

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT
2021 – 2022

“PATHWAY”

CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION & EDUCATION
OF INTELLECTUAL DISABLED

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

This financial year started with a totally new perspective of life. We are indeed grateful that we managed to be shielded from Covid-19 wrath and once again have been blessed by the Almighty. Though the online classes were in full swing by the staff who started attending regularly from April we were praying for things to get back to normalcy and feel the physical presence of children. The joy was eminent when we were given permission to allow the children to attend physically from the month of October. Though many parents hesitated to send their wards the silver lining was evident. The joy to see their smiling faces as they trickled back to school was a marvel. Everybody felt the gracious hand and this only further strengthened the caregivers and staff determination to work towards a better today and tomorrow. With great sadness I need to report that we lost one day care child to Covid.

This year also marked the first Election duties set for the staff by the govt and our first time Intellectually Disabled voters exercised their rights. It sure is a milestone in not just in their lives but in our lives too. The highlight was for most of our staff to be honored under Mother Teresa award category by the former judge of High Court. We are extremely proud of our talented and dedicated staff. Another milestone was achieved by the Vocation group which bagged the order for newspaper nativity internationally by Dallas Arboretum. With this Pathway has forever etched their mark of quality in terms of product in the international arena too. We indeed salute all those responsible.

Still facing Covid virus the centre with the help of the government machinery got all the kids in our care along with the staff vaccinated. We went all out to help the government in completing the formalities for UDID cards to the tune of 8000 and also were a part of drive for various vaccination camps in our centres and for thousands of public too. We also pride in saying that we covered nearly 200 children and adults under the Nirmaya Health Insurance scheme which is a part of our Government's drive by National Trust

Our desire to magnify our endeavor to serve many more "poorest of the poor" through our outreach program in remote villages was executed. This academic year we had partnered with Chennai and Chengalpattu govt officials to help more than 2000 PWD families as covid support and nearing thousand families at Maraimalai Nagar. During the lockdown period we reached to many remote areas around our farm and helped more than 700 families along with providing provisions to more than 150 PWD at rural area and 2600 families in urban areas and four village schools by way of help in kind. At this juncture I convey our continued gratitude to all our supporters and benefactors and pray for their continued love, munificence, and association. This year also marked the first medical camp conducted to help patients with cataract surgeries which fortunately brought light in their eyes and new hopes for future.

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 a hat trick award for creating an impact on the society for covid work in the name of Mahatma Award for Social Good 2021. This year also we were able to rope in the prestigious MSME- time2leap award. Public recognition by way of CSR coverage too has been given by corporate.

We are indeed grateful for all those souls and every well wisher who stood by our side. Because of the lock-down many events have been postponed indefinitely. We are grateful to have been blessed with courage, strength, and above all with mercy of God to overcome these daunting challenges.

We are indeed very grateful to Sabin Foundation, Mr Gary and Valerie Sabin, Mr Eric Otteson, A Brighter Path – Mr Alex and Mrs Pamela Martinez, Judge William Sheffield, Mr and Mrs William P Benac, Mr Bill Benac Jr, Mr Tim Fewkes, Mr BJ Butel and Mr John-Luc Butel, Drawing & Sponership Emmaus, Mr Jim and Karen Dodsall, Mr Michael Ang and family, Mr Jim and Gemie Martin, Mr Keyne Monson who continue to support us. My most sincere and grateful thanks is also due to the grants received by the State Govt of TamilNadu, which includes Chennai and 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. Due to Covid we had to hold some meets through onlinem



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PRESIDENT



ABHIJEET PAREKH
VICE PRESIDENT



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TREASURER



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TRUSTEE



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TRUSTEE



USHA RAMMOCHAN
TRUSTEE



R SUNDAR
TRUSTEE

- ❖ Reviews of audit accounts and balance sheet , Appointment of auditors and lawyer

- ❖ Election of officers, Long- range planning and development goals of the centres
- ❖ Offers general direction in the everyday operation of the organization.

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MR R SUNDAR

AUDITOR
SRIDHAR KRISHNAMURTHY
& ASSOCIATES



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 **07.04.2020 To**
06.04.2023

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION- 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 **07.04.2020 To 06.04.2023**

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER JJ ACT -Chennai**

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

❖ **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**

This Certificate of Recognition 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 -**

- 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 40,500 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
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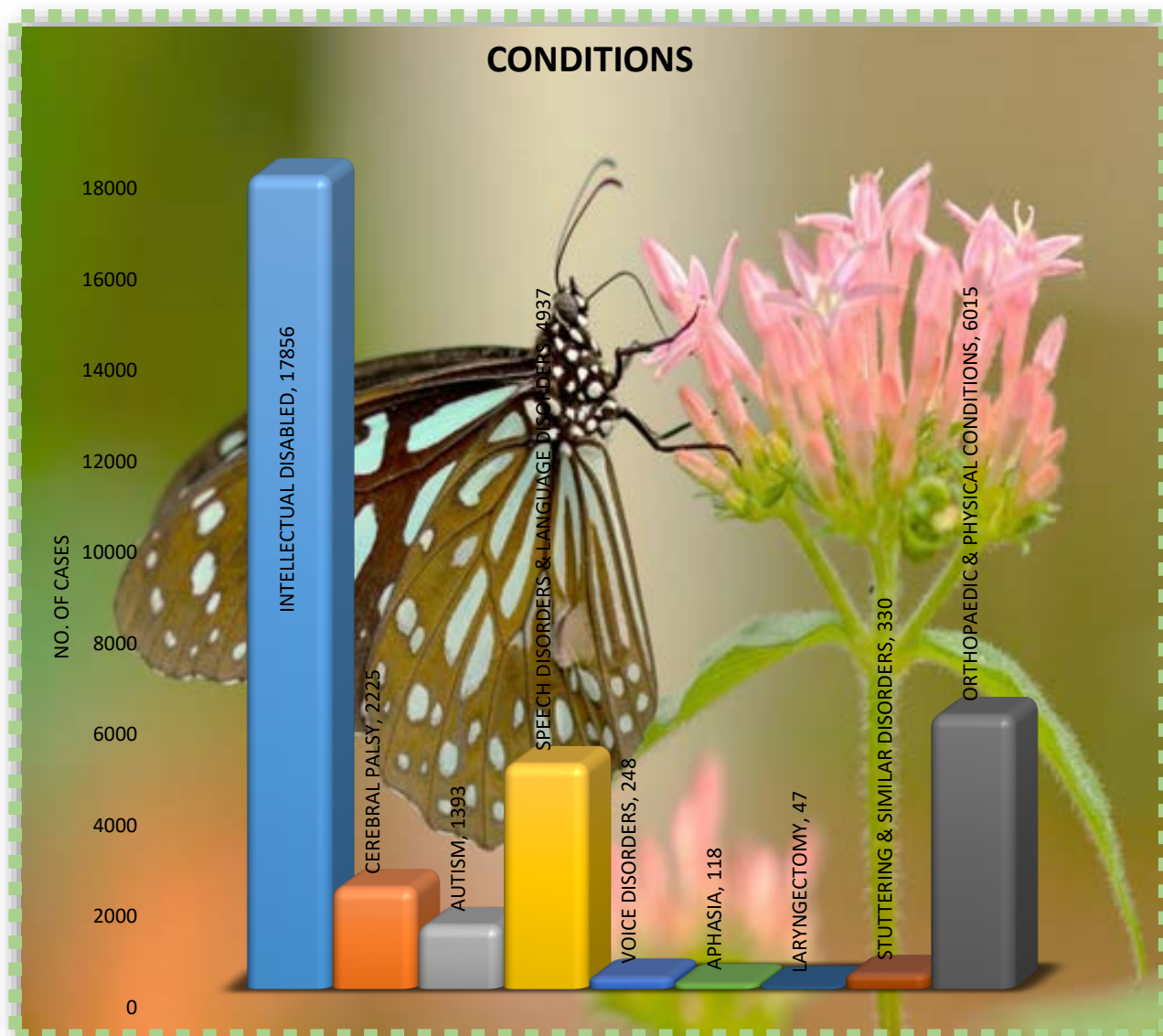
**SPEECH
PATHOLOGIST AND
AUDIOLOGIST
CON. PSYCHIATRIST
SURGEON
YOGA INSTRUCTOR
PSYCHOLOGIST
CREATIVE DRAMA
AND ART
THERAPIST
PEDIATRICIAN**

**PATHWAY'S
TEAM OF
SPECIALISTS
INCLUDES**

**PHYSIOTHERAPIST
OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPIST
SPECIAL
EDUCATORS
DENTISTS
NUTRITIONIST
VOCATIONAL
INSTRUCTOR
CON. NEUROLOGIST
PHYSICIANS etc**

CONDITION	NO. OF CASES
INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED	17220
CEREBRAL PALSY	2113
AUTISM	1250
SPEECH DISORDERS & LANGUAGE DISORDERS	3915
VOICE DISORDERS	154
APHASIA	118
LARYNGECTOMY	47
STUTTERING & SIMILAR DISORDERS	330
ORTHOPAEDIC & PHYSICAL CONDITIONS	6015

FROM THE YEAR 1989 TO 2022



"My advice to other disabled people would be, concentrate on things your disability doesn't prevent you doing well, and don't regret the things it interferes with. Don't be disabled in spirit, as well as physically."

..... Stephen Hawking

The NSO, a wing of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has conducted a Survey of Persons with Disabilities during July 2018 to December 2018 as a part of 76th round of National Sample Survey . While conducting this survey, NSS made some changes in the structure of the schedule of enquiry by modifying the questions asked to identify persons with disabilities, adding relevant items in the schedule of enquiry, etc. Some of the important features of the Survey of Persons with Disabilities of NSS 76th round are given below: a. Provision was made in Schedule of enquiry to classify the persons with disabilities as per the classification used in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (PWD Act) 2016. b. For the persons with disabilities, data were collected on difficulty faced in accessing/ using public transport and accessing/using public building. c. For the persons with disabilities, information was collected whether having certificate of disability and percentage of disability as per certificate. d. For the persons with disabilities, information was collected on arrangement of regular care giver. e. Information on out-of-pocket expenses relating to disability was recorded. f. For the persons with disabilities in the age group 3 to 35 years, information was collected on particulars of enrolment in education. g. For each of the household members with disability, employment and unemployment particulars was collected in usual status. h. For each of the household members of age 12 to 59 years with disability, information was collected on whether receiving/received vocational/ technical training. Moreover, those who received formal vocational/ technical training, further information was collected on field of training, duration of training, type of training, source of funding the training, etc.

The Economic Times reported that overall percentage of persons with disability in the population was 2.2 per cent during July 2018 to December 2018 in the country, showed a National Statistical Office (NSO) survey report on Saturday.

"In India, prevalence of disability (percentage of persons with disability in the population) was 2.2 per cent - with 2.3 per cent in rural and 2 per cent in urban areas. Prevalence of disability was higher among males than females," it said. Among males, prevalence of disability was 2.4 per cent, while it was 1.9 per cent among females, it added. The main objective of the survey was to estimate indicators of incidence and prevalence of disability, cause, age at onset, facilities available to the persons with disability, difficulties faced by them in accessing/using public building/public transport, arrangement of regular care giver, out-of pocket expenses relating to disability, etc.

The present survey covered 1.18 lakh households across India. The survey said among persons with disabilities of age 7 years and above, 52.2 per cent were literate. "Among persons with disabilities of age 15 years and above, 19.3 per cent had highest educational level as secondary and above. Among persons with disabilities of age 3 to 35 years, 10.1 per cent attended pre-school intervention programme. Percentage of persons with disabilities of age 3 to 35 years, who were ever enrolled in ordinary school, was 62.9 per cent," it said. Percentage of persons with disabilities living alone was 3.7 per cent, while 62.1 per cent had care giver. About 21.8 per cent had received aid/help from government, and another 1.8 per cent had received aid/help from organisations other than government. About 28.8 per cent reported that they had a certificate of disability.

The HINDU paper reported that as per the Census 2011, the differently abled population in India is 26.8 million. In percentage terms, this stands at 2.21 %. There has been a marginal increase in the differently-abled population in India, with the figure rising from 21.9 million in 2001 to 26.8 million over the period of 10 years. As per the Census 2011, there are 14.9 million men with disabilities as compared to 11.9 million women in the country. The total number of differently-abled people is over 18.0 million in the rural areas and just 8.1 million enumerated in the urban settings. The percentage of men with disabilities is 2.41 per cent as against 2.01 in women. Social groups wise analysis shows 2.45 per cent of the total disabled population belong to the Scheduled Castes (SC), 2.05 per cent to the Scheduled Tribes (ST) and 2.18 per cent to other than SC/ST."

