

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



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PAMELA MARTINEZ – “PATHWAY”
MATRICULATION SCHOOL

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"HAVE THE POOR HELP THE POOR"

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

A D S N Prasad, an Audiologist and Speech Pathologist, sought to fill the void existing in the care and

rehabilitation of mentally retarded children.

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

Prasad guides Pathway with the belief that

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

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



ORGANIZATION – GOVERNANCE

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

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

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

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

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

RECOGNITION AND GRANT-IN-AID

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

REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION

- ❖ Director of Exemptions, Dept. of Income Tax, Govt. of India, Nungambakkam, Chennai U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act.
- ❖ Ministry of Home Affairs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, Government of India, New Delhi
- ❖ Registered with The National Trust for Autism, under section 12(4) of the Act for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Disabilities and Mental Retardation, Government of India, New Delhi
- ❖ Registered under Section 53 of Justice Juvenile Act, 2015, Dept of Social Defence, Govt of TN
- ❖ Registered under Section 34(3) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000, amended in 2006 and rules therein., The State Govt/Director of Social Welfare-Child Welfare .
- ❖ Registrar of Societies (South), Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai

- ❖ Registered with Department of Social welfare, Govt of Tamil Nadu under Orphanages and other Charitable homes supervision and control act 1960
- ❖ Registered with Department of Social Welfare, govt. of Tamil Nadu under section 51(2) of the Rights of the Persons with Disability Act, 2016
- ❖ Registered under TamilNadu 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

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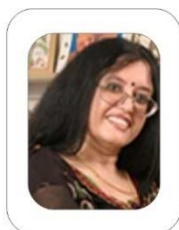
The board members meet at least four times a year to transact the business of the organization and meets every year to conduct the Annual General Body meeting to review the work of the organization and resolve various important issues, including: Acceptance and passage of yearly budget

- ❖ 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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DHULI PATNAIK
PRESIDENT



CHANDRA PRASAD
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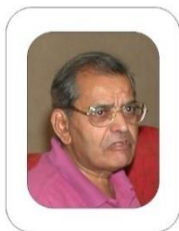
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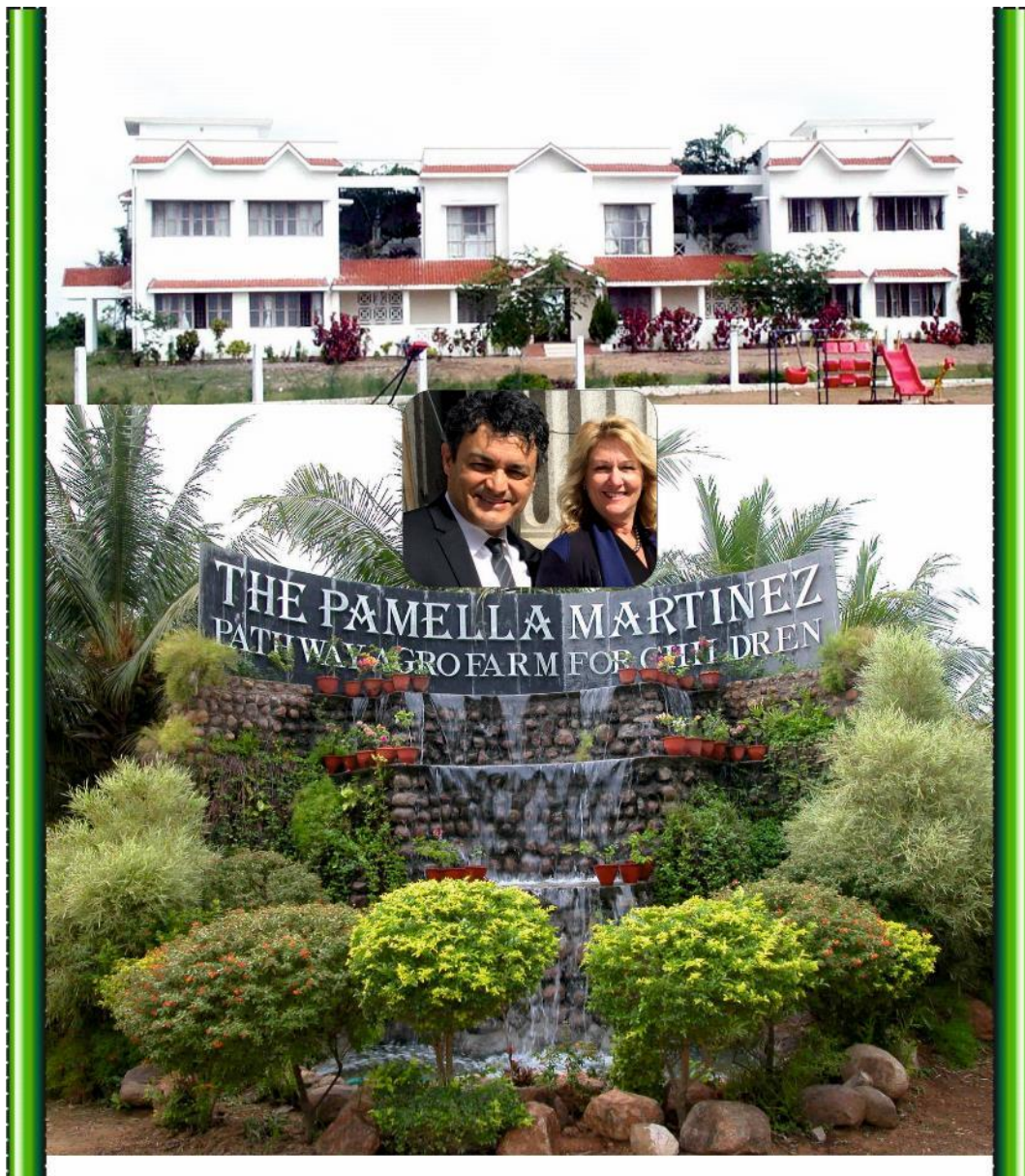


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THE PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY AGRO FARM FOR CHILDREN – AGILI



The Pamela Martinez AgroFarm is the most innovative rehabilitation and educational facility in India. Currently housing 200 children who live there year-round, the Farm provides food, clothing, medical care, and education, while using agriculture as a means of therapy, job training, and income generation.

The Pamela Martinez – Pathway Agro Farm for children was established during September 2001. This unit has been named after the donor houses a large facility consisting of the following:

- ✿ DORMITORY UNIT FOR BOYS
- ✿ DORMITORY UNIT FOR GIRLS
- ✿ LARGE KITCHEN AND DINING HALL
- ✿ A WELL CONSTRUCTED SCHOOL BUILDING
- ✿ WELL EQUIPPED PLAYGROUND
- ✿ MEDICAL CENTER
- ✿ DENTAL CLINIC
- ✿ STAFF QUARTERS FOR ESSENTIAL STAFF
- ✿ QUARANTINE BLOCKS TO ISOLATE SICK CHILDREN

This unit has been established to assist children who are either orphan or destitute children, children from broken homes or children who may partial orphans are also being admitted. Currently the Agro-farm is housing 245





children who live all the time at the agro-facility and receive food, clothing, and medical help and undergo education at the school, which has been established at the farm. All Farm children attend a well organized English medium school as prescribed by the Government of Tamil Nadu.



The school is fully recognized by the Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Chennai and this Directorate has accorded recognition from 1st to 8th standards/ grades during the year 2004-2005. During the year 2005-2006 the school has been further upgraded up to 9th and 10th standards and it has been proposed to open more facilities for children. Separate laboratories for biology, Physics, Chemistry and a library have been opened with all necessary ingredients. Further, a well quipped computer lab and a vast library has been added.

All the children are taught various subjects including those subjects as per the syllabus and also thoughts and chapters from our scriptures and moral stories as every day teaching for an hour. Considerable














importance is given for English conversation, reading and writing. In addition to various learning opportunities, children are stimulated with painting, arts and drawing to hone their artistic abilities. At this time 60 staff have been appointed at the agro-farm, which include a Principal, faculty members, wardens, nurse, house mothers, doctor,

dentist, cooks, watch and ward, driver, etc. All the staff is well qualified in their respective fields. In addition to the above six watch and ward staff have been appointed to ensure security for the facility.

The medical facility which has been functioning is offering comprehensive medical care to all live-in children of the Agro Farm and also offers medical support and care to all of the staff. In addition, the out-patient medical unit serves over 750 poor out-patients every month at the clinic who approach the Agro Farm from surrounding villages.

EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

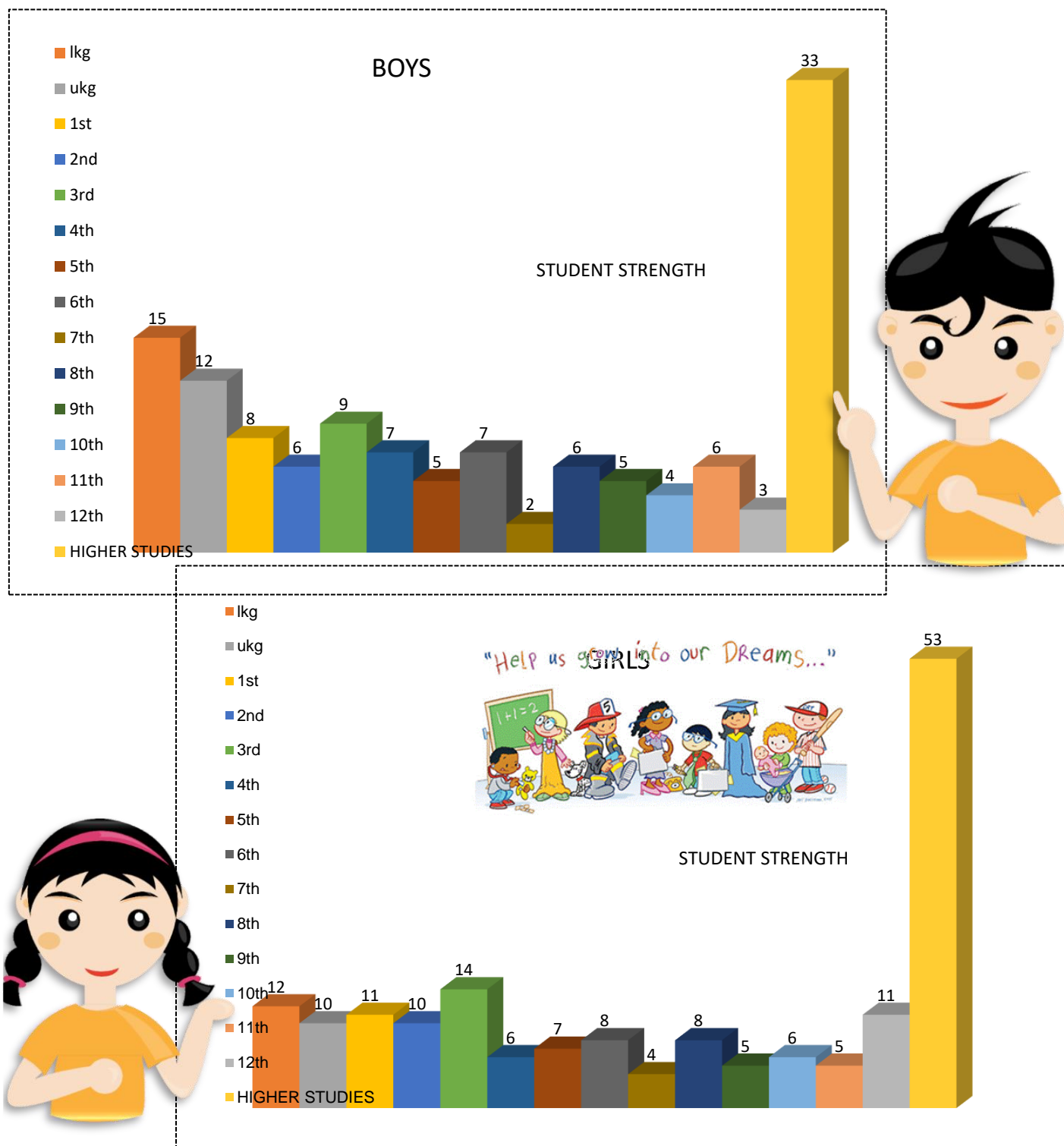
-  ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL PATTERNED ON THE GOVT. OF TAMILNADU'S "MATRICULATION SCHOOLS" REGULATIONS
-  RECOGNIZED AND ACCREDITED BY THE DIRECTORATE OF MATRICULATION SCHOOLS, CHENNAI
-  YEAR 2001-2002: KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1 –6
-  YEAR 2002-2003: ADD GRADES 7 AND 8
-  YEAR 2003-2004: ADD GRADES 9 AND 10
-  YEAR 2006-2007: ADD GRADE 10
-  SEPARATE LABS FOR BIOLOGY, PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY ARE IN PLANNING
-  COMPUTER LAB – 2004 - 2005
-  LIBRARY - 2006
-  CURRICULUM INCLUDES AGE-APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS. CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO ENGLISH CONVERSATION, READING, AND WRITING. ARTS AND MUSIC ARE INCLUDED TO DEVELOP CREATIVITY SOCIAL VALUES AND MORALS ARE ENCOURAGED
-  QUALIFIED STAFF

Apart from this, the Agro Farm which has established a "Hospital on Wheels" serving a number of villages every week continues with the same with renewed



energy. The medical unit at the Agro Farm has the services of well-qualified doctor, nurse and an attendant. In addition to this, periodic visits by a dental surgeon, pediatrician and others are available bi-weekly.

STUDENT POPULATION as on March 2018



GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
lkg	15	12	27
ukg	12	10	22
1st	8	11	19
2nd	6	10	16
3rd	9	14	23
4th	7	6	13
5th	5	7	12
6th	7	8	15
7th	2	4	6
8th	6	8	14
9th	5	5	10
10th	4	6	10
11th	6	5	11
12th	3	11	14
HIGHER STUDIES	33	53	86
		TOTAL	298

FROM THE HON. DIRECTOR'S DESK



As we welcome the New Year, we are indeed grateful for the many blessings we have received. This year saw new challenges in form of dengue which left a trail of disaster not just for us but the entire Tamil Nadu state which had been affected. Infections and injuries, measles and chickenpox and other skin problems were the biggest issues we were confronted with along with increase of snakes, scorpions etc during this period. We also face the monkey menace. It was heartening to realise that during this turbulent period we led a charmed life since all the kids, and staff at all the facilities were unharmed. We are grateful to have been blessed with courage, strength, and above all with mercy of God to overcome these daunting challenges.

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

This year too we had visits from some very wonderful well wishers like Mr William Benac, Judge Sheffield, Mrs & Mr Michael Ang, Mr Tim Fewkes and family, Mr Spencer Plumb, Mr Daniel Haslam, students and faculty from Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities, from Odisha.

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

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS!!!!

The Tamil Nadu Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) or Class 10th exam results declared on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. The pass percentage of this year is 94.5 %.

A total of 10,01,140 students appeared for the exam this year which is a drop from last year's 10.25 lakh students who took up the exam last year. The numbers have been dropping year by year. 8,97,945 students out of the above total students have cleared the exam. The overall pass percentage has increased by 0.1% in comparison to last year. 96.4 per cent girls qualified the exam and around 92.5 per cent boys cleared the exam.

0.99% or 9402 students have secured about 481 marks. The pass percentage is 94.5%. Chennai district improves overall pass percentage from 93.8 last year to 94.2 this year. Out of nearly 10 lakh students who attended SSLC exam this year, about 2.6 lakh have scored more than 400 out of 500. The overall Subject-wise pass percentage are as follows

Language - 96.42, English - 96.50, Maths - 96.18, Science - 98.47, Social science - 96.47.

The Top three districts - percentage wise are -

Sivagangai - 98.5%

Erode - 98.38%

Virudhunagar - 98.29%

Majority students (comprising of 38.52%) have secured marks in the range of 301-400 marks. Highest pass percentage is recorded in Science subject (98.47%). In Mathematics subject 96.18% students have passed. Girls have recorded 99.17 pass percentage in Science subject. The pass percentage in government schools is 91.36. Sivagangai district has recorded the highest pass percentage 98.5%.

94.20 % students have cleared the exam in the State capital, Chennai. This year, second time in a row, DGE Tamil Nadu will not release the list of toppers in 10th result. because other students who get even one mark less (than the rank holders) face severe stress. The practice of announcing the first three rank holders at the state and district level is being done away with,' School Education Minister K.A. Sengottaiyan had said in 2017.

The year 2017- 2018 has been another year of challenges, material loss but with a ray of hope at the end of the tunnel In spite of all these odds the Almighty did shower some choicest blessings too. The tenth results were announced. Everybody waited with a bated breath to hear the results. The minute the news



rolled in to say that all the children had passed it was a scene of celebration. Remembering our previous year results, this year the girls had taken the lead.

R Anika Princy has scored the highest at 74%, followed by S Priya at 73.2%, and S Sunitha including Jayaprasana have scored 72% These children have shown perseverance and a remarkable attitude during their stay with us.

