficulties is a practical issue at home, where his mother finds it challenging to carry both Dheeran and his younger sister at the same time. A wheelchair is not just a solution to ease this burden; it is the key to ensuring smooth access to our therapeutic services.



Tashwant, 5-year-old boy diagnosed with autism, living a life within a financially constrained family where his father is the sole breadwinner supporting both Tashwant and his six-month-old sibling. At home, Tashwant energetic tendencies make it challenging for his mother to manage both children effectively.

Currently enrolled in occupational therapy and special education at Sristi, Tashwant is actively working towards overcoming the unique challenges associated with autism. However, to ensure his continued progress we have provided him with a wheelchair at home.



Yuvanesh, a determined 3-year-old boy with the dual challenges of Microcephaly and developmental delay set against the backdrop of a financially challenged family and two siblings. His resilience shines through as he actively engages in specialized education and therapy services at the Early Intervention (EI) center. Despite his young age, Yuvanesh faces difficulties maintaining a seated position and struggles with attention highlighting the crucial need for targeted interventions. To ensure the continuity and effectiveness of his developmental progress, Yuvanesh



Has been provided with a wheel chair. This promises to provide the necessary support for his unique journey. With this invaluable support, we aspire to empower Yuvanesh with the resources needed to overcome the challenges associated with his diagnosed conditions.

In a marginalized and financially constrained family, Mahalakshmi, a 4-year-old girl with developmental delay and cerebral palsy (CP), faces unique challenges.

Born into a world of limited resources, her father shoulders the family's burden as the sole breadwinner working as a coolie while a 10-month-old sibling adds to their responsibilities. Mahalakshmi, unable to walk is the focus of our continuous therapy efforts aimed at achieving hip balance to pave the way for independent mobility. To further ensure her smooth progress, a CP chair is important in correcting her posture at home. Additionally, for the ease of commuting from home to the Early Intervention (EI) center, Mahalakshmi has been provided a wheelchair which will not only enhance her mobility but also inspire hope for a brighter and more inclusive future.





In a family facing financial constraints, 5-year-old Mohit, diagnosed with autism confronts the inherent challenges of his condition. Born into a household where his father serves as the sole breadwinner, Mohit grapples with attention deficits and an inability to stay seated.

As the initial step towards improvement, we are offering essential training to help him stay seated and enhance his focus. To sustain and fortify this progress, a wheelchair has been provided

LIFE OF A DISABLED PERSON IN RURAL INDIA

In rural India a child born with a disability is destined for a life of dependency. People with disabilities are vulnerable because of the many barriers they 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 many people with so much to contribute to the world. Government overlooks the hundreds of millions of people with disabilities who are denied access to health, rehabilitation, support, education and employment – and never get a chance to shine. People with disabilities who are denied educations are then unable to find employment, driving them more deeply into poverty. Disabled are the poorest, for whom access to basic rights is a daily struggle. Exclusion from basic services results in reduced opportunities, isolation, poor health and poverty. They are also denied educations are then unable to find employment, driving them more deeply into poverty. Disability impacts social, economic and psychological aspects of a person's life. Societies push a person with disability to take up the role of low status. Their social identity is defaced and this affects the individual's economic status as well.



EDUCATION

Education is the foundation for development; it leads to an improved quality of life, employment, social acceptance, inclusion and growth. Children with disabilities have very low rate of initial enrolment. Many disabled children are struggling to access the basic education. Even if they do attend the school, children with disabilities are more likely to drop out and leave school before completion and are also at increased risk of school violence, bullying, preventing without the safe enjoyment of their right to education. They will also be excluded from the mainstream society. Economic independence appears to be an elusive dream for them.

EMPLOYMENT

Disability is a matter which refers to the circumstances, the nature of which is less than perfect. No doubt these people face many obstacles in getting a job. Entering the world of work is a part of a major challenge for the disabled group. The disabled are the result of the attitude of society to underestimate this group are considered only hope for the mercy of the society and not eligible to get a job. Very few opportunities exist in the work place for people with disabilities. With the growing population and the lack of jobs, very few

people with disabilities get paid employment. They are often confined to their homes and are dependent on their family for life.

MEDICAL / REHABILITATION

Disabled reside in rural areas where accessibility, availability, and utilization of rehabilitation services and its cost effectiveness which are the major issues to be considered. Medical and rehabilitation treatment does not reach the disabled children in the poor villages. Due to the high level of illiteracy in villages, the families do not understand or know what benefits the government provides. In addition, villages are far from medical or rehabilitation centres, therefore transportation cost is another obstacle.

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 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	20
GREETING CARD: HANDMADE	10
JEWELLERY MAKING /PAPER MACHE	20
SPECIAL ARTIFACT WITH BEADS	18
BAKING	10
MAKING OF PRESENTATION ITEMS	18
GARDENING	12
SELLING VARIOUS PRODUCE	4
PACKAGING	2
HELPERS	6
CLEANING & BOOK BINDING	5

ANNUAL DAY FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED

We at Pathway eagerly waited to be a part of celebration at CSI School since we were selected for a dance performance among nearly 40 schools. Our troupe had been practising for a month and their





motivation had increased on hearing that the collector would be a part of the august invitees along with the personnel of the state department of Social Welfare and heads and staff of all the other institutions along with parents and their peer group. The performance by our group received a loud resounding applause which is printed as smiles on these beautiful children. Our director was invited as a part of this august team and honored by the collector. We are indeed very grateful to the Social Welfare Department of Tamilnadu along with the committee members who organised this wonderful cultural event

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2023

"I want to send love to all the beautiful children with autism and all the wonderful people who love them. May we all shine and grant love and learn to respect children with special needs." — Kelly Preston

We at Pathway celebrated this very special day by taking out a rally on the main roads of TIDEL PARK to create awareness regarding Autism. Children and staff in their best blue attire gathered at the venue and later spent some time at the park after the rally. After reaching the centre back they also indulged in various activities like drawing, games and puzzle solving competitions. Prizes were awarded by the Director and the sweetness of the day was cumulated in cutting and sharing cake with all present.





The World Health Organization (WHO) recently updated its fact sheet on autism. They believe that Autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are a diverse group of conditions. They are characterized by some degree of difficulty with social interaction and communication. Other characteristics are atypical patterns of activities and behaviours, such as difficulty with transition from one activity to another, a focus on details and unusual reactions to sensations.

The abilities and needs of autistic people vary and can evolve over time.

While some people with autism can live independently, others have severe disabilities and require life-long care and support. Autism often has an impact on education and employment opportunities. In addition, the demands on families providing care and support can be significant. Characteristics of autism may be detected in early childhood, but autism is often not diagnosed until much later. People with autism often have co-occurring conditions, including epilepsy, depression, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder as well as challenging behaviours such as difficulty sleeping and self-injury. The level of intellectual functioning among autistic people varies widely, extending from profound impairment to superior levels.



Autism

also known as Autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong neurological disorder or a range of complex neurodevelopment disorders that manifests during early childhood, irrespective of gender, race or socioeconomic status. The term Autism spectrum means a range of characteristics. It is characterised by social impairments, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behaviour. In other words, we can say that Autism is a brain disorder that affects the ability of a person to communicate with others. It begins in childhood and lasts through adulthood.



Types of Autism Spectrum Disorder

1. Autistic Disorder: It is also known as classic autism. It is the most general form of autism. People suffering from this disorder usually face difficulty with language interruption, social and communication challenges, and unusual behaviours and interests. Several people with this disorder may also have an intellectual disability.



2. Asperger Syndrome: People suffering from this order have mild symptoms of autistic disorder. They might face social challenges, unusual behaviours and interests. Therefore, we can say that people with Asperger Syndrome do not have problems with language or intellectual disabilities.

3. Pervasive Development Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS) - It is also known as typical autism. People who do not meet the criteria of autistic

disorder or Asperger syndrome, but not all, may be diagnosed with PDD-NOS. People who suffer from PDD-NOS have milder or fewer symptoms of autistic disorder. The symptoms may cause only social and communication challenges.

Autism – also referred to as autism spectrum disorder—constitutes a diverse group of conditions related to development of the brain. About 1 in 100 children has autism. Characteristics may be detected in early childhood, but autism is often not diagnosed until much later. The abilities and needs of autistic people vary and can evolve over time. While some people with autism can live independently, others have severe disabilities and require life-long care and support. All people, including people with autism, have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

This year World Autism Awareness Day 2023 was celebrated on the theme “Contribution of Autistic Individuals at Home, at Work, in the Arts, and Policymaking.” World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others living with autism face every day. As a growing global health issue owing to its increasing exposure in the press and common knowledge, autism is an issue that is only gaining more understanding and WAAD activities are planned every year to further increase and develop world knowledge of children and adults who have autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

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. On this World Autism Awareness Day 2023 several international communities, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world come together to provide support and love to people with autism. All month several activities and events take place like Autism-friendly events and educational activities with an aim to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism. Educating and making people aware of autism is important. As we know that the rate of autism in all regions of the world is high and so it is important to make people understand that people with autism need care, love, and support otherwise it can have an impact on the individuals, their families and communities.

VACATION EDUCATION TRIPS



During the month of May the children residing in the centres were taken out on educational and entertainment trips to various places like – Marina Beach, Mahabalipuram, Crocodile Park and Childrens Park. The entire trip was organized with transport for children staff and helpers of both the Sabin -Pathway and Chennai group. The children sure look forward to meeting their peers and discussing their thoughts and feelings. The programme was outlayed for the entire month and staff took the kids out in phases. The final week a carnival was arranged for them to showcase their talents, competitions were arranged. The kids were also treated at the Phoenix mall with eats and movie.

Mahabalipuram is an important place of classical Monuments in India, the monolithic and cave temples. It is also known as Mamallapuram. This place attracts large number of visitors from all over the world. It is situated close to the sea and it is rich

in artistic wealth also. These monuments afford scope for not only the study ancient architecture and sculpture in the Tamil country. The rich portraits in stone of various deities, celestial beauties and epic stories are breathtakingly real.





The shore temple, cave temples, the world's largest is the pride of Mamallapuram India. It was once the flourishing port of the Pallavas an old lighthouse built of stone exists intact till date, proclaiming the glory of Pallava trade and maritime supremacy.

It has 40 ancient monuments and Hindu temples. Arjuna's Penance is one of the largest open-air rock relief in the world. This site has several types of monuments such as Ratha. It is made up of monolith processional chariots and Mandapa viharas. Archaeological Survey of India is managing this sites.

The pallava art at this place emphasizes robust earthly beauty, imbibed with life. The Pallavas have created many marvelous monuments,



sculptural panels, caves monolithic rathas and sculptural panels' caves, monolithic rathas and sculptural temples. Mythological episodes, epic battles, demons, gods, animal are all vividly depicted on the wall. Sculptures are breath taking real and artistic. This fantasy was created and architected by the great chirpy Devadapperunthachan. These monumental splendors and the sunny beach in attracts tourists



from all over the world. These are the well important places in Mahabalipuram Tourist Spot near by Chennai.

Shore temple is one of the oldest temples in Tamilnadu South India. Shore Temple of Mahapalipuram is enclosed by a row of bulls carved on a rock. The stately shrine set elegantly on the edge of the sea is a long survivor among the seven magnificent temples built over here.

The construction originally started around the middle of the 7th century and was later rebuilt during the reign of Narsimhavarma II, also known as Rajasimha. It is one of the oldest temples in South India standing on the edge of the sea. This Koil represents the first phase of structural temples constructed in Dravidian style. This icon of the soaring aesthetic aspiration of the Pallavas has been listed among the World Heritage Sites of UNESCO and is one of the most visited monuments in Tamil Nadu.



Heartbeat of Chennai City, Marina Beach makes for an alluring backdrop and is considered as one of the largest Urban Beaches in the world. Stretched in the area of nearly 13 km, this beach in Chennai is one of prominent tourist attraction in the city. Reckoned to be an urban beach, this tourist hot spot in Chennai attracts a heavy gathering of 30,000 tourists a day. Being a busy tourist attraction in Chennai, Marina Beach presently serves as a perfect stopover for the locals as well as tourists to spend their weekends at the beach. Not just the present of this resplendent tourist place in Chennai is beautiful but the past as well. During the period of Indian Freedom Movement, Marina Beach served as an eminent place for the



social gatherings and public meetings. Despite this, swimming and bathing in Marina Beach are prohibited because of the turbulent undercurrent.

CROCODILE PARK

Here they rest, in a pensive mood; sometimes looking as if lost in thoughts or meditation and at other times frolicking in the cool pool that is all theirs. The Crocodile Park in Tamil Nadu is indeed



a place of great interest. Crocodiles are among the most spectacular species on the Earth. Whether in the wild or in protected sanctuaries, these imposing creatures never fail to fascinate the spectators. However hunting, along with the loss of habitat and forest land has to a great extent affected their numbers and some species of them have become endangered. It is with a view to preserve and protect these species that the Crocodile Park was established near Chennai in the year of 1976. The park is also a herpetology research station and a reptile zoo.

Located just 40 kms to the south of Chennai, the park commenced its operations with a mission to protect three endangered species of crocodiles – the saltwater crocodile, the mugger crocodile and the gharial. These species were nearing extinction at that point and the work of the Crocodile Park was crucial to their survival. With 8.5 acres of land, the Crocodile Park is the largest crocodile sanctuary in India and includes one of the world's largest assortment of crocodiles and alligators. The centre has the distinction of having bred over 5000 crocodiles and alligators to date. 14 of the 23 existing species of alligators and crocodiles are represented in the park. Apart from crocodiles and alligators, the park is also home to 12 endangered species of tortoises and turtles, 5 snake species like King Cobra and a variety of lizards. Apart from these, over 60 species of birds have been identified in the crocodile park, making it a blissful location to visit and spend time.

One of the natural spectacles of the city is a small but renowned Guindy National Park. Spanning over an area of 2.70 square kilometres, it is a great habitat of varied species of fauna coupled with the tropical dry evergreen forests of the Coromandel Coast well protected by the state government, the park is considered to be the eighth smallest National Park of India. Adjacent to the National Park is the exciting National Children's Park attracting the younger lot. Another attraction of the National Park is the Snake Park. Established in 1972 by the revered herpetologist and wildlife conservationist, Romulus Whitaker, the Guindy Snake Park boasts of being the first reptile park of the country. Romulus Whitaker also founded the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust and Centre for Herpetology in 1976.

With the presence of a splendid variety of snakes, it attracts several pharmaceutical companies that help them produce anti-venom drugs. In 1975, the Central Zoo Authority honoured the Snake Park with the status of a medium Zoo.

Several trees were uprooted during the 2016 Vardah cyclone. Stretching from Sardar Patel road from Adyar to Anna Salai at the Guindy junction, Guindy National Park draws more than seven lac visitors annually.



MEDICAL CAMP



Though the weather in May in Chennai shows soaring temperature but this didn't deter us to help our fellow beings. With the support of Chennai Corporation and two hospital staff of RELA and SURYA HOSPITAL very graciously participated. The Chief Guest who graced the occasion was the Chief Secretary of TamilNadu -Mr Irai Anbu IAS.

The areas of specialization included- Orthopedic, Medicine, Surgery, ENT, Dermatology, Ophthalmology , OG, Cardiology Pediatrics and Dental. More than 500 people were served. This camp also included free medical check in all the above specialties mentioned, tests were conducted and free medicines were prescribed and distributed. The highlight was registration of the Kalaingar Insurance Policy for the public.



We feel honored and highly humbled to be a part of such a camp which has served to addressed the patients and brought relief to them



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2023



World Environment Day

environment's primary components, including the hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere. Normal environmental conditions are being destroyed by the rising pollution levels.



We at Pathway support this campaign and have seriously tried to educate our special children about the harmful effects of plastics. Our educators created many such programmes in form of play, skit, charts. One of the most crucial resources for our life on Earth is the environment. The ecological web is a network of relationships in which every element of the environment is interdependent. This network must be kept in balance because if one part disintegrates, the entire system will disintegrate and wipe out all life. Because of this, we must decide to act to protect the environment and repair the harm we caused.

The primary goal of World Environment Day is to raise public awareness of environmental situations as they exist today. People come together on this day to work together to make our lives better. Every year, a particular theme or environmental issue is highlighted, and participants make a commitment to take action to address it.

The World Environment Day serves as a reminder to protect the environment and build up our world. It sheds light on the factors that harm our environment most. For instance, businesses and businesses contribute significantly to pollution. We breathe less air and drink less water as a result of them.

Additionally, it motivates people to take an active role in creating environmental preservation strategies. Additionally, it inspires everyone to protect and preserve the environment so that everyone





can enjoy a clean, healthy, and successful future. As Clean Earth is Green Earth. Encourage common people from different societies and communities to actively participate in the celebration as well as become active agents in developing environmental safety measures. Encourage people to make their nearby surroundings safe and clean to enjoy a safer, cleaner and more prosperous future.

According to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), 300 million tonnes of plastic is produced every year, and not all of it is recycled. To put that into perspective, that's

equivalent to the weight of the entire human population. It is also up to us as consumers to understand the impact that our plastic consumption is having on the environment. A large part of the population depends upon Plastic for their daily use. Do you know nearly one-third of it is not disposed of properly and ends up clogging drains and choking the environment? Only 9% of all plastic produced is recycled. A whopping 2 million plastic bags are used every minute worldwide. Single-use plastics are illegal in some parts of the world. Every minute of every day a truckload of plastic is dumped into the ocean.

The World Generates 400 Million Tonnes of Plastic Waste A Year. The US Produces 42 Million Metric Tons of Plastic Every Year, the Highest in the World. More Than 8 Million Tonnes of Plastic Enter the Oceans Every Year. Ocean Plastic Pollution On Track to Rise to 29 Million Metric Tons by 2040. 100,000 Animals Die from Plastic Entanglement Each Year. Humans Ingests 5 Grams of Plastic Every Week. COVID-19 Has Added 25,900 Tonnes of Plastic Pollution in the Ocean. 73% of beach litter worldwide is plastic. One million plastic bottles are bought every minute. There could be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050. Up to 95% of plastic polluting oceans is carried by 10 rivers. 99% of seabirds will be eating plastic by 2050, The average person eats 70,000 microplastics each year

The average time that a plastic bag is used is just 12 minutes. Over the past 50 years, world plastic production has doubled. Plastic harms marine life and poses a threat to human health. Plastics can persist in the environment for nearly a thousand years before it fully disintegrates. Plastics are non-renewable and their manufacture and destruction expose individuals and the environment to many toxins, including carcinogens. Plastics make up ten per cent of the total waste generated; half of it is used in a disposable or single-use. We use 50 per cent of the plastic in disposable form or for single-use. Plastic is hazardous to both animals and humans.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA



Pathway has always encouraged the special children for yoga activities which is conducted all year round. On this special day the kids show their prowess in the skill acquired and practiced everyday. Under the guidance of their staff and helpers. The use of Placards were helpful to demonstrate the different yoga asanas. The spirit of the children proved that nothing can come in their way of challenges. Their sincere smiles make our day.