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 40,500 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.

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

ONLINE CLASSES and 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 2021-2022 a total of 106 children participated in the Homebound Program



CHILDREN'S CARE EMMAUS



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

- a) To help children in difficult circumstances mentally, spiritually and materially and to allow them school attendance or professional education;
- b) To realize in this sense own aid projects and to promote existing diverse projects of development cooperation (sponsorships, family aid, building projects, project sponsorships, health and hygiene programs etc.);
- c) To cooperate with other local, national or international organizations with similar purposes.



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



VOCATIONAL JOB TRAINING & PLACEMENT



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

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

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

A systematic training program

reduces the cost and time drawn in learning.

Good training helps in economical use of materials and machinery.

- It reduces supervision.
- It 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



AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2021



It is estimated that worldwide about one in 100 children has autism. This estimate represents an average figure, and reported prevalence varies substantially across studies. Some well-controlled studies have, however, reported figures that are substantially higher. The prevalence of autism in many low- and middle-income countries is unknown.

In India, according to the 2011 census, there are 78,62,921 children with disabilities below the 19 year age group, out of which 5,95,089 have an intellectual disability. The study also revealed that one in 66 children was autistic in India. Since

2012, every year the UN has given a theme for the celebration of the World Autism Awareness Day. For this year 2021, the theme is 'Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World'.

Every year on April 2, the United Nations celebrates World Autism Awareness Day with the sole motive to spread awareness among the people about autism. Raising awareness will help people understand and accept those who are suffering from autism, support them, and spread kindness. The key facts regarding Autism are as follows –

- Autism – also referred to as autism spectrum disorder– constitutes a diverse group of conditions related to development of the brain.
- About one 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.

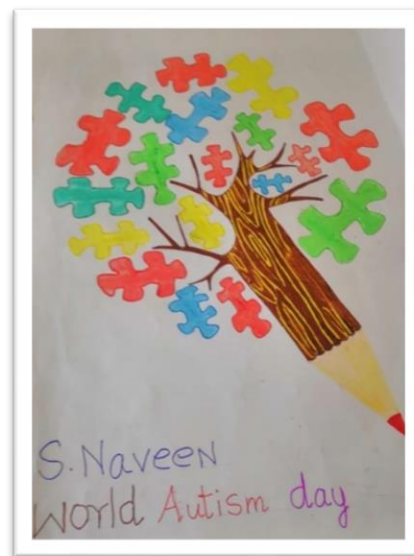
- Evidence-based psychosocial interventions can improve communication and social skills, with a positive impact on the well-being and quality of life of both autistic people and their caregivers.

- Care for people with autism needs to be accompanied by actions at community and societal levels for greater accessibility, inclusivity and support.

- Autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are a diverse group of conditions. They are characterised 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. Societal attitudes and the level of support provided by local and national authorities are important factors determining



the quality of life of people with autism.

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. It is estimated that worldwide about one in 100 children has autism. This estimate represents an average figure, and reported prevalence varies substantially across studies. Some well-controlled studies have, however, reported figures that are substantially higher. The prevalence of autism in many low- and middle-income countries is unknown.

Children at Pathway were not to be left behind in supporting this day though COVID had restrained their activities to work from home. Through online they sent their drawings and clay models to share their views and support their peers.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2021

Every year, World Environment Day is observed on June 5. This day is celebrated to encourage awareness and environmental protection. According to United Nations,

"The celebration of this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises, and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment."

With the coronavirus outbreak and people being confined indoors, the environment and mother earth seem to have benefitted slightly. In the absence of human activities amid the coronavirus-induced lockdown, nature is getting time to clean itself and reclaim its space. Being covid period we continued our education through online classes. We are proud to state that our children participated with full enthusiasm and following the teachers





instructions displayed their work through drawings, writings and other events. Their enthusiasm spurs us to do much more and acts as a motivator

The main idea behind celebrating



World Environment Day is to highlight the importance of the environment and to remind people that nature should not be taken for granted. According to the UN, this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by communities, enterprises and individuals in preserving and enhancing the environment.

GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY - "Our Future is at Hand – Let's Move Forward Together."



Global Handwashing Day was founded by the Global Handwashing Partnership, and is an opportunity to design, test, and replicate creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands with soap at critical times. Global Handwashing Day is celebrated every year on October 15th. Global Handwashing Day is an annual global advocacy day dedicated to advocating for handwashing with soap as an easy, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

The first Global Handwashing Day was held in 2008, when over 120 million children around the world washed their hands with soap in more than 70 countries. Since 2008, community and national leaders have used Global Handwashing Day to spread the word about handwashing, build sinks and tippy taps, and demonstrate the simplicity and value of clean hands. Since then, Global Handwashing Day has continued to grow. Global Handwashing Day was endorsed by partnering with the government and other schools at Pathway since our education was online platform because of Covid-19



The 2021 Global Handwashing Day theme is "Our Future is at Hand – Let's Move Forward Together."

The COVID-19 pandemic provides an important reminder that one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy is also one of the simplest — handwashing with soap and water. Keeping hands clean can prevent 1 in 3 diarrheal illnesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu. Due to Corona this current year the staff emphasized more on topics related to curb the effects of the virus. The idea was to create awareness regarding the importance of hand washing. Handwashing with soap is an easy, effective, affordable do-it-yourself practice that prevents infections and saves lives.



Everyone can protect themselves, their families, and their communities through handwashing with soap. Though it requires few resources—soap and a small amount of water—the benefits are significant. Handwashing with soap is effective.



When handwashing with soap is practiced regularly at key times, such as after using the toilet or before contact with food, it can dramatically reduce the risk of diarrhea and pneumonia, which can cause serious illness and death. Handwashing with soap also helps prevent the spread of other infections, including influenza and Ebola.



Handwashing with soap is affordable. Most individuals around the world can afford multipurpose soap bars, or detergent to make soapy water. Many households that do have access to soap often use it for laundry, dishwashing or bathing, rather than handwashing. Investments in handwashing promotion are highly cost effective, and can maximize the health benefits of other interventions—from access to clean water and sanitation infrastructure to nutrition promotion.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY GENERAL ELECTIONS



The Sixteenth Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Election was held on 6 April 2021, to elect representatives from the 234 constituencies in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) won the

election, ending the decade-long reign of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK). The DMK's leader M. K. Stalin became the eighth Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, and the 12th Chief Minister since the 1956 reorganization. He replaced Edappadi K. Palaniswami of the AIADMK.

We were given an opportunity to aid our first time Intellectually Disabled voters to exercise their rights for voting. This information dissemination was a sheer task for the educators since it involved getting the voter's id card and teaching the adult group the various nuances, rules and conditions which was topped with social distancing too. For the young voters it was a sheer excitement since it instilled confidence in their ability and the knowledge to be accepted with par to their peer groups. All eligible person with disability or reduced mobility / physical functions could get enrolled in electoral roll by filling Form 6 inclusive of information about one's disability online at www.nvsp.in and uploading the necessary documents.

Persons with disabilities are given priority at polling stations and they can enter the same without waiting in the queue. Polling personnel are briefed about the provisions of Rule 49 N of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, for permitting a companion to accompany a blind/infirm elector. Poll personnel are trained & sensitized regarding special needs of persons affected by various disabilities. Special Directions of the Commission were given for Signage Parking for Persons with Disability (PwD) coming on wheelchairs or other vehicles (to be visible from the road)

This was followed by the staff who were placed on duty to visit various schools for three days for a survey of the venues. The provision of clean water, ramps, wheelchairs, sanitizers, medical aid,



SL NO	AC No	PART NO	No of booths	Division	DPL CENTRE	RAMP	WHEEL CHAIR	BOOTH
1	23	1,2,21	3	139	corporation Engineer Office, Raghavan colony 2nd cross street, Chennai-83	2	REQUIRED	
2	23	8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15, 24,	9	139	Chennai High school Pillaiyar street R.V Nagar Chennai-600083	4	REQUIRED	
3	23	25,26,27,28,29	5	139	ICDS Building Pillaiyar street R.V Nagar Chennai-600083	2	REQUIRED	
4	23	60,61,62	3	140	Chennai Boys Hr.sec.sch, Marboppu, bodambakkam road Chennai-600015	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
5	23	30 to 38	9	140	Chennai Middle school, Perumal street, Mettupalayam, Chennai-600033	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
6	23	39, 40,41, 47,48, 131, 132, 133	8	140	Oxford Mat Hr.Sec.sch, South K.R kol street, Chennai-600033	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
7	23	42, 43, 44, 45,46, 49	6	140	Chennai High school K.R. Kol street West Marboppu, Chennai-600033	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
8	23	50, 51, 52, 53, 54,55	6	140	Annapurani Ammal Middle school Old road chennai-600033	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
9	23		1	140	V.Sundaray Murugan Prasad school Karunanidhi 1st street chennai-600033	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
10	23	58,59	2	140	Annapurani Ammal Middle school Old road chennai-600033	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
11	23	57, 63,64, 65, 66, 67, 68,69,70	9	140	Chennai Boys Hr.sec.sch, Marboppu, bodambakkam road Chennai-600015	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
12	23	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20	10	142	Chennai Girls Hr sec school West jones road Chennai-600015	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
13	23	78,79	2	142	Chennai Girls Hr sec school West jones road Chennai-600015	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
14	23	22, 23, 71, 72, 73,74, 80 to 84	11	142	Chennai Girls Hr sec school West jones road Chennai-600015	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
15	23	97, 98, 99	3	142	Ganapathy National Middle school VS street Chennai-600015	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
16	23	85 to 90 and 100, 101, 102	9	142	Fathima CBSE school Alandur, Road Chennai -600015	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
17	23	91, 92, 93	3	142	C S I Mat Hr.sec school Alandur road Chennai-600015	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
18	23	111, 112	2	142	Corporation GYM Building Police Boys club Chennai-600015	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
19	23	109, 110, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117	7	142	Chennai Middle school Abdul Razzak street, Thedi, Nagar Chennai-600015	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	12
20	23	179	1	142	Chennai corporation primary school Barzai road chennai-600015	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	2
21	23	75, 76, 77, 94, 95, 96, 103 to 108	12	170	Annai velankanni Mat Hr.sec.school, VGP road Chennai-600015	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
22	23	198 to 200, 207 to 210	7	170	ECI Mat Hr sec school 120feet road Chennai-600032	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
23	23	196, 197, 201, 202, 203	5	170	Chennai primary school Gangai street Chennai-600032	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
24	23	204, 205, 206	3	170	Chennai Nursery and primary school street Chennai-600032	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
25	23	211, 212, 213	3	170	Chennai Mat Hr sec School Chennai-600032	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
26	23	195	1	170	Chellammal college Chennai-600032	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
27	23	214 to 218	5	170	Gandhi High school colony Guindy industrial estate road Chennai-600032	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	
28	23	118 to 121 and 134	5	142	Vidyasagar Aided bro-hood middle school Chennai-600015	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED	9

gloves, masks etc were to be reported to the authorities for a smooth voting. They diligently made sure that the polling station was on the ground floor. The other factors looked into were-

- Temporary ramps to be installed at the polling station location where permanent ramps have not been provided for access by wheelchair bound persons.
- Access to ramps has been made smooth in places of sandy and slushy pathways.
- Wheelchairs to be provided at identified polling stations.
- Facility to take wheel chairs inside polling stations to be granted.
- Entrance door of polling station to be kept wide open and adequate space to be provided around the voting compartment to ensure easy movement for wheel chairs. The pictures depict the happiness of these young voters.



COVID-19 RELIEF SUPPORT BY PATHWAY - IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE GOVERNMENT BOTH IN RURAL AND URBAN TAMILNADU

Realising that we have been a very blessed lot every member of Pathway family including our wonderful supporters, well wishers pitched in to help more than 5000 families in kind by providing essentials and provisions during this pandemic period.

A letter of appreciation by the government has been displayed below.