R ANIKA PRINCY S PRIYA
and 12th standards followed by university. whereas Priya, Jayaprasana and Sunitha want to study further after taking a stock of the options open to them. With results like what they have attained - they have opened doors for themselves to study whatever they would like to.

Now let's put some light on importance of class 10 study, everyone knows that having passing certificate of class 10 is very much necessary because it is the minimum criterion which is set by Indian government to get a job in government department. Even private sector are demanding this certificate if anyone wants to work in private sector which includes banks, factory, show room or any other area. There are total 31 boards in India which are working in education field. Each Board have its uniqueness in exam pattern, marking style, subjects. General procedure of each board is exam of secondary class starts in March and April Month and results are generally announced in month of May and June 2018 respectively.



S SUNITHA J JAYAPRASANA S ARCHANA

Our students have received excellent support from the teachers. The students had the opportunity to tackle several practice exams before the final government tests. This experience was possible by devising new methods to make lessons interesting and to improve scores, introduction of novel techniques and designs, being ably assisted by Principal Annadurai brought in positive results. The efforts of the teachers need to



D SANDHIYA

S KISHORE

C JAMES

R GOVINDRAJ

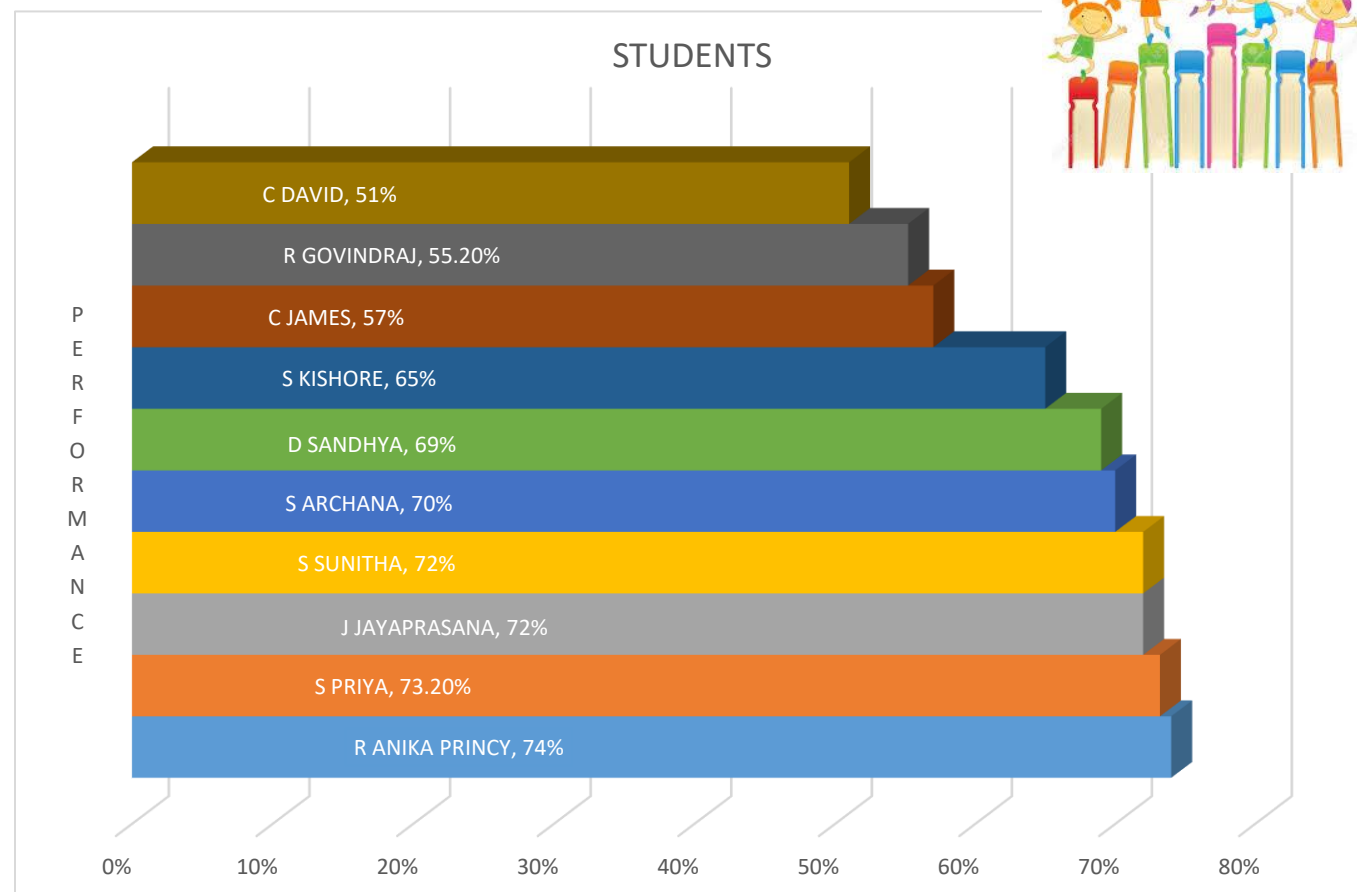
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be praised as each one of them took upon themselves the responsibility to guide and goad each child to study and perform.

Director of Pathway, Chandra Prasad Chandra Prasad addressed the children and the teachers and urged them to do well in their lives. She said that Pathway's doors will always be open to them for any help they may need. She urged children to utilize this resource and benefit in every aspect in their lives. She reminded students how Pathway and the school had greatly influenced their lives, as there has been sea change not only in their appearance, growth, development but also in their total achievement and potential.

She congratulated the children and the teachers for this wonderful result. She counseled the children on the values of life that are much more important than just scholastic performance, that it is important to gain all-round excellence in life so that they can be great people of character first and then great citizens of India. She called on each one to follow a righteous path, she asked the children to be grateful and follow the right and truthful path outlining stories of very poor children who had succeeded in life, not only by studying hard but also by contributing to the welfare of the family and of society. She also stressed that the children should be grateful to their alma mater and their teachers at all times.

She congratulated all the children and teachers and said that she was very proud of their performance and looked forward for their continued achievements in life and welcomed every one of them to contact Pathway at any time.





THE WORLD YOGA DAY



Yoga is a 5,000-year-old physical, mental and spiritual practice Having its origin in India, Which Aims to transform both body and mind. On December 11 in 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 21st as the International Day of



Yoga. The declaration came after the call for the adoption of June 21st as International Day of Yoga by Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi during his address to UN General Assembly on September 27, 2014 wherein he stated: "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition . It embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and the nature. " In Suggesting June 21, which is the Summer Solstice, as the International Day of Yoga, Mr. Narendra Modi had said that, "the date is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and has special significance in many parts of the world.

Regarding the above logo for yoga it denotes that -

- Folding of both hands in the logo Symbolise Yoga, the union, which reflects the union of individual Consciousness with that of universal Consciousness, a perfect harmony between mind & body, man & nature; a holistic approach to health & wellbeing.
 - The brown leaves symbolise the Earth element, the green leaves symbolise the Nature, blue symbolises the Water element, brightness symbolises the Fire element and the Sun symbolise the source of energy and inspiration.
 - The logo reflects harmony and peace for humanity, which is the essence of Yoga.
- Understanding the above we at Pathway have embraced the world yoga day celebrations. Across all the centres we have introduced yoga. This was not a new concept to us since it has been a part of our curriculum. The benefits of the same is manifold.

The Myriad Benefits of Yoga are:

- ❖ Yoga is very necessary and beneficial for you if it is practiced on a daily basis in the morning. It is a combined workout of the mind and body which enhances your brain functions, reduces stress and rejuvenates your body and soul.



- ❖ Yoga is beneficial for the mental, physical and emotional development of children.
- ❖ In this world of fierce competition, yoga helps to reduce stress and tension.
- ❖ It helps you to gain flexibility, manage stress, improves posture, memory and concentration.
- ❖ Apart from these benefits, yoga also helps in flexibility of spine, induces relaxation and strengthens lower back.

Thus on a final note, yoga helps you to achieve the perfect harmony between your mind, body and soul. It drives away all negativity from your system and promotes in the achievement of a healthy and a happy life.

The children were made aware of the relevance of yoga in daily life. Different asanas were demonstrated under the guidance of the trained staff.

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



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5TH JUNE



World Environment Day (WED) is a campaign celebrated every year by the people worldwide on 5th of June. This campaign was established to raise the global awareness among people about the environmental issues as well as take positive environmental actions. It is handled by the United Nations Environment Programme and was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972. It is a day to especially focus on the current environmental conditions to make environment better. It is celebrated by the people in more



than 100 countries. It is the day when public and politicians get stimulated through awareness programs regarding environment to enhance the political attention as well as public actions. This day was created to promote people to work for environmental issues and become active agents of the sustainable and eco-friendly development worldwide.

On World Environment Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi encouraged everyone to nurture a better planet and be committed to 'protecting our environment'. "This year's theme of 'Connecting People to Nature' is nothing





but getting connected with ourselves. #WithNature," he tweeted. Every year, the World Environment Day is celebrated on 5 June. This year's theme is 'Connecting people to nature - in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator', with Canada as the host nation. United Nation also encouraged all global citizens to go out and spent time with the nature.

Here is what you can do on World Environment Day:

- You all can start from your home. Build a little garden or start with a sapling
- Fertilize public trees and gardens
- Clean the roads around your house
- Say 'YES' to public transportation and carpooling
- Say 'NO' to plastic
- Buy items made from recycled products.
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Keeping all the above in mind we at Pathway have pledged to do the above and make this as our habit for life. Different activities were taken throughout the year which included debates, skits, dramas etc to teach the concept.. Whether small or large gardens or nurseries every child and adult started taking care of the greenery.



Planting and taking care of the beautiful saplings so lovingly sowed the children started taking care. This activity became a part of their daily routine. Keeping our inner farm roads and avoiding plastics in any form became a challenge. Instilling good habits at this early age will definitely evolve them into better citizens of tomorrow. The children performed a skit to depict awareness among other peer groups to keep the environment safe. This skit was based on the topic- "Keep our surroundings neat and clean."

The science club explained the merits and demerits of plastic usage. Children were awarded prizes for their performance.



GLIMPSES OF VARIOUS CLUB ACTIVITIES



CULTURAL ACTIVITY

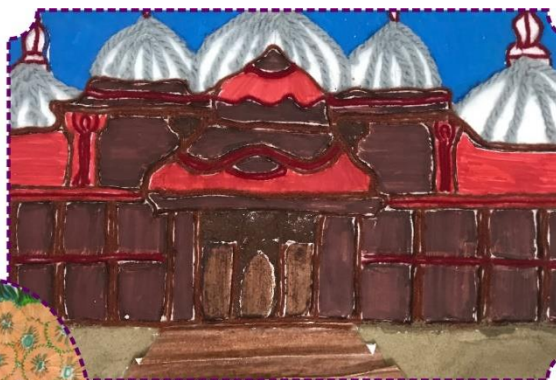


GARDENING ACTIVITY





SWIMMING, PLAYING, RANGOLI ACTIVITY



ARTS N CRAFTS ACTIVITY

THIRUKURAL

The Thirukural is a 2200-year-old South Indian Tamil - Dravidian classic on ethical living. Not unaware that there are advocates of later dates (from ca 200 BCE down to ca 400 CE) we honor here the prevalent Tamil tradition. It was written by Tamil sage Tiruvalluvar.

Thiru means “holy” or “sacred,” and kural describes a brief verse or literary couplet. This poetic masterpiece is one of the most revered Holy Scriptures in South India. On most part it deals with questions of ethical living, how to deal with daily situations, things that are good to note for a householder and ascetic.

Hinduism’s four legitimate goals of human life are dharma, artha, kama and moksha, known in English as virtue, wealth, love and liberation. In the Thirukural, Saint Tiruvalluvar spoke in depth on the first three. Under the heading of virtue, he discusses the ways of the householder and the monk, focusing on good conduct and its opposite. In the chapters on wealth he speaks of business, government, politics and the building of the nation.

Valluvar also discussed the fourth and final goal of life, liberation from rebirth, especially in the chapters on the way of the renunciate. As the four Vedas outline the path to salvation by delineation of the destination, the Thirukural carefully explains how to live while treading the path to that ultimate goal. Along with the Thirumantiram (composed by the great Tamil mystic, Rishi Tirumular, during the same period) which explains the means to Self-Realization, spiritual yogas and liberation, these two classics form a complete whole, covering dharma, artha, kama and moksha.



To celebrate the above the tamil club decided to conduct an inter school competition on 20.06.2017. It was based on kural saying competition. The participants were asked to recite the sayings from memory. There were in total 18 participants. Kishore Kumar of the 8th grade was

awarded for reciting 42 kurals and I Nisha of 7th grade followed second by reciting 36.

THE ARTS AND CRAFT CLUB

There was an inter school competition conducted for clay moulding and rangoli

This competition definitely attracted not just the girl children but also the boys. It was definitely a task to pinpoint the winners since the entrants were many. Rangoli has always played a significant and important role in our lives.

Rangoli is derived from the Sanskrit word ‘rangavalli’. *Rangoli* is an art which precedes sculpture and painting. It is both an auspicious and a preliminary necessity in any religious ritual. It is a custom to draw *rangoli* at the site of any auspicious religious ritual such as a holy festival, a religious festival, an auspicious function like wedding, ritualistic worship, a vowed religious observance, etc.



The two aims of drawing *rangoli* are revelation of beauty and the acquisition of auspiciousness. The forms drawn in the *rangoli* are symbolic. A curved line produces a better of beauty than a straight one. Usually it is women who draw *rangoli*. They do not require any devices such as a ruler, a thread, a brush, etc. to draw them. They freely move their fingers to create various



shapes with ease.

The execution of Rangoli has always been a treat to watch. A pinch of rangoli powder is taken using the index finger and thumb. As the rangoli is a coarse powder of special soft white stone, it can flow freely when slowly released from the pinch of index finger and thumb.

The children had to follow a few steps before drawing the Rangoli on the floor, which can be described as follows:-

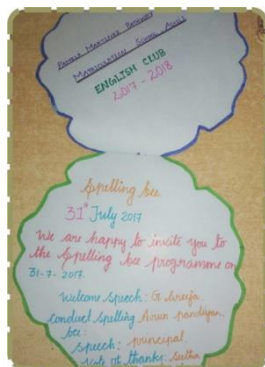
1. The surface on which the rangoli is to be drawn is prepared by cleaning it thoroughly. Traditionally, the surface was smeared with cow dung, and after it dried, rangoli was drawn on it at specific locations. In the ancient times it was a practice to daily sweep and sprinkle every doorstep with cow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

Lastly, colours are filled in the rangoli as per the design recommendations.



The second competition was on clay moulding. The benefits of clay are many. Clay is one of the most effective art mediums for children to discover and develop their creative and learning skills. The process of working with this natural material to create a unique clay project supports personalized learning, sensory development, fine motor skills, self esteem, self expression, problem solving skills, discipline and pride in a child. In addition, clay has a well documented therapeutic quality that settles and calms children.





For a teacher or a parent, it is a special moment to witness a child's joy as he or she creates a pottery project from a "lump of clay" or works on a pottery wheel for the first time. The children develop both fine and major motor skills as they handle the clay and feel it responding to their manipulation and imagination.

The winners for the above competition were Hemavathi - III std , Karthika - VI std and Nishalini of IX std.

Not to be left behind the English club too came forward to

conduct the spell bee quiz contest on 31.07.2017.

A **spelling bee** is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words,

usually with a varying degree of difficulty. The concept is thought to have originated in the United States, and spelling

bee events, along with variants, are now also held in some other

countries around the world. The

first winner of an official spelling

bee was Frank Neuhauser, who

won the 1st National Spelling

Bee (now known as the Scripps

National Spelling Bee) in

Washington, D.C. in 1925 at age

eleven. This club activity was run under able

leadership of



ArunPandian and Sreeja who conducted fun games like- creating a sentence by giving a cue alphabet. Antonyms and synonyms too were a part of this exciting game. The best adjudged winners were Kishore, Anika and Srimati.

WORLD POPULATION DAY



UNFPA country offices and other organizations and institutions commemorate World Population Day, in partnership with governments and civil society



around the world, some 214 million women in developing countries who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe and effective family planning methods, for reasons ranging from lack of access to information or services to lack of support from their partners or communities. Many of those with an unmet demand for contraceptives live in the poorest countries on earth. Investments in making family planning available also yields economic and other gains that can propel development forward.

World Population Day, which seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, was established by the then-Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989, an outgrowth of the interest generated by the Day of Five Billion, which was observed on 11 July 1987.

By resolution 45/216 of December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly decided to continue observing World Population Day to enhance awareness of population issues, including their relations to the environment and development.

The Day was first marked on 11 July 1990 in more than 90 countries. Since then, a number of a number of

In 1989, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme recommended that 11 July be observed by the international community as World Population Day, a day to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues. This year's theme is "Family Planning: Empowering People, Developing Nations."

