

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



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2022 – 2023

PAMELA MARTINEZ – “PATHWAY”

matriculation school

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

This new financial year started with celebration of World Autism Day at all our centres. We were overjoyed to welcome all our children back at our centres with many a new admissions. The faith reposed on us by the children staff, parents and society deepened our commitment to our work and we promised our inner selves to give a more meaningful life to our deserving kids. Our commitment led us to finance more than 12 patients for cataract surgeries. A whole new perspective of life unfolded in front of us when we realized the beauty of having eyesight from those suffering from want of it. Many a blessings are taken for granted when we are not aware of the people's suffering in our immediate or otherwise surrounding. Meeting with these people only made us more humble. The hundred percent recovery in these cases added smiles to our hearts. Our commitment in helping Covid affected continued by way of provisions to more than 150 families

We continued with our renovation work of painting of our dormitories both interior as well as exterior. at the farm. The work on the renovation of the swimming pool also known as hydrotherapy was taken up with full interest. Along with the renovation work we also executed the water treatment plant successfully.

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

Regarding the agriculture sphere we reaped a bounty in our favourite fruit sapota which we felt were the sweetest. Coconut production too was boosted by carrying out maintenance activity.

Our desire to magnify our endeavor to serve many more "poorest of the poor" through our outreach program in remote villages was executed. Our help was extended to ten villages by way of Physiotherapy and Dental Oral Screening. We are extremely proud to say that we were able to help a differently abled couple in building their dream house and gifting a wheel chair with help of our great supporter- Kinderhilfe Emmaus. At this juncture I convey our continued gratitude to all our supporters and benefactors and pray for their continued love, munificence, and association. This year also marked the second medical camp conducted to help patients with cataract surgeries which fortunately brought light in their eyes and new hopes for future. Another camp conducted in three villages we were able to serve more than 200 patients in the rural area

This period has also allowed us to share our blessings in form of provisions to more than 5000 families which includes our children and staff too. The areas covered were in Chennai and Chengalpattu. We have also been fortunate to receive the fourth award for creating an impact on the society for covid work in the name of Mahatma Award for Social Good and Impact 2022. This year also we were able to rope in the prestigious MSME- Summentro, Puthia Vanigam Publication award, Indian Social Impact Award-Brand Honchos, Life achievement awards by Ooruni Foundation, Vyapaar Jagat and TN NGO Federation. Public recognition by way of CSR coverage too has been given by corporate.

We are indeed grateful for all those souls and every well wisher who stood by our side. Our wonderful supporter Mr Jean-Luc Butel and Ms Cornelia from Kinderhilfe visit created a milestone in

our history of Pathway. This is the first time Emmaus officials have visited after being our supporters for the last 26 years. A group from Hemmersbach Kids Family Foundation headed by their CEO too visited our centres.

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

We are extremely hurt and sad to note the demise of our beloved advisor and chairman of foreign board Judge Sheffield. His memories will always live on.

Our most dedicated staff continue to intensify their efforts and serve more of His children with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. As member of the editorial board, I earnestly hope that you enjoy reading this annual report.

ORGANIZATION BOARD

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

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST ORGANIZATION – BOARD

- ❖ The board members meet at least four times a year to transact the business of the organization and meets every year to conduct the Annual General Body meeting to review the work of the organization and resolve various important issues, including: Acceptance and passage of yearly budget.
- ❖ Reviews of audit accounts and balance sheet , Appointment of auditors and lawyer
- ❖ Election of officers, Long- range planning and development goals of the centres
- ❖ Offers general direction in the everyday operation of the organization.



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

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

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

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

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

RECOGNITION AND GRANT-IN-AID

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

REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION

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

The details of each registration is given below

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- CHENNAI**

Recognised by **Commissioner For Welfare Of The Differently Abled**, Chennai As Special School Cum Vocational Training Centre For The Intellectual Disabled For The Period **07.04.2020 To 06.04.2023**

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

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

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

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

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

This Certificate of Recognition renewal is awarded to – **PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN’S HOME**, (Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust) No:1 A.D.S.N Prasad Street, Agili Village, Sendivakkam Post, Via Sothupakkam, Maduranthakam Taluk, Chengalpattu **District - 603319 of Tamil Nadu -**

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

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

❖ **REGISTRATION NO. TDRD16513235267**

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

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

Registration No. CSR00015933

"HAVE THE POOR HELP THE POOR"

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

Dr. A D S N Prasad, an Audiologist and Speech Pathologist, sought to fill the void existing in the care and rehabilitation of the Intellectually Disabled adults and children. From these humble beginnings grew an organization that has served almost 40,750 children and adults in a city center and two in rural agricultural centre.

Prasad guides Pathway with the belief that

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

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



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 be partial orphans are also being admitted. Currently the Agro-farm is housing 200 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 equipped 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, helpers, electrician, plumber, driver,



etc. All the staff is well qualified in their respective fields. In addition to the above six security guard 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

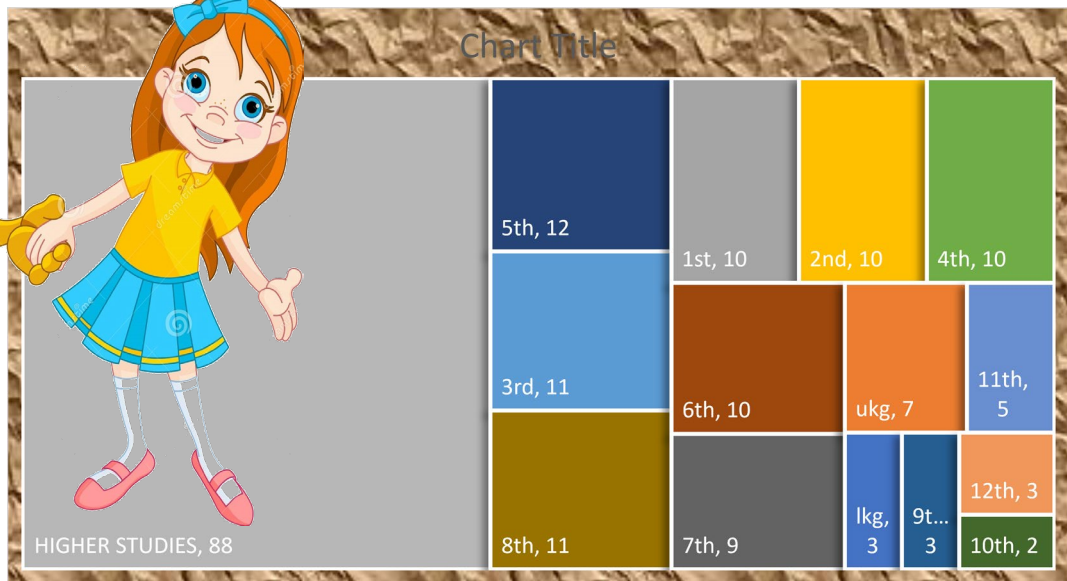
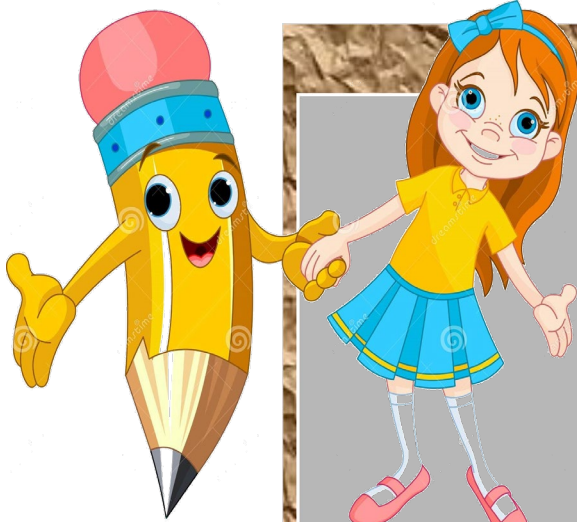
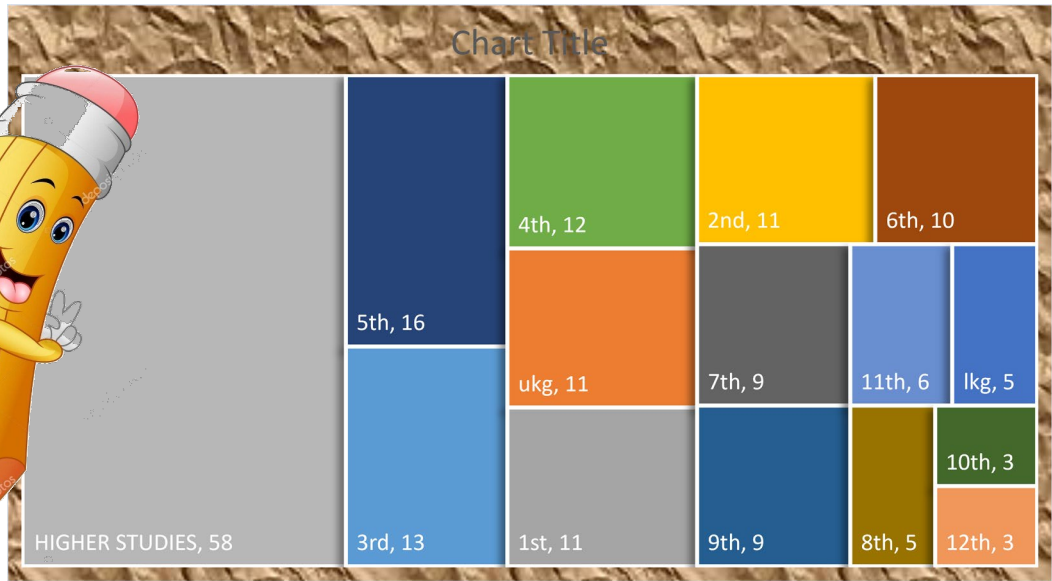
- ❖ YEAR 2001-2002: KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1 –6
- ❖ YEAR 2002-2003: ADD GRADES 7 AND 8
- ❖ YEAR 2003-2004: ADD GRADES 9 AND 10
- ❖ YEAR 2006-2007: ADD GRADE 10
- ❖ SEPARATE LABS FOR BIOLOGY,
- ❖ PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY ARE IN PLANNING
- ❖ COMPUTER LAB – 2004 - 2005
- ❖ LIBRARY - 2006
- ❖ CURRICULUM INCLUDES 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.