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கொரோனாநோய் தொற்றுதடுப்பு - 2021


<p>அலுவலர்</p> <p>திரு.க.க.பிரமணி</p> <p>மாவட்டமாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலஅலுவலர் டிஸ்சஸ். ஷங்கம் தேனம்பேட்டை, சென்னை. சென்னை. dawochn@gmail.com</p> <p>ந.க.எண். 700 /கொரோனா/ 2021/நாள். 14.5.2021.</p> <p>மதிப்பிற்குரிய அம்மையி.</p>	<p>பெயர்: .</p> <p>நிறுவணி - இயக்குனர் பாத்வேமாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கான சிறப்புமையம் திருவள்ளூர்</p>
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பாவையில் கண்டுள்ளனது கொரோனா பெருந்தொற்று தடுப்பு தொடர்பான தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் ஊடகங்கள் தினாரி கூலிவேலை செய்து வருவாய் கீழ்க்கண்ட நிலையில் தற்போது ஊடகக் காலத்தால் வேலையற்ற மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் குடும்பங்களுக்கு ஒருமாதகாலத்திற்கு தேவையான உணவுபொருள் தொகுப்புகள் வாங்கி வழங்க தொண்டுநிறுவனங்கள் இயற்ற அளவு தொகையினை நன்கொடை வழங்குமாறு கோரப்பட்டது.

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நகல்:

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சென்னை அலுவலகம்

(நகலுட்காக பணித்து சமர்ப்பிக்கப்படுகிறது.)



பாவை: தமிழ் நாடு அரசு செய்திருப்புகள்.

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PATHWAY JOINDS HANDS TO HELP IN THE FACE OF COVID-19 THROUGH TAMIL NADU STATE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY

As our drive to help people in dire need at this time of Covid we decided to hold hand with the state govt to help around a thousand families by way of provisions. People with various disabilities including leprosy were supported. Kannagi Nagar has over 23,700 tenements which is home to many families that were resettled there post the tsunami of 2004 and various other eviction drives that were carried out along the water bodies of the city. Kannagi Nagar, originally 3 resettlements - Kannagi Nagar, Ezhil Nagar and Tsunami Naga - is often likened to the Dharavi slum in Mumbai due to its population density and socio-economic parameters. The area has a total of 23,700 houses and a

population of around one lakh. Most of the people living in the tenements are slum dwellers who were rehabilitated between 2000 and 2010 by the state government.

We at Pathway decided to support more people who were in need of food and the basic essentials. After scouting we found that the neighbourhood known as Semmencherry whom we had helped previous year was once again in dire need of the above. It is situated in Chennai district, located south of the city about 18 km from the city centre, along the Old Mahabalipuram Road , Rajiv Gandhi Salai. Semmencherry is located between Sholinganallur and Navalur, Perumbakkam, one of the largest slum ‘rehabilitation’ projects in the world. Being approached by Community of Disabled Rights Details which has been in existence from last seven years led by Mr S Maan Kumar Association President has been helping the transformational disabled people without getting any money or material.

Pathway decided to provide some relief by way of providing essential groceries worth Rs.1000 each for 50 needy families . We are just glad that we could be a tiny part of support at this



Covid relief help supported at KANNAGI NAGAR



crucial juncture for them. Our reward was the smiles which spoke a thousand words. Thousands who were relocated to remote areas after last year's floods have a tough time finding jobs and accessing basic infrastructure.

Our other area of doing Covid relief programme was put into effect after the then DCPU Mr Ramesh approached us for aiding

Covid relief help supported at SEMMENCHERRY

support for marginalized

children. We were very happy to share our resources to feed these children after preliminary examination of their whereabouts. Considering this as a call of humanity to help people in distress our Special children who are first time wagers added their mite too which made it more special and blessed.



OTHER COVID RELIEF ACTIVITIES

Apart from sending monetary help to every child under our care from the start of Covid-19 in March 2020 till date we have also spread our help to the District Child Welfare committee in a small way. The centre has donated masks made by our children and medical masks along

with sanitisers. This also includes helping the Govt RMD hospital where we donated bread, biscuits and masks along with sanitisers . We aim to do more with the help of our great supporters and dedicated staff. Along with this the 20 families of the children have been helped by way of provisions. Regarding our centres the children that we serve are below poverty level. It has been a



provisions. Regarding our centres the children that we serve are below poverty level. It has been a real challenge for the parents to keep their kids at home during this most trying period. The untold miseries of not being able to go for jobs and and feed their children has made them lose their sleep. At this juncture Pathway has stepped in and from the start of covid has hand held with all the parents who needed help to feed their children. Particular care was taken to see that the basic necessities were included along with quality provisions which would be refilled every second month. The parents heaved a sigh of relief and were motivated to think more positively.

It was definitely a challenging task for the organization too since the time period of covid virus was not known. Faith in our work made us continue this humane work. The very smile of the child and parent were the treasurable gifts we received. Most of the pictures depicted here are a witness of their appreciation. We value this more since it has stemmed from the heart.





A glimpse of COVID RELIEF FOR CHILDREN FROM CHENNAI CENTRE

COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAM-2021-2022



As per WHO the meaning of 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”. Rehabilitation is an essential part of universal health coverage along with promotion of good health, prevention of disease, treatment and palliative care.



Our team of physiotherapists, nurses, and home trainers along with the doctors have conducted community-based rehabilitation in various in and around two districts Villupuram and Chengalpattu covering 17 villages like ----

Villupuram district Village

1. Tindivanam
2. Thenpasiyar
3. Naduvanathal
4. Asur
5. Peramandur
6. Jakkampettai
7. Kattusiviri
8. Nedumozhianur

Chengalpattu district

1. Vaippanai
2. Theetalam
3. Alapakkam
4. L.Endathur
5. Kadamboor
6. Pasuvangaranai
7. Semboondi
8. Kiliyanagar
9. Ottakovil village



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, an estimated 2.4 billion people are currently living with a health condition that benefits from rehabilitation. The need for rehabilitation worldwide is predicted to increase due to changes in the health and characteristics of the population. For example, people are living longer, but with more chronic disease and disability. Currently, the need for rehabilitation is largely unmet. In some low- and middle-income countries, more than 50% of people do not receive the rehabilitation services





they require. Rehabilitation services are also amongst the health services most severely disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

VACCINATIONS



COVAXINE VACCINATION DONE BY THE GOVT FOR OUR SPECIAL KIDS ON 22.05.2021

Vaccinations against Covid-19 were developed using science that has been in the books for ages. These vaccines are not experimental. They have been through all the stages of development for any new scientific breakthrough. In



addition, Covid-19 specific vaccinations are constantly monitored by multiple health organizations purely because of all the pandemonium this virus has caused across the world. Hence, it becomes crucial for every citizen to take part in the



vaccination drives organized by their local governmental bodies and other bodies offering the vaccine officially. Here's a list of important



details about vaccinations that made it absolutely necessary for us to NOT miss vaccination against Covid-19.

Covid-19 Vaccines are effective -

Covid-19 vaccines have been tested by multiple drug administration authorities in the world. They are proven to be effective in reducing your probability of contracting COVID-19.

You are contributing to mass wellness by getting vaccinated -

Once you are vaccinated, your body is much better prepared to shield off more viruses by making your immune system stronger. At the same time, when you are protecting yourself, you are also protecting those around you.



A safe way to build your immune system:

Vaccinations are known to boost your immune system by teaching your body how to fight threats. Therefore many consider vaccinations as a way to build up your immune system and the manner in which your body reacts to foreign bodies. Many believe falsely that since the vaccine includes a strand of the virus, you may actually get infected by it. That is not how a virus affects a body and hence you are in no danger by being infected with the disease of the vaccine.

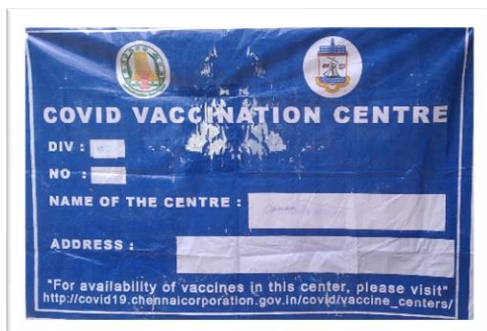
Covid Vaccines are certified by multiple bodies

The Covid Vaccinations that are available by societies, governments and other people-body, are all certified by multiple certification authorities that have very stringent measures of success. If a vaccine is certified, you can be certain it has been tested through proven methods. There are no reasons for any individual to avoid a Covid-19 vaccination and it is the responsibility of the labs to dismiss any fears anyone has of the vaccination. There are no reasons to avoid a covid-19 vaccine and many reasons to not miss it.

India began its vaccination programme on 16 January 2021, operating 3,006 vaccination centres on the onset. Each vaccination centre will offer either Covishield or Covaxin, but not both. 165,714 people were vaccinated on the first day of availability. Difficulties in uploading beneficiary lists at some sites caused delays. In the first three days, 631,417 people were vaccinated. Of these, 0.18% reported side-effects and nine people (0.002%) were admitted to hospitals for observation and

treatment. Within those first days, there were concerns about low turnout, due to a combination of vaccine safety concerns, technical problems with the software used, and misinformation.

The first phase of the rollout involved health workers and frontline workers, including police, paramilitary forces, sanitation workers, and disaster management volunteers. By 1 March, only 14 million healthcare and frontline workers had been vaccinated, falling short of the original goal of 30 million.



The next phase of the vaccine rollout covered all residents over the age of 60, residents between the ages of 45 and 60 with one or more qualifying comorbidities, and any health care or frontline worker that did not receive a dose during phase 1. Online registration began on 1 March via the Aarogya Setu app and Co-WIN ("Winning over COVID-19") website. Amid the beginnings of a major second wave of infections in the country, vaccine exports were suspended in March 2021, and the government

ordered 110 million Covishield doses from SII. The company aims to produce 100 million doses per month, but by May 2021 its production capacity was only 60–70 million doses. Following the conclusion of its trial, the DCGI issued a standard emergency use authorisation to Covaxin on 11 March 2021.

From 1 April, eligibility was extended to all residents over the age of 45. On 8 April, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a four-day *Teeka Utsav* ("Vaccine Festival") from 11 to 14 April, with a goal to increase the pace of the program by vaccinating as many eligible residents as possible. By the end of the *Utsav*, India had reached a total of over 111 million vaccine doses to-date.

At Pathway we ensured that our children and staff were vaccinated safely and then with help of the corporation we held the vaccination drives for public in and around us. Nearly 2000 people were benefitted by this drive.



2021 THEME: "YOGA FOR HEALTH - YOGA AT HOME"



In this century we realise that Yoga has united the world

-PM Narendra Modi

International Day of Yoga 2021, was observed on Monday (June 21), carrying the theme "Yoga for well-being", much relevant for our times in a society still recovering from the impact of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic. The children at PATHWAY-INDIA took part in this

event from their home with the help and guidance of our dedicated staff and parents. On International Yoga Day on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yoga became a source of inner strength for people and a medium to transform negativity to creativity amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"Yoga shows us the road from stress to strength and from negativity to creativity. Yoga tells us that so many problems might be out there, but we have infinite solutions within ourselves. We are the biggest source of energy in the universe," PM Modi said as he addressed the nation on the seventh International Yoga Day. "Today even medical science lays emphasis on the healing process, besides medical treatment. Yoga helps in the healing process," PM Modi added.

Centuries ago one of the most popular Sanskrit poets Bhartrhari, while highlighting the specialty of Yoga, said:

धैर्यं यस्य पिता क्षमा च जननी शान्तिश्चिरं गेहिनी
सत्यं सूनुरयं दया च भगिनी भ्राता मनः संयमः ।
शय्या भूमितलं दिशोऽपि वसनं ज्ञानामृतं भोजनं
एते यस्य कुटिम्बिनः वद सखे कस्माद् भयं योगिनः ॥

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY





An



invaluable gift of ancient Indian tradition, Yoga has emerged as one of the most trusted means to boost physical and mental well-being. The word "Yoga" is derived from the Sanskrit root yuj meaning "to join", "to yoke" or "to unite", symbolizing the unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between human and nature, and a holistic approach to health and well-being.

Due to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi's relentless efforts, June 21 was declared as the International Yoga Day by the United Nations General Assembly. In its resolution, the UNGA endorsed that "Yoga provides a holistic approach to health and well-being apart from striking a balance between all aspects of life. The wider dissemination of information about the benefits of practising Yoga would be beneficial for the health of the world population." This infused an era of holistic health revolution in which attention was given more to prevention rather than the cure.

Meaning that by regularly practising Yoga, a person can imbibe some very good qualities like courage which protects like a father, forgiveness as possessed by a mother & mental peace which becomes a permanent friend. Through regular practise of Yoga truth becomes our child, mercy our sister, self-control our brother, the earth becomes our bed & knowledge satiates our hunger.