Access to safe, voluntary family planning is a human right. It is also central to gender equality and women's empowerment, and is a key factor in reducing poverty. Yet



This year's World Population Day, 11 July, coincides with the Family Planning Summit, the second meeting of the FP2020–Family Planning 2020–initiative, which aims to expand access to voluntary family planning to 120 million additional women by 2020.

Keeping the above in mind children from our school along with the guidance of our staff staged a drama to explain the merits and demerits of population increase. This was achieved ably by students like Naresh, Nishalini, David and Sandhya.

KAMARAJ ACADEMY



action to start primary schools in all these areas, appointed teachers and started the scheme of single teacher schools in remote places, if children couldn't go to school, the school should go to the children.



Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education
Kamaraj lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time. – **H W Longfellow**

Kumarasami Kamaraj Nadar is one such personality. He devoted his entire life to serving the country's people. His birthday falls on July 15, which is observed as 'Growth or Developmental of Education Day' in recognition of his yeoman service in the field of youth education in Tamil Nadu. He will forever be remembered in Tamil Nadu for his pioneering effort to ensure that education reached the poorest of the poor. He believed that only education had the power to break the man-made barriers of caste and creed. He took a census of schools in 17,000 villages in the State and found that nearly 6,000 villages had no schools. He initiated



While during British regime, the education was a mere 7 percent, in Kamaraj's period it rose to a whopping 37%. While during Rajaji's period



there were 12000 schools in the state, there were 27000 in the period of Kamaraj.

To keep his work and memory alive throughout the state competitions are held for children of all ages and levels. In one such academy named after this great leader our children participated in various competitions like tamil and English handwriting, tamil essay, tamil poetry, pencil drawing competition. This was organised by the arts and crafts club of the school.

All the entries were sent via courier to the academy for results.

In the Tamil essay competition 5 children and in English essay two children participated , in English handwriting competition four children participated of which R Anisha Princy of the 8th grade was declared winner. The tamil poetry competition participants were four in number of which M Venkatesh of the ninth grade was the winner.

Regarding the craft portion of it- the drawings of 5 children were submitted where P Vigneshwaran and r Manikandan of the 8th grade were declared winners.

The last competition being the Rangoli competition where out of three entries Reena bagged the winner's medal.

This great leader's birthday was celebrated in school too by the Tamil club known as "Kalvi Valarchi Nall" especially for children who could not take part in the inter competitions. There was a debate on – "Rights to Education"



BHUMI & INTER - HOME SPORTS



Bhumi is Chennai's largest independent youth volunteer non-profit organization. Our volunteers, consisting of over 250 students and young professionals under the age of 30, work among orphaned and underprivileged children.

Bhumi's mission:

- To bridge the societal gap by providing quality education to the under-privileged





- To provide a platform for socially conscious youth wanting to contribute to the nation's inclusive progress and to mould them into tomorrow's leaders



5.2123 July 2017 marked the inter-home sports fest day organised by Bhumi. This event witnessed participation from many orphanages and shelter homes in and around Chennai. The event provided a platform for children to exhibit their talent, athletic prowess, and develop sportsmanship attitude. Coming from a lesser privileged background, these children hardly get any exposure to sports and this event essentially gives them that opportunity and plays a major part in helping them explore their talents.



Looking at the statistics of the event, the numbers look incredible. Kids from over various homes poured in for the event. This year the sports fest was hosted by A M Jain College in Meenambakkam.

The event day commenced 9:00 am, quickly all the kids were provided with a sumptuous breakfast followed by a brief photo session for each home. The venue sported a tent erected to provide seating arrangements for the kids and duly the inauguration ceremony kicked-off at 9:30 am with the grand tradition of lighting the torch, which was passed around in short lap by student representatives of winning homes of previous years.



Referees for the event consisting of some of the prominent students from the Tamilnadu Sports and Physical Education University presided over the ceremony. Their constant encouragement and their fair and unbiased judgement throughout the event were exemplary for the students. They showed true passion for the game as they patiently described the rules for each game and oversaw the proceedings of the day with their knowledge and expertise.



35 Children, both boys and girls, of our school participated in three categories – Juniors, Seniors, Super Seniors. 100m, 200m, and 400m race followed by the most anticipated track event – the relay. Field events including shot put, long jump, and high jump, saw enthusiastic competition. The outdoor events showed the maximum energy and loud cheering with events such as Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Tennikoit, Volleyball, mini-football, shuttle badminton, and throwball. Simultaneously the indoor event saw quiet sporting among the kids with Carrom and Chess.

The day's events progressed in quick succession and the kids were kept entertained with various fun activities as well. Each home were assigned two volunteers, who primarily attended to the task of guiding the kids to respective game venues, with children's safety and welfare given the utmost importance.

Our children came back home with the impressive winner cup. They had won in various events like – football led by Chandru and his team which bagged the first prize, the long jump winners were Kishore and Dhanraj. Chandru managed to get the first in Shot put too. Our girl children were not far behind. The Kabaddi tournament had bagged the third place. The running event saw first prize winners in form of saran raj, Ramkumar and Chandru.

Carrom board which is a favourite among our kids brought once again the first prize by Vigneshwaran and Suresh. Chess tournament likewise



received the first prize by Manikandan. This tally of prizes ensured the trophy which was brought home with full of joy and excitement. It was indeed a day written in history of Pathway about the achievements

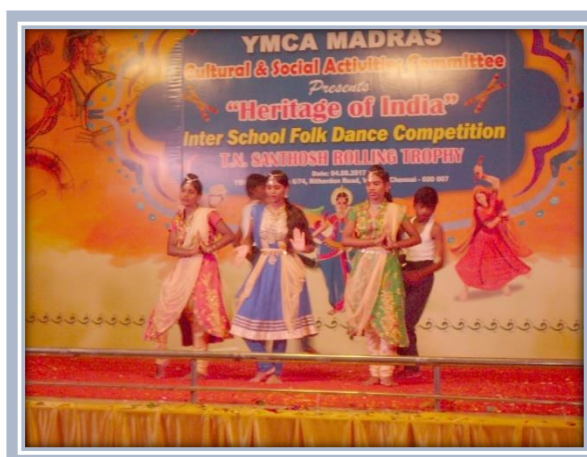


of these wonderful children.

HERITAGE OF INDIA



Children from Pathway were invited to perform a folk dance conducted by YMCA, Vepery under the category of inter school Folk dance competition on august 26th 2016.



The theme offered was Heritage of India. We received this offer with only a week's notice. As usual children were ready with enthusiasm and were eager learners.

Children Name list those whose are participated in Folk Dance competition which is conducted by "YMCA" and the topic is "HERITAGE OF INDIA" on 04.08.2017 at Vepery, Chennai. Got only Participated.

Incharge Teachers : R.Subhashini & D.Dhanasekaran

1. E.Muthu - IX std
2. M.Venketesh - IX std
3. D.Naresh Kumar - IX std
4. P.Vignesh waran - VIII std
5. S.Archana - X std
6. J. Jaya Prasi - IX std
7. J. Jaya Prasana - X std



RANGOTSAV CELEBRATION



Rangotsav Celebration is an organization for National level Art competition from Mumbai. Rangotsav Celebration is to bring a smile on children's face & encourage them to explore their inner Art Talent. One of the trustworthy Organization in the field of fine Arts and Education. Providing Best platform for creative and enthusiastic children to show their talents to the world.

We decided to send 42 entries under the guidance of our principal Mr Annadurai. These entries were sent by post to the same. The children who qualified for finals and received the prizes were as follows

STUDENT	STD	TYPE OF COMETITION	RANK	AWARD
KAVI PRIYA S	3RD	COLOURING	ART MERIT	TROPHY
L SADHANA	1ST	COLLAGE	GOLDEN AWARD	GOLD MEDAL
B MADHUMITHA	2ND	COLOURING	GOLDEN AWARD	GOLD MEDAL
V KAILASH	5TH	COLOURING	GOLDEN AWARD	GOLD MEDAL
S PRABHAVATHY	8TH	HANDWRITING	GOLDEN AWARD	GOLD MEDAL

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



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

was a tryst with destiny, as the struggle for freedom was a long and tiresome one, witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives on the line.

It is observed every year in every Indian states and union territories with great enthusiasm.



President of India gives a speech every year in order to “Address to the Nation” on the evening of a day before the Independence Day. It is celebrated with big passion in the Capital of country on 15th of August where the prime minister of India hoists the [Indian flag](#) on the Red Fort, Delhi. After the flag hoisting, National Anthem song is sung and twenty-one gun shots are fired to salute and honour the Indian flag and solemn occasion.

Delhi police is working hard to ensure incident-free Independence Day celebration at Red Fort. It is for the first time when 300 cameras (360 degree view with night vision) are getting installed at the Red Fort for the close surveillance purpose of every nook and corner near to the celebration point. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invoked the Quit India Movement again (after Mahatma Gandhi) in order to encourage countrymen to use the same spirit to expel problems like corruption, communalism, terrorism, casteism, poverty, as well as dirt forever from the country by 2022. He requested people to take a pledge to throw these evil from root out of the country and create a “New India”.

A big celebration event is organized by the government of India at the Rajpath, India Gate in the National Capital, New Delhi where people of all religion, culture and tradition gather to listen the patriotic speech of our Prime Minister. By celebrating this event we commemorate those all great people who had sacrificed their lives and loved ones in making India an Independent country.

Flag hoisting, National Anthem song play and parade ceremonies including other cultural programmes takes place in almost all the governmental and non-governmental institutions, educational institutions, some of the private institutions all through the country. In the schools and colleges the national flag is hoisted by the school or college Principal



and parade and cultural events are carried out by the students. At this day, government offices, buildings, etc gets adorned with the electric lights, flowers and other decorative things. Different sizes of the national flags are used by the people to symbolize faithfulness and commitment to the country.

The guest invited by India for her Independence day this year was the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan from United Arab Emirates.

At our Pathway centre the staff and the children were busy right from 6 am, Every child showed his /her keenness to give their best performance. Excitement feverishness had already paved its way. The past few months practice was going to be tested today. They were to demonstrated their new found learning in the form of a dance, drill, drama, and skit children were ready to present colourful programmes based on India's independence.

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

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

Our President Mrs Dhuli Patnaik was requested to unfurl the national flag. She and the General Secretary along with the Treasurer moved to the centre stage to do the honors. With rapt attention, every soul standing there watched with the greatest pride. The unfurling of the flag showered down the soft fresh petals of marigold, jasmine and ofcourse the rose. The gentle breeze spiraled the florets and petals gently down to the ground was a lovely sight to watch. The flag by right seemed to stand up to its full potential, gently swayed by the breeze, seemed to make a conversation with the bright clear blue sky. The bright blue sky with the flag trying to The assembled group sang the national anthem in unison. The unison and the emotion brings out the patriotism in every assembled person. By the time the national anthem ended the last of





petal had rested on the ground causing a kaleidoscope of colors covering the earth.

The dignitaries took their seat to watch the kids performance. It started with a drill and followed by a dance presented by 6 children. The theme chosen this year was a popular song sung by Alisha known as Made in India. This song professes to say that though we have seen the entire world, its richness and poverty all I want is a heart which is made in India. Its interesting beat made everyone clap for more. This was followed by a drama depicting the freedom fighters. This was well presented by the children, choreographed by the special educators and others of

Pathway.

Children dressed as Mahatama Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Bhartiyar, and Kappalottiya Tamilzhan and other great



patriots. The narration of the same was beautifully executed by Harish.. The event came to close with distribution of sweets and special lunch for the day.

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

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

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



On this special day the flag mast was well decorated with colourful paper and the entire area was decorated with colourful buntings and tiny flags. The area around the mast had ornamental variety plants and a tastefully decorated rangoli by the girl children added beauty to the entire background. Every child was found to sporting with a small Indian Flag that was affixed on the lapel of their shirts. All the staff and all invitees were encouraged to affix such flags. The entire show was well very choreographed and organized to the minute detail.

The show started with an impressive march past by nearly 230 children comprising of able and disabled children of the Farm. They marched with precision driven by a rhythmic band that was played by two senior boys. Even our youngest kindergarten children were a part of this march past. All the children in their neatly pressed clothes and neat footwear marched perfectly and went past the saluting base and the Flag mast where the Director was present with the principal to take the salute. Each class lead by its leader marched past the saluting base in perfection saluting the flag with reverence. The march past culminated in orderly assembly of all children in their slots and with this the day was set to unfurl the national flag. The Director was requested to unfurl the tri-colour by the principal and the leader of the school. As the flag was unfurled there was copious sprinkling of petals of roses, jasmines and various flowers showered on her and others. This signalled the singing of national anthem which was rendered with great poise and decorum.

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



This was followed by a speech in Tamil by Haripriya of V standard, a Tamil poem explaining “before and after freedom” of India by Priya of Xth grade. A speech in English by S Archana of tenth grade and a description of our national leaders and their role in Independence was outlined by A Srimathi of VII standard. A fancy dress, that is, children dressed up like national leaders who were responsible to gain independence to our country was displayed by our very tiny tots which definitely brought a thunderous applause from their school mates and all others present. This was followed by a mime which was truly

executed well by the senior boys depicting the theme- UNITY IN DIVERSITY The entire show was full of great educational value and truly delightful. The songs and dances presented by the children were particularly spectacular and grand. The tiny tots dance to the tune of –“ I LOVE MY INDIA”. IV and III std children performed a dance to the lyrics of a patriotic song penned down by Bharathiyar and finally the VIII and IX std children sang “ Vande Mataram “ to everybody’s delight.

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

ANNAI THERESA 107TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”

— Mother Teresa

Last year we had been to celebrate Mother Theresa’s birthday when 25 participants from Chennai centre were their guests and they had the honor of witnessing some

dance and drama events performed by prominent personalities from the cinema field. They were entertained for a good two hour period and then escorted for dinner. The children came home armed with gifts.



This celebration was slightly different in the month of September dated 1st when we were invited for the birthday celebrations of the legendary

Mother Teresa (1910–1997) was a Roman Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and destitute around the world. She spent many years in Calcutta, India where she founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious congregation devoted to helping those in great need. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and became



a symbol of charitable, selfless work. In 2016, Mother Teresa was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church as Saint Teresa.

The Hony. Director/Gen. Secretary of Pathway – Chandra Prasad was honored at the 107th birthday anniversary of Mother Teresa held at Raja Annamalai Mandram on the first of September. She received this award from Justice S Rajeswaran and Justice M V Muralidharan of Madras High Court. The children who had accompanied her were thrilled and happy. Seeing them so happy I remember Mother Teresa's quote saying—

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. –Mother Teresa

TEACHERS DAY



Teachers Day holds immense importance for every individual throughout the country. Teachers impart knowledge and motivate the students in the right direction, enlighten them and create responsible citizens and good human beings. They are the cornerstone of our future. Teachers

Day is an occasion to pay reverence to the teachers and convey them that they hold special respect in our hearts. Celebrating Teachers Day is acknowledged by UNESCO and fairly popular in several countries across the globe.

Students look forward to Teacher's day with great enthusiasm and zeal due to the sheer spirit of the occasion. On this day students realize what it means to be a teacher and what responsibilities a teacher bears when it means to control the future of several students. Teachers on this day are reminded of their school days when they were at the student's desk and feel nostalgic. It is an equally special day for them. They get to know how much they are liked and appreciated by the students. Teachers Day is another way



to provide encouragement and support to the teachers to make them feel their devotion towards students is appreciated. The celebration is enjoyed by both students and teachers with great zeal and enthusiasm. Some schools also reward the teachers for their priceless efforts towards the student's betterment. All of us have been students someday and have benefitted from our teachers. Celebration of teacher's day is a wonderful opportunity to show our gratitude to our teachers. Apart from the fun-filled activities Teachers Day is also to remember and get inspired by Dr. Radhakrishnan, who showed immense love for the teaching position.





5th September is the birth anniversary of a great teacher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was a staunch believer of education, and was a well-known diplomat, scholar, the President of India and above all, a teacher.

When some of his students and friends approached him and requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday, he said, "instead of celebrating my birthday separately, it would be my proud privilege, if 5th September is observed as Teachers' day".

From then onwards, the 5th of September has been observed as Teachers Day, in India.

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



DENGUE: CAUSES, SYMPTOMS & PREVENTION



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



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



times to the same person. However, the person acquires immunity to the particular viral serotype which has already attacked him. A more severe form of dengue is dengue hemorrhagic fever. The symptoms of dengue hemorrhagic fever include headache, rashes and fever besides bleeding in the body (haemorrhage), formation of red splotches on the skin, black coloured stool, bleeding in gums or nose

and a weakened immunity. Dengue hemorrhagic fever is life threatening and can lead to dengue shock syndrome, which is as severe and fatal.

Hearing about this dreaded condition we at Pathway immediately set out on war footing. Basically everybody was educated on the type of mosquito which cause this deadly viral infection which when not treated could lead to death. The dengue mosquito (dengue Machar) *Aedes aegypti* is one of the only few type of mosquitoes that spread dengue disease. *Aedes* mosquitoes are visually distinctive because they have noticeable black and white markings on their body and legs. Unlike most other mosquitoes, they are active and bite only during the daytime. The peak biting periods are early in the morning and in the evening before dusk.