International Yoga Day 2023 is celebrated every year on June 21st to promote the numerous benefits of practicing yoga. The chosen date coincides with the summer solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. This day serves as a platform to raise awareness about the holistic approach to well-being that yoga offers. It highlights the importance of finding balance in our fast-paced, modern lives and encourages physical, mental, and spiritual harmony. Yoga fosters mindfulness, stress reduction, and overall health and vitality. In its 9th edition, this year's International Day of Yoga was led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the UN Headquarters on June 21st. This marks the first time a yoga session has been conducted by the Prime Minister at this location.



The theme selected for this year's International Day of Yoga 2023 is "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," which represents our shared desire for "One Earth, One Family, One Future."

"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" is a Sanskrit phrase that can be translated as "the world is one family" or "the whole world is one single family." It is derived from ancient Indian





countries to improve both mental and

Yoga has been shown to have psychological benefits, decreasing and increasing feelings of emotional being. It helps prevent and control diseases (NCDs) — cardiovascular chronic respiratory diseases and

scriptures known as the Maha Upanishads. This principle reflects the idea that all human beings are interconnected and that they should live in harmony and cooperation with one another, transcending boundaries of nationality, religion, race, or any other form of division.

The significance of International Yoga Day is to raise



awareness of the many benefits of yoga for physical and mental health. Yoga is a mind-body practice that originated in India thousands of years ago. It combines physical postures, breathing exercises, and meditation. Yoga has been shown to improve flexibility, strength, balance, and endurance. It can also help to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression.

Yoga is universal — it can be practised anywhere, at any time, and by anyone irrespective of age, gender, culture or nationality. Yoga is a powerful tool for individuals, communities and physical health.

immediate anxiety and stress, and social well-noncommunicable diseases, cancer, diabetes, among



“Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands”. Through this year's theme, we wish to celebrate the medical professionals that worked hard through the difficult times faced due to the pandemic. We use this day to recognise the efforts of medical professionals and all their contributions. Alongside appreciating doctors for their service, this day is also an opportunity to highlight and talk about challenges and hurdles faced by them in India including the heavy workload, the lack of resources and shortage of doctors. It serves as a reminder of the critical role doctor,s playin our healthcare system and

their valuable efforts to save the lives of people and improving their health conditions

“The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease.” – William Osler.

BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD



The Federation of NGO,Tamilnadu honoured our Director and Co Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, Dr CHANDRA PRASAD as the BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD”. This was presented by Dr. J Sadhakathullah, M.Sc., Agri and Dr. Radhakrishnan M.A., Ph.D., along with the team of K. Iyappan, R. Ashok kumar, R. Perumal, Balu Aiiyah, K. Karunanithi, A Ramamoorthi, Dr. K Ramamoorthi, Dr. Vivekanandhan , Shakthivel, Dr. Ummayal Murugasen,and V. Prabhu on the 28th May 2023 at Prasad Lab, Saligramam, Chennai.



INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC FREE DAY

“Plastic pollution-free world is not a choice but a commitment of life – a commitment to the next generation – Amit Ray

Before May 25th, take the plastic-free challenge and commit to using no single-use plastics all day long. Every time you do, one less piece of plastic will be added to the environment. During International Plastic Free Day one can also: Start a conversation about single-use plastic and its impact on the Earth. Learn how plastic waste impacts our environment.

Discover one permanent change you can make to create less plastic waste.



International Plastic Free Day is a call to action and brings attention to the plastic we use every day. On May 25th, commit to using no single-use plastic for one day (including bottles, take-out food containers, utensils, bags and wrappers.). Over 380 million tons of plastic is produced every year. Half of all plastic produced is single-use – meaning it’s thrown away after just one use. Since only 9% of all plastic gets recycled, most of it ends up littering our communities, filling our landfills, and polluting our oceans.

International Plastic Free Day creates awareness of just how much plastic we use every day, and how

we can use less of it. Consider all the ways single-use plastic is used in our daily lives:



Beverage bottles
Cleaning products in plastic jugs
To-go containers
Food packaging
Cups, straws, lids
Storage bags
Product packaging

Participation is simple: Say "No" to single-use plastics for one day. Don't buy it, refuse it, don't use it. The day also

encourages learning how to swap sustainable products for single-use plastics. For example, swap: Single-use straws with reusable bamboo straws. Reusable tumbler for drinking both hot and cold

beverages. Reusable cloth bags for shopping. Silicone bags for sandwiches and snacks. Compostable garbage bags.

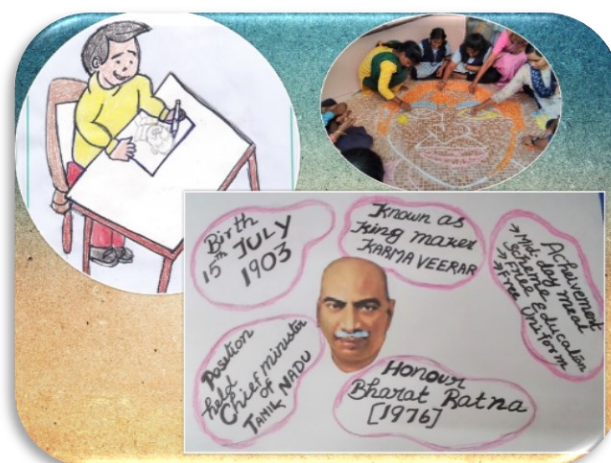
Communities, cities and even entire countries may take part in plastic bag bans or regulations on this day, implementing policies to limit the use of single-use plastic bags. Volunteer groups and environmental organisations often organise cleanup drives to collect and remove plastic bags from beaches, parks and other natural areas while businesses and retailers may offer discounts or incentives to customers who bring their reusable bags while shopping, encouraging the use of sustainable alternatives. The kids at Pathway were demonstrated and taught how to make strong paper bags using our weaving method and simple ordinary paper bags too. Teachers used special aids to show the differences between harmful effects of plastic and how they could help in reducing plastic waste with various other alternatives. A slide show too was screened to emphasize the benefits. This day as an opportunity to educate students about the environmental impacts of plastic bags and the importance of reducing plastic waste.



KAMARAJAR'S BIRTHDAY

The children at Pathway celebrated this day with full enthusiasm, The drawings of this Late leader made by the children were exceptional and it was kept for display. The teachers applauded the kids for their efforts which brought in many a smiles .

Kumaraswami Kamaraj (15 July 1903– 2 October 1975), popularly known as Kamarajar was an Indian independence activist and politician who served as the Chief Minister of Madras State





Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha during 1952–1954 and 1969–1975. He was known for his simplicity and integrity. He played a major role in developing the infrastructure of the Madras state and worked to improve the quality of life of the needy and the disadvantaged. As the president of the INC, he was instrumental in steering the party after the death of Jawaharlal Nehru. As the chief minister of Madras, he was responsible for

(Tamil Nadu) from 13 April 1954 to 2 October 1963. He was the founder and the president of the Indian National Congress, widely acknowledged as the "Kingmaker" in Indian politics during the 1960s. He also served as the president of the Indian National Congress for two terms i.e., four years between 1964–1967 and was responsible for the elevation of Lal Bahadur Shastri to the position of Prime Minister of India after Nehru's death and Indira Gandhi after Shastri's death. He was the



bringing free education to the disadvantaged and introduced the free Midday Meal Scheme while he himself did not complete schooling. He was awarded with India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, posthumously in 1976.

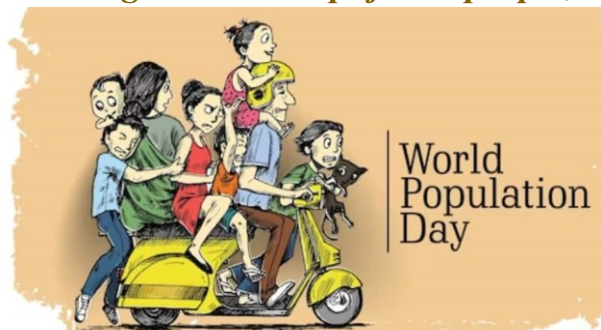
US Vice-president Hubert Humphrey, referred to Kamaraj as "one of the greatest political leaders in all the countries of the free world" in January 1966. Kamaraj was born on 15 July 1903 in Virudhunagar, TamilNadu, to Kumaraswami Nadar and Sivakami Ammal. His name was originally Kamatchi, later changed to Kamarajar. His father Kumaraswami Nadar was a merchant. Kamaraj had a younger sister named Nagammal. Kamaraj was first enrolled in a traditional school in 1907 and in 1908 he was admitted to Yenadhi Narayana Vidhya Salai. In 1909 Kamaraj was admitted in Virudupatti High School. Kamaraj's father died when he was six years old, his mother was forced to support the family. The 120 th birth anniversary of late Chief Minister K. Kamaraj was celebrated in all schools as 'Education Development Day' with various competitions and cultural events.



WORLD POPULATION DAY

*Gender-based discrimination harms everyone – women, girls, men, and boys.
Investing in women uplifts all people, communities, and countries.”*

- UN Secretary-General António Guterres



World Population Day is celebrated annually on 11 July to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues. Awareness regarding this day was described to the Children of Pathway in form of drawings, skits and in simple form of fun games. Various events, campaigns, and

initiatives are organized worldwide to mark the occasion and advocate for policies and actions that promote the well-being of people and the planet.

We believe that awareness is the way to spread any information in a proper way. Regarding our children at Pathway we used all the special education methods to teach the concept of population. Posters and charts along with small skits were arranged for the benefit of the students. The staff and children participated in this one day programme with great enthusiasm. As per the UN this year the theme for 2023 was - Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite



possibilities. The below is a jist of what UN feels about the population of the world.

What women and girls want matters. They make up 49.7% of the global population, yet women and girls are often ignored in discussions on demographics, with their





rights violated in population policies. This pervasive injustice keeps women and girls out of school, the workforce and leadership positions; limits their agency and ability to make decisions about their health and sexual and reproductive lives; and heightens their vulnerability to violence, harmful practices and preventable maternal death, with a woman dying every two minutes due to pregnancy or childbirth.

We must advance gender equality to create a more just, resilient and sustainable world. The creativity, ingenuity, resources and power of

women and girls are fundamental to addressing demographic and other challenges that threaten our future, including climate change and conflict.

When women and girls are empowered by societies to exert autonomy over their lives and bodies, they and their families thrive, as the UNFPA 2023 State of World Population report illustrates. UNFPA brings its data, experience and stories to support women and girls around the world, and World Population Day gives us an opportunity to highlight the need to advance gender equality to help realize the dreams of all 8 billion of us on our planet.

The bitter facts are that more than 40 per cent of women around the world cannot make decisions on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. As few as one in four women across low- and middle income countries are realizing their desired fertility. A woman dies every two minutes due to pregnancy or childbirth (and in conflict settings, the number of deaths is twice as high). Nearly one third of women have experienced intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence or both. Just six countries have 50 per cent or more women in parliament. More than two thirds of the 800 million people globally who cannot read are women.

As per the United Nations, the rising population trends “affect economic development, employment, income distribution, poverty and social protections. They also affect efforts to ensure universal access to health care, education, housing, sanitation, water, food and energy. To more sustainably address the needs of individuals, policymakers must understand how many people are living on the planet, where they are, how old they are, and how many people will come after them.”



It took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion – then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100. This dramatic growth has been driven largely by increasing numbers of people surviving to reproductive age, and has been accompanied by major changes in fertility rates, increasing urbanization and accelerating migration. These trends will have far-reaching implications for generations to come. The recent past has seen enormous changes in fertility rates and life expectancy. In the early 1970s, women had on average 4.5 children each; by 2015, total fertility for the world had fallen to below 2.5 children per woman. Meanwhile, average global lifespans have risen, from 64.6 years in the early 1990s to 72.6 years in 2019.

In addition, the world is seeing high levels of urbanization and accelerating migration. 2007 was the first year in which more people lived in urban areas than in rural areas, and by 2050 about 66 per cent of the world population will be living in cities. These megatrends have far-reaching implications. They affect economic development, employment, income distribution, poverty and social protections. They also affect efforts to ensure universal access to health care, education, housing, sanitation, water, food and energy. To more sustainably address the needs of individuals, policymakers must understand how many people are living on the planet, where they are, how old they are, and how many people will come after them.

NUTRITIOUS SNACKS

“The purpose of a snack is to help keep you full so you don’t overeat later” –
Clinical Dietitian at Piedmont

A new project was started this year keeping in mind children’s nutritional status. Pathway has always given first preference to children below poverty level while selecting them for the rehabilitation and education purpose.



Keeping this in mind we decided to supply nutritious snacks to every child and staff of all age groups around 3.30pm to add value to their diet. After several consultations we added snacks having the right balance of nutrients to prevent further under nourishment. Some of them can be mentioned as eggs, fruits of the season, sprouted grams, cakes, cookies, puffed rice with

peanuts, chikkis etc. Healthy snacks help manage kids' hunger and boost nutrition. Snacks can keep them from getting so hungry that they get cranky. Snacks may help prevent overeating at meals. And for picky eaters of all ages, snacks are a chance to add more nutrients to their diets. Traditional Indian snacks if chosen well can not only be nutritious but also delicious, with numerous health benefits. Indian food aids in immunity, brain function, and a variety of other bodily functions.

Based on the above we set out on our journey to provide these nutritious snacks to delight of the children. The vocation group got involved in making fresh buns, sandwiches and different types of cookies to be a part of the snack menu. The students didn't mind bringing extra snack box from home to pack their snack. They have been looking forward everyday for this special moment which in turn has also cultivated positive social relationship with their peer groups along with sharing some favorites with their siblings too. We are depicting some pictures' of the same.

COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAM- 2023-2024

According to WHO, Rehabilitation is defined as “a set of interventions designed to optimize functioning and reduce disability in individuals with health conditions in interaction with their environment”. As highlighted in the Preamble, access to rehabilitation is essential for people with disabilities to achieve their highest attainable level of health. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Article 26, calls for “appropriate measures, including through peer support, to enable persons with disabilities to attain and maintain maximum independence, full



physical, mental, social and vocational ability and full inclusion and participation in all aspects of life.” Why implement CBR? As per WHO they have outlined the reasons as shown below- There are many Benefits to people with disabilities and their families in the following manner - Addresses impairment, improves functioning and independence, and promotes participation of all people on an equal basis. Empowers people with disabilities to make informed decisions, attain their goals and understand their individual rights. Enhances the quality of life of people with disabilities and their caregivers by addressing gaps in basic needs.

Regarding the Benefits to the community they explained that - Builds awareness of the diversity within the community, including diversity in functioning of people with disabilities, older persons and children. Fosters more positive attitudes towards people with disabilities, and develops a greater understanding of disability, rights and the importance of equity so that no one is left behind when community development activities occur. Focuses on local





service systems, local resources and local practical solutions to real barriers that exist for people with disabilities and their caregivers with respect to access to services and participation in society. Promotes inclusion of all people, particularly those with disabilities, in local decision-making, governance and resource allocation. Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) is a holistic approach to rehabilitation that aims to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families. It focuses on

Zone-1
1.L.Endathur
2.Alapakkam
3.Kadambur
4.Theetalam
5.Pappanallur
6.Veppanai
7.Koodampakkam
8.Thandarai
9.Morapakkam
10.Pasuvangaranai
11.Semboondi
12.Kiliyanagar
13.Ottakovil

empowering individuals within their communities, rather than confining rehabilitation efforts solely to clinical settings.

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) is a community development strategy that aims at enhancing the lives of persons with disabilities (PWDs) within their community. Community-based rehabilitation (CBR) was initiated by WHO following the Declaration of Alma-Ata in 1978 in an effort

- to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families
- to meet their basic needs and

• to ensure their inclusion and participation. CBR is implemented through the combined efforts of people with disabilities, their families and communities, and relevant government and non-government health, education, vocational, social and other services(WHO).

Our CBR Outreach team of Physiotherapists, nurses and home trainers along with doctors have provided services to various villages under Chengalpattu districts and they are as follows:

Zone-2
1.Keezhmaruvathur
2.Nelvoy
3.Sarvambakkam
4.Polambakkam
5.Mudugarai
6.Thonnadu
7.Acharapakkam
8.Chinnakayapakkam
9.Periyar Nagar

We at Pathway has a primary motive to offer services to the needy people as well as to create awareness among them. Every beneficiary selected has been provided with medical care such as Physio care and Dental care. Our health professionals routinely monitor the beneficiaries and offers the required services to the beneficiaries. We also support them by providing provision, medical need, and basic personal necessities. The CBR outreach team treats with patients with disability on various conditions like Intellectual Disability (developmental delay), Locomotor disability (Polio, Cerebral palsy) etc. Rehabilitation is for people who have lost abilities that they need for daily life. The overall goal of rehabilitation is to help you get your abilities back and regain independence. But the specific goals are different for each person. They depend on what caused the problem, whether the cause is ongoing or temporary, which abilities you lost, and how severe the problem is.





The benefit of rehabilitation can reduce the impact of a broad range of health conditions, including diseases (acute or chronic), illness or injuries. It can also complement other health interventions, such as medical and surgical interventions, helping to achieve the best outcome possible.

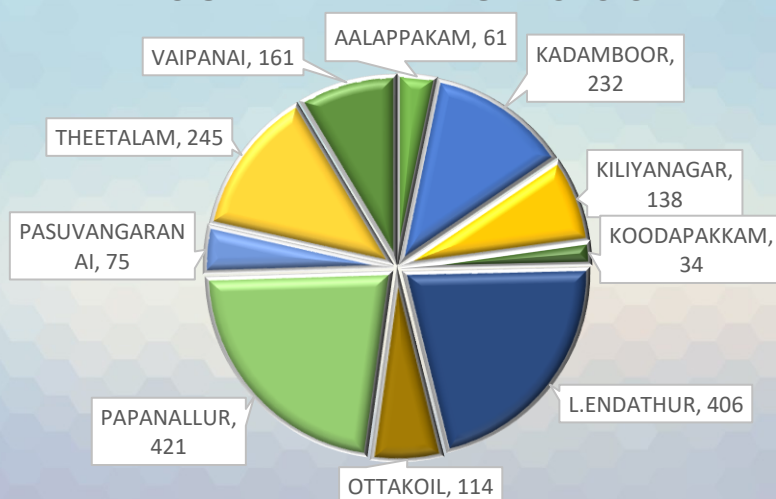
The services provided by the CBR outreach team finds to be the successful and a satisfactory move to the beneficiaries as they were getting the health care services on their doorstep with free of cost. The beneficiaries find it as the most reliable method, as they were getting health care services easily and a bond of trust is formed between the health care worker and the beneficiary. This allows us to serve and reach out the most needy and disadvantaged group. By the word of mouth, our hands to the needy's reaching at the right time and So our mission of doing services to the needy continues with



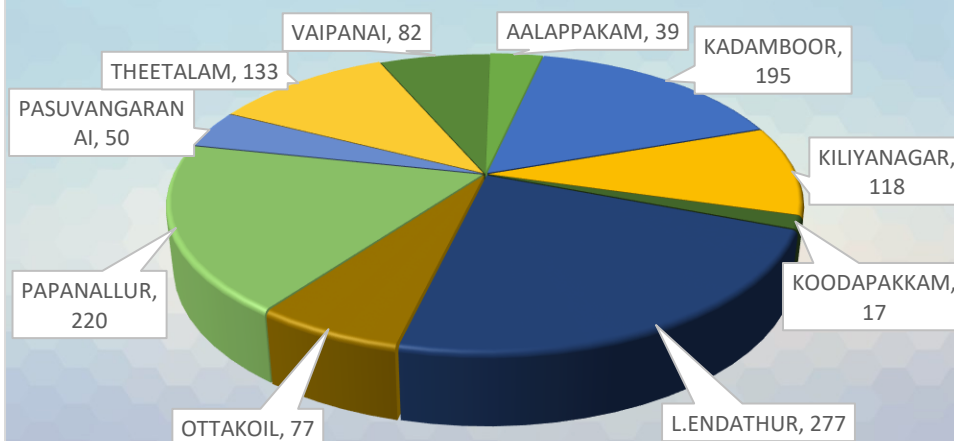
their complete trust and fulfilment. Every beneficiary selected has been assisted with the required therapies which are being continued. Their families are supported by way of provision, medical need, and basic personal necessities covering more than 200.