Here are some benefits of Yoga:

- ❁ -Boosts immunity
- ❁ -Relieves depression, anxiety and stress
- ❁ -Strengthens bones, relieve joint pain and spinal pain
- ❁ -Weight Loss
- ❁ -Increases muscle strength and helps in weight gain/loss

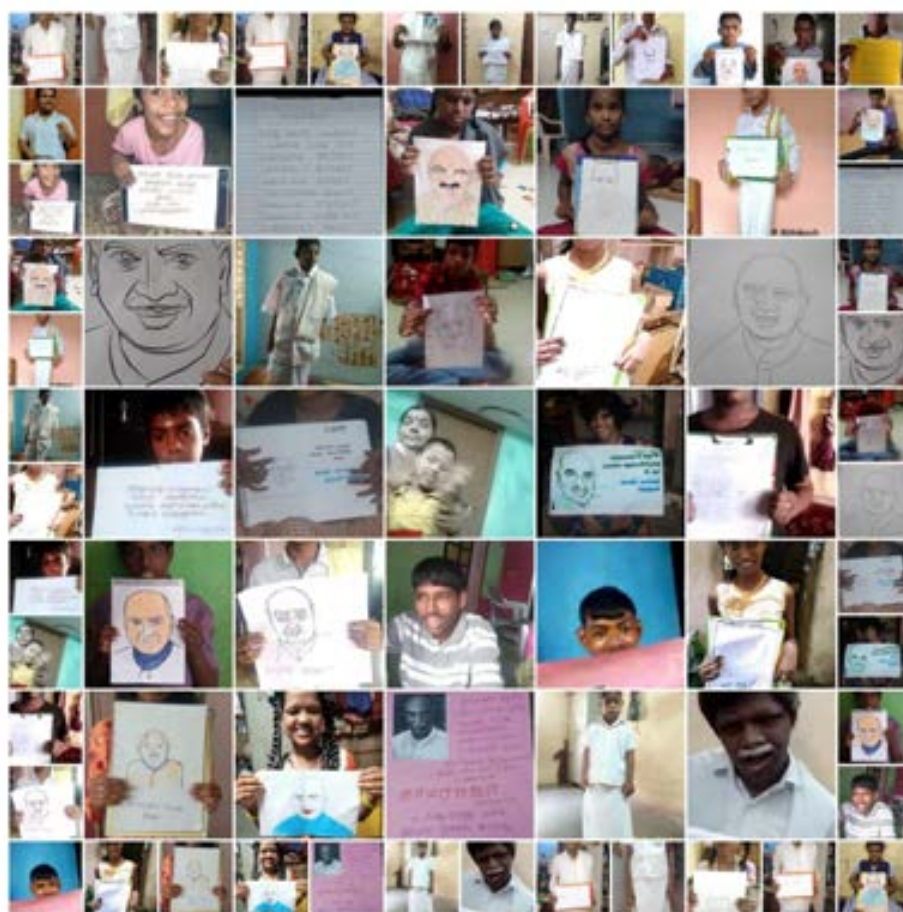


-Helps fight infections and respiratory diseases

KAMARAJAR'S BIRTHDAY

The former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Shri K. Kamaraj ji's 118th birth anniversary has been observed as Tamil Nadu's Educational Development Day. it aims to remind people about his contribution to boost the school education facilities of Tamil Nadu state. he was known as "King Maker".

In the year 2006, The Tamil Nadu state Govt brought a development and celebration bill that highlighted 15th July as "Educational Development Day" in order to remember Perunthalaivar Kamarajar's



contributions. He saw education as an effective tool introduced noon meal at schools to encourage children

to uplift the downtrodden sections and to take up education. Everyone to take a pledge to take forward the mission of Kamaraj in providing education by attending the live stream event we are paying our tribute to our great leader.

On the above mentioned day we celebrated the same and with help and



guidance of the staff the children marked the occasion by drawing and paintings, poetry, and displaying this role model in fancy dress form.



MSME-TIME 2 LEAP AWARD



Dr Chandra Prasad – Co-founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust MSME- TIME TO LEAP National Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in field of Intellectually Disabled Children and adults- 2021

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



The Independence Day of India, which is celebrated religiously throughout the Country on the 15th of August every year, holds tremendous ground in the list of national days, since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning, the beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of British colonialism of more than 200 years. It was on 15th August 1947 that India was declared independent from British colonialism, and the reins of control were handed over to the leaders of the Country. India's gaining of independence was a tryst with destiny, as the struggle for

freedom was a long and tiresome one, witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives on the line.

We were able to listen to our Prime Minister's speech which has been summarized as below –

Prime Minister Narendra Modi touched upon a range of topics -- the Covid-19 pandemic, vaccines, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, welfare of small farmers, infrastructural development and India's Olympics performance -- in his address to the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 75th Independence Day.

In his eighth consecutive Independence Day address, PM Modi laid the roadmap for the country for the next 25 years, saying "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayaas" was very important for the achievement of the nation's goals. The following are a summary of his action plan on various agendas ---



He announces the GATI SHAKTI PLAN



In a big infrastructural development push, PM Modi announced a Rs 100 lakh crore 'Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan'. PM Modi said the initiative, besides bringing employment opportunities for the youth, would help local manufacturers become competitive globally.

His take ON ROADMAP FOR NEXT 25 YEARS

Wearing a traditional kurta and churidar and his trademark headgear, PM Modi spoke of building "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" when India celebrates 100 years of Independence.

"A time comes in the development journey of every country when that nation defines itself from a new end, when it takes itself forward with new resolutions. Today, that time has come in India's development journey," PM Modi said.

His thoughts ON COVID-19 AND VACCINES

PM Modi said today India doesn't need to depend on any other nation for Covid-19 vaccines due to the "strength of our industrialists and scientists".

"Indians have fought this battle (Covid-19) with a lot of patience. We had many challenges but we worked at an extraordinary pace in every area," PM Modi said.



His mention on J&K AND NORTHEAST Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast region found special mention in PM Modi's Independence Day speech. PM Modi said a new history

of connectivity was being written in the Northeast while development of J&K was visible on the ground.

His decision ON OPENING SAINIK SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also said girls would now be given entry into Sainik schools across the country.



His opinion ON FARMERS AND POLICIES

At a time when farmers have intensified their protest against the contentious farm laws, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said small farmers were not given enough attention in policies by earlier governments.

"Our mantra is 'Chhota kisan bane desh ki shaan'. It's our dream. In the coming years, we will have to increase the collective power of the small farmers of the country. They have to be provided new facilities," PM Modi said.

His announcement on HYDROGEN MISSION

Announcing a National Hydrogen Mission in view of climate change, PM Modi said the government would aim to make India a hub for production and export of green hydrogen.

Giving a clarion call to make India self-reliant in energy production, PM Modi said, "Today, we have to pledge to make India energy independent before completing 100 years of Independence. India has moved towards electric mobility and work is underway on 100% electrification of Indian Railways with the aim of becoming a net-zero carbon emitter by the year 2030."

His opinion regarding the OLYMPICS PERFORMANCE

Lauding the Indian athletes, who were invited for the Independence Day ceremony, PM Modi said "they have not only won our hearts but also inspired future generations".

At Pathway we celebrated this 75th Independence event with great respect. Our director 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 other children along with the parents attended the online sessions regarding the same. The fancy dress



participants were Karthik, Sabarish, Iswarya, Bhuvanesh, Srikanth, Peter and Keerthana, A solo dance performance was executed by R Karthik followed a group dance by Prasanna, Beena, Joseph and Madhavan.

At the end of the event the entire team was served chocolates and cake along with breakfast which was graciously presented by our DDRO office, Chennai



MOTHER TERESA AWARD



It was a great honor know that a trust named- SAINT MOTHER TERESA CHARITABLE TRUST wanted to honor many of our staff with a citation and a plaque. They bestowed the title of- "Iraipani Seyal Veerar Award" for having

dedicated her life to prove that love towards all is the only way for achieving real social upliftment and social justice in the present social surroundings and to look with eyes the grace of God. On the 26th august 2021 they were felicitated in presence of the former judge of High Court of Madras, Justice S.Tamilvanan.

The staff who received this honor were –

Mrs Jayaseeli- Principal, Mrs Indira Achutan-PRO, Sister Florence and Special Educators namely Radha, Linda, Porkodi, Sandhya and Bhavani.



KRISHNA JAYANTHI



Janmashtami, the birth date of Lord Krishna, is widely celebrated across the country. This year, the auspicious day fell on August 30 (Monday). At Pathway though most of the kids were attending online

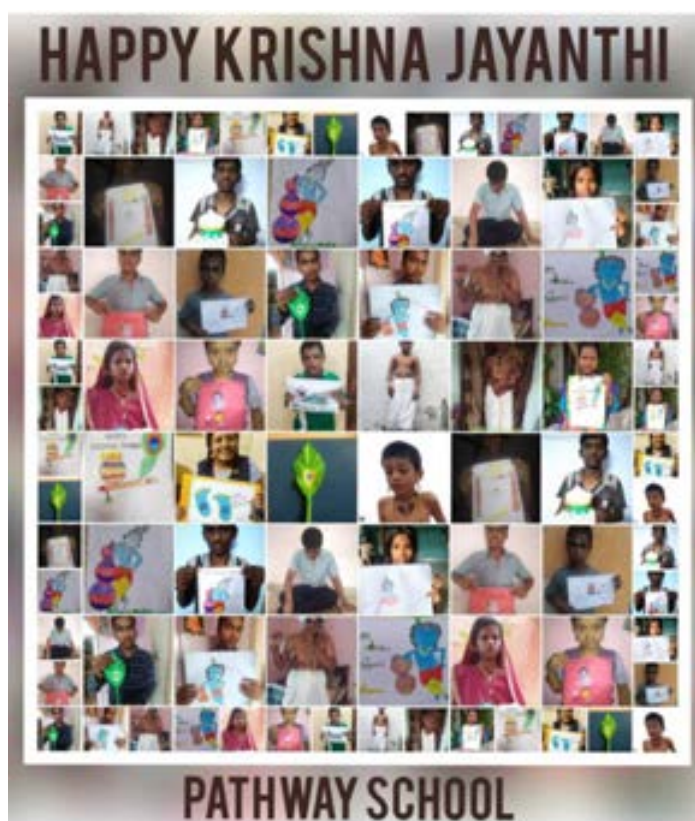


their spirit was not dampened by it. With the guidance of the teachers the kids and parents got involved in various activities to mark this event. Many of them with relation to the above mentioned festival were absorbed in making craft items, drawings and fancy dress competitions. Their talents definitely astonished our educators too.

Krishna, believed to be the eighth *avatar* of Lord Vishnu, was born on the eighth day (*ashtami*) of the Krishna Paksha (dark fortnight) of the month of Bhadrapad. The day is known by different names like ‘Gokulashtami’, Krishnashtami’, Ashtami Rohini’, Sree Jayanthi’ and Srikrishna Jayanti.

Janmashtami is especially marked with much enthusiasm in Mathura (which is believed to be the birthplace of Lord Krishna), and in several parts of Rajasthan, Gujarat. The festival is also celebrated in the northeastern states like Assam and Manipur.

The origin of the festival is rooted in mythology. According to several stories, Lord Krishna’s uncle, King Kansa, wanted to kill him as the former was told that Krishna would kill him. Thus, as soon as he was born, Krishna’s father Vasudeva took him across the Yamuna to Gokul. In here, he was raised by foster parents Nanda and Yashoda. Janmashtami, therefore, not just marks Krishna’s birth but also his triumph over King Kansa.





BEST SEVA RATNA AWARD

Dr Chandra Prasad – Co-founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust received the BEST SEVA RATNA AWARD in the field of Social Good for the Intellectually Disabled children and adults 2021 by Kovai Express and You Tube channel

SPECIAL SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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



From giving us a purpose to setting us up as successful citizens of the world, teachers inspire in us a drive to do well and succeed in life and to recognise this hard work of our mentors and gurus, Teachers' Day or *Shikshak Divas* is celebrated in India with great pomp and show. World Teachers' Day is celebrated on October 5, but every country celebrates the day on different dates. In India, Teachers'



Day is celebrated annually on September 5 to mark the birthday of the country's former President, scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna awardee, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on

this day in 1888.

When Dr Radhakrishnan took the office of the second President of India in 1962, his students approached him to seek permission to celebrate September 5 as a special day. Dr Radhakrishnan instead made a request of them to observe September 5 as Teachers' Day, to recognise the contribution of teachers to the society.

Last year, owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, most of the schools and colleges were shut and the annual celebrations at schools were replaced with virtual ones. With the ongoing Covid-19



PATHWAY SCHOOL



HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY

pandemic and a threat of Delta variant spreading, many schools continue to operate their online classes like us. Keeping social requirements in place we had invited some parents and their guardians. Small fun games for the adults was organized which brought lot of joy in the kids since they were witnessing their parents and teachers participating in the games jointly. To mark this occasion many pictures were taken along with a group photo to mark this wonderful day. For the kids who attended on online the virtual 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.

