

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



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“SABIN – PATHWAY”

HOME FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY & ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS
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FROM THE CO-FOUNDER-HON.DIRECTOR'S DESK

A LEGACY OF COMPASSION: REFLECTING ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

As we close yet another successful year, we stand humbled and proud to mark a significant milestone—fifty glorious years of unwavering commitment to serving those in need. This golden jubilee is not just a celebration of time passed but a testament to the vision, dedication, and collective spirit that has carried us forward. We are deeply grateful to every individual—past and present—who has been part of this journey, supporting us with their time, resources, and goodwill.

Through the decades, our mission has remained rooted in compassion, dignity, and service to the marginalized. Despite facing numerous challenges and setbacks along the way, each obstacle has only strengthened our resolve and deepened our faith in the work we do. The journey has never been easy, but it has always been meaningful.

The year began with several ongoing infrastructure projects. Thanks to the generous support of our benefactors and well-wishers, we completed the renovation of our guest house and gazebo, upgraded the bathrooms at Sabin Home and painted the Sabin buildings and stage. We also successfully carried out full interior and exterior painting of our Chennai centre, giving the space a much-needed facelift. Natural calamities, which have long been a recurring theme in our lives, did not spare us this year either. Yet, as always, these trials brought forth an opportunity to give selflessly. During the devastating floods, our Community Rehabilitation Service reached more than 200 families across 24 villages, offering relief, care and dignity to those most affected.

A landmark event this year was the celebration of our Golden Jubilee and Founder's Day. We had the honour of recognising the tireless efforts of our staff from all three centres. A cherished highlight was the release of our commemorative journey book, "*A Leaf in the Stream*," by the founder couple's son, Mr. Chetan Prasad. This publication is not merely a record but a heartfelt tribute to the enduring vision that has guided us for five decades. In memory of our beloved founder, we also launched a new project—the installation of a Solar Water Pump, inaugurated by the renowned Mr. Amit Sachdeva, widely respected as the "CSR Man of India." His presence added immense value to the occasion and reminded us of the power of socially conscious leadership.

The new financial year began on an uplifting note with the celebration of World Autism Day at all our centres. We were overjoyed to welcome back our children—many of whom were new admissions—and felt a renewed sense of purpose. The trust and confidence placed in us by children, parents, and society at large has only strengthened our commitment to provide a life of dignity and opportunity for those we serve.

Our ongoing work and impact were recognised by prestigious organisations including ASSOCHAM Southern Region, TALENT VALUE Media Pvt Ltd, and RBL Bank—acknowledgements that we hold with deep appreciation.



Educational enrichment remained a core focus. Various educational tours were organised across our centres, offering our students broader perspectives and new experiences. In the agricultural sector, we had a fruitful paddy harvest, though unpredictable weather hampered vegetable production. However, our coconut and mango groves flourished following dedicated maintenance efforts. Driven by a desire to expand our outreach, we extended vital services to 24 remote villages, providing physiotherapy and dental/oral screenings. We are especially proud of the assistance offered to children and adults with disabilities—efforts that speak of the very soul of our mission.

We were deeply honored by the visits of Mr. Amit Sachdeva, Mr. A. Joseph Xavier (Retired Assistant Director, Office of the Commissionerate for the Welfare of the Differently Abled), and Mr. Joseph D. Ravi (Retired District Disabled Rehabilitation Officer), whose presence added great significance to our event.

Our mission would not be possible without the unwavering support of our friends, donors, and partners from around the world. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Sabin Foundation and to Mr. Gary and Mrs. Valerie Sabin, whose steadfast commitment continues to inspire and sustain our work. We are equally grateful to Mr. Eric Otteson and to *A Brighter Path*, led by Mr. Alex and Mrs. Pamela Martinez, whose enduring legacy of generosity remains a guiding light.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. William P. Benac, Mr. Bill Benac Jr., Mr. Tim Fewkes and family, Mr. B.J. Butel, and Mr. Jean-Luc Butel for their continued support and belief in our mission. The dedicated contributions of Kinderhilfe–Drawing & Sponsorship Emmaus, Mr. Kirsten and Keyne Monson, and Jim and Karen Dosdall have made a profound impact, enabling us to reach and uplift more lives in need.

We are especially thankful to Mr. Shant Jain, Trustee, for overseeing the renovation of our farm and school units with exceptional dedication and without any remuneration. His selfless service is a shining example of the spirit and values that continue to define our journey.

Our sincere thanks also extend to the Government of Tamil Nadu, including the districts of Chennai and Chengalpattu, and the Government of India, whose grants and collaboration have been invaluable in expanding and sustaining our initiatives.

Finally, to our devoted staff—we acknowledge your tireless efforts, your commitment, and your compassion. You are the heart of this organisation, and through your service, we continue to bring light to many lives. As a member of the editorial board, I hope that this report serves not only as a record of our year but as a source of inspiration. We move forward with gratitude in our hearts and a steadfast resolve to continue serving the most vulnerable with dignity, compassion, and hope.

ORGANIZATION BOARD

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

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST ORGANIZATION – BOARD

❖ The board members meet at least four times a year to transact the business of the organization and meets every year to conduct the Annual General Body meeting to review the work of the

organization and resolve various important issues, including: Acceptance and passage of yearly budget.

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

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

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

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

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

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



RECOGNITION AND GRANT-IN-AID

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

REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION

- ❖ Director of Exemptions, Dept. of Income Tax, Govt. of India, Nungambakkam, Chennai U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act.
- ❖ Ministry of Home Affairs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, Government of India, New Delhi
- ❖ Registered with The National Trust for Autism, under section 12(4) of the Act for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Disabilities and Mental Retardation, Government of India, New Delhi
- ❖ Registered under Section 53 of Justice Juvenile Act, 2015, Dept of Social Defense, Govt of TN
- ❖ Registered under Section 34(3) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000, amended in 2006 and rules therein., The State Govt/Director of Social Welfare-Child Welfare .
- ❖ Registrar of Societies (South), Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai
- ❖ Registered with Department of Social welfare, Govt of Tamil Nadu under Orphanages and other Charitable homes supervision and control act 1960
- ❖ Registered with Department of Social Welfare, govt. of Tamil Nadu under section 51(2) of the Rights of the Persons with Disability Act, 2016
- ❖ Registered under TN Recognized Private Schools (Regulations) Act, 1973 and Rules 1974
- ❖ Registered with Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Govt of Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Registered under NGO-Darpan Portal of NITI AAYOG, Govt of India

The details of each registration is given below

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- CHENNAI**

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

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❖ **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, as an institution for the persons with Disabilities vide Regn. No. 315/2024 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 01.07.2024 TO 07.03.2027**

❖ **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 **08.05.2024 to 08.05.2030**

❖ **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 - Chief Educational officer proceedings S NO 3833/A1/2021 dated 30.06.2024 as per the provisions of rule 9 of the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023 , Grant of renewal of Recognition from LKG TO X grade for the period from **01.07.2024 to 30 .06.2027**

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION (UNDER SECTION 12 (4) OF THE ACT)**
REGISTRATION NO. TDRD16513235267

PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABLED 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

IN EVERY SOUL A SEED OF STRENGTH

Pathway was founded 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, recognized a profound gap in the care and rehabilitation of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Determined to make a difference, he laid the foundation for what would become a pioneering effort in inclusive care and education. From these modest beginnings, Pathway has grown into a beacon of hope, serving more than 41,950 children and adults through a city-based center and two rural agricultural facilities.

At the heart of Pathway is Dr. Prasad's guiding belief:

“EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL AND LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT, REGARDLESS OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS.”

Pathway is a voluntary, charitable, nonprofit, and non-governmental organization. It is committed to serving all individuals—without discrimination of religion, caste, creed, or background—with compassion, respect, and equity.



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



SABIN PATHWAY
HOME

AGILI, CHENGALPATTU,
INDIA

SABIN PATHWAY REHABILITATION BLOCK

AGILI, CHENGALPATTU,
INDIA



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



World Autism Awareness Day 2024 is observed on April 2nd. This day is recognized globally to raise awareness about autism and promote acceptance, inclusion, and understanding of people with autism. The day often features various events, campaigns, and activities to educate the public and support individuals with autism and their families.

The theme for World Autism Awareness Day 2024 is **"Moving from Surviving to Thriving: Autistic Individuals Share Regional Perspectives."** This theme emphasizes the shift from merely coping with autism to creating environments that enable autistic people to thrive. It highlights the importance of listening to and learning from the experiences of autistic individuals from different regions,

acknowledging the diverse challenges and opportunities they face.

The 2024 theme encourages a global dialogue that focuses on enhancing the quality of life for those with autism, ensuring they can fully participate and contribute to society.

This initiative is part of the broader effort to promote a neuro-inclusive world where autistic individuals are recognized and valued for their unique perspectives and talents.

Signature campaign with thumb impression:

The children and the staff planned a signature campaign. The educators and the therapist drew a picture of a tree with branches. The drawing was put up on a frame and prepared the paints for thumb impression. Our Director Dr. Chandra Prasad and Trustee of Pathway Mr. Shanth have started the campaign with their signature and thumb impression. The whole Idea of this initiative is to create awareness to people and to create an inclusive society for all the autistic children. The staff and Children of Pamela Martinez pathway matric school have also participated in this campaign. The thumb impressions slowly filled up all the branches of the tree and the whole picture looked beautiful after everyone's participation.



Light It Up Blue:

While there are many ways to create awareness about autism, this year our children have decided to light up the building in blue as



it represents calm and acceptance, which aligns with the message of understanding and supporting those with autism. It also symbolizes the importance of creating a peaceful and inclusive environment for individuals on the autism spectrum.

Using a specific color like blue helps unify various awareness efforts, making the cause more visible and recognizable globally. By lighting up landmarks and encouraging people to participate in the blue-themed campaign, the movement gains more attention and support.

Thus, the use of blue for Autism Awareness Day is both symbolic and strategic, helping to promote a sense of calm, acceptance, and

global unity in the efforts to support autistic individuals and their families.

The kids with the help of electrician have made the symbol of autism with rope LED lights and stood around it to take picture. The building and the symbol beautifully blended as both were lighted up. We are glad that we could arrange this event and be a part of World Autism Awareness Day to support persons with autism spectrum disorder.

MOCK ELECTION AND VOTING

The mock election event at Pathway Sabin Home was a landmark initiative aimed at educating and empowering individuals with special needs about the democratic process. This event, conducted on the 16th of April 2024 as a mock election for the election day held on the 19th of April 2024, was meticulously planned to provide a hands-on learning experience and foster a sense of inclusion and civic responsibility. By simulating a real election environment—complete with polling booths, voter lists, ink marking, and ballot casting—the event ensured that participants could fully understand and engage with every step of the voting process. The participants included residents of Pathway Sabin Home, comprising individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities, as well as volunteers, caregivers, and staff members who played a critical role in facilitating the event to ensure a smooth and inclusive experience.

Two polling stations were set up for the event, each manned by trained





volunteers who acted as polling officials. These stations were thoughtfully designed to be accessible and user-friendly. Clear instructions and visual aids were prominently displayed to guide participants through the voting process, making it an easy-to-understand exercise for all. Special arrangements were made for individuals with mobility challenges. For instance, wheelchair users were assisted by dedicated volunteers to ensure seamless access to the polling stations. Similarly, for participants with intellectual disabilities,

volunteers provided step-by-step guidance, patiently explaining the voting process in simple and relatable terms. This personalized support was instrumental in enabling participants to engage actively and confidently.

The voting process itself was modeled closely on actual electoral procedures. Each participant's name was checked against a mock voter list to emulate the official verification process. Once verified, indelible ink was applied to their fingers to symbolize their participation in the democratic process. Participants were then encouraged to cast their votes independently using ballot papers, fostering a sense of autonomy and pride. This deliberate mimicry of real-world electoral processes was not only educational but also empowering for the participants.

An important aspect of the event was its focus on building awareness about the importance of voting. Posters and educational materials highlighting the significance of the electoral process and the power of individual votes were displayed prominently at the venue. Volunteers supplemented these visual aids by sharing insights into the democratic process, emphasizing how every vote contributes to shaping a better society. The impact of this awareness-building effort was evident in the enthusiasm and pride displayed by the participants. Many expressed their excitement at being part of the event, with one participant stating, "I feel happy to vote. It's my right, and now I know how to do it."

Caregivers and staff members also observed a noticeable increase in curiosity and engagement among the residents regarding civic activities. This positive outcome underscored the event's success in instilling a sense of responsibility and interest in democratic participation. Volunteers, too, found the experience deeply rewarding. One volunteer remarked,





“This event was a wonderful opportunity to teach and engage. Watching the participants’ excitement was truly fulfilling.”

The success of the event can be attributed to its inclusive nature and the thoughtful planning that went into catering to the unique needs of individuals with disabilities. By ensuring that every participant felt valued and included, the event reinforced the message that democracy is for everyone. This initiative demonstrated that with the right support and opportunities,

individuals with special needs can actively participate in democratic processes, thereby strengthening their sense of belonging and empowerment. The mock election was not just an educational exercise; it was also a commendable effort to promote inclusivity and civic education. By mirroring the procedures of a real election, the event not only educated participants but also empowered them, making them feel like integral members of a democratic society. Such initiatives are crucial for building awareness and confidence among individuals with special needs, as they reinforce the belief that every individual has a role to play in democracy. The organizers have expressed their intention to make this event a recurring one, aiming to reach more individuals in the future and further spread the message of empowerment through active participation.

Looking ahead, the organizers plan to introduce enhancements to future editions of the event. These may include incorporating technology, such as electronic voting machines, to provide participants with an even more realistic voting experience. Additional workshops on the importance of democracy and civic duties could also be integrated to deepen participants’ understanding. Furthermore, efforts will be made to expand the reach of the event, inviting participants from other organizations and communities to ensure broader impact.

The mock election event at Pathway Sabin Home serves as a model for inclusive civic engagement. It highlights the transformative impact that such initiatives can have on individuals with special needs and their communities. By combining education, empowerment, and inclusion, the event successfully demonstrated that democracy truly belongs to everyone. The organizers, participants, and volunteers alike have shown that with collective effort and commitment, it is possible to create a more inclusive and equitable society where every voice matters.

PARTICIPATION OF PATHWAY SABIN HOME CHILDREN IN SVEEP ACTIVITY AT MADURANTAKAM TALUK OFFICE

The children of Pathway Sabin Home played a remarkable role in a Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activity held at the Madurantakam Taluk Office. This initiative, organized in collaboration with local electoral officials, aimed to create widespread awareness about



the importance of voting, while showcasing the inclusivity of the democratic process. The active involvement of the children from Pathway Sabin Home not only brought attention to the capabilities of individuals with special needs but also underscored the importance of civic education for all.

Purpose and Objectives

The SVEEP activity was conducted as part of a broader mission to enhance voter awareness and ensure inclusive participation in the democratic process.

By involving the children of Pathway Sabin Home, the organizers sought to highlight the theme of “democracy for all,” emphasizing that every individual, regardless of their physical or intellectual challenges, has a significant role to play in the electoral process. This event also provided a platform for the children to demonstrate their knowledge and enthusiasm about voting, acquired through previous civic education sessions and the mock election conducted at their home.

Preparations and Training

In the weeks leading up to the event, the children were trained and educated about the fundamentals of democracy and the importance of voting. Staff and volunteers from Pathway Sabin Home conducted interactive workshops and discussions, using engaging tools such as charts, visual aids, and role-playing activities to ensure the children understood the voting process. These preparatory sessions boosted their confidence and equipped them with the skills to actively participate in the SVEEP program.

Activities at the Taluk Office

On the day of the event, the children arrived at the Madurantakam Taluk Office with great enthusiasm and pride. Dressed in their Pathway Sabin Home badges, they represented their institution and its mission to “Change Lives Forever” with dignity and confidence. The SVEEP program featured a variety of activities aimed at educating the public and fostering a sense of responsibility toward voting.

1. **Awareness Campaign:** The children participated in a voter awareness campaign, interacting with community members and officials. They shared messages about the





significance of voting as a fundamental right and responsibility. Some children confidently explained the steps involved in the voting process, including voter registration, verification, casting a vote, and ensuring the secrecy of the ballot.

2. Creative Displays and Performances: To capture the attention of the attendees, the children helped create vibrant posters and banners with slogans encouraging people to vote. These materials, crafted with bright colors and

meaningful messages, drew admiration from the audience. Additionally, some children performed short skits and role-plays, reenacting the voting process and demonstrating the importance of every vote in shaping the future.

3. **Hands-On Experience with Mock Polling:** Building on their experience from the mock election conducted at Pathway Sabin Home, the children set up a mock polling booth at the event. They demonstrated the process of voter verification, application of indelible ink, and casting of ballots. Visitors were invited to participate in this simulated polling exercise, which provided a practical and engaging way to understand the voting process.
4. **Inclusive Representation:** The presence of children with special needs at the event sent a powerful message about inclusivity. Their active involvement demonstrated that with the right support and opportunities, individuals with disabilities can actively contribute to civic initiatives. The event highlighted the importance of removing barriers and ensuring accessible voting for all.

Impact and Reception

The children's participation left a lasting impression on everyone present. Their enthusiasm, knowledge, and dedication inspired both the community and the officials. Several attendees commended the efforts of Pathway Sabin Home in empowering individuals with special needs and promoting the spirit of democracy.

One of the electoral officers remarked, "The involvement of these children is a testament to the fact that democracy truly belongs to everyone. Their efforts to spread awareness are commendable





and should serve as an example for others.” Community members also expressed their appreciation, with many noting that the children’s participation motivated them to take voting more seriously.

The event not only educated the public but also boosted the self-esteem and confidence of the children. For many of them, this was a rare opportunity to interact with the larger community and contribute meaningfully to a significant cause. The experience reinforced their sense of belonging and empowerment,

aligning perfectly with Pathway Sabin Home’s mission to transform lives through education and inclusion.

Future Initiatives

The success of this SVEEP activity has paved the way for more inclusive civic engagement programs in the future. Pathway Sabin Home plans to collaborate with local authorities on similar initiatives, ensuring that individuals with special needs continue to play an active role in promoting democratic values. Future activities may include workshops on voter rights, advanced mock elections with electronic voting machines, and outreach programs targeting marginalized communities.

The participation of Pathway Sabin Home children in the SVEEP activity at Madurantakam Taluk Office was a resounding success. It showcased the potential of individuals with special needs to contribute meaningfully to society while promoting the values of democracy and inclusivity. This event was not just an awareness campaign but a celebration of empowerment, breaking barriers, and fostering a sense of unity and purpose. By giving these children a platform to shine, Pathway Sabin Home reaffirmed its commitment to “Changing Lives Forever” and set a powerful example of how inclusive civic initiatives can transform communities.

TAMIL NEW YEAR: A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Tamil New Year, known as *Puthandu* or *Varusha Pirappu*, is a vibrant and culturally rich festival celebrated by Tamil communities around the world. It marks the beginning of the Tamil calendar's first month, Chithirai, which typically falls around mid-April. This festival is not only a reflection of the Tamil people's deep cultural roots but also a day of new beginnings, hope, and prosperity.

For centuries, Tamil New Year has been a day of joy and renewal. It holds great significance in Tamil culture, as it symbolizes a fresh start, much like the turning of a new leaf. The word *Puthandu* itself is derived from two Tamil words: *Puthu* meaning "new" and *Andu* meaning "year." It is a day when people embrace the future with positivity, setting aside the challenges of the past year.

This festival is steeped in tradition, with customs that have been passed down through generations. The Tamil calendar, which is based on solar cycles, begins with the month of Chithirai. Hence, Tamil



New Year is regarded as an auspicious occasion to pray for health, wealth, and happiness for the upcoming year.

One of the most important aspects of Tamil New Year is the concept of renewal and the hope for a better future. It is a time for self-reflection and for setting new goals. The festival is about forgetting the difficulties of the past year and looking forward to a future filled with prosperity, health, and happiness.

In communities, people greet each other with the words "Puthandu Vazhukal" (Happy New Year), exchanging warm wishes for a joyful and successful year ahead. It is a day when families and friends come together, strengthening relationships and creating cherished memories.



The celebration also highlights Tamil Nadu's cultural and artistic richness. From traditional clothing like silk sarees and veshtis to folk music and dance performances, the festival is a celebration of Tamil identity. It reminds people of the deep cultural heritage they belong to, ensuring that the legacy of Tamil customs and traditions is passed on to future generations.



At its core, Pathway India's Tamil New Year celebrations are a reflection of the organization's mission to create an inclusive and supportive environment. The festival offers an opportunity for the students to participate in cultural and creative activities, boosting their confidence and allowing them to express their talents. Whether it is through making posters, participating in traditional rituals, or performing in cultural events, each student is given the chance to shine.

For many students, the celebration of Tamil New Year is not just about tradition—it is also about self-expression and personal growth. The inclusive nature of the celebration helps foster a sense of pride in their cultural heritage while also empowering them to be active participants in community life.

The celebration of Tamil New Year at Pathway India exemplifies the organization's commitment to inclusivity, cultural pride, and the well-being of all its members. The festival brings together students, staff, and the community to share in the joy of new beginnings, symbolizing the hope for a brighter, more prosperous year. Through traditional rituals, cultural performances, and the sharing of food, Pathway India creates a space where everyone is welcomed and celebrated, embodying the true spirit of Tamil New Year.

As Pathway India continues to "Change Lives Forever," its celebration of Tamil New Year stands as a testament to the power of inclusion, community, and cultural connection, ensuring that each individual feels valued and cherished.



EDUCATIONAL AND OBSERVATIONAL TOUR – A SEASON OF EXPLORATION AND JOY



As part of its commitment to providing holistic development opportunities, **Sabin Pathway Home** organized a series of **educational and observational outings** during **May 2024**, allowing the children to learn through real-world experiences beyond the classroom walls. These trips were designed to broaden their horizons, foster curiosity, and provide joyful memories through exposure to nature, urban landmarks, and recreational activities.

Movie Outing – 8th May 2024

Before the zoo visit, the children had a delightful and entertaining experience on **8th May 2024**, when they were taken to a **movie screening** at a local theatre. Watching a fun and age-appropriate film on the big screen was a new experience for many of the children, and they were thrilled by the sound, visuals, and storytelling.



The outing provided a valuable opportunity for relaxation, group bonding, and understanding visual media as a form of art and communication. Their laughter and applause echoed the joy of the moment, making it a memorable experience.

Visit to Vandalur Zoo – 15th May 2024

The first leg of the tour was an **exciting educational visit to Arignar Anna Zoological Park**, popularly known as **Vandalur Zoo**, on **15th May 2024**. One of the largest zoos in South Asia, the park offered the children a firsthand look at a variety of animals and birds from across the world.



With wide eyes and excited chatter, the children observed **majestic lions, graceful deer, colorful parrots, towering giraffes, playful monkeys, crocodiles, snakes, and more.** Information boards and interactive signs helped them learn about each species, their habitats, and conservation efforts. The guided tour by zoo staff helped children understand the importance of wildlife protection and environmental balance.