We at Pathway are committed to uplifting and providing the best in the education and rehabilitation process. Globally, about 2.4 billion people are currently living with a health condition that may benefit from rehabilitation. With changes taking place in the health and characteristics of the population worldwide, this estimated need for rehabilitation is only going to increase in the coming years. People are living longer, with the number of people over 60 years of age predicted to double

PHYSIOTHERAPY - VILLAGE VISITS-CBR



DENTAL - VILLAGE VISITS-CBR



by 2050, and more people are living with chronic diseases such as diabetes, stroke and cancer. At the same time, the ongoing incidence of injury and child developmental conditions (such as cerebral palsy) persist. These health conditions can impact an individual's functioning and are linked to increased levels of disability, for which rehabilitation can be beneficial.

In actual terms rehabilitation helps a child, adult or older person to be as independent as possible in everyday activities and enables participation in education, work, recreation and meaningful life roles such as taking care of family. It does so by

addressing underlying conditions (such as pain) and improving the way an individual functions in everyday life, supporting them to overcome difficulties with thinking, seeing, hearing, communicating, eating or moving around. Anybody may need rehabilitation at some point in their lives, following an injury, surgery, disease or illness, or because their functioning has declined with age. Some examples of rehabilitation include:

Exercises to improve a person's speech, language and communication after a brain injury. Modifying an older person's home environment to improve their safety and independence at home and to reduce their risk of falls. Exercise training and education on healthy living for a person with a heart disease. Making, fitting and educating an individual to use a prosthesis after a leg amputation. Positioning and splinting techniques to assist with skin healing, reduce swelling, and to regain movement after burn surgery. Prescribing medicine to reduce muscle stiffness for a child with cerebral palsy. Psychological support for a person with depression. Training in the use of a white cane, for a person with vision loss.

Rehabilitation is highly person-centered, meaning that the interventions and approach selected for each individual depends on their goals and preferences. Rehabilitation can be provided in many

different settings, from inpatient or outpatient hospital settings, to private clinics, or community settings such as an individual's home. Our rehabilitation workforce is made up of different health workers, like physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and audiologists, clinical psychologists, doctors and nurses. The benefits of Rehabilitation can reduce the impact of a broad range of health conditions, including diseases (acute or chronic), illnesses or injuries. It can also complement other health interventions, such as medical and surgical interventions, helping to achieve the best outcome possible.

We try to reach out to the most vulnerable group and try to support them with our limited resources. A bond of trust is formed between the health worker and the beneficiary. This allows us to serve and reach out to the most needy and disadvantaged group. Our mission is to help as many as we can not just in numbers but qualitatively too.

ORAL HYGIENE CAMP -



Students and staff from TAGORE DENTAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL conducted a camp for ORAL HYGENIC DAY on 01.08.2023. Parents were invited for this camp. Our school students and staff too participated in this programme. We are aware that Oral health is vital to general health and well-being at every stage of life. A healthy mouth enables not only nutrition of the physical body, but also enhances social interaction and promotes self-esteem and feelings of well-being.



Everyone one desires to lead a healthy life, wherein good oral health plays an important role and implies that gums, oral mucosal tissues and teeth are undamaged and free of disease. These students of Dental College explained about the oral cleanliness and also demonstrated how to use the brush properly. These points were emphasized with the help of videos regarding oral cleanliness along



with posters and flash cards. At the end of the presentation the children and parents were gifted the basic dental kits.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



India celebrates 77th Independence Day. This year, the theme is 'Nation First, Always First' under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration.

Independence Day is observed as a national holiday in the country. This day in particular serves as a reminder of the numerous sacrifices made by our warriors to advance the liberation movement and secure our independence from British domination.

India is geared up to celebrate its Independence Day August 15, 2023 marking a significant

milestone in its history. This day serves as a powerful reminder of the nation's liberation from British colonial rule after nearly two centuries. Every year on August 15, people across India celebrate Independence Day to commemorate the country's independence from British colonial rule..

On Independence Day 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoisted the National flag from the ramparts of the Red Fort, which was followed by an address to the nation. The following are the key highlights addressed to the nation

1. The Prime Minister spoke on the Manipur situation early on in his speech. He said: "The country stands with the people of Manipur...Resolution can be found through peace only. The Centre and the

State government are making all efforts to find a resolution."

2. Speaking about his government's vision and impact on the economy, PM Modi said the results of the present reforms and policies will be visible in the next 1,000 years. "Our decisions, and sacrifices in this period will impact the next 1,000 years. India is marching ahead with new confidence and resolve. Demography, democracy, and diversity have the potential to realise all dreams of the country."

3. Talking about India's growing role in future technology and innovation, Modi said: "India's rise and development is resulting in renewed global confidence in the country. The world is technology-driven, and with its talent in technology, India will have a new role and impact on the global stage."

4. PM Modi further added that India's technological prowess is propelling the nation into a new era of global influence. "I am confident that in 2047 when India marks



100 years of its independence, it will be a developed nation. I say this on the basis of the capability of my country and available resources....," Modi said on Tuesday.

5. Talking about Indian startups and power of youth, PM Modi lauded the contribution of the youth and said: "Those from tier 2 and tier 3 cities also making a lot of impact in various fields, including start-ups. The world is technology-driven. With its talent in technology, India will have a new role and impact on the global stage. India's biggest capability is trust - people's trust in the government, in the country's bright future and the world's trust in India," the prime minister said.



6. The prime minister also spoke about women-led development and women empowerment in the country. Speaking about the importance of women-led development, PM Modi mentioned how women scientists at Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) are leading the Chandrayaan mission. "Today, we can proudly say that India has the maximum number of pilots in civil aviation. Women scientists are leading the Chandrayaan mission. The G20 countries are also recognising the importance of women-led development," he said.



7. He further lauded the contributions of women self-help groups in the country and said it is his dream to make two crore 'lakhpati didis' in the coming years. "It is my dream to make two crore 'lakhpati didis' in the country. Today, 10 crore women are associated with women self-help groups," the prime minister added

8. Talking about government initiatives

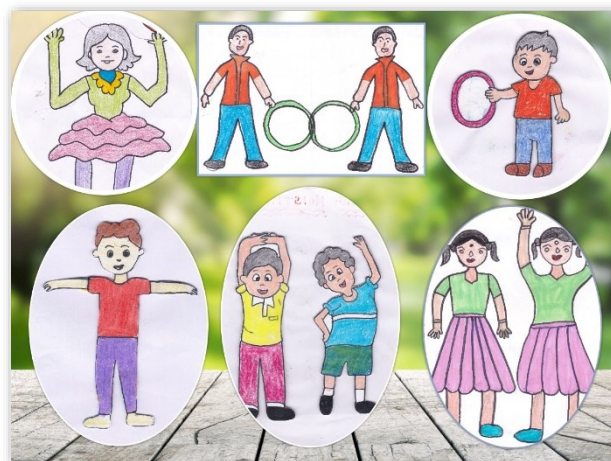


and policies, the Prime Minister claimed that the government has been successful in keeping corruption at bay. He said: "The government's every moment, every rupee is going towards the welfare of citizens. The government and citizens are united and we built a strong economy and stopped leakages." He said: "My government weeded out 10 crore fake beneficiaries of welfare schemes; seizure of ill-gotten assets rose by 20 times."

9. On the economic front, PM Modi addressed the issue of inflation, and said India has comparatively effective control over it. He said: "Inflation has gripped the entire global economy...It's unfortunate that when we import essential goods, we also import inflation. However, India has made extensive efforts to curb inflation...We cannot be complacent simply because our situation is comparatively better than the global scenario. I am committed to taking further measures to alleviate the burden of inflation on our citizens. We will take those steps, and my endeavors will persist..."

10. PM Modi further said that his government is dedicated in steering India on a path of growth, innovation, and inclusive progress. "In 2014, when we assumed power, India was ranked 10th in the global economic hierarchy. Today, through the collective endeavors of 140 crore Indians, we have climbed to the fifth position. This achievement did not occur by chance."

11. Further talking about India's performance at the global stage, Modi said that the world is closely watching India's capabilities, and people should make the most of the situation. "India is hosting the G20 Summit. Several G20 events are being held across the country. The world is now watching India's diversity and capabilities with great enthusiasm. The ball is in our court and we should not let





go of the opportunity. No ifs and buts on anyone's mind about India's capabilities. Global experts say that India will not stop now. All rating agencies are lauding the country," the prime minister said.

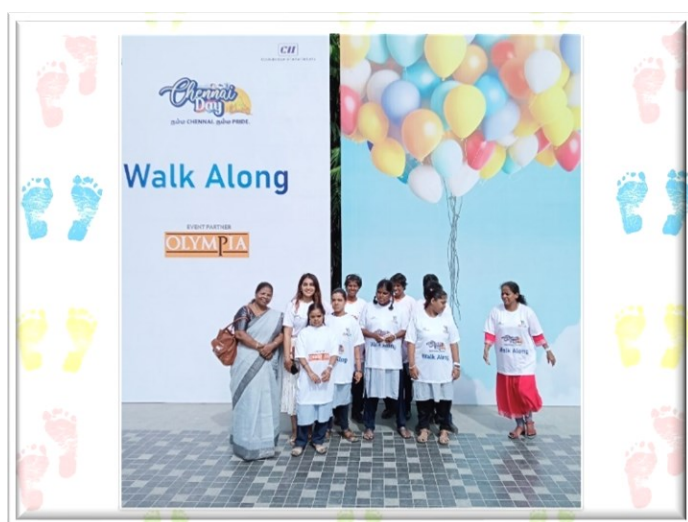
At Pathway we celebrated this 77th Independence event with great respect. Our President and trustee hoisted our prestigious national flag with great reverence followed by our national anthem. Our kids at Pathway who had started attending the day care all with the residential put up a performance on this special day. With the help of the staff

they participated in various cultural like dance, singing, fancy dress

etc. The bigger kids performed drill and showed their skill. The fancy dress participants were Karthik, Vasanth, Perarasu, Bhuvanesh, Srikanth, Peter and Keerthana. This special day was marked further by each child taking a selfie and thus receiving a participation certificate from the Govt of India. At the end of the event the entire team was served chocolates and cake and snacks along with breakfast which was graciously presented by management.



WALK ALONG



At Pathway we were able to recognise the advantages of walking everyday in order to keep our children and adults healthy. This particular habit has been cultivated in most of our children to wake up around 6 in the morning and go out for a fortyfive minute walk from our centre. Children loved this exercise since it also allowed them to wear their new sports shoes and enjoy the breath of fresh air along with their peer group. Hence when the invite was received by Liveable Chennai we were extremely happy to participate in the event. This initiative was under the Liveable Chennai where they wanted to make our city an inclusive city for

all. CII Chennai Zone Azhakana Chennai Taskforce support by the Yi Chennai Chapter organised an



exclusive initiative – Chennai Inclusive Walk – to promote inclusivity, raise awareness about disabilities, and foster a sense of community among participants. The walkathon was designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

The highlights of this Chennai Inclusive Walk was -A parade of participants with various disabilities along with one person each accompanying them will be conducted. This 1:1 ratio of disabled

person to a neurotypical/” normal” person – hand in hand walk is an idyllic symbolisation that we are all in this together as a society. To echo that if at least one “normal “person took care of one disabled person, we have half defeated the battle that disability is not a disease.

This Initiative was undertaken to proliferate the idea that disability shouldn’t be looked at with sympathy – but rather inculcate an attitude shift towards the disabled – to empower them to live a life with dignity.



Give first-hand information on the rehabilitation policies and resources available in our country and Chennai in specific to make the participants aware. Raising awareness on building a society that has a profound sense of inclusion and multiversity at the grassroots level. Accessibility walk can be a starter of such a campaign.

Build hope to the disabled. Raising the collective sentiments of the disabled people towards a better future. Raising awareness and bust the myths and social stigmas surrounding the topic of disability and Inculcating a sense of empathy through the parade



LETS LIVE TOGETHER AS ONE CHENNAI

Our kids in large numbers participated in the above event from 7 in the morning to 11 at Olympia Tech Park. They participated in the marathon along with games, craft, art and fun activities. They were also treated to a wonderful breakfast and received gifts to take back home. We are indeed grateful to the sponsors of the said event.

SWACHHATA HI SEVA

To accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put the focus on sanitation, the Prime Minister of India had launched the Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October 2014. Under the mission, all villages, Gram Panchayats, Districts, States and Union Territories in India declared themselves "open-defecation free" (ODF) by 2 October 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, by constructing over 100 million toilets in rural India. To ensure that the open defecation free behaviours are sustained, no one is left behind, and that solid and liquid waste management facilities are accessible, the Mission is moving towards the next Phase II of SBMG i.e ODF-Plus. ODF Plus activities under Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) will reinforce ODF behaviours and focus on providing interventions for the safe management of solid and liquid waste in villages.

Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign is being celebrated from 15th September to 2nd October this year under the joint aegis of DDWS & MoHUA for undertaking shramdaan activities aiming to

generate jan andolan through community participation; to provide impetus on implementation of SBM; to disseminate the importance of a sampurna swachh village; to reinforce the concept of Sanitation as everyone's business; and as a prelude for the Swachh Bharat Diwas (2nd October) with nationwide participation.



Theme of SHS-2023 is 'Garbage Free India' with focus on visual cleanliness and welfare of SafaiMitras. Like earlier years the spirit of cleanliness activities is voluntarism/ shramdaan. The focus of these swachhata drives would be on

high footfall public places like bus stands, railway stations, cantonment boards, beaches, tourist places, zoos, national parks & sanctuaries, historical monuments, heritage sites, river fronts, ghats, drains and nallahs etc. in both rural & urban areas of State/ UT.

On 15th September, 2023 launch of SHS campaign was done and this included following activities:-

- Virtual launch by Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti and Hon'ble Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs
- Virtual interaction (Samwaad) with few selected
 - o DM/DCs
 - o Municipal Commissioners

Activities proposed for States / Districts / Blocks to organise SHS from 15th September 2023 to 2nd October 2023 were as follows :-

- Removal of garbage from all important places
- Repair, painting, cleaning and branding of all sanitation assets like litter bins, public toilets, dhalaos, waste transport vehicles, MRFs etc. in the area;



- Assist in drives to clean riverbanks and removal of waste (including plastic) from water bodies especially in Ganga Grams and Ganga Towns;
- Cleaning of zoos, national parks, wildlife sanctuaries etc. under MoEFCC along with regulation of plastic materials into protected areas to prevent littering;
- Cleanliness drives of tourist spots, ASI protected monuments along with IEC initiatives to discourage usage of single use plastic items, saturating dry and

wet waste bins in line with the Hara Geela Sookha Neela campaign, etc.;

- Cleanliness drives in Cantonment Board areas along with IEC campaigns encouraging alternatives to Single Use Plastic (SUP);
- Cleanliness drives and awareness activities may be taken up in schools with children understanding the importance of waste segregation at source, journey of waste, waste to wealth, alternatives to SUP. Where possible Sanitation Clubs may be formed at schools/colleges;



- Under the campaign of 'Har Patri Saaf Sutri' cleaning of all assets under Railways including railway tracks, railway stations, colonies, hospitals etc.; and
- Conducting special programs, cultural events promoting the sanitation journey of the country. In 1992, the annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was announced by the United Nations General



Assembly resolution 47/3. The day was celebrated with the aim of understanding disability issues and gaining support to ensure that their rights to well-being, dignity and equal opportunities are practiced.

Under this programme PATHWAY presented the following activities on the designated dates regarding GARBAGE FREE INDIA

On 20th September (RALLY) Awareness

Programme

On this day our school children and staff conducted an awareness program about Garbage free India. This Rally was conducted in the residential area surrounding our school.

On 22nd (MIME) Awareness program

On this day we conducted a mime program. Our school children gave a performance through mime. Their acting abilities stole many a heart. The below pics are a proof of their abilities.

On 26th (SKIT) Awareness program

This day we staff along with our school children demonstrated our skill through a skit highlighting the segregation of food, Plastics and Medical waste. These kind of activities further instill responsibility in every human and mold them into better citizen. The kids showed enthusiasm in making our city clean and beautiful.



On 27th (VILLUPATTU) Awareness Programme with Chief guests being our school Director and President

Through VILLUPATTU which was conducted with help of staff and kids we promoted the message in simple manner. The audience was made aware as to how to avoid plastics which in turn would help in keeping our city clean.



On 28th (PUPPET SHOW) Awareness Programme

This day was the turn of our Special Educators who used the tool of Puppets teachers to give awareness about keeping their surrounding clean, how to sort out dry waste, and wet waste. This joyful event was attended by our school Director, President and trustees .

Children enjoyed the Puppet show which demonstrated how to hygienically keep our environment clean and

healthy, putting the refuse in the proper designated bins and not to scatter on the floor Children listened with rapt attention and enjoyed the entire episode.

On 29th (EXHIBITION) Awareness Programme

The above mentioned event was a collective effort by all the staff and kids. They spent happy hours creating their materials which would highlight the awareness of Garbage free concept not just to their peers but also to their families. Parents came for the above meet and were astonished to see the array of charts, rangoli, drawing and pictures which outlined the concept in absolutely simple way. Seeing their parents astonished the kids burst into smiles and eagerly drew their guardians to the concept of cleanliness and pointing out its importance. The above exhibition was inaugurated by the board members.

On 29th (SWATCH BHARAT MISSION) Awareness Programme

Importance of cleanliness has always been the main principle taught in Pathway. We have always urged all the staff and kids this particular habit of always trying to be clean. Similar to the basic essentials of life like food, water, shelter, cleanliness also holds great significance in life. It is, in fact, one of the most important things for healthy living. The first and foremost importance of cleanliness is that it means the absence of





disease. Cleanliness helps us stay refreshed and hygienic on a personal level. Further, it lessens the chances of any viruses or bacteria to harm us. When you stay clean and keep the environment clean, you are less likely to fall ill. You can enjoy good health and lead an active lifestyle. It will keep you physically fit and also enhance your lifespan.