VINAYAKA CHATURTHI



Ganesh Chaturthi, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, or Vinayaka Chaviti is a Hindu festival celebrating the arrival of Lord Ganesh to earth from Kailash Parvat with his mother Goddess Parvati/Gauri .

People celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi with a lot of enthusiasm in India. This 11 day festival starts today on September 10, and ends on September 21.

Lord Ganesh is worshiped on this day. To celebrate Ganesh

Chaturthi, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, devotees bring home idols of Lord Ganesh to worship the deity, eat good food, enjoy with friends and family, and in the end, immerse the idols. Additionally, temples offer prayers and distribute sweets such as modaks because it is Lord Ganesh's favourite. The festival marks the birth of Lord Ganesh, the god of wisdom and prosperity. It falls in the Bhadrapada month of the Hindu calendar, which falls in August-September.



Lord Ganesh is considered a symbol of wisdom, writing, travel, commerce and good fortune. He is also called Gajanana, Gajadanta, and Vighnaharta. These are few names among his 108 other titles. The Indian mythology tells the legend of Goddess Parvati creating baby Lord Ganesh using sandalwood paste and asking him to guard the entrance while she took a bath. When Lord Shiva arrived at the entrance and told Ganesh that he wanted to visit Goddess Parvati, Ganesh refused to allow him to pass through. This made Lord Shiva angry and enraged he severed the child's head. When Goddess Parvati realised what had happened, she was heartbroken.



Seeing Goddess Parvati overwhelmed with grief, Lord Shiva promised to bring baby Ganesh back to life. He instructed his followers to search for the head of the first living creature they could find. However, they could only find a baby elephant's head. That is how Lord Ganesha came back to life with the head of an elephant.

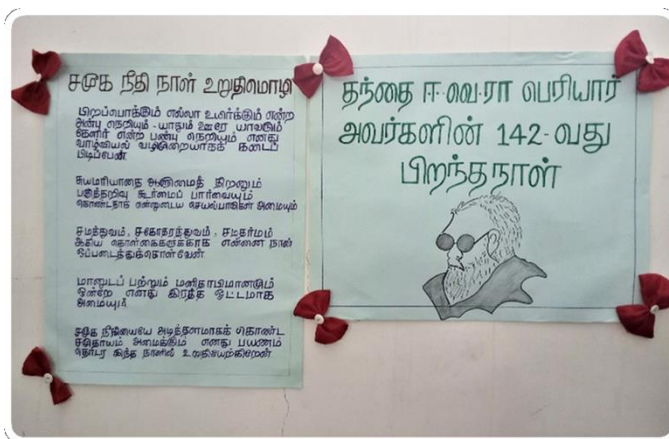
Every year, Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated in a large way. But this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the festival was a low-key affair. This festival is very important for students, they worship Lord Ganesh to illumine their minds. The children of all the



centres enjoyed doing the various activities pertaining to the festival in the form of making mud idols, drawings etc of Lord Ganesha on online



E V RAMASAMY PERIYAR



Tamil Nadu govt has decided to celebrate the 142nd birth anniversary of E V Ramasamy Periyar on September 17 every year as the **DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**. It was declared that from now on September 17 will be celebrated as Social Justice Day, announced Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin. On September 17 every year, all government offices and employees including the State Secretariat would take pledges to follow values based on the ideology of Periyar such as brotherhood, self-respect, equality, and

rationalism. His contributions have been many as shown below Periyar stood for causes of social equality, self-respect, cultural and gender inequalities, and questioned matters of gender and tradition. As a social reformer, he contributed largely towards the social transformation of Tamil Nadu. He insisted that women need to be independent and be allowed an equal share in employment. He sanctioned property as well as divorce rights for women.

In 1925, Periyar had also launched the **Self-Respect**



Movement in Tamil Nadu. It is referred to as an egalitarian movement that aimed to break down the Brahmanical dominance, securing equal rights for the women and backward classes in the society, promoting inter-caste and inter-religious marriages, performing weddings without a Brahman priest. Periyar played an instrumental role in the implementation of the first Constitutional Amendment Act that safeguarded reservation for backward classes. He was also known as the ‘Father of the Dravidian Movement’ who founded the Dravidar Kazhagam.

At Pathway the children and staff took a pledge - *samuga neethi naal uruthi mozhi*

RECEIVING THE MAHATMA AWARD FOR SOCIAL GOOD FOR THE YEAR 2021- A HAT TRICK INDEED



An initiative of Aditya Birla group headed by the CSR man and founder of Mahatma Award Mr. Amit Sachdeva has honoured and selected us from 891 application entries for the third time. Our organisation was represented by Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway” who received the award from “Dr. Kiran Bedi, 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry” under the “Social Impact Category” for Covid-19 Humanitarian

Efforts on the 1st October 2021, at India International Centre, Delhi, India. Our special product, a garland made out of satin ribbon, and newspaper by the Special children was presented at the award ceremony. It has caught the eyes of many and was admired by the chief guest Dr. Kiran Bedi and the founder of Mahatma award- Mr Amit Sachdeva.

Mahatma Award for Social Good and its Impact to put a public spotlight on amazing efforts done by Nonprofits, NGOS, Foundations, Charitable Organizations and Social Entrepreneurs to bring about change. The award under this category is aligned with United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. Mahatma Award recognize and celebrate impact leaders and change makers across the globe, who are making social impact and leading the way to a





sustainable future. Since its inception, the Mahatma Award has honored the most accomplished social and community initiatives within the private and public sector, from sustainability to philanthropy to shared value to corporate social responsibility. Mahatma Award honor individuals and organizations that leverage their resources, expertise, and talent to make a positive impact for larger good. The Mahatma Award exist to put a spotlight on the most remarkable change makers of our time. The Winners recognized are addressing the incredibly complex and equally severe problems, we

face today in our society. Their efforts span global poverty and hunger, disease, education, climate change, disaster response and preparedness and health care accessibility and much more. The Mahatma Award is founded by social entrepreneur and philanthropist Amit Sachdeva, who is also known as the CSR man of India for his advocacy for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Bill in India. The award is hosted by Liveweek Group.

We received a letter which said as follows- On behalf of the Steering and Selection Committee of **Mahatma Award**, let me congratulate you on your entry being chosen for **India Mahatma Award 2021 India**. On behalf of team Mahatma Award, please accept my appreciation for the excellent work you are doing, which is making an enormous social impact.

You have been selected because you have demonstrated excellence and the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity, civic and social responsibility. As you may know, many other businesses, organizations and individuals were nominated and, because of the high caliber of the nominated individuals and organizations, the Selection Committee deliberated long hours and considered all nominees before making the selection of your entry and other recipients, who stood out as impact leaders and change makers, and exemplify ethical standards and responsible behaviors in these difficult times of Covid-19 pandemic.



MAHATMA GANDHI 152nd BIRTH ANNIVERSARY 2021

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Mahatma Gandhi was imprisoned several times in his pursuit of non-cooperation. He sat on fasts to protest the oppression of the downtrodden. His path of peaceful resistance and mass civil disobedience was later emulated across the world. His selfless love for the poor and his desire to help them have a dignified life made him the “Mahatma” we call him today.

INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



International Day Of The Girl Child could be described as the brainchild of the World Conference on Women. In 1995, at the conference in Beijing, it was decided that such a day dedicated to the growth of girls around the world was a necessity. As a result, countries unanimously adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for

Action. This made the declaration the first of its kind; in that, it separated the girl child from the umbrella of women and acknowledged their specific needs. Observed on October 11, the day focuses on the rights, safety and education of girls. The core objective is to make girls an active part of the progress of the world.

As part of the celebration, a theme is selected to highlight the need of the hour. This year, the theme has been set as “Digital generation. Our generation,” acknowledging the growing digital world and how a digital gap can also widen the gender gap. In 2021, the Generation Equality Forum launched five-year commitments for bolder solutions to gender inequality – just as the world entered the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic.



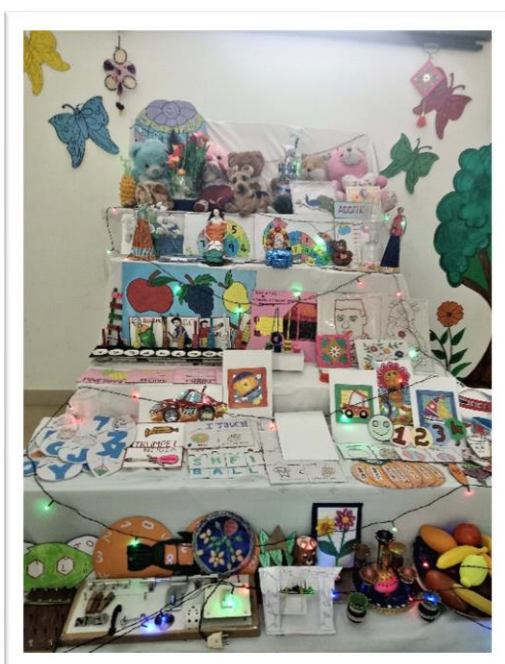
While the pandemic has accelerated digital platforms for learning, earning and connecting, some 2.2 billion people below the age of 25 still do not have internet access at home. Girls are more likely to be cut off. The gender gap for global internet users grew from 11 per cent in 2013 to 17 per cent in 2019. In the world’s least developed countries, it hovers around 43 per

cent. But the gender digital divide is about more than connectivity. Girls are also less likely than boys to use and own devices, and gain access to tech-related skills and jobs. Only by addressing the inequity and exclusion that span geographies and generations can we usher in a digital revolution for all, with all. Girls know their digital realities and the solutions they need to pave paths to freedom of expression, joy and boundless potential. Together, let's widen these pathways so that this generation of girls can become a generation of technologists.

This event celebration of the international day of the girl child has its main importance. It empowers girls, It works to eliminate deep rooted gender biased issues and it also determines the empowered girls to grow up to be empowered.

NAVRATHRI CELEBRATIONS-

On 13th of October NAVRATHRI FUNCTION was celebrated. It was wonderful to see all children dressed up in their informals neatly to attend the function organized at the centre. 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.

Dr APJ ABDUL KALAM

All of us do not have equal talent. But, all of us have an equal opportunity to develop our talents."



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 90th 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."

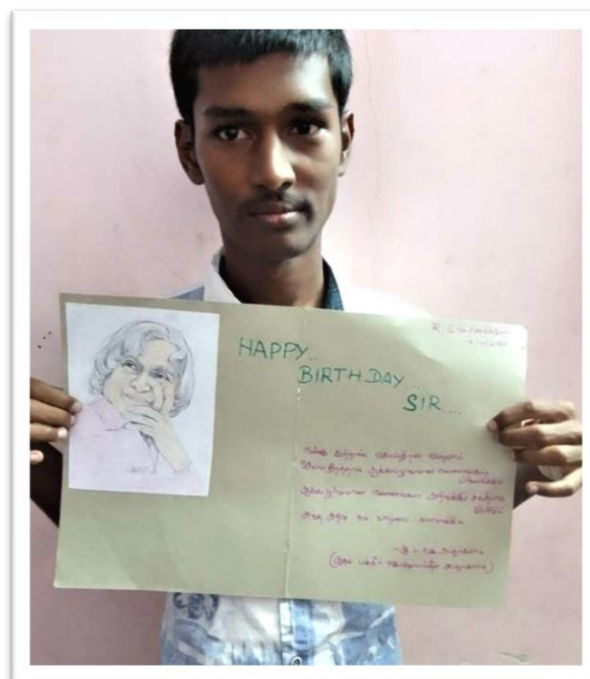
About the aims of a teacher, he said, "The aim of the teacher should be to build character, human values enhance the learning capacity of children through technology and build the confidence among children to be innovative and creative which in turn will make them competitive to face the future."

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."

On students

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.



AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV-WORLD OCEAN DAY



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence. In this connection, The National Centre for Coastal Research, Ministry of Earth Sciences, NIOT Campus, Pallikaranai, had conducted various activities for children at Pathway centre for rehabilitation and education of intellectually disabled, Thiruvanniyur to create awareness about the oceans and seas. The children put up an exhibit regarding the same. The interesting part was that the kids were able to identify many of



the marine life and were curious to know more about the marine life. Their drawings and clay models including posters were very well appreciated by the visitors. A small cultural event marked the proceedings

DIWALI

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 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.