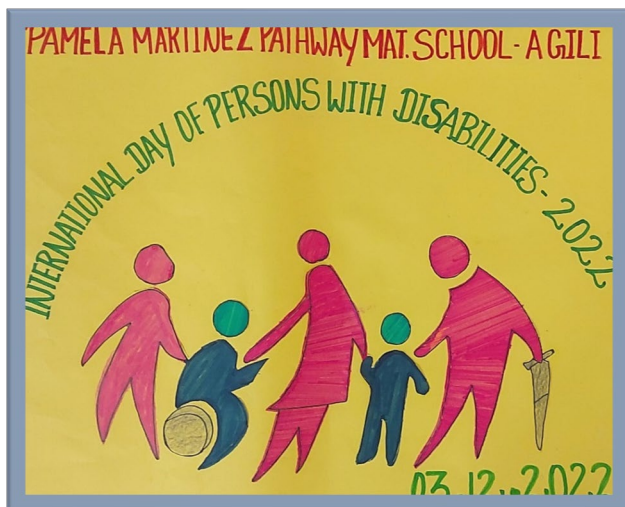
STUDENT POPULATION as on March 2023



GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
lkg	5	3	8
ukg	11	7	18
1st	11	10	21
2nd	11	10	21
3rd	13	11	24
4th	12	10	22
5th	16	12	28
6th	10	10	20
7th	9	9	18
8th	5	11	16
9th	9	3	12
10th	3	2	5
11th	6	5	11
12th	3	3	6
HIGHER STUDIES	58	88	146
	182	194	376



AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2022



We need to ensure that the rights, perspectives and well-being of persons with disabilities, including those with autism, are an integral part of building forward better from the pandemic.---
 António Guterres

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World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others



living with autism face every day. As a growing global health issue owing to its increasing exposure in the press and common knowledge, autism is an issue that is only gaining more understanding and WAAD activities are planned every year to further increase and develop world knowledge of children and adults who have autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

What's more, World Autism Awareness Day goes one step



Rally to create awareness on Autism



Pathway conducted a rally on April 2 as a part of the Autism Awareness month. The Director of the Centre flagged off the rally. The 2022 theme for the World Autism Awareness Day is 'Quality education for all'. Children were all smiles and with their head high, stepped out with banners and posters along with sparkly blue balloons in high spirits. Pathway specializes in providing vocational training and rehabilitation for children with cerebral palsy and many other mental and physical disorders. They provide care for nearly 800 children on a regular basis, and have almost 300 live-in children. At E-76/1, 12th West Street, Kamaraj Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram

April 14th Tamil Varsha Pirappu Special lunch (14 item) with Banana Leaf
 Payasam, Vadai, Thayir Pachidi, Varsha pirappu special pachidi, Avial, Poriyal, Sambar, Rasam, Paruppu, Curd, Rice, Ghee, Chips, pickle Meal for 1- Rs.173 / Meal for 2- Rs.200 / Meal for 3 - Rs.425 Without Rice Option - Meal for 1- Rs.155 / Meal for 2- Rs.260 / Meal for 3- Rs.365

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further to celebrate the unique talents of those with autism, while putting a huge focus on the warm embrace and welcome that these skills deserve through community events around the globe. Each year, World Autism Awareness Day has a different and unique theme and this year's theme for the day is "Inclusive Quality Education For All". Children at Pathway were not to be left behind in supporting this day though COVID had restrained their activities to work from home. Through online they sent their drawings and clay models to share their views and support their peers.

We at PATHWAY celebrated this beautiful day by flagging off a rally from



our Chennai Centre by the Director followed by cultural and fun games. Children were all smiles and with their head high, stepped out with banners and posters along with lovely sparkly blue balloons with high spirits. Their message to the public was loud and clear. Their smiles did the trick.

All the Sabin Pathway Students and Pamela Martinez Pathway Students gathered together to create more awareness about Autism to our school students and staff, The special educators explained the symptoms .Finally a Power Point Presentation was given by the Principal describing about Autism .

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2022



World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year to remind people about the importance of nature. It is the biggest international day for the environment. Led by the United Nations



Environment Programme (UNEP), and held annually since 1973. The theme of World Environment Day 2022 is “**Only One Earth**”, and Sweden is the host country for it. Under this theme, World Environment day will be observed, highlighting the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature. This day provides us with an opportunity to take responsible steps to preserve and enhance the environment.

World Environment Day. The environment in which we live can be understood as a blanket that keeps life on the planet safe and sound. It plays a vital role in keeping living things healthy. It provides food, shelter, air, and fulfills all human needs. Likewise, it maintains ecological balance on earth.

The biggest Environmental issues being the following

- π Public Health issue: Dirty water is the biggest health issue. It poses a threat to the quality of life and public health. The majority of people still don't have access to water and toilets. Over a million people worldwide die from water, hygiene, and sanitation-related diseases, which could be reduced by safe water and sanitation access.

- π Ozone Layer Depletion: The ozone layer protects the earth from harmful UV radiation coming from the sun. Its depletion has exposed us to such harmful radiation. We are prone to skin cancers, different types of eye diseases, abnormal growth of certain species, etc.
- π Deforestation: Cutting down trees on a large scale poses a major threat to our environment. Forests are natural sinks of Carbon dioxide; they help in regulating temperature and rainfall, etc. If this is not stopped, soil erosion, increased greenhouse gas emissions, irregular rains, and flooding are some of the adverse effects on the environment.
- π Global Warming: This occurs when carbon dioxide and other air pollutants get collected in the atmosphere and absorb sunlight and solar radiation emitted from the earth's surface. All this leads to a rise in the earth's temperature causing natural disasters such as melting polar ice caps, flooding, droughts, and many others.

The simple ways to solve the above can be considered as shown below-

- π Say no to plastics. Instead of using plastic bags, use environmentally friendly carry bags, such as bags made of paper (reuse them again and again), biodegradable bags, compostable bags, etc.
- π Plant more saplings: Trees play an important role in producing oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxide from the environment. Hence, it is important to make your environment greener around you. Forests play an important role in absorbing and storing water, which prevents flooding of cities and other areas.

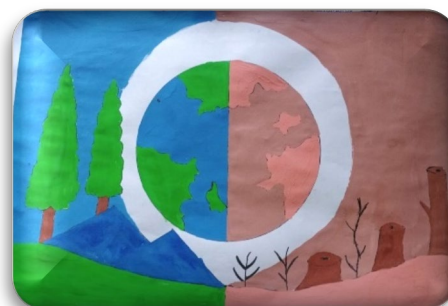


Preserve and let it protect us in return.

π Waste Segregation: Every day different type of waste are generated in our homes. It is important for us to identify and separate organic and inorganic wastes. For example, dust, aluminum cans, paper waste, and other types of dry waste are classified as inorganic, whereas food waste, fruit waste, and other wet types of waste are classified as organic waste.

π Save Energy: Save electricity by switching off your appliances when they are not in use.

Adopting alternative sources of energy: Switching to renewable sources of energy will not only save limited natural resources but will also reduce pollution. Pathway decided to do their mite by creating awareness of the same through our special education involving our children as shown below.



The kids continued with their garden activities thus learning the importance of being responsible towards the earth. The education included doing spring cleaning. Art is an excellent platform to execute our thoughts. We organized drawing competitions to encourage the students to understand the importance of environmental protection.

COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMP FOR 12 TO 14 YEARS

As per the direction of Tamilnadu School Education Dept., we had conducted the Vaccination Camp involving our Day Care and Hostel children between the age group of 12 to 14 years on 01.04.2022

(Grade VII to X std) The Ramapuram Medical Officer ,Mrs A.Sunitha along with Agili village nurse Mrs Geetha and her team members participated in the camp. A total count of 25 students were vaccinated for Covid -19 virus using Corbevax vaccine .



A similar camp on 11.05.2022 was conducted for the above group for second round of vaccination.

A press release was issued earlier as follows -

The Tamil Nadu government on Wednesday launched the COVID-19 vaccination campaign

for children in the 12 to 14 years age group in the state as part of the nationwide drive.

A total of 21.21 lakh children in 12 - 14 years would be vaccinated against Coronavirus with their parents' consent, Medical and Family Welfare Minister Ma Subramanian, who launched the drive in the presence of School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, principal secretary of health and family welfare Dr J Radhakrishnan, Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine Dr T S Selvavinayagam, Chennai Mayor R Priya and other officials, here said.



"The children are being vaccinated with their parents' permission. Also, we have launched the precaution dose for those aged 60 and above from today," the Minister said after launching the inoculation drive at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School at Ashok Nagar here.

Since the roll out of COVID-19 vaccine drive for 15 to 18 years children in January this year in coordination with the school education department, a total of 28.17 lakh children, that is 84.15 percent out of 33.46 lakh beneficiaries in the state have been administered the first dose while 56.24 percent i.e. 18 lakh children completed both doses of the vaccine, he said.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR- ISRO

After getting the Special permission from ISRO a contingent of forty students from our schools were allowed to visit Sriharikota on 21 st April 2022 as a part of their educational tour. The visit to this famous space centre did require us to follow certain strict guidelines like—

Photography is strictly prohibited: For obvious security reasons, camera,



camcorders, recorders, phones etc are not allowed inside the SHAR premises. We had to deposit them at the main gate with the security and get a acknowledgment token.

We hired our own vehicle since the facility is huge to go around. We did arrange for one seat for the tour guide who accompanied us



We were informed earlier that SHAR being in the forest area has a threat of honeybees hence to avoid wearing bright/highly colorful dresses, deodorants /Body Sprays/perfumes etc.

On the date of our visit, we reached 30 min before the scheduled time since everyone will need to get an





entry permit. Also, we packed our snacks since we had planned to visit the Pulicat lake which surrounds the facility. Viewing towers are constructed and boating is arranged for visitors to view the migratory birds who flock in thousands during this time.

Sriharikota covers an area of about 43,360 acres (175sq.km) with a coastline of 50km. Eucalyptus, casuarina plantation, scrub jungle vegetation (including a few medicinal herbs), groves of coconut & palm and cane breaks around shallow fresh water ponds dominate the landscape of Sriharikota. To offset the increased usage of land and to balance the nature, simultaneous action of forest regeneration has been contemplated and implemented in right earnest. All these measures have helped in the conservation of flora and fauna of Sriharikota. Both the South-West and the North-East monsoons serve the island. However, the later brings rains during October – December only, thus providing a large number of sunny days suitable for out-door static tests and launch operations. During October – December, thousands of migratory birds visit the Pulicat Lake from faraway places, turning the Sriharikota region into a veritable paradise for ornithologists and nature lovers.



Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR (SDSC SHAR), Sriharikota, the Spaceport of India, is one of the lead centres of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space (DOS), Government of India. The Centre provides world class launch base

infrastructure for national and international customers in accomplishing diverse launch vehicle/satellite missions for remote sensing, communication, navigation & scientific purposes and is one among the best known names of the Spaceports of the world today. The space centre, which was popularly known as SHAR (Sriharikota Range) was renamed as Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR on September 5, 2002, in fond memory of Prof. Satish Dhawan, former Chairman of ISRO.

Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota, the Spaceport of India, is responsible for providing Launch Base Infrastructure for the Indian Space Programme. This Centre has the facilities for solid propellant processing, static testing of solid motors, launch vehicle integration and launch operations, range operations comprising telemetry, tracking and command network and mission control centre.

The Centre has two launch pads from where the rocket launching operations of PSLV and GSLV are carried out. The mandate for the centre is (i) to produce solid propellant boosters for the launch vehicle programmes of ISRO (ii) to provide the infrastructure for qualifying various subsystems and solid rocket motors and carrying out the necessary tests (iii) to provide launch base infrastructure for satellites and launch vehicles.

SDSC SHAR has a separate launch pad for launching sounding rockets. The centre also provides the necessary launch base infrastructure for sounding rockets of ISRO and for assembly, integration and launch of sounding rockets and payloads.