Similarly, cleanliness in our surroundings will mean enhanced beauty

and healthiness. It will not only beautify the area but also make it more attractive. In short, cleanliness is vital for one's health and spiritual development. In addition to this, it is also essential for the environmental development of our country. This drive was conducted near Rajiv Gandhi Road. The enthusiasm of the kids motivates not just us but even the public around us. The banners were held high by them emphasizing our points

KRISHNA JAYANTHI



We celebrated Janmashtami in a grand manner in our school. Our special kids dressed up like little Krishna and Radha. The role of Krishna was enacted by Karthik and Dhanam played the gorgeous role of Radha. The children were treated to

a beautiful spectacle of dance and songs by their peers who were coached by their special educators. It was indeed a beautiful sight to watch. The whole campus was filled with joy, colours and divinity. God is always with us and around us no matter what we are doing. Let Lord Krishna bless us all abundantly.



Krishna Janmashtami, also called Gokulashtami, is a grand festival celebrated all over India to commemorate the birth of Lord Krishna. Krishna Janmashtami, also called Gokulashtami, is a grand festival celebrated across India to commemorate Lord Krishna's birth. According to the Hindu calendar, Krishna Janmashtami falls on the Ashtami of Krishna Paksha in the month of Bhadrapad (the dark fortnight of the moon) or the 8th day of the waning phase of the moon.

In accordance with Vedic timekeeping, devotees take Sankalpa after finishing morning rituals and perform Krishna Puja at the midnight hour. Baby Krishan's idol is cleaned with Pancha Amrit, dressed with new clothes and ornaments, and worshipped in a cradle with flowers, fruits, and sweets.



According to Hindu mythology, Krishna, the human incarnation of Vishnu, was born on this day to destroy Mathura's demon king, Kansa, the brother of Krishna's virtuous mother, Devaki. Krishna was born on the eighth (Ashtami) day of the dark fortnight in the Bhadrapada month (August–September) in Mathura and was Devaki and Vasudeva's son. Devotees mark this auspicious occasion by observing a fast and praying to Krishna. They adorn their homes with flowers, diyas and lights while temples are also beautifully decorated and lit. Sri Krishna Janmashtami is a widely celebrated festival. It brings the feeling of joy and happiness among people. It teaches us the lesson of pursuing good over evil. It also teaches us to always perform good deeds.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY DAY

We at Pathway celebrated this day on 7th September along with our staff and kids.

Muscular Dystrophy can be defined as a group of genetic diseases that cause progressive weakness and loss of muscle mass.

In muscular dystrophies, abnormal genes (mutations) lead to muscle degeneration. Most forms begin in childhood. Damaged muscles become progressively weaker. Most people who have the condition eventually need a wheelchair. Other symptoms include trouble breathing or swallowing. Medication, therapy, breathing aids or surgery may help maintain function, but life span is often shortened.



PUNNAGAI PROGRAMME



Like every year PUNNAGAI TALENT programme was conducted by Rotaract Club of Akash at ASAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE, PALLIKARANAI on Saturday the 2nd September 2023. Our school children participated in the event accompanied by the staff.



As the name implies, the project is conducted with the sole motive to bring smiles on the faces of differently abled children. They believe and are committed to the fact that these children represent the future of our country. The main objective of this project is to provide a platform for these young stars to exhibit their astonishing talents and





to help them in facing the world tomorrow with optimism, enthusiasm and self-confidence. The abilities of these children despite the disabilities bestowed upon them have been a great inspiration for everyone who has witnessed this event for the past 20 years. This program has been organized exclusively to provide fun, exposure and comfort to these children.

We from Pathway gladly attended this event from morning at 7.30 AM. Two buses were arranged by the organizers which transported our children and staff to ASAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE venue. Our students actively participated in group dance, group singing, skit, special talent drawing and gymnastics.

Our children got 1st place for skit, and for drawing Kirupa and Karthick got 1st and 3rd place respectively. Our school got overall championship runner-up. Break fast and lunch was provided by the organizers.

WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY

In India, physiotherapy was first started in the year of 1952. The first physiotherapy centre was started in Mumbai with the support of the Government and the support of the World Health Organisation(WHO). World PT Day is on 8th September every year. The day is an opportunity for physiotherapists from all over the world to raise awareness about the crucial contribution the profession makes to keeping people well, mobile and independent. Pathway also observed PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY on Friday the 8th September. Therapists made posters of different postures of the students who





attend therapy class and various activities were conducted along with awareness programme and benefits of Physiotherapy.

In 1996, the World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT) now known as World Physiotherapy designated 8th September as World PT Day. This is the date World Physiotherapy was founded in 1951. The day marks the unity and solidarity of the global physiotherapy community. It is an opportunity to recognise the work that physiotherapists do for their patients and community. Using World PT Day as a focus, World Physiotherapy aims to support member organisations in their efforts to promote the profession and advance their expertise.

The focus for this year's World PT Day is arthritis, with an in-depth look at some forms of inflammatory arthritis, including rheumatoid arthritis and axial spondyloarthritis. This follows on from the theme for 2022, which focused on osteoarthritis. Physiotherapy or physical therapy involves several movements and exercises that can help manage pain, injuries, disorders and many other health issues. Physiotherapy is different from normal exercises and cannot be performed at home. It can only be performed under the supervision of a physiotherapist. Other than managing pains and aches, physiotherapy can also help boost strength and flexibility. It also lowers your risk of injuries by supporting movement and mobility.

Physiotherapy is an important part of your overall treatment. A physiotherapist will guide you on

how to exercise safely, increase your activity levels, set goals, and find the right balance between rest and activity. It's important to stay active and moving when you have arthritis. Physiotherapists are part of a multidisciplinary team that can help you manage your arthritis. They will be able to assess your condition and abilities and guide you on how to keep active and help manage your symptoms. People with RA and other inflammatory joint disorders have an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. Healthy lifestyle choices, including regular physical activity, are important in management of RA to reduce the risk of CVD.



RASA PROGRAMME



Every year we look forward to be a part of the RASA programme which unearths the hidden cultural dance drama talent from our so very special children. This year was no different. We were a part of the much-awaited Mega Production —

BHARATAMBE showcasing the healing power of music and dance featuring almost 240 Artistes with Differing Abilities. Teachers from RASA school had given training to our students two months prior. This year the

event was on 21.02.2024 Wednesday at 6.30 P.M. 2 Buses were arranged by RASA school for our participants.

The show began with the depiction of Bharatmata surrounded by a group of kids hailing her. Children dressed in regional costumes performed the songs and dances of those regions. The entries, exits and formations were executed in a seamless manner as children presented life stories of popular saints. The sequence that paid homage to goddess was aesthetically conceived. Another visually appealing sequence was the projection of lotuses on a screen in the backdrop with children holding up stalks of the flower and swaying them in rhythm. The other moments of significance were the creation of a setting of a banyan tree and ashrama, the props used to depict the lions on the Asoka pillar, and serene visuals of moving clouds and sunset. The concept, music, choreography and direction were by Ambika Kameshwar.

STORY OF THE DANCE – DRAMA

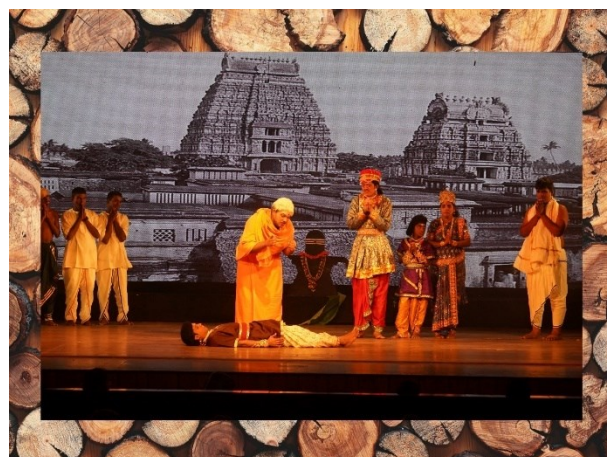
Sanandana was a very bright and intelligent boy from the southern part of Bharat. After he finished his initial studies in his hometown he decided to lead an ascetic life and travelled all the way to Kashi to meet a Guru under whose guidance he can progress further in his spiritual pursuits. At that time Adi Sankara was in Kashi giving discourses on Advaita Vedanta.





Sanandana was drawn towards Sankara. He offered his respectful prostrations and asked the Acharya to take him as a disciple and initiate him into sanyasa. Seeing the keenness of the young aspirant, the Master agreed and took him as his disciple. He was Sankara's first disciple. Sanandana stayed with his Guru serving and learning from him. Sanandana was extremely brilliant and absorbed the knowledge three times faster than anyone else. Sankara was highly pleased and appreciated his disciple's intellectual abilities. However the other students misunderstood and thought that the teacher was more favourable to Sanandana and became jealous. Sankara understood what was going on in their minds, and decided that it was time for them to see for themselves the greatness of Sanandana.

One day, when Sanandana was on the other side of the river Ganga washing clothes, suddenly Sankara called out to him, "Sanandana". No sooner had he heard his name being called out, Sanandana who was on the other side of the river just started walking towards his Master. The actual path was round the river which would take some time. All that was in the mind of the disciple was that his Guru had suddenly called him and he should be there as quickly as possible. Sanandana was walking on the waters of the river. Normally the water currents would have washed him away. But lo! The moment he stepped onto the water, a full blown lotus sprang up to support his foot. When he put the next step forward, another lotus appeared to support his foot. Sanandana had no idea that he was walking on water. In his anxiety to reach his Guru quickly, he was almost running on water with every step being supported by a lotus! The other disciples who were watching this miracle were dumb-founded. They understood that it was nothing but the faith and devotion that Sanandana had for his Guru which made it possible for him to walk on water!





Name of the student who acted:

R. Karthikeyan - ADI SHANKARAR, P. PRASANNA - AS PADMAPADA, JOSEPH & MADHAVAN - DISCIPLES, BEENA & VANI - DANCERS, SANDHYA, POONGODI, YASHITHA, ISWARYA, SRINIKITHA, MADHUMITHA - AS RIVER, NAVEEN, DEVENDRAN, JERIN, VIVEK, RANI, OMPRAKASH, VISHAL, JOSHUA, JOY PETER, ASHWATH, SAI, HARIHARAN, SHABEER - AS LOTUSES, AKSHIYA - AS BHARATHMATHA

All the teachers attended the programme. We are proud to inform our readers that our director was honored by the founder of RASA.

DIVYA KALA MELA

Divya Kala Mela, 2023 started at Exhibition Ground, CERC Campus, Opp-Pamban Swamigal Temple, Thiruvannamiyur, Chennai today, on 17th Nov., 2023. The said fair would continue upto 26th November, 2023. The fair would showcase various products and craftsmanship of Divyang entrepreneurs/artisans. Artisans from different parts of the country will showcase attractive products like handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery works and packaged foods etc., which will also be available for sale. This is a unique initiative towards the economic empowerment of



Divyangjan. More than 100 Divyang artisans/artists and entrepreneurs from around 20 States/Union Territories are showcasing their products and skills in the fair.



Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ms. Pratima Bhowmik inaugurated the Mela today. The fair provides a good platform to Divyangjan to market their products. During the ten day fair, an employment fair was organized during the fair for Persons with Disabilities. At Divya Kala Mela, 2023, loans worth Rs 2.75 Cr were released for the benefit of 274

Divyangjans across Tamil Nadu under NDFDC scheme by Tamil Nadu State Apex Corporative Bank, Tamil Nadu.

At the inauguration ceremony, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Ms. Pratima Bhowmik said that the role of persons with disabilities is very important in building a self-reliant India. She assured all possible assistance to Divyangjan. She said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji changed the perception about Divyangjan and referred them as 'Divyang' for the first time. She said that the Central Government has prepared several schemes to promote



entrepreneurship and craftsmanship especially for Divyangjan. There are schemes for imparting training, skills and extending financial assistance Divyang brothers and sisters. She said that, this fair is proving to be a powerful medium to spread the concept of 'Vocal for Local'. The Central Government has increased the categories of Persons with Disabilities from 7 to 21. In addition, the reservation for Persons with Disabilities in government jobs has been increased from 3% to 4% . Also, the reservation for Divyangjan in Government educational institutions has been increased from 3% to 5%. On this occasion, Shri Naveen Shah, Chairman Cum Managing Director, National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation, said that Govt. of India has taken the initiative and organising Divya Kala Mela in every major city of the country. Till now, nine Divya Kala Mela have been successfully organised and this fair at Chennai is the 10th in the series of such fairs. Earlier this fair has been organized in Delhi, Mumbai, Bhopal, Indore, Guwahati, Jaipur, Varanasi, Secunderabad and Bangaluru.

National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation, a CPSE under the aegis of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is organizing the said fair as the nodal agency. We are proud to state that among the various NGO's, PATHWAY was selected to be a part of this prestigious event Our Vocational group teachers Radha, Linda, Porkodi and Priya were in charge of this ten day mela. They attended the fair on daily basis along with the Vocational kids who took great

pride in arranging their products made by them and explaining and demonstrating their skills to the public. The feedback from the public only boosted their image. This also served as an eyeopener for the group to study the various other stalls manned by the PWD's to enhance their own products. The response from the public as well as the other stall members was very heartening. Our director and President closely watched the proceedings every day. Central Ministers - Mr. Birendra Kumar and Vanathi Srinivasan attended the same and were a part of the closing ceremony.



FREEDOM CARNIVAL-OORUNI FOUNDATION

On the 10th of September, Ooruni foundation got together for the festivity of Freedom Carnival 2023 to render freedom of expression to children with special needs and for downright acceptance of



special kids in society.

Freedom Carnival is an adhoc celebration organised by Ooruni Foundation under “Give Their World Project as an annual event for kids with learning disabilities and developmental disabilities including Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down syndrome, Asperger syndrome and Cerebral Palsy. The importance of the event is to make the special kids explore their possibilities in a fun filled environment, where the infrastructure as per their needs are provided in the forms of games to play, moves to express, quench their thirst of freedom to be themselves. High time to create an understanding about their deficiency issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with these deficiencies. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with special abilities and special needs in every aspect of social, economic and cultural life.

The Kids got up early in the morning and got themselves dressed nicely and were ready to travel to Chennai for the event at Vels Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai. We reached the venue at 8:30 AM with 50 students who were accompanied by 20 staff members. The event was presided by the managing committee of Ooruni foundation and various topics were discussed by experts in

different fields. A training was given to parents and staff on the ways to understand and care for the children with disabilities. Fun games and rides were arranged for the children. The children participated in all the games and got cute little dolls, balls and eatables as prizes. After the lunch, dance was conducted for all the schools and our organization got a prize for the same. It was a fun filled day for all the children. We all headed back to our vehicle after the event. Kids were pretty exhausted but smiles were evident.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – so SPECIAL



It was indeed a great honor for me as the Co-founder to realise the impact I had made on the children in all the centres. The kids amazed me with their love by showering greeting cards and messages online to say how much they value me in their journey of life. I am truly humbled and grateful for the opportunity provided by the Almighty with whose blessings I

have been able to cater to needs of so many lives.

The children's pure love and their smiling faces resolved my motivation to do much more for them. The messages written so carefully by those tiny hands are indeed a wonder. Each card has become a source of treasurable item which will always be in my treasure trove.



TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

World Teachers' Day honours educators all over the planet and praises their commitment to building the future of the students. The International festival marks the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) recommendation concerning the status of teachers.

The UNESCO recommendation helped set benchmarks in regards to the rights and responsibilities of educators and guidelines for their initial preparation and further education, enrollment, employment

and learning conditions. The theme for World Teachers' Day 2023 is "The Teachers We Need for the Education We Want: The Global Imperative to Reverse the Teacher Shortage". It plans to reduce the shortage in the number of educators and grow their strength worldwide, UNESCO said.

Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 every year in India to acknowledge the contribution of teachers in the society. The day marks the birth anniversary of



India's second President and first Vice President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. But why is Dr Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary celebrated as Teachers' Day in India? This is because after he took charge as the President of India in 1962, some students sought permission from him to celebrate his birthday. Dr Radhakrishnan, however, did not approve any fancy celebration but rather requested that the day be observed as Teachers' Day.

Since then, September 5 has been celebrated as Teachers' Day across the country. Various cultural programmes are organised in schools and other educational institutions to mark the day. The intent behind this celebration was to recognise the contribution of teachers in the society. Dr Radhakrishnan enjoyed immense respect among the students. He always emphasized the power of education and encouraged students to learn and contribute to a better future. "Teachers should be the best minds in the country" is what the former President believed.

For the kids who attended this day, wishes and greetings were a perfect way to tell their teachers about their care and love. This becomes essential since teachers are the bedrock upon which any quality education is built and they are perhaps the few people in our lives who rejoice when we, their student, outdo them. The kids expressed their gratitude by making beautiful greeting cards for their favourite teachers.



VINAYAKA CHATURTHI

Vinayaka Chaturthi, also known as Ganesh Chaturthi, is a Hindu festival celebrated to honor the birth of Lord Ganesha, the elephant-headed god of wisdom, prosperity, and good fortune. We at Pathway and all our other centres celebrated this festival on the 18th September. Our children made idols of Lord Ganesha from clay and painted the statues.



Children performed dance, sang songs to celebrate this festivity. Sweet kolukkattai was distributed to all the children and staff. During this festival, elaborate rituals are performed, including



the installation of Ganesha idols in homes and public pandals (temporary structures). These idols are worshiped with prayers, devotional songs, and offerings of sweets, fruits, and flowers. The festival typically lasts for 10 days, with the final day marked by the immersion of the Ganesha idols in water bodies, symbolizing the departure of Lord Ganesha and the cycle of creation and dissolution.



Vinayaka Chaturthi is widely celebrated across India, especially in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, and Tamil Nadu, with great enthusiasm and grandeur. It is a time of community gatherings, cultural events, and fervent devotion to Lord Ganesha.

MAHATMA GANDHI 154th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY 2023

"A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people." - Mahatma Gandhi

On the eve of 154th birthday of our great leader Mahatma Gandhi we at Pathway paid homage to him. The children expressed their talents through drawings, craft work and put up a fancy dress show.



Indians across the world pay homage to him through various activities, including prayer meetings, cultural events, and cleanliness drives. It is a national holiday, promoting reflection on Gandhi's teachings and their relevance in today's world. His life and message continue to inspire generations, promoting unity and harmony across the nation. Gandhi Jayanti is a day of reverence and reflection on his legacy. Gandhi Jayanti holds immense significance as it reminds us of the values and principles that Mahatma Gandhi stood for. It encourages us to reflect



on the ideals of truth, non-violence, and social harmony. It serves as a day to promote and propagate these principles in society. It is a national holiday in India, marked by various events, including prayer meetings, educational programs such as Speech Programs, and acts of social service. Gandhi Jayanti remains a symbol of his enduring influence on humanity's quest for justice and peace.