This visit sparked their interest in animals, biodiversity, and ecology, making learning engaging and meaningful.

Exploring Anna Nagar Tower – 21st May 2024



The next year, on **21st May 2024**, the children embarked on another educational visit—this time to the iconic **Anna Nagar Tower** in Chennai. Standing tall as a symbol of modern architecture and urban planning, the tower offered the children a **panoramic view of the city** from its top floors.

The children were fascinated by the spiral staircase and the opportunity to see **Chennai's skyline from above**, observing how buildings, roads, and parks were laid out in an organized pattern. The experience gave them a fresh perspective on how cities

function and evolve, tying into lessons about geography, city life, and infrastructure.

They also spent time in the nearby **Anna Nagar Tower Park**, enjoying nature, fresh air, and group games, making the day both educational and recreational.

A Journey of Learning, Fun, and Discovery

These well-curated outings were more than just field trips—they were **windows to the world**, offering the children chances to see, feel, and experience what they learn in books. From observing animals in their natural-like habitats, to enjoying a movie with friends, and viewing the vast city from a tower—each moment added to their growth. Sabin Pathway Home continues to believe that **real-world exposure** is essential to shaping confident, aware, and inspired individuals. These tours helped the children build knowledge, develop social skills, and most importantly, **create happy memories that will stay with them forever.**

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – HISTORY & AWARENESS



World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated annually on **June 5th** to raise awareness about pressing environmental issues and encourage global action for the protection and preservation of our planet. Established by the **United Nations** in **1972**, World Environment Day has become a vital platform for promoting environmental sustainability and



encouraging individuals, communities, and governments to take proactive measures to safeguard the Earth.

The theme for **World Environment Day 2024** focuses on the urgent need to address **climate change and ecosystem restoration**. The campaign highlights the importance of adopting sustainable practices, reducing carbon footprints, and taking actionable steps to combat environmental degradation.

The idea of World Environment Day emerged during the **United Nations Conference on the Human Environment** held in **Stockholm, Sweden, in 1972**. This conference marked a pivotal moment in the global environmental movement, as world leaders gathered to discuss the impact of human activities on the environment and the urgent need for international cooperation to address these issues.

Following the conference, the **United Nations General Assembly** passed a resolution to designate **June 5th** as World Environment Day, with the first official celebration taking place in **1974**. The event was aimed at drawing attention to global environmental challenges and encouraging individuals to take responsibility for protecting the environment.

Over the years, World Environment Day has grown into a global movement, with millions of people participating in activities such as tree planting, clean-up drives, recycling initiatives, and awareness campaigns. Each year, a different country hosts the official celebrations, focusing on a specific theme to address various environmental issues.

World Environment Day serves as a **reminder of the interconnectedness between humans and nature** and the importance of preserving our natural resources for future generations. It is an opportunity to reflect on our impact on the environment and take meaningful steps toward creating a sustainable future.

The day highlights critical environmental issues such as:

- **Climate change**
- **Biodiversity loss**
- **Pollution**
- **Deforestation**
- **Ocean conservation**



• Sustainable living practices

By raising awareness about these issues, World Environment Day encourages individuals, businesses, and governments to adopt sustainable practices, reduce waste, conserve energy, and protect ecosystems.

Theme for World Environment Day 2024

The **2024 theme** for World Environment Day is **"Restoring Our Planet: A Call for Action"**. This theme emphasizes the importance of taking immediate action to



address environmental degradation and promote ecosystem restoration.

The theme encourages people to:

- Plant trees and restore forests
- Protect wildlife habitats
- Clean up rivers, beaches, and parks
- Adopt sustainable agricultural practices
- Reduce waste and promote recycling

The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**, which coordinates World Environment Day, calls on individuals and communities to take part in restoration activities that contribute to a healthier planet.

Pathway Sabin Home's World Environment Day Celebration

At **Pathway Sabin Home**, the residents and staff came together to celebrate **World Environment Day 2024** with a variety of activities aimed at spreading environmental awareness. The program began with a brief presentation on the history and significance of World Environment Day, followed by a documentary screening on environmental conservation and the steps individuals can take to make a difference.

The participants created **colorful posters** with messages such as **"Protect Our Planet"** and **"World Environment Day - June 5, 2024"**. These posters were displayed around the



campus to remind everyone of the importance of protecting the environment.

The residents watched a **short video presentation** on climate change, which highlighted the impact of global warming, deforestation, and pollution on ecosystems. The video encouraged everyone to take small steps in their daily lives to reduce their environmental impact.

Spreading awareness about environmental issues is one of the primary goals of World Environment Day. Awareness campaigns can inspire people to:

- Reduce their carbon footprint by using energy-efficient appliances and transportation methods
- Adopt eco-friendly habits such as reducing plastic usage and conserving water
- Support policies and initiatives that promote sustainability
- Engage in activities such as tree planting, recycling, and wildlife conservation

Pathway Sabin Home plays a significant role in spreading environmental awareness within the community. By organizing activities and educational sessions, the residents are encouraged to become active participants in environmental conservation efforts.



World Environment Day is a powerful reminder that each individual has a role to play in safeguarding the environment. By taking proactive measures to reduce pollution, conserve resources, and restore ecosystems, we can create a healthier planet for future generations.

The celebration of World Environment Day at **Pathway Sabin Home** serves as an inspiration to others, demonstrating that even small actions can make a big difference. Through awareness campaigns and community involvement, we can collectively work toward a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future. **Let us all join hands in protecting our planet and ensuring a better tomorrow!**

WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

“Food Safety: Everyone’s Business”



On the occasion of **World Food Safety Day**, observed every year on **June 7th**, the children and staff at **Sabin Pathway Home** came together to raise awareness about the importance of safe and healthy food practices. The day served as a valuable opportunity to educate the children about the critical role that food safety plays in ensuring health, nutrition, and overall well-being.



Learning Through Creativity: Drawing Activity by the Children

To mark the day meaningfully, a **special drawing activity** was organized, where the children expressed their understanding of food safety through art. With crayons, pencils, and colors in hand, the children created **vibrant**

drawings and



posters depicting important messages such as:

- “Wash Your Hands Before You Eat”
- “Say No to Junk Food”
- “Eat Fresh, Stay Healthy”
- “Keep Your Kitchen Clean”
- “Safe Food, Better Health”

Their artwork reflected an impressive awareness of hygiene, cleanliness, healthy eating habits, and the dangers of contaminated or unhealthy food. Many illustrated proper food handling practices, the importance of clean water, and even the concept of avoiding food wastage.



The drawing session was followed by a discussion, where the children shared what they had learned. It was encouraging to see how they grasped the idea that **food safety is not just the responsibility of adults but something they too can contribute to in their daily lives.**

A Step Toward Healthier Living



By participating in this creative and educational activity, the children of Sabin Pathway Home not only showcased their artistic talents but also developed a deeper understanding of how small, everyday actions can lead to safer and healthier lives.

The event concluded with a group photo in front of their colorful artwork, along with a reminder that **good food habits begin at home** — and that **awareness is the first step to prevention.**

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2024



The **International Day of Yoga**, celebrated annually on **June 21st**, has become a significant global event that highlights the importance of yoga in promoting physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. The idea for this international celebration was first proposed by **India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi** during his address to the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** on **September 27, 2014**. He emphasized the ancient Indian practice of yoga as a valuable gift to humanity, one that promotes

harmony between mind and body, thought and action, and fosters a holistic approach to health and well-being. Following this proposal, the **United Nations** declared **June 21st** as the **International Day of Yoga** on **December 11, 2014**, with the support of **177 member nations**, making it one of the fastest-adopted resolutions in the history of the UN.

The date **June 21st** was chosen as it marks the **summer solstice**, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, a day considered



significant in many cultures around the world. In yogic traditions, the summer solstice is seen as a time when nature's energy is at its peak, making it an ideal time to practice yoga and reflect on one's inner self. Since its inception, the International Day of Yoga has grown into a global movement, with millions of people from diverse backgrounds coming together to participate in yoga sessions, workshops, and events that promote the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of this ancient practice.



The roots of yoga can be traced back to ancient India over **5,000 years ago**. The word "yoga" is derived from the **Sanskrit word "Yuj"**, which means to **unite or join**. Yoga is a practice that seeks to harmonize the **body, mind, and spirit**, leading to a state of balance and inner peace. It encompasses a wide range of practices, including physical postures (asanas), breathing exercises (pranayama), meditation (dhyana), and ethical principles (yamas and niyamas).

The Eight Limbs of Yoga are:

1. **Yama** - Ethical principles (non-violence, truthfulness, non-stealing, self-discipline, non-possessiveness)
2. **Niyama** - Personal discipline (cleanliness, contentment, self-study, self-discipline, surrender to a higher power)
3. **Asana** - Physical postures to strengthen and purify the body
4. **Pranayama** - Breath control to regulate energy
5. **Pratyahara** - Withdrawal of senses to focus inward
6. **Dharana** - Concentration and focus
7. **Dhyana** - Meditation to achieve mental clarity
8. **Samadhi** - A state of spiritual enlightenment and union with the divine



Yoga has been practiced for centuries in India, but it gained global recognition in the **20th century**, thanks to the efforts of various Indian yogis and spiritual leaders. Renowned figures like **Swami Vivekananda**, **Paramahansa Yogananda**, **Sri Krishnamacharya**, and **B.K.S. Iyengar** played a significant role in introducing yoga to the Western world, emphasizing its physical, mental, and spiritual benefits.

Each year, the International Day of Yoga is celebrated with a specific theme that highlights a particular aspect of yoga and its relevance in contemporary times. The theme for **International Day of Yoga 2024** is **"Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"**, which translates to **"Yoga for the World as One Family"**. This theme is inspired by the ancient Indian philosophy of **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**, which emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living beings and the idea that the entire world is one family.

The theme for 2024 reflects the **spirit of unity, inclusivity, and peace** that yoga embodies. In a world that is often divided by conflicts, inequalities, and environmental challenges, the theme

underscores the importance of fostering **compassion, harmony, and collective well-being**. It encourages individuals to recognize their shared humanity and work towards creating a more **sustainable and peaceful future**.

The theme also aligns with the **G20 India's Presidency theme for 2024**, which focuses on **One Earth, One Family, One Future**. By integrating the principles of yoga into our lives, we can contribute to building a more **inclusive and resilient global community**.

Since its inception in **2015**, the International Day of Yoga has been celebrated with great enthusiasm across the globe. The day is marked by **mass yoga sessions, workshops, seminars, cultural performances, and awareness campaigns**. Governments, organizations, schools, and communities come together to promote the practice of yoga and its benefits.



In India, the celebration of International Day of Yoga is a **nationwide event**, with participation from millions of people, including students, government officials, armed forces, and citizens from all walks of life. The **Prime Minister of India** often leads a mass yoga session on this day, setting an example for the nation and the world. In addition to India, countries around the world organize yoga events in iconic locations, such as the **Great Wall of China, Eiffel Tower in Paris, Times Square in New York, and Sydney Opera House**. These events serve as a powerful reminder of the **universal appeal of yoga** and its ability to bring people together across cultures and borders.

The **International Day of Yoga** is more than just a celebration of a physical practice. It is a global movement that promotes **holistic health, mental clarity, emotional balance, and spiritual growth**. The theme for **2024, "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"**, emphasizes the importance of unity, inclusivity, and collective well-being. By embracing the principles of yoga, individuals can contribute to creating a more **peaceful, compassionate, and sustainable world**.

As we celebrate the International Day of Yoga, let us remember that yoga is not just about physical postures, but a way of life that promotes **harmony, balance, and inner peace**. By incorporating yoga into our daily routines, we can achieve **better health, mental clarity, and spiritual fulfillment**,

ultimately contributing to the well-being of humanity as a whole.



The students and staff at **Pathway Sabin Home** enthusiastically celebrated **International Yoga Day** with a special event promoting health, well-being, and mindfulness. The outdoor celebration began with a yoga session where students demonstrated various yoga postures on mats under the guidance of their instructors. The participants performed asanas such as Tadasana (Mountain Pose) and Vrikshasana (Tree Pose), highlighting

the importance of balance, strength, and concentration. Another group of children performed a dance incorporated with yoga poses.

The students displayed creative posters and drawings showcasing yoga postures to spread awareness about yoga's physical and mental benefits. The event aimed to encourage the integration of yoga into daily routines to promote a healthier lifestyle and emotional well-being. The Yoga Day celebration at **Pathway Sabin Home** reflects the organization's "Changing Lives Forever" mission by fostering physical and mental fitness among its special needs community, emphasizing inclusivity and holistic development.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF KAMARAJAR



The birthday of Bharat Ratna K. Kamaraj, also known as Kamarajar, is celebrated annually on July 15th to honor his immense contributions to the development of Tamil Nadu and his visionary leadership. Known as the "Kingmaker" in Indian politics, Kamarajar served as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu from 1954 to 1963 and played a pivotal role in promoting education, rural development, and industrial growth in the state.

At Pathway Sabin Home, Kamarajar's birthday was celebrated with great respect and admiration for his life and achievements. The event began with a floral tribute to Kamarajar's portrait, followed by a brief speech by the staff, highlighting his contributions to education and his vision for a self-reliant India.

The residents participated in various activities to mark the occasion. They created posters and drawings depicting Kamarajar's life and his dedication to the welfare of the people. The posters showcased key moments from his life, including his efforts to introduce the midday meal scheme in schools, which significantly increased school enrollment and reduced dropout rates.

An educational session was conducted where the staff narrated stories from Kamarajar's life, emphasizing his simplicity, humility, and commitment to public service. The residents were inspired by his values and his unwavering dedication to improving the lives of the underprivileged.





The celebration also included cultural performances by the residents, including songs and speeches dedicated to Kamarajar. The performances reflected the residents' respect and admiration for the leader and his ideals.

The event concluded with a group discussion on the importance of education and how Kamarajar's vision continues to impact society today. The residents pledged to follow his teachings and work towards creating a better and more inclusive community. The celebration not only paid tribute to Kamarajar but also reinforced the values of service, simplicity, and dedication to the welfare of others, which he embodied throughout his life.

NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY



The **National Doctor's Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy at Pathway Sabin Home, honoring the remarkable contributions of doctors who dedicate their lives to serving humanity. The event was a touching tribute to the healthcare professionals who play an indispensable role in our lives, especially in light of the global challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The celebration

highlighted the importance of doctors in society, while also offering the inmates of Pathway Sabin Home a chance to express their appreciation through various creative activities.

Historical Significance of National Doctor's Day

National Doctor's Day in India is observed every year on **July 1st** to commemorate the birth and death





anniversary of **Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy**, one of the most eminent physicians and freedom fighters in India. Dr. Roy was a renowned doctor, educator, and social reformer who also served as the second Chief Minister of West Bengal. His contributions to the field of medicine and public health have left an indelible mark on the country, and he is remembered as a symbol of dedication and selfless service.

Dr. Roy's legacy goes beyond his medical achievements. He was instrumental in the establishment of numerous medical institutions in India, including the **Indian**

Medical Association (IMA) and the **Medical Council of India (MCI)**. Recognizing his immense contributions, he was awarded the **Bharat Ratna** in 1961, the highest civilian honor in India.

In his honor, the Indian government declared **July 1st** as National Doctor's Day to acknowledge the tireless efforts of doctors who work relentlessly to save lives and improve the health of people. This day serves as a reminder of the crucial role that doctors play in society and the respect and gratitude they deserve from the public.

The National Doctor's Day celebration at Pathway Sabin Home was a lively and engaging event, filled with meaningful activities that brought joy and learning to everyone involved. The event aimed to create awareness about the contributions of doctors and to foster a sense of gratitude among the inmates.



The celebration began with an introductory speech by the staff members, who explained the significance of Doctor's Day and shared inspiring stories about doctors' sacrifices and contributions. The inmates of Pathway Sabin Home listened intently, absorbing the importance of recognizing and appreciating the efforts of healthcare professionals.

One of the most notable moments of the event was the role-playing activity, where the inmates dressed up as doctors and reenacted real-life scenarios in hospitals. This activity

was not only fun but also educational, as it helped the participants understand the responsibilities and challenges faced by doctors in their daily lives. The inmates were excited to play the roles of doctors, nurses, and patients, bringing a playful yet meaningful touch to the event.

PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY AWARENESS



On the occasion of International Plastic Bag Free Day, Pathway Sabin Home organized a comprehensive awareness program to educate the students and staff about the adverse impact of plastic bags on the environment and to promote sustainable alternatives. This event was designed to encourage eco-friendly habits among the residents, foster a sense of responsibility towards nature, and contribute to the global mission of reducing plastic waste. The awareness program was both engaging and educational,

incorporating a mix of presentations,

interactive sessions, activities, and a pledge to go plastic-free.

History and Significance of International Plastic Bag Free Day

International Plastic Bag Free Day is observed annually on July 3rd to raise awareness about the harmful effects of single-use plastic bags on the environment. The day aims to encourage individuals and communities to reduce their dependency on plastic bags and adopt more sustainable practices. Single-use plastic bags, which take hundreds of years to decompose, are a major contributor to environmental pollution. They clog drainage systems, pollute water bodies, and harm wildlife.

The movement towards a plastic-free world gained momentum in the early 21st century when environmentalists and organizations began advocating for the reduction of plastic waste. Governments worldwide started implementing bans and regulations on plastic bags, and initiatives like International Plastic Bag Free Day became instrumental in spreading awareness. This day serves as a reminder that small changes in our daily habits can significantly impact the health of our planet.





The Plastic Bag Free Day Awareness Program at Pathway Sabin Home was organized with the following key objectives:

1. To educate students and staff about the harmful effects of plastic bags on the environment and human health.
2. To promote the use of eco-friendly alternatives such as cloth bags, jute bags, and biodegradable products.
3. To encourage responsible waste management practices, including reducing, reusing, and recycling.
4. To instill a sense of responsibility and environmental consciousness among the participants.
5. To take a pledge to reduce plastic usage in daily life.

The Plastic Bag Free Day Awareness Program at Pathway Sabin Home was a resounding success, achieving its goal of spreading awareness about the harmful effects of plastic bags and promoting sustainable alternatives. The students and staff left the event with a renewed commitment to protecting the environment and reducing plastic waste. Through such initiatives, Pathway Sabin Home continues to play a vital role in shaping responsible citizens and contributing to a greener, cleaner future. By making small changes in our daily habits, we can collectively make a significant impact on the health of our planet and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.



WORLD POPULATION DAY AWARENESS PROGRAM

World Population Day, observed annually on July 11th, is a global event aimed at raising awareness about population-related issues and their impact on sustainability, development, and the environment. This year, Pathway Sabin Home actively commemorated this important day with a well-organized awareness program that engaged residents, staff, and the broader community. The program was a thoughtful blend of creativity, education, and collaboration, designed to highlight the consequences of overpopulation and the importance of sustainable living. Below is a detailed report on the event, its activities, and its significance.



Objective of the Program

The primary objective of the World Population Day awareness program at Pathway Sabin Home was to:

- Educate participants about the challenges posed by overpopulation.
- Highlight the impact of population growth on resources, the environment, and development.
- Foster a sense of responsibility among participants to advocate for sustainable practices.
- Encourage creativity and teamwork in disseminating awareness

messages.

This initiative aligned perfectly with Pathway's mission of "Changing Lives Forever," as it sought to empower individuals with knowledge and inspire them to be proactive in addressing global challenges.

The World Population Day awareness program at Pathway Sabin Home emphasized several critical messages:

1. Impact of Overpopulation on Resources:

- Overpopulation leads to the overuse of natural resources, causing environmental degradation and scarcity of essential commodities like water, food, and energy.
- Sustainable practices and efficient resource management are essential to mitigate these challenges.

2. Effect on Development:

- Rapid population growth can strain infrastructure, healthcare, and education systems, hindering economic and social development.
- Investments in education and healthcare, particularly for women and children, can significantly contribute to population stabilization.



3. Importance of Family Planning:

- Family planning is a key strategy in controlling population growth and improving the quality of life for individuals and families.
- Access to reproductive health services and education is crucial in enabling informed decision-making.

4. Global Collaboration:

- Addressing overpopulation requires a collective effort from individuals, communities, and governments worldwide.

- Sharing knowledge, resources, and best practices can lead to more effective solutions.

The program received enthusiastic participation from the residents and staff of Pathway Sabin Home. Many participants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to learn about such an important topic creatively and engagingly. The poster-making activity, in particular, was praised for its ability to combine education with artistic expression.

Residents shared their thoughts on how the event inspired them to think critically about their role in addressing global challenges. Some even expressed interest in participating in similar programs in the future to further their understanding and advocacy skills.

The World Population Day awareness program at Pathway Sabin Home was a resounding success, reflecting the organization's commitment to education, empowerment, and sustainability. By combining creativity, collaboration, and education, the event not only raised awareness about a pressing global issue but also inspired participants to take meaningful action.

As Pathway continues to "Change Lives Forever," initiatives like this serve as a testament to its dedication to creating a better future for all. The program's success underscores the importance of community engagement and education in addressing global challenges, setting a powerful example for others to follow.





GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION



On the evening of July 19, 2024, Pathway marked a momentous occasion—its Golden Jubilee—celebrating fifty years of unwavering commitment to the service of children and communities in need. The grand opening ceremony began at 5 p.m. with the traditional lighting of the *Kuthu Vilakku*, a symbolic ritual invoking blessings for the event and Pathway’s continued journey. The presence of

esteemed dignitaries—Mr. Chetan Prasad, Mr. Tim Fewkes, Mr. William P. Benac Jr, Mr. Keyne Monson, and Mrs. Chandra Madam—lent grace and significance to this solemn moment.



Honoring the Journey

Dr. Chandra Prasad, co-founder and director of Pathway, delivered a heartfelt welcome address that reflected on the organization’s five-decade journey. She spoke of the many challenges faced,

the victories achieved, and the invaluable support received from patrons, alumni, and staff. In recognition of their dedication and contributions, the dignitaries were honored with garlands—an expression of gratitude that set a warm and respectful tone for the evening.

Launch of "A Leaf in the Stream"

One of the evening's most significant highlights was the release of *A Leaf in the Stream*, authored by Mr. Chetan Prasad. This book encapsulates Pathway's rich history, its values, and the lives it has



transformed over the past 50 years. The audience received the book with enthusiastic applause, acknowledging it as both a literary tribute and a symbol of Pathway's enduring legacy.

Cultural Celebrations and Artistic Expressions

Children from all three Pathway centers captivated the audience with a vibrant cultural program. The performances, which included traditional dances, skits, and songs, not only entertained but also showcased the creative development nurtured within



Pathway's holistic educational environment.

A video presentation titled *Our Life, Our Work* followed the cultural events. This short but powerful film captured the essence of Pathway's mission—highlighting student stories, lifelong connections, and the transformative impact of the institution. It was a poignant reminder of the organization's role as a beacon of hope and empowerment.

Showcasing Vocational Skills

At the venue's swimming pool area, vocational products crafted by the students were displayed. These included handcrafted items and intricately made nativity sets, demonstrating the skills and dedication fostered by Pathway's training programs. Many visitors purchased these items, contributing to a fundraiser that supports the organization's ongoing initiatives.