Pulicat is an alluring town situated in the Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu. Specifically, it is located on the seaward side of the Sriharikota island blockade, which serves as a launch site for Indian rockets. It separates Pulicat Lake from the Bay of Bengal, some 60 km north of Chennai. This lake is the country's second-largest lagoon.



The Pulicat Lake, surrounded by spectacular natural beauty and a cutting-edge technology hub, offers something for everyone. This town has an extensive history. Its history dates back to 300 BCE when it served as a major port in the Bay of Bengal. As a British colonial town, it was also noted for its fishing village and health resort. In reality, their primary habitation ended up being in this Pulicat city. The British rulers were the final conquerors to occupy the town.



This lake is also the dwelling place of so many birds. You can s



numerous migratory birds there between October to March every year. Although many different bird species are seen, the flamingos are notable because they populate the marshlands next to the lake in great numbers. Pulicat is home to a cottage industry where women make delicate products like jewellery boxes, masala boxes, and pouches from palmyra leaves. The neighbourhood Palmyra Leaf Co-operative Society exports professional services and exquisite items created from palmyra leaves. Pulicat is also a thriving centre for seafood export along with white and Tiger prawns, jellyfish, finfish, and live lagoons, The closest railhead and airport are in Chennai. From Tirupati, it takes an hour and a half on the direct buses to get there from Sullurupeta. Those travelling by car can get to the place by travelling from Chennai to Nellore.

KIDS' VISIT TO BIRD PARADISE

On the 28th of April, 2022, the primary class students embarked on a captivating journey to the Bird Paradise, nestled near the picturesque Melmaruvathur Lake in the Madhuranthagamtaluk, Chengalpattu district . They were in for a day filled with awe-inspiring encounters with a variety of creatures.

During their visit, the young explorers had the privilege of observing an array of remarkable creatures, including Ostriches, Rabbits, Peacocks, Cows, White Parrots, Horses, and more. The



students enthusiastically engaged with the dedicated caretakers of these birds, inquiring about their growth, dietary habits, and other fascinating aspects of their lives. It was heartwarming to witness how the birds responded to their caretakers' interactions and commands, reflecting a unique bond between them.



The children's excitement was palpable as they absorbed the melodic symphony of birdcalls and witnessed the birds' playful and responsive behaviors. Alongside their feathered friends,





the students even shared in a few joyful songs, a harmonious chorus that included the participation of the parrots.

Guided by their teachers and caregivers, the students gained insights into the lifespan of these beautiful avian creatures. Through engaging discussions, they learned about the intricate harmony that exists between the lifespan of birds and the larger ecosystem of our world.

As the day drew to a close, the children were treated to the delightful

indulgence of ice cream, capping off an enriching and unforgettable visit to the Bird Paradise.

We extend our gratitude to the teachers, caregivers, and the Bird Paradise staff for organizing such an educational and captivating experience, allowing our students to connect with nature's wonders and deepen their understanding of the world around them.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated across



the world annually on June 21 since 2015, following its inception in the United Nations General Assembly in 2014. Yoga is a physical, mental and spiritual practice which originated in ancient India. The

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his UN address in 2014, had suggested the date of June 21, as it is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and shares a special significance in many parts of the world.

The theme for International Day of Yoga 2022 is “Yoga for humanity”.





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



Yoga has been shown to have immediate psychological benefits, decreasing anxiety and stress, and increasing feelings of emotional and social well-being. It helps prevent and control noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) — cardiovascular

diseases, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, among others — that are a rising cause of disability and premature death.



Yoga has helped hundreds of millions of people across the world stay healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is consistent with the WHO principle



that states, “Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”.

Making yoga a part of our daily activities can help countries around the world achieve the NCD target of 15% relative reduction in physical inactivity by 2030. In India, health and frontline workers at Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres encourage the community they serve to adopt yoga to promote health, prevent and manage diseases — including NCDs — and accelerate recovery from ill-health and injuries.

We at pathway believe in the goodness of yoga and embraced it as a part of the children’s daily regime. Under the guidance of the staff, children performed various yoga asanas such as Bhujangasana or Cobra Pose, Dhanurasana, Shavasana, Padahastasana, Trikonasana, Tadasana, etc. upon the verbal prompting of the staff, the children did the poses. The meaning of each pose was

explained to the children by the staff. The benefits of yoga are definitely abundant.

Citibabu pointed out few benefits that he has experienced by practicing yoga.

Yoga improves flexibility

Yoga helps with stress relief

Yoga improves mental health

Yoga boost immunity

Yoga may improve cardiovascular functioning

Yoga can improve brain functioning

Yoga may help improve sleep

Yoga may improve cardiovascular functioning



The children drew pictures and displayed cards to spread awareness, importance and goodness of yoga. The children can feel that by practicing yoga daily their concentration and memory power are boosted which helps with their daily learning.

On this International Day of Yoga, let us all celebrate the physical and mental health benefits of yoga and highlight its contributions to lifelong health and well-being for all.

We conducted this special day in our Assembly Hall as per the programme list shown below.

Welcome address	Govarthini
Benefits of Yoga English Disquisition	Sumitha –VIII std
Importance of Yoga Elocution	M.Sharvesh – VII std
Yoga Illustration	I & II std students
Tamil Elocution	Lingeswaran - IX std
Slogans	III std Students
Significance of yoga Elocution	V. Sakthi Mahizhini - I std
Yoga demonstration	Grade VI to VIII girls
Yoga Exercise	Primary classes
Yoga demonstration	VI to VIII boys
Power Point Presentation	Mrs R.Mala
Vote of thanks	Bhuvaneswari

NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY 2022



Every year, National Doctor's Day is observed on July 1 in the memory of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, the former Chief Minister of Bengal, who was known for his selfless service to humanity. The day, commemorated by Indian

Medical Association (IMA), celebrates all doctors and healthcare workers who have been tirelessly serving people by risking their own lives.

Dr Roy was born on July 1, 1882, and passed away on the same

day in 1962. Also called Doctors' Day, it has been celebrated across the nation every year since 1991. The theme this year is 'Family doctors on the front line.'





Doctor's Day is celebrated globally on different dates. The date changes from country to country. National Doctor's Day marks the role of doctors who work tirelessly to ensure that patients remain in good health. The day celebrates the efforts taken by the healthcare staff for their hard work and dedication and honours the contributions made by



the doctors and healthcare professionals, along with the numerous sacrifices they have made to save millions of lives. Amid pandemic, many of the frontline workers had sacrificed their lives in order to save another one. We are so grateful to all the health care workers for their tireless effort and dedication offered to our children at all emergencies regardless of time.

The Kids drew pictures that symbolizes importance of the doctors with the help of their educators and also prepared greeting cards to give to their doctors and nurses. The staff helped the children to dress up and enact as the doctor and patient, the children were able to understand the necessity of a doctor's role in the society. They were also educated about the importance of vegetable and fruits in our day-to-day life.

"MEDICINES CURE DISEASES, BUT ONLY DOCTORS CAN CURE PATIENTS"

SAYING NO TO PLASTIC



International Plastic Bag Free Day is celebrated every year on July 3. The aim is to encourage nations to start banning single-use plastics. Every year, the day is marked in an effort to increase awareness of the grave and urgent problem of plastic pollution in the environment. It is very important since plastic poses a huge threat to the ecosystem, notably to land and marine life, endangering the safety of the next generation.



The first International Plastic Bag Free Day was observed on July 3, 2008, when Rezero, a member of Zero Waste Europe (ZWE), initiated it. The holiday was only observed in Catalonia in its inaugural year. However, a year later, ZWE introduced the International Plastic Bag Free Day to the European Union.

Their effective campaigns were created over time, but the organisation later succeeded in pressuring a number of countries to begin adopting steps to reduce the use of single-use plastic. India has banned all single-use plastic items from July 1. Plastic sticks, flags, polystyrene, plates, cups, glasses, cutlery, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films, plastic bags, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 microns have been banned. International Plastic Bag Free Day was created by Bag Free World. It was created as a worldwide initiative for the purpose of getting rid of the single-use of plastic bags around the world. Despite these regulations, plastic bags continue to be a massive problem for our planet. Each year, 8 million metric tons of plastic end up in the ocean harming fish and wildlife. When plastic enters the food chain, it can also harm human health.

Facts about plastic bags include:

- It takes between 100 and 500 years for plastic bags to disintegrate.
- We make 5 trillion plastic bags each year.
- We only use plastic bags for 25 minutes per use.
- Every minute around the world, we use 1 million plastic bags.
- Each year, plastic bags kill 100,000 marine animals.

Everyday millions of plastic bags get disposed of, and without active people like yourself getting involved, the future is going to be dealing with hundreds of millions of pounds of plastic bags clogging oceans, rivers, and the world

at large. The problem has reached such proportions that what was once clean sand on the beaches of the world are now being found to be made of composites of natural substances and garbage plastic.

The Staff trained the children to make art and drawing on the chart paper for their rally. A child covered him with a sign board while others held placard cards and chart drawings. The rally was from the school campus to main gate.



The idea was to convey a strong message to our campus staff and children to stop using plastic and the damage that it causes to our environment. The children were also educated on the hazardous effects of

usage of plastic. The importance of avoiding plastic was emphasized through a drama. The theme was surrounded around animals where the kids dressed up as rabbits, peacocks, squirrels etc and the negative aspects the plastic had on them. It is always exciting to watch children and their enthusiasm which gave life to the message of banning plastics in the daily life.

WORLD POPULATION DAY



Any programme has its merits when kids learn the fun way and are made to shoulder certain responsibilities which pave way for effective learning. Every year, World Population Day is observed on July 11, to the problems of overpopulation and



highlight raise awareness about the effects of overpopulation on the environment and development.

There has been a rapid increase in the world population over the last few decades and continuous population growth can give rise to many other problems. Thus, to increase





people's awareness of various population issues such as the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights, World population day is observed every year. Every year on this day, various events and activities are organized, mostly in schools and colleges, like seminar discussions, educational information sessions and essay competitions to draw attention to the issues of the growing population.

Every year there is a specific theme for World Population Day and the theme of World Population Day 2022 is "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all."

It took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion, then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100. The purpose of celebrating world population day is to draw the attention of the public to the importance of population issues and the need to curb them. Family planning, poverty, sexual equality, civil rights, maternal health, and others are the topics to discuss on this occasion this year. The children at the school started the event by planting a seed each. It was followed



by a speech which was explained by Sumitha regarding the effects of over population in our world. To explain about the causes and controlling measures for over population the children used the hand weighing Instrument model which was designed by the Social group club. Placards too were used

to emphasize the problems and issues of over population. To end this wonderful event the children performed a skit outlining the demerits of population.