Aedes aegypti have a complex life-cycle with dramatic changes in shape, function, and habitat. Female mosquitoes lay their eggs on the inner, wet walls of containers with water.

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

- Refusing to accept oral fluids or vomiting
- Sleepy or restless
- Bleeding of the nose and gums, especially gastro-intestinal bleeding with fresh or old blood in the vomit or stool. Old blood in the vomit looks like ground coffee ground; in the stool may be black like coal tar.
- Abdominal pain
- Skin mottling, cold sweating skin or cold hands and feet.
- Absence of urine in the last 6 hours

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





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

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

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

Supplementation with intravenous fluids may be necessary if the patient is unable to maintain oral intake and / or is in shock.

Close monitoring in this critical period is crucial.

Blood products will be needed only if the patient is bleeding, usual site of bleed is the gut.

Our doctors were consulted and they all agreed that tests of platelets, hemoglobin, coagulation profile, liver

DENGUE CASES AND DEATHS: 5 WORST AFFECTED STATES IN 2017

	2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Kerala	2575	11	4075	25	7439	13	18,727	35
Karnataka	3358	2	5077	9	6083	8	13,016	5
Tamil Nadu	2804	3	4535	12	2531	5	11,552	18*
West Bengal	3934	4	8516	14	22,865	45	5389	13
Delhi	995	3	15,867	60	4431	10	4545	1

*Data available with the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) till 8 October, 2017. However, the Tamil Nadu state health department has confirmed that 80 have died since January.

enzymes. and some specific tests to detect Dengue can be taken for safety reasons.

Every member of Pathway was educated on keeping their environment clean, any open storage of water was discouraged. We also took upon ourselves to install steel mosquito meshes throughout all the centres to avoid any casualty.

We are proud to report that except for high temperatures that we witnessed in many children, we were able to contain this dreaded viral infection and apart from a few staff who needed hospitalization everybody scathed out without any serious damage. Keeping our childrens health priority we also got the



government to fumigate our centres along with educating our kids through skits, talks and animation clips. Our children were also educated on identifying this mosquito by way of pictures and models. During this season light color clothes with full sleeves was one more precaution taken. *Early diagnosis Early treatment with fluids and Close monitoring became our motto.*



CHILDRENS DAY CELEBERATION

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



Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was a great person, leader, politician, writer and speaker. He loved children so much and was a great friend of the poor people. He always understood himself as the true servant of the people of India. He worked hard all through the day and night for making this country a successful country. He became the first Prime Minister of the Independent India and thus called as the architect of modern India.

In India, many people born great and Chacha Nehru was one of them. He was the person having great vision, honesty, hard labour, sincerity, patriotism and intellectual powers.

He was the giver of a famous slogan as "Aram Haram Hai." He became the first chairman of the National Planning Commission and two years later he started a National Development Council in order to improve the living standard of the Indian people to make better quality of life. The first Five Year Plan was launched and implemented in 1951 under his guidance. He was very fond of the children so has created many ways for the growth and development of them. Later Children's

Day was declared by the Indian government to be celebrated every year for the wellness of the children on his birthday anniversary.





The children at the main centre enjoy every bit of opportunity given to them. They took charge this time and decided to surprise their educators.

The pre vocation and vocational group children pooled their resources and bought balloons and festoons to decorate their school. Childrens day paper caps were distributed to all. They requested finally their teachers and other peer group to witness a small programme. Childrens day paper caps were distributed to all. They requested finally their teachers and other peer group to witness a small programme organized by them this included a dance, skit and a drama. Choosing our late prime ministers favourite flower rose they showed their love for him by handing it to every staff. Dance group was led by Maria Priya, Madhavan and . Leander chose to play the role of chacha Nehru and Mani played the role of this favourite flower the rose. There was also a drawing competition along with musical chair event After the end of session, prizes were distributed and the entire group was given snacks and sweets along with a gift which they cherished. It was time for fun and frolic, a day of celebration, as the staff and children of Pamela Martinez School and the Sabin centre prepared for Children's Day, a day to remember Jawaharlal Nehru, free India's first prime minister, with love and fondness. The excitement grew as the enthusiastic children all assembled to celebrate the event. Ably led by principal Annadurai and a team of dedicated teachers, great treats were prepared for the children. The faces of the tiny tots from kindergarten beamed as they saw their favourite snacks dangling before their eyes. The favourite snack was tied with a thread and the winner would be the



one who could eat the entire piece of the treat.. loud cheering and claps urged the tiny tots to give their best shot. The next game was the balloon game game where the contestant had to blow them till they burst and variation of the game was to sit on the blown balloon till it bursts. A mix of shyness, curiosity and every other expression was evident on their faces. After the girl babies it was the turn of the boys. Their younger peers watched with amazement the beautiful colors of the balloons blooming into greens, purple, yellow and pink with a dash of white too. There were some surprise extempore too from these tiny tots. The mike seemed to be larger than the speaker. The next interesting activity was standing at a distance and throwing the ball

into the basket. The one with the maximum number was the winner. There was another fun game added to this event. A play activity involving the paper cups where the contestants had to blow the balloon in a paper cup and then the paper cup along with the balloon had to be placed into another paper cup. This process was to go on and the winner would be the one who could make the biggest pile of the papercups in tower formation. The next very interesting activity was pinning or drawing a tail of the donkey drawn on the blackboard being blindfolded. The entire group would break into tingling laughter when their peer fixed the tail other than the correct space.. Some of the kids cheered and some just enjoyed the experience. The girls not to be left behind took part in the same activity. This followed by a group dance Children took part in various games, mime shows, puzzles, painting, and singing. Children from Sabin centre - Srinivasan and Zahir presented a short but sweet play. At the end of the day the children appeared to be exhausted from their activities while thoroughly enjoying their cakes and traditional Indian sweets. Such childhood delight made the adults realize that children are indeed precious gems and are divine gifts from above!



AN IMPRESSIONABLE NOTE FROM A VISITOR

– as written by Mr Michael Ang from Singapore

On the 7 Dec a Thursday at 3pm, we were privileged to be referred by our good friend Mr Jean-Luc Butel to visit Pathway's Centre for Rehabilitation & Education of the Mentally Retarded and also their Vocational Centre

We were warmly greeted at the centre entrance by Chandra Prasad and Dhuli. The school staff and a few children were also there to greet us.

We were shown the classroom for various age groups. The class room size were kept small ie not more than 10 students which allows the children to focus on the children better. I saw and meet highly disciplined and well mannered children. I am impressed the kids are taught on only subject and content that are only relevant for life skills. They are developing skills that are necessary for communication and being independent. We see very happy, cheerful and enthusiastic children responding to their teachers and ayahs. We witnessed the love and patience the teachers and ayahs extended to children and how the kids reciprocated with love and attachment. We went to their dormitory and are amazed at the rows of neatly made beds and careful folded linens and bed covers. Nothing was out of place.



We went to the nursery on the building roof top. It is lovely nursery and kept very clean, neat and tidy. This truly reflect the good nature of the children and the careful

grooming by their educators in cultivating a habit of being tidy, being part of a team and working to a schedule. There is also a vocational classroom. Children indulged with art and craft. Their finished works are of a quality that individuals or companies can purchase them for gifts or resell them. There is a bakery and they make their own breads and pastry. Some of their workers in the kitchen are children that grown up with the centre and are now working for the centre. They are definitely very independent and are good and productive workers.



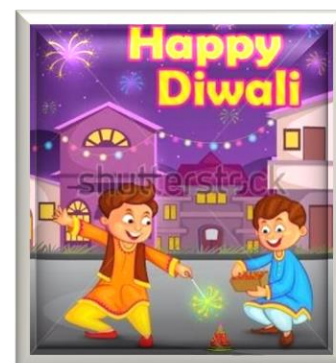
On the 10 Dec, a Sunday, we visited the agro farm where they also run the matriculation school. Here the children with disability also studied and work alongside those who are abled. A wonderful approach to help the children integration with the outside world. Again, I saw the hallmarks quality of thrift, tidiness, discipline and following rules and regulations. This is an amazing social enterprise that Pathway had embarked. The planning of the farm, buildings and products are all well thought out and executed. The happiness from the children radiated clearly from their eyes and faces. We rejoice with them.

Madam Chandra sit with us and went through with us how Dr. ADSN Prasad who could had a very comfortable and luxurious life, chose instead to take up this calling to fill the void in the care and rehabilitation of the mentally disadvantaged children. Chandra, who is Prasad's wife, saw the same vision and together they embarked into this remarkable journey. Although he had passed away for almost 2 years now, the centre, the farms and everything we come in touch with still have the influence and spirit of Prasad. Chandra is doing the incredible job walking in his footsteps. We also learnt about the challenges and support the centers needs.

We witnessed joy, cheerfulness, happiness, thrift, from all the children and workers within the Pathway community. All the children that Pathway adopted would had a hellish existence but Pathway changes that for them. My wife, Kogen and myself walked away with tears in our eyes, feeling edified and hope the world would have more Prasad and Chandra.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

This year Diwali fell on the 26th October 2016. Diwali, or Deepawali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row(aval) of clay lamps (deeps) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects us from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians. In northern India they celebrate the story of King Rama's return to Ayodhya after he defeated Ravana by lighting rows of clay lamps.





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



Diwali, celebrated in October or November each year, originated as a harvest

festival that marked the last harvest of the year before winter. India was an agricultural society where people would seek the divine blessing of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, as they closed their accounting books and prayed for success at the outset of a new financial year. Today this practice extends to businesses all over the Indian subcontinent, which mark the day after Diwali as the first day of the new financial year.

Indians celebrate with family gatherings, glittering clay lamps, festive fireworks, strings of electric lights, bonfires, flowers, sharing of sweets, and worship to Lakshmi. Some believe that Lakshmi wanders the Earth looking for homes where she will be welcomed. People open their doors and windows and light lamps to invite Lakshmi in. Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that is enjoyed by most Indians regardless of faith: Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs.



All the centres from Pathway were a part of this festival.

Children donned new colourful dresses and they looked forward for the special meals and sweets which



would follow for the day. Crackers being a part of this festival it was kept minimal to sparklers and safe flower pots with a few display of fancy fireworks. Children had been busy from morning. They had very tastefully produced colourful rangoli patterns in front of their building entrances with each group trying to outdo the others. All the simple rituals of Diwali have a significance and a story to tell. The illumination of homes with lights illuminate our homes and hearts, that this simple truth finds new reason and hope. From darkness unto light — the light that empowers us to commit ourselves to good deeds, that which brings us closer to divinity. and the skies with firecrackers is an expression of obeisance to the heavens for the attainment of health, wealth, knowledge, peace and prosperity. According to one belief, the sound of fire-crackers are an indication of the joy of the people living on earth, making the gods aware of their plentiful state. In all this joyous festival is always welcomed by not just the kids but adults too.

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



CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION



It was a glorious Christmas celebrated with fervour and prayer in the heart. There was great excitement in the air as children from Pathway, Chennai, the



Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and Orphanage and the Sabin centre for the disabled joined together to

showcase a grand show on the 22.12.2018 at the agro farm. Children from the Pathway Chennai centre travelled by bus to the farm for this event. It was a very joyous group which arrived the venue in the afternoon. The programme was due to start only in the evening. To add to the festivities the Pathway Alumni too joined to be a part of this wonderful festive occasion. It was indeed a sight to watch the entire



family of pathway meeting at one area . though each one was from different walks of life today but their mingling with each other only showed that they were bounded to each other by being a Pathwayian at heart. The sound of laughter, joy, animated talk and chatter filled the air.



It was indeed a sight to see hundreds of children dressed in colourful attire especially gifted to them to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. This special event was attended not just by students of the entire pathway family but also included the children from community rehabilitation group and their parents and care givers.



The stage preparation was done with the help of the Pathway alumini which fixed the beautiful background banner painted by the children to the back of the stage. The evening started with a prayer by Jayapressi from the tenth grade and Pathway choir sang "Joy to the World".



The director of pathway gave a welcome speech and read out some excerpts from our

benefactors who so graciously sent the Christmas message as follows in their words.

The children from the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School presented a bouquet of a beautiful programme that included a welcome dance by the 3rd and 4th grader students. They also enacted a skit ON THE Parable of the prodigal son known as "THE LOST SON" which was finely executed by the children. 6.5The audience got to witness Jingle bells by the special children of Pathway Chennai centre. Their smiles and cute expressions brought in heart.





A tamil version of the song Vandachi, Vandachi was performed by students of 8th and 9th standard who with help of beautifully prepared props transported the viewers to a Christmas land. The 5th and 6th standard children performed a dance whose tune made viewer tap their feet in unison.

Not to be outdone the special Children and adults of the Sabin Centre presented well choreographed dance and music that sang praises of the Lord.



Dear Children of Pathway,

When the child Jesus came to the world more than 2,000 years ago he came from very humble circumstances. His father was a carpenter, like many men used to do in these days. Jesus was a child like any other children but he soon understood what His divine destiny was. His destiny was to change the world and offer all, men, women and children eternal life. He told us that He would be with us along the way, that he would carry us through our trials and challenges and that he would bring us peace. We believe this be true. We also believe that each one of you has a beautiful destiny ahead. We wish you much joy, peace and health.

The Butel

Jean-Luc Butel



My dear children:

Grandma and I want you to know how much we love you and miss you. We regret that we are unable to be with you during this season of the year when we celebrate the birth of our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. It was over 2,000 years ago that baby Jesus came into the world in the village of Bethlehem. His mother was Mary. Think how Mary must have felt to know that she was selected by Heavenly Father out of all the girls in the world to be the Mother of the Son of God. How blessed she was. I think of Jesus often and hope that my life pleases him.

It has been over two years now that our great friend Dr. Prasad was taken home to be with Jesus and Heavenly Father. My dear friend and sister Chandra and I think of Prasad every day. He was a great man. Had it not been for him there would have been no Pathway. Each of you would have had a different life than you have now. As you live your life think of Prasad and all he has given you. I think so often of all he gave to me. I miss him so much.

I hope to see you sometime during 2018. My best advice to you is to never let a day go by without saying your prayers. Be grateful for all you've been given.

We love you so much.

Grandma and Grandpa Sheffield



The final show was on Nativity. This year it was special because the characters were chosen from all the centres which was executed in a very befitting manner depicting the birth of baby Jesus.

The closing hymn and prayer ended the days programme which would be another leaf in Pathway's memorable moments.

The show ended with sumptuous dinner and gifts to all the children and bonus to staff so generously contributed by our good Judge.. We are also grateful to other magnanimous supporters who shared their love and compassion We are humbled by their generosity in true christmas spirit . Dhuli Patnaik proposed a vote of thanks.

PONGAL



Mid January is an important time in Tamil Nadu, so also for Pathway. The harvest festival falls typically on 14 January. This time the harvest brought great cheer in the hearts of everybody at the Pathway Agro Farm as plenty of rice and vegetables were harvested. This three day long Pongal festival was celebrated with great fun and frolic by the children and staff of Pathway, Chennai, the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and the Sabin Centre for the differently abled. The wardens, special school staff, Farm staff, Supervisor, Electrician, Plumber, Driver and Hostel staff, teachers are called to participate in the event with their Tools All the children are





involved in the spring cleaning of the entire campuses. The drivers are incharge of cleaning their vehicles. In general every body is involved in the above activity.

Though this practice is in everyday life here but this gives a start for a new year ringing in freshness and beauty all round. Special prayer was said by Archana, and there after the Principal explained about the meaning and concept of these three days significance.

A small joint prayer or pooja is organized and the blessings are given in form of puffed rice, fruits, sweets and ofcourse the inevitable goodness of sweetness- the sugarcane. this community act brings people closer and friendships and ties get stronger. Worshipping the tools which offer one's livelihood makes them respect these aids.

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

Once the pongal is ready a Padayal (the offering) is first made. Sharing of the Pongal with friends and relatives follows a few minutes of meditation or a prayer. The children were absolutely excited about this day. The excitement of a festival is always writ with pleasure on their face and this showed in their



eagerness to follow any ritual rules like getting

up early in the morning and having a shower and donning new clothes. The previous night the kids had collected their old clothes and each one had made their own bundles since the first day, Bhogi, is celebrated by throwing away and destroying old clothes and materials, by setting them on fire, marking the end of the old Thai and the emergence of the new Thai. The excitement was definitely on high since they receive new clothes and toys to mark the occasion. The day set off by the girl children drawing kolam decorations in front

of their school and dormitory buildings. Everywhere colorful buntings were installed. The buntings waved





along with the breeze matching the childrens smiles. Their enthusiasm brought a renewed energy in the adults who thought less of their everyday worries and became a part of the scenario by joining the kids in the festivities.

The second day, Pongal, is the main day, falling on the first day of the Tamil month Thai (January 14 — 15).