The theme for Gandhi Jayanti 2023 celebration is “Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath”. This theme calls for a national effort where citizens are

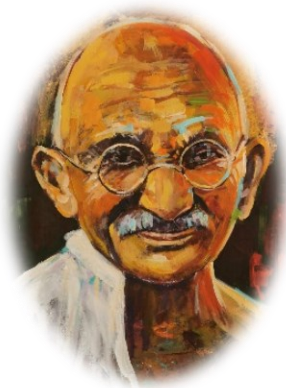
encouraged to participate in one hour of voluntary labour for cleanliness on October 1, 2023, at 10 AM.

The “Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath” Campaign is a substantial cleanliness drive designed to mark the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti. This initiative serves as an initiative to the ‘Swachhata Pakhwada- Swachhata Hi Seva’ 2023 campaign.

To make this campaign a success, Prime Minister Modi encourages all citizens of India to dedicate one hour of voluntary work for cleanliness. To



make a contribution, people can participate in cleaning their own streets, neighbourhoods, public parks, lakes, rivers, or any other public place.



WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY DAY



World Cerebral Palsy Day is Celebrated every year on October 6th this day serves as a platform to raise awareness about cerebral palsy. Children and adults affected by Cerebral Palsy after face challenges that hinder their full participation in society.

The theme for World Cerebral Palsy Day in 2023 is “Together Stronger.” This theme highlights the importance of unity, collaboration, and mutual support within the cerebral palsy community and beyond. Our staff and children of PATHWAY Centre have created an awareness by lighting up the buildings in green colours and carious activities like fun games, poster making and dance by the CP children were performed.

World Cerebral Palsy Day is a global observance that shines a spotlight on cerebral palsy (CP) and its impact on individuals, families, and communities. Celebrated every year on October 6th, this day serves as a platform to raise awareness about CP, support those living with the condition, and advocate for greater inclusion and understanding. Children and adults affected by cerebral palsy often face challenges that hinder their full participation in society. The day sheds light on the need for increased awareness, understanding and support for those with cerebral palsy. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India is the nodal department to look after all the development agenda of Persons with Disabilities of the country. With the vision to





create awareness about Cerebral Palsy among the masses, the Department observed the World Cerebral Palsy Day on 6th October 2023, through the institutions associated with it by conducting activities like Webinar in both Physical and online mode, Awareness generation programmes, Workshops, Assessment and Health check camps, Sensitization programme, Lightning up of the building in Green colour and other recreational activities at more than 70 places across the country.

INDIAN CSR AWARD

Indian Corporate Social Responsibility Awards is organized by Marketing & Brand Honchos. A Power Packed award event to be held to acknowledge and felicitate all those Individuals and Organizations who are bringing pride & glory to the Nation through their contribution towards humanity & nation building. To constantly identify and recognize the efforts of those who are significantly committed & dedicated towards social welfare practices for a better tomorrow. The event will witness the felicitation of various dignitaries, Guest of Honor, Social Activists, Volunteers, Corporates, institutes & Organizations & Crème de la crème from various walks of life who have been committed towards the noble cause and making a positive impact on the society through their innovative and sustainable CSR initiatives.



Brand Honchos Media through an extensive research on 250+ Indian NGOs from pan India found our NGO eligible for the Most Prestigious Title of “TOP 20 MOST TRUSTED NGO’S OF THE YEAR 2023”, felicitated “PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABLED a unit of DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST” at one of the Biggest Convention of the year “Indian CSR Awards 2023”, on 7th October, 2023 at Hotel Hyatt Centric, New Delhi



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



World Mental Health Day is observed on 10th October every year. Mental Health is a Universal Human Right. This subject emphasizes the necessity of assuring that every one regardless of age socio economic class or back ground should have to access to high quality mental health care and support. At Pathway we have created an awareness programme through video presentation along with games to educate the children about the Mental Health teaching about table manners and counselling sessions and group discussions.

WORLD OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY

World occupational therapy day is celebrated every year on October 27 to increase awareness about Occupational therapy. The theme for this year 2023 is “Unity through Community”. The theme promotes our role in working together with others to facilitate participation and community interaction. As a profession, we collaborate with many groups and communities for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole. An Awareness programme was conducted in Pathway for the day consisting of meeting with parents and explaining about the merits of Occupational therapy. The next session was based involving the students in demonstrating the hand functioning skills. Other activities involved were based on gross motor skills, fine motor activities and finally it was capped with therapeutic games .



OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY

Occupational therapy is a client-centered health profession concerned with promoting health and wellbeing through occupation. The primary goal of occupational therapy is to enable people to participate in the activities of everyday life. Occupational therapists achieve this outcome by working with people and communities to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do, or by modifying the occupation or the environment to better support their occupational engagement (WFOT, 2012).



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AWARENESS

Occupational therapy helps to improve quality of life by adding life to years. An occupational therapist can make you dance with clothes. Occupational therapist enables an individual to do what he needs to do and wants to do. An Occupational therapist usually engages the client in meaningful goal directed purposeful activities to restore the lost functions and encourage independence in Activities of daily living (occupations) through adaptation or environmental modifications and provide recommendations for: Techniques to improve motor, perceptual, personal social, sensory integration and

adaptive functions. Independence in activities of daily living (such as bathing, dressing, and eating) and instrumental activities of daily living (such as managing finances and phone, housekeeping, laundry and shopping). Prescription and fabrication of adaptive equipment (such as shower chairs, button hook, socking aid, mobility aids, augmentative communication devices or equipment to make daily tasks easier). Parental, Caregiver and family training to handle the child or adult at home. Planning and making the most of daily routines for maximal independence. Help the client return to work, school, and leisure activities. Use of Techniques to aid in memory, concentration, and executive functioning The various areas of an Occupational therapist involves working in age group from birth -geriatric and also hospice care of the family after the death of the client. Wherever daily activities occur, occupational therapy services can be provided.



SARASWATHI & AYUDHA POOJA NAVRATHRI CELEBRATIONS-



Ayudha Puja, also known as Astra Puja, is celebrated on the ninth day of Navaratri every year in India, and this year, it falls on October 23. People worship and revere the objects and instruments related to their profession and livelihood on this auspicious day. As per the lunisolar calendar commonly used by the Hindu community, Navaratri starts after the new moon of Ashwin month and is a nine-day long festival that celebrates the victory of Goddess Durga over a demon named Mahishasura. However, multiple versions of this legend exist.

Hinduism is one of the oldest religions in the world. It is also perceived to be a blend of different cultures and beliefs that evolved in the Indian subcontinent over time. Many followers of Hinduism call their religion 'Sanatana Dharma' which refers to a motley of views on philosophy and theology, aimed toward explaining the meaning and purpose of life. Hindus are polytheists and believe in various forms of worship. The "Vedas" are considered to be the oldest and most sacred of all holy texts of Hindus.

The mythologies of Hinduism are described through 18 "Puranas" with each having its own version. The Puranas explain complex concepts through simple and easily understandable stories. Then come the "Upanishads" which further explore these complex concepts, beliefs, and world views. They also describe various schools of thought. There are various legends related to the day of Ayudha Puja. The most popular legend comes from the "Mahabharatha," the greatest Hindu epic. According to the Mahabharatha, Arjuna, the third Pandava prince, retrieved his weapons after completing his 'vanavasa' or exile, wherein he had to spend 14 years in a forest. The Pandavas were sent to the vanavasa after they lost everything in a gamble, which was rigged by their enemy, the Kauravas.





After retrieving the weapons, the Pandavas fought the Kauravas and won their lives and kingdom back. Devotees worship their weapons, tools, instruments, and books on this day. As we progressed into the modern age, weapon worship lost its significance, with the related objects of work and occupation taking their place as the objects of worship. On 13th of October NAVRATRI FUNCTION was celebrated. It was wonderful to see all children dressed up in their formals neatly to attend the function organized at the centre.

As per South Indian legends Navaratri celebrations are incomplete without Golu Dolls. These dolls decorated with numerous colours depict the age-old tradition of celebrating the festival by displaying an event from mythological stories.



This year in Pathway we kept the Golu Dolls in different way in which our children can understand. As usual there were 7 steps. In 1st step there was pictures of our National Leaders. 2nd step was Dolls given by the parents. 3rd step there were pictures of Doctor, Nurse, Post Man, Police Man etc. In the 4th step there were pictures of unity of different culture people. In the 5th step there was a Vegetable Shop made out of clay by Navin and also a provision shop made by the children. In the 7th step there was Dolls wearing different traditional dresses.



Last there was Park and Zoo in the ground beautifully arranged. Every doll was presented with 3D effect. It was an eye-catching presentation. Our educators had beautifully arranged all their innovative teaching materials, along with 3d model of our school, a model of children park, a model of animals in the forest by courtesy of our proud designer Naveen who whips

up in seconds beautiful detailed clay models.

Our president Mrs. Dhuli Patnaik felicitated and distributed awards and gifts to the teachers.

INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



Women and girls can lead us to a fairer future...let us amplify girls' voices, and recommit to working together to build a world where every girl can lead and thrive. " -----António Guterres

The International Day of the Girl (IDG) observed annually on 11 October is a global platform to advocate for the full spectrum of girls' rights. In ancient times, women were highly respected. But with time, their situation changed drastically. Thinking of people towards girls changed. Conservative practices like child marriage, the

sati system, the dowry system, female foeticide, etc. became prevalent. Due to this, girls were being denied rights like education, nutrition, legal rights and medicine. But now in this modern era, several efforts are being made to provide girls their rights and to make people aware of it. The Government of India has also implemented several schemes to empower girls, under which "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" is one of them. Apart from this, the central and state governments are also taking initiatives and implementing various schemes.

Since 2012, International Day of the Girl Child has been celebrated every year. Its main objective is to empower women and help them to get their rights so that they can face challenges all over the world and meet their needs. At the same time, spreading awareness about eliminating gender abnormalities against girls around the world.

The theme for International Day Of The Girl Child 2023 is 'Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being.' According to the UN Organisation, "This year, at a time when we are seeing a range of movements and actions to





curtail girls' and women's rights and roll back progress on gender equality, we see particularly harsh impacts on girls. From maternal health care and parenting support for adolescent mothers to digital and life skills training; from comprehensive sexuality education to survivor support services and violence prevention programmes; there is an urgent need for increased attention and resources

for the key areas that enable girls to realize their rights and achieve their full potential."

We at Pathway celebrated this beautiful day with all our staff and children by embracing the girl children and at the same time spreading awareness about eliminating gender abnormalities against girls around the world. To mark this event all our girl children were dressed in different costumes like Doctor, Nurse, Florist, Lawer, Teacher, Cheff, Post Woman, Driver and Mother Teresa.



DR A P J ABDUL KALAM

"it does not matter how large or small your sphere of activity is, what counts finally is the commitment that you bring to the job that has been ordained for you in this life." — A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, My Journey: Transforming Dreams into Actions

To honour and mark the importance of India's 11th President APJ Abdul Kalam, in 2010 the United Nations declared his birthday on 15 October to be celebrated as World Students Day. On this day our entire children from the centre both residential and children from online paid their tributes on his 92nd Birth Anniversary. Their gesture is indeed heart warming for this great soul.



Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam (15 October 1931 – 27 July 2015) was an Indian aerospace scientist who served as the 11th president of India from 2002 to 2007. He was born and raised in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu and studied physics and aerospace engineering. He spent the next four decades as a scientist and science administrator, mainly at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and was intimately involved in India's civilian space programme and military missile development efforts.[1] He thus came to be known as the Missile Man of India for his work

on the development of ballistic missile and launch vehicle technology. He also played a pivotal organisational, technical, and political role in India's Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998, the first since the original nuclear test by India in 1974.

Kalam was elected as the 11th president of India in 2002 with the support of both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and the then-opposition Indian National Congress. Widely referred to as the "People's President", he returned to his civilian life of education, writing and public service after a single term. He was a recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour.

A recollection of APJ Abdul Kalam's legacy is incomplete without a mention of his role as a teacher. Kalam was dedicated to teaching and identified himself first as a teacher and then as anything else. His demise while delivering a lecture at IIM Shillong was only fitting to his dedication towards teaching. This year, the UN's theme is, 'Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace'. The theme highlights the many ways learning can empower people, protect the planet, build shared prosperity and foster peace. It reaffirms the role of education as a fundamental right, a public good and an enabler of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In the President's Address at the presentation of the National Award to Teachers in 2004, he highlighted the need to recognise the efforts of a teacher and identified them as the backbone of any country. In his address he said that education is a process which leads to creativity.





He said, "The creativity is indeed the result of the education process and the environment of the school and above all the teachers' capability igniting the minds of the students. The essence of it can be seen in the following verses: Learning gives creativity, Creativity leads to thinking, Thinking provides knowledge, Knowledge makes you great."

About the aims of a teacher, he said, "The aim of the teacher should be to build character, human values enhance the learning capacity of children through technology and build the confidence among children to be innovative and creative which in turn will make them competitive to face the future."

Kalam envisioned a strong and self-reliant India and counted upon the teachers to prepare a future generation that could think independently and find solution to problems our country faced. In the President's Address at the presentation of National Award to Teachers in 2006, he said, "Teachers have to realize that they are the builders of the society. The society can be built only when the students are made proficient in their subjects. In addition they have to provide a vision for life to the students and also inculcate the fundamentals of values which he should practice in the years to come."



APJ Abdul Kalam's love for students, finds best voice when he said, "Dream, Dream, Dream, Dreams transform into thoughts. And thoughts result in action." He had also further said, to students, "If you fail, never give up because fail means 'first attempt in learning'."



Kalam also said, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults". He believed that if children's attitudes, values, ideas and, ideals could be moulded a better world could be achieved. The best method of education was by imparting behavior patterns. Teachers and parents should behave in such a way as to instill values in children, he said.

JHOOM INTERNATIONAL



SHANTIDHAM FOUNDATION is a Non Profit making voluntary Organisation, carrying out different developmental activities for last 18 years in PAN India and associated with a few organisations globally and conducting many activities for the underprivileged, campaigning awareness generation & publicity and placement assistance for their livelihoods.

JHOOM INTERNATIONAL is a unique “International Level Talent Hunt”, FIRST OF ITS KIND for Persons with Disabilities, presented by SHANTIDHAM FOUNDATION,

BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA, INDIA for six years in a row.

The program attracts a variety of participants from Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), from across the India and abroad who possess some form of talents, with acts ranging from singing, dancing, magic, mimicry, comedy, drawing, painting, general stunts, variety, and other genres to participate in the programme.

Each participant, whose auditions attempts to secure a place in the live episodes of a season by impressing a panel of judges - the current line-up consists of different eminent judges from India and abroad. Those that make it into the live episodes compete against each other in order to reach the final, where the winner receives a Trophy, Certificate, cash prize paid over a period of time and other attractive prizes.

Since seven years in a row, SHANTIDHAM FOUNDATION has taken this initiation and has been supported by DePwD, Government of India, NSD, Government of India, SSEPD Department, Govt. of Odisha, Culture Department, Govt. of Odisha, NALCO, VEDANT, Tummala Sambasiva Rao, Givven Logistics (P) Ltd., Sillicon Institute of Technology, Maa Ghar, Chappan Bhog, The ENGINEERING (P) LTD. and Torrent Advertisers.

This unique programme gives a huge platform to the talented PwDs,





wherein they can showcase their hidden talents globally. This gives them recognition, name, fame and ultimately confident enough to earn livelihood through their talent, which is the main motto of the programme. This year they got 1482 registrations from all over India.

We are proud to announce that our below mentioned children –

PRASANNA, KARTHIKEYAN, SRINIKITA, MADHAVAN AND NAVEEN had taken an active part. On 13th novemebrr the results were

announced through Webnair. We are extremely proud to note that Prasanna secured the first prize whereas Madhavan was placed in top 10.

The AWARD CEREMONY took place on December 22, 2023, from 4 PM to 7 The Programme was Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube, and it was promoted by DailyHunt, where more than one lakh people watched the show worldwide.

DIWALI



with Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and Ganesha, the god of wisdom and the remover of obstacles.

Diwali is the festival of lights which signifies the victory of good over evil and the eradication of dark shadows, negativity, and doubts from our lives. It is a celebration of prosperity in which people give gifts to their loved ones. The

Diwali also known as Dewali, Divali, or Deepavali is a socio-cultural festival. The term is derived from the Sanskrit words dīpa, "lamp, light, lantern, candle, that which glows, shines, illuminates or knowledge" and āvali, "a row, range, continuous line, series." It is connected to various religious events, deities and personalities, but is popularly celebrated as the return of Rama to his kingdom in Ayodhya after 14 years of exile. It is also widely associated





festival also sends the message of illuminating our inner selves with clarity and positivity. The festival of lights signifies peace and joy, the victory of good over evil, and light over darkness every day. It is one of the most symbolic Hindu festivals, and all the communities in the country celebrate it with much pomp. During this festival, people clean their homes, decorate every corner with lights, lamps, diyas, flowers, rangoli, and candles. Families also perform Lakshmi Puja and pray to the Goddess of wealth to bless them with health, wealth, and prosperity.

All the centres from Pathway celebrated this festival but in eco friendly manner. 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 children



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.

The children with the help of staff made paper sparklers, flowerpots chakras etc. they finally colored them and displayed to the gathering with pride. The sweets which are a part and parcel of this festivity were also displayed using paper models in form of Indian sweets like kajukattli, laddus, murukku, adhivasam etc. Though it was an activity but this was inherently a teaching method to educate the kids too. This was followed by Srinikita giving a speech on the importance and the safety methods involved in bursting the crackers. The kids listened with rapt interest to their peer. The highlight of the programme was the DO'S and DON'T'S a skit mime performed by the vocation



group. They highlighted the importance of safety measures to be taken while lighting the fireworks. It was amazing to watch the kids enjoying the show with great concentration

In addition to the lights and joyous surprises and gifts, Diwali is a time for introspection and making the necessary changes for the next year. To celebrate Diwali, people from all ages, religions, and castes gather together. People embrace one another and mix enthusiastically during this moment.

In essence, Diwali sheds light on who we truly are. The Diwali lights also signify a time for eradicating all of our evil intentions and ideas and leaning forward for a more profound, inward illumination. The Diwali festival represents the rebirth of the soul. During Diwali, one is inspired to make changes to become a healthy and moral individual who is more spiritual and productive at work.

CHILDRENS DAY CELEBRATION



"Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man." -Rabindranath Tagore

Children's Day, celebrated on November 14, is recognized across India to increase awareness of the rights, care, and education of children. The day is also held as a tribute to India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. He considered children as the real strength of a nation and foundation of society. The nation usually celebrates Children's Day with educational and motivational programs held across India, by

and for children. Jawaharlal Nehru was affectionately called Chacha Nehru ("Uncle Nehru") by children, and their faith in him was a constant source of happiness for him. As the Prime Minister, Nehru wanted to "create an atmosphere in the country where the attention is constantly focused on children and their welfare". The freedom fighter was credited with making great changes in the educational set up of the country and in bringing about much-needed changes in the overall working





“Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.”