KAMARAJAR'S BIRTHDAY

Kumaraswami Kamaraj (15 July 1903– 2 October 1975), popularly known as Kamarajar was an Indian independence activist and politician who served as the Chief Minister of Madras State (Tamil Nadu) from 13 April 1954 to 2 October 1963. He was the founder and the president of the Indian National Congress, widely acknowledged as the "Kingmaker" in Indian politics during the 1960s. He also served as the president of the Indian National Congress for two terms i.e., four years between 1964–1967 and was responsible for the elevation of Lal Bahadur Shastri to the position of Prime Minister of India after Nehru's death and Indira Gandhi after Shastri's death. He was the Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha during 1952–1954 and 1969–1975. He was known for his simplicity and integrity. He played a major role in developing the infrastructure of the Madras state and worked to improve the quality of life of the needy and the disadvantaged.

As the president of the INC, he was instrumental in steering the party after the death of Jawaharlal Nehru. As the chief minister of Madras, he was responsible for bringing free education to the disadvantaged and introduced the free Midday Meal Scheme while he himself did not complete schooling. He was awarded with India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, posthumously in 1976. US Vice-president Hubert Humphrey, referred to Kamaraj as "one of the greatest political leaders in all the countries of the free world" in January 1966.

Kamaraj was born on 15 July 1903 in Virudhunagar, TamilNadu, to Kumaraswami Nadar and Sivakami Ammal. His name was originally Kamatchi, later changed to Kamarajar. His father Kumaraswami Nadar was a merchant. Kamaraj had a younger sister named Nagammal. Kamaraj was first enrolled in a traditional school in 1907 and in 1908 he was admitted to Yenadhi Narayana Vidhya Salai. In 1909 Kamaraj was admitted in Virudupatti High School. Kamaraj's father died when he was six years old, his mother was forced to support the family.

The 120th birth anniversary of late Chief Minister K. Kamaraj was celebrated in all schools as 'Education Development Day' with various competitions and cultural events. The children of this centre narrated the Quotes of this great leader which was delivered by Sumita of the 7th standard. A Quiz competition was conducted by Miss. Subhatra. The students were divided into 4 groups of which the Bharathiyar group won the first prize . Children actively participated in fancy dress



competition, poster making and drawing were also conducted. The programme ended by felicitating the winners.

“EDUCATION IS NOT A PRIVILEGE, IT IS A RIGHT THAT EVERY PERSON DESERVES”

- Kamarajar

THE 9TH PATHWAY EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Pathway Excellence award was conferred in a glittering ceremony recently at the farm. The open air hall was tastefully decorated with colorful buntings of silk and brocade with a large stage with an attractive digital backdrop announcing the Excellence Awards. These awards were conferred on meritorious poorest rural children of Tamil Nadu selected from all over the state. This concept of bestowing awards on such children was conceived 14 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 uncut gems, 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. Pathway decided to select children from these remote areas of the state through proper selection process. A clear cut criteria was evolved by the organization, where the selection panel analyzed various challenges and shortcomings of each

student from various public or government run schools, corporation schools or orphanages in the state. The panel also studied the performance of each short listed student in his/ her scholastic achievement as well as in their all round achievement. We celebrated PATHWAY EXCELLENCE AWARD event on the 9th July 2022 where all our three centres gathered to participate. This 9TH PATHWAY EXCELLENCE AWARD was given in honor of our WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS

- Late Judge William Sheffield
- Late Dr A D S N Prasad
- Mr Gary Sabin
- Mr William P Benac
- Mr Jean-Luc Butel
- Ms Pamela-Alex Martinez
- Mr Tim and Karen Fewkes
- Mr William P Benac Jr



The Pathway Excellence Awards -2022 was given to 10 staff and 9 students who have triumphed despite hardships in a variety of endeavors as well as their studies. Our children have done exceptionally well in their academics. Despite the challenges, they all gave their utmost effort and completed their studies with flying colors. Each of them achieved grades of over 90% in almost every subject. Many of them were



came from uneducated parents. youngster received a garland, reward.

The best student of the school his studies at Adhiparashakthi Secondary School, person did extraordinarily well percent on the SSLC and a 96.5 Additionally, he received 100 his board exam for the 10th commerce and accountancy on secondary level. His father is a is a housewife. Your grades Best wishes for the future and



first-time school goers who Each of the recipient award shawl, medal, and financial

was Naveen. He completed Matriculation Higher Melmaruvathur. This young on both exams, scoring 98 percent marks in science on grade and 100 percent in his board exam for the higher proud farmer, and his mother speak volumes about you. sincere congrats.



The next award went to Srimathi. Srimathi is a proud alumnus of the pathway. She completed her studies at our school and scored the best mark (93.6%) on the board exams for the 10th grade. She has been actively involved in all cultural activities since she was in kindergarten, she achieved the school's second-best mark on the higher secondary board exams with a score of 96 percent. She joined Pathway when she was a newborn, and it is fantastic to see her accomplishment now.



The next honor was received by Priyadarshini. Priyadarshini is a vivacious young woman from the village Ellapakam. Her mother is a housewife and her father drives a truck. She completed her studies at the government higher secondary school in Ellapakam Village, she scored 85.4 percent on her SSLC board exams and 72.6 percent on her HSC board examinations. This young



lady wants to be a doctor when she difficulties, she made sure to work best.

Three very special awards were Children Karthikeyan, Beena and inborn disabilities proved that One can achieve even the most Karthikeyan completed 10th ladder to head the Bakery Section manages our Hydrotherapy pool The next award went to Sivakami. trainer for the Sristi Foundation in exemplifies the importance of limitations. She definitely is a Saranya received the next award.



grows up. Despite her harder on her studies and did her

presented to our very Special Kiresh who in spite of their disabilities are just in the mind. impossible if one wants to. grade, Beena has climbed the independently and Kiresh immaculately. Sivakami works as a vocational Kanamangalam Village. She emphasizing abilities rather than source of inspiration to all of us. She is an enthusiastic student



who studied at the govt girls' higher secondary school in Acharapakkam. She achieved first place in both of her board examinations and she is the school's top student. She aspires to join Indian Administrative Services. She lost her father at a very young age, and lately, her mother passed away from cancer. Despite sad occurrences during those years, she achieved 87 percent on the SSLC exam and 91 percent on the HSC exam. We appreciate your dedication and determination, Ms. Saranya since we know it takes a lot of mental strength to concentrate on learning at such difficult times. She is an example for many others.

Yuvarani. S is a charming young lady who attended the government girl's higher secondary school in Acharapakkam, she obtained remarkable results in both the HSC and SSLC exams, scoring 81.83 and 89.4 percent respectively. This remarkable





young girl wants to work as a nurse when she grows up. Her father is a daily wage worker, while her mother stays at home. Despite her impoverishment, she has proven to us the importance of discipline, dedication, and hard work. She deserved the honor bestowed on her.

The evening was further enhanced by cultural programme performed by the kids. The first being a welcome dance by our kindergarten kids based on the below message—"Say No when somebody raises an axe to destroy trees, Say Yes to Plant Trees."

“A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people.” Said — Franklin D. Roosevelt—how rightfully said .

This was followed by a mime from our Sabin group which received a full round of applause. Not to be left behind were our children from Chennai centre. As the Austrian writer Vicki Baum once said, "There are shortcuts to happiness and dancing is one of them.",

Our children were there to enlighten the waves of happiness through their semi-classical dance. Semi-classical dance involves less intricate and sophisticated movements than full classical styles. Most importantly the originality of the Indian dance style is maintained.

Out of the 9 versatile types of Indian Classical dance, such as

Bharatanatyam, Tamil Nadu (Southeastern India)

Manipuri Dance, Manipur (North-eastern India)

Kathak (Northern India)

Odissi Dance, Orissa (Eastern India)

Kathakali. (Kerala). (Southwestern India).

Mohiniattam. (Kerala)

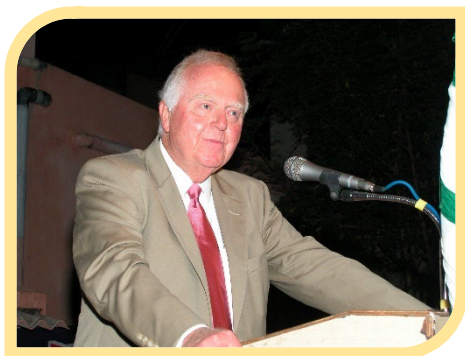
Kuchipudi(Andhra Pradesh) (Southeastern India)

Sattriya Dance(Assam-Northeastern India)

Chhau dance (Jarkhand)-(Eastern India)

The kids performed a fusion of North India’s style Kathak and South India’s style Bharatanatyam. The above followed with a video presentation of all the centre’s current work and ended with national anthem. A special dinner was arranged for all to mark this wonderful occasion.

JUDGE WILLIAM SHEFFIELD



Dearest GRANDPA JUDGE SHEFFIELD

Until we meet again

We think about you always,

We talk about you still,

You have never been forgotten

And you never will

We hold you close within our hearts

And there you will remain,

To walk and guide us through our lives

Until we meet again

-----ENTIRE PATHWAY FAMILY



Honorable William Sheffield, Formerly Judge of the Superior Court of California, Orange county. He is a great supporter from the past two decades and co founder of Pathway. He earned his degree from California State University, Long Beach and attended Law school at the University of California, Berkeley. Judge Sheffield has been a great friend of India from the past several years, has served as a member of Indira Gandhi's defence team in the late 1970s right from the times of Prime Minister late Mrs Indira Gandhi, late Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and current leadership, whom he knows very well. Former Professor in Law, Western State University, Fullerton, also served as ADR Consultant to the Government of India.



At Southern California he has been an active mediator/arbitrator, having conducted over 5000 mediations and arbitrations, now exclusively with Judicate West. Sheffield has been named among the Top Twenty Neutrals in California by the Daily Journal. He has also been named among the Top Lawyers in America. Since his retirement, Sheffield has been hired by the Los Angeles Unified School District to investigate

complaints of retaliatory suspensions of students for actions by their parents in a San Fernando Valley Middle School.

He has been instrumental in supporting Pathway's efforts for over two decades in its large scale expansion as well as in its service to hundreds of needy children and adults with various needs. A man with great vision, compassion and love for children has dedicated his life to uplift Indian children in a big way by raising and contributing crores of rupees to the organization.





William Sheffield was an American attorney and retired judge in the state of California. He was a general legal counsel for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) in the Asia Area of the church Sheffield has also served as a judge in the Superior Courts of California, Orange County. Sheffield earned his undergraduate degree from California State University, Long Beach. and then attended law school at the University of California, Berkeley. From 1983 to 1985 Sheffield was a judge on the Superior Court of California, sitting in Orange County. He also served as

a member of Indira Gandhi's defense team in the late 1970s. In 1985, Sheffield resigned his judgeship and went to Yale Divinity School. At the time Sheffield began attending services of the Methodist Church. ADR Consultant to the Government of India He is associated with Pathway from 1989.

Upon completion of his assignment for the Church in 1990, Sheffield returned to Southern California where he has been an active mediator/arbitrator, having conducted over 5000 mediations and arbitrations, now exclusively with Judicate West. Sheffield has been named among the Top Twenty Neutrals in California by the Daily Journal. He has also been named among the Top Lawyers in America. Since his retirement, Sheffield has been hired by the Los Angeles Unified School District to investigate complaints of retaliatory suspensions of students for actions by their parents in a San Fernando Valley Middle School.