A Celebration of Community

Beyond the formalities, the Golden Jubilee was a heartfelt gathering of people connected by a shared mission. Staff, children, alumni, and guests came together to celebrate a legacy built on compassion and commitment. This communal spirit reinforced the idea that Pathway's success is not only measured by milestones but by the people who have helped shape its story.

The evening concluded with a dinner, bringing everyone together in a spirit of fellowship and unity. Conversations, laughter, and shared memories made it a fitting close to an evening that honored the past while looking forward to the future.



Student Recognition and Future Promise

Further celebrations took place on July 29, 2024, when two students were recognized and awarded Tab Phones by the Collector of Chennai, as part of an AWAAZ initiative. Representing the school, Mrs. Jayaseeli accepted the devices on the children's behalf. This gesture symbolized a commitment to education and a recognition of the students' efforts and perseverance.



A Global Circle of Support

A notable aspect of the Golden Jubilee was the presence of overseas patrons, alumni, and beneficiaries. Their participation underscored Pathway's global reach and the lasting bonds it has forged over the decades. The celebration acknowledged their continued support with deep appreciation, recognizing the international community that has helped sustain Pathway's vision.



A Leaf in the Stream: A Chronicle of Hope and Transformation

Released as part of the Jubilee celebrations, *A Leaf in the Stream* is more than a commemorative publication—it is a living testament to the power of compassion, resilience, and community. The title itself is rich in symbolism, reflecting the journey of individuals carried by the currents of life. It suggests both vulnerability and strength, and it eloquently captures the role Pathway plays in guiding and uplifting children.

Core Themes and Content

The book explores several key dimensions of Pathway's journey:

1. **Founding Vision:** It begins with the story of Pathway's humble origins, detailing the vision and determination of its founders, especially Dr. Chandra Prasad. From these early challenges emerged an organization that would become a sanctuary of hope for thousands of children.



2. **Personal Narratives:** The book includes moving stories and testimonials from students, alumni, and staff. These firsthand accounts paint a vivid picture of Pathway's life-changing impact—providing not just education and vocational skills, but also emotional support, dignity, and purpose.

3. **Milestones and Achievements:** A chronological journey through Pathway's growth,



the book highlights key achievements, such as the establishment of various centers, the evolution of programs, and partnerships that have broadened its scope and impact.

4. Community Engagement: It reflects on the broader influence Pathway has had—not only transforming individual lives, but also uplifting entire communities by fostering inclusion, empowerment, and solidarity.

5. Vision for the Future: Looking forward, the book outlines aspirations for further expansion and innovation. It envisions reaching more children, deepening community ties, and preparing future generations to face new challenges with confidence and courage.

The Symbolism of the Title

The title *A Leaf in the Stream* embodies a philosophy of resilience and growth. Just as a leaf is carried by the stream, each child journeys through life supported by the nurturing current of Pathway and its community. It is a reminder that even the most delicate beginnings can flourish when guided by compassion and care.

A Legacy Preserved

This book stands as a legacy document—not only of Pathway's institutional memory, but also of the countless individuals who have contributed to its cause. It honors the dedication of supporters, volunteers, and staff, preserving their efforts for future generations to draw inspiration from.



The response to the book was overwhelmingly positive. Attendees at the Jubilee were eager to receive copies, and it is expected to continue inspiring readers—whether they are new supporters or long-time allies of Pathway’s mission.

The Golden Jubilee of Pathway was more than a celebration; it was a reflection of a legacy built on compassion, vision, and unwavering dedication. From cultural performances and symbolic rituals to the launch of a landmark publication, the events of July 2024 captured the heart and soul of the organization.

As Pathway steps into the next chapter of its journey, it does so fortified by the love of its community, the strength of its past, and the promise of a brighter future for every child it serves. The Golden Jubilee was a celebration of history—but even more, it was a celebration of hope.



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2024



The theme for India's Independence Day 2024 is "**Nation First, Always First**", a call to prioritize national unity, integrity, and development above all. The theme resonates with the spirit of patriotism and encourages citizens to contribute actively to the nation's progress while cherishing the freedom achieved through immense sacrifice.

History of Independence Day

India's Independence Day marks the end of British colonial rule and the birth of a sovereign nation on **15th August 1947**. This historic milestone was achieved after decades of struggle, sacrifices, and efforts led by prominent freedom fighters, including Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, and countless others who laid down their lives for the country's freedom.

The day holds immense significance as it represents:

- **The end of colonial oppression:** India gained independence from nearly 200 years of British rule.
- **The dawn of self-governance:** The Indian Constitution was later adopted, ensuring democracy and fundamental rights for all citizens.
- **Unity in diversity:** Independence Day underscores the strength of India's unity despite its cultural, linguistic, and regional diversity.

The country celebrates this day with grandeur every year, paying homage to the freedom fighters and renewing the pledge to build a stronger, more inclusive nation.





Celebration of Independence Day 2024 at Pathway Sabin Home

Pathway Sabin Home joined the nation in celebrating the 77th Independence Day with a vibrant and heartfelt program, bringing together residents, staff, and the community to honor India's freedom and heritage. The celebrations were a mix of patriotic fervor, cultural expression, and meaningful engagement. Below is a detailed account of the day's events:

1. Flag Hoisting Ceremony:

- The celebration commenced with the hoisting of the Indian National Flag by the chief guest, accompanied by the singing of the National Anthem, "Jana Gana Mana."
- Residents and staff stood together in unity, saluting the Tricolor as it fluttered high, symbolizing freedom and pride.

2. Patriotic Speeches:

- Inspirational speeches were delivered by staff members and residents, reflecting on the importance of independence and the responsibilities that come with it.
- The speakers emphasized the theme "Nation First, Always First" and encouraged everyone to contribute to the nation's progress through individual and collective efforts.

3. Cultural Performances:

- The cultural program was a highlight of the day, featuring:
Patriotic Songs: Residents performed soulful renditions of classics like "Vande Mataram" and "Ae Watan" that moved the audience.





▪ **Dance Performances:** A vibrant dance recital showcasing India's cultural diversity enthralled everyone present.

▪ **Drama:** A short skit depicting India's freedom struggle brought history to life, reminding everyone of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters.

4. **Special Lunch:**

○ The day concluded with a special lunch prepared for all, featuring traditional Indian dishes that celebrated the nation's culinary heritage.

Significance of the Celebration

The Independence Day celebration at Pathway Sabin Home was more than just an event; it was an opportunity to:

- Instill a sense of patriotism and pride among residents and staff.
- Educate participants about the historical significance of India's freedom struggle.
- Foster unity and inclusivity, reflecting the core values of Pathway and the nation.
- Encourage creativity, expression, and active participation among residents.

The event was a resounding success, leaving everyone inspired and motivated to contribute to the nation's growth while cherishing the hard-earned freedom.

Independence Day 2024 at Pathway Sabin Home was celebrated with enthusiasm, creativity, and a deep sense of national pride. Through various activities and programs, the residents and staff not only honored India's freedom fighters but also embraced the theme "Nation First, Always First," reinforcing their commitment to the nation's progress and unity. The celebration served as a reminder of the importance of freedom, the sacrifices made to achieve it, and the collective responsibility to safeguard it for future generations.

CELEBRATION OF KRISHNA JAYANTHI

Krishna Jayanthi, also known as Janmashtami or Gokulashtami, is a significant Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna, the eighth incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Observed with great



devotion and enthusiasm across India and beyond, this festival signifies the triumph of good over evil and the divine play (leela) of Lord Krishna's life. Below, we delve into the rich history and vibrant celebrations associated with Krishna Jayanthi.

Historical Background

Lord Krishna's life and teachings have profoundly influenced Indian culture, spirituality, and philosophy. Born in the Dwapara Yuga, his advent marks the fulfillment of the prophecy that a divine being would emerge to restore dharma

(righteousness) and defeat adharma (unrighteousness).

According to Hindu mythology, Krishna was born over 5,000 years ago in Mathura, to Queen Devaki and King Vasudeva. However, his birth was fraught with challenges. Devaki's brother, King Kamsa, had been forewarned that her eighth son would be his destroyer. In his fear, Kamsa imprisoned Devaki and Vasudeva and killed each of their first six children. The seventh pregnancy resulted in the miraculous transfer of the fetus to Vasudeva's other wife, Rohini, leading to the birth of Balarama. Finally, Krishna was born on the eighth day (Ashtami) of the Krishna Paksha (dark fortnight) in the month of Shravana or Bhadrapada (usually falling in August or September).

On the night of Krishna's birth, a divine voice instructed Vasudeva to carry the newborn to Gokul and exchange him with Nanda and Yashoda's daughter. Amid torrential rain, Vasudeva crossed the Yamuna River with the help of Sheshnag, the divine serpent who sheltered the baby. This eventful journey ensured Krishna's safety, setting the stage for his extraordinary life.

Krishna's life was filled with miraculous deeds—from slaying demons like Putana and Kaliya to lifting the Govardhan Hill to protect villagers from Indra's wrath. His mischievous childhood, divine flute-playing, and love for the gopis, especially Radha, are well-known and celebrated aspects of his leelas.

The Significance of Krishna Jayanthi

Krishna's birth is celebrated as a beacon of hope and the ultimate victory of dharma. The festival serves as a reminder of Krishna's teachings in the Bhagavad Gita, which emphasize selflessness, devotion, and adherence to righteousness in every aspect of life.

The story of Krishna's life is not merely a mythological tale but a deep spiritual allegory. Each event from his birth to his role in the Mahabharata conveys profound lessons, such as the power of faith, the



importance of karma (action), and the impermanence of worldly pleasures. Krishna's role as a divine guide to Arjuna in the Bhagavad Gita encapsulates these eternal truths.

Regional Variations

North India In Mathura and Vrindavan, the celebrations are grand and deeply rooted in tradition. Temples are illuminated, and the streets come alive with processions depicting episodes from Krishna's life.



South India In Tamil Nadu and Kerala, homes are decorated with kolam (rangoli) and footprints of baby Krishna leading to the altar, symbolizing his arrival. Traditional offerings include seedai and murukku.

West Bengal and Odisha Krishna Jayanthi coincides with the festival of Nandotsava, a celebration of Nanda's joy upon Krishna's birth. The Jagannath temples in these states witness special rituals.

Krishna's Teachings and Modern Relevance

Krishna Jayanthi is not just a celebration of the past but a time to reflect on Krishna's teachings. His advice to Arjuna in the Bhagavad Gita resonates even today, guiding individuals through challenges with wisdom and equanimity. His life's message—to embrace duty without attachment and to lead with love and compassion—is timeless.



Celebrating Krishna Jayanthi at Pathway India

At Pathway India, Krishna Jayanthi is celebrated with enthusiasm, involving children and staff in various activities. The day begins with devotional songs and prayers. Children participate in skits and dance performances that depict Krishna's playful and divine acts. The highlight of the celebration is the Dahi Handi event, where children try to break the pot amid cheers and laughter.



The festival provides an opportunity to teach children the values of teamwork, devotion, and resilience. The joyous atmosphere reinforces the sense of community and the importance of cultural heritage.

Krishna Jayanthi, with its blend of spirituality, tradition, and festivity, is a reminder of the enduring legacy of Lord Krishna. It inspires devotees to lead lives guided by dharma, devotion, and a sense of purpose, making it a truly special occasion.

"FREEDOM CARNIVAL 2024"

— SABIN PATHWAY'S INSPIRING PERFORMANCE



Sabin Pathway proudly participated in the *Freedom Carnival 2024* organized by the Ooruni Foundation under the powerful theme “**Give Their World**” on 28th August. This event, dedicated to promoting inclusivity and celebrating the talents of individuals with special needs, served as a vibrant platform for our children to showcase their capabilities, creativity, and confidence.

Our special children delivered an **extraordinary Tutting performance**, a captivating form of dance that emphasizes intricate hand movements and geometric patterns. Their synchronization, expression, and energy left the audience in awe, earning thunderous applause from the crowd. Each participant performed with unmatched passion and



enthusiasm, proving that with the right support and encouragement, every individual can shine.

The performance was more than just entertainment—it was a message. It symbolized freedom, expression, and the limitless potential of individuals with disabilities. Our children reminded everyone present that disability is not inability; it is merely a different way of experiencing and expressing the world.



As a testament to their remarkable performance, the Sabin Pathway team was **awarded a Shield of Recognition and Certificates of Appreciation** by the Ooruni Foundation. These tokens not only recognized their talent but also celebrated their dedication, discipline, and the tireless efforts of their trainers and caregivers.

We thank the **Ooruni Foundation** for creating such an inclusive and empowering platform through the *Freedom Carnival*. It is through initiatives like



these that we can continue to advocate for dignity, equality, and opportunity for all.

Sabin Pathway remains committed to “*Changing Lives Forever*”, and our participation in this event has further strengthened our belief in the transformative power of love, inclusion, and opportunity.

Let’s continue to give their world a stage—and watch them transform it with light and grace.

FOUNDER’S MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

On the 8th of September, Pathway India observed the solemn occasion of Founder’s Memorial Day, paying tribute to the visionary Dr. ADSN Prasad, whose life was dedicated to transforming the lives of the underprivileged. This day served as an opportunity for the entire Pathway India family—children, staff, and well-wishers—to come together and express their heartfelt gratitude and respect for the man who laid the foundation for a mission that continues to uplift countless lives.

The event was marked by reverence, remembrance, and a deep sense of loss, yet it also carried a profound message of hope, as Dr. Prasad’s vision continues to inspire and guide Pathway India.

A Day of Remembrance and Reflection

The morning of 8th September began with a quiet sense of solemnity as children and staff prepared to pay their respects. The children, who are the true beneficiaries of Dr. Prasad’s lifelong mission, played a special role in the observance. With great devotion, they carried flowers and candles to Dr. Prasad’s cemetery, a place that now stands as a memorial to his remarkable journey of service and compassion. Upon arrival at the cemetery, a heartfelt ceremony unfolded. The children placed flowers on his resting place, symbolizing their love and gratitude for his selfless work. Each child, in their own way, honored his memory, some with silent





prayers, others by lighting candles that flickered in the gentle breeze. The warm glow of the candles was a poignant reminder of the light that Dr. Prasad had brought into their lives—a light of education, care, and hope for a brighter future.

As the children stood in quiet reflection, many of them recalled the countless stories they had heard about Dr. Prasad's kindness, dedication, and unwavering belief in their potential. Some of the older students, who had experienced his presence firsthand, shared their cherished memories of his compassionate guidance and fatherly warmth. Staff members, many of whom had worked closely with Dr. Prasad, also took the opportunity to reflect on his immense contributions. They spoke of his tireless efforts in building Pathway India, his unwavering commitment to inclusivity, and his lifelong passion for empowering children with disabilities and those from marginalized communities.

Words of Tribute and Gratitude

During the ceremony, a few senior members of the Pathway India family shared their thoughts and paid tribute to Dr. Prasad's enduring legacy.

One of the senior educators spoke with deep emotion:

"Dr. ADSN Prasad was more than just a founder—he was a guiding light, a mentor, and a father to countless children. His mission was not just to provide shelter or education, but to transform lives in a way that ensured dignity, self-reliance, and happiness. Even though he is no longer physically present, his spirit continues to guide us in everything we do."

A longtime staff member who had worked closely with Dr. Prasad also reflected on his leadership:

"He was a man of action. He did not just dream—he turned his dreams into reality. He built this organization with love and dedication, always putting the needs of the children first. Today, as we stand here, we reaffirm our commitment to upholding his vision and carrying his mission forward."

The tribute was not just about looking back—it was also about reaffirming a promise. A promise to continue serving those in need, to ensure that every child under Pathway India's care receives the love, education, and opportunities they deserve.

A Special Meal in His Honor

After the remembrance ceremony at the cemetery, the children and staff returned to the Pathway India campus, where a special meal was arranged in Dr. Prasad's honor. This meal symbolized his philosophy of nurturing and caring for every child like family.

A long-standing tradition at Pathway India, serving a special meal on Founder's Memorial Day holds deep significance. It is a moment of togetherness, where every child and staff member comes together as a family, just as Dr. Prasad had envisioned. The dining area was filled with warmth and unity as the children enjoyed the meal, sharing stories and memories of the great man who made their journey possible. As laughter and conversation filled the room, it was a reminder that while the occasion was solemn, it was also a celebration of a life well-lived—one that had touched thousands and would continue to inspire generations to come.

Continuing His Mission: A Legacy That Lives On

The Golden Jubilee year of Pathway India makes this year's Founder's Memorial Day even more significant. As the organization celebrates 50 years of transforming lives, Dr. Prasad's legacy stands stronger than ever. His vision of inclusivity, education, and empowerment continues to be at the heart of everything Pathway India does.

Dr. Prasad's dream was not just to establish an institution but to create a movement—a movement that would give hope to the underprivileged, empower children with disabilities, and ensure that every child, regardless of their background, had the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life.

Today, his dream lives on in the thousands of children who have passed through the doors of Pathway India and gone on to achieve remarkable success in various fields. His vision is reflected in the dedicated teachers and staff who continue to uphold his principles, ensuring that his life's work carries forward into the future.

A Promise for the Future

As the day came to a close, there was a shared sense of commitment and responsibility among everyone present. The observance of Founder's Memorial Day was not just about remembering Dr. Prasad—it was about ensuring that his mission continues to thrive.

The children, inspired by his story, left with a renewed sense of purpose, understanding that they were part of something much bigger—a legacy of love, education, and transformation. The staff members, many of whom had been mentored by Dr. Prasad himself, pledged to continue their work with the same passion and dedication that he had exemplified.

As the sun set on this memorable day, the candles at Dr. Prasad's resting place continued to burn, a symbol of his eternal presence in the hearts of all who knew him. The 8th of September will always be a special day for Pathway India—a day to honor, reflect, and renew our commitment to the incredible journey that Dr. ADSN Prasad began. His legacy is not just a part of history; it is a living force that continues to guide us forward. As Pathway India moves ahead, celebrating its Golden Jubilee year, it does so with the knowledge that Dr. Prasad's vision will never fade. His dream of changing lives forever is now carried forward by every child, teacher, staff member, and supporter of this noble cause. His memory will forever remain in our hearts, guiding us toward a future where every child has the chance to dream, learn, and thrive.

CM TROPHY SPORTS EVENT 2024



The children of Sabin Pathway Home for Persons with Intellectual Disability and Associated Conditions participated in the CM Trophy Sports Event 2024 held on 20th September at Chengalpattu District. The event was a district-level sports meet aimed at promoting physical fitness, inclusion, and equal opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This inclusive sporting event provided a platform for children and youth from various institutions to come together, engage in friendly competition, and experience the joy of athletic participation. Events such as Shot Put and the 100 Meter Running Race were



conducted under the supervision of trained sports facilitators, ensuring a safe and encouraging environment for all participants.

From Sabin Pathway Home, several children took part in these events with great enthusiasm and team spirit:

- In the Shot Put, Narasimma, Tamilselvan, Pugazhendhi, and Saravanakumar S gave their best efforts.
- In the 100 Meter Running, Jagadeesh, Harinathan, and Prathab ran with full energy and commitment.

Though no medals were secured, the children showcased determination, confidence, and the spirit of sportsmanship. Their participation was a testament to their growing independence, self-esteem, and the supportive guidance of their educators and caregivers.

This opportunity served as a valuable learning experience and a proud moment for everyone involved, further emphasizing the importance of inclusion and encouragement in every aspect of life.

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



The Teacher's Day celebration at Pathway Sabin Home was a heartwarming and joyous occasion, filled with gratitude and appreciation for the dedicated teachers. The children actively participated in the event, showcasing their love and respect through various performances and speeches.

The celebration began with an energetic dance performance by the children, which was met with loud applause and encouragement from the audience. Their enthusiasm and joy reflected the deep bond they shared with their teachers. The performances were not just about

entertainment; they were an expression of love and appreciation for the teachers who have played a significant role in shaping their lives.

Following the dance, several students delivered heartfelt speeches, expressing their



gratitude for the support and guidance they received from their teachers. They spoke about how their mentors had shaped their lives, instilled confidence, and helped them overcome challenges. Some of the children shared personal stories about how their teachers had inspired them to dream big and achieve their goals. These speeches were filled with emotions, and many teachers were visibly touched by the words of their students.



A significant highlight of the event was the distribution of greeting cards. The children had prepared beautiful handmade cards, each carrying a special message of appreciation for their teachers. Some cards contained drawings, while others had heartfelt notes expressing admiration and respect. As they handed over the cards, the teachers were moved by the love and effort put into each creation. This gesture symbolized the strong bond between students and teachers and reinforced the importance of teacher-student relationships.

The celebration continued with a cake-cutting ceremony, where the teachers and students came together to mark the special occasion. The atmosphere was filled with joy as the cake was shared among everyone present. In addition to the cake, sweets were distributed to all, making the moment even more delightful. The children enjoyed the treats and expressed their happiness through cheerful interactions and laughter. The entire atmosphere was filled with positivity and warmth, making the event truly special.

Apart from the organized events, the day was filled with moments of spontaneous joy. Teachers shared their experiences and offered words of encouragement to the children, reminding them of the value of education and hard work.

The event concluded on a high note, with everyone reflecting on the importance of teachers in shaping young minds. Teachers play a crucial role in guiding and nurturing students, and this celebration was a beautiful reminder of that fact. The children's enthusiasm, creativity, and heartfelt gestures made the celebration truly memorable, reinforcing the strong sense of community and appreciation within Pathway Sabin Home. The bonds between students and teachers were strengthened, and the event left a lasting impression on everyone who attended.

The success of the Teacher's Day celebration at Pathway Sabin Home was a testament to the love and respect the children have for their mentors. It was not just a day of festivities but a meaningful occasion that underscored the invaluable contributions of teachers in shaping the future. The joy, laughter, and gratitude shared during the event made it an unforgettable experience for all involved.



GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION



The celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi at Pathway Sabin Home was a grand and joyous occasion, filled with devotion, cultural performances, and a deep sense of unity among children, staff, and well-wishers. The festival, dedicated to Lord Ganesha, symbolizes wisdom, prosperity, and the removal of obstacles. At Pathway Sabin Home, this special day was observed with great enthusiasm, reinforcing the values of spirituality and community bonding.

The preparations for the celebration began days in advance. The children, along with their caregivers and teachers, actively participated in decorating the premises. A beautifully crafted idol of Lord Ganesha was placed at the central altar, adorned with flowers, garlands, and traditional ornaments.

The space was further embellished with colorful rangoli designs, decorative lights, and banners with devotional messages. The excitement and dedication of the children were evident as they put their hearts into every aspect of the decoration.

The day started with a special puja, invoking the blessings of Lord Ganesha. The priest led the ceremony, chanting Vedic hymns and performing the rituals with precision. The children actively participated in the aarti, singing devotional songs and offering prayers with folded hands. The energy in the room was palpable, as everyone joined in the chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya," filling the atmosphere with spiritual fervor.