According to Hindu mythology, the Prince of Ayodhya, Lord Rama, returned home with his wife Mata Sita and

brother Lakshmana on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. They came back to Ayodhya after spending 14 years in exile and defeating the King of Lanka, Ravana. People of Ayodhya had celebrated their return with great enthusiasm by lighting rows of lamps and diyas. The tradition has continued till date and is celebrated as the festival of Diwali.



All the centres from Pathway celebrated this festival. Children donned new colourful dresses and they looked forward for the special meals and sweets which would follow for the day. As usual the multi colored Rangoli depicting happiness and ushering good tidings were a part of the 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 Prasanna giving a speech on the importance and the safety methods involved in bursting the crackers. The kids listened with rapt interest to their peer.

There was a group dance by the boys and girls along with solo dances performed by Madhavan and Joseph. The highlight of the programme was the Dandiya dance along with the staff and director.



CHILDRENS DAY CELEBERATION

"Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow."

- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru



Pandit Nehru was a firm believer of children's education right from the start. He believed it was imperative to educate children for a new India and thus after he passed away in 1964, India began to celebrate children's day not on the International Children's day date set forth by the United Nations (20 November 2021) but on the birth anniversary of Pandit Nehru, 14 November 2021.

While this day is not a gazetted holiday in India, people still remember Nehru fondly and his innumerable contributions to the welfare of Indian society. He was often called 'Chacha Nehru' as well by children for they adored him wherever he went.

India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was born to a family of Kashmiri Brahmans on November 14, 1889. His family, who were noted for their administrative aptitude and scholarship, had migrated to Delhi early in the 18th century. He was a son of Motilal Nehru, a renowned lawyer and leader of the Indian independence movement, who became one of Mahatma Gandhi's prominent associates. Jawaharlal was the eldest of four children, two of whom were girls. A sister, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, later became the first woman president of the United Nations General Assembly.

It is believed that Nehru was known as "Chacha Nehru" by children because he believed that children were the strength of India. However, as another story, the former Prime Minister was called "chacha" because of his closeness with Gandhi, whom all referred to as 'Bapu'. Hence, people suggested the nickname 'chacha' for Jawaharlal Nehru as he was seen as the younger brother of the father of the nation.

Nehru, under the guidance of Gandhi, turned out to be a leader of India's struggle for independence in 1947. He laid the foundation of independent India as sovereign, socialist, secular, and a democratic republic. For this, Nehru is credited as the architect of modern India. After the death of





Jawaharlal Nehru in 1964, a resolution was passed in the parliament



unanimously to honor him, declaring his birth anniversary as the official date of Children's Day. India used to celebrate Children's Day on November 20 every year before 1956 as the United Nations, in 1954, had declared the day as Universal Children's Day. Therefore, each year since then, November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of the country's first PM.



Teachers and parents on this day also shower their love and affection towards the child by distributing gifts, chocolates, and toys. Schools also organize various talk shows, seminars where inspirational personalities from various fields like sports, education, cultural and entertainment sector come and deliver motivational speeches to the students. Children are the ones who light up our world, the ones who have the potential to put a smile even on the chronically sad faces, the one whose hugs can melt anyone's heart, whose one wail can cause all the members of a family to panic, and whose innocence give people the hope that the world still is a good place; children are like the ray of sunshine. Without them, this world would be nothing but a dull and boring place!



At Pathway there was a turn of roles between the teachers and children. This was the time for the children to sit back and enjoy the programme that was conducted and performed for them by their educators. The children's laughter and smile was evident when they saw them dance, present a comedy skit and singing songs for them. It was indeed a beautiful sight to watch so many happy faces.



The staff also conducted musical chair, fancy dress competition and fun games like blowing the balloons. At



the end of the programme they also treated the kids to a sumptuous sweets and savouries. It was a contented staff and children who left the venue totally exhausted but very happy.

We do believe in the following quote made by our great writer –

“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one’s children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one’s life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.” - Billy Graham



WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2021

“I do not have a disability, I have a gift! Others may see it as a disability, but I see it as a challenge. This challenge is a gift because I have to become stronger to get around it, and smarter to figure out how to use it; others should be so lucky.” -Shane E. Bryan

INTERNATIONAL WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2021

Today, the world population is over 7 billion people and more than one billion people, or approximately 15 per cent of the world’s population, live with some form of disability; 80 per cent live in developing countries.

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

The theme for IDPD this year is **“Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.”**





On December 3 this year, during the annual celebration of people with disabilities, the 2021 theme is ‘Fighting for rights in the post-COVID era.’

This year, we are celebrating the challenges, barriers and opportunities for people who live with disabilities, in the context of a global pandemic. Since March 2020, every person on earth has been impacted by drastic political, social and economic change as a result of domestic and international responses to COVID-19.

This year, International Day of People with Disabilities should be used to recognise that people who live with disabilities are among the most affected populations amid

the COVID pandemic. Where marginalisation, discrimination, vulnerability and exploitation are every day factors for many people, the increased risk of poor outcomes have been magnified with the reduced access to routine health care and rehabilitation services, more pronounced social isolation, poorly tailored public health messaging, inadequately constructed mental health services, and a lack of emergency preparedness for people with special needs.

After working in the field of disability or decades, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), adopted in 2006. The CRPD advanced the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international development frameworks. The main purpose was to increase the participation of disabled people in society, end discrimination towards them, and create equal opportunities for them



CULTURAL- VILLUPATTU

Disabled people suffer from poor health, lack of equal opportunities in education and sometimes in work too. This also in turn affects their lifestyle as well as physical well-being. Hence, the day is observed to aware the world about their issues and to make it a better place for them.

On 3rd December 2021, we celebrated the world disability day program in our school, by conducting many indoor and outdoor games such as Running race, lemon spoon race, potato gathering, fancy dress competition dressed as a doctor, nurse, lawyer, teacher, chef, tailor,





PRIZE CEREMONY FOR SPORTS AND CULTURALS



traffic police, postman, painter, electrician, and farmer for which they were felicitated by the heads of the organization.

The children

were very enthusiastic about their part in the competitions. Their cheerful and happy

faces added cheer to the programme

On the eve of 29th of November in preview of the world disability day , a district-level cultural program was conducted online by the govt. Around 200 schools had participated in the above competition. Out of

these 200 schools 40 schools were selected where our school was one among them to receive the award.



ELEPHANTS AND GARLAND



We also were delighted to receive the award from the collector Dr J Vijaya Rani IAS— who graciously accepted the special newspaper -satin garland and beaded elephants as memento . Our vocational group was thrilled to the fact that our work had been recognized by the authorities.



CHRISTMAS CELEBERATIONS

MAY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON FINISH THIS YEAR ON A HAPPY NOTE AND MAKING ROOM FOR A NEW YEAR THAT IS FRESH AND LIGHT. SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU.....

all grateful members of PATHWAY family

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime." – Laura Ingalls Wilder

Every year the month of December is a very awaited month since it brings out in each one of us the best spirit by ringing out the old & ushering of the new year. It is definitely the busiest time of the year where last minute shopping, wrapping gifts and planning the programme takes place.







This is a festival which actually you can feel days before in the air. The whole being of oneself seems to get soaked in helping others and to share the joy & peace one observes in giving than receiving gifts. For children it is the most wonderful season to wear and don new clothes, creating special Christmas cards for their friends & families and to take part in the cultural activity depicting the birth of Christ. This year too has been no different for the children who awaited the great day to bring the joy & peace message to the world in their own special way. Compared to last year where this festival was conducted online we are blessed to celebrate it this year with the kids. It was indeed a hectic period wherein the staff had put in their sincere dedication and efforts to conduct various programmes like nativity drama, with other cultural items. The delight of the children and their joy was very evident when they were given permission to decorate their venue and participate in making the desired decorations for their Christmas tree. It was a real joy to watch the kids immersed in the activity and trying their best to produce results to gladden their teachers' hearts. One could observe their tendency of helping their peer group which gladdened many a heart. The true





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

The highlight of the programme was the family of our President who had travelled all the distance from Dubai to be a part of this wonderful season festival. They sincerely applauded the children's programme and felt honored to be a part of presenting gifts to the children present which was sponsored by our wonderful supporters. The remaining children and staff were given Christmas gifts either through their bank accounts, courier or physically for those who could travel.

We take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful well wishers and supporters who every year make our Christmas a most memorable and treasurable day.

PONGAL



Pongal is one of India's most popular festivals, which is widely celebrated by the Tamil community across the globe. Celebrated in the Tai month of the

Tamil solar calendar, the multi-day festival is one of the biggest harvest festivals, along with Makar Sankranti. The four-day event, dedicated to the Sun God, marks the beginning of Uttarayan, the sun's journey northward. This year, Pongal will be observed from January 14-17, 2022, according to the Gregorian calendar. The first day is celebrated as Thai Pongal.



This festival is named after the traditional sweet dish Pongal ("boiling over") made with rice boiled in milk with jaggery. It is first offered to the gods and goddesses and then enjoyed by the family. The the origin of the Pongal dish can be traced back to the Chola period; it appears in a lot of texts and inscriptions.

It is believed that Lord Shiva once sent his bull, Basava, to the world to remind people that they should eat once a month, get an oil massage, and bathe every day. Basava made the mistake of recommending that everyone take an oil bath once a day and eat every day. Lord Shiva became so upset that he banished Basava to Earth for all eternity in order to help the inhabitants of Earth produce more food. This is thought to be the reason behind cattle's presence on Earth. In the other story, according to mythology, Lord Krishna recognised Lord Indra's arrogance and asked the people of Gokul to stop worshipping him. This enraged



Indra, who started torrential rains for three days on the Gokula village. The Govardhan Parvat was subsequently lifted by Lord Krishna on his little finger, and all the inhabitants were saved. Indra recognised Krishna's power as a result of this, and understood his error. Finally, he brought the rain to a halt and begged Krishna's pardon.

Importance

This celebration is all about expressing gratitude to the natural elements that help us exist, therefore farmers honour the rain, sun, and animals, which are all necessary for farming. People perform a puja on this day, and also visit their family and friends.

Significance

Pongal conveys the notion of letting go of the past and welcoming new beginnings. It is believed that receiving the Sun's blessings results in good crop, as well as prosperity and happiness in people's lives. The celebrations run for four days, each with its own importance.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



India marks January 26 as its Republic Day every year.

In 2022, the country is celebrating its 73rd Republic Day. While India gained independence from the

British Raj in 1947, it wasn't until January 26, 1950, that the Indian

Constitution came into effect, and India became a sovereign state,

declaring it a republic. Dr BR Ambedkar headed the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. Additionally, Constitution Day is celebrated in India on November 26 every year, as on November 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India.

Every year, 26 January is celebrated with festivities and patriotic fervor all around the country. To commemorate the Azadi ka Amrit





Mahotsav, several activities were initiated in the run-up to Republic Day celebrations 2022. The main component of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is to connect the youth to our rich cultural heritage. The purpose of the activities is to find out the best talent across the country. Also, to provide an opportunity to be a part of Republic Day celebrations 2022.



This year also on the Republic Day parade, India will not have a chief guest due to the global situation arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Republic Day is celebrated with much pomp all across the country. The main attraction of Republic Day celebrations is the annual parade which begins at Rajpath, Delhi, and ends at the India Gate. On this day, the country's President hoists the flag at Rajpath, New Delhi. The ceremonious event also showcases India's cultural and social heritage, parades and airshows by the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force



Additionally, the President of India distributes Padma Awards to the deserving civilians of the country to honour their contribution to the nation. Brave soldiers are also awarded Paramvir Chakra, Ashok Chakra and Vir Chakra. Live webcast of the Republic Day Parade is also made accessible every year to millions of people who wish to view the parade over the Internet or TV.

We celebrated this particular day with full enthusiasm which included children participating online as well as children at the centre with the staff supporting them. Republic day was celebrated with the same pride at Pathway, Chennai in a grand manner. There was feverish excitement in the children as many of them were ready to present a colorful program. The entire frontage of the centre was decorated with our national flag and tri color balloons. A



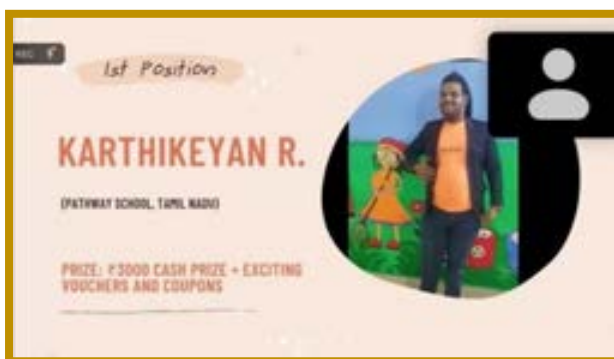
beautiful Rangoli ushered and welcomed each one. The children were dressed smartly in white uniform. As the children were called to attention, Dhuli Patnaik our President was requested to unfurl the national flag. With this the children, staff and everyone assembled sang the national anthem in unison. This was followed by special treats and a luncheon for all present.