Judge William "Banana Bill" Sheffield has never shied away from his ambitions. After graduating from California State University, Long Beach, with a degree in philosophy, he worked with former classmate Steven Spielberg on a year-long film project, but just didn't see promise in Hollywood.

At one point, he even served as legal counsel for embattled Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

But none of this would compare to an invention he created in the hope of truly changing the world: the banana slicer.

Yes, that banana slicer. The yellow plastic device became a viral meme almost two years ago, when it inspired thousands of hilarious, satirical customer reviews online. But the story behind it goes back nearly 25 years. And as strange as it may sound, Sheffield's story embodies the American dream. Aside from an entrepreneurial spirit, the biggest driver of his innovative spirit is



his faith.

The gregarious inventor sent prototypes to political leaders as well. President George H. W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush called the invention "special". The Queen's personal chef responded, thanking Sheffield for his "great invention". And Banana Bill's hard work paid off: throughout the early Nineties, he sold nearly 1 million slicers. More than 60 per cent of the proceeds went directly to fund the orphanage in India, now known as Pathway. In the late Seventies, the orphanage supported about 20 disabled children. Thanks in part to Sheffield's banana slicer, Pathway now serves

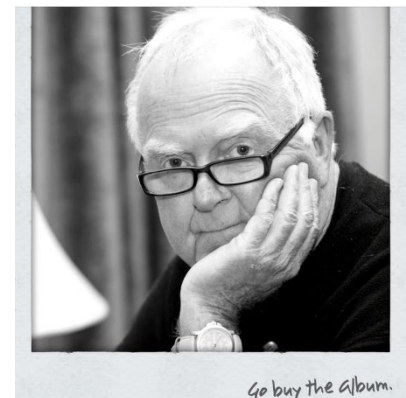


more than 500 people daily and has helped over 40,000. Entrepreneurial spirit: Sheffield's banana slicer became a viral meme

Sheffield's grandiose stories perfectly mirror his advice on innovation: "If you have the tenacity, the energy, and commitment to do it, it doesn't matter if it is a banana slicer, an automobile, or an iPhone 5. You can sell anything you want as long as you commit to it and you're creative. And don't let anyone tell you it won't work."

Below are some excerpts taken from biography of Prasad's book which add value to this great soul who left us in 14th July 2022----

Judge William Sheffield is certainly known as a judge, lawyer, arbitrator, a great soul, etc., but not many here know that he is an inventor Yes ! He invented a Banana Slicer and rightly called it the Bill Banana Slicer. This Slicer is very attractively engineered now available all over the U.S. The proceeds of the sale of this slicer were donated to Pathway by the inventor. After the Sunday lunch there was a reporter who wanted to interview Judge William Sheffield and this lady asked Judge Sheffield to kindly say a few things about his early life. A very interesting aspect of his life was revealed. Before joining the well known law school at Berkeley, Judge William Sheffield and a friend of his known as Steven were at the movies, and they reached a tight spot and were unable to complete this picture and both these young men separated, Judge Sheffield decided to join law and pursue the legal carrier



instead. The interesting feature was this that young Steven who was a partner with Judge Sheffield was none other than the Internationally renowned Film Director Steven Spielberg. !! Judge Sheffield said he has no regrets to get away from that life of billions, and he was grateful to serve the Lord by serving the needy. What a great man he is!



CHESS OLYMPIAD-2022



The 44th Chess Olympiad was an international team chess event organised by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Chennai, India from 28 July to 10 August 2022. It consisted of Open and Women's tournaments, as well as several events to promote chess. The Olympiad was initially supposed to take place in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, the host of the Chess World Cup 2019, in August 2020, but it was later moved to Moscow. However, it was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and then relocated to Chennai following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This was the

first Chess Olympiad to take place in India.

The total number of participants was 1,737: 937 in the Open and 800 in the Women's event. The number of registered teams was 188 from 186 nations in the Open section and 162 from 160 nations in the Women's section; being the host nation, India had three teams participating in each section. Both sections set team participation records. The main venue of the Chess Olympiad was the convention centre at the Four Points by Sheraton, while the opening and closing ceremonies were held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The Chief Arbiter of the event was France's Laurent Freyd.

The opening ceremony was held on 28 July at 16:00 IST (UTC+5:30) at the Nehru Indoor Stadium with an audience of more than 20,000 players, coaches and spectators. The opening address was given by Tamil Nadu Minister for Youth Welfare and Sport Development Meyyanathan Siva V. A musical show, directed by Vignesh Shivan, was performed in which

Kamal Haasan narrated the history of Tamil Nadu. Singers Dhee and Kidakuzhi Mariyammal





performed the song "Enjoy Enjaami". A dance song, "Vanakkam Chennai, Vanakkam Chess", was also played. Pianist Lydian Nadhaswaram played classical and modern tunes, including a blindfold exhibition. There was also a flag parade that introduced the participating countries and their delegations.

The event was formally opened by Modi. In his speech, he discussed chess venues in Tamil Nadu and the Chaturanga Vallabhanathar Temple in Thiruvavur, where myth states God played chess with a princess. Chief

Minister of Tamil Nadu M. K. Stalin also spoke, praising the organisation of the event in less than four months. He noted that the Olympiad would be held near the coastal town Sadurangapattinam, thought to be the home of chaturanga, a predecessor game to chess. FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich also welcomed participants.

Anand passed the Olympic LED illuminated torch to Modi, who passed it to Indian chess players R Praggnanandhaa and Gukesh D who "lit" the virtual Olympic cauldron.

The event was contested by a total of 188 teams, representing 186 national federations, both records for a Chess Olympiad. India, as host country, was permitted to field three teams. The Women's tournament featured 162 teams, also a record, representing 160 federations.

The official mascot was named "Thambi" (younger brother), a chess knight wearing a vēṭṭi (the ethnic Tamil male attire) and a white shirt. He was depicted with folded hands, extending the Tamil greeting "Vanakkam". The mascot appeared on billboards, statues and posters. Commentators compared Thambi to 'Appu', the mascot for the 1982 Asian Games.

Buses in Chennai were branded with the promotional slogan "Namma Chess, Namma Pride" (Our Chess, Our Pride). Buses in Coimbatore and Tiruchirappalli also carried marketing for the event. The mascot Thambi was put at the "Namma Chennai" selfie point on the East Coast Road; a contest was held for images with the mascot posted on social media, with prizes of free tickets to the opening ceremony. Billboards were installed at major bus stops, and the event was also promoted at Chennai Metro stations. A private school in Perambur erected a 6,400-square-foot (590 m²) giant chessboard, opened by P. K. Sekar Babu, Tamil Nadu's minister of Hindu



Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, on which students played the pieces. The space around the chessboard was decorated with eight 14-foot (4.3 m) cut-outs of the Thambi mascot. India Post issued a postage stamp featuring the Olympiad. It was unveiled during a ceremony on International Chess Day. Sponsors for the tournament included Tech Mahindra, Smartwater Indian Oil, Titan and Chessable.

Chennai's Napier Bridge was painted with a chessboard pattern, which divided opinion. While some commentators liked the artwork, others raised concerns that the pattern was disorienting, especially for people with anxiety disorder. The chessboard pattern also led to traffic congestion as people thronged to the bridge to take selfies and record videos for social media.

The Open tournament was contested by a total of 937 players from 188 teams. It featured five out of the top ten players from the FIDE rating list published in July 2022. World Champion Magnus Carlsen played for Norway. Former World Champion Viswanathan Anand decided not to play for India, acting as team mentor instead.

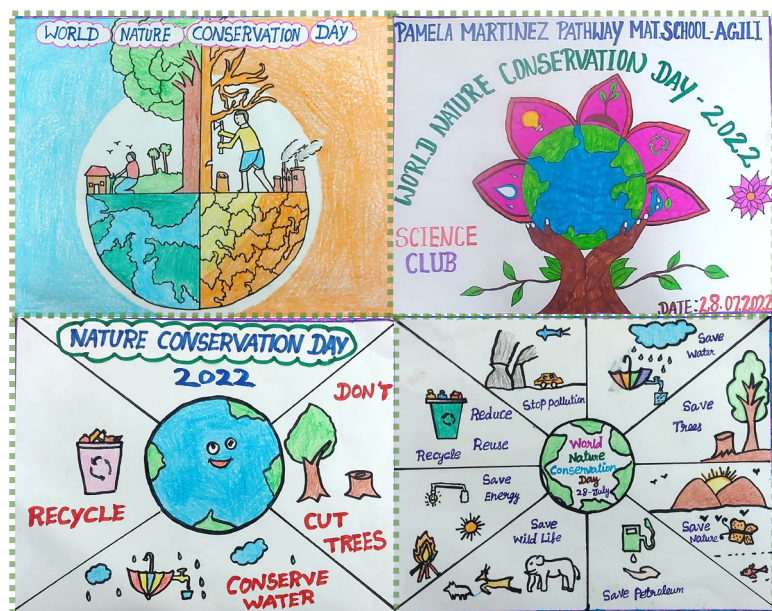


A group of 10 children along with their principal and Tamil teacher have started from the school to visit the grand Olympiad at Mahabalipuram. They took groupie with the mascot and other cutouts describing the tamil culture. They saw the competition and the contestants from all over the world. One can never leave Mahabalipuram without visiting the famous for the Shore temple, ancient stone carvings and sculptures. The tamil teacher has explained about the rulers of the place and the meaning of each sculptures and engraved figures.

The Krishna's butterball is a wonder to the self-balancing rock in a slope. The boulder is approximately six metres (20 ft) high and five metres (16 ft) wide and weighs around 250 tonnes (250 long tons; 280 short tons). It seems to float and barely stand on a slope on top of 1.2-meter (4 ft) high plinth which is a naturally eroded hill. It is said to have been at the same place for 1,200 years. A part of the boulder on top back has broken away, making it look like a half-spherical rock from the back, while it appears round shaped from the other three sides.

The children also wanted to visit the beach, so they asked their Principal to take them to the shore. The kids started racing as they got closer to the water and all of them got themselves completely wet. The trip finally came to a conclusion as they all headed back to the vehicle and reached the school safely.

WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY – FORESTS AND LIVELIHOODS: SUSTAINING PEOPLE AND PLANET



Every year, World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on 28 July to create awareness among people about the importance and significance of natural resources. Due to the increase in the human population, natural resources have been compromised to critically dangerous levels. Many challenges are posed to the environment by humans, some of which are – global warming, environmental pollution, destruction of flora & fauna, and deforestation. Therefore, we have to stop the misuse of natural resources, otherwise, a day will come when our future generations will be deprived of essential natural

resources because nothing is everlasting.

Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, famously said, “The world has enough for everyone’s needs, but not everyone’s greed.” We should take an inspiration from this saying and start using natural resources judiciously without being greedy and selfish.

The World Nature Conservation Day is a reminder to us to stop compromising the natural resources unnecessarily and stay in sync with Mother Nature. The day is observed globally to pay tribute the Mother Nature for its bounty. People celebrate the day by organising events and





programmes to create awareness among the people and educate them about the different ways to save and conserve the natural resources.

The steps to conserve the environment can be as follows—

Use of alternative energy such as solar and wind energy.