Following the rituals, the children showcased their talents through a series of cultural performances. They performed traditional dances, recited shlokas, and enacted skits depicting stories from Hindu mythology related to Lord Ganesha. Their performances were met with cheers and applause.





As the day came to a close, a symbolic immersion ceremony was held. Since a full-fledged immersion in a water body was not possible, a small eco-friendly clay idol was dissolved in a specially prepared water container, ensuring an environmentally conscious approach. The children bid farewell to Lord Ganesha with the hope that He would return the following year with even more blessings.

The celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi at Pathway Sabin Home was a memorable and spiritually uplifting experience. It not only strengthened the children's faith and cultural roots but also provided them with an opportunity to come together and celebrate in harmony. The event concluded with a collective sense of joy and fulfillment, leaving everyone eagerly looking forward to the next year's festivities.

from the audience, reflecting the deep connection they felt with the festival. The teachers and caregivers also joined in, making the event even more engaging and inclusive.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the preparation and distribution of special prasadam. The children helped in preparing traditional sweets such as modaks, which are believed to be Lord Ganesha's favorite treat. The prasadam was distributed among all attendees, symbolizing sharing and gratitude. The joy on the children's faces as they enjoyed the sweets and shared them with others was truly heartwarming.



WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY 2024

CELEBRATING HEALING THROUGH MOVEMENT

World Physiotherapy Day 2024 was observed globally on **September 8, 2024**, with the aim of recognizing and promoting the vital role that physiotherapists play in improving global health. This annual event, first established in **1996** by **World Physiotherapy** (formerly the World Confederation for Physical Therapy), commemorates the founding of the organization in **1951**. It is a day dedicated to increasing public awareness about the significance of physiotherapy in rehabilitation, prevention, and the promotion of overall well-being.

The theme for this year's observance was **"Low Back Pain and the Role of Physiotherapy in Its Management and Prevention."** Low back pain is one of the most common and disabling health conditions worldwide, affecting individuals of all ages and backgrounds. It is a leading cause of



missed workdays and decreased productivity, often leading to long-term disability when not managed properly.

This year's focus aimed to educate communities globally about how physiotherapy can prevent and effectively manage low back pain. Through tailored exercises, posture correction, ergonomic advice, and lifestyle modifications, physiotherapists help individuals regain function, reduce discomfort, and avoid the chronic progression of pain.

The Role and Benefits of Physiotherapy

Physiotherapy offers a wide range of benefits that go beyond treating injury or illness. It plays a crucial role in:

- **Pain Management:** Techniques such as manual therapy, therapeutic exercises, and modalities like ultrasound or electrical stimulation help alleviate acute and chronic pain.
- **Improved Mobility and Flexibility:** Personalized movement and stretching programs restore lost mobility and enhance overall function.
- **Injury Prevention:** Physiotherapists teach proper body mechanics, ergonomic practices, and exercises that reduce the risk of future injuries.
- **Post-Surgical Rehabilitation:** After surgery, physiotherapy is critical to regaining strength, balance, and full recovery.
- **Chronic Disease Management:** Conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, and stroke benefit greatly from long-term physiotherapy interventions.
- **Improved Quality of Life:** For individuals living with disability or chronic pain, physiotherapy enhances independence, confidence, and overall quality of life.

Physiotherapists are key contributors to interdisciplinary healthcare teams, especially in rural and underserved areas, where access to specialized care can be limited. This year, World Physiotherapy Day also served as a moment to honor and



recognize the contributions of dedicated professionals in our own communities. We are especially grateful for the remarkable commitment of **Dr. Karthikeyan** and **Dr. Sakthi Mahendran**. Their unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of the *Sabin boys* and the residents of *24 villages in and around our region* is a true testament to their sincerity, honesty, and passion for their work.

Their consistent outreach, compassionate care, and tireless efforts are not just clinical interventions—they are acts of service that transform lives. These physiotherapists exemplify the spirit of World Physiotherapy Day, demonstrating how care delivered with love and commitment can create lasting impact. World

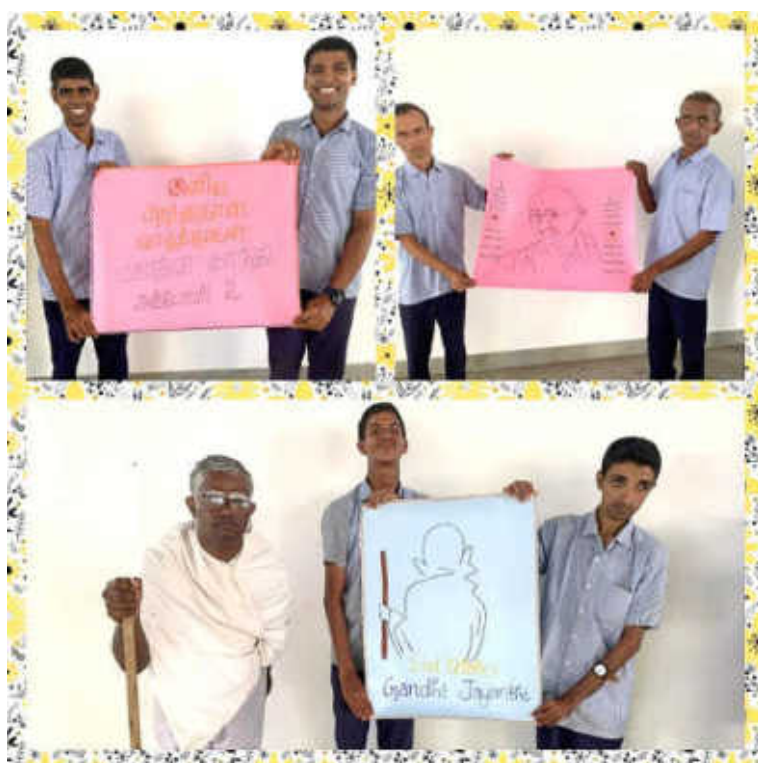
Physiotherapy Day 2024 was more than just a date on the calendar—it was a powerful reminder of the transformative role physiotherapy plays in our lives. By focusing on the global burden of low back pain, this year's theme emphasized the urgent need for accessible, high-quality physiotherapy services in every community.

As we celebrate the profession and honor those who practice it with heart and excellence, we are reminded that healing is not just about medicine—it's about movement, dignity, and care. We salute all physiotherapists who continue to improve lives one step, one stretch, and one smile at a time.



GANDHI JAYANTHI

Gandhi Jayanthi is one of the most revered national celebrations in India, observed annually on October 2nd to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation. This day is not only a tribute to Gandhi's extraordinary life and leadership but also a reaffirmation of his enduring principles of non-violence, truth, and self-reliance. His philosophy has played a pivotal role in shaping the moral and political foundation of modern India, and its relevance continues to echo across the globe. Recognized by the United





Nations as the International Day of Non-Violence, Gandhi Jayanthi underscores a universal message of peace and justice.

At Sabin Pathway Home, Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated with great enthusiasm and respect. Residents and staff came together in a spirit of unity to honor the memory and values of Mahatma Gandhi. The occasion was not merely ceremonial but also educational and reflective, providing an opportunity for everyone to internalize and practice Gandhian principles in their daily lives.

Mahatma Gandhi, born Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, Gujarat, emerged

as a key figure in India's struggle for independence from British colonial rule. Through his philosophy of non-violent civil disobedience, he led several major movements such as the Non-Cooperation Movement (1920–22), the Salt March (1930), and the Quit India Movement (1942). His doctrines of Satyagraha (truth and resistance), Ahimsa (non-violence), and Swaraj (self-rule) not only helped India achieve freedom in 1947 but also influenced countless global leaders and civil rights movements. Following independence, Gandhi Jayanthi was officially declared a national holiday and has since been celebrated annually with reverence and gratitude across the country.

Gandhi Jayanthi holds deep significance, both nationally and internationally. It serves as a day of remembrance for Gandhi's monumental contributions to India's freedom struggle and global human rights movements. His commitment to Ahimsa influenced notable figures like Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela. The day also serves as a platform to promote peace and non-violence, aligning with the United Nations' declaration of October 2nd as the International Day of Non-Violence.



Moreover, Gandhi Jayanthi reinforces the importance of social reform. Gandhi championed the causes of the oppressed, fought against untouchability, and advocated for economic self-sufficiency, particularly in rural areas. His emphasis on cleanliness, simplicity, and sustainability continues to inspire national initiatives like the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Movement), as well as broader conversations about eco-conscious living.

At Sabin Pathway Home, the celebration of Gandhi Jayanthi was marked by a series of thoughtful and engaging activities aimed at instilling Gandhian values in the community. The day began with a

speech and awareness program, where residents and staff reflected on the significance of truth, non-violence, and self-discipline in modern life. This open forum encouraged everyone to share personal insights and commitments to living a more ethical and peaceful life. To creatively express their understanding of Gandhi's teachings, residents participated in making posters and slogans. Messages such as "Ahimsa Paramo Dharma" (Non-violence is the highest duty), "Satyameva Jayate" (Truth alone triumphs), and "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara, Toh Gandhi Ka Sapna Saakaar" (When our voices unite, Gandhi's dream becomes a reality) were proudly displayed. These visuals were not just decorative but served as powerful reminders of the values Gandhi espoused.



A role-playing activity added a visual and emotional dimension to the celebration. One of the residents dressed as Mahatma Gandhi, donning a simple dhoti and spectacles, bringing to life Gandhi's image of humility and simplicity. This activity enabled participants to connect more personally with Gandhi's ideals.

Later, a group reflection session allowed residents and staff to discuss how they could apply Gandhi's teachings in their everyday lives. Key takeaways included the importance of practicing integrity, showing compassion to others, and embracing a lifestyle rooted in simplicity and mindfulness. Inspired by Gandhi's emphasis on cleanliness, the residents engaged in a cleanliness drive within the home premises. This hands-on activity fostered a sense of responsibility toward personal hygiene, environmental stewardship, and the importance of maintaining a clean and organized living space. The celebration concluded with cultural performances, including patriotic songs and skits based on Gandhi's life and philosophy. Residents sang "Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram," Gandhi's favorite bhajan, and "Vaishnav Jan To," a devotional song that reflects compassion and humility—qualities Gandhi held dear.

Mahatma Gandhi's teachings hold critical relevance for today's world, which is often marred by violence, inequality, and environmental crises. His principle of non-violence encourages peaceful conflict resolution and empathy, offering a powerful alternative to aggression and hatred. Gandhi's unwavering commitment to truth serves as a moral compass in an age of widespread misinformation. Furthermore, his advocacy for simplicity and sustainable living resonates with contemporary efforts to combat climate change and overconsumption. Gandhi's fight for equality and social justice underscores the urgent need to build inclusive societies. His call for self-reliance reminds us of the importance of supporting local economies and becoming more self-sufficient through hard work and community participation.

The celebration of Gandhi Jayanthi at Sabin Pathway Home was a heartfelt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and his enduring legacy. Through a variety of educational, creative, and service-oriented activities, residents not only honored Gandhi's memory but also embraced his teachings with sincerity and joy. The day served as a powerful reminder that the principles of peace, truth, and compassion are not just historical ideals but essential tools for building a better world.

As Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." The residents of Sabin Pathway Home embodied this spirit throughout the celebration, leaving with renewed inspiration to live more mindfully, ethically, and harmoniously with one another.

SARASWATHI POOJA



Saraswathi Pooja celebrated during the auspicious Navaratri festival, is a sacred occasion dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, the divine embodiment of knowledge, learning, music, arts,

and wisdom. Observed primarily in South India on the ninth day (Navami) of Navaratri, it is a day when students, teachers, artists, and professionals express their gratitude towards the goddess who guides the intellect and inspires creativity.





Rooted in ancient Vedic traditions, Goddess Saraswathi has been worshipped for centuries as Vāk Devi, the deity of speech and learning. Her presence symbolizes the power of knowledge to dispel ignorance and illuminate the mind. Traditionally, devotees place their books, musical instruments, tools, and study materials before the goddess, seeking her blessings. These items are not used on the day of the pooja, as a mark of reverence. The day after, Vijayadashami, is considered the most auspicious time to begin any new learning—be it academic, musical, or vocational.

At Sabin Pathway Home, Saraswathi Pooja was celebrated with immense devotion, cultural vibrance, and enthusiastic participation from our children and staff. The main hall was transformed into a sacred space adorned with colorful streamers, flowers, and a beautiful Golu display showcasing traditional dolls and mythological scenes.

A special altar was set up with an image of Goddess Saraswati, in front of which books, tools, and instruments were respectfully placed. One of the major highlights was a dramatic portrayal of Goddess Durga, with a student dressed in stunning traditional attire, complete with symbolic

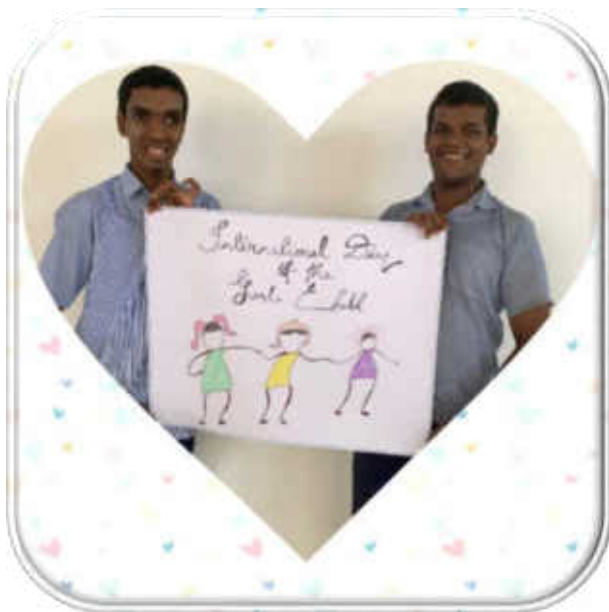


accessories like the trishul (trident) and sword, representing strength and divine grace. The creative backdrop, lotus platform, and handmade decorations added authenticity and charm to the event. Children participated in devotional singing, cultural activities, and rituals. Teachers guided them in understanding the spiritual essence of the celebration, making it a valuable learning moment. Staff and caregivers ensured every child—regardless of ability—had an opportunity to take part, embodying the inclusive spirit of the trust.

The event fostered a sense of unity, reverence, and joy, and gave the children a platform to express their talents and creativity. It was heartwarming to see the smiles, the folded hands in prayer, and the sparkle in the children's eyes as they soaked in the spiritual atmosphere.

Saraswathi Pooja at Sabin Pathway Home was not just a celebration—it was a meaningful expression of our commitment to holistic development, cultural values, and spiritual growth. Through such celebrations, we continue to empower our children with knowledge, confidence, and a deep sense of identity, truly aligning with our mission of “Changing Lives Forever.”

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD



The International Day of the Girl Child, observed on October 11th each year, is a globally recognized occasion dedicated to highlighting the challenges girls face and promoting their empowerment and human rights. At Pathway Sabin Home, part of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, this day is more than a symbolic observance—it is an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the role of girls in creating a brighter and more equal world.

The idea for a day specifically recognizing the rights of girls originated from the global

campaign "Because I am a Girl" launched by Plan International, a humanitarian organization working for children's rights. This movement aimed to raise awareness of the discrimination and obstacles that girls around the world face—particularly in education, healthcare, and protection.

The campaign gained momentum globally, and in December 2011, the United Nations General Assembly officially adopted Resolution 66/170, declaring October 11 as the International Day of the Child. The first celebration took place in 2012, with a specific focus on ending child marriage.

Since then, every year has focused on a specific theme addressing the pressing needs of girls, ranging from education and digital inclusion to leadership and safety. It is a day to celebrate progress, identify



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remaining challenges, and unite for a future where girls have equal opportunities to lead, learn, and live with dignity.

The official theme for the 2024 International Day of the Girl Child is:

"INVEST IN GIRLS' RIGHTS: OUR LEADERSHIP, OUR WELL-BEING."

This theme emphasizes the need for continued and increased commitment to supporting girls through focused investments in their education, health, safety, and leadership potential. It calls on families, communities, governments, and organizations to recognize girls not just as beneficiaries of aid or protection but as powerful agents of change.

In line with this theme, the activities at Pathway Sabin Home were designed to help children

understand what girls need to thrive and how everyone—boys and girls alike—can support each other in building a fairer, more equal world.

The day began with an interactive awareness session for the children of Sabin Home. The session was conducted by the staff and educators and began with a simple explanation of what the International Day of the Girl Child is and why it is important. Children were engaged through storytelling and visuals about girls around the world and the issues they face, such as lack of access to education, child marriage, and limited freedom. At the same time, they were introduced to stories of courageous girls and women who overcame obstacles and became leaders in their communities. The objective was to empower both girls and boys to think critically and compassionately about equality, respect, and justice.

Drawing Activity – “Unity Through Art”

To help children internalize the message, a drawing activity was organized. The children were encouraged to work together and create a poster that would visually express the spirit of the day.

The final artwork, created by the children and proudly held by two boys, featured three girls holding hands, each in different colored dresses and with joyful expressions. This colorful depiction symbolized diversity, unity, and friendship, embodying the message that girls are powerful, valuable, and deserve to live free from discrimination.

The children decided to include the message: - “International Day of the Girl Child” in elegant handwriting, framed with a decorative border that they created with care. The process of creating the drawing fostered teamwork and meaningful discussion among the children about



how boys and girls can work together for equality.

The celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child at Pathway Sabin Home was an inspiring and educational experience that blended learning, creativity, and community spirit. Through art, conversation, and shared reflection, the children developed a deeper understanding of the value and rights of every girl. By participating in the drawing activity and awareness session, children not only celebrated girls but also committed themselves to becoming advocates for fairness and inclusion in their own lives. As a part of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust's mission of *"Changing Lives Forever,"* this event served as a shining example of how thoughtful, child-centered programs can plant the seeds of change in the hearts of the next generation.

INSPECTION CONDUCTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT



We had an Inspection from Social Welfare Department for the Differently Abled by the Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled along with other officials of the department.





CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Children's Day is one of the most anticipated and joyful occasions celebrated at Pathway – Sabin Home. Each year on November 14th, this day is observed with heartfelt enthusiasm to honor the memory of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and to recognize the rights, dreams, and boundless potential of children. Pandit Nehru, lovingly known as Chacha Nehru,

deeply believed in the power of children and emphasized the importance of their education and holistic development. In keeping with his vision, the Children's Day celebration at Sabin Home is carefully curated to be not only festive but also meaningful and empowering for every child.

The celebration began with a vibrant and colorful gathering in the spacious open hall of Sabin Home. The entire area was transformed with cheerful decorations, including balloons, hand-drawn banners, and colorful



posters. A prominent banner that read "Happy Children's Day" welcomed everyone with warmth and excitement. This lively and inviting ambiance set the tone for a day filled with creativity, laughter, and shared joy.

One of the most engaging and expressive segments of the day was the Drawing Competition. Children were invited to participate with complete freedom to explore their imagination. With crayons and drawing sheets in hand, they eagerly



set to work, pouring their thoughts and emotions into their art. Their creations ranged from depictions of nature and friendship to symbolic expressions of joy, unity, and inclusion. The activity provided an open space for self-expression and encouraged children to communicate their feelings through color and form.

The submitted artworks were carefully evaluated by the Director Madam, who took the time to appreciate each child's effort. After thoughtful consideration, the winners were announced. Senthil received the first prize for his vibrant and harmonious depiction of unity among children. R. Saravanakumar earned the second prize for his meticulous and colorful work, while Murugappan was awarded third place for his cheerful and imaginative creation. These winners were celebrated with special appreciation and applause from their peers and staff members, making them feel proud and encouraged.



To complement the creative expression with physical activity and teamwork, a series of fun games followed the drawing session. Children were divided into groups to participate in a variety of engaging and inclusive games. The activities ranged from relay races with playful challenges to ball-passing and balancing games that promoted coordination and cooperation. Musical chairs and memory games added an element of excitement and friendly competition. The focus was not on winning, but on participation, joy, and community. Every child was involved, every laugh was shared, and every effort was



applauded. The staff facilitated the games with encouragement and care, ensuring that all children felt supported and included.

As the celebration neared its end, the children and staff gathered for a group photo, capturing the spirit of unity and happiness that marked the day. The vibrant artwork and handmade decorations formed a colorful backdrop, symbolizing the creativity and togetherness that the celebration had nurtured. The Director Madam addressed the gathering with heartfelt words of appreciation, highlighting the importance of such events in nurturing self-esteem, creativity, and bonds of friendship among the children. Staff members also offered words of encouragement, reinforcing the message that each child is valued, capable, and cherished. The Children's Day celebration at Pathway – Sabin Home was a beautiful blend of learning, laughter, and love. Through art, games, and shared experiences, the children were not only celebrated but uplifted and inspired. Events like these reflect the unwavering commitment of the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust to the all-round development and well-being of the children in their care. Staying true to their mission of "Changing Lives Forever," the Trust continues to create safe, inclusive, and joyful environments where children can grow with dignity, dream without limits, and thrive with confidence.

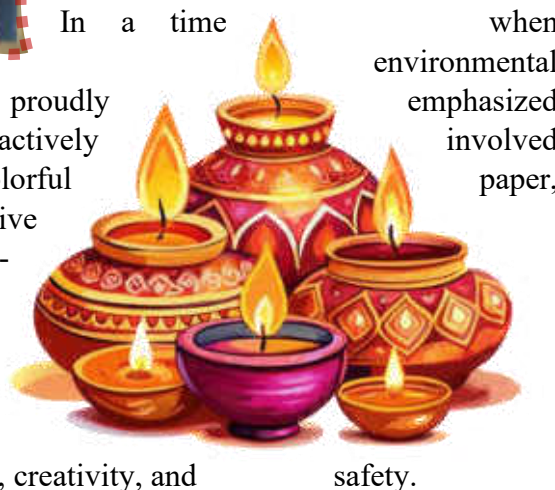
DIWALI- AN ECO-FRIENDLY AND JOYOUS FESTIVAL



The Pathway Sabin Home was filled with immense joy, color, and meaningful celebration as children and staff came together to mark one of India's most cherished festivals—Diwali, the festival of lights. True to the values and mission of the organization, this year's celebration was centered around eco-friendliness, creativity, and safety awareness, turning the festive spirit into an enlightening experience for everyone involved.

concerns are paramount, Pathway Sabin Home proudly an eco-friendly Diwali celebration. The children were actively in crafting beautiful handmade props of crackers using colorful eco-materials, and recycled art supplies. These creative props symbolized their understanding of an environment-friendly celebration, encouraging a shift from harmful firecrackers to safe and joyful alternatives.

The main aim of the event was to help the children understand the spirit of Diwali—which lies not in noise and pollution, but in the light of happiness, togetherness, creativity, and



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In the days leading up to the celebration, students at Sabin Home, guided by staff and instructors, enthusiastically engaged in preparing for the event. The children were grouped for activities including:

- Designing and coloring eco-cracker props
- Practicing dance performances
- Decorating their space with rangoli, drawings, and lanterns

A special exhibition space was set up to showcase the children's artwork and eco-cracker models. Their energy and excitement were truly contagious, as they transformed the environment with their imagination and vibrant creativity.