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



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



Some people decorate the horns with gold or other metallic covers. In some places, Jallikattu, or taming the wild bull contest, is the main event of this day and this is mostly seen in the villages. The staff had organized a wonderful fun day programme for children . Some children were dressed in their traditional costumes. The older girl children danced a classical number in front of their peers to mark the day's

festivity. This was followed by a popular game known as Tug of war. The air was filled with happiness and joy and cheering sounds from the crowds who egged their groups to pull harder to win the contest. This was displayed by the tiny tots, middle school kids, special children, and ofcourse the lady staff members who were pitted against the male staff members. The boys were thrilled that their gender won. The adult special children weren't going to be left behind and they showed their skill in musical chair which was won by Armugham followed by Zair. The last but not the least was the blindfold game which challenged the participant to hit a pot which is hung eight to nine feet above the ground and try to smash it and carry the prize housed in it. It seems like another version of piñata. Tired and exhausted the kids trooped in for their special food which they enjoyed and welcomed the nap after it. During the final day, Kaanum Pongal (the word kaanum means "to view") people visit beaches and theme parks. The children in batches were taken out to visit the nearby bird sanctuary. They were delighted. This day is a day to thank relatives and friends for their support in the harvest. Although it started as a farmers festival, today it has become a national festival for all Tamils irrespective of their origins, caste or even religion. It is as popular in urban areas as is in rural areas.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Republic day in India is celebrated every year with great pride on 26th of January to honour the Constitution of India as it came into force on the same day in the year 1950. It had replaced the Government of India Act, 1935 into the governing document of India. On this day, national holiday is declared by the Indian



Government. The new Indian Constitution was sketched and approved by the Indian Constituent Assembly and decided to celebrate it on 26th of January every year as India became a republic country.

The chief guests on Republic Day of India 2018 were 10 Leaders of 10 nations of the world (Heads of ASEAN states). Below is the list of names of all Chief Guests and their Nations:

Sultan and incumbent Prime Minister *Hassanal Bolkiah* – Brunei
 Prime Minister *Hun Sen* – Cambodia
 President *Joko Widodo* – Indonesia
 Prime Minister *Thongloun Sisoulith* – Laos
 Prime Minister *Najib Razak* – Malaysia
 President *Htin Kyaw* – Myanmar
 President *Rodrigo Roa Duterte* – Philippines



President *Halimah Yacob* – Singapore
 Prime Minister *Prayuth Chan-ocha* – Thailand
 Prime Minister *Nguyễn Xuân Phúc* – Vietnam

Following was special on 2018 Republic Day of India in New Delhi:

India celebrated its Republic Day 2018 with the great leaders of 10 Asean countries (Association of South East Asian Nations). This year in 2018, it happened for the first time in Indian history that 10 chief guests graced the Republic Day of India. It was very special because the Southeast Asian bloc completed its 50 years of formation (created on 8 August 1967) and India completed its 25 years of partnership (started in 1992) with the grouping in 2017.

It was for the first time that ASEAN Flags were displayed through fly in the sky over Rajpath.

It was for the first time that one of the floats showed “All India Radio” to display Prime Minister’s monthly address “Mann Ki Baat”.

One of the floats from Income Tax Department displayed anti-black money drive (swachh dhan abhiyan).

113 BSF women performed motorcycle stunts such as pyramid, shaktiman, fish riding, seema prahari, bull fighting, etc.

Aircraft Carrier (IAC) Vikrant was displayed by the Indian Navy which will be commissioned in 2020.

“Nirbhay missile” and the “Ashwini radar system” from The Defence Development and Research Organization were displayed.

“Airborne Early Warning and Control System (Netra) flown over the Rajpath.

Group of students from Delhi school performed to represent Indo-ASEAN ties.

Around 700 students from the guest countries performed in the parade other than the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy. A float by Punjab displayed under the theme “Sangat and Pangat” (Sangat means communal harmony; Pangat means community kitchen) representing love for humanity.

Kathak and folk dances of many countries like Malaysia, Cambodia, Thailand, etc were also displayed.

Around 61 tribal guests were invited to participate in the Republic Day celebration.

100-odd government agencies were involved in the preparations for Republic Day parade 2018.

State capitals celebrated republic day in the presence of governors of the state.



Like Independence Day is celebrated to enjoy the hard won freedom of India from the British Rule, Republic Day in India is celebrated to commemorate the coming of its own constitution into force. It is officially celebrated every year in the national capital of India (New Delhi) at Rajpath in the presence of the Indian President. Besides, celebrations in various other states also take place in the presence of their respective state governors by hoisting the National Flag of the country.

India is a country where people from different cultures, societies, religions and languages live in harmony with each other. The freedom of our country is indeed a matter of great pride because needless to say it was obtained after many years of struggle and great sacrifice. Therefore, this day is celebrated every year in order to make Indian people feel proud of having taken birth on this multi-cultural land. Republic Day is celebrated in a very colorful fashion in order to make celebrations memorable and special for every Indian Citizen. National Anthem is sung by the people who take part in the celebration. This celebration brings all the Indian people together and instills a feeling of national pride as well as love for our country.

Republic day was celebrated at Pathway, Chennai in a grand manner. There was feverish excitement in the children as many of them were ready to present a colorful program. Since they were to participate in a competition held by Kreedha they were ready and assembled near the flag mast. Every visitor, parent, student and staff were greeted at the main gate by a colorful Rangoli which welcomed and ushered everyone in. As the children were called to attention, Dhuli Patnaik our President was requested to unfurl the national flag. With this the children, staff and everyone assembled sang the national anthem in unison. Every spectator and residents were treated to a lovely muffin bearing the tri color of our national pride which was so longingly made by the bakers of Pathway vocation group.

Children were eager to board the buses to get to their next destination where their talents were to be tapped for the day. Every year these special moments are captured on camera and they get embedded in the special album of our special children achievements.

Completing this formality the trust members drove down to the farm to partake in the event there. Children at Pamela Martinez





and the Sabin Centre group were not to be left out. They showed their prowess in the different drill and exercises like pyramid formation which was followed by resounding

applause from their peer groups. In all the children practised their best to win the hearts of their trainers and audience alike. The march past was followed by a wonderful beat of the band .The band leader had

made sure that all his counterparts were in their best attire which caught envy of many .This year the salute was taken by the President of our Trust.

The children put up a show which showed their expertise in drill, lazem , dumb bells, hoops having our national flag color, followed by a pyramid construction which had many variations. And finally followed by a circular wheel which depicted the angle of progress in all spheres of life as a nation.

The girls were not far behind. They to showed a display of their skills in pyramids followed by variations in their techniques. They

left the arena after saluting the flag and taking a bow. It was indeed a sight to watch that the Sabin Centre was not left far behind. When they took the stage to



perform the entire students and their peer and every person present there cheered and welcomed them. A very confident group walked up and displayed their prowess. They too did the pyramids and added a special touch with yoga poses and a skit to go by. Which brought about the unity concept. They depicted the fusion of all religions in our national flag hence bringing out the concept of -that all Indians are our brothers and sisters.

Speeches carefully prepared by students in local and English language were read out by Nivetha, Srimathi, Murugeswari, Priya and Haripriya. The older students kept the audience enchanted by a mime show depicting our Indian army who guard our nation to their best. A special dance by the little ones who depicted our national symbols in the form of bird- the peacock, our national animal – the tiger etc. Their cuteness brought a loud applause and cheer from everyone present.

This was followed by a group of dancers from VII and IX standard kids who depicted in their performance the different states of India.

The Director gave the vote of thanks and children were treated with the wonderful muffins fresh from pathway bakery along with chocolates. The children were also treated to a wonderful feast for the afternoon with a TV show of the days event being telecasted from the national capital.

PATHWAY EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 2017



Another memorable day was etched in Pathways diary in the form of Pathway Excellence Award on the 9th Feb 2018 for the year 2017. Preparations were made way ahead for this prestigious function. We were looking forward to receive our august guests from the united states namely- the Fewkes family, Mr David Haslem and Mr Spencer Plumb. Mr Plumb serves as President & CEO of Sabin Holdings and Mr David Haslem being the Chief Investment Officer for Sabin Holdings. Mr Tim Fewkes who had volunteered way back in 1995 made a pleasant

surprise trip with his family. Today he is the founder of a company known as EverOps which he started in 2011. We definitely missed our other wonderful supporters who though were absent physically were in true spirits with us. This programme was attended by children and staff of all our centres, The Community Based Rehabilitation group, parents, well wishers and ofcourse the Pathway Alumni group.

The Pathway Excellence award was conferred in an impressive but a simple function recently at Pamela Martinez-Pathway Agro farm for children, Kancheepuram district. The venue was tastefully decorated with colorful 'Shamiana' with a large stage. These awards were conferred on meritorious poorest rural children of Tamil Nadu selected from all over the district. This concept of bestowing awards on such children was conceived seven years ago. Pathway being an organization serving the disabled and the poor

wanted to focus on the needy children who show promise in their scholastic performance. The mandate of the organization has been to serve the most needy and deserving children without any bias to their religion, caste or any other consideration.

It is the aim of the organization to discover the unsung heroes who live in the dusty rural areas of the state without being recognized. The aim of Pathway also has been to uncover the potential of highly deserving children who are generally neglected or marginalized by the society because of their obvious problems, such as, poverty, lack of opportunities, poor facilities in the rural areas, etc. The panel also studied the performance of each short listed student from the 50 applications received in his/ her scholastic achievement as well as in their all round achievement. The specialty of this award was to allocate a mentor to each of the selected awardees. Pathway has selected a panel of highly successful professionals drawn from different walks of life for the mentorship program. The panel consisted of doctors, engineers, captains of industry, marketing and business management experts, scientists, administrators, etc Nelson Mandela has said that

" Education Is The Most Powerful Weapon Which You Can Use To Change The World"

this is exactly what Pathway is trying to do. Pathway is dedicated to serve the poorest of the poor and as Prasad says

" CONVERTING THE LIABILITY IN TO ASSET". Pathway strongly believes in the famous Chinese saying *" Give a bowl of rice to a man and you will feed him for a day. Teach him how to grow his own rice and you will save his life"* this is exactly what Pathway is doing, educating children so that they can become independent.

It is indeed a great day for Pathway and me. Pathway after it's inception in the year 1975, with just two children has touched the lives of more than 40,000 children and adults with various needs. Our organization has been working with children and adults with mental retardation, cerebral Palsy, autism and related dysfunctions with great zeal from the past 42 years.

The Pathway Agro Farm for Children was packed with invitees, a large section was earmarked for children, their parents, there were rows of seats that was reserved for principals of schools from the rural areas. The faces of children were beaming with smiles of great expectation. They were all seated as per their awards. All together 7 meritorious awardees were present to receive the honours. It was really interesting and overwhelming to listen to the parents of the some of the children who hailed from remote rural areas. They expressed their glee and delight in participating in a such an event and thanked Pathway for this great opportunity. The principals of village schools were equally delighted with the honour bestowed on their wards.



Excellence award was given for three categories of high performers. During this event 7 meritorious children were conferred with Pathway special Awards. These awards were bestowed on children shortlisted from all over the district which also included a couple of children from the Pamela Martinez /Pathway Matriculation School and Orphanage who matched their performance with high performing children from different parts of the state, Pathway Chennai Centre and also the Sabin – Pathway centre. These children have not just performed well in their studies despite various challenges in their life, but also in various vocations. Some children have done exceptionally well in their scholastic performance, each one of them hailing from different parts of Tamil Nadu have performed with great zeal despite struggles. Each one of them have scored over 90% in almost every subject. Every one of them are first generation school goers and children of illiterates . Many of these children's background are highly challenging. Each awardee child received a garland, shawl, certificate, medal and a cash award.



he award consisted of a cash prize, a certificate, a medal and a shawl.



The most coveted awards were:

- The Pathway- Judge William Sheffield Excellence Award
- The Pathway- Gary Sabin Excellence Award [to two candidates]
- The Pathway A D S N Prasad Excellence Award
- The Pathway- William P Benac Excellence Award
- The Pathway-Jean-Luc Butel Excellence Award
- The Pathway -Pamela – Alex Martinez Excellence Award



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

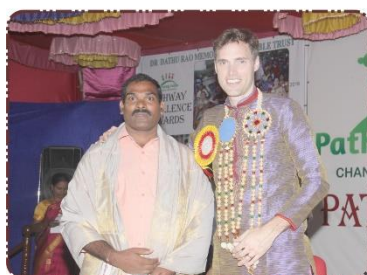


Almost every Awardee had a great and impressive story. The first award being in the founder of Pathway's name --The Pathway Dr A D S N Prasad Excellence Award in honor of Dr a d s n prasad who believed and had an overwhelming desire to help children with or without disabilities .he believed in a bright future and most of all in happiness of a child. This very prestigious award is being awarded to **LOGESHWARI** a girl child who has done exceptionally well in her tenth examination, scoring more than 98%, despite severe poverty and personal challenges. She lost her father when she was in the 5th grade. She and her brother have been in the care of their mother. Despite all these hurdles Logeshwari has managed to rise up and now is aspiring to become an IAS officer so that she can support later many children who like her need support. We salute this kid and feel honoured to know her.

The Pathway Judge William Sheffield excellence Award was given in honor of judge William Sheffield who sees pathway as an institution where he truly sees essence of a child and where miracles happen. He also believes that all roads always lead to pathway. this award was conferred on Meghanathan who joined pathway in the year 2002 at the age of 7. He led his life with a strong belief in the gospel which has tuned him into a wonderful young man today He passed tenth from here with flying colors and inspite of medical issues this young man has completed B.Tech degree in electronics and communication engineering and today is proud to work at Tech Mahindra. His ambition is to pursue his MS degree. Pathway takes pride in honouring this special young man. He has scored centum in certain subjects and nursing an ambition to become a doctor. Pathway is proud to honour this great achiever.

The Pathway-Gary Sabin Excellence Award was bestowed onto two very special differently abled children----the first being Citibabu....

Citibabu entered the portal of Pathway at the age of 14 years in the month of July 2004 from an orphanage Kaakum Karangal. They had just realised that they didn't understand his needs and didn't have the facility to help him. Our former director Dr. Prasad willingly took him into his fold & after doing the initial assessments planned out an individual programme to help him in every sphere of life. Over the years Citibabu





started showing remarkable improvement in spheres especially in speech and language improvement was considerable. The utmost care and patience had showed results. A child who was given up as non-verbal, no-concepts, who was neither receptive or expressive in language having speech problems showed that miracles do exist. He bloomed in every sphere. Rigorous special education was introduced and by the 16th year he was placed in pre-vocational unit & finally by the age of 19 he was admitted in Pathway-Sabin centre for vocational education

In these last few years he learnt to go through various activities like

1. Coir pot making
2. Making of coconut brooms
3. Making of nursey bags
4. Worked in the carpentary section
5. Using sawdust to make beautiful elephants which serves as gifts
6. He has shown keen interest in candle making and paper mache products.

His other achievements include helping to integrate normal children with special children in certain activities like drawing, playing group games, dining together and also an active part in cultural activities. His eagerness to please and a beautiful smile has brought and reigned in many friends from all quarters.

Last but not the least he is totally independent in his daily living skills and helps his peer group.

Citibabu with all the assets has become a valuable member of the



society. He has been employed as an office boy for the school and hence is able to earn his livelihood.

We feel blessed to honor this young adult.

The next special child being Prasanna who suffers from a condition known as the Apert



syndrome which is a genetic disorder characterized by the premature fusion of certain skull bones (*craniosynostosis*). This *early* fusion prevents the skull from growing normally and affects the shape of the head and face. In addition, a varied number of fingers and toes are fused together (*syndactyly*).

Born in the year 1995 He entered pathway in 2006. Over the years he has undergone rehabilitation and education and today stands before you as an asset ready to take on the world. Challenges and hurdles have never stopped him from competing with the outside world. He has learnt the nitty gritty of life and today has been employed by pathway as a helper in Chennai centre where he gets paid for his work. We are very proud to honor this young ever smiling man.

The next prestigious award was given in honor of **Pamela and Alex Martinez** who have not just given this beautiful piece of land that we are enjoying today but also are currently supporting our facility and are our supporting pillar. They run an organization today known as A Brighter Path which is a Human Services Supporting Organization in Capo Beach, California. This great award was awarded to S Kalpana who is based in Kancheepuram district ,born in 2001. This girl child has completed her tenth with overall 95% , scoring centum in social science. Her ambition is to aim for being a chartered Accountant but would like to settle down for B.Sc in Agriculture for now.

She wants to make her mother feel proud of her and to be tied down for an early marriage.

The next award was in the name of **WILLIAM P BENAC**. He is not just a supporter of pathway but his entire family has served pathway over years in different ways. We are indeed indebted to him.





Brother Benac has been an active member and Bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We are proud to say that he has retired from his lucrative job and is now working as a supporter full time for pathway. In his honor we conferred this award on Prasanth. Prasanth joined pathway in the year 2002. He loved pathway which was to be his home for ten years. After completing tenth in 2012 Prasanth tried to fend for himself. Not being a very serious academic student he decided to join a vocation. He has started in a very small way and today has built a small platform eatery on his own. His future plan is to run a hotel. We applaud his efforts and wish him all the success.