Plant more trees to maintain the ecosystem and to prevent soil erosion.

Use the water resources in a proper way and reuse the kitchen water for watering the gardens.

Grow vegetation in catchment areas.

Reduce the usage of electricity.

Use recyclable and biodegradable products.



Progress Is Impossible Without Change, and Those Who Cannot Change Their Minds Cannot Change Anything.

— George Bernard Shaw



Ensure the recycling of wastes.

Try to minimize the use of cars for a shorter distance.

Use paper bags or cloth bag instead of plastic bags.

Grow your own vegetables by using organic compost.

Install water treatment plants and rainwater harvesting

At the school the teachers spoke about the importance of trees followed with a power point presentation.

The children from 5th to 6th grade enacted a Mime based on – “importance of growing trees and hazards which the people suffer by deforestation”. Drawing of pictures, posters, slogans and pledge was a part of the programme conducted.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day of India, which is celebrated religiously throughout the Country on the 15th of August every year, holds tremendous ground in the list of national day 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.

President **Droupadi Murmu's** speech--

My heartiest greetings in advance to all Indians living in the country and abroad on the eve of the 76th Independence Day. I am delighted to address you on this momentous occasion. India is completing 75 years as an independent nation. Fourteenth August is observed as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance





Day' so as to promote social harmony, unity and empowerment of people. Tomorrow marks the day when we had freed ourselves from the shackles of colonial rulers and decided to reshape our destiny. As all of us celebrate the anniversary of that day, we bow to all those men and women who made enormous sacrifices to make it possible for us to live in a free India.

It is a cause of celebration not only for all of us but also for every advocate of

democracy around the world. When India won independence, there were many international leaders and experts who were skeptical about the success of democratic form of government in India. They had their reasons to be doubtful. In those days, democracy was limited to economically advanced nations. India, after so many years of exploitation at the hands of foreign rulers, was marked by poverty and illiteracy. But we Indians proved the skeptics wrong. Democracy not only grew roots in this soil, it was enriched too.

In most other well-established democracies, women had to wage long-drawn struggles to get the right to vote. But India adopted universal adult franchise right since the beginning of the Republic. Thus, the makers of modern India enabled each and every adult citizen to participate in the collective process of nation-building. Thus, India can be credited to have helped the world discover the true potential of democracy.

I believe this was not a coincidence. At the beginning of civilisation, saints and seers of this land had developed a vision of humanity that was defined by equality of all; indeed, oneness of all. The great Freedom Struggle and its leaders like Mahatma Gandhi re-discovered our ancient values for modern times. Then, it is no wonder our democracy has Indian



characteristics. Gandhiji advocated decentralisation and power to the people.

For 75 weeks now, the nation has been commemorating these noble ideals that won us freedom. In March 2021, we began the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' with the re-enactment of the Dandi March. This way, our celebrations began with a tribute to that watershed event which had put our struggle on the world map. This festival is dedicated to the people of India. Based



on the success achieved by the people, the resolve to build 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is also a part of this Mahotsav. Citizens from all age-groups have keenly participated in a series of events held across the country. This grand festival is going ahead with the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan'. The Indian tricolours are fluttering in every nook and corner of the country. Great martyrs would have been thrilled to see the spirit of the Independence Movement coming alive again on such a massive scale.

Our glorious Freedom Struggle was waged bravely across the vast territory of our country. Many great freedom fighters did their duty and passed on the torch of awakening leaving little trace of their heroic deeds. Forgotten for long were many heroes and their struggles, especially among the peasant and tribal populations. The government's decision last year to observe 15th November as 'Janajatiya Gaurav Divas' is welcome because our tribal heroes are not merely local or regional icons but they inspire the entire nation.



Our beloved country has given us everything we have in our life. We should pledge to give everything we can for the sake of safety, security, progress and prosperity of our country. Our existence will become meaningful only in building a glorious India. The great nationalist poet Kuvempu, who enriched Indian literature through Kannada language, had written:

Naanu aliwe, Neenu aliwe



*Namma elubugal mele
Mooduvudu –
Mooduvudu
Navabharatda leele
Which means:
'I will pass
So will you
But on our bones will
arise
The great tale of a new
India'*

This is a clarion call of the nationalist poet for making total sacrifice for the motherland and upliftment of fellow citizens. To follow these ideals is my special

appeal to the youth of the country who are going to build the India of 2047. Before I conclude, I would like to extend Independence Day greetings to the armed forces, to the members of Indian missions abroad, and to the Indian diaspora who continue to make their motherland proud. My best wishes to all of you.

Prime minister Narendra Modi's speech--

Best wishes to my dear countrymen on the momentous occasion of completion of 75 years of Independence. Many congratulations to all! It is heartening to see our tricolor being unfurled with pride, honor and glory, not only in all the corners of India, but also worldwide by Indians who love their country immensely. I extend my heartiest congratulations to all the people spread across the globe who love India. My heartfelt greetings to all my dear Indians on this Amrit Mahotsav festival of celebrating our freedom. This is a day of historic importance. This is an auspicious occasion to step forward on a new path, with a new resolution and a new strength.

At Pathway school we celebrated this 75th Independence event with great respect. Our director along with our trustee Dr Jayalakshmi hoisted our prestigious national flag with great reverence followed by our national anthem. The following activities were performed by the children –Lezim ,Drill, Dumbbells, Pyramids & Excercises



which was followed by student Kaviya giving a speech about” how Independence Day is celebrated every year in INDIA and the significance of the day”.

Sumitha from VIII std described our nation's strength as "UNITY IN DIVERSITY," and one of the children, Bhuvanewari, explained the struggles of freedom fighters. She also listed out the names of everyone who have given their entire life to achieve freedom for us..

Jaya Surya, read a poem about freedom fighters and their contributions to our country. Kanishka, a sixth-grader, read an English poem about the sacrifices of national leaders. Fourth and fifth grade students performed a patriotic dance. Children also performed a skit based on the conversation between British ruler collector Jackson and the great king of Veerapandiya Kattabomman, who refused to pay British tax on their own land. Children performed a skit on the topic Kodi Katha Kumaran, who is an asset to Tamil Nadu and a great freedom fighter.

Children from various classes dressed up as national leaders and delivered a brief speech about them. The children presented the following leaders to everyone: Rani Lakshmi Bai, Queen of Jhansi, Indra Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi, Bharathiyar, Ambedkar, Subash Chandra Bose, and others.

The British government asked people to pay taxes for using salt. Mahatma Gandhi started the Dhandi march against this rule, which was enacted by our children who said, "Air, Salt are equal to everyone." Boys also performed a patriotic dance, which was followed by a semi-classical dance by high school girls.

Our director Dr. Chandra Prasad addressed the gathering, encouraging the young minds to cultivate patriotism in their hearts in her concluding speech

INDIAN POSTAL DEPARTMENT

For more than 150 years, the Department of Posts (DoP) has been the backbone of the country’s communication and has played a crucial role in the country’s social economic development. It



touches the lives of Indian citizens in many ways: delivering mails, accepting deposits under Small Savings Schemes, providing life insurance cover under Postal Life Insurance (PLI) and Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI) and providing retail services like bill collection, sale of forms, etc. The DoP also acts as an agent for Government of India in discharging other services for citizens such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) wage

disbursement and old age pension payments. With more than 1,55,000 post offices, the DoP has the most widely distributed postal network in the world.



It not only connects the people but also fosters a well-informed citizenry. The Indian Postal Service has various benefits, including the administration of mail and post offices, management of postal services, expanding the postal network inside every division, etc.

Postal system in Tamilnadu originated during the days of the East India Company. What started as a scheme to convey the mails of the East India Company and its servants in the erstwhile Madras, has now grown into a mammoth system handling over 80 lakhs of mail per day. After Independence, the Five Year Plans laid emphasis on expansion of communication facilities as an integral part of the socio-economic development. During the first Five Year Plan period, the number of post office increased three-fold. Rural delivery system was strengthened and Tamilnadu circle was the first to extend daily delivery service to all the villages, from March 1976.

Reorganisation of the States resulted in carving Andhra, Karnataka and Kerala Postal Circles out of the composite Madras Circle. The present day Tamilnadu Postal Circle came into being in the year 1961. It was a matter of pride to have been selected as Chief Guest to hoist the national flag on this auspicious Independence day celebration.

We were given a very warm reception by more than 50 postal service people who presented our Director with flowers, shawl and bouquet. Pathway as a mark of gratitude distributed cookies made

by our special children which was thoroughly enjoyed by the group present. We are indeed very grateful and thankful to them for this respect given to us.

KRISHNA JAYANTHI



According to Hindu mythology, Krishna, the human incarnation of Vishnu, was born on this day to destroy Mathura's demon king, Kansa, the brother of Krishna's virtuous mother, Devaki. Krishna was born on the eighth (Ashtami) day of the dark fortnight in the Bhadrapada month (August–September) in Mathura and was Devaki and Vasudeva's son. Devotees mark this auspicious

occasion by observing a fast and praying to Krishna. They adorn their homes with flowers, diyas and lights while temples are also beautifully decorated and lit.



As a child, Krishna loved eating butter, and the women in Vrindavan used to tie their pots of butter at a height to prevent it from being stolen by him. But this did not deter the child, and he came up with the idea that he and his friends form a human pyramid to reach the pot and steal the butter. This is what inspires the current day Dahi Handi celebration, a key aspect of the festivities. Sri Krishna Janmashtami is a widely celebrated festival. It brings the feeling of joy and happiness among people. It teaches us the lesson of pursuing good over evil. It also teaches us to always perform good deeds. We celebrated Janmashtami in a grand manner in our school. Our special kids dressed up like little Krishna and Radha. The whole



campus was filled with joy, colours and divinity. God is always with us and around us no matter what we are doing. Let Lord Krishna bless us all abundantly.

RURAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT AND AWARDS 2022



Receiving the BEST NGO OF THE YEAR award from Rural & Urban Development Summit & Awards 2022 with University Partner - SRM University & presented by the Government of India & implemented by Summentor Pro Sales & Marketing Consultants at India Habitat Centre

The esteemed panel presented by the Government of India, were

- ; Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey - Hon'ble Minister of State Environment & Forestry - Govt of India
- ; Smt Sadhvi Niranjan Jyothi - Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development - Govt of India
- ; Shri Kaushal Kishore - Hon'ble Minister of State Urban Affairs - Govt of India

VINAYAKA CHATURTHI



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



People celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi with a lot of enthusiasm in India. This 11 day festival starts today on September 10, and ends on September 21. Lord Ganesh is worshiped on this day. To celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, devotees bring home idols of Lord Ganesh to worship the deity, eat good food, enjoy with friends and family, and in the end, immerse the idols. Additionally, temples offer prayers and distribute sweets such as modaks because it is Lord Ganesh's favourite. The festival marks the birth of Lord Ganesh, the god of wisdom and prosperity. It falls in the Bhadrapada month of the Hindu calendar, which falls in August-September. Lord Ganesh is considered a symbol of wisdom, writing, travel, commerce and good fortune. He is also called Gajanana, Gajadanta, and Vighnaharta. These are few names among his 108 other titles. The Indian mythology tells the legend of Goddess Parvati creating baby Lord Ganesh using

sandalwood paste and asking him to guard the entrance while she took a bath. When Lord Shiva arrived at the entrance and told Ganesh that he wanted to visit Goddess Parvati, Ganesh refused to allow him to pass through. This made Lord Shiva



angry and enraged he severed the child's head. When Goddess Parvati realised what had happened, she was heartbroken. Seeing Goddess Parvati overwhelmed with grief, Lord Shiva promised to bring Ganesh back to life. He instructed his followers to search for the head



of the first living creature they could find. However, they could only find a baby elephant's head. That is how Lord Ganesha came back to life with the head of an elephant.