Guest Participation – Fire & Rescue Services Team

A very special highlight of this year's Diwali celebration was the participation of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Team, who joined hands with the Pathway Sabin family to raise awareness about Diwali safety.

The fire department officers conducted a live demonstration on:

- Safe handling of diyas and lamps
- Precautions while lighting fireworks
- First-aid procedures in case of minor burns or accidents
- Fire safety rules in general



Their interaction with the children was inspiring and informative. The children listened attentively, asked questions, and participated enthusiastically in the demonstration.

The presence of uniformed officers made a deep impression on them, and the children showed their handmade thank-you cards and cheerful greetings.

The celebration included lively cultural performances, where children expressed their joy through music and dance. Their performances, choreographed with support from staff, featured festive songs and folk dance movements, lighting up the atmosphere with enthusiasm and unity. The backdrop was decorated with hand-drawn posters of Diwali lamps, rangoli patterns, and vibrant festive illustrations.



The dance sequences were an expression of happiness and confidence, showcasing the children's talents and the efforts of their mentors. This inclusive celebration highlighted how Diwali can become an empowering platform for self-expression and community bonding.

This Diwali at Pathway Sabin Home was not just about celebrations—it was about meaningful learning, sustainable choices, and joyful memories. The message that emerged clearly from this event was:

“Diwali is a festival of light, not noise. Let us light up lives with love, safety, and care for nature.”

With eco-friendly practices, participation from civic heroes like the fire department, and heartfelt performances by the children, Pathway Sabin Home successfully celebrated Diwali in a way that honored both tradition and modern awareness.



The Diwali celebration at Pathway Sabin Home was a shining example of inclusive celebration, environmental responsibility, and safety awareness. It reflected the core mission of the institution—to nurture, empower, and celebrate children in every way possible.

Through dance, art, learning, and shared joy, the event lit up more than just lamps—it lit up hearts. It reminded us all that when children are given the space to express themselves creatively, with the support of a caring community, even the simplest

celebration becomes deeply impactful and meaningful. The staff, volunteers, and guests left the event with smiles, gratitude, and the reaffirmed belief that true Diwali lies in spreading joy, light, and awareness.

WORLD DISABLED DAY

SABIN-PATHWAY SHINES AT DISTRICT-LEVEL SPORTS MEET



As part of the World Disabled Day celebrations, the District Differently Abled Welfare Office (DDAWO), Chengalpattu organized a district-level sports meet that brought together children and individuals with disabilities from across the region. Among the proud participants were the children of Sabin-Pathway, a special home under *Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust*, located in Agili Village, Madurantakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District.



The event was inaugurated by the Chengalpattu District Collector, who flagged off the sports meet, offering his encouragement and support. His presence underscored the importance of such inclusive initiatives and highlighted the administration's commitment to empowering differently-abled individuals. The flag-off ceremony was both symbolic and inspiring, setting the tone for a day filled with energy, inclusion, and celebration.

participation showcased not only their abilities but also the impact of dedicated care, training, and support from the institution. Sabin-Pathway focuses on the holistic development of individuals with intellectual disabilities and associated conditions, enabling them to lead enriched and meaningful lives.

Preparation for the event involved weeks of training and guidance from caregivers, therapists, and staff members. The emphasis was not solely on winning but on fostering confidence, teamwork, physical wellness, and social engagement. Events like this provide a platform for children to interact with peers, overcome inhibitions, and experience the joy of participation.



The sports meet also served as a reminder to society of the importance of awareness and inclusion. Audience members, including parents, teachers, and local citizens, applauded the efforts of the participants, breaking down long-standing stigmas associated with disability. The event became a celebration of ability, resilience, and unity.

The role of the Sabin-Pathway team was instrumental in the success of their participation. Their dedication, preparation, and coordination ensured that the children not only participated confidently but also returned with cherished memories and a sense of achievement. Beyond the excitement of sports, the event fostered interaction between various institutions and created opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange. Such events are crucial for building stronger networks of support and for advocating the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities.



In conclusion, the District-Level Sports Meet was a resounding success and a day to remember. Sabin-Pathway's involvement highlighted their ongoing mission to "Change Lives Forever" by empowering the differently-abled and integrating them into the heart of community life. The encouragement from district leadership and the enthusiasm of the participants made this event a powerful step toward a more inclusive and compassionate society.

TALENT VALUE

-A CATALYST FOR EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

Talent Value Media Pvt Ltd is a distinguished media organization committed to curating transformative corporate business summits and prestigious award ceremonies. The company has established itself as a key player in recognizing excellence, fostering innovation, and creating impactful experiences that elevate brands, inspire audiences, and drive meaningful change across industries. Through its initiatives, Talent Value has contributed significantly to the corporate and



social ecosystem, providing a platform for organizations and individuals to showcase their achievements and contributions to society.

The Mission and Vision of Talent Value

At its core, Talent Value strives to bring together industry leaders, visionaries, and changemakers through well-structured events that celebrate excellence and progress. The organization envisions a world where businesses and individuals are acknowledged for their dedication to innovation, leadership, and positive societal impact. By hosting high-caliber summits and awards ceremonies, Talent Value fosters collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and networking opportunities that encourage growth and excellence.

Recognizing Excellence Through Prestigious Events

One of the standout contributions of Talent Value is its dedication to hosting nationally recognized summits and award functions. One such prominent event is the *National Economic Growth Summit and Awards 2024*, which brings together influential personalities from diverse sectors to discuss economic growth, business expansion, and leadership strategies. This event serves as a testament to Talent Value's commitment to fostering national progress through meaningful discourse and recognition.

The summit has witnessed the presence of esteemed chief guests, including:

- Shri SP Singh Baghel – Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- Shri Pawan Arora IAS – Commissioner of Rajasthan Housing Board & CEO, First India News.
- Shri Suresh Singh Rawat – Cabinet Minister of Water Resources, Government of Rajasthan.
- Shri Jaiveer Singh – Minister of Tourism & Culture, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Shri Sandeep Singh – Minister of State for Basic Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Dr. Bu Abdullah – Entrepreneur and Philanthropist.
- Shri Gopal Sharma – MLA-Civil Lines, Jaipur.

The participation of such esteemed personalities highlights the credibility and prestige associated with Talent Value's events. These summits provide a unique space for leaders to exchange ideas, discuss industry trends, and recognize individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to their respective fields.

Our Achievement: Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust – 'Pathway' Recognized as One of India's Most Trusted NGOs

Among the prestigious recognitions awarded by Talent Value, one of the most significant honors was presented to Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust – 'Pathway'. On November 12, 2024, at Hotel Radisson, Mumbai, 'Pathway' was recognized as one of India's Most Trusted NGOs in the category of Community Engagement and Support for Intellectual Disabilities.

This esteemed recognition, confirmed by the distinguished jury members of Talent Value, highlights 'Pathway's' dedication to serving individuals with intellectual disabilities and its unwavering commitment to community engagement. Through its work, the organization has transformed the lives of countless individuals, offering them education, vocational training, rehabilitation, and lifelong support.

Receiving this award is a testament to the trust and credibility that 'Pathway' has built over the years. It reflects the organization's continued efforts to create an inclusive society where individuals with intellectual disabilities are empowered to live fulfilling lives. The honor further strengthens 'Pathway's mission and inspires the organization to expand its reach and impact.

Through its meticulously planned events, Talent Value has created a significant impact on various industries by bridging gaps between business leaders, policymakers, and entrepreneurs. The recognition and awards presented by the organization serve as a motivation for individuals and institutions to continue striving for excellence. Furthermore, Talent Value's efforts contribute to the larger goal of economic development by encouraging innovative practices and sustainable growth strategies.

For organizations like 'Pathway', such recognition serves as a validation of years of dedicated service and community impact. It also amplifies awareness about the cause, inspiring more individuals and institutions to support initiatives that make a meaningful difference in society.



Talent Value Media Pvt Ltd stands as a beacon of excellence in the corporate event space. With a commitment to innovation, recognition, and industry collaboration, the organization continues to empower businesses and individuals alike. By hosting impactful summits and awards ceremonies, Talent Value fosters an ecosystem where leadership, creativity, and dedication are acknowledged and celebrated.

The recognition of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust – 'Pathway' as one of India's Most Trusted NGOs reaffirms Talent Value's credibility as a platform that honors organizations making a real difference in society. As both Talent

Value and 'Pathway' move forward, they remain dedicated to their respective missions of driving change, fostering inclusivity, and shaping a better future for all.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

– HONOURING ABILITY, CELEBRATING INCLUSION



The *International Day of Persons with Disabilities* (IDPD), observed every year on **December 3rd**, holds deep significance for communities and institutions worldwide that work towards creating a more inclusive and equitable society. At **Sabin Pathway**, this day is not just an annual observance—it is a heartfelt celebration of resilience, talent, and the



unique spirit of our special children.

Historical Significance

Proclaimed by the **United Nations in 1992**, IDPD aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development. It also seeks to raise awareness about the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and the importance of removing physical, societal, and attitudinal barriers. The day stands as a reminder that every person, regardless of ability, deserves dignity, respect, and the opportunity to thrive.





Theme and Message

Each year, IDPD is observed with a unique theme. At Sabin Pathway, our theme this year was:



“Empowering Abilities – Celebrating Uniqueness”

This theme was chosen to highlight the incredible potential of our children and to reinforce the idea that disability is not a limitation, but a different ability. The event focused on nurturing self-esteem, encouraging participation, and showcasing the diverse strengths of our children.

The day was filled with **joyful energy and vibrant activities** that reflected the spirit of inclusion and community. A variety of fun and engaging **games were conducted**, specially tailored to the abilities and interests of our children. Activities ranged from ball toss, musical chairs, puzzle games, and relays—each designed to build confidence, coordination, and most importantly, smiles.

The children participated with enthusiasm and cheer, supported by their teachers and caregivers who ensured a safe and encouraging environment. The games were not just about winning—they were about celebrating effort, participation, and joy.

To recognize every child’s involvement, we distributed **gifts and prizes**, bringing a sparkle to their eyes and a sense of accomplishment to their hearts. Each child went home not just with a gift, but with memories of joy, laughter, and being celebrated for who they are.

Moving Forward At Sabin Pathway, every day is a step toward inclusion, but on **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, we walk together with the world to say:

"We see your strength. We honour your journey. We celebrate your life."



We remain committed to our mission of **"Changing Lives Forever"**, ensuring that each of our children receives the care, respect, and opportunities they truly deserve.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On December 20, 2024, our school Christmas. The event was celebrated and staff, creating a festive and children, dressed in colorful mesmerizing dances, songs, nativity play, portraying the



came alive with the joyous spirit of with great enthusiasm by students heartwarming atmosphere. The and vibrant outfits, performed and a beautifully enacted birth of Jesus Christ. Their outstanding performances were a delight to watch and truly reflected the essence of Christmas.

The celebration commenced at 3 p.m., with parents attending to witness the wonderful performances of their children. The event was made even more special with the distribution of delicious cake, prepared in the vocational section, and crispy vadai, freshly made in the kitchen. These treats were shared among parents, students, and staff, spreading joy and togetherness.

"Christmas is not as much about opening presents as it is about opening our hearts."

– Janice Maeditere

On December 23, 2021, the "Christ Mom and Christ Child" celebration took place at



Pathway, adding another dimension of fun and camaraderie to the Christmas festivities. This unique event involved a delightful game where each participant picked a chit with a name, designating them as either a Christ Mom or a Christ Child. The person who picked the name became the "Christ Mom," and the person whose name appeared on the chit was the "Christ Child."

This beautiful tradition symbolizes the essence of Christmas spirit – love, giving, and togetherness. As part of the event, all staff members exchanged gifts with their respective Christ Mom or Christ Child, making it a day filled with excitement and gratitude. Additionally, everyone brought a





peace, compassion, and selflessness. It is a time when people come together, irrespective of religion or background, to celebrate joy, unity, and goodwill.

Beyond the glittering decorations, carols, and festive gatherings, Christmas serves as a reminder of the importance of kindness, generosity, and empathy. It encourages us to look beyond ourselves and extend a helping hand to those in need. Many people engage in charitable activities,



variety of homemade dishes from their homes and shared them during lunch, reinforcing the values of sharing and unity. The event strengthened the bonds between colleagues and added warmth to the festive celebrations.

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." – Charles M. Schulz

Christmas is much more than a festival—it is a message of love, hope, and kindness that transcends boundaries. Celebrated worldwide, Christmas marks the birth of Jesus Christ, who preached the values of



such as donating food, clothes, and gifts to the less fortunate, embodying the true spirit of giving.

Across the world, Christmas brings people closer—families reunite, communities celebrate together, and friendships are strengthened. It is a time when hearts are filled with warmth, homes are filled with laughter, and the world is filled with the magic of love and goodwill.

"Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand." – Dr. Seuss



As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember its true essence—not just as a holiday, but as a way of life. May the values of Christmas—love, kindness, and peace—guide us throughout the year, bringing happiness and harmony to our lives and the world around us.

“Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day.” – Helen Steiner Rice

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a season filled with love, joy, and countless blessings!



CYCLONE FENGAL

IMPACT AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE BY PATHWAY INDIA



In December 2024, Tamil Nadu was struck by Cyclone FENGAL, a powerful and destructive storm that caused widespread devastation across rural and coastal regions. The cyclone brought with it torrential rain and fierce winds, resulting in the destruction of homes, severe flooding in low-lying areas, and widespread disruption of essential services. The aftermath of the storm left many families struggling for survival, particularly the most vulnerable segments of society—persons with disabilities, daily wage earners, and families living in poverty. Cut off from electricity, food, and clean

water, these communities faced an immediate humanitarian crisis.

Humanitarian Response Initiated by Pathway India

Understanding the severity of the situation, the Director of Pathway India immediately initiated an emergency relief operation to assist those affected by the cyclone. The primary goal was to provide urgent support to individuals within the Pathway ecosystem and its outreach programs, ensuring that their basic needs were met during this critical period. The relief efforts targeted two specific groups:

1. Staff members of the Pathway institutions
2. Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) beneficiaries spread across two operational zones



This rapid response not only offered tangible aid but also symbolized solidarity and care at a time of profound hardship.

Support to Pathway Staff Members

A total of 34 staff members from Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School, located in Agili Village, were identified as direct beneficiaries of the relief initiative. This group included teachers, administrative personnel, kitchen staff, caregivers, and other support workers. Despite being personally affected by the cyclone, many of these individuals continued their commitment to serving children with disabilities and underprivileged students. Their unyielding dedication made them a priority for immediate relief, ensuring they received food supplies and essential items to help sustain their households during the crisis.

Support to Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Beneficiaries

The Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program beneficiaries, comprising 36 individuals from some of the most affected rural regions, were also provided with essential relief materials. These individuals include persons with disabilities and their families who rely on Pathway's regular outreach, rehabilitation, and support services. The relief distribution was categorized into two zones:

- Zone I (27 beneficiaries):**
 Villages served included L. Endathur, Kadamboor, Aalappakkam, Theetalam, Veppanai, Pappanallur, Thandarai, Koodappakkam, Pasuvangaranai, Kiliyanagar, Ottakoil, and Semboondi.
- Zone II (9 beneficiaries):**
 Villages included Sarvampakkam,



Polambakkam, Thonnadu, Indaloor, and Chinnakayapakkam.



In many of these locations, access was severely restricted due to waterlogging, damaged roads, and downed power lines. Nevertheless, Pathway India's team ensured that food rations and hygiene supplies were delivered, preserving the health and dignity of the beneficiaries.

Upholding Humanitarian Values Amidst Crisis

Pathway India's timely and focused response during Cyclone FENGAL exemplifies its unwavering commitment to the motto "*Changing Lives Forever.*" By addressing the

urgent needs of its own staff and extending care to those in the remotest parts of the district, the organization demonstrated resilience, compassion, and leadership. The relief operation not only mitigated the immediate hardships faced by the beneficiaries but also reinforced the sense of community and support that defines Pathway's mission.

As Tamil Nadu rebuilds in the wake of Cyclone FENGAL, efforts such as these stand as powerful reminders that even in the face of natural disasters, collective action and compassion can restore hope and security to those who need it most.



INSPECTION VISIT BY DDAWO DR. KATHIRVELU

Dr. Kathirvelu, the **District Differently Abled Welfare Officer (DDAWO)** of Chengalpattu District, paid an official visit to **Sabin Pathway**, a unit of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, on a recent occasion to assess the quality of services and facilities provided to persons with disabilities.

The visit commenced with a warm and respectful welcome by the residents and staff members. As a mark of hospitality, the students presented Dr. Kathirvelu with handmade garlands, showcasing their skills learned through vocational training. The DDAWO engaged with the residents, sharing encouraging words and taking keen interest in their creative and therapeutic activities.

Dr. Kathirvelu conducted a thorough inspection of the **vocational training section**, where residents were actively involved in garland making and craftwork. He appreciated the structured curriculum and the emphasis on skill development, which enables residents to gain confidence and independence.

He also visited the **Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Unit**, where he observed residents making use of various therapeutic equipment. Dr. Kathirvelu noted the effective use of physiotherapy tools and the commitment of the staff in addressing the physical needs of the residents, particularly those with mobility challenges.

During the visit, he reviewed the infrastructure, living conditions, medical support systems, and record maintenance. He expressed his satisfaction with the services rendered and lauded the trust's holistic approach towards care, therapy, and empowerment of persons with disabilities.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – 2024

CELEBRATION AT THE DISTRICT DIFFERENTLY ABLED WELFARE OFFICE (DDAWO), CHENGALPATTU



On the occasion of the *International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)*, the District Differently Abled Welfare Office (DDAWO), Chengalpattu, hosted a heartfelt and inspiring celebration that brought together key officials, caregivers, and representatives from various organizations working for the welfare of persons with disabilities (PWDs).

The event recognized the significant contributions made by individuals and institutions towards empowering the differently-abled community. A highlight of the program was the **presentation of**

Appreciation Certificates to exemplary individuals who played an instrumental role in conducting **UDID (Unique Disability ID) camps** across the district.

Mr. **Meganthan S.** and Mr. **Aravind Raj** of Sabin Pathway were honored with special appreciation certificates for their **outstanding dedication and service** in facilitating the smooth execution of





Kathirvelu, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, presided over the ceremony and praised the relentless efforts of NGOs, social workers, and government staff for their collaborative work in enhancing inclusivity and accessibility.

This celebration served as a reminder of the collective responsibility to build a society where every individual, regardless of ability, has the opportunity to thrive.

UDID enrolments. Their consistent support ensured that hundreds of PWDs could access their rightful identity and welfare benefits under various government schemes.

The event also featured cultural performances by children and special school students, followed by motivational addresses from dignitaries. Dr.



NEW YEAR 2025 CELEBRATIONS

- A JOYOUS BEGINNING



cake. From mixing the batter to decorating the rich chocolate surface with cheerful yellow icing and handmade floral designs, the cake was a labor of love and a symbol of their growing independence and joy in contributing to community celebrations.

The event space was beautifully decorated with vibrant balloons, handmade signs, and cheerful smiles. The centerpiece of the celebration—the cake—was placed on a festively adorned table, surrounded by colorful balloons and a handmade “Happy New Year 2025” banner. As everyone

As the world turned the page to a brand new year, Sabin Pathway Home lit up with joy, laughter, and the spirit of togetherness. The New Year 2025 celebration was not just a festive occasion—it was a heartwarming reflection of the love, creativity, and resilience that thrives within the home.

This year’s celebration was made extra special by the children themselves. With the support and guidance of caregivers, the children at Sabin Home proudly prepared their very own New Year





dance floor.

caregivers, and staff members danced hand in hand, letting go of worries and embracing the pure joy of the moment. The laughter, rhythm, and energy were contagious, reminding everyone present that happiness lies in simple, shared experiences.

The New Year celebration at Sabin Pathway Home was more than just a party—it was a meaningful gathering that showcased the talents, unity, and vibrant spirit of our children. Events like these reaffirm our belief in nurturing not only the minds but also the hearts of those we care for. As we step into 2025, we carry with us the memories of this joyous day, filled with love, achievement, and the unshakable spirit of our Pathway family. Here's to a year ahead filled with hope, growth, and many more celebrations of life together.

gathered around, the cake was ceremoniously cut amidst claps, cheers, and the warmth of shared happiness.

Following the cake-cutting, the children joyfully distributed pieces to their peers, caregivers, and guests, emphasizing the values of sharing and gratitude. The act of giving, especially something they had created themselves, brought a deep sense of pride and happiness to each child.

The celebration didn't end there. Music filled the hall, and soon, the space turned into a lively Children,



CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF PONGAL

Pongal – A Harvest Festival Rooted in Gratitude and Tradition

Pongal is one of the most significant and widely celebrated festivals in **South India**, especially in the state of **Tamil Nadu**. Marking the **beginning of the Tamil month 'Thai' (mid-January)**, Pongal is a time-honored celebration of harvest, prosperity, and thanksgiving to nature.

Historical Background

The origins of Pongal date back **over a thousand years**, and the festival finds mention in ancient Tamil literature like the **Sangam texts**, which refer to it as **'Thai Niradal'**. Traditionally celebrated by farming communities, Pongal was a way to express gratitude to **the Sun God (Surya), Mother Nature, and the cattle** for their role in ensuring a successful harvest.

The term "Pongal" itself comes from the Tamil word "**pongu**", meaning "to boil over"—a symbolic expression of abundance and prosperity. Historically, this day signified the **end of the winter solstice and the beginning of longer, warmer days**, which were ideal for farming.



Four Days of Pongal Celebrations

Pongal is celebrated over **four consecutive days**, each with its own rituals and significance:

1. Bhogi Pongal (Day 1)

This day is dedicated to **Lord Indra**, the god of rain and thunder. People clean and discard old belongings, symbolizing a fresh start. Bonfires are lit using old items, and homes are decorated with **kolam** (rice flour designs) and fresh flowers.

2. Surya Pongal (Main Day)

The most important day of the festival, it honors **Surya, the Sun God**. Families gather to prepare the **special dish called 'Sakkarai Pongal'**—a

sweet rice pudding made with newly harvested rice, jaggery, ghee, and milk. It is traditionally cooked outdoors in a clay pot facing the sun, and when it boils over, people chant "**Pongalo Pongal!**" in joy and gratitude.

3. Mattu Pongal (Day 3)

Dedicated to the **cattle**—the unsung heroes of farming—Mattu Pongal is a day to thank cows and bulls for their help in agriculture. Cattle are bathed, adorned with colorful beads, bells, and garlands, and worshipped. In some villages, events like **Jallikattu** (bull-taming sport) are held, showcasing strength and tradition.