– John F. Kennedy

of the system. Since he believed so deeply in the potential of children, he laid great emphasis on education which is a great tool to harness the caliber of young minds.

Children’s Day is also known as ‘Bal Diwas’ in India, and its celebrations date back to 1956, when the day was observed as ‘Universal Children’s Day’ on November 20, keeping with the United Nations. After Pandit Nehru’s death in 1964, however, it was decided the celebrations be moved to commemorate his birth anniversary. Since then, November 14 has been celebrated as Children’s Day in India. Children’s Day is a fun yet significant occasion that celebrates childhood and the importance of children in our society. It is a day to reflect on the rights and well-being of children, emphasising the need for a safe and nurturing environment for their growth and development.

In addition to commemorating the great leader, the day is also a reminder that every child, irrespective of their caste, creed, financial or political status, deserves basic amenities that include education, nurturing, healthcare and sanitation. Since they are the future of the nation, they hold within them immense potential and to channel it constructively, is a responsibility that the entire nation should shoulder.

Now, to mark Children’s Day, schools organize fun and motivational functions. Many prepare a Children’s Day speech, quizzes debate, fancy dress shows and fun games. It’s a joyous occasion for all children, parents and teachers.



WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2023



இன்று (29.11.2023) சென்னை, எழும்பூர், இராஜாத்தினம் விளையாட்டு மைதானத்தில் மாண்புமிகு சமூக நலன் மற்றும் மகளிர் உரிமைத் துறை அமைச்சர் திருமதி பி. கீதா ஜீவன் அவர்கள் உலக மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் தினத்தை முன்னிட்டு மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்குள்ள மாநில அளவிலான விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகளை தொடங்கி வைத்து, வெற்றி பெற்ற மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கு பரிசுகளை வழங்கினார். இந்திகழ்ச்சியில் மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத்துறை அருக செயலாளர் திருமதி ஜெயசுரீ முரளிதாஸ், இ.ஆ.ப., மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத்துறை இயக்குநர் திரு. கமல் கிஷோர், இ.ஆ.ப., மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத்துறை இணை இயக்குநர் திருமதி ஜெயலக்ஷ்மி மற்றும் அலுவலர்கள் ஆகியோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." - Christopher Reeve

"Disability is articulated as a struggle, an unnecessary burden that one must overcome to the soundtrack of a string crescendo. But disabled lives are multi-faceted – brimming with personality, pride, ambition, love, empathy, and wit." – Sinead

Burke, writer, academic, activist and broadcaster.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities, observed annually on December 3rd, serves as a poignant reminder of the challenges faced by individuals living with disabilities worldwide, while also celebrating their achievements and advocating for their rights. This day, established by the United Nations in 1992, seeks to promote awareness, understanding, and acceptance of disability issues, as well as to mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities.



At the heart of this day lies a commitment to fostering a more inclusive and accessible society, where every individual, regardless of their abilities, can fully participate and contribute. With over a billion people living with some form of disability globally, the significance of this day cannot be overstated. It serves as a catalyst for change, sparking conversations, initiatives, and policies aimed at breaking down barriers and creating a world that embraces diversity in all its forms. The theme for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities varies each year, reflecting the evolving priorities and challenges faced by the disability community. From promoting accessible infrastructure and



technology to advancing inclusive education and employment opportunities, these themes serve as rallying points for action and advocacy. They provide a framework for organizations, governments, and individuals to come together in solidarity, to reaffirm their commitment to the principles of equality, dignity, and social justice for all.

The theme for the 2023 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is "United in action to rescue and achieve the SDGs for, with, and

by persons with disabilities". The theme encourages people to work together to improve the world for people with disabilities. The SDGs are a set of 17 goals that countries are working on to make the world better and fairer for everyone by 2030. The IDPD aims to increase awareness of the challenges people with disabilities face and promote their inclusion in all aspects of society.

The day doesn't discriminate between mental and physical disabilities, and



the spirit of the day is to ensure that all people in the world have equal opportunities for work, play, health, and success. People with disabilities can be and very often are contributing and valued members of society, and today is all about appreciating them.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities is important in following ways:

- It creates awareness
- We understand the difficulties people living with disabilities have



create a more inclusive society where everyone can fully engage and thrive.

Education plays a crucial role in shaping attitudes and perceptions towards disability. Inclusive education, which recognizes and accommodates the diverse learning needs of all students, regardless of ability, is a cornerstone of disability rights. It fosters understanding, empathy, and respect for differences, while also providing students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in an increasingly diverse world. By



- It's more than a day - it's the law

One of the key pillars of the disability rights movement is the concept of accessibility.

Accessible environments, products, and services are essential for ensuring equal opportunities and participation for persons with disabilities. This encompasses physical accessibility, such as ramps, elevators, and designated parking spaces, as well as digital accessibility, including websites, software, and communication technologies. By removing barriers to access, we can

promoting inclusive education practices, we can break down stereotypes, combat discrimination, and build a more inclusive society from the ground up.

In addition to addressing systemic barriers, it is also essential to promote positive representation and portrayal of persons with disabilities in the media and popular culture. Too often, individuals with disabilities are either marginalized or portrayed in a stereotypical or

sensationalized manner, reinforcing negative attitudes and perceptions. By showcasing diverse and authentic portrayals of disability, we can challenge stereotypes, promote empathy and understanding, and celebrate the rich diversity of human experience.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is not only a day of reflection and awareness but also a call to action. It is a reminder that the journey towards equality and inclusion is ongoing and requires the collective efforts of all members of society. Whether through policy

advocacy, community engagement, or everyday acts of kindness and respect, each of us has a role to play in creating a world where every person, regardless of ability, can live with dignity, autonomy, and full participation.

To add essence to this day's celebration, a District Level Sports Meet was conducted in St. Louis school in Adyar. A troop of 27 children participated from our organisation. 13 students claimed the top prizes in various events. Our student Devendran got a life time opportunity to light the torch for signaling the start of this beautiful sports event.. Lunch was provided to all the students and staff. The programme extended from morning 9 a.m. to afternoon 2 p.m. This event was followed by State level sports which was conducted on 29.12.2023 at RAJARATHINAM STADIUM. 50 students and all our staff attended this event. Due to incessant rain kids were not able to participate in the marchpast. They waited patiently for the rains to subside and finally did get a chance to participate in the other events. We are proud to note that three of our students . Arun, Shruthika and Madhumitha respectively emerged as top winners. Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister Mrs. Geetha Jeevan graced the occasion along with department officials.

By adopting the colour purple during this day, individuals and organisations show their commitment to promoting inclusivity and equality for disabled people. It serves as a visual reminder to society about the importance of recognising and valuing the contributions of disabled individuals.

As we commemorate this day, let us reaffirm our commitment to building a more inclusive and accessible world, where diversity is celebrated, and the rights of all individuals are respected and upheld. Together, we can break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create a society where every person can thrive and contribute their unique gifts to the world.

NATIONAL DEWORMING DAY

The National Deworming Day is observed on February 10 every year. It is an initiative taken by the Government of India to deworm all the children across the nation in the age group of 1 to 19. Worms are parasites, which live in human intestines for food and survival. The worms consume nutrients meant for the human body and cause blood loss, poor nutrition and stunt growth.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

"As we give presents at Christmas, we need to recognize that sharing our time and ourselves is such an important part of giving." – **Gordon B. Hinckley**

*I heard the
on Christmas
Their old,
familiar
play,
And wild and
The words*



*bells
Day
carols
sweet*

repeat

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



meaningful messages. December 25th is a day to cherish, and what better way to do so than by sharing the magic of Christmas with our



As the holiday season unfolds, there's a special enchantment in the air, and nothing encapsulates it better than the celebration of Christmas. As we usher in the much-anticipated Christmas of 2023, let's spread the festive cheer with heartwarming wishes, delightful images, inspiring quotes, and



loved ones?

Christmas is celebrated every year on December 25. The festival marks the celebration of the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is worshipped as the Messiah of God in Christian Mythology. Hence, his birthday is one of the most joyous ceremonies amongst Christians. Although the festival is mainly celebrated by the followers



of Christianity, it is one of the most enjoyed festivals all over the globe. Christmas symbolizes merriment and love. It is celebrated with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm by everyone, no matter what religion they follow. The season of Christmas that begins from Thanksgiving brings festivity and joy to everyone's lives. Thanksgiving is the day when people thank the almighty for blessing them with harvest and also show gratitude towards all the good things and people around. On Christmas, people wish each other Merry Christmas and pray that the day takes away all the negativity and darkness from people's life.

Christmas is a festival full of culture and tradition. The festival entails a lot of preparations. Preparations for Christmas start early for most people. Preparations for Christmas involve a lot of things including buying decorations, food items, and gifts for family members and friends. People usually wear white or red coloured outfits on the day of Christmas.



Young children are especially excited about Christmas as they receive gifts and great Christmas treats. The treats include chocolates, cakes, cookies, etc. People on this day visit churches with their families and friends and light candles in front of the idol of Jesus Christ. Churches are decorated with fairy lights and candles. People also create fancy Christmas cribs and adorn them with gifts, lights, etc. Children

sing Christmas carols and also perform various skits marking the celebration of the auspicious day. One of the famous Christmas carols sung by all is “Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle all the way”.

We at Pathway enjoy this festival like every other. The children under the guidance of the staff put up a nativity show. The other children enjoyed this festival spirit by decorating the frontage and corridor with festoons, sparkling stars and santa claus. The bigger group got engaged in tying up the balloons, handmade stars and finally the entire group chose to dress up the christmas tree with little paper ornaments that they had prepared with love and pride.



A small nativity stage set with all the characters adorned the office room for every soul to view and feel the wonderful spirit of the season. Children and adults received their gifts and bonuses which made it more merrier.

PONGAL



Pongal also referred to as Thai Pongal, is a multi-day Hindu harvest festival celebrated by Tamils in India and Sri Lanka. It is observed at the start of the month Thai according to Tamil solar calendar, and this festival is celebrated usually on January 14 or January 15 depending on the sun's orbit around earth that particular year. It is dedicated to the

sun god, Surya, and corresponds to Makar Sankranti, the harvest festival under many regional names celebrated throughout India. The three days of the Pongal festival are called Bhogi Pongal, Surya Pongal, and Mattu Pongal. Some Tamils celebrate a fourth day of Pongal known as Kanum Pongal.

According to tradition, the festival marks the end of winter solstice, and the start of the sun's six-month-long journey northwards when the sun enters the Capricorn. The festival is named after the ceremonial "Pongal", which means "to boil, overflow" and refers to the traditional dish prepared from the new harvest of rice boiled in milk with jaggery (raw sugar). To mark the festival, the pongal dish is prepared, first offered to the gods and goddesses, including Surya. Mattu Pongal is for worship of the cow known as Madu. Cattle are bathed, their horns polished and painted in bright colors, and garlands of flowers placed around





their necks. The pongal that has been offered to the deities is then given to cattle, and then shared by the family. Festive celebrations include decorating cows and their horns, ritual bathing and processions. It is traditionally an occasion for decorating rice-powder based Kolam artworks, offering prayers in the home, temples, getting together with family and friends, and exchanging gifts to renew social bonds of solidarity.

The festival's most significant practice is the preparation of the traditional "pongal" dish. It utilizes freshly harvested rice, and is prepared by boiling it in milk and raw cane sugar (jaggery). Sometimes additional ingredients are added to the sweet dish, such as: cardamom, raisins, cashews and mung beans (split). Other ingredients include coconut and ghee (clarified butter from cow milk). Along with the sweet version of the Pongal dish, some prepare other versions such as salty and Savory (venpongal). According to Gutiérrez, women in some communities take their "cooking pots to the town center, or the main square, or near a temple of their choice or simply in front of their own home" and cook together as a social event. The cooking is done in sunlight, usually in a porch or courtyard, as the dish is dedicated to the Sun god, Surya. Relatives and friends are invited, and the standard greeting on the Pongal day typically is, "has the rice boiled"?

The cooking is done in a clay pot that is often garlanded with leaves or flowers, sometimes tied with a piece of turmeric root or marked with pattern artwork called kolam. It is either cooked at home, or in community gatherings such as in temples or village open spaces. It is the ritual dish, along with many other courses prepared from seasonal foods for all present. It is traditionally offered to the gods and goddesses first, followed sometimes by cows, then to





friends and family gathered. Temples and communities organize free kitchen prepared by volunteers to all those who gather. According to Andre Bateille, this tradition is a means to renew social bonds. Portions of the sweet pongal dish (sakkara pongal) are distributed as the prasadam in Hindu temples.

The dish and the process of its preparation is a part of the symbolism, both conceptually and materially. It celebrates the harvest; the cooking transforms the gift of agriculture into nourishment for the gods and the community on a day that

Tamil's traditionally believe marks the end of winter solstice and starts the sun god's journey north. The blessing of abundance by Goddess Pongal (Uma, Parvati) is symbolically marked by the dish "boiling over".

Day 1: Bhogi Pongal

Bhogi / Bogi, which falls on January 14th this year, marks the beginning of the Pongal festival celebrations. Indra, the Lord of the Rain, is honored on the first day in gratitude for the fertility of their agricultural land. Similar to the Lohri festival in Punjab, this day's events were centered around a bonfire. On this day, people worship the sun god as well as the agricultural tools that are used to harvest crops. People tidy up their homes and use rangoli or "Kolams" to beautify them. Red dirt with a paste of rice flour and water is used to create the lovely Pongal Kolams. Additionally, lamps and fresh flowers are used in home decorations.



Day 2: Surya Pongal

The main day of the Pongal celebration, which is observed as Surya Pongal, is the second day which will be observed on January 15. Fresh milk is boiled till it crosses the vessel's edge to start the day. This is one of the key traditions of the Pongal celebration and is said to bring prosperity. On this day, people in Tamil Nadu prepare the traditional sweet dish "Pongal" out of rice, milk, and jaggery. This is presented to the deity as prasad. Women congregate at a certain location in several areas of Tamil Nadu to execute the ceremony collectively. Other items like sugarcane, coconut and bananas are also offered to the Sun god.



Day 3: Mattu Pongal

The third day of Pongal, known as Mattu Pongal, which is devoted to the worship of cows, is on January 16. Farm animals, like cows and oxen, are honored on this day since they enable farmers to successfully grow and harvest their crops. The farm animals are bathed and then elegantly

decorated for Mattu Pongal. Their horns are frequently painted and decorated with garland and then "Pongal" is offered for cows and oxen. On this day, bullfights, also known as Jallikattu, are organized. In Tamil Nadu's Madurai district, the bull-taming sport is well-known.

Day 4: Kaanum Pongal

The fourth day or last day of Pongal is known as Kaanum or Knau Pongal which will be celebrated on January 17. Kaanum Pongal is also referred to as Karinaal in some regions of Tamil Nadu. On this day, people worship the Sun God and offer food and Sarkarai Pongal. In order to represent sweetness and joy in life, sugarcane is dedicated to the deity as well as exchanged amongst humans. During Kaanum Pongal, people visit their loved ones and distant acquaintances. On Kaanum Pongal, people perform traditional dances and songs from the region.

As always this festival was celebrated in our centre where kids showed eagerness, excitement and happiness while dressing up in their best festive clothes. The main charm of this festival being cooking Pongal thus ushering traditionally harvest season along with a new year. Students from Rajalakshmi Engineering College came to Pathway and celebrated Pongal with students and staff. They entertained the children with fun games, dance and competition. There was lot of fun and children enjoyed and eagerly participated in the event. Finally, Pongal was distributed to all the children, staff and the students.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Republic Day in 2024, like every year in India, commemorates the day when the Constitution of India came into effect. It's celebrated on January 26th with great fervor and enthusiasm throughout the country. On this day, India showcases its military strength,

cultural diversity, and rich heritage through parades, cultural events, and flag hoisting ceremonies. The President of India unfurls the national flag at the Red Fort in New Delhi, followed by a grand parade showcasing India's diverse culture, military prowess, and technological achievements. It's a day of





national pride and unity, reminding citizens of the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution and the importance of democracy, sovereignty, and secularism. Republic Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism along with a grand parade organised at Delhi. There will be a women-centric 75th Republic Day Parade with the themes 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Bharat - Loktantra ki Matruka.' A first-ever all-female Tri-Service contingent will march down Kartavya Path to showcase the 'best representation of women.'

According to the Press Information Bureau, French President Mr Emmanuel Macron was the Chief Guest at this year's Republic Day Parade. A total of 25 tableaux - 16 States/Union Territories and nine Ministries/Departments – will roll down the Kartavya Path during the parade. The States/UTs are Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Ladakh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana. The Ministries/Organisations are the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Ministry of Culture, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Centre For Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Election Commission of India, and Central Public Works Department (CPWD).

'Anant Sutra - The Endless Thread' showcasing nearly 1,900 sarees and drapes from every corner of the country is going to be another highlight of the Republic Day parade ceremony.

On 26 January, Republic Day, we recognize that the strength to form the country's future lies firmly in the hands of residents. This unique Republic Day thought transcends the grandeur of parades and





drill. They pride in wearing costumes depicting our national leaders like Nehru Ji, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Kamarajar and Indra Gandhi. Bharat mata being one of their favourites. This occasion was marked later with chocolates and finally a sumptuous breakfast for all present .



celebrations, reworking right into a second for introspection, a name to every character to understand the load of their role in the democratic framework.

Republic Day is not merely a date on the calendar; it is a reminder that democracy is not a spectator recreation but a lively engagement. It beckons citizens to mirror the ideas of equity, freedom, equal rights, and solidarity enshrined in our Constitution and contemplate upon the duties that accompany those cherished beliefs.

We at Pathway India are celebrated this 75th Republic day with great pride. Beautiful costumes were worn by the children. Our Pathway celebrated this beautiful day like a festival at all our three centres. Our Director Dr. Chandra Prasad and our President Mrs. Dhuli Patnaik hoisted the National Flag along with the principal. The school staff and students participated in this programme with full enthusiasm. To the delight of the present audience the children performed a cultural programme after the preliminary marchpast and



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



At Pathway we welcome this most wonderful day dedicated internationally for Women with open hearts. The staff and students join together to make this day as special and memorable as one can do. We at Pathway salute these wonderful women force who selflessly have dedicated their lives to improve the quality of the most deserving special group of children and adults braving all the challenges. Recognizing this group only further motivates them to give their best. The staff highlighted the various achievements of our women in form of skits, posters, dances etc.

With the theme of “Inspire Inclusion”, the world is all set

to celebrate IWD 2024 on 8th March 2024. International Women's Day (IWD) is a global observance celebrated annually on March 8th to honour the achievements and contributions of women in various fields and disciplines across the world. The day also serves as a platform to raise awareness about gender equality, advocate for women's rights, and address issues such as gender-based violence, discrimination, and the socio-economic disparities that women face.