Every year, Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated in a large way. But this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the festival was a low-key affair. This festival is very important for students, they worship Lord Ganesh to illumine their minds. The children of all the centres enjoyed doing the various activities pertaining to the festival in the form of making mud idols, drawings etc of Lord Ganesha on online



RANGOTSAV

Rangotsav gives students a big national level platform to portray their creativity in terms of writing in different form, coloring & handwriting etc. In order to boost their work of creativity they at Rangotsav give them different types of attractive gifts & certificates which give them enthusiasm to come ahead & show their artistic talent. The gifts are divided in to three parts, where they award the winners as per their talents & creativity shown in competitions.

Regarding the competition Criteria to participate at Rangotsav the students are selected right from junior





kindergarten to the tenth grade.

The idea is to focus on more participants and create an atmosphere of motivation factor. The other major consideration is to bring out the creativity among all the children and allow them to express their feelings on this medium of drawing. This art therapy technique is probably

the most limitless. Painting can give you a great sense of freedom, being able to paint whatever you want. Rangotsav plays a major role here since not just the winners but also every participant is awarded a certificate .

The various topics that were chosen are detailed below and explanation for the same is given.

GREETING CARD MAKING COMPETITION

A greeting card expresses all the human emotions, joy, thanks, sympathy, humor, love and admiration. It allows us to connect on an emotional level with the people who have touched our lives.

COLLAGE COMPETITION

Collage making explore the student's creativity and imagination along with improving their presentation skills. Collecting and using materials of different textures, colors and patterns may help children to become the kind of adults who respond sensitively to their surroundings.

HANDWRITING COMPETITION

Handwritten communication being the most primitive media of expressing oneself has been proved to be an effective process of learning a language in terms of correct spellings, massive vocabulary, and exquisite communication abilities, both through written and verbal forms.

COLOURING COMPETITION

Coloring is a fantastic way for children to start to develop planning skills. They have to process many steps when they are completing a coloring page, from what colors to use, in what order and what decoration to add to their color fills. All of this requires a basic plan and this will help them throughout the rest of their journey through learning.

CARTOON MAKING COMPETITION

Cartoon is an art that comes in many shapes and sizes from comic strips to editorial cartoons and political satire.

This Cartoon making competition provides visual, colorful and simple ways to communicate about certain issues and events. This competition encourages students to think about new idea and demonstrate these ideas in the form of art.



Based on the artwork submitted to our competition, they will be judged based on the following elements of artistic expression-

Interpretation and clarity of the theme to the viewer, Creative and originality of the depicted theme, and Quality of artistic composition and overall design based on the theme.

STUDENT	STD	TYPE OF COMETITION	AWARD
DEEPSHIKA	7TH	GREETING CARD CREATING	SURPRISE GIFT
S PRAGADEESH	KG	COLOURING	GOLD MEDAL
JAYASURIYA S	8TH	COLOURING	GOLD MEDAL
DEEPAPRIYAN I	10TH	HANDWRITING	GOLD MEDAL
ARCHANA A	9TH	TATTOO MAKING	GOLD MEDAL
BHARANI D	IST	COLOURING	GOLD MEDAL
DHANVANTH C	4TH	COLOURING	GOLD MEDAL
VIJAYALAKSHMI S	7TH	SKETCHING	SILVER MEDAL
JOSHIKA S	2ND	COLOURING	SILVER MEDAL
SRIJA S	KG	HANDWRITING	SILVER MEDAL
KUBENDHIRAN	5TH	GREETING CARD	SILVER MEDAL
SAKTHIVEL S	6TH	COLOURING	BRONZE MEDAL
KAVIPRIYA C	8TH	COLLAGE MAKING	BRONZE MEDAL
BAKKIYA NEELAVATHI S	4TH	FINGER N THUMB PAINTING	BRONZE MEDAL
THENMOZHI R	5TH	COLOURING	BRONZE MEDAL

TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION



Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 every year in India to acknowledge the

contribution of teachers in the society. The day marks the birth anniversary of India's second President and first Vice President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. But why is Dr Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary celebrated as Teachers' Day in India? This is because after he took charge as the President of India in 1962, some students sought permission from him to celebrate his birthday. Dr Radhakrishnan, however,





did not approve any fancy celebration but rather requested that the day be observed as Teachers' Day.

Since then, September 5 has been celebrated as Teachers' Day across the country. Various cultural programmes are organised in schools and other educational institutions to mark the day. The intent behind this celebration was to recognise the contribution of teachers in the society. Dr Radhakrishnan enjoyed immense respect among the students. He always emphasised the power of

education and encouraged students to learn and contribute to a better future. "Teachers should be the best minds in the country" is what the former President believed.

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

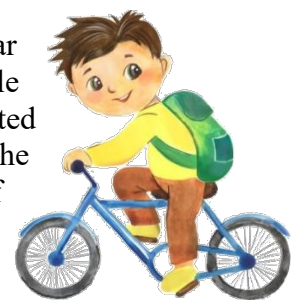


BICYCLE DAY CELEBRATION

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving: - Albert Einstein



Every year World Bicycle Day is celebrated to highlight the value of bicycling tradition and its important role in keeping our health and the earth fit. Cycling is a multifaceted



workout that is enjoyed by people of all ages, has several health benefits, avoids diseases, and



promotes long-term growth. Cycling contributes to mitigation of carbon dioxide emissions as it possesses an intrinsic zero-emission value.

Cycling leads to increased cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength and flexibility. It improves joint mobility and helps decrease stress levels. Bikes are free to ride and a stress-free mode of travel.

→ Cycling helps awareness about the local environment and sustainable consumption and production. Listed below are a few of the many benefits of cycling daily:

- Compared to other physical activities that confine you indoors, cycling gives you a thrill that makes it more likely that you'll maintain cycling frequently.
- Compared to other sports, it doesn't require great physical skill.
- Cycling first thing in the morning helps you wake up by increasing blood circulation and gives you a sense of satisfaction as you begin your day.
- Your daily commute on a bike reduces your transportation carbon footprint significantly.
- Cycling improves the function of your lower body as a whole and makes your legs stronger without putting too much stress on your joints.
- Bike riding regularly can help with mental health conditions like stress, anxiety, and depression.
- You'll enhance your general balance and coordination as you steady yourself and keep the bike upright.
- Cycling is an efficient way to maintain or lose weight because it boosts metabolic rate, builds muscle, and burns body fat.





→ Cycling boosts strength, endurance, and cardiovascular fitness.

→ Cycling is a great way to increase heart rate and promote cardiovascular health.

On account of our former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Annadurai's birthday, Tamil Nadu state Sports Development Authority, Chengalpattu

district, conducted a bicycle race for school students in three categories junior, senior and super senior. 17 students along with our staff participated in the event which took place at the Chengalpattu collectorate.

The following students from Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School received the Merit certificate and cash awards.

1. L. Pugalarasu - Junior 7th place
2. L. Poovarasu - Junior 8th place
3. M. Sharvesh - Junior 9th place
4. S. Lingeshwaran - Senior 10th place
5. D. Rishwanth - Senior 7th place
6. A. Lavanya - Senior 5th place
7. S. Sumitha - Senior 7th place
8. S. Kaviya - Senior 9th place
9. L. Bhuvaneshwari - Senior 4th place



WORLD OZONE DAY



India's contribution to the Montreal Protocol in terms of policy formulation is noteworthy, India has played a proactive role in the phase-out of production and consumption of Ozone Depleting Substances. This was stated by the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment Bupendra Yadav at a programme organized to observe the 28th World Ozone Day in Mumbai today. The Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ashwini Kumar Choubey





were also present on the occasion. The event was organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra. The principal aim of the Montreal Protocol is to protect the ozone layer by taking measures to control total global production and consumption of substances that deplete it, with the ultimate objective of their elimination on the basis of developments in scientific knowledge and technological information.

In order to protect the ozone, people must reduce the use of fossil fuels and lower the consumption of energy in their homes and try to conserve our resources as much as possible. Carbon is also one of the main causes of ozone depletion. The less carbon we use, the better it is for the Ozone layer. "Only by mirroring the cooperation & speedy action of the Montreal Protocol elsewhere can we stop the carbon pollution that is dangerously heating our world. We have a choice: collective action or collective suicide."

The ozone layer in the stratosphere absorbs a portion of the radiation from the sun, preventing it from reaching the earth's surface. The ozone layer absorbs the portion of UV light called UVB that has many harmful effects such as skin cancer, cataracts, and harm to some crops and marine life. The ozone layer absorbs about 97 to 99 percent of UV rays and also maintains the ozone-oxygen cycle. Apart from the stratosphere, about 90 percent of ozone is found within 17 kilometers of Earth's surface. Thanks to the Montreal Protocol to protect the ozone layer, humanity averted a major health catastrophe.

World Ozone Day 2022 is celebrated every year globally on September 16 to initiate conversation and spread awareness on the

depletion of the Ozone layer. Every year World Ozone Day theme is also announced by the United Nations focusing on the immediate actions that must be taken by the people as well as the governments. Ozone is a protective layer in the Earth's atmosphere that absorbs most of the ultraviolet radiation that reaches the Earth from the sun. World Ozone Day 2022 is observed to spread awareness about the ways that are effective in protecting the Ozone layer.

This year the theme of World Ozone Day 2022 is 'Global Cooperation to protect Life on Earth'. The theme of World Ozone Day announced by the United Nations highlights the collective efforts that must be put in for the protection of life on the Earth.

The children participated in the event which was conducted in the school highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of Ozone along with display of models created by them



NATIONAL NUTRITION WEEK

- FLAMELESS COOKING



The National Nutrition Week was established in 1975 by the members of the American Dietetic Association (ADA), now known as the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. This week was set aside to raise awareness among the general public of the value of good nutrition and the need for an active lifestyle. Due to the positive reception from the masses, the celebration of this week in 1980 stretched for a whole month. At that period of time most of the people in India were suffering from the problem of malnutrition. In 1982 National Nutrition Week was first time introduced in India.