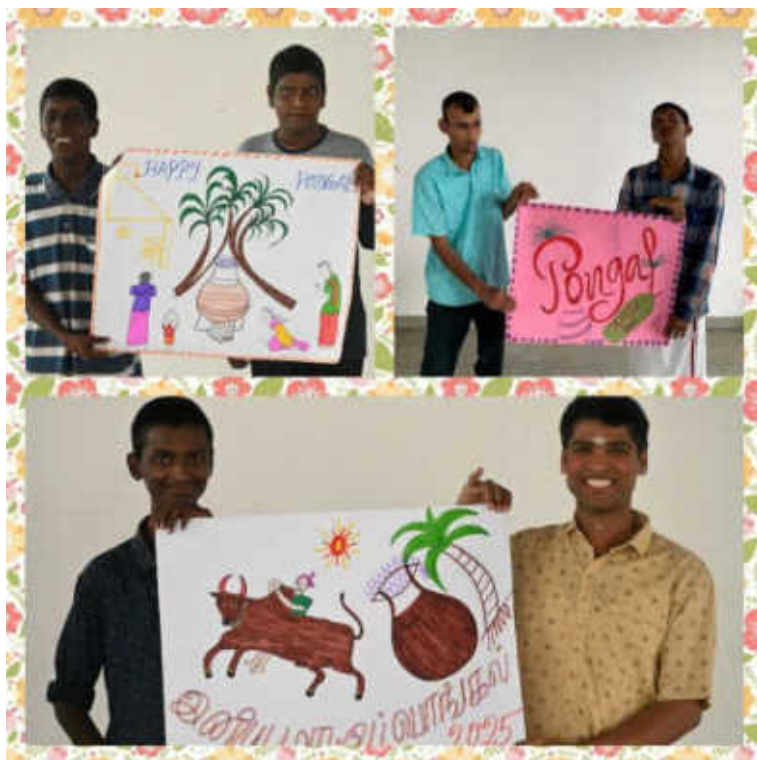
4. Kaanum Pongal (Day 4)

Kaanum Pongal is a day of **family reunions and community bonding**. People visit relatives and friends, share meals, and often go on picnics. It is also a time for young people to seek blessings from elders.

Cultural Significance

Pongal is more than just a harvest festival—it is a **celebration of life**, deeply rooted in values of gratitude,





unity, and cultural pride. It reinforces the close relationship that South Indian communities maintain with **nature, agriculture, and family traditions**.

The festival is marked by:

- Traditional music and **folk dances** like **Kummi** and **Karakattam**
- Decorated homes and entrances with **mango leaves and kolam**
- Community gatherings with **games, songs, and dramas** that showcase rural life

Modern Celebrations

While Pongal continues to be deeply traditional in rural areas, urban regions celebrate it with equal enthusiasm—often blending **modern styles with ancient customs**. Schools, NGOs, and

social organizations host cultural events to educate younger generations about the festival's heritage.

At its heart, Pongal remains a **festival of thanks**—an expression of hope, prosperity, and the eternal connection between humans and nature.

Pathway India ushered in the harvest festival of Pongal with traditional fervor, joy, and deep cultural pride. The entire campus came alive with vibrant festivities as children, staff, and caregivers came together to celebrate one of Tamil Nadu's most cherished festivals—**Pongal**, a time to express gratitude, cherish abundance, and honour the hard work of our farmers.

This year, the children took an active and joyful role in every part of the celebration. With guidance from their teachers, the children prepared **Sweet Pongal (Sakkarai Pongal)** the traditional way—over a wood-fired clay stove, using fresh jaggery, rice, and ghee. Dressed in colorful traditional attire, they gathered around the pot, joyfully shouting “**Pongalo Pongal!**” as the rice boiled over, symbolizing prosperity and blessings for the coming year. The experience was not only festive but also an educational and cultural immersion that connected them to their roots.



The celebration continued with **traditional folk dances**, where children performed with grace and enthusiasm. Their movements, adorned with smiles and lively rhythms, brought the festive energy alive and left the audience cheering. The joy was infectious, and it was heartening to see the children celebrate with such confidence and pride in their heritage.

Adding to the excitement was a **mock Jallikattu**—a playful and safe reenactment of Tamil Nadu’s famous bull-taming sport. The children, embodying the spirit of bravery and fun, took turns participating in the event with great excitement and laughter, showcasing both courage and camaraderie.

One of the most thrilling parts of the day was the **Uriadi** event. A pot filled with surprises was hung high above, and the children, blindfolded, took turns trying to break it with a stick—cheered on by their peers. When the pot finally burst open, it showered treats and gifts, filling the atmosphere with joyous cheers and celebration.

The festivities concluded with the serving of the delicious **Sweet Pongal**, lovingly prepared by the children themselves, to everyone present. Sharing this meal brought a sense of community and fulfillment, marking the perfect end to a vibrant day.

The Pongal celebration at Pathway India was not just a festival—it was a celebration of culture, learning, and unity. Through these experiences, the children not only participated in tradition but also created cherished memories that reflect the joy of togetherness and the spirit of giving thanks.

As we move forward, Pathway remains committed to nurturing a sense of identity, tradition, and joy in every child we serve.



REPUBLIC DAY 2025

– HONORING THE SPIRIT OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Republic Day, celebrated every year on January 26th, is one of India’s most important national festivals. It commemorates the day when the Constitution of India came into effect in 1950, marking



the transition of our country into a sovereign, democratic republic. More than just a public holiday, it is a celebration of India's unity in diversity, rich cultural heritage, and democratic values.

A Glimpse into History

After gaining independence on August 15, 1947, India took on the monumental task of drafting its own constitution. The Constituent Assembly, chaired by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, spent over two years framing a document that would uphold justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity for all citizens. On January 26, 1950, the Constitution was officially adopted, and the Republic of India was born.

This date was chosen as it had historic significance—on January 26, 1930, the Indian National Congress had declared Purna Swaraj (complete independence) from British rule.

Theme for Republic Day 2025: “India – Mother of

Democracy”

The theme for this year's Republic Day celebration is “India – Mother of Democracy”, reflecting the nation's long-standing traditions of participatory governance, civic responsibility, and inclusive growth. It celebrates India's journey as the world's largest democracy and highlights the role of its people in upholding constitutional values.

At Pathway India, Republic Day 2025 was celebrated with patriotic pride, joy, and cultural vibrance. The day began with the flag hoisting ceremony, where our respected Director Madam unfurled the national flag, marking the beginning of the program. The moment was filled with reverence as the National Anthem was sung with pride by all present.

Following this, the children of Pathway Home showcased a disciplined march-past, saluting



the national flag and embodying the spirit of unity and pride. What followed was a vibrant display of cultural events that truly brought the spirit of India alive.

Highlights of the celebration included:

- Traditional dances representing India's diverse culture
- Yoga and physical exercises, promoting health and harmony
- Lezim performances, a traditional folk art from Maharashtra
- Skit and mime acts, conveying powerful messages about the Constitution, unity, and civic responsibility

The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm, color, and national pride as the children performed with confidence and energy.

Our Director Madam also delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the importance of



Republic Day, the role of every citizen in upholding democratic values, and the responsibilities of the younger generation. Her words were both moving and motivating, leaving a deep impression on everyone.

The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets, sharing smiles and joy among all the children and staff.



Republic Day at Pathway India was not just a celebration, but a beautiful reminder of our shared heritage, responsibilities, and the dreams we carry as citizens of this great nation. It was a day of unity, learning, and joy—truly in the spirit of “India – Mother of Democracy.”

EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO CHENGALPATTU BOOK FAIR AND BAIRAVAR TEMPLE



A Journey of Learning, Culture, and Inner Reflection

As part of its continued commitment to holistic education and enrichment, **Sabin Pathway Home** organized a meaningful one-day educational and recreational excursion for its residents to **Chengalpattu**, nestled in the heart of **Chengalpattu District**. This thoughtfully planned trip combined intellectual stimulation with cultural immersion and spiritual reflection, providing the children with a day full of discovery, joy, and personal growth.

A Literary Adventure: Visit to

Chengalpattu Book Fair

The first destination of the day was the **Chengalpattu Book Fair**, a significant literary event hosted by the **Tamil Nadu Government** to nurture a culture of reading and lifelong learning among citizens, especially the youth. Upon arrival, the children were greeted by rows of brightly lit stalls brimming with books of every genre—ranging from storybooks, comics, moral tales, biographies, encyclopedias, science books, art and craft guides, and more.

The children, accompanied by staff and volunteers, eagerly explored the fairgrounds, flipping through pages and engaging with the



stall owners. It was heartwarming to see the joy on their faces as they found books that sparked their interest. Each child was given the opportunity to **select books of their own choosing**, fostering a sense of independence and reinforcing the joy of reading.

This exposure to the vast world of literature opened up new avenues for imagination, creativity, and knowledge. The book fair visit not only enhanced their reading skills but also helped strengthen their vocabulary, curiosity, and appreciation for learning outside the classroom.



A Spiritual Pause: Visit to the Bairavar Temple

Following the intellectual feast at the book fair, the group proceeded to the **Bairavar Temple**, located around **10 kilometers from Chengalpattu town**. Nestled in peaceful surroundings, this ancient temple is dedicated to **Sri Kala Bairavar**, a fierce yet protective form of Lord Shiva. Known for its spiritual significance and beautiful Dravidian architecture, the temple provided the children with a unique opportunity to witness local religious traditions and architectural marvels firsthand.



As they entered the sacred premises, the children observed the rituals being performed with devotion and reverence. The serene ambiance of the temple, the rhythmic chants, and the towering gopuram (temple tower) left a lasting impression. The visit offered a quiet space for **reflection and spiritual connection**,



encouraging values such as gratitude, humility, and inner peace.

Many children lit oil lamps and offered prayers with folded hands, expressing their personal hopes and gratitude. For several of them, it was their first visit to such a revered temple, and the experience proved both culturally enriching and emotionally grounding.

A Day of Balanced Enrichment

This combined visit to the **Chengalpattu Book Fair** and **Bairavar Temple** was much more than a recreational outing—it was a **well-rounded educational journey** that fed the minds, hearts, and souls of the children.



- **Educational Impact:** Reinforced the love for books and reading, introduced new learning topics, and encouraged exploration.
- **Cultural Connection:** Strengthened their awareness of local traditions, history, and the role of spiritual spaces in community life.
- **Social and Emotional Growth:** Encouraged confidence, decision-making, and reflection while sharing experiences with peers.

By the end of the trip, the children returned with **bags full of books and hearts full of joy**. The gleam in their eyes and their excited chatter about the day's experiences were a true testament to the value of such outings in shaping young minds.

At Sabin Pathway Home, we believe that learning happens everywhere—within pages, in temples, through experiences, and in shared moments. This memorable day out in Chengalpattu was a beautiful example of that belief in action.

“SAVE WATER & SAVE ELECTRICITY”

In an effort to instill environmental responsibility and sustainable habits among children, **Sabin Pathway Home** conducted an engaging **awareness program** on the theme “**Save Water & Save Electricity.**”

The initiative aimed to educate the residents about the importance of conserving essential resources for the benefit of future generations. Our dedicated educators led interactive sessions, explaining the impact of wastage and the simple yet effective ways to reduce daily consumption of water and electricity.

To reinforce the message creatively, the children participated in a **poster-making activity**, where they expressed their understanding and commitment through vibrant artwork and thoughtful slogans. These posters served as visual reminders of their promise to protect the planet.



The program fostered awareness,



responsibility, and creativity, empowering the children to become **ambassadors of conservation** in their own way. It was a meaningful step toward nurturing environmentally conscious individuals who understand the value of every drop of water and every unit of power.

WORLD CANCER DAY AWARENESS



On the occasion of **World Cancer Day**, observed annually on **February 4th**, Sabin Pathway Home organized a meaningful **awareness program** to educate and empower its residents about cancer prevention, early detection, and support for those affected.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from residents and staff, who came together to express their solidarity with cancer warriors and survivors. As part of the program, the residents showcased beautifully hand-drawn posters featuring powerful messages about cancer awareness. The posters included symbols like awareness ribbons in multiple colors representing different types of cancer, along with thought-provoking slogans such as:

“Support the fighters, admire the survivors, honor the taken, never give up hope.”

The artwork and involvement reflected deep empathy and understanding, promoting the core message of **unity and support in the fight against cancer**. The event emphasized the importance of early diagnosis, regular screenings, and adopting a healthy lifestyle to reduce cancer risk. This initiative at Sabin Pathway Home was a heartfelt reminder that raising awareness and standing together can make a difference. The program not only educated the participants but also instilled a sense of community, compassion, and hope.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY 2025



Theme: “End the Stereotypes”

In a touching tribute to **World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) 2025**, the children and educators at **Sabin Pathway Home** came together to celebrate the beauty of diversity, inclusion, and individuality. This year’s global theme, **“End the Stereotypes,”** set the tone for a day filled with powerful symbolism, creativity, and advocacy.

Celebrating Unity Through Symbolism

The children were divided into two groups, each wearing blue and yellow — the official WDSD colors. Together, they formed a symbolic ribbon-shaped heart that beautifully represented the WDSD logo. This formation was not only visually stunning but also a meaningful representation of **unity, love, and support for individuals with Down**

Syndrome.

The heart was painted in half blue and half yellow, a symbolic gesture reinforcing the WDSD message — that **everyone, regardless of ability, has a place in the heart of the community.**

Spreading Awareness and Empowerment

In addition to the formation, the celebration included a creative session where children crafted posters reflecting the importance of **inclusion, awareness, and acceptance**. The posters served as vibrant visual expressions of the day’s theme and allowed the children to communicate their hopes and voices.

Educators at Sabin Pathway Home also led interactive awareness sessions to teach the children about **the value of saving resources** like water and electricity — connecting the idea of sustainable living with responsible, inclusive citizenship.

Theme Highlight: “End the Stereotypes”

This year’s WDSD theme, “End the Stereotypes,” focused on challenging the outdated perceptions that often limit opportunities for individuals with Down Syndrome. The celebration at Sabin Pathway Home echoed this call to action by:

- Encouraging self-expression and confidence among the children,
- Promoting public awareness about inclusion,





- And showing the world that **every person is more than a label or diagnosis** — they are talented, capable, and deserving of recognition.

A Day to Remember

The event was a meaningful reminder that **acceptance begins with awareness**, and that **celebrating our differences only makes us stronger as a community**. Sabin Pathway Home proudly stands as a space where love, education, and empowerment come together — one child at a time.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Celebrating the Strength and Spirit of Womanhood

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the atmosphere at Sabin Pathway Home was filled with joy, creativity, and heartfelt appreciation. The children, guided by the staff, organized a vibrant and meaningful celebration to honor the extraordinary contributions of women in their lives and in society.

The theme of this year's celebration centered around empowerment, gratitude, and respect for women from all walks of life. With great enthusiasm, the children participated in various activities to make the day memorable.

Creative Expressions of Gratitude

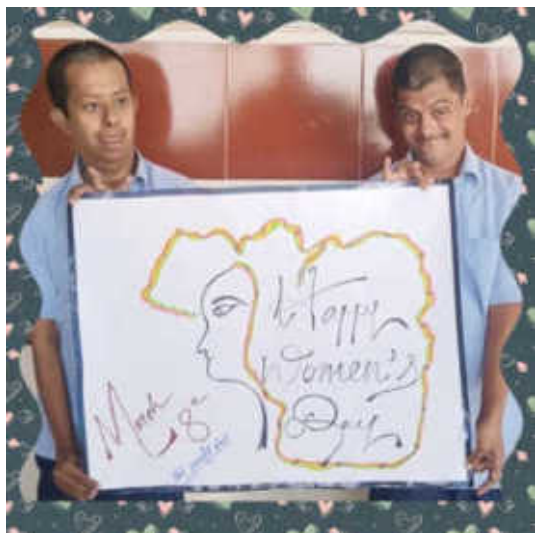


One of the highlights of the celebration was the beautiful display of hand-made posters and charts created by the children. Using colorful paper, sketches, glitter, and heartfelt words, the children designed visuals that celebrated the strength, kindness, resilience, and love of women.

Each chart carried messages such as:

- *"You are Strong. You are Special. You are a Woman!"*
- *"Happy Women's Day to all the amazing women who inspire us every day."*
- *"Empowered Women Empower the World."*
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These posters were displayed proudly across the home, creating a cheerful and uplifting environment.



A Loud and Clear Message of Love and Respect

Standing in front of their posters, the children came together to deliver a collective message — loud, clear, and full of joy:

"Happy Women's Day to all the wonderful women in the world!"

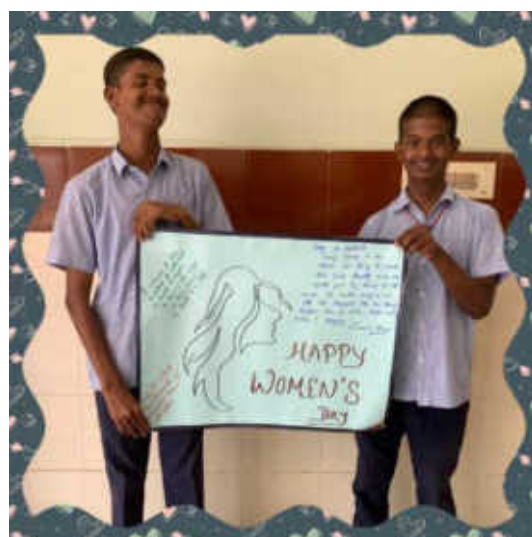
This unified message was not just a greeting but a reflection of the values nurtured at Sabin Pathway Home — respect, inclusion, and gratitude.

The celebration also extended to the women who play a vital role in the lives of the children — including caregivers, teachers, staff members, and volunteers. The children thanked them personally and expressed their appreciation with warm smiles and handmade notes.

It was a touching moment to see the joy on the faces of the women who have dedicated themselves to nurturing and guiding the children. Their efforts and sacrifices were recognized and honored with sincere affection and admiration.

The Women's Day celebration at Sabin Pathway Home was not only a tribute to women but also a learning experience for the children — helping them understand the value of equality, compassion, and respect. It reminded everyone that honoring women should not be limited to one day, but practiced every day in thoughts, words, and actions.

With colorful posters in hand and love in their hearts, the children made this Women's Day truly special — celebrating the incredible women who continue to change lives forever.



FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION 2025

HONORING DEDICATION, EMPOWERING FUTURES

On **March 29, 2025**, the **Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust** organized a heartfelt **Staff Welfare Event** to mark the **Founder's Day** at the Pathway campus, located at No. 1 Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad Street, Agili Village, Madhurantakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District – 603 319.



This significant occasion was dedicated to **honoring our most committed staff members**, who have devoted decades of service as special educators, teachers, grassroots workers, agricultural laborers, and support staff. These individuals are the unsung heroes who form the backbone of our organization, working tirelessly to uplift vulnerable communities and enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Recognizing their unwavering commitment is not only a gesture of gratitude but also a celebration of the values that Pathway upholds—**compassion, resilience, service, and excellence**. These recognitions serve to motivate their peers and inspire younger generations entering the field of social work. By acknowledging their efforts, we reaffirm the importance of community service and the essential role these professionals play in building a more inclusive and supportive society.

Inauguration of Solar-Powered Water Pump

Symbol of Sustainability and Vision

As part of the Founder's Day celebration, a **Solar-Powered Water Pump** was inaugurated—an initiative that reflects Pathway India's enduring commitment to sustainability and self-reliance. This eco-friendly infrastructure ensures **continuous access to clean and safe water** for the children and residents of the campus, even in remote rural settings where electricity can be inconsistent.



The pump, powered entirely by solar energy, represents a **green solution to water management**, reducing dependency on conventional power sources and lowering our carbon footprint. It not only supports daily needs such as cooking, drinking, hygiene, and agricultural use, but also **demonstrates**



to our children the practical applications of renewable energy, embedding early lessons in environmental responsibility.

This innovative step was inaugurated by **Mr. Amit Sachdeva**, widely known as the **CSR Man of India**, who graced the event as **Chief Guest**. His presence signified the growing importance of corporate social responsibility in addressing grassroots challenges.

The event was further dignified by the presence of:

- **Mr. A. Joseph Xavier**, Retired Assistant Director from the Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Abled Persons, as **Guest of Honour**, and
- **Mr. Joseph D. Ravi**, Retired District Disabled Rehabilitation Officer, also from the same Commissionerate, as an **Honored Guest**.



The inauguration took place in the esteemed presence of the **Board of Trustees of the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust**.



A Tribute to a Visionary: Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad

The Heart and Soul Behind Pathway India

The Founder's Day is also a time to reflect upon and honor the extraordinary life and legacy of **Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad**, the visionary who laid the foundation for **Pathway India**. A man of boundless compassion, humility, and determination, Dr. Prasad dedicated his life to the upliftment of



those in need. He was more than a founder—he was a mentor, guide, and a beacon of hope for thousands.

Dr. Prasad firmly believed in the transformative power of **education, healthcare, and empowerment**. His journey was shaped by an acute awareness of the hardships faced by marginalized communities. He channeled this empathy into action, launching initiatives that created meaningful opportunities and restored dignity to countless lives.

His leadership was marked by foresight and an unwavering belief in **long-term, sustainable solutions**. Through Pathway, he built bridges between communities and created a space where children and adults with special needs could learn, thrive, and lead dignified lives. His legacy is not just found in buildings or programs, but in the spirit of every individual empowered through Pathway's work.

Dr. Prasad's unique ability to connect deeply with people, regardless of background or ability, made him an irreplaceable pillar of strength. His values—**justice, equality, humility, and service**—continue to guide every decision and direction Pathway takes today.

Carrying the Torch Forward

As we celebrate Founder's Day, we do so with profound respect and admiration for Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad. His vision lives on in every classroom, every field, and every joyful smile that lights up our campus. We are committed to continuing his mission, embracing innovation while staying grounded in the core values he held dear.



His memory is etched in our hearts, and through our collective efforts, **his dream of a just, compassionate, and inclusive society remains very much alive.**



Pathway India – Changing Lives Forever

*Empowering individuals.
Transforming communities. Honoring legacies.*

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**PAMELA MARTINEZ –
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**SABIN - PATHWAY
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WITH INTELLECTUAL
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HONORING A LEGACY- SERVING THE COMMUNITY



On March 22, 2025, the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust - Pathway conducted a free medical camp in Saravambakkam Village as a heartfelt tribute to Dr. ADSN Prasad, honoring his legacy of compassionate healthcare and community service. The event was presided over by Dr. Chandra Prasad, Co-founder and Director of Pathway, with participation from local leaders, including Mrs. S. Kumudhamudrai, President of Chithamur Village, Mr. Sivakumar, President of Saravambakkam Village, Mr. Suresh, Vice President of Saravambakkam Village, Mr. Sivakumar, President of Polambakkam Village, and Mr. Muthu, Vice President of Chithamur.

The camp brought together a dedicated team of medical professionals, including Dr. M. Mano Prakash, Dr. S. Aruna, Dr. S. Dinesh Kumar, Dr. Gayathiri, speech therapists Ms. Anjanaa, physiotherapists Mrs. Pavithra Arjunan, Mrs. Sumathi Easwaran (occupational therapist), Government Optometrist Mr. S. Vijayaraghavan, ophthalmic technicians, and psychologist Mrs. Poornima. They were joined by the





Pathway medical team in delivering much-needed healthcare to the people of Saravambakkam, Chithamur, and Polambakkam villages.