The objectives of this day celebrations can be listed out as below-

- ✦ To celebrate the achievements of women across the world.
- ✦ To raise awareness about women's rights and gender equality.
- ✦ To accelerate concrete efforts towards achieving gender parity.
- ✦ To inspire individuals, communities, and nations towards the goal of gender equality and women's rights.
- ✦ To foster a sense of solidarity and unity among women worldwide.
- ✦ By aiming to promote the inclusion of women in all spheres of life, the theme carries multifarious significance as explained below:
- ✦ Social Justice: Inclusion of women in different walks of life would promote the cause of social justice.
- ✦ Development & Progress: Women constitute approximately 50% of the world's population. Leaving behind them is not an option if the world has to make progress.
- ✦ Workforce Participation: Providing women equal opportunities for employment will promote the Female Labor Force Participation Rate (FLFPR). This, in turn, will promote diversity of skills and perspectives.



♣ Increased Innovations: Promoting inclusion of women brings diverse perspectives and talents to the table. This promotes more innovations and better solutions.

♣ Better Decision-Making: Gender inclusion in leadership positions ensures that women's perspectives and needs are represented in decision-making processes. This leads to innovative solutions to challenges faced across the world such as social injustices, economic inequality, climate change, etc.

- ♣ Socio-Economic Equity: Women's inclusion in all aspects of society is crucial for achieving gender equality and women's empowerment.
- ♣ Social Change: As compared to men, women tend to make better choices and invest more of their earnings in their families and societies. Thus, promoting females' inclusion would lead to a ripple effect of positive change in our society.
- ♣ Health and Educational Outcomes: Women play a crucial role in the health and well-being of families and communities. Studies show that their inclusion leads to better health and educational outcomes.
- ♣ Peaceful Society: Inclusion of women in a true sense would help to do away with gender bias and hence gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, etc. It helps accelerate resolute actions to do away with gender stereotypes and break down barriers for women in all spheres.
- ♣ This is a day to honour the contributions of women in various spheres and to acknowledge their indispensable role in shaping the globe's destiny. It acts as a reflection and affirmation of the world's ongoing journey toward women's empowerment and gender equality. It serves as a platform to raise awareness against gender bias and do away with the same. The day facilitates discussions and resolute actions to address the persisting challenges that hinder women's progress across the globe.
- ♣ By raising awareness about the success stories of women, the day helps inspire women and girls across the globe to reach their full potential. Fosters a feeling of worldwide unity among women and girls from diverse cultures and backgrounds. It is a day to reflect on the progress made towards women's empowerment and to renew the commitment to addressing the challenges faced by women across the world.



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Every year on March 21, World Down Syndrome Day is observed across the globe. The day is designated to promote awareness about Down syndrome and to assist those who live with the condition. The United Nations (UN) chose March 21 to represent the uniqueness of Down syndrome caused by triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome.

The theme for the 12th World Down Syndrome Day is 'With Us, Not For Us'. And the message is that people with disabilities have the same rights to equal treatment



and opportunity as everyone else. According to UN organizations, the Down Syndrome International network is campaigning for the right to legal capacity, supported decision-making, and easy-to-understand communication.

We at Pathway celebrated with our children by conducting various activities, drawings and games. To give more highlight and

emphasise the same we all wore shades of blue and yellow. Our buildings were lit in the above colours. The children supported this cause with balloons and festoon adding the same dash of colours. It was a happy sight to watch the beaming smiles of the kids.

World Down Syndrome Day 2024 is centered around the theme, 'End The Stereotypes'. This theme focus to integrate people with Down syndrome in all aspects of life and not discriminate against them.

And to achieve that, it invites self-advocates, supporters, government and UN officials, and NGO representatives to share knowledge,





experience, and good practices from countries around the world at the 12th WDS Conference. Down syndrome occurs when an individual has an extra partial (or whole) copy of chromosome 21. It is not yet known why this syndrome occurs, but Down syndrome has always been a part of the human condition. It exists in all regions across the globe and commonly results in variable effects on learning styles, physical characteristics and health. Adequate access to health care, to early intervention programmes, and to inclusive education, as well as appropriate research, are

vital to the growth and development of the individual.

In December 2011, the General Assembly declared 21 March as World Down Syndrome Day. The General Assembly decided, with effect from 2012, to observe World Down Syndrome Day on 21 March each year. In order to raise public awareness of Down syndrome, the General Assembly invites all Member States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to observe World Down Syndrome Day in an appropriate manner. The estimated incidence of Down syndrome is between 1 in 1,000 to 1 in 1,100 live births worldwide. Each year, approximately 3,000 to 5,000 children are born with this chromosome disorder.

The quality of life of people with Down syndrome can be improved by meeting their health care needs, including regular check-ups with health professionals to monitor mental and physical condition and to provide timely intervention be it physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, counselling or special education. Individuals with Down syndrome can achieve optimal

quality of life through parental care and support, medical guidance, and community based support systems such as inclusive education at all levels. This facilitates their participation in mainstream society and the fulfillment of their personal potential.



CREATIVE VOCATIONAL work - NEW IDEAS

AIR DRY CLAY – new products

Our previous products made using air dry clay seemed to have taken very smoothly in our vocation hence we decided to pursue further to make more intricate and better products paper We are always on the lookout for new vocations to break the monotony of work. After being successful in making our newspaper nativity regarding the faces that we designed we decided to venture furthermore with this material which is a versatile medium known as Artec Clay. Artec Clay is much more than a sculpting material. Its unique characteristics make it a favorite choice for artists. Artec Clay is crafted from natural ingredients, making it safe for users of all ages.



It needs no kilns or ovens. Artec Clay dries naturally, reducing energy consumption.

Our creations retain their original size and shape during the drying process. Once dry, Artec Clay can be painted with various mediums, allowing for vibrant and lasting finishes.

Its surprisingly strong and resilient.

The idea was to create something new from the paper clay which dries lightweight and the fevicol and varnish adds lustre to the beauty of the product. This is a water-based, air dry, modelling clay made in Japan. It should not be confused with paperclay, a term typically applied to a mix of ceramic clay and paper fibers that are fired in a kiln to create a light ceramic form. It is non-toxic and air dries to the hardness of soft wood that can be sanded silky smooth. It dries lightweight and is archival: art made from this material can last over a 100 years.

It handles similarly to stoneware clay: You can soften and smooth it by adding water, and if it becomes a little too dry, spritzing it with water brings it back to life.



It blends easily, but it's also stiff enough to allow for gestural work as well as details. It can also be carved and drilled once dry. While not unbreakable by any means, CPC is surprisingly resilient. Depending on the object, it can survive a drop, which is not something that can easily be said for ceramics.

This paper clay holds details very well and it has the best adhesion from all the other air dry clays we have tried. It sticks to all sorts of materials including aluminum foil, wood, and Styrofoam. It only comes in one colour, a sort of off-white, but once dried it can be painted with almost anything.



Creative Paperclay allows for techniques that would not be possible with traditional ceramic due to the requirement for firing.

This material we felt was the most ideal type since its-

- ❖ Approx. 1/8 weight of conventional paper clay and 1/20 weight after dries.
- ❖ Least sticky to hands, feels extremely smooth and very easy to mold, extra light ,dries quickly. AP approved.
- ❖ Can make colored clay with paint.
- ❖ Easy to paint while modeling and also after

drying. Can be applied to cans/plastic bottles etc to make vases

These positive features spurred us to create new products in form of flowers. Teaching aides, and methodology was discussed and formed. We were surprised to see our final outcome which had brought applauses from our group. The idea of flowers was to reduce the buying of fresh flowers in bouquet form and the vases were replaced by using eco friendly and recycled material. We are indeed proud of our vocation group which sought to not just indulge in making new products but maintains high standard of quality too. We have included some pictures to give an idea to our readers.



BEAD WEAVING

We have done various projects regarding bead weaving. We have been successful in creating intricate patterns creating nativity dolls which has received wonderful reviews from all over.

This led us to create and evolve more products using the same technique. Our thoughts and ideas merged together to try out creating a 3d elephant using the same method. We are indeed proud of what we achieved. Crafting with pride has been our motto.

The below is a detailed instruction of the process was done---

Trying to bead with only a needle and thread it's a pretty long process. Once you decide to introduce a pattern into the design, you have a complicated and time-consuming technique that is off-putting to most. Bead looms have been used in both traditional and modern-day beading, and makes beading a lot faster and easier, with a much larger scope for creating a pattern. Even if you're a beginner, you can make bigger and better designs much faster than hand weaving!

Weaving with beads is similar to weaving on a cloth loom and uses many of the same methods and materials. When threading or "warping" a bead loom, you are stringing the long vertical threads on the loom. These will eventually hold the design. The following are step by step instructions on how



to string the loom for simple projects. Supplies Needed: Bead Loom, Seed Beads, Beading Needle, Beading Thread, Bees Wax, Scissors, and Bead Patterns. The loom is prepared in the following way --

1 First, we need to set up the warp threads (the ones that are attached to the loom). Decision is taken on the width of our design chosen. We chose to create a strip of 53 beads hence added one to the thread number, and that becomes the number of warp threads one needs

2 Depending on the elephant design we needed

fiftythree beads wide. We measured out our beading thread, and increased the length an extra 20 inches before cutting the strings. We need to include one more string than the number of beads wide for the project. After loosening the wing nuts on the ends of our bead loom which we have designed the strings are lined into the grooves and then knotted together at the ends into loops.

3 The loops are tied over the nail provided in the wooden barrels on the loom, and rolled to tighten the threads and create tension. We made sure that each thread was placed into each groove thus creating proper spacing for the bead work since we were working with the seed beads.

4 Now starts the Weaving process. The kids were asked to thread the needle with good brand quality. The thread length is cut long but manageable so that it doesn't tangle every now and then 2 Thread your first row of beads onto the needle. Do not move them down onto the thread. Just keep them on the needle for now.

5 The kids were instructed to lay the needle on top of the warp threads, and arrange the beads so that they each sit between two warp threads. Using one's finger to hold the beads in place, and pull the needle through the beads leaving a long tail of thread hanging from the front bead.

6 Once done then the needle is turned around, and thread back through the beads. This time, we made sure that the needle goes underneath each of the warp threads as we thread through the holes in the beads. Holding the beads steady with our finger, the needle is pulled up all the way through. This is how the first row is completed and the same instructions were given for the remaining design which was worked on an easy graph with color coding for the design chosen.

7 The final step of removing the work from the loom is always the best part. After checking for any faults which can be rectified the elephant motif is removed and a similar one is repeated.

8 Once the two pieces of the same motif is ready its time for sewing both together and filling with polyester fibrefill.

9 The same is mounted on scraps of wood found at our farm as base which has been cured and varnished for an elegant look. The final output says it all.



RESIN KEYCHAINS



We have tried our hand in creating resin jewellery in our previous years. The pendants were an amazing product. The only drawback is that one has to be very careful and work with supervisors when the kids are involved. The basic precautions to be taken are as listed

1. One should work in a well-ventilated space.
2. Wearing a Respiratory Mask.
3. Protecting one's Skin.
4. Protecting one's Eyes.
5. Curing the pieces in a well-ventilated space.

Keeping the above in mind we wanted to attempt making keychains. The reason being that since keychains tend to be small, each attempt requires very little resin. This is great for gaining experience, as you can repeat the process until one is more confident in their skills. Having wood pieces at the farm unit was another motivation since the raw material was freely available to us. We fixed on the size and the pieces were cut to precision by our adult intellectually disabled at our Sabin centre. Once the raw material reached Chennai it was further processed and a coat of varnish was added to it.

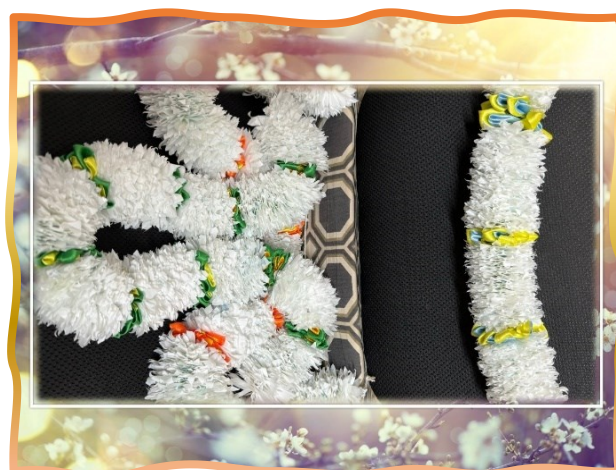
The kids set out to work on this project enthusiastically. To make it more meaningful we procured resin stickers which was deftly placed on each wooden slice with great care. With the help of special educators the designs were properly spaced and set. The quality check was done and then the final and beautiful step of pouring resin was taken up.

To make matters simple we decided to use the UV resin where mixing was not necessary. The pieces were laid out on the table as batches of ten and very carefully the resin was poured till it reached and touched the bark edges of the wooden pieces. This step required a lot of patience and concentration since air bubbles are involved. Once all the batches were completed the kids were instructed not to touch any piece. To hasten the process we used the UV light to cure the pieces. Near the end of the project a hand drill was used to create a tiny hole into the resin piece to attach the key ring.

PURE WHITE FLORAL GARLANDS

We are aware that plastic plays a major role in environmental damages and plastic packaging accounts for nearly half of all plastic waste globally. In our country packaged milk is one of the daily essentials.

“Milk packets are made of low-density polyethylene (LDPE), which is a subclass of plastics. To be recycled, this type of plastic has to be compressed at a high temperature and in certain shape; else, they add no value. If such pieces do not reach the recycling units, it disintegrates into



microplastics, that is, less than five millimetres in length, like the size of microbeads used in gels and toothpaste. Rain and wind carry these smaller fragments into drainage systems, which could lead to clogging. These can even enter waterbodies, and as a result, marine organisms may mistakenly consume them.” Cleaning and repurposing empty plastic milk sachets can be a sustainable way to reduce waste. Here's a simple process to clean and repurpose them:

1. First, empty any remaining milk from the sachet. Then, rinse the sachet with warm water to remove any milk residue.
2. Cut off the top of the sachet to create a clean opening. Then, flatten the sachet to remove any air.
3. Wash the sachet with mild soap and warm water. One can use a bottle brush or a cloth to clean the inside. Rinse thoroughly and let it air dry completely.
4. Once the sachet is clean and dry, you can repurpose it for various uses. Some common ideas include using them as plant seedling starters, as small storage bags for items like snacks or small craft supplies, or even for packing small items when traveling.

We at Pathway-Sabin decided to convert these pure milk white covers into garlands. It was amazing to see how these special individuals adapt to new teachings and prove to be excellent students if taught with the right procedure and teaching aids.

TERRACE GARDEN



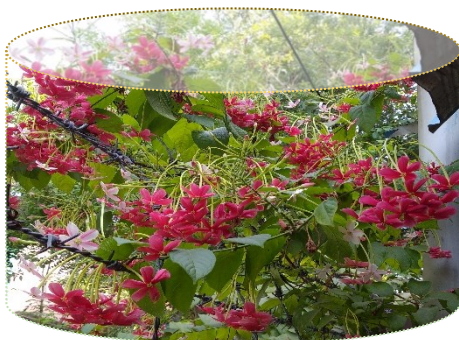
Dear Readers- As mentioned in our earlier chapter that we faced a severe cyclonic storm in Chennai in the month of December 2023 which affected our nursery structure. The severe winds and rain not just damaged the cover but ripped the material into shreds. After the storm affect passed we reassessed the damage done and set down to do the repairs. Inspite of these hardship the students didn't lose their hope to rebuild their nursery. We have tried to show the maintenance of this beautiful nursery which involves their love and sincerity in their work. We

are proud and blessed to be with such a beautiful group

Terrace gardening has grown popular of late, because of increasing pressure on land and increasing costs. These gardens can be set up successfully almost all kinds of buildings like residential flats, individual houses, commercial hubs, godowns and factories. Roof gardening or Terrace gardening is also an art of creating the greenery and it can be maintained on the roof top. The ideal roof garden can be established with the availability of sufficient sun light and water.

The **benefits of gardening** are numerous! The garden with its aroma and the lush green gives a pleasant feeling to anyone especially if one is living in the city. It also becomes a physical exercise for the children. Right from the mixing of the potting soil to harvesting of the yield is done by the children. The joy in each child's face is priceless as they harvest the fruit of their labor.



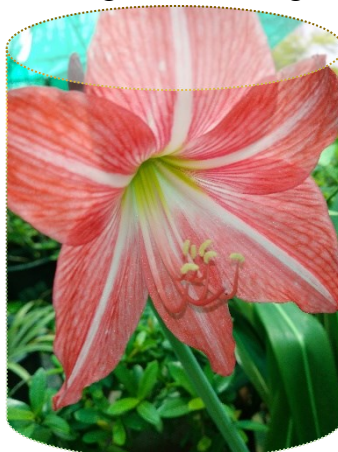


There are some obvious reasons why gardening is good for your health and well being, like:

- getting physical exercise,
- being in fresh air,
- getting sunlight (vitamin D),
- being in an aesthetically pleasing natural environment,
- having nourishing connection with earth and nature,
- having something to take care of – growing little seed into a mature plant,
- improving dexterity in the hands from picking little pesky weeds or sowing tiny seeds,
- consuming your own flavorful and nutritious fresh fruit and vegetables,
- growing your own herbs to take care of common health ailments.

Garden Benefits

- Gardening activities help to increase fine and gross motor skills, body awareness, and motion
- Connecting children with each other: Gardening encourages one-on-one interaction
- Gardening is an equalizer - children learn that despite their different abilities, in the garden they have more in common with each other than they may have realized
- Provide a calming connection to nature and the broader world
- The garden can be a great getaway from a rigid classroom and structured therapies and can provide an opportunity to have fun
- Plants are a great way to get kids familiar with different textures and scents of plants in a controlled manner
- 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





- 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

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

Our terrace garden has withstood 2 cyclones and heavy rains, it was time to renovate the garden setup. Before starting the work, the plants were shifted to a new place.

With the help of the children and staff the project started with purchase of the iron pipes, paints and welding electrodes were purchased. The shade net and the chain-link mesh were removed. The existing poles were cut at the equal height and is grinded smoothly without and sharp edges.

An inter-locking setup was designed, a 2" channel is cut in 4" length. A small hole is drilled and a 12mm nut is welded on to that piece. similarly, more pieces were made and are welded to the poles vertically.