Children who were not able to attend participated through online by marking their respect to the nation via drawings and posters.

UDAAN



The Social Responsibility Cell, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College is a student body set up with the primary objective of focusing on the concept of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) right at the undergraduate level. It prides itself on being the only society in Delhi University focusing on this aspect. They planned "Udaan" event for specially-abled children in the second week of February this year. The event aims to give these children a platform to express themselves freely without any inhibitions. They gave them a chance to come out of their shells and showcase their talent in front of a large number of people. Their belief is that everyone has a special talent. They invited 300 participants comprising of 40 organizations from all over India to showcase their talents and have a great time!



We are proud to announce that under the ABHINAYA category our child KARTHIKEYAN from PATHWAY CENTRE FOR

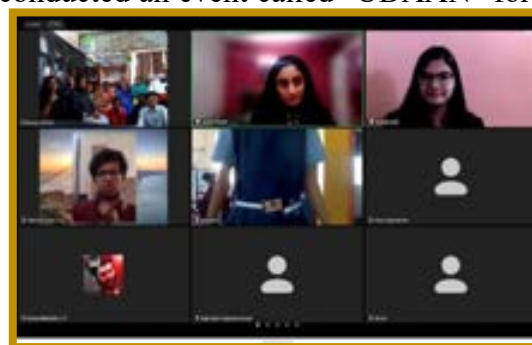


REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION OF THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED secured the FIRST PRIZE comprising of Rs. 3000 along with coupons and gift vouchers. Our next student-JOSEPH was given a special mention for enacting the role of Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

Our child KARTHIKEYAN from PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION OF THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED enacted like Madhuri Dixit and secured the FIRST PRIZE comprising of Rs.3000 along with coupons and gift vouchers from Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College who conducted an event called "UDAAN" for specially-abled children.

Our child JOSEPH from PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION OF THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED was given a special mention for enacting the role of Shaheed Bhagat Singh from Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College who conducted an event called "UDAAN" for specially-abled children.

Our child Prasanna from PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION OF THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED secured the FIRST PRIZE comprising of Rs.3000 along with coupons and gift vouchers under the category of creative writing (SAHITYAKAR) from Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College who conducted an event called "UDAAN" for specially-abled children.



WOMEN'S DAY



The United Nations started celebrating women's day in 1975 and in 1977, the UN General Assembly proclaimed March 8 as International Women's Day for women's rights and world peace. The UN has been celebrating the day since then, setting up a theme every year.



This day holds significance because the world celebrates women's achievements on this day, raises awareness about women's equality and

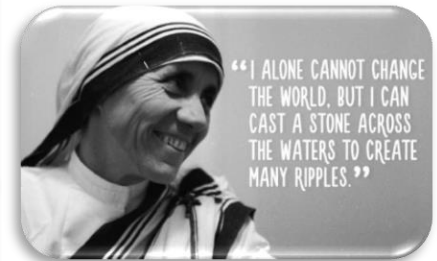


accelerates gender parity, along with fundraisers for various female-focused charities. The theme for International Women's Day 2022 is 'Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow'. The United Nations looks forward to highlighting the contribution of women and girls around the

world who are volunteering in promoting their communities or working on climate change adaptation, mitigation and in general working in building a more sustainable future for everyone.

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.

This year our Director has been featured by the corporate social responsibility group by publishing a special article on her during this most special day of which an excerpt has been shown below.





The below is a note from Editor-in-Chief & CEO of CSR magazine where our article of our Co-Founder and Director has been honored and published. This magazine issue was released by the Secretary, Govt of Karnataka.



Dear Readers,
 Every year, March 8 is celebrated as International Women's Day. This year, the goal is to create a gender-equal world. It is about celebrating a woman's success and raising awareness against bias. As every year, we continue the tradition of covering the International Women's day/month of March 2022 by selecting Women in Leadership positions in our own Country.



International Women's Day has been celebrated every year since 1911 - that's over 100 years. And its two-fold message now remains the same as when it was started - to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, but also to mark a call to action for accelerating gender parity. In this year's Special

Edition, We have covered Women Achievers excelling in their own fields setting an example of Women Empowerment. We have covered Ms. Swayantani Ghosh, VP, Communications & CSR Head of Technip Energies India, Ms. Gazala Paul - Managing Trustee & Founder Member of Samerth Charitable Trust, Dr Meera Asmi - Global Green Ambassador and Ms. Aparna Anand - Managing Trustee of We Grow Foundation, Dr. Bollineni Keerthi, - President of Vasavya Mahila Mandali, Mrs.. Prasanna Rajan - Trustee & Manager of Gandhibhavan International Trust, **Dr. Chandra Prasad - General Secretary & Hony. Director of Pathway India** and Mr. Bhuvan Purohit - Whole Time Director of Rubamin which is doing exponential good work in Smart anganwadis with Gujarat CSR Authority.

We are quite sure, that the case studies covered in this Special Edition exhibit the best practices of CSR.



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

The first World Down Syndrome Day was observed in **2006**. Then the Brazilian Federation of Associations of Down Syndrome worked with Down Syndrome International and its members to launch an extensive campaign to generate international support. **In November 2011**, the General Assembly adopted a resolution by consensus to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day



every year. The next month it declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day.



The theme of World Down Syndrome Day this year is **“Inclusion Means”**. It calls for making efforts to include people with down syndrome in all matters of life and not discriminate against them.

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. Babies with Down Syndrome have an extra copy of a chromosome, which changes how the baby’s body and brain develop. People with this syndrome usually have an IQ (a measure of intelligence) in the moderately low range and are slower to speak than other children.



According to the United Nations, the global incidence of Down Syndrome is estimated to be between 1 in 1,000 and 1 in 1,100 live births. Every year, between 3,000 and 5,000 infants worldwide are born with this chromosomal abnormality. It is not yet known why this syndrome occurs, but it has always been a part of the human condition.

On World Down Syndrome Day people with Down syndrome and those


who live and work with them throughout the world organise and participate in activities and events to raise public awareness and create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome. The day was created to celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome, and to make sure they have the same freedom and opportunities as everyone else.

At Pathway we connected the parents having these special kids with other parents to share their experiences , feelings and emotions. This ended up with a colorful cultural show and interesting fun games bonding the parents, teachers and their offsprings. The smallest hint of a smile brings untoward happiness for the caregivers and all those involved in the child’s future. Every event preps us for providing a better future for them



CREATIVE VOCATIONAL WORK - NEW IDEAS

AIR DRY CLAY



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. 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 applause 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.

SHRINK PLASTIC MAGIC



Our Vocation Classes are always buzzing with new activities, new ideas and new products. To make our Vocations most interesting we continue to update our knowledge and try to tailor it to our needs. The most essential tool we research most is on the teaching aid process and tools for it. Most of the time is spent on finding the best methodology to teach these special kids to turn out the best products which are highly competitive in the market.

One such we found was

the shrink plastic sheets. Though this has been in use in other countries we have found its utility only now here. Months of pondering and working over its benefits and uses we decided to add this feather to our cap. We found that Shrink Art is an easy and safe craft activity.

Shrink Art is a polystyrene plastic sheet that is designed to shrink to one seventh its original size whilst still retaining the same shape and colour.

It is sometimes called shrink film, shrinkies, polyshrink, or shrinky dinks. Our finished shrink art product provides a shiny, durable finish that will last for years. With adult supervision, shrink art is suitable for kids at any age.

The students who were eager to try out this novel technique were given the following instructions-

Step One:

Place the rough side up. Either trace or draw freehand your favourite pictures or images on to the plastic using good quality pencils or permanent markers. Do not use crayons, they may be flammable during the heating process! Draw the outline in black, before colouring the rest of the artwork in. Use of shading and patterns will add dimension and class to your art. For an easier and professional looking result, you can use pre-printed shrink art designs and simply colour on the

design!

Step Two:

Cut the artwork out using craft scissors. It is usually easier to cut roughly first





before cutting more accurately around your artwork. The shrink art is quite strong and firm, and being patient will produce the best results. You can also decide to use the paper punches especially the flowers and leaves.

Step 3:

If turning into a key-ring, jewellery or a Christmas decoration, punch a hole for the key-ring or hook. The hole will also shrink to a perfect size. Remember – you can't add a hole after you've shrunk it!

Step 4:

FOR ADULTS ONLY (Kids will love to watch): Finally the magical part. The shrink art piece is to be placed on a material like tile and to be held with a wooden skewer. on a piece of baking paper on a metal tray. Bake at 160 degrees for 30-60 seconds. The shrink art will curl and then will then go flat when ready which is the most magical part. The wonderment in the eyes of the kids sure affirms that.

Step 5 : Using the craft heat tool the shrink art piece can be heated.

Step 6: Attach your key ring or string to complete your shrink art masterpiece! Great for key-rings, bag tags, necklaces, bracelets and ear-rings!



TERRACE GARDEN

"I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow." David Hobson



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 experience

we feel that it is a tool to help these special children to develop necessary skills and in turn enjoy the fruit of success not just by money but also by being in nature. Their motor skills have improved, working in a group has increased their social and personal skills which has culminated in further self confidence building.

✿ Basically there are plenty benefits to health and environment which include

✿ Reducing the indoor temperature by 6 to 8 degree

✿ Reducing overall heat absorption of buildings

✿ Terrace garden also helps in retaining the rainwater thus helping in rain water harvesting.

✿ Able to produce pesticide free healthy greens and vegetables

✿ Providing a regular physical exercise clean fresh air and proximity with nature

✿ Bringing down sound pollution and a beautiful haven for birds to nest

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



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.

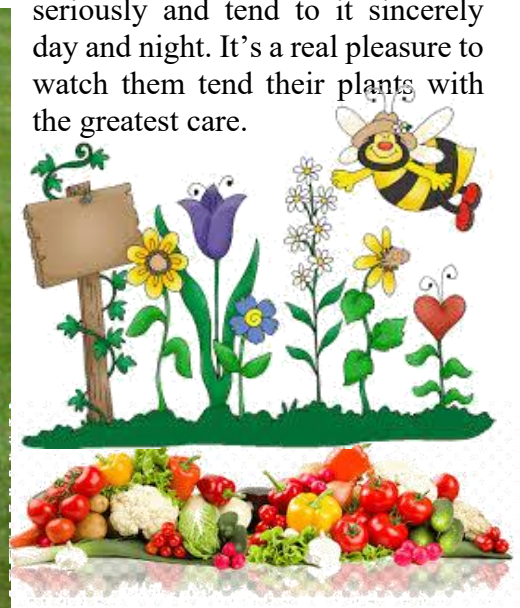
With the help of the children and staff the project started with purchase of the iron pipes, paints and welding electrodes were purchased.

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.

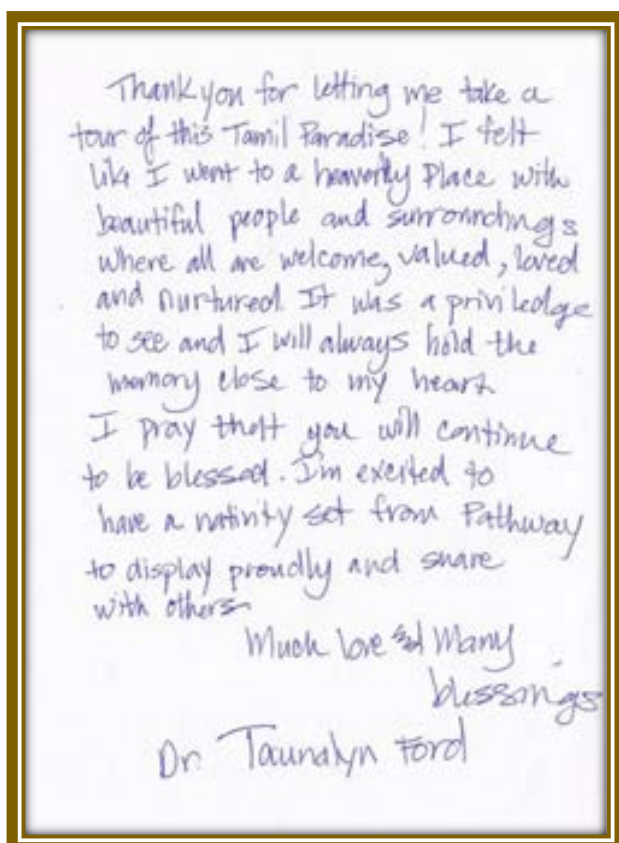
An inter-locking setup was designed, a 2" channel is cut in 4" length. A small hole is drilled and a 12mm nut is welded on to that piece. similarly, more pieces were made and are welded to the poles vertically.