More than 300 patients benefited from the free medical services, including eye screenings, identification of cataract surgery candidates, diabetes screenings, speech therapy, dental care, and psychological counseling. Preliminary tests for cataract surgeries were conducted, and the surgeries were scheduled for the following week.

Held on the birth anniversary of Dr. ADSN Prasad, the camp served as a tribute to his lifelong dedication to improving healthcare access and serving underserved communities. The event was held in Saravambakkam, a semi-rural village on the outskirts of Chennai, where access to quality healthcare remains limited despite its proximity to the city.

Comprehensive Healthcare Services Delivered with Compassion

The camp provided a broad range of essential healthcare services to address both immediate and long-term needs, including:

- Diabetes screenings and management advice, addressing the growing prevalence of lifestyle-related diseases.
- Speech therapy consultations for individuals with communication challenges.
- Dental screenings and oral health education.
- Physiotherapy services for pain management and mobility issues, particularly for elderly patients.



- Psychological counseling and mental health support, recognizing the importance of holistic well-being.

Each patient was treated with care and respect, reflecting the values of empathy and dignity upheld by Dr. Prasad throughout his life. As Dr. D. Rao, Trust Representative, shared, *“True service lies in reaching the ones who need it most. This camp is our way of continuing Dr. Prasad’s mission to heal and uplift.”*

A Collaborative Effort for Community Well-being

The success of the camp was made possible by the collective efforts of doctors, therapists, nurses, volunteers, and administrative staff. Their dedication turned the camp into a place of healing and hope, ensuring that quality care reached those who needed it most. In recognition of their hard work, mementos were presented to all medical professionals and volunteers who contributed their time and expertise.



Carrying Forward a Vision: Changing Lives Forever

The Free Medical Camp at Saravambakkam is part of the ongoing mission of the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust to bring healthcare directly to underserved communities. This initiative embodies Dr. Prasad’s vision, proving that true legacy is not measured by words but by meaningful action.

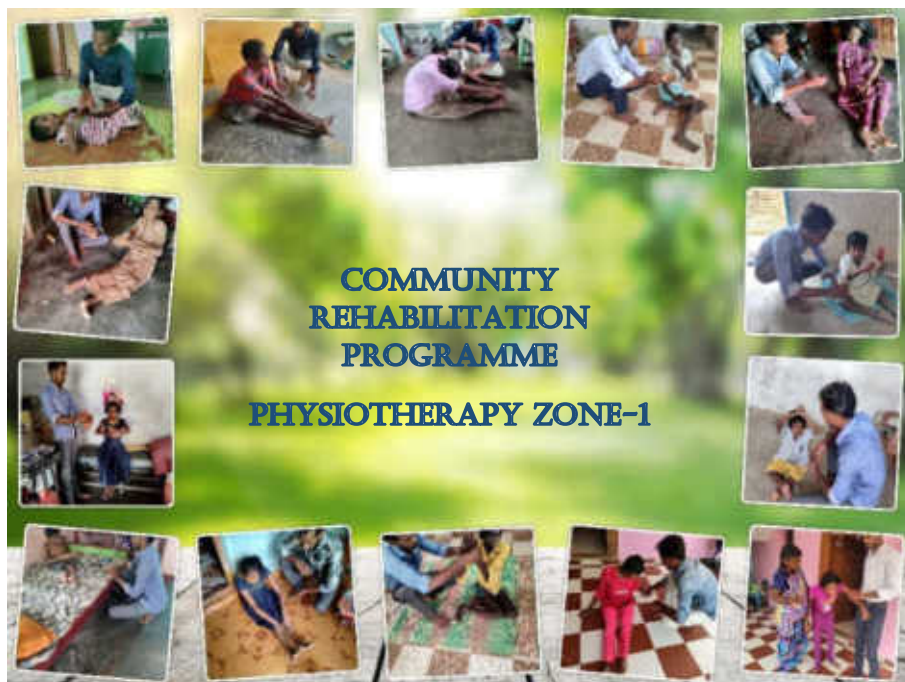
As Muhammad Ali once said, *“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”* By fostering health, hope, and dignity in Saravambakkam and beyond, the Trust continues to change lives—one person, one family, and one community at a time.

COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAM- 2024-2025

According to WHO, Rehabilitation is defined as “a set of interventions designed to optimize functioning and reduce disability in individuals with health conditions in interaction with their environment”. As highlighted in the Preamble, access to rehabilitation is essential for people with disabilities to achieve their highest attainable level of health. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Article 26, calls for “appropriate measures, including through peer support, to enable persons with disabilities to attain and maintain maximum independence, full physical, mental, social and vocational ability and full inclusion and participation in all aspects of life.” Why implement CBR? As per WHO they have outlined the reasons as shown below-



There are many Benefits to people with disabilities and their families in the following manner - Addresses impairment, improves functioning and independence, and promotes participation of all people on an



equal basis. Empowers people with disabilities to make informed decisions, attain their goals and understand their individual rights. Enhances the quality of life of people with disabilities and their caregivers by addressing gaps in basic needs.

Regarding the Benefits to the community they explained that -

Builds awareness of the diversity within the community, including diversity in functioning of

people with disabilities, older persons and children. Fosters more positive attitudes towards people with disabilities, and develops a greater understanding of disability, rights and the importance of equity so that no one is left behind when community development activities occur. Focuses on local service systems, local resources and local practical solutions to real barriers that exist for people with disabilities and their caregivers with respect to access to services and participation in society.

Promotes inclusion of all people, particularly those with disabilities, in local decision-making, governance and resource allocation. Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) is a holistic approach to rehabilitation that aims to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families. It

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



Zone-2

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

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

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



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

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

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

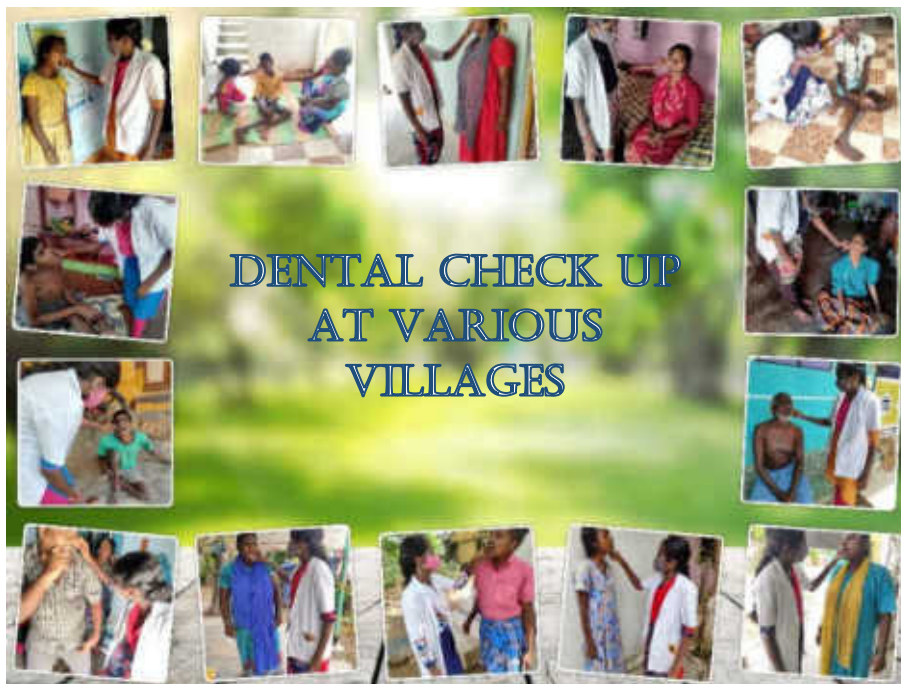
We at Pathway has a primary motive to offer services to the needy people as well as to create awareness among them. Every beneficiary selected has been provided with medical care such as Physio care and



Dental care. Our health professionals routinely monitor the beneficiaries and offers the required services to the beneficiaries. We also support them by providing provision, medical need, and basic personal necessities. The CBR outreach team treats with patients with disability on various conditions like Intellectual Disability (developmental delay), Locomotor disability (Polio, Cerebral palsy) etc. Rehabilitation is for people who have lost abilities that they need for daily life.

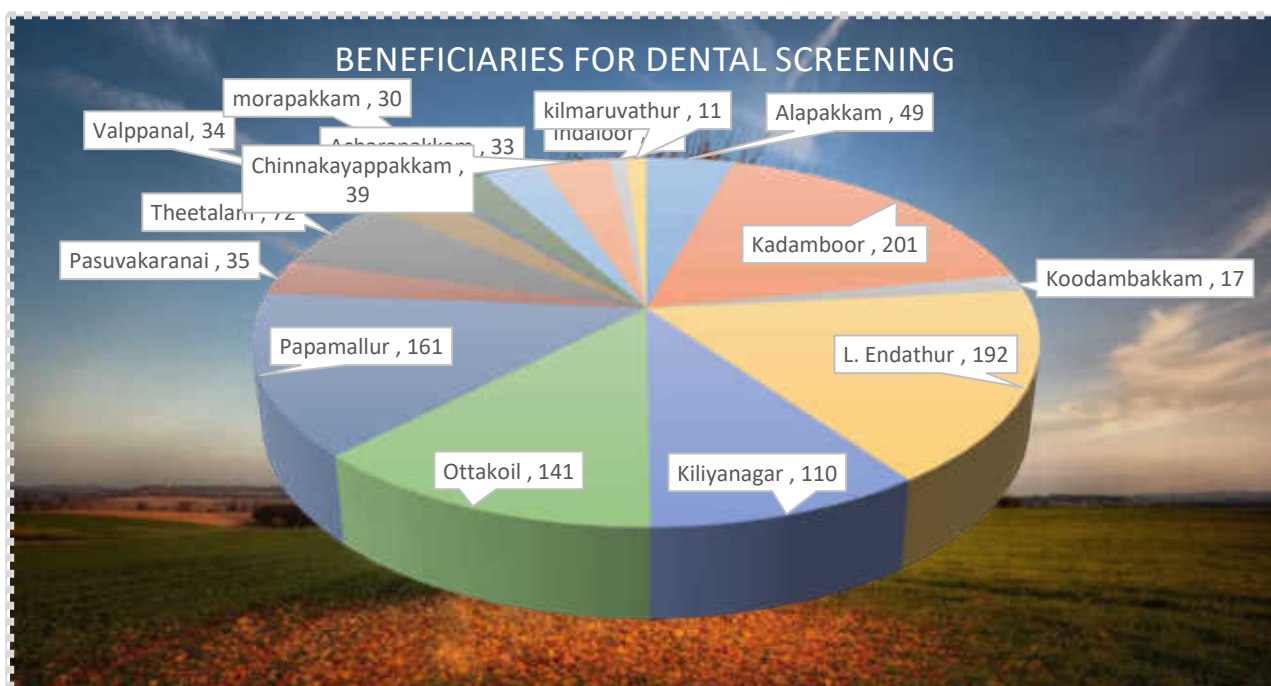
The overall goal of rehabilitation is to help you get your abilities back and regain independence. But the specific goals are different for each person. They depend on what caused the problem, whether the cause is ongoing or temporary, which abilities you lost, and how severe the problem is. The benefit of rehabilitation can reduce the impact of a broad range of health conditions, including diseases (acute or chronic), illness or injuries. It can also complement other health

interventions, such as medical and surgical interventions, helping to achieve the best outcome possible. The services provided by the CBR outreach team finds to be the successful and a satisfactory move to the beneficiaries as they were getting the health care services on their doorstep with free of cost. The beneficiaries find it as the most reliable method, as they were getting health care services easily and a bond of trust is formed between the health care worker and the beneficiary. This allows us to serve and reach out the most needy and disadvantaged group. By the word of mouth, our hands to the needy's reaching at the right time and So our mission of doing services to the needy continues with their complete trust and fulfilment. Every beneficiary selected has been assisted with the required therapies which are being continued. Their families are supported by way of provision, medical need, and basic personal necessities covering more than 200.



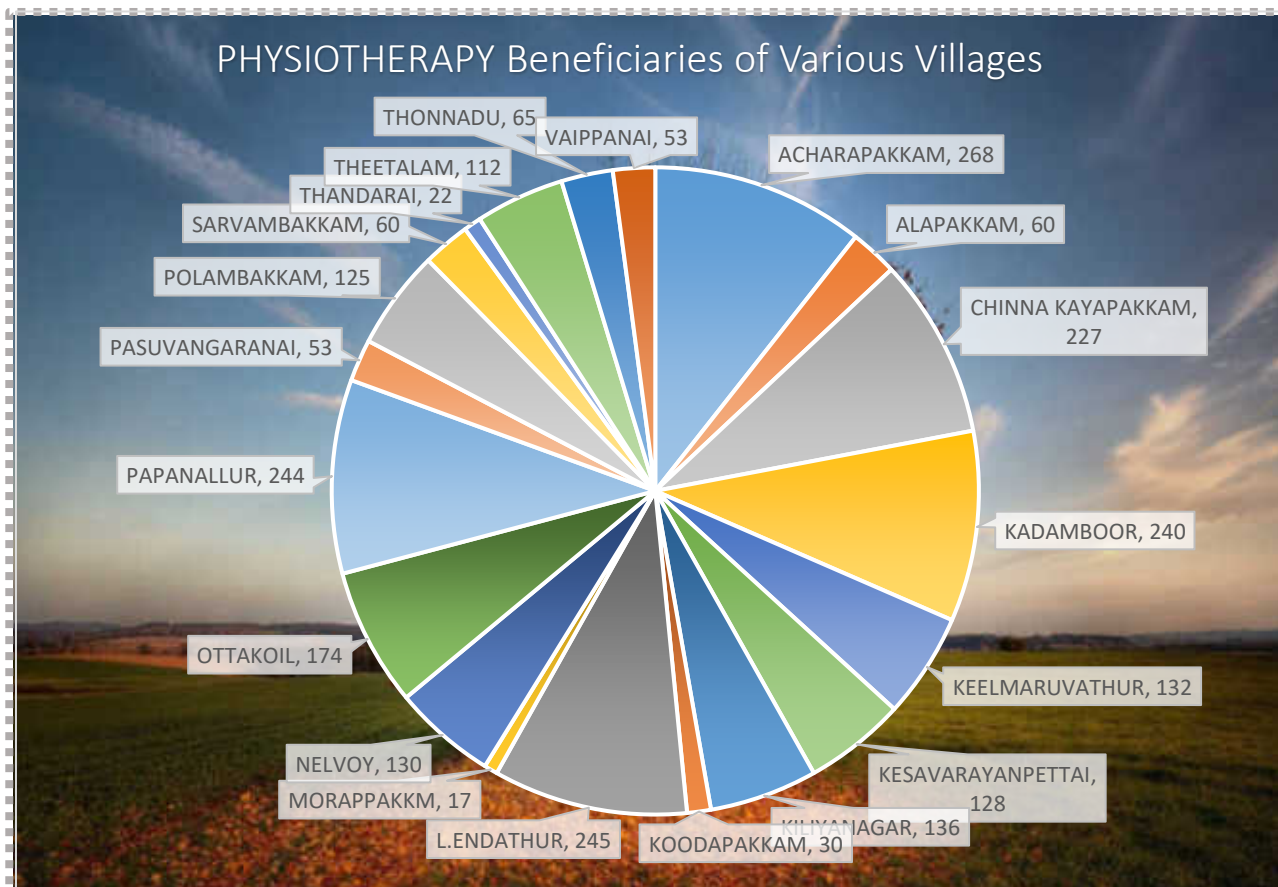
We at Pathway are committed to uplifting and providing the best in the education and rehabilitation process. Globally, about 2.4 billion people are currently living with a health condition that may benefit from rehabilitation. With changes taking place in the health and characteristics of the population worldwide, this estimated need for rehabilitation is only going to increase in the coming years. People are living longer, with the number of people over 60 years of age predicted to double by 2050, and more people are living with chronic diseases such as diabetes, stroke and cancer. At the same time,





the ongoing incidence of injury and child developmental conditions (such as cerebral palsy) persist. These health conditions can impact an individual's functioning and are linked to increased levels of disability, for which rehabilitation can be beneficial.

In actual terms rehabilitation helps a child, adult or older person to be as independent as possible in everyday activities and enables participation in education, work, recreation and meaningful life roles such



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

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

Rehabilitation is highly person-centered, meaning that the interventions and approach selected for each individual depends on their goals and preferences. Rehabilitation can be provided in many different settings, from inpatient or outpatient hospital settings, to private clinics, or community settings such as an individual's home. Our rehabilitation workforce is made up of different health workers, like physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and audiologists, clinical psychologists, doctors and nurses. The benefits of Rehabilitation can reduce the impact of a broad range of health conditions, including diseases (acute or chronic), illnesses or injuries. It can also complement other health interventions, such as medical and surgical interventions, helping to achieve the best outcome possible.

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



AGRICULTURE

PADDY CULTIVATION AND METHODOLOGY ADOPTED

Paddy cultivation is one of the most ancient and significant agricultural activities in India, forming the staple food base for much of the population. At the DR Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust campus, paddy cultivation is not only a means of food production but also an educational and therapeutic activity that engages the children at Sabin Home.

Land Preparation

The process begins with thorough land preparation. The fields are ploughed deeply to break up the soil and levelled properly to ensure uniform water distribution. Organic manure and compost are added to enrich the soil, promoting healthier crop growth without the use of harmful chemicals.

Seed Selection and Sowing

High-yielding and disease-resistant paddy seed varieties are selected based on local climate and soil conditions. Seeds are soaked and pre-germinated before being sown in a nursery bed. After 20–25 days, the healthy seedlings are ready for transplantation into the main field.

Transplantation



Once the fields are adequately irrigated, the young paddy seedlings are manually transplanted at appropriate spacing. This step is labor-intensive but essential for proper tillering and better yield. This task is typically carried out during early morning hours to avoid direct sun stress on the young plants.

Irrigation and Water Management

Paddy is a water-intensive crop. Fields are kept flooded for most of the growing period, which helps suppress weeds and support proper root development.

However, controlled irrigation methods like alternate wetting and drying (AWD) are sometimes practiced to conserve water.

Weeding and Fertilization

Regular weeding is carried out either manually or using simple tools. Natural and organic fertilizers such as compost and vermicompost are used to avoid synthetic inputs and promote sustainable agriculture.

Pest and Disease Control

At present, the Trust adopts basic, minimal-intervention methods for pest and disease management in paddy cultivation. In cases of significant pest presence, simple and traditional measures—such as manual removal of affected plants or basic safe chemical applications in consultation with local agricultural officers—are employed to manage the situation and protect the crop.

The Trust is actively exploring more sustainable and eco-friendly practices for future implementation, aiming to reduce chemical dependency while maintaining healthy crop yields.

Harvesting and Post-Harvest Processing

After 100–120 days, when the grains turn golden yellow and the moisture content is optimal, the crop is harvested manually using sickles. The harvested paddy is then dried, threshed, winnowed, and stored carefully for future consumption.

Contribution of the Sabin Children in Paddy Cultivation

One of the most heartwarming aspects of the cultivation process at the Trust is the active involvement of the children from Sabin Home. These children, many of whom are differently-abled or come from underprivileged backgrounds, participate in farming activities as part of life skill training, vocational education, and therapeutic engagement.

Active Participation and Learning

- The children assist in nursery bed preparation, transplantation, and watering of the crops.
- Guided by staff and caregivers, they learn about the importance of soil health, sustainable practices, and teamwork.
- They take part in weeding, harvesting, and even help in drying and winnowing activities, gaining a sense of accomplishment and independence.



Therapeutic and Educational Impact

- Involvement in paddy cultivation helps the children develop motor skills, concentration, and a deep connection to nature.
- It fosters confidence, responsibility, and joy, especially when they see the fruits of their labour in the form of rice grains used in their daily meals.
- The process also promotes inclusivity, where children work side-by-side regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities.

A Model of Inclusive Agriculture

The integration of Sabin children into the agricultural practices of the Trust is a unique model of inclusive, therapeutic farming. It not only supports the Trust's mission of sustainability and self-reliance but also reinforces the value of dignity and purpose in every child's life. In conclusion, the paddy cultivation initiative at DR Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust is more than just an agricultural endeavor—it is a beautiful convergence of nature, education, therapy, and empowerment, made more meaningful by the hands and hearts of the children at Sabin Home.

THE STORY OF OUR OKRA GARDEN (LADY'S FINGER)

At the heart of the Pathway Agro Farm, where life blooms with purpose, a humble yet vibrant green patch tells a remarkable story — the story of our Okra (Lady's Finger) garden. Lovingly nurtured by the children of Sabin, this garden is more than just a source of fresh produce — it is a field of empowerment, inclusion, and growth.

The journey began with preparing the soil under the summer sun, where Sabin children, guided by their caregivers and mentors, took up the task of sowing okra seeds. With keen eyes and gentle hands, they carefully placed each seed into the rich, red earth — a moment filled with pride and anticipation. As the weeks passed, green shoots emerged, reaching toward the sky, and the children watched in wonder as the plants they had nurtured began to flourish.



Daily, the children took responsibility for watering the plants, removing weeds, and checking for pests. They worked in teams, learning not only about agriculture but also about teamwork, responsibility, and patience. The joy of seeing the

first tender pods appear was unmatched — their faces lit up with excitement, proof of the impact of their efforts.

Harvest time brought an extra sense of celebration. With baskets in hand, the Sabin children carefully plucked the bright green okra, their eyes gleaming with satisfaction. Every pod held a story of care, learning, and determination. The harvest was shared among the staff, the children's canteen, and the local community — a meaningful gesture of sharing the fruits of their labor.

This green venture is not just about cultivating vegetables. It is about cultivating confidence, self-worth, and life skills. At Pathway Agro Farm, every seed sown by the Sabin children is a seed of hope — changing lives forever, one harvest at a time.



PLANTING HOPE – LONG BEANS CULTIVATION

In the rich red soil of our farm, the lush green tendrils of long beans (Karamani) rise with vitality—nurtured not only by nature but also by the hands and hearts of Sabin children, who are part of our inclusive community at DR Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust.

The Art of Growing Long Beans



Long beans, locally known as Karamani, thrive in warm climates with well-drained loamy soil. The cultivation



process begins with sowing seeds in raised beds or mounds, usually during the summer and monsoon seasons. At Sabin, children engage directly in the entire farming cycle—from preparing the soil, planting, staking, to harvesting.



Guided by experienced caretakers and instructors, the children learn the discipline of organic farming. The process becomes more than agriculture—it is a tool for life skills, teamwork, responsibility, and self-worth.

Nutritional Powerhouse

Karamani is not just easy to grow—it is a nutrient-dense vegetable:

- High in fiber, aiding digestion.
- Rich in proteins, especially for vegetarian diets.
- Contains essential vitamins (A, C, and B-complex).
- Provides iron, magnesium, and calcium, supporting overall growth and immunity.

Regular inclusion of long beans in meals can help manage blood sugar, improve heart health, and boost energy levels.