The final award was in the name of **JEAN-LUC BUTEL**. A French gentleman whom I met in 1996, never even imagined would be one more strong pillar of pathway. Not just for a year but three decades till date along with his family have volunteered here. We salute this wonderful soul who is today the global healthcare advisor for k8 in Singapore. He provides guidance, support and expertise in broad areas of health care. Jean-Luc also serves as a Senior Advisor to the McKinsey's Health Care practice. We are honoured to know him. This award was conferred in his honor on **KARAN**. Karan once again was a student of pathway who passed out with more than 82 percent in 2015 from here. Hailing from a very poor family karan being the righteous young man decided to pursue his education. After completing 11th he decided to FUND himself by doing odd jobs for a year. After accumulating some money he lodged himself in a hostel and paid for his 12th grade. We are honoured to award this young man today since his efforts to take challenges of life by horn has made us admire his guts and we feel happy to confer this award to him.



We also added special awards to this function by adding and recognising some of our staff at the farm centre namely Mr Annadurai- our Principal, Mr Raja, Mr Pandian and from Chennai centre- Mr Paul Pandian who have served the centre for decades with utter dedication and sincerity.

A variety of cultural programme from all the centres was presented for the benefit of the audience. The highlight being a Michael Jackson- HEAL THE WORLD performed by the special children of Pathway centre. The audience also witnessed a small video presentation from the Alumini group which ended with memento presentation. Chandra Prasad, Hony Director and Chief Functionary, Pathway, described briefly the work done by the organization for the disabled from the past 42 years and has also outlined contribution made by Pamela Martinez school and orphanage and the Agro Farm, from the past 16 years. She said nearly 40,000 lives have been touched by Pathway over these years. She conveyed her grateful thanks to Judge William Sheffield, Gary Sabin, Sabin Spencer, David Haslam, William and Barbara Benac, Pamela and Alex Martinez, and Jean-Luc Butel for their long association and for their great contributions.

Ms Jeyseeli, Principal of Pathway Chennai centre steered the programme and Mrs Dhuli Patnaik, President, Pathway proposed a vote of thanks.

NAKSHATRA SPORTS LEAGUE

28th Jan, 2018 marked the inter-home sports fest day organised by Bhumi. This event witnessed participation of 2000 children from around 75 orphanages and shelter homes in and around Chennai through 5 different zones and provided a platform for these children to showcase their talents.. The event provided a platform for children to exhibit their talent, athletic prowess, and develop sportsmanship attitude. Coming from a lesser privileged background, these children hardly get any exposure to sports and this event essentially gives them that opportunity and plays a major part in helping them explore their talents.



Looking at the statistics of the event, the numbers look incredible. Kids from over different homes poured in for the event, of which many were participating for the first time. The event was made possible because of the efforts of many volunteers. This year the sports fest was hosted at Olcott's memorial Secondary School



The event day commenced by 8:00 am. All the kids were provided with a sumptuous breakfast followed by a brief photo session for each home.



Our Children, boys who were selected for this grand finale participated in three categories – Juniors, Seniors, Super Seniors. 100m, 200m, and 400m race followed by the most anticipated track event – the relay. Field events including shot put, long jump, and high jump, saw enthusiastic competition. The outdoor events showed the maximum energy and loud





cheering with events such as Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Tennikoit, Volleyball, mini-football, shuttle badminton, and throwball. Simultaneously the indoor event saw quiet sporting among the kids with Carrom and Chess. There were volunteers at every stage who attended to the task of guiding and attending to the kids. Children's safety and welfare was given the utmost importance. As the day came to an end and the announcement of the winners was being read out our staff and children waited with bated breath. We are utterly delighted to inform our readers that our children did receive prizes in the following category-



Panduranga received the second place in the Chess Seniors category along with a certificate of Merit, D Thanraj in junior boys category received the second place in Long jump along with the certificate of merit. We believe that sports is a very important sphere in one's life. If started early in life it can fuel a passion in the games and the spirit of sportsmanship is instilled for life. After the prize distribution ceremony and the vote of thanks delivered our staff along with the children and principal made their way back from Chennai to their farm unit tired but satisfied and happy.

SCIENCE EXHIBITS



The word SCIENCE CLUB has stemmed from the meaning- learning by doing, which allows children to explore, express themselves, do independent research and be involved in constructive activities. It strengthens the student's knowledge of the subject matter. The students are given projects based on their class standards. This kind of activity channelizes their talents and allows development of scientific attitude





and interest in scientific activities which aids in better concept setting. This particular club encourages not just individual but also group participation. The success of this club is finally based on the science teachers who are the heartline of these activities. They are the ones who can enthuse interest into the children by fostering critical thinking and strengthening the problem solving skill which would give rise to a confident student.



The science club this year chose to highlight their activities by making and demonstrating various models made by them. In the process of making the children are able to assimilate knowledge in a concrete way.

Projects are important for their educational values and for their positive long-term effects on students. While doing a project, students learn how to face challenges and how to overcome problems. This activity allows them to gain a deeper understanding of science and the scientific method which aids them for a better understanding which they can use in their day to day life.



The following were constructed and the working was demonstrated by them with the support of their educationists.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION This was executed by Srimathi of the eighth grade who explained in easy steps regarding the construction of the volcano using eco friendly materials like newspaper, cardboard, a water bottle along with a solution of water, vinegar a few drops of dish

washing liquid, baking soda and a bit of food color and ofcourse paints which added a real touch to her volcano. . She demonstrated very effectively how the volcano erupts using the above.

BLOOD CELL MODEL This model was made Jayaprasanna of the tenth grade . She explained about the





types of human blood cell present and functions and also emphasising on the colour. Her model gave a birds eye view of the same.

PHASES OF THE MOON : This model was presented by Jayaprassi of the ninth grade who had carefully crafted the above using thermocol.

She explained about the various phases in the following order – new moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full moon, waning gibbous, last quarter, waning crescent and finally the dark moon.



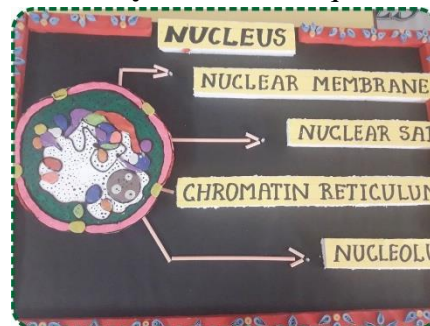
OZONE LAYER- This model was beautifully explained by M Shalini of the ninth grade. She explained that the main cause of the **ozone** hole was found to be gases that contained Cholorofluorocarbons (CFCs), Halons and Freons. ... As these gases rise upwards, they are exposed to UV light. This then causes a chemical reaction which creates chlorine atoms. These **affect** the atoms of **ozone** and cause **ozone depletion**. She also explained how the **hole in the ozone layer** in the earth's upper atmosphere (stratosphere) reduces the greenhouse **effect** because **ozone** is a greenhouse gas. However, **ozone** in the stratosphere filters out ultraviolet radiation from the sun that is harmful to life on earth. She also touched on the fact that this depletion of the **ozone layer** has consequences on **humans**, animals and plants. This typically results from higher UV levels reaching us on earth. Research confirms that high levels of UV Rays

cause non-melanoma skin cancer.

Other models created by the students were **THE NUCLEUS** BY Jayaprassi,

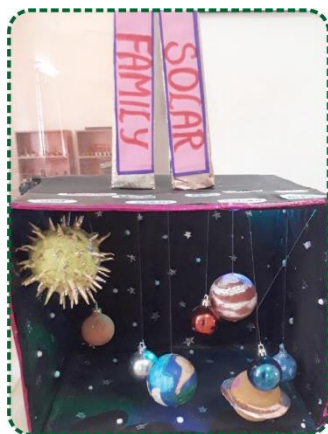
MITOCHONDRIA by Nishalini and **THE BACTERIA MODEL** by

Sandhya of the tenth grade. They had taken care and crafted their model keeping all the details in mind.



THE HUMAN HEART This model created interest since it was shown as a working model to the other peer group and visitors by Archana of the tenth grade. She effectively explained the working of the human heart which pumps blood throughout the body via the circulatory system thereby supplying oxygen and nutrients to the tissues and removing carbon dioxide and other wastes.

SOLAR FAMILY This fascinating model created by Kishore brought many curious pairs of eyes questioning him. He was happy to explain that our solar system is Not



only a home to eight planets, but it also holds several dwarf planets, hundreds of moons, and thousands of stars and asteroids.

The students asked him the names and number of the planets which he eagerly spelled out as Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. He explained that These planets orbit the Sun. The Sun is the largest object within the Solar System - it makes up more than 95% of all the matter! It is because of the Sun's large size that the rest of the objects within the Solar System orbit around it. He concluded saying that the Sun is very, very hot. It is 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit on its surface.

WIND ENERGY This model was constructed by Kumar of seventh grade who explained about how the Wind turbines convert the kinetic energy in the wind into mechanical power. He outlined that this mechanical power can be used for specific tasks (such as grinding grain or pumping water) or a generator can convert this mechanical power into electricity to power homes, businesses, schools, and the like.



HUMAN LUNG This model was created by Archana of the tenth grade which definitely created interest in her peers and other students since it was a working model. She explained that the most important function of **the lungs** is to **extract oxygen** from the environment and transfer it to the **bloodstream**. **She also emphasized the key points about the lungs in the following manner**

- The left and right lungs are different sizes,
- The lungs fill the majority of the chest cavity,
- Each person takes more than 6 million breaths per year,
- At the most basic level, lungs work like a set of bellows
- Without the production of surfactant, the lungs would collapse
- The lungs also play a part in regulating the acidity of the body
- Smoking tobacco is the biggest cause of lung-related complaints
- Lung tumors make up 15% of all diagnosed cancers and 30% of all cancer deaths

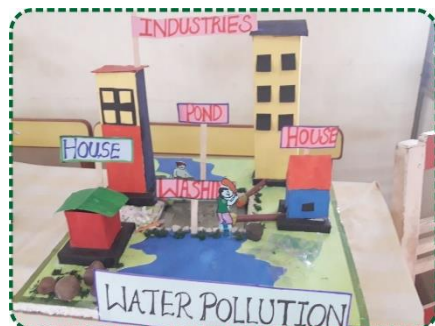


RAIN WATER HARVESTING A beautiful eye catching model was developed by Priya of the tenth grade who educated the other students on the importance of rain harvesting. She explained that Rain water harvesting (RWH) is a technique of collection and storage of rainwater into natural reservoirs or tanks, or the infiltration of surface water into subsurface aquifers (before it is lost as surface runoff). She outlined the rooftop harvesting method and its advantages which include

- It is absolutely free to use and a clean source of water. ...
- It is easy to install. ...
- It can be used for many different purposes. ...



- *It is environmentally friendly. ...*
- *It is excellent for irrigation. ...*
- *It reduces the use of ground water.*



WATER POLLUTION This concept was dutifully explained by Sushmita of the eight grade in very simple terms. She circled the major causes of water pollution under several headings like - **Sewage And Waste Water, Dumping, Industrial Waste, Oil Pollution, Acid Rain, Global Warming and Eutrophication:**

DISPERSION USING GLASS PRISM This topic was chosen by Nivetha who constructed this model to explain regarding dispersion. She explained to her viewers that when a white light beam is passed through a prism, a band of seven colors are formed which is known as spectrum of white light. The seven colors in the spectrum are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet respectively.



SERIES AND PARALLEL CIRCUITS A model created for same was explained by Sandhya of tenth grade to her curious group of students who demanded to know the difference between series and parallel circuit. She explained to them that in a series circuit, the current through each of the components is the same, and the voltage across the circuit is the sum of the voltages across each component. whereas In a parallel circuit, the voltage across each of the components is the same, and the

total current is the sum of the currents through each component. Many children tried their hands on this model to actually witness the same.

SOURCES OF WATER This topic was chosen by Jayaprassi to explain the four sources of fresh water mainly the atmospheric water (rain water), groundwater, ice water (water trapped in glaciers, ice caps, etc.), and bodies of water such as lakes, streams, rivers, and natural springs.



FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

This is the third Founders day we were to celebrate on the 29th March. It is indeed an honor to respect a man whose mission was only to serve the children from all categories irrespective of caste, creed or religion. His vision and dedication today has given many a livelihood, children their education and also steered their dreams to reality. His 40 years of sheer self sacrifice and hard work has breathed life into many souls and today many owe their success to this wonderful person.

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



cultural programme along with fun games. This year we had many of our trustees along for this great occasion.



Everybody gathered around 8 in the morning at the vocational centre area. The day started with a opening prayer and hymn. It was followed by unfurling a huge banner of the founder whose ever smiling gentle face brought heartfelt respect and cheer from every soul present. After paying our humble respects to this wonderful visionary a birthday cake was cut. This cake was especially prepared by special hands of Chennai centres bakery group.



The children had made a pencil drawing portrait of their loving father and used their creativity in installing the same.. Children They paid their respects in different forms like greeting cards by the Sabin group, flowers from the tiny tots, in memory poems for their dad from the older children and some had even prepared individual cards.

This special event this year was marked with Pathway Alumini planting new tree saplings, rose bushes and lemon saplings.

The mike was later handed over to the hony director followed by the president of the trust.

Children were patient and very respectful.as the speeches were over their tiny whispers and excitement started growing. They would be seeing their parents too taking part in the fun games and vice versa.





The tiny tots had a series of games to attend to like the potato gathering, balancing a ball on a tiny plate, sack race, balloon bursting, and arranging paper cups in limited time period. Every game was watched with earnest spirit and loud cheering with applause and claps rendered the air. Now it was the turn of the parents. The games played were musical chair, matching picture game, going through memory test and finally the tug of war. The biggest applause was for the tug of war. Children's beaming smiles left us totally satisfied. The spirit of happiness seemed to have surrounded us all. Every game event ended with a prize which was so kindly distributed by our guests. Snacks were distributed at the end of this session.

After a sumptuous lunch and a bit of relaxation the kids and staff were ready for the next session. The next session was started by 3 in the afternoon which concluded by 5 in the evening. The various programmes conducted were group dances, fun games like walking on the upturned mud pot, tic-tac toe game, the action game, lemon spoon race etc. The children from all centres had participated to make this a very memorable event. As expected every event was concluded with special prizes. The Sabin group boys had to blow balloons till it bursts, the winners declared here were Prabhu and Dayalan.

Senthil, Ambrose, Sheikh and Thamil were involved in the game of throwing a light plastic ball into a bucket kept at a distance. Prabhu was declared a winner here. All the special adults were given tshirts as prizes. Not to be left out of the festivities the staff too participated in the fun event.





The day ended with swimming competitions between the different peer groups joined by the Pathway alumina. It was indeed a very satisfying day which ended with everyone carrying some treasurable



moments in their heart to be etched forever.

The entire campus was resounding with happiness and childrens laughter. I am sure the Founder would be pleased to see all his children so happy and joyous.



STUDY TOUR – EXCURSION

This year the children from two classes were selected to go on an educational tour on the 11th February 2018. The day did turn out to be a beautiful sunny day.



A total of 19 girls and boys dressed in their spotless uniforms headed by their 8 instructors boarded the bus. The time was already 8.00 am. The incessant chatter and happiness was very evident on their faces. Curiosity and the questioning mind was at its best. As the van rolled out the kids waved goodbye to their other school groups and finally settled in their seats.

After the initial excitement settled down a bit their instructors chose to educate the kids on the tour. The instructors informed them that their first visit would be to the Veedur Dam. Children immediately turned their attention towards their teacher and pressed him to give some details regarding the same. This information and knowledge was necessary to prepare them to enjoy the



sights they were going to. The distance to be covered was around 58kms To keep their spirits high and to impart more knowledge their principal Mr Annadurai decided to narrate in simple language. It would take an hour to reach the dam, which later would turn to question and answer on their return journey. There was absolute silence in the bus since the kids didn't want to miss out on the trailer of their actual tour.

He explained about the dam stating that it was located in Veedur which is a village panchayat in the Viluppuram district of Tamil Nadu state, India. He explained to the curious students that

It is the largest village by area and population in the district.



Mani being interested in the geographical part questioned him the location. His principal smiled and said that Veedur lies in the northeast part of Tamil Nadu, between Chennai and Villupuram. It is 142 km (101 mi) south of Chennai and 50 km (98 mi) north of Pondicherry. He also mentioned that this Dam was built at the confluence of two area rivers. Veedur is Politically, Veedur is part of the Viluppuram Lok Sabha constituency and the Viluppuram State Assembly constituency. He also explained that the village is secular, but a majority of residents are Hindus and Jains. The village is known for Shivan Kovil and Adhinath Bhagavan Jain Temple, both at

least 1200 yrs. The village also contains a church and facilities dedicated to demigods like Ayyanarappan. In addition, Veedur is known in the field of religious literature. The town's main economy is agriculture.