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 real 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.

IMPRESSIONS – Dr. Taunalyne Ford

MEDICAL UNIT- SPREADING AWARENESS AND PRECAUTIONERY MEASURES TO MINIMISE COVID-19



Being an entire lockdown period the medical centre extended its services to the inmates for their safety. The below given statistics are from the last financial year. Pathway's medical programme is a comprehensive and continues to grow. Established 36 years ago in a rented building in the slums of Thiruvanniyur, Kamaraj Nagar, the medical centre is committed to providing care for both Pathway patients and poor communities within Pathway's reach.

- ❖ Medical centre began with a modest grant from the Drawings & Sponsorship EMMAUS of Switzerland
- ❖ Established under the direction of late Dr. V. Shankaran,

Professor of Surgery (Retd)

- ❖ Now located within the Pathway Centre building in Thiruvanniyur, with funding from :
- ❖ Judge William Sheffield, USA
- ❖ Mr. Jean-Luc and Mrs. Carole Butel, USA

On average over 3,300 patients are treated every month at the medical facility:

- ❖ Nearly 1,350 are men.
- ❖ Over 1,950 are women and children

The medical centre runs now with the help of three visiting doctors namely- Dr Shameeza Quathoon, Dr. N Jagannathan and Dr. Manoprakash. The medical centre has the following capabilities: Total number of cases treated is : 27953 Men : 7473, Women and Children : 20480

OUR MEDICAL DOCTORS WORKING DURING COVID PERIOD



GARBAGE CLEANING
EXECUTED EVERY SECOND
DAY DURING THE LOCKDOWN

SPRAYING OF MEDICINE DONE EVERY WEEK DURING THIS PERIOD



The other measures taken were the following -

1 Staff and children staying in our centre have been educated to prevent spread of COVID-19 by giving the following instructions such as-

- 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.


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CORONA - AWARENESS DRAWING



POSTERS CREATED FOR CORONA AWARENESS

DOs




WASH HANDS

KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING


WEAR MASK

STOP



COVID-19

DON'Ts




AVOID CROWD

AVOID HANDSHAKE

AVOID TOUCHING EYES

CORONAVIRUS SAFETY POSTER



COVID-19 AWARENESS SLOGANS

★ வீட்டில் வராத நாடில் வராத கொரோனா, நாம் சாலையில் திரியாத வரையில்.

★ வேண்டுவார் வேண்டாம கொரோனா வைரஸ், வீட்டின் உள்ளே இருப்போர்க்கு.

★ கொரோனா வைரஸ் உன்னை தொடாது, நீ தேடி போகாவிடில்.

- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, to report immediately

2. Wearing of masks
3. Proper use of sanitisers
4. Teaching and online 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. All therapies are being conducted online for the kids
9. Conducting daily visit by medical doctors, checking their temperatures and bp. Instructing parents of day care children to avail our medical facilities.
10. Provisions and monetary assistance given to all our day care and temporary custodial kids
11. Any kind of emergency and help can be reported to the concerned staff and immediate action taken on that.
12. The centre also has enrolled all the children irrespective of ages in government Insurance scheme known as NIRMAYA for a period of April 2021 to March 22
13. Corporation has been instructed to spray medication outside the building and wash rooms, corridors etc every week

STICK PUPPET SHOW CONDUCTED BY STAFF



14. Garbage refuse is collected everyday by the corporation
15. Maintenance and cleanliness is maintained on daily basis
16. Fresh food is supplied daily, vegetables are ordered every week and provisions for a month.
17. No refrigerated food is offered to any one
18. Phone facility is offered and Counselling is done by their special educators
19. To keep them active online classes are being conducted
20. Therapeutic work like gardening, TV, bakery and handicraft making is introduced with proper instruction

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

CONDITION	NO OF CASES	CONDITION	NO OF CASES	CONDITION	NO OF CASES	CONDITION	NO OF CASES
FEVER	133	INJURY	70	SKIN	30	MUSCLE SPASM	49
RESPIRATORY INFECTION	223	DYS MENORRHOEA	18	CARDIAC	26	ACUTE GASTRITIS APD	68
ACUTE GASTRITIS	60	ASTH BRONCHITIS	68	EAR AND THROAT	81	GIDDINESS + NAUSEA	65
HYPERTENSION	99	DIABETES	74	EYE INFECTION	3	DIABETES FOOT SYNDROME	47
ABDOMINAL PAIN	52	CATARACT SURGERIES	8	MYALGIA	167	SEIZURE DISORDER	160
FRACTURE	1	GENERAL MEDICAL CHECKUP					26451

CHENNAI STAFF

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

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.

OUR FOUNDER'S DAY-MEDICAL CAMPS

At Pathway we undertook a new different project to celebrate our Founder's birthday by conducting a medical camp. This medical camp was conducted in rural area in Chengalpattu in a village known as Unamalai village which was in our vicinity. and has approximately a population of nearly 3000.

Our team was headed by our dedicated doctors like general physicians, dentists, ophthalmologists, nurses, therapists, and medical lab technicians. To add value to the above our senior staff of Pamela Martinez School, student team and helpers were a part of this valuable service which served more than 200 villagers.



We as a team would like to thank the Deputy Director of Health Services of Chengalpattu district, The President- Mr. Rajaram of Unamalai Village, the Councilor-Mr. Silambarasan, and his team for enabling us to conduct the camp for benefit of the villagers. We are indeed grateful for their support and help.

We celebrated our Founder's Day in all our three centres with cultural activities. To highlight this event we planted coconut and mango saplings in four village schools and supported one of them by donating a teacher's table, chairs, and floor mats. We also undertook 8 cataract surgeries after compiling the medical details obtained during the medical camp as per our team of doctors suggestions.

The people who were wheeled into the surgery have successfully been operated on and we feel blessed that we could be a part of their recovery



We are extremely proud to share that the surgeries were successful which was conducted at ARVIND EYE HOSPITAL. We are grateful for all those beautiful souls who volunteered to achieve the same.

Cataract is one of the most common causes of visual impairment in the world. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), cataract is the leading cause of blindness all over the world, responsible for 47.8% of blindness and accounting for 17.7 million blind people. In India, 80% of the blindness is due to cataract. Various modifiable risk factors associated with cataract include UV exposure, diabetes, hypertension, body mass index (BMI), drug usage, smoking and



socioeconomic factors; but advancing age is the single most important risk factor for cataract.

The prevalence of cataract in a rural population (≥ 40 years) of Southern India was studied and it was reported that the prevalence was less in men compared to women. In India, a very few population based studies have been undertaken to explore the risk factors for cataract in older age group, especially since the proportion of the elderly has been significantly increasing in the country; the 60 + population which stood at 56 million in 1991 is now estimated to be 138 million in 2021. Prasad's contribution in the service of the disabled has been many fold. As a young man of 21 years when he started Pathway in a humble



circumstances in a rented building he started serving children with mental retardation and cerebral palsy as inmates. Perhaps Pathway was the only centre available at that time apart from another facility that was admitting children through police and courts. Right from that time Prasad was able to serve children single handedly with various other problems that included speech and hearing problems, autism besides mental disability. On an average over 100-120 children were being assisted by him directly every day, where he used to spend his time administering therapy and total care. For years from April 1975 till 1985, Pathway was run entirely from his personal contribution. At today's costs the expenses were anywhere around 2 Lakhs per month. His monetary contribution would be around Rs.2 Crores at today's costs. In addition to serving children with disabilities in the centre Prasad fanned out to different cities and districts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and conducted diagnostic and rehabilitation camps for the disabled, hundreds of children with various disabilities were examined and offered intervention programme. Right from that day till today Prasad has been serving children with poverty and disability free of cost. After 1984-85 Pathway started soliciting support from individuals, organizations and government. More than 46500 children have been examined by Pathway over the years and nearly 45,000 children with various disabilities have been assisted. The Centre opened its door in offering primary medical care to the neighboring poor men, women and children, till now over 5.3 Lakh adults and children have been assisted with medical, pediatric and dental care. In addition to this Pathway has also initiated primary literary programme for poor slum children, every year the organization assists over 150 children in their everyday studies offering them free tuition and other support.

Prasad with the aid of munificent support received from highly loyal and committed donors established a large Agro farm for Children in a large agricultural tract of land about 90 Kms from Chennai. This agro farm is

one of its kind that offers top notch facilities for the integrated education and rehabilitation of able and disabled children and adults. The organization has constructed large well planned buildings to offer high class education for orphan, destitute and poor children. Disabled friendly buildings have been built to offer services to the disabled, without any bias to their religion caste or any other consideration. This facility is offering support for nearly 300 children and adults every day. In addition to this Pathway has initiated community based rehabilitation programme (CBR) in several villages serving scores of disabled children and adults with various disorders, right at their door steps.

Prasad right from the beginning has been challenged with health issues, he as a student in the ALL India Institute of Speech and Hearing met with an accident when he suffered considerable injury to his face , jaws and teeth, which caused continuous and chronic issues. He also underwent a surgery to correct an anomaly in his coccyx. When he was 22 years old he was diagnosed to have had Psoriasis and this became a huge and dreaded challenge for him life along. Drugs such as high dosage of steroids used caused irreversible problems all his life, at the age of 43 years Prasad developed bilateral cataract, he developed severe osteoporosis leading to four fractures in his spine, severe endocrinal disorder. He also developed obesity, diabetes and hypertension. His weight from 65 Kgs increased to 110 Kgs. As he was receiving high dosage of steroids he developed severe problems in immunity, leading to constant abscess formation that required repeated surgical intervention. His challenges continued with detection of cancer in vocal chords which required immediate micro laryngeal surgery with radiation. On top of all this now Prasad has been diagnosed with cancer In his bladder that require immediate major surgery that was being performed at the Cancer Institute.

Prasad has won several state, national and international awards for the services rendered to disabled. He received the Japanese SIVUS Award for Exceptional Services for Intellectually





IN CONTINUATION OF OUR MEDICAL CAMP, WE WERE ABLE TO CONVINCE 8 OF THESE SPECIAL PEOPLE TO UNDERGO CATARACT SURGERY AS PER OUR TEAM OF DOCTORS' SUGGESTIONS. WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD TO SHARE THAT THE SURGERIES WERE SUCCESSFUL AND WAS CONDUCTED AT ARVIND EYE HOSPITAL. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THOSE BEAUTIFUL SOULS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO ACHIEVE THE SAME.

Disabled, The Tamil Nadu Government awarded best institution awards for Pathway's services and Prasad received national award from Prime Minister A B Vajpayee for outstanding services rendered to the disabled. In addition to this he has received many other awards from national and state bodies for the services rendered towards the disabled. Prasad was a visionary leader who left a legacy of service. He was anxious to find and serve the poorest of the poor in any way he could and

inspired those around him to do the same. Today it is seven years of his leaving this earthly abode.



We will continue to carry his legacy and mission of serving the most needy. Over days and months to come our work will be further intensified to reach out to more people in the rural areas and try to ease human suffering as much as we can.

We thank each individual soul paid or volunteer who are a part of our journey in helping the community. Their selfless courage and positive attitude we salute.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

MAHATMA AWARD
Dedicated to Bapu by Anil Sachdeva
महात्मा पुरस्कार
बापू को अनिर सदाये द्वारा समर्पित।

Award distribution by
Dr. Kiran Bedi, Chief Guest
24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry
October 1 2021, India International Centre, Delhi, India

MAHATMA AWARD TO INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

- Dr. R. Sagar for his lifetime work in bringing quality to the water of Chennai.
- Dr. Bhagwan Chandra for exemplary work in Chemistry.
- Dr. Anand Kumar for his contribution to the field of space research.
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MAHATMA AWARD TO SOCIAL IMPACT CATEGORIES

- Ambedkar Foundation, The Ambedkar Foundation, Ambedkar Association of India
- Anand Foundation, Anand Foundation, Anand Foundation
- Aravind Eye Care System, Aravind Eye Care System, Aravind Eye Care System
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AHMA AWARDS

... உதிரைக்காரர்கள் என்று சொன்னார்.

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கும அனைவரும் அவன தட்டில் சிலிரைய போட ஆரம்பித்தனர்.

செல்கிறார்கள் என்று சொன்னார்.

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POLIO IMMUNIZATION CAMP AT PATHWAY



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:

✦ 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 unparalleled 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