The Benefits of Cultivation at Sabin

For the children at Sabin, cultivating long beans is a deeply transformative experience. It empowers them through:

- Sensory and therapeutic engagement with nature.
- Improved motor skills and hand-eye coordination.
- Instilled environmental awareness and self-reliance.
- Boosted confidence through visible outcomes—watching something grow from seed to harvest.

The joy on their faces during harvest, as seen in the images above, is a reflection of pride and purpose. Every pod plucked is not just food—it's a product of love, learning, and inclusion.



CULTIVATING TRADITIONAL GREENS

At Pathway Farm, the cultivation of traditional leafy greens is not just an agricultural practice but also an inspiring journey of learning and inclusion. The children and young adults from Sabin Home actively participate in growing a variety of native greens such as *Amaranthus* (thandu keerai), *Amaranthus dubius* (arakeerai), *Palak* (spinach), *Pulicha keerai* (gongura), and *Sigappu thandu keerai* (red stem amaranth). These greens are rich in nutrients and play a vital role in the daily diet of the children.

The process begins with sowing, where the children prepare the land by loosening the soil and spreading organic compost. They sow seeds carefully by hand, scattering them evenly and covering them with a light layer of soil. They are taught about seed depth, spacing, and moisture requirements as part of their daily routine on the farm. Watering is done gently to avoid disturbing the seeds, and regular attention is given to weed control using simple tools and hand-weeding methods.



Amaranthus (Thandu Keerai)

Amaranthus, locally known as *Thandu Keerai*, is a highly nutritious leafy green commonly grown at Pathway Farm. It is rich in vitamins A, C, and iron, making it an excellent choice for strengthening children's immune systems and promoting healthy growth. The leaves and tender stems are tender and flavorful, often used in soups, stir-fries, and traditional dishes. Cultivating *Thandu Keerai* teaches children about fast-growing crops and sustainable farming.

Amaranthus dubius (Arakeerai)

Arakeerai is a variant of amaranth with broad, bright green leaves and a slightly earthy taste. It is cherished for its high protein content and antioxidants, supporting the nutritional needs of growing children. The plant adapts well to different soil types and climate conditions, making it ideal for



hands-on learning in organic cultivation. Children at Pathway gain valuable skills in caring for this leafy vegetable, including pest management and soil health.

Palak (Spinach)

Palak or spinach is a popular leafy green known worldwide for its rich iron, calcium, and vitamin content. It grows quickly and thrives in the cooler months, providing a continual supply of fresh greens for the children's meals. Spinach cultivation at Pathway Farm involves teaching the children about germination, spacing, and careful watering techniques to ensure tender, healthy leaves. This green is integral to both nutrition and agricultural education.

Pulicha Keerai (Gongura)

Pulicha Keerai, commonly known as gongura, is a sour-tasting leafy green widely used in South Indian cuisine. It is rich in antioxidants and supports digestion and metabolism. Its unique flavor adds variety to the children's diet and connects them to traditional food heritage. Growing gongura allows the children to explore the role of different crops in local culture and cuisine, encouraging pride in native agricultural practices.

Sigappu Thandu Keerai (Red Stem Amaranth)

Sigappu Thandu Keerai is a vibrant red-stemmed variety of amaranth prized for its antioxidant properties and appealing color. This green offers a different taste and nutritional profile, helping diversify the children's diets. Its cultivation introduces the children to plant diversity and the importance of varied nutrition. Caring for this plant also enhances their understanding of plant morphology and growth cycles.

As the greens sprout and grow, the children engage in daily maintenance—removing weeds, checking for pests, and ensuring proper growth. They take great care in maintaining cleanliness and use organic pest management practices, learning the importance of eco-friendly agriculture. These greens typically grow rapidly and are ready for harvest within 25–30 days. Harvesting is a joyful time, where the children, with cheerful energy, pluck the greens early in the morning when the leaves are fresh and full of moisture.

After harvesting, the children assist in cleaning, bunching, and preparing the greens for kitchen use or for distribution. This post-harvest activity also helps them develop fine motor skills and team coordination. The experience of sowing, growing, and harvesting greens nurtures responsibility, patience, and pride in their contributions. The lush fields of green vegetables not only enhance the



landscape of Pathway but also stand as a testament to the children's abilities and the Trust's commitment to meaningful, hands-on learning.

Through such initiatives, Pathway successfully integrates nutrition, agriculture, and special education, fostering self-reliance and sustainability among the children of Sabin Home.

CLUSTER BEANS (GUAR) CULTIVATION



Cluster beans (*Cyamopsis tetragonoloba*), locally known as "Kothavarangai" in Tamil, are a highly nutritious legume grown for their tender pods, seeds, and as a green manure crop. At Pathway Farm, the cultivation of cluster beans has become both a productive agricultural activity and an enriching hands-on experience for the children of Sabin Home, who actively participate in the process from planting to harvest.

Cultivation Process

The crop thrives in well-drained red loamy soil, typical of the Pathway farmland in

Madurantakam. Cluster beans are sown during the warm months, ideally in late spring to early summer (May to July), coinciding with the start of the monsoon. Seeds are sown in lines with spacing of 30 cm between rows and about 10 cm between plants. Before sowing, farmyard manure is incorporated into the soil, and the beds are prepared to ensure proper drainage.

The seeds germinate within a week, and young plants like those shown in the image are healthy, upright, and rich green in color—an indication of proper spacing, timely watering, and a weed-free environment. The children at Sabin Home are engaged in various stages of the cultivation: they help in sprinkling water with small watering cans, participate in manual weeding using safe tools, and observe the growth stages as part of their educational farm calendar.

Cluster beans require minimal maintenance once established. The plants are drought-tolerant but benefit from occasional irrigation during dry spells. Children assist with mulching using dry grass and leaves to preserve soil moisture and prevent weed growth. Any pest problems such as aphids or leaf hoppers are managed through organic neem oil sprays, which the children help apply under

supervision. This stage is used to teach them about natural pest control methods and eco-friendly farming.

The harvesting process is an exciting time at the farm. Cluster beans are ready for harvest within 60–70 days of sowing. The pods are plucked while still tender and green. The Sabin children are involved in identifying mature pods, gently picking them by hand, sorting them into baskets, and helping weigh the harvest. This not only develops their understanding of food production but also fosters teamwork and pride in their efforts.



The harvested pods are used in the Pathway kitchens to prepare nutritious meals, reinforcing the farm-to-plate concept. Any excess is shared with nearby communities or sold, making the activity both educational and socially beneficial.

Cluster bean cultivation at Pathway is a model of inclusive and sustainable farming. Through their involvement in sowing, maintenance, and harvesting, Sabin children learn responsibility, ecology, and the joy of nurturing life. This initiative exemplifies how agriculture can be both productive and transformative for young minds.

BLACKGRAM CULTIVATION: SOWING TO HARVESTING

Blackgram (*Vigna mungo*), also known as urad dal, is a highly nutritious pulse crop widely cultivated across South India. It plays a key role in improving soil fertility through nitrogen fixation and offers a reliable source of income and protein for farmers. The crop grows well in tropical climates and is particularly suited for the rainfed and semi-irrigated conditions found in Tamil Nadu and other southern states.

Soil and Climate Requirements: Blackgram thrives best in well-drained loamy or clay loam soils rich in organic matter. It can tolerate drought conditions but performs best with moderate rainfall and



warm temperatures ranging between 25°C and 35°C. Fields should be ploughed 2–3 times to achieve a fine tilth before sowing, and incorporating compost or farmyard manure helps boost soil health and crop productivity.

The ideal time for sowing blackgram in South India is between June and July during the onset of the monsoon for the Kharif season, and between September and October for the Rabi season in irrigated conditions. Seeds are treated with *Rhizobium* and *Trichoderma* to improve germination and disease resistance. Sowing is generally done in rows spaced 30 cm apart, with 10 cm between plants. The seed rate is approximately 10–12 kg per acre, and the seeds are sown at a depth of 3–4 cm

either manually or with seed drills.

Blackgram requires minimal irrigation and is typically grown as a rainfed crop. However, if rainfall is irregular, light irrigation during flowering and pod formation stages enhances yield. Regular weeding is necessary, especially during the first 30 days of growth. The crop is often intercropped with cereals like maize or millets to maximize land use. Pests such as pod borers and aphids, and diseases like powdery mildew, can be managed using neem oil sprays or appropriate biological control methods.

Blackgram is ready for harvest in 70 to 80 days after sowing. The crop is harvested when most of the pods turn black and dry, but before they start shattering. Plants are cut or uprooted and left to dry in the sun for a few days. Threshing is done manually or with mechanical threshers to separate the seeds. After cleaning and drying, the seeds are stored in dry, airtight containers to maintain quality. On average, under good management, the yield can range from 300 to 400 kg per acre.

Blackgram is an ideal short-duration crop that contributes to soil enrichment, supports intercropping systems, and provides high nutritional



value. Its cultivation is both sustainable and rewarding, making it a vital component of South Indian agriculture.

GROUNDNUT CULTIVATION AS VOCATIONAL TRAINING



Groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea*), also known as peanut, is an important oilseed crop grown in many parts of the world for its nutritional and economic value. Beyond its role in agriculture, groundnut farming can serve as a meaningful and therapeutic vocational training activity—especially when integrated into special education programs. The Sabin Pathway, which supports special children, has successfully introduced groundnut cultivation as

part of its vocational training curriculum, offering these children both skill development and confidence-building through hands-on experience.

1. Land Preparation

Groundnut cultivation begins with land preparation. The field must be ploughed and leveled properly to ensure good seedbed conditions. This stage involves removing weeds, breaking up clods, and applying compost or organic manure to enrich the soil.

Sabin Pathway Children's Role:

Under the supervision of trainers, the special children participated by observing and assisting in basic land preparation tasks. With guidance, they were introduced to the tools and machinery used, and some helped mark the sowing lines, learning through a sensory and visual approach that emphasized tactile interaction and cooperative effort.





2. Sowing Seeds

Groundnut seeds are sown using either a manual method or seed drill machines. Proper spacing and depth are essential to ensure good germination.

In this stage, children actively engaged in the sowing process by pouring seeds into the seed drill attached to a tractor. With encouragement and guidance, they took turns assisting in the operation, which offered them a sense of achievement and promoted fine motor skills,

coordination, and the ability to follow step-by-step instructions.

3. Crop Management

During growth, the groundnut crop requires regular attention through irrigation, weeding, and protection from pests and diseases. This stage ensures healthy pod development and a successful yield.

The children were taught to observe the plants' growth and recognize basic signs of healthy development. With support, they helped with light tasks such as watering and learning about natural pest control methods. These activities were simplified to suit each child's ability, turning farm maintenance into an interactive, educational process.

4. Harvesting Awareness

Groundnuts are harvested approximately 3 to 4 months after sowing. The plants are uprooted and the pods separated and dried before use. While the actual harvest may occur later, the children were introduced to the concept of harvesting through visual aids, sample pods, and explanation sessions. They gained an understanding of how seeds turn into crops and the satisfaction of seeing the result of their work.

5. Educational and Emotional Impact

The agricultural experience gave the Sabin Pathway children more than vocational skills—it provided them with a sense of inclusion, purpose, and emotional fulfillment. Working in the open fields, cooperating with peers, and interacting with trainers helped boost their confidence and social abilities.

This program nurtures:

Motor skills development through hands-on tasks

Sensory stimulation through touch, smell, and observation of plants and soil

Cognitive growth by following structured processes

Social interaction and teamwork in a real-world environment

The groundnut cultivation project under the Sabin Pathway vocational training initiative demonstrates the transformative power of inclusive agricultural education. By participating in each step of the process—from sowing to crop care—special children gain skills, independence, and joy, proving that with the right support, every child can thrive and contribute meaningfully to society.

MANGOES – THE KING OF FRUITS



Mangoes are not just delicious—they are a powerhouse of nutrition and cultural richness. Known as the “King of Fruits,” mangoes are loved globally for their juicy, aromatic flesh and sweet, tropical flavor. They are a rich source of vitamin C, vitamin A, fiber, and antioxidants, supporting immunity, eye health, digestion, and skin glow. Mangoes also contain enzymes that aid digestion and natural sugars that provide instant energy.

Whether eaten fresh, blended into juice, or added to culinary dishes, mangoes offer both taste and health. At Pathway Agro Farm, we proudly cultivate nine unique varieties of mangoes, each with its own character, flavor, and legacy.

1. Sendura

The Sendura mango, named for its vibrant reddish blush like vermilion (sindoor), is a medium-sized, fiberless mango known for its early ripening and exceptional sweetness. Its soft pulp makes it ideal for table consumption. This variety is a local favorite during the start of mango season.

2. Banganapalli

Also known as Benishan, this is one of the most famous mangoes of South India. It is large, golden-yellow, and elongated in shape. With a firm, non-





fibrous flesh, Banganapalli has a sweet and slightly tangy taste, making it ideal for fresh consumption and juice. It has excellent shelf life and transportability.

3. Thotapuri

Thotapuri mangoes are easily recognized by their distinct beak-like tip. Unlike other sweet mangoes, Thotapuri has a mildly tangy and less sugary taste. It is widely used for making pickles, raw mango recipes, and

juice. The skin is thin, and the pulp is relatively firm and fibrous.

4. Rumani

A highly aromatic mango with soft, juicy pulp and a blend of sweet and sour flavors, Rumani is a treasured regional variety. Its greenish-yellow skin and luscious taste make it a summer delicacy, best enjoyed fresh or in traditional chutneys and salads.

5. Imam Pasand

Also called Himapasand, this is considered a royal mango and is often referred to as the "Mango of the Nawabs." Known for its rich aroma, buttery texture, and complex sweet flavor, Imam Pasand has a thin skin and no fiber. It is a premium variety cherished by mango connoisseurs.

6. Neelam

A late-season mango with a deep yellow hue and a distinct floral aroma, Neelam is smaller in size but big on flavor. Its firm pulp and balanced sweetness make it ideal for both fresh consumption and preservation.

It's particularly popular for its shelf stability and use in export.





7. Chakkarakatti

As the name suggests ("sugar cube" in Tamil), Chakkarakatti mangoes are extremely sweet, compact, and often round in shape. They are prized for their intense sugary taste and small seed, making them perfect for eating whole or as dessert fruit. It's a nostalgic variety loved in rural households.

8. Pithari

Pithari is a traditional and

rare mango variety, recognized for its spicy-sweet flavor profile and firm flesh. Often used in pickles, chutneys, or eaten fresh, it carries a heritage value and is a prized fruit in many local cuisines. Its unique taste is both refreshing and memorable.

9. Malgova

Malgova is a large, round, and juicy mango with a buttery texture and sweet, aromatic flavor. It is popular across South India, known for its rich pulp and minimal fiber. Malgova is ideal for making mango pulp, desserts, milkshakes, and is a favorite among mango lovers for its superior taste.

THE SWEET STORY OF SAPODILLA (CHIKKU)

Among the many fruits grown at Pathway Agro Farm, the Sapodilla, fondly known as Chikku, holds a special place. This small, brown, rustic-looking fruit hides a treasure of sweet, grainy pulp inside—reminiscent of brown sugar and honey. Thriving in our warm climate and well-drained soil, chikku trees are known for their resilience and consistent yield. The fruits are harvested once they mature fully on the tree, requiring a keen eye and gentle hands—something our Sabin children took on with great care and joy this year.

This year's chikku harvest was not just a farming task—it became a celebration of inclusion, empowerment, and gratitude. The children of Sabin Home, many of whom are differently-abled, participated actively in identifying ripe fruits, gently picking them from the trees, and helping sort and clean the harvest. Through this hands-on experience, they not only learned valuable agricultural practices but also developed a deeper connection with nature. It was a moment of pride to see their smiles as they held up their baskets filled with fresh chikku—each fruit symbolizing their effort and teamwork.

The harvested sapodillas were then generously distributed to our dedicated staff members and extended to the local community around our farm. By sharing the fruit of our land, we also shared the values we stand for—compassion, inclusion, and community welfare. For many, this simple act



of receiving fresh farm-grown chikku created joy and appreciation, turning a harvest into a heartwarming memory.

Nutritionally, chikku is a powerhouse of natural sugars, fiber, and essential minerals like iron, potassium, and calcium. It supports digestive health, boosts immunity, and serves as a healthy energy source for children and adults alike. Consumed fresh or made into smoothies and desserts, it is a fruit that delights every generation.

The chikku harvest at Pathway Agro Farm is not merely an agricultural event—it is a reflection of our mission: to nurture lives, foster inclusive participation, and celebrate the joy of giving back to the community.





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

- ◆ Dr. Chandra Prasad, our esteemed Director and Co-Founder, has been honored with the prestigious **“COMMUNITY STAR AWARD” BY RBL BANK**. This award is a recognition of her tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to transforming lives through education, empowerment, and community service.
- ◆ “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust – Pathway” has been recognized as one of **“INDIA'S MOST TRUSTED NGO'S TO WORK WITH”** in the category of Community Engagement Support for Intellectual Disabilities! on the 12th November 2024 at Hotel Radisson Blu, Andheri East, Mumbai by esteemed jury members of Talent Value Media
- ◆ Dr. Chandra Prasad, Director, General Secretary, and Co-Founder of PATHWAY, has been honored with the ASSOCHAM Southern Region **HR TRAILBLAZER AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD - 2024**. The award ceremony took place on June 13, 2024, in Bangalore. The prestigious award was presented by the Chief Guest, Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. B.V. Naidu, Chairman of Karnataka Digital Economy Mission, Government of Karnataka, Mr. T.R. Parasuraman, Chairman of ASSOCHAM Karnataka State Development Council & Executive Advisor, and Mr. Augustus Azariah, Chairman of ASSOCHAM Southern Region.
- ◆ **LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** by Puthia Vanigam Publications was conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2024 on 7th January. The principal and PRO of Pathway Chennai too were honored under the category by them



- ◆ **FAME TIMES INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS (FTIEA)** recognizes people who are making considerable contributions around the world and in corporate social, economic fields with their hard and genuine work. We bring together corporates, individuals, entrepreneurs, businessmen, activists, professionals, educationists, and various fields on a common platform and honour them for their extraordinary work & achievements with FTIEA International Awards through various categories in the presence of World's Top Dignitaries, Celebrities & International Media's. The Jury board of the FTIEA - Fame Times International Excellence Awards - presented Dr CHANDRA PRASAD of DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST with the "LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD " at Concord Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 27th of October 2023.
- ◆ Brand Honchos Media through an extensive research on 250+ Indian NGOs from pan India found our NGO eligible for the Most Prestigious Title of **“TOP 20 MOST TRUSTED NGO'S OF THE YEAR 2023”**, felicitated **“PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABLED** a unit of DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST” at one of the Biggest Convention of the year **“Indian CSR Awards 2023”**, on 7th October, 2023 at Hotel Hyatt Centric, New Delhi
- ◆ The Federation of NGO, Tamilnadu honoured our Director and Co Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, Dr CHANDRA PRASAD as the **BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD”**. This was presented by Dr. J Sadhakathullah, M.Sc., Agri and Dr. Radhakrishnan M.A., Ph.D., along with the team of K. Iyappan, R. Ashok kumar, R. Perumal, Balu Aiiyah, K. Karunanithi, A Ramamoorthi, Dr. K Ramamoorthi, Dr. Vivekanandhan , Shakthivel, Dr. Ummayal Murugasen, and V. Prabhu on the 28th May 2023 at Prasad Lab, Saligramam, Chennai.
- ◆ Dr. Chandra Prasad of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was awarded the **"LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"** for providing comprehensive care and educational opportunities for Intellectually Disabled children by 1 Million Entrepreneurs International Forum (non gov, not for profit org) in association with VyaaparJagat.com organized by FEMPRENEUR 2023 on 19th March 2023 at Ahmedabad
- ◆ Awarding Ceremony of **WORKING WOMEN ACHIEVER AWARD (WWAA)** was hosted by Ooruni foundation. Dr Chandra Prasad was presented an award under the **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** category at Chennai Institute of Technology, Kundrathur on the 4th March 2023.
- ◆ **RJ'S MUSIC PASSION TEAM'S** vision is to conduct the musical shows to help genuine and promising NGOs and NPOs Pan India, and to encourage new comers with genuine talent. Dr Chandra Prasad, Hony. Director/Co-Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was invited as the Chief guest for the above event. She was honoured and presented with a shawl, memento and a cheque in the name of the trust
- ◆ Social impact Awards 2023 is an initiative by Indian CSR Awards organized by Brand Honchos, DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST has been awarded this prestigious award for the category **-BEST NGO OF THE YEAR-2022-23 (SOUTH)** on 21st January 2023.
- ◆ **BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD** by Puthia Vanigam Publications award conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th November



- ◆ Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway” received the award under the “Social Good and Impact Category” **MAHATMA AWARD** 1st October 2022 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ◆ **SOCIAL AWARD** on 112TH Birthday Anniversary of MOTHER TERESA by Rev Verghese Rosario under the aegis of Saint Mother Teresa Charitable Trust conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th August
- ◆ Received the **BEST NGO OF THE YEAR** award from Rural & Urban Development Summit & Awards 2022 with University Partner - SRM University & presented by the Government of India & implemented by Summentor Pro Sales & Marketing Consultants at India Habitat Centre on 8th July 2022
- ◆ DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST-(NGO) has won the award for **BEST NGO OF THE YEAR - INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS** at **Time2Leap National Awards - MSME Edition** 2020-2021.
- ◆ Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway” received the award from “Dr. Kiran Bedi, 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry” under the “Social Impact Category” **MAHATMA AWARD** for Covid-19 Humanitarian Efforts on the 1st October 2021 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ◆ Director & Co-founder, Dr. Chandra prasad has been awarded the **BEST SEVA RATNA AWARD** by the Kovai express YouTube channel and Thaitamil academy on 28.08.2021
- ◆ Eight staff members from Pathway India-Chennai center were given **MOTHER TERESA AWARD** by former judge-High Court of Madras, Justice S.Tamilvanan on 26.08. 2021.
- ◆ DR CHANDRA PRASAD, Co-Founder Pathway Centre For Rehabilitation and Education of The Intellectual Disabled receiving the **STAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARD** at Rajaratnam Kalai Arangam ON 20.03.2021 from the NATIONAL INTEGRITY CULTURAL ACADEMY.
- ◆ THIS YEAR, **MAHATMA AWARD FOR SOCIAL GOOD 2020** IN ‘DISABILITY AND INCLUSION’ was presented to CHANDRA PRASAD, Co-Founder And Honorary Director of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, On 30th January 2021.by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ◆ **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** FOR PATHWAY-SABIN CENTRE for rendering unparallel service to Differently Abled during pandemic period of COVID 19
- ◆ INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL -ACCREDITED BY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL, USA has conferred the **GLOBAL BEST SOCIAL WORKER AWARD** to DR CHANDRA PRASAD in recognition of her outstanding excellence, superior performance and accomplishments in the field of Social Work for the year 2020 and appointed her as **SENATOR** for INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL.
- ◆ Our organization 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,**
- ◆ **“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**