The dam with its reservoir fulfill 1.5lakh acre of farm land's water requirement providing the good harvest and makes the surrounding area to feel self sufficient. The children had heard enough and were back into their seats since their destination was close. They didn't want to miss any part of the scenery. The dam was sighted by 9.00 am and children scrambled out only to stand in silence and be amazed with beauty that lay in front of them. With supervision of their staff they went round the dam and then settled down to have a hearty breakfast which was packed for them.

They were energised to embark on the second part of their excursion namely to visit the NLC. 'NLC India Limited (NLCIL) formerly Neyveli Lignite Corporation





is a 'Navratna' profit making, Government of India Enterprise engaged in mining of lignite and generation of power through lignite based thermal power plants. NLCIL was established by GoI in 1956, following the discovery of lignite deposits in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu. NLCIL comes under administrative control of Ministry of Coal, GoI and serves as an important source of power generation to the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Rajasthan and Union Territory of Puducherry. NLCIL currently operates four open cast lignite mines of total capacity of 30.6 Million Tonnes per Annum (MTPA) and five thermal power stations with a total installed capacity of 3240 MW. The company, through its subsidiary NTPL, has also recently commissioned a 1000 MW coal based power plant (comprising 2 Units of 500 MW capacity each), 10 MW solar plant and 30 MW wind power plant thus bringing the total installed capacity of the company to 4280 MW.

The main activities of NLC are Lignite Mining and Power Generation. However, the company has also diversified into

generation of renewable energy through Solar Power Generation and Wind Power Generation.

The Business portfolio of the company is as under:

1. Lignite Mining
2. Thermal Power Generation
3. Solar Energy Generation
4. Wind Power Generation
5. Coal Mining

Questions were being poured by the students to their concerned staff. Being a journey of another 140 kms which would roughly mount to 3 ½ hour journey the kids were advised to get into the buses so that they could be briefed about their next stop.

On their onward journey they sighted many lush green sunflower farms. To break the monotony of their journey they stepped out of their buses just to feel the sunflower flowers brushing their cheek and the mild breeze which tenderly touched their faces. Some sights in nature are to be felt more than seen to truly enjoy the nature's effect.

Being a long trip some kids had dozed and some were discussing about their new discovery. The curious ones did ask the teachers to give them some statistics regarding how the NLC benefits the community at large. Ms Gunasundari took the task to answer in a precise way saying that NLC provided employment to 223 Persons with Disabilities (PWD) in compliance with reservation guidelines of GOI. It also Full fills CSR,. The Water Resource Management for the benefit of Large Society has shown that 40210 Acres of land has benefitted, 83 villages are their beneficiaries and the number of people





around 76688. NLC is also diversifying into coal based power generation and generation from renewable energy sources like Solar and Wind.

The staff allowed the children to relax till they reach the plant where they could fill their curiosity by questioning their guide. They arrived safely at the plant. Some amount of paperwork was necessary to allow them to enter into the premises of the plant. The children had never seen a mine so big. The very vastness of the same brought in a respectful silence.

Thousands of questions were running in their minds but the eagerness to actually see the mine and the different machineries, conveyor belts etc stumped them. The friendly guide explained to the group regarding Mining. He explained that NLC India at present has four open cast lignite mines namely Mine I, Mine II, Mine IA and Barsingsar Mine. The lignite mined out is used as fuel to the linked Pit head power stations. Also raw lignite is being sold to small scale industries to use it as fuel in their production activities.

The other area of interest is the Power Generation. He described to his curious group that

NLC India has five pithead Thermal Power Stations with an aggregate capacity of 3240 MW. Further, NLC India has installed 34 Wind Turbine Generators of capacity 1.50 MW each and also commissioned 140 MW Solar Photo Voltaic Power plant in Neyveli, resulting in an overall power generating capacity of 3431 MW

No amount of text book reading would have borne the concept as much as seeing a place offered. Every page of their textbook information was being unfurled in front of them. The stunned kids walked as robots when they saw the a Rs 100 crore specialised mining equipment The '1400 litre bucket wheel excavator' scoop out about 2,250 cubic metres of overburden an hour from the mines. The machine weighing 6800 cubic metres per hour and fitted with electrical motors The giant crawler mounted excavators each of them weighing close to 2,600 tons will be used in NLC Mines-II area for removing the overburden over the lignite deposit. The maximum cutting height of the machine is 30 meters.

The children stood dazed. It was the first time they became aware of the enormity of the machine size and its capability. They watched everything with absolute attention. It was time for lunch. They located a perfect





scenic place for the same and ate in silence since the amazing details they saw were being slowly absorbed by their keen young minds.

After a hearty lunch they thanked their guide and then settled back into the bus after taking care that they left the location as clean as they had first entered.

Their next journey was to the most beautiful location known as Pichavaram the second largest Mangrove forest in the world, near the temple town of Chidambaram. This is one of the unique Eco-tourism spots in South India. The backwaters, inter connected by the Vellar and Coleroon river systems, offer

abundant scope for water sports, rowing, Kayak and canoeing. The children were excited since it was just an hour and a half ride roughly covering 52 kms.

Now it was the turn of Mr Dhanasekar to explain about the sight they were going to witness. He narrated to the kids that The Pichavaram forest not only offers waterscape and back water cruises but combines another very rare occurrence - the mangrove forest trees permanently rooted in a few feet of water. The Pichavaram mangroves are considered among the healthiest mangrove occurrence in the world.

One has no idea about how time flew that afternoon. The kids had not even imagined in their wildest dream the picturesque mangrove. Their excitement was building. They had to pass nearly 4km stretch of forest area with beautiful green lush trees surrounding to their final destination. The lap of 52 kms was finally covered and they stepped down to see the mangrove they had heard so much.

It was the turn of the next instructor to take over the discussion. Mr Mariabalan divided the group into 5 and instructed the children to don the life belts and the safety gear before they embarked for the boat drive.. The manual boats were more a thrill than the electric motor boats. They gingerly stepped into the boat and settled down as per the advise of their boatman. Their was a hush silence over the group since they were not aware of the next adventure. After a few minutes of settlement they ventured to ask the boatman a few questions. The boatmen were eager to answer the children. They summarised saying that Pichavaram consisted of a number of islands interspersing a vast expanse of water covered with green trees. The area is around 2800 acres and is separated from the sea by a sand bar which is a patch of extraordinary loveliness. The





Pichavaram mangrove biotope, with its peculiar topography and environmental condition, supports the existence of many rare varieties of economically important shell and fin fishes.

The Pichavaram mangroves attract an appreciable bird population of residents, local migrants and true migrants. At the mangroves, so far, 177 species of birds belonging to 15 orders and 41 families have been recorded. To a botanist, rare species like *Avicennia* and *Rhizophora* will present a special attraction; to a zoologist, no doubt, the sight of numerous birds like Water snipes, Cormorants, Egrets, Storks, Herons, Spoonbills and Pelicans holds great interest.



The availability of different habitat types such as channels, creeks, gullies, mud flats and sand flats and adjacent sea shore offers ideal habitat for difference species of birds. The pristine beauty kept the entire group mesmerized.

The boatman in the end narrated the fascinating boat chases and "cinema scenes" that have been shot along the waterways — the place shot to fame with MGR's "Idayakanni". Since then, Sharath Kumar has shot

there for "Sooryan", Prabhu has been there and miscellaneous governors, bureaucrats and politicians.

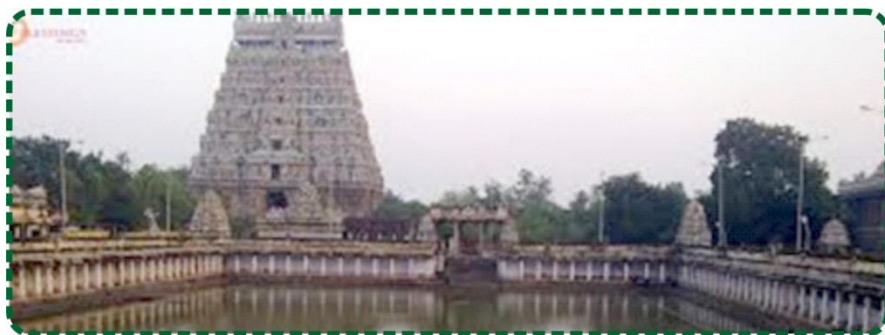
The group thanked the boatmen and decided to end their day's excursion by visiting the

Nataraja Temple, Chidambaram, also known as Chidambaram Thillai Natarajar, Koothan Kovil (Shiva the Dancer's Temple) which was just a mere 15 km from their spot.

They eagerly climbed back into the bus and with happiness spread over their faces they reaccounted the places they had visited so far. Mrs Subhashini their cultural teacher decided to empower them with the significance of the beautiful temple they were to visit.

She explained that this temple has been a seat and influence in the areas worship, architecture, sculpture and performing arts for over two millennia. Nataraja Temple, Chidambaram is one of the five Pancha Bootha Sthalams, the holiest of Shiva temples with each representing one of the five natural elements. In this temple, the element of akasha (ether) is manifest. This kshetra is also referred to as Perumpatrapuliur or Vyagrapuram (honouring Saint Vyagrapaathar,





Sanskrit: Vyaghrapada – ‘Tiger-Footed’). The temple is believed to be located at the lotus heart of the Universe: ‘Virat hridaya padma sthalam’. Chidambaram is the birthplace of the sculpture of the bronze representation of Shiva as the cosmic dancer, with his leg lifted up and hands showing

various mudras. This intrinsically Tamil concept and motif in Chola art has become notably the universal symbol of Hinduism. In fact, the sculptures in the Chidambaram temple have inspired the karanas (postures) of the classical dance form, Bharatha Natyam. A unique feature of this temple is the bejeweled image of Nataraja. It depicts the Lord Shiva as the Lord of the dance Bharatanatyam and is one of the few temples where Shiva is represented by an anthropomorphic murthi rather than the classic, anionic Lingam. The Cosmic Dance of Lord Nataraja symbolises the motion of the universe as sustained by Lord Shiva.

Their journey was last destination for the day was in sight and they embarked from the vehicle.



The children with reverence witnessed the glory of the temple and then sat down to view the bharnatyam a classical dance which was being telecasted. They were amazed at the costmes used for the dances and the richness of culture that it enthused. After taking a round of the temple they exited the same by receiving the special prasadam. A light dinner followed

Before they were to return home. Tired but happy they entered the vehicle. There was so much to muse about and cherish their special day. With all the recollections of the day they drifted slowly to their dream

world and had to be awoken to alight at the school. It was a journey decked with knowledge which would soon become a treasure trove of memory.



KG EXCURSION



The children from the lower kindergarten were not left far behind regarding taking them out for excursion. A very excited group was ready with full enthusiasm and happiness to go out for their first field trip out with their peer group and their teachers. A total of 44 children along with four teachers and two helpers and the principal boarded two vehicles which were arranged for their trip. Packed with snacks, first aid box and plenty fresh safe water the children set out excitedly for their trip. It took little time to seat everybody comfortably before the vehicles rolled out of the campus.

The children were taken to visit the melmarvathur lake

bird sanctuary. This lake is situated in the Kancheepuram District of the state of Tamil nadu. The underdeveloping bird Sanctuary is about 500 meters from Chennai to Trichy National Highway (NH45). The local people have been protecting the bird from threats. Some easily found bird species include Spoonbill Burma and the Spot Bill Duck , Cormorants, Darter, Grebes, Large Egret, Little Egrets, Moorhen, Night Herons, Paddy Bird, Painted Stork, Pintails, Pond Heron.

Being the tiny tots the staff were careful and observant of their wards since their excitement is



amazing to watch. Their glee and excitement in seeing so many different kinds of birds was a great treat to watch. The tiny hands and fingers pointed out to some common birds which they have seen at the farm and the urge to learn some more new names was

enjoyable to hear. Every few minutes they would run in different directions having spotted new birds. It was indeed a task for the staff to keep them as a group. A child's expression and look of amazement in their faces after seeing the birds in flight and their expanse of





wings and some perching can be witnessed in close quarters only being practically close to them. It was indeed not just a delight but totally refreshing for the staff too.

After their initial excitement and running around some children slowed down and some still wanted to discover new birds. They browsed around a bit and finally they agreed to sit down and agree to have their snacks. The snack boxes opened up in a flash and children got busy after having their treats and safely storing away their snack boxes they sat down in a circle to recall what they had seen. It ended with singing a few songs and they were ready to board the transport vehicles for their next stop.

The children had already been advised about their next destination stop which was to be the famous temple known as

the selva kuberar alayam which is in a place called Ongur near Tindivanam.

When the children reached the temple they all scrambled out and were ready to view their next destination. They were greeted with beautiful yellow marigold flowers which were to



be given as offering to the god. The sight of the idol brought a smile to their faces since they related it with the laughing buddha.. they all stood near this bright gold statue to get their best poses taken. A few of them tried to touch him reverentially and some even prayed and uttered aum or om .

This temple is spread on a ten thousand eight

hundred sq feet area which also houses nine small other temples like Lakshmi Narayan ,Shiradi Sai Baba,Jai Hanuman ,Vinayagar, Aravindar , Parameswari ,Kannika Parameswari And Kubaran .

Once their tiny feet were tired of going around they all sat down to feast on the offerings given in sweet form in a leaf bowl. They enjoyed this special treat and then headed back in twos to the exit gate. By now some children were already tired and were ready to board the vehicles to head back home. A fresh water melon juice was offered to every child at the end of their tour.

It was indeed a very pleasurable trip not only for the children but also for their escorts who enjoyed in the childrens happiness.

We at Pathway want every memory of childhood to be enjoyed and etched in their memories.



WATER DAY



Facts & Figures

- Globally, over 80% of the wastewater generated by society flows back into the ecosystem without being treated or reused. (Sato et al, 2013)
- 1.8 billion people use a source of drinking water contaminated with faeces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid and polio. Unsafe water, poor sanitation and hygiene cause around 842,000 deaths each year. (WHO/UNICEF 2014/WHO 2014)



- The opportunities from exploiting wastewater as a resource are enormous. Safely managed wastewater is an affordable and sustainable source of water, energy, nutrients and other recoverable materials.

World Water Day, on 22 March every year, is about focusing attention on the importance of water. The theme for World Water Day 2018 is '**Nature for Water**' – exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges we face in the 21st century.

To mark this event our Science club took up this activity. The children were earlier given a brief about the various issues about the water shortage. The teacher narrated that the

Environmental damage, together with climate change, is driving the water-related crises all around the world as we see.. Floods, drought and water pollution are all made worse by degraded vegetation, soil, rivers and lakes.

When we neglect our ecosystems, we make it harder to provide everyone with the water we need to survive and thrive.

Nature-based solutions have the potential to solve many of our water challenges. We need to do so much more with 'green' infrastructure and harmonize it with 'grey' infrastructure wherever possible. Planting new forests, reconnecting rivers to floodplains, and restoring wetlands will rebalance the water cycle and improve human health and livelihoods.

Damaged ecosystems affect the quantity and quality of water available for human consumption. Today, 2.1 billion people live without safe drinking water at home; affecting their health, education and livelihoods. Sustainable Development Goal 6 commits the world to ensuring that everyone has access to safe water by 2030, and includes targets on protecting the natural environment and reducing pollution. Based on the above the club members along with the help of their guides staged a skit about the IMPORTANCE OF





WATER AND SAVING OF WATER. The children in short explained the water resources , the uses of water, and how the plant and tree helps us to breath .they also summarised the cycle chart of rain and its valuable help to growing of crops which could be better used and conservatively by using drip irrigation etc. This skit was enacted by the help of seven students namely- S.Sararaj – VII std , M.Kishore kumar –VII std, E.Muthu –IX std, M.P .Vignesh Kumar- IX std, R.Amerasan – VI std, D.Dhanaraj – Vi std and Ramkumar- VI std. At the end of the skit the facts and figures were shown as slides to the other children

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETINGS



The Pamela Martinez Pathway home committee meeting was conducted on 10.07.2017 at 11.00 am. The following officer bearers who participated in the deliberations were Mr.J.David Paul District Child Protection Officer, from DCPO, Kancheepuram, and Mr I. Zaheeruddin Mohamed, a CWC Member. The other members alongside were from the management of The Pamela Martinez Home Committee including members from children community.

The meeting started with an introduction and all the members were introduced to each other. Mr. Annadurai welcomed all the office bearers.



Mr. J. David Paul : He explained about the essence of the Home management committee and its importance of being held once in three months. In his words he also underlined the need of awareness regarding a child's problems which would enable any institution or management to nip the problem at the bud. He also outlined the function of Child Help Line No 1098, Emergency ambulance 108, police 100 and children rights. The good officer also interacted with the representatives of child committee members who were drawn from different class groups and belonging to an array of ages regarding their daily work schedule

and how they are treated. He enquired about their daily menu and extra curricular activities in general about their outlook of present situation of their stay at this residential centre. He also explained about students resorting to extreme methods on academic failures and how not to succumb to the same by instilling more confidence in their behavior and seeking help for the same. He requested the children representatives to spread the teachings discussed in the meet with their peer groups.

It was wonderful to note that the children approached every question with confidence and assured the officer that they were quite content and happy of their stay in the hostel and had no such worries.