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

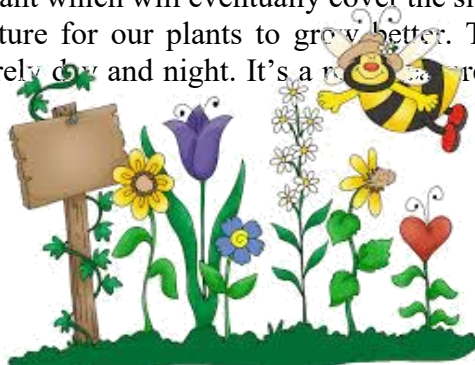


The 1 ½" pipe were cut by measuring the distance from one pole to the other and are cut with the same measurement. A 4" piece was cut from the same square channel and are welded on both the ends of the square channel. Then the welded 1 ½" square channel is fitted on to the poles. Once all the poles are fitted in their respective places. Then the poles and square channel are painted with metal oxide to prevent it from rust. Then two layers of paint is applied for all the iron materials. The sides of the nursery are covered with a chain



link mesh to reinforce rigidity and as a safety for the children. To cover the top and sides a 75% shade net is used to prevent the plants from direct sunlight. The total length of the garden is measure and the pieces of the shade net is stitched together. The stitched shade net is then put on top the nursery and is locked on the top and sides using nylon cable ties. Then nursery water irrigation system was upgraded to a mist sprayer. Small ring are welded in running length and the water pipes are passed inside the rings. At equal spacing a tee joint is introduced in between the water pipes to fit the four-way mist sprayer. The

plants are arranged in their respective places and the newly installed watering system is turned on to check it full functionality. Nothing would have been possible if the special kids had not been so keen to help and be a part of the project. Their care, understanding and love indeed motivates us to do more. Their happiness expression in completing their nursery project can only be felt. After doing the above mentioned set up we decided to use pipes running around the periphery pf our tearrace garden area to grow money plant which will eventually cover the sides of the open areas and provide a cool cliamate and temperature for our plants to grow better. The kids have taken this project seriously and tend to it sincerely day and night. It's a pleasure to watch them tend their plants with the greatest care.



TYPE OF VOCATION	NO. OF TRAINEES
WEAVING	25
GREETING CARD: HANDMADE	10
JEWELLERY MAKING /PAPER MACHE	15
SPECIAL ARTIFACT WITH BEADS	20
BAKING	10
MAKING OF PRESENTATION ITEMS	15
GARDENING	12
SELLING VARIOUS PRODUCE	4
PACKAGING	2
HELPERS	8
CLEANING & BOOK BINDING	6

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 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 has been extending medical centre services to the inmates as well as the community around it. The below given statistics are from the last financial year. Pathway's medical programme is a comprehensive and continues to grow. Established 40 years ago in a rented building in the slums of Thiruvanniyur, Kamarajnagar, the medical centre is committed to providing care for both Pathway beneficiaries as well as to the surrounding neighbourhood. 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 Thiruvanniyur, with funding from :

- ❖ Judge William Sheffield, USA
- ❖ Mr. Jean-Luc and Mrs. Carole Butel, USA

On average over 4,300 patients are treated every month at the medical facility:

- ❖ Nearly 1950 are men.
- ❖ Over 2350 are women and children

The medical centre runs now with the help of three visiting doctors namely- Dr Sukeshi , Dr. N Jagannathan and Dr. Manoprakash. And Dr Aruna The medical centre has the following capabilities: Total number of cases treated is 52585
Men : 15514, Women and Children : 37071

OUR MEDICAL DOCTORS WORKING



GARBAGE CLEANING EXECUTED EVERY ALTERNATE DAY



SPRAYING OF MEDICINE DONE EVERY MONTH



The other basic measures taken are the following -

1. 1 Staff and children staying in our centre and day care have been instructed the following
Clean your hands often. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
Maintain a safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
Wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible.
Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
Cover your nose and mouth with your bent elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
Stay home if you feel unwell.
If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, to report immediately
2. Wearing of masks whenever necessary
3. Proper use of sanitisers
4. Teaching and demonstration classes conducted on the above
5. Physically training the kids to make their masks with proper instructions
6. Discussed the advantages of not meeting and shaking hands with anyone
7. Looking into their personal hygiene and safety
8. Conducting daily visit by medical doctors, checking their temperatures and bp. Instructing parents of day care children to avail our medical facilities.

9. Provisions and monetary assistance given to all our day care and temporary custodial kids
10. Any kind of emergency and help can be reported to the concerned staff and immediate action taken on that.
11. The centre will enroll all the children irrespective of ages in government Insurance scheme known as NIRMAYA
12. Corporation has been instructed to spray medication outside the building and wash rooms, corridors etc every week
13. Garbage refuse is collected everyday by the corporation
14. Maintenance and cleanliness is maintained on daily basis
15. Fresh food is supplied daily, vegetables are ordered every week and provisions for a month.
16. No refrigerated food is offered to any one
17. Phone facility is offered and Counselling is done by their special educators and psychologists
1. 19. Therapeutic work like gardening, TV, bakery and handicraft making is introduced with proper instruction

CHENNAI STAFF

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

Pathway currently employs a total of 48 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	6
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	4	WATCHMAN	1
MEDICAL/DENTAL ASSISTANTS	2	BAKERY ASSISTANT	1	DRIVERS	2
SPECIAL EDUCATORS	13	WARDEN	1	COOK	2

2023-2024 CHENNAI

CONDITION	NO OF CASES	CONDITION	NO OF CASES	CONDITION	NO OF CASES	CONDITION	NO OF CASES
FEVER	1276	INJURY	482	ECZEMA	470	MUSCLE SPASM	895
RESPIRATORY INFECTION	1181	DYS MENORRHOEA	130	CHEST PAIN	578	ACUTE GASTRITIS APD	957
ACUTE GASTUEU	777	ASTH BRONCHAITIS	814	DIABETES FOOT SYNDROME	374	GIDDINESS + NAUSEA	509
HYPERTENSION	993	DIABETES	926	MYALGIA	924	SEIZURE DISORDER	1433
ABDOMINAL PAIN	706	VOMITTING	618	GENERAL MEDICAL CHECKUP	38040		

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.

TRAINING THE TRAINERS

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.



ELECTION RALLY FOR THE CHILDREN



Differently-abled persons taking out a voter awareness rally ahead of Lok Sabha Election, organised by Chennai Corporation at Marina beach on March 24, 2024. Our children from Pathway were invited to be a part of the Election rally awareness which took place at Marina



beach. It was interesting to note that children who knew who have voting rights were absolutely excited to be recognised and feel the importance of their vote and their rights. They were all the more excited to meet the collector in person and decided to take selfies with him. Their broad smiles say it all.



At the end of the rally they were treated to a sumptuous breakfast and came back home with caps and T-Shirts marking a successful event.

Persons with disabilities (PwDs) in Chennai request that all 3,726 polling booths in all three constituencies in the city be made differently-abled-friendly.



The Greater Chennai Corporation is making the arrangements including adding ramps in 3,719 booths and the seven auxiliary booths and distributing Form 12D for the 'vote-from-home' option for Over 10,300 PwDs (over 40% disability) and voters above the age of 85 years, according to District Election Officer and Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner J. Radhakrishnan. The icons for 21 categories of persons with disabilities (PwDs) raised awareness of the importance of voting under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) of the Election Commission of India (ECI) in Chennai on Sunday, March 24, ahead of the Lok Sabha election polling scheduled on April 19, 2024.



District Election Officer flagged off the 200-metre special rally from Vivekananda House in Marina Beach where roughly 250 took part. Additional District Election Officers Rashmi Siddharth Zagade (Chennai District Collector), Sharanya Ari (Deputy Commissioner (Education)) and Returning Officer and Regional Deputy Commissioner (Central) K.J. Praveen Kumar and officials were present.

Speaking to reporters, the Commissioner said, “Despite the heat, people who are visually-challenged, audibly-challenged, with locomotive syndrome and many others participated in the special rally. Medical camp and drinking water arrangements were made to avoid any distressing situations for the participants. Ms. Zagade requested voters to register their votes at the respective booths on April 19, 2024. According to an official with the ECI in Chennai, 14 of the 56 awareness activities have been completed so far through door-to-door campaigns in low voter count areas, through students and PwDs under SVEEP. “After assessing the outcomes of the programmes, the rest of the programmes will be held consecutively,” he said.



OUR FOUNDER'S DAY

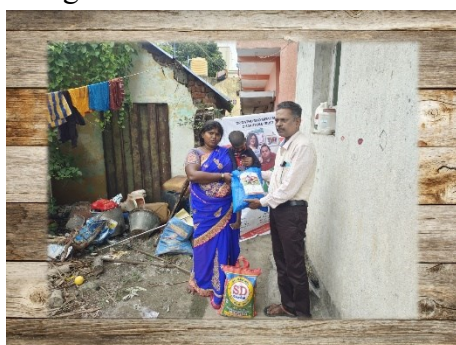
We celebrated our Founder's Day in all our three centres with cultural activities. To highlight this event we planted coconut, teak and mango saplings in our farm unit. We also undertook to organize a relief camp by providing provisions and emergency lamps to our CBR group along with bedsheets at Keezhmaruvathur village. Children from all the centres sat in rapt attention to hear his life's achievements and struggles in creating these beautiful facility for today's child.



Keezhmaruvathur- CBR

Block / Taluka → Cheyyur, District → Kancheepuram, State → Tamil Nadu

Keelmaruvathur village is located in Cheyyur taluka of Kancheepuram district in Tamil Nadu, India. Kancheepuram and Cheyyur are the district & sub-district headquarters of Keelmaruvathur village respectively. As per 2009 stats, Keezhmaruvattthur is the gram panchayat of Keelmaruvathur village. The total geographical area of village is 223.01 hectares. Keelmaruvathur has a total population of 2,125 peoples, out of which male population is 1,066 while female population is 1,059. Literacy rate of keelmaruvathur village is 70.68% out of which 77.11% males and 64.21% females are literate. There are about 523 houses in keelmaruvathur village. Pincode of keelmaruvathur village locality is 603319.



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மேல்மருவத்தார் அருகே

பாதிவே இணை இயக்குனருக்கு வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது-2023 வழங்கப்பட்டது

மதுராந்தகம் நவ.5- செங்கல்பட்டு மாவட்டம் மேல்மருவத்தார் அருகே உள்ள பாதிவே இணை இயக்குனருக்கு வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது-2023 வழங்கப்பட்டது. டாக்டர் தத்து ராவ் நினைவு தொண்டு அறக்கட்டளை மற்றும் பாதிவே இணை நிறுவனம் இயக்குனருமான டாக்டர் சந்திரபிரசாதுக்கு வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது



FTIEA - ஃபேம் டைம்ஸ் இன்டர்நேஷனல் எக்ஸலன்ஸ் விருதுகளின் நடுவர் குழு. கோலாலம்பூரில் உள்ள கான்சர்ட் ஹோட்டலில் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

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அங்கீகரிக்கிறது. தனிநபர்கள், தொழில் முனைவோர், தொழிலதிபர்கள், சமூக ஆர்வலர்கள், தொழில் வல்லுநர்கள், கல்வியாளர்கள் மற்றும் பல்வேறு துறைகளை ஒரு பொதுவான தளத்தில் ஒன்றிணைத்து அவர்களின் சிறந்த பணிகளுக்காக அவர்களைக் கௌரவிக்கிறது. 2023 ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கான வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது பெற்றார்.

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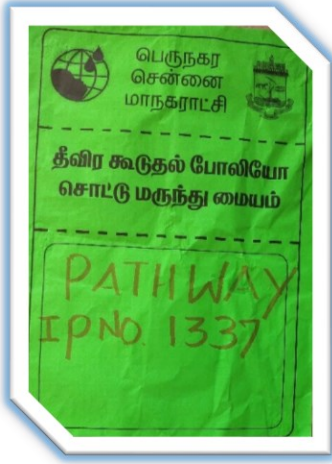
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POLIO IMMUNIZATION CAMP AT PATHWAY



With a target of immunising 57,84,000 children aged under five years against polio in across Tamil Nadu, the State Health Department conducted the intensified pulse polio immunisation campaign on Sunday, March 3, 2024.

Health Minister Ma. Subramanian on Saturday, March 2, said the campaign will be carried out in 43,051 booths across the State. “Tamil Nadu continues to be free from polio,” he said, urging parents to ensure that their children are immunised to achieve 100% coverage. A total of 2 lakh persons from government departments and non-government organisations would be involved in the campaign, he added.

The Polio National Immunisation Day 2022 has been rescheduled to February 27. It was scheduled to be held on January 23. In India, one nationwide NID and two Sub-National Immunization Day (SNIDs) for polio is held every year to maintain population immunity against wild poliovirus and to sustain its polio-free status. India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in 2012 and in 2013 the entire Southeast Asia Region was declared Polio free. The last case of wild poliovirus reported in India was on 13th January 2011. In 2022, the Government of India has organised the Polio National Immunization Day 2022 (NID) (also known as “Polio Ravivar”) on February 27, 2022, to give two drops of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to every child in the country under the age of five. Over 15 crore children will be covered under the drive across all 36 States and UTs in 735 districts. The National Polio Immunization Drive for 2022 was launched by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandavia on February 26, 2022. Nearly 57 lakh children are expected to be covered. The Intensified pulse polio Immunisation campaign will be held in Tamil Nadu on February 27 with a target to cover an estimated 57.61 lakh children aged up to 5 years. Health Minister Ma. Subramanian said Tamil Nadu was polio-free for the last 18 years. At the national level, no case of polio was detected in the last 11 years. This, he said, was due to the immunisation campaigns conducted for 27 years by involving NGOs.

On February 27, the camps were held in 43,051 places in the State. While 40,368 of these were permanent booths, there were more than 1,474 transit booths, 696 mobile booths in construction sites, brick kilns, remote hilly areas and places where Narikurava families reside and 513 booths in private hospitals. About two lakh government employees were involved in the campaign. Apart from health department staff, this also included anganwadi workers and teachers. PATHWAY had been one of the booths providing this polio drop scheme for the community around us. More than 100 children were covered under this scheme.





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

- 🏆 LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD by Puthia Vanigam Publications was conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2024 on 7th January. The principal and PRO of Pathway Chennai too were honored under the achievement category by them
- 🏆 FAME TIMES INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS (FTIEA) recognizes people who are making considerable contributions around the world and in corporate social, economic fields with their hard and genuine work. We bring together corporates, individuals, entrepreneurs, businessmen, activists, professionals, educationists, and various fields on a common platform and honour them for their extraordinary work & achievements with FTIEA International Awards through various categories in the presence of World's Top Dignitaries, Celebrities & International Media's. The Jury board of the FTIEA - Fame Times International Excellence Awards - presented Dr CHANDRA PRASAD of DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST with the " LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD " at Concord Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 27th of October 2023.
- 🏆 Brand Honchos Media through an extensive research on 250+ Indian NGOs from pan India found our NGO eligible for the Most Prestigious Title of "TOP 20 MOST TRUSTED NGO'S OF THE YEAR 2023", felicitated "PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABLED a unit of DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST" at one of the Biggest Convention of the year "Indian CSR Awards 2023", on 7th October, 2023 at Hotel Hyatt Centric, New Delhi
- 🏆 The Federation of NGO, Tamilnadu honoured our Director and Co Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, Dr CHANDRA PRASAD as the BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD". This was presented by Dr. J Sadhakathullah, M.Sc., Agri and Dr. Radhakrishnan M.A., Ph.D., along with the team of K. Iyappan, R. Ashok kumar, R. Perumal, Balu Aiyah, K. Karunanithi, A

Ramamoorthi, Dr. K Ramamoorthi, Dr. Vivekanandhan , Shakthivel, Dr. Ummayal Murugasen, and V. Prabhu on the 28th May 2023 at Prasad Lab, Saligramam, Chennai.

- ✦ Dr. Chandra Prasad of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for providing comprehensive care and educational opportunities for Intellectually Disabled children by 1Million Entrepreneurs International Forum (non gov, not for profit org) in association with VyaaparJagat.com organized by FEMPRENEUR 2023 on 19th March 2023 at Ahmedabad
- ✦ Awarding Ceremony of Working Women Achiever Award (WWAA) was hosted by Ooruni foundation. Dr Chandra Prasad was presented an award under the Lifetime Achievement Award category at Chennai Institute of Technology, Kunderathur on the 4th March 2023.
- ✦ RJ's Music Passion Team's vision is to conduct the musical shows to help genuine and promising NGOs and NPOs Pan India, and to encourage new comers with genuine talent.
- ✦ They are also committed to give the honorary contribution to the genuine NGOs that are doing real work for the society. Dr Chandra Prasad, Hony. Director/Co-Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was invited as the Chief guest for the above event. She was honoured and presented with a shawl, memento and a cheque in the name of the trust
- ✦ Social Impact Awards 2023 is an initiative by Indian CSR Awards organized by Brand Honchos, DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST has been awarded this prestigious award for the category -Best NGO of the year-2022-23 (South) on 21st January 2023.
- ✦ Best Social Service Award by Puthia Vanigam Publications award conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th November
- ✦ Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of "Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway" received the award under the "Social Good and Impact Category" **MAHATMA AWARD** 1st October 2022 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ✦ Social Award on 112TH Birthday Anniversary of MOTHER TERESA by Rev Verghese Rosario under the aegis of Saint Mother Teresa Charitable Trust conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th August
- ✦ Received the BEST NGO OF THE YEAR award from Rural & Urban Development Summit & Awards 2022 with University Partner - SRM University & presented by the Government of India & implemented by Summentor Pro Sales & Marketing Consultants at India Habitat Centre on 8th July 2022
- ✦ DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST-(NGO) has won the award for Best NGO of the Year - INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS at **Time2Leap National Awards - MSME Edition 2020-2021.**
- ✦ Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of "Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway" received the award from "Dr. Kiran Bedi, 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry" under the "Social Impact Category" **MAHATMA AWARD** for Covid-19 Humanitarian Efforts on the 1st October 2021 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ✦ Director & Co-founder, Dr. Chandra Prasad has been awarded the BEST SEVA RATNA AWARD by the Kovai express YouTube channel and Thaitamil academy on 28.08.2021

- ✦ Eight staff members from Pathway India-Chennai center were given MOTHER TERESA AWARD by former judge-High Court of Madras, Justice S.Tamilvanan on 26.08. 2021.
- ✦ DR CHANDRA PRASAD, Co-Founder Pathway Centre For Rehabilitation and Education of The Intellectual Disabled receiving the **STAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARD** at Rajaratnam Kalai Arangam ON 20.03.2021 from the NATIONAL INTEGRITY CULTURAL ACADEMY.
- ✦ THIS YEAR, **MAHATMA AWARD FOR SOCIAL GOOD 2020** IN 'DISABILITY AND INCLUSION' was presented to CHANDRA PRASAD, Co-Founder And Honorary Director of Dr.Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, On 30th January 2021.by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ✦ **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** FOR PATHWAY-SABIN CENTRE for rendering unparallel service to Differently Abled during pandemic period of COVID 19
- ✦ INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL -ACCREDITED BY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL, USA has conferred the **GLOBAL BEST SOCIAL WORKER AWARD** to
- ✦ DR CHANDRA PRASAD in recognition of her outstanding excellence, superior performance and accomplishments in the field of Social Work for the year 2020 and appointed her as **SENATOR** for INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL.
- ✦ 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 employees
– Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995
- 🏆 “Exceptional Contribution for Services to People”
🏆 –Government of Karnataka, 1995
- 🏆 “Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled in India”
🏆 –Japanese SIVUS Council, 1993