The officer also addressed the management to avoid taking children to areas where safety measurements were not in place like water body areas, boating etc and to continue maintain the dress code which is in accordance to our society.

Pathway Director : Mrs. Chandra Prasad : The Director opened her remarks by expressing absence of the Child Welfare Officer - Mrs Sudha due to personal reasons. She then outlined and summarized about the centres activities for the past 4 months. She highlighted and expressed her happiness about the children performance of the out going batch of x std . The Pathway Excellence Award concept was explained to the gathering and how it has helped not just the children that Pathway serves but also Children from various other schools far and nearby. She gave a gist of the Pathway Alumini group creation and how they are a big support to the present children studying since their life today has been shaped in form of para medical persons, engineers, therapists etc. She further summarized the various prizes won along with the championship award in sports bringing laurels not just for themselves but for the entire Pathway family. She also emphasized certain rules which were in place like -not allowing eatables from outside or any visitor. The entry of any visitor was entertained only after checks and even parents are subjected to the same since ID proofs are being insisted on.

CWC Member : Mr I.Zaheeruddin Mohamed : He in his interaction with the children was happy to note that Pathway has created many avenues and opportunities for the have nots and congratulated the staff and management for the same. While speaking to the children he enquired about their timetable, their daily menu plan and enquired about the medical facilities too. His faith in our good work has been displayed by sending 5 new admissions through the good offices of CWC. He felt strongly that Pathway will guide these children to a better future and thanked the management for agreeing to his request. At the close of the meeting the present CWC members appreciated the management. They confirmed their happiness about the various activities taken by the Home and its maintenance. They also commented about the pleasant atmosphere and the fact that every activity run was in accordance to the rules. The management thanked the committee for their kind words and the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer followed with lunch.

The Pamela Martinez Pathway home committee meeting was conducted on 16.12.2017 at 11.00 am. The following officer bearers who participated in the deliberations were Dr.R.N.Manikandan ,MBBS,MSC,MD chairman from CWC, Mr.V.Palayam from DCPO, Kancheepuram, and Mr I.Zaheeruddin Mohamed, CWC Member. The other members alongside were from the management of The Pamela Martinez Home Committee including members from children community. The meeting started with a introduction and all the members were introduced to each other Mr.Annadurai welcomed all the office bearers.



Dr.Manikandan : - He spoke with all the children participants about their aim , daily activities ,importance of home committee meeting and also enquired about the happiness level of children . He also explained about the importance aspect of Social interactions with children He

instructed for a periodical check up of dental ,eye and ENT for all the inmates .He also instructed the children to explain about the home meeting details to other children of the Home . He asked to children about the importance of nail cutting. His final query was whether the children wanted any specific improvement in their Home . The children in one chorus said that they were happy with the facilities provided and were grateful for that. In his closure speech the respected Doctor thanked the management and the staff for their diligence and wonderful service provided.



Mrs.Chandra Prasad , Director of Pathway & Officer Incharge Of Institution :

She explained about the children record maintenance , a whatsapp group of pathway alumni children to help their future progress ,& also outlined the data of the students who are all employed and doing graduation after their course in pathway . She emphasized the need of communication with every child being a must hence fulfilling it by other means like letter writing too. This gives an insight to each child's specific problems which can be attended to immediately. She also placed on record about involving volunteers and the permissions to sought from CWC and DCPO to benefit the children.



Mr.Palayam : He explained about the essence of the Home management committee and its importance of being held once in three months. In his words he also underlined the need of awareness regarding a child's problems which would enable any institution or management to nip the problem at

the bud. The good officer also interacted with the representatives of child committee members who were drawn from different class groups and belonging to an array of ages regarding their daily work schedule and how they are treated. He enquired about their daily menu and extra curricular activities in general about their outlook of present situation of their stay at this residential centre.

Mr I.Zaheeruddin Mohamed : He is also interacted with children to know their issues and progress of study . He is happy to know that all children are doing well , and expressed desire to have the next Home Committee Meeting with all the children staying at the Home which was welcomed by all. Regarding the monkey problem issue presented to him- he gave his affirmative to help in every possible way. In his closing remarks he mentioned that he was very happy and has a very warm and positive feeling for Pathway since it not just fulfils the programmes and needs of children but the dedication and love have been utmost. The Pathway Home Committee is very grateful to him for his kind words.At the close of the meeting the present CWC members appreciated the management. They confirmed their happiness about the various activities taken by the Home and its maintenance. They also commented about the pleasant atmosphere and the fact that every activity run was in accordance to the rules. The management thanked the committee for their kind words and the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer followed with lunch.



PATHWAY ALUMINI GROUP



The Pathway Alumni group has been quite active this year by volunteering at the trade fair at island grounds where Pathway Vocational unit displayed its craftsmanship in handicrafts and bakery products. They also evinced keen interest in being a part of the pre-preparations of the pathway excellence award day. More than twenty volunteers joined the group under the leadership of Vignesh who had split the team to do various activities at the farm centre.

Once the date was set the alumni spent a week earlier to overlook and work in various areas at the farm which included

trimming and cleaning the entry road to the farm, cleaning of the interior roads of the farm, and painting of the nursery pots. They also painted the swimming pool fencing, and used their nimble hands to decorate the paths with banana leaf buntings and also serial lights at the main entry.

I was amazed with the dedication and the ever smiling faces which lent me a hand and made me feel proud to have brought up such a wonderful group of human beings. Their affection and gratefulness touched my heart. The entire farm was lit with their presence and laughter which echoed in the entire premise.

The group also planned and executed other jobs like a small video presentation and life history of Pathway from inception till date in form of A3 size foam boards. This gave an insight and a birds eye view to the visitors about the enormous work which has been accomplished in the last 42 years.

It was heartening to see this group enjoying and catching up with each other in various aspects of life like their studies, vocations, trainings and some even business and higher studies. This meeting ground gave them a sense of belonging and also cemented their bond of friendship not just with their peer groups but also with every pathway member be it staff or children.

During their stay I was able to learn more about each child and their challenges in life along with their achievements .A meeting at the Residency Hotel for lunch along with Spencer Plumb and Daniel Haslam the children unfolded their stories. Listening to them was a proud moment since they were the end products of Pathways efforts. I applaud these kids. Some of their stories are being summarized below. Sarvanan who today is finishing his studies at the SRM college in RENAL DIALYSIS TECH said-

“Greetings to one and all present here. I'm here to share my personal thoughts and to share a few things about how pathway had helped me. After moving out from pathway I really realized how pathway had helped me in my life. First I'm great full for my Dad and Mom who gave me admission in this institution. Next I would like to thank Sudha mam who always stood beside with me all way till now. She had did a wonderful thing in my life by guiding me how to how to study and what to study. I don't think I would have made it till here without her help. Pathway had given me all that i need right from the basic thing to the

great thing. One of the most thing that I received from pathway the University that I'm studying now, It's the one of the biggest university in our state. It was possible only because of Sudha mam. I can say that I'm the most gifted person on this earth where I got a beautiful place to stay and wonderful people around me. I'm great full for all the thing that I received from pathway. Pathway is the back bone of my life and a strong foundation also.. I don't know where i would have be without pathway”

Vignesh has an elder sister (Priyanka) who has done higher secondary and is now working as a sales executive with Lifestyle Home Centre. I also have an elder brother (N. Venkatraman). He has done diploma in mechanical engineering.

“The more educated we are, the better life we can expect to live. Education makes us aware and gives us an understanding of things happening around, due to education we learn to question confidently and gain better understanding. A person who does not know how to question accepts every information be it correct or incorrect. Education makes us independent or in other words it makes us self reliant. Gives us an opportunity to bring blessings to our own life and also to reach out and help others. If I get a better education I can expose myself and get a better job which will make me financially well and provide for my family.”

Today Vignesh is going to complete his degree in Journalism from madras Christian college.

Vidhya is studying paramedical in Coimbatore. Agana, Sathya and Akila after completing her BA in English is currently working in IIT Chennai, Velu opted to go in for vocational trade and is now working in a mobile shop,. Raman is currently working in Courtyard Marriott after doing a craft course in IHM and his twin having done the same course is working with ITC Grand Chola

Venkatesh who had completed his diploma in medical Lab Technician course and continues to work with VHS hospital. Manikandan is working at a leading hotel and Suriya who completed his Diploma in Computer Engineering is right now working with IIT madras tech park .

Aakash pitched in to say that after completing the bakery he has been absorbed by KFC in Chennai's airport zone. On the other hand his sister Aashika is doing her B.Com in final year. Meenakshi pitched in to say she is hs completed her fourth year in Aeronautical Engineering and has come out with flying colors. Today she is Bangalore trying to find a placement. She will be joining the likes of Swathi who has completed BE(ECE) Engineering and is working today

Some children having finished their basic education are leading fruitful family life like Sarala, Meena, Shantini. Shilpa who has completed her graduate course in Zoology is currently serving a mission. Akila who has there more siblings and being the eldest in her family has completed her graduation and is currently working in IIT Chennai. She is happily married too. Her next sibling Agana has completed her graduation course and is





currently working with KKG Jewellery Their third sibling Anitha is studying in second year B.Com. The children were absolutely thrilled to hear each others progress. Not to back out about their progress were Binitha in final year of MEDIAL IMAGING TECH, Priyanka in final year of RENAL DIALYSIS and Praveen in 2nd year of RENAL DIALYSIS. All these kids are studying in SRM UNIVERSITY. Meghanathan completed B.TECH (ECE) and is currently working at Mahindra Tech Park. The other kids have just completed their courses like Nehru, Jude, Kalaiselvi who is looking out for a job, the other children are still studying like Mercy, Esther, amudha, vithya

Bharathi, aravind, Manjula, vijayalakshmi, sandhiya, sowmiya and seetha. Vidhya and Anushaya are in pursuing Nursing, suganthi and Padma are currently doing microbiology. K. sornamugi, Saran have qualified in ITI and is right now serving the mission.. Deepalakshmi who has another four siblings completed her her secondary and is working with a HP gas agency. Manikandan, Prashanth qualified in hotel management and is working today in one of the fastest growing chain of hotels known as A2B. Robinson too completed his diploma in hotel mamnagement and currently working with a leading hotel known as Radisson in Chennai.

. The true seeds that were sowed in the ground years ago were showing promises today. The positive growth of the children had made our day. We sincerely thanked the Almighty in keeping these kids safe and always trying to keep them on the right path of life.



The members reinforced the promise they had made to Dr. Prasad to meet regularly and exchange their trials and successes with each other and assist in any way possible to uplift other children who are in need and bring them to the notice of Pathway so that required assistance could be extended. The Directors urged members to extend their hand of support to all the children who have passed out from Pathway to join PAA Further, they also requested members to help their alma mater by volunteering their time to offer services to children at Pamela Martinez School and Sabin-Pathway group.

The children in the end summarized their feelings about Pathway and their Founder Dr A D S N Prasad whom they fondly refer as DAD saying that though they come from different challenging backgrounds they feel and said in words that-



*“DAD is our hero
who held our hand when we were small, he caught
us when we fell
He is the hero of our childhood and after years as
well.
And everytime we think of him our hearts fill with
pride.
Though we miss our dad we feel he is by our
side.”*

STATISTICS – STAFF

POSITION	NO
PRINCIPAL	1
TEACHERS	15
PHYSICIAN	1
DENTAL SURGEON	1
WARDENS	3
WATCHMEN / SECURITY	8
HOUSE MOTHERS & AYAHS	14
COOKS	5
FARM SUPERVISOR	1
PLUMBER	1
ELECTRICIAN	1
DRIVER	1
FARM WORKERS	10

MEDICAL DENTAL UNIT / FARM

The medical unit at the Pamela Martinez/ Pathway Agro Farm & Orphanage has continued. It's services towards solving the medical needs of the hundreds of children and staff of the facility. The medical unit is offering comprehensive medical and dental services not only to the inmates of the Farm but also to needy people from the neighbouring villages, such as:

- ❖ Agili
- ❖ Mathur
- ❖ Koodalur
- ❖ Munianthangal
- ❖ Sendivakkam
- ❖ Sinthamani
- ❖ Unamalai
- ❖ Panchayath

Staff includes:

- ❖ Qualified medical doctor
- ❖ Nurse plus attendant
- ❖ Driver

Unit is fully stocked with medical equipment and supplies for basic care

Average number of patients treated in one month:

- ❖ Male –58
- ❖ Female –30
- ❖ Children –250



Apart from offering just medical services to a limited number of poor and needy patient now the organization has decided to modify and magnify this work by adding services to the disabled, particularly in the far flung rural areas of the district. This mobile disability and medical hospital or hospital on wheels has already made a pilot move in offering services in certain areas. Now the organization will extend this



services to certain towns and large villages, as Pathway has already conducted data collection in at least 6 towns and large villages.

The dental unit is continuing its services to hundreds of children of the Orphanage as well the special children and adults of the Sabin Centre for Rehabilitation and Education of the Disabled. It has also conducted camps thereby reaching more in numbers.

Poor patients from these villages have been attending the medical unit for their general medical needs, where they receive drugs, medicines besides consultations and diagnostic tests. All these services continue to be offered free of cost to the most deserving.

ORAL POLIO VACCINATION

Every year literally Pathway has been a base to draw in children from surrounding areas to get benefitted from the govt driven polio vaccination programme in January on the 28th and 11th March 2018. We feel satisfied to note that in some humble way we are able to help the cause of polio eradication in India

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

71 lakh children below the age of five years are administered polio vaccine by the Tamil Nadu government. The pulse polio vaccination, was inaugurated by chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on 28th January, which was carried out till March 11, and involved nearly two lakh public health and anganwadi workers. As part of the drive, around 43,000 immunisation booths were set up across the state in primary health centers, government hospitals, noon meal centers and schools, which functioned from 7am to 5pm. The state also operated 1,000 mobile booths for children living in remote and inaccessible areas and localities that have a migrant population.



Since 2005, the state has not seen polio cases. Besides the routine vaccination, children are vaccinated twice a year as part of the pulse polio campaign. According to the directorate of public health, 71.04 lakh children were immunised in the drive last year. On March 11th the second phase of pulse polio campaign was administered to nearly 66 lakh kids in the state. Of the total 711897 children 670890 children were covered under this drive.

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Director of Pathway honoured



Chandra Prasad, the Director and General Secretary of Pathway was honoured at the 107th birthday anniversary of Mother Teresa held at Raja Annamalai Mandram on Sept.1. She received the award from Justice S.Rajeswaran and Justice M.V.Muraidharan of Madras High Court.

Pathway is a centre for rehabilitation and education for the mentally retarded. Pathway is at E-76/1, 12th West Street, Kamaraj Nagar, Thiruvannamiyur. Ph: 24483949.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Pathway Excellence Award

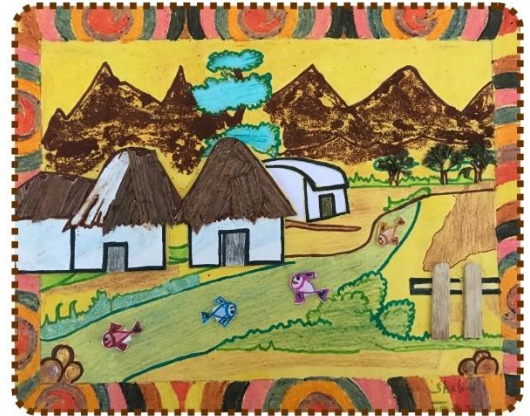


Pathway, a voluntary NGO based in Thiruvannamiyur for children and adults with special needs, conducted the 'Pathway Excellence Award' at their Agro Farm in Melmaruvathur on Feb. 9.

These awards were conferred on children from rural districts of Tamil Nadu. Conceived 7 years ago, the main aim of the event is to encourage and appreciate the achievements made by the underprivileged.


At the event, awards were presented to 7 deserving candidates from marginalised community for their superlative performance in academics. Pathway is at E-76/1, 12th West Street, Kamaraj Nagar, Thiruvannamiyur. Ph: 2448 3949.


LOVE THROUGH ART








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



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



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


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


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


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


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


 “MCDS-Award for a couple rendering exceptional services to the disabled” awarded to -

–Mrs Chandra Prasad and A D S N Prasad, 2007. Award consisted of cash award, plaque and a citation handed over by Hon’ble Shri Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu, in the presence of many distinguished persons including Mr. Devarajan, Managing Trustee of MCDS.



Award for “Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled”

–Council of Parent's Association of the Mentally Retarded, Chennai, 2002



“Vocation Excellence” award to A.D.S.N. Prasad for his services to the disabled

–Rotary Club International, 1999



1998 award for “Most Outstanding Institution in India Serving the Disabled” and “Most Outstanding Employer of the Disabled in India”

–Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, (awarded in 1999)



“Best Institution Serving the Disabled”

– Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Ms. J. Jayalalithaa, 1995



“Best Employer of the Disabled”

– Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995



“Best Employees” awarded to two Pathway employees

– Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995



“Exceptional Contribution for Services to People”

–Government of Karnataka, 1995



“Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled in India”

–Japanese SIVUS Council, 1993