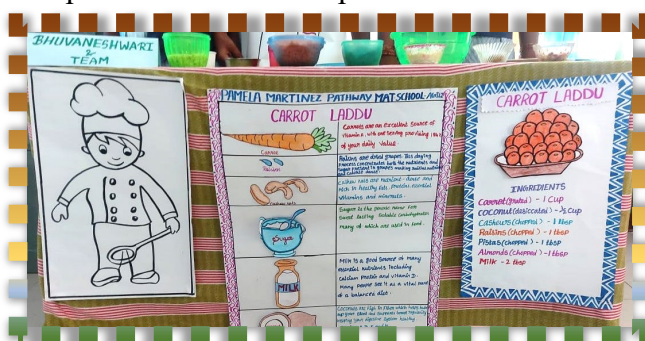
National Nutrition Week is observed in India from September 1 to 7 every year. National Nutrition Week is an annual program initiated by the Food and Nutrition Board under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The goal behind celebrating this week is to create awareness among the public regarding the importance of nutrition and practicing healthy eating habits. The theme of National Nutrition Week 2022 is "Celebrate a World of Flavors."

The theme for this year is Celebrate a "World of Flavors". Every year, as part of National Nutrition Week, the government also introduces a special theme that focuses primarily on that year's theme. Last year, the government announced this theme for the week – feeding smart right from start.

National Nutrition Week is commemorated to educate people about healthy and nutritious food. The Food and Nutrition Board of the Government of India's Ministry of Women and Child Development organises an annual week-long celebration of National Nutrition Week to inform people about this basic phenomenon. The importance and role of a healthy diet in the human body are emphasised. A

balanced diet full of essential nutrients is essential for healthy development and function. The Indian government has started programmes that emphasise good nutrition, wholesome food, and a healthy lifestyle.

To create awareness and celebrate the National Nutrition Week 2022, we should be aware of the 7 common nutrient deficiencies





7 Common Nutrient Deficiencies -

1. **Iron:** Anemia is caused as a result of iron deficiency. Red blood cells are responsible for carrying oxygen throughout the body tissues. In this condition, there is a lack of healthy red blood cells in the body. Foods to improve iron deficiency: Red meat, beans, dark green leafy vegetables, lentils, chickpeas, broccoli, and fish are some great sources of iron that can be included in the diet.

2. **Calcium:** Calcium is an important mineral required for building strong bones and teeth and proper functioning of the heart and other muscles. The deficiency of calcium can cause conditions like osteoporosis, osteopenia, and hypocalcemia (lack of calcium). Foods to improve calcium deficiency: Chia seeds, poppy seeds, sesame seeds, cheese, beans, lentils, milk, and yogurt are some rich sources of calcium.

3. **Vitamin A:** It is an essential nutrient for growth and development, division of cells, reproduction, immune system, and vision. Vitamin A deficiency can cause conditions like impaired immunity, night blindness, xerophthalmia, etc. Foods to improve Vitamin A deficiency: Green leafy vegetables, milk, eggs, fish, cheese, carrots, and tomatoes are some foods rich in vitamin A.

4. **Vitamin D:** It is essential for regulating the absorption of calcium and phosphate, keeping the muscles, bones, and teeth healthy. Lack of vitamin D can cause conditions like osteomalacia and rickets.

Foods to improve Vitamin D deficiency: Salmon, red meat, egg yolks, and cod liver oil are some good sources of vitamin D.

5. **Vitamin B12:** It is a water-soluble vitamin also called cobalamin. Vitamin B12 is essential for the formation of blood cells and keeping them healthy and helps in proper functioning of nerves. The deficiency of vitamin B12 can cause pernicious and megaloblastic anemia. Foods to improve Vitamin B12 deficiency: Eggs, shellfish, meat, chicken, dairy, soy, oats, etc., are some sources of Vitamin B12.

6. **Magnesium deficiency:** Magnesium is required for maintaining normal function of muscles and nerves, promoting strong bones and teeth structure. It is also responsible for



carrying out more than 300 chemical reactions. Magnesium deficiency can cause health problems like hypomagnesemia, hypokalemia, hypocalcemia, osteoporosis, etc. Foods to improve Magnesium deficiency: Foods like nuts, whole grains, green leafy vegetables, legumes, and seeds are rich in magnesium.

7. Iodine Deficiency: Iodine is essential for the functioning of the thyroid hormone and its production, growth, brain development, regulation of metabolic rate, and maintenance of bones. Deficiency of iodine can cause conditions like hypothyroidism, goiter, cretinism, decreased fertility rate, etc. Foods to improve Iodine deficiency: Seaweed, shellfish, table salt, dairy, chicken, and eggs are some sources of iodine.

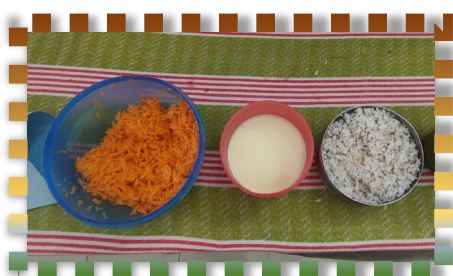
The tips to follow for Healthy Eating are----

- ; Do not skip breakfast
- ; Add more vegetables and fruits to your diet
- ; Take home cooked foods
- ; Include calcium and protein-rich foods in your diet
- ; Limit your intake of fast and processed foods
- ; Cut down unhealthy carbs and limit your intake of sugar and salt
- ; Chew food properly
- ; Eat small meals throughout your day
- ; Cut down on saturated fats
- ; Stay hydrated

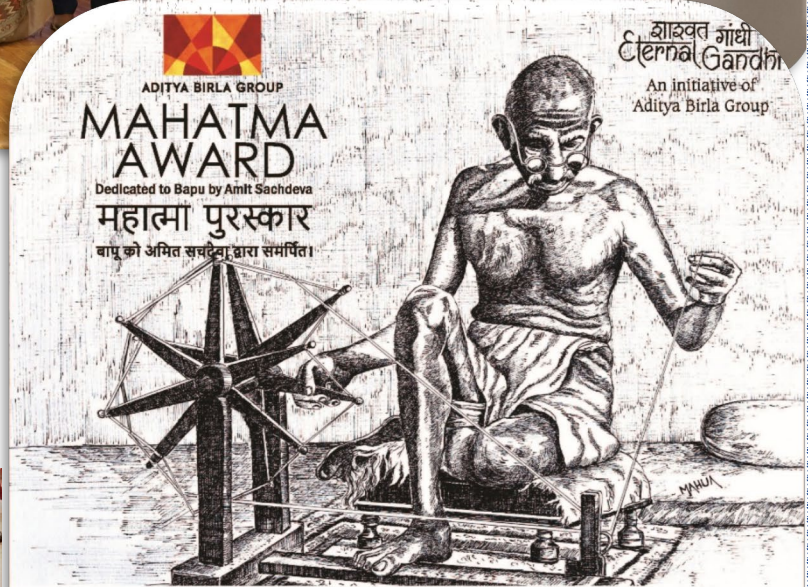
This National Nutrition Week 2022, do the rightful and spread awareness about the importance of nutrients and healthy eating. Ensure that you are eating healthy before looking out for others. Create awareness among your friends and family about how important a well-balanced diet is. Nutrition and health are incomplete without physical activity and adequate sleep. Hence, it is essential to follow all the good practices like healthy eating, exercising, and proper sleeping to ensure an improved overall health and quality of life.

We at the school conducted the above event of flameless cooking Carnival based on the theme "Health is Wealth" on 13/09/2022.at 2.30 Pm. Students from grades VI to X participated. Eight teams of three students each participated in the program. Within half an hour, students prepared a variety of healthy FOOD items such as carrot laddu, coconut milk, coconut Burfi, fruit salad, vegetable salad, fresh juices such as lemon juice and mint juice, and so on. In addition to that a power point presentation on "Balance diet" and an Informative video on Nutrition was screened for the benefit of the children.

“To Eat Is a Necessity, but To Eat Intelligently Is an Art.” .. – Francois De La Rochefoucauld



RECEIVING THE MAHATMA AWARD FOR SOCIAL GOOD FOR THE YEAR 2022- 4th award consecutively
Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway” received
the award under the “Social Good and Impact Category” MAHATMA AWARD 1st October
2022 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award



அருணை எக்ஸ்பிரஸ்

காலை நாளிதழ்



தந்தராவ் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளையின் இயக்குநர் மற்றும் இணை நிறுவனர் டாக்டர் சந்திரா பிரசாத்துக்கு மகாத்மா காந்தி விருது வழங்கியபோது எடுத்த படம்.

பாத்வே இயக்குனருக்கு மகாத்மா காந்தி விருது

மதுராந்தகம் அக. 7 செங்கல்பட்டு மாவட்டம், மதுராந்தகம் அடுத்த மேல்மருவத்தூர் அருகே உள்ள அகிலி பாத்வே நிறுவனத்திற்கு மகாத்மா விருதை நிறுவியருமான அமித்ச ச தேவா தலைமையிலான ஆதித்ய பீர்லா குழுவின் முயற்சியால் நான் காவது முறையாக தந்துராவ் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளையின் இயக்குநர் மற்றும் இணை நிறுவனர் டாக்டர் சந்திரா பிரசாத்தை

கவரவித்து தேர்வு செய்தனர். சமூக நல பணி தாக்கத்திற்காக 2022-ம் ஆண்டுக்கான மகாத்மா விருது தனிநபர்கள் மற்றும் நிறுவனங்களுக்கு சமூகநலன் பொதுச்சேவை பெருநிறுவன சமூகப் பொறுப்பு, கல்வி முதல் ஆரோக்கியம் வரை அனைத்தையும் உள்ளடக்கிய ஆழமான வகைகளுடன் உலகம் முழுவதிலும் உள்ள பரந்த அளவிலான தொழில்கள் போன்ற பல்வேறு வகைகளில் சிறந்த செயல்திறன்களைக்

கொளவிக்கும் வகையில் ஆண்டுதோறும் மகாத்மா விருது வழங்கப்படுகிறது. இதனை தொடர்ந்து காந்தியடிகளின் 154-வது பிறந்தநாளைக் குறிக்கும் வகையில், இந்த விருது 1 அக்டோபர் 2022 அன்று இந்தியா டெல்லி சமூக நலன் மற்றும் தாக்கத்திற்காக டாக்டர் தந்தராவ் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளையின் இயக்குநர் மற்றும் இணை நிறுவனர் டாக்டர் சந்திரா பிரசாத்துக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டது.

Mahatma Award Recipients 2022

Mahatma Award for Leaders and Change Makers in Individual Capacity
 Dr. Raja Reddy, Dr. Rasha Reddy and Dr. Kausalya Reddy for Lifetime Achievement for Propagating Indian heritage through Dance, Music and Culture
 Lila Poonewalla, for Lifetime Achievement in Social Responsibility, Social Good and Impact
 Dr. Kira Bedi, for Lifetime Achievement in Public and Social Service
 Dr. Narendra Kumar Baldota, Baldota Group for Lifetime Achievement for Philanthropic Work
 Dr. UNID Rao, IAS Officer for Lifetime Achievement in Social Responsibility and Impact
 Dr. Dharmajaya Saranath, for Lifetime Achievement in contribution to cancer care and administration of cervical cancer vaccine (HPV)
 Nitin Mathuria, President, Eternal Gandhi and Special Projects, Aditya Birla Group for spreading the message of Mahatma Gandhi through Eternal Gandhi Initiative
 Yogendra Yadav, Indian activist, psephologist for Social Impact Leadership
 Anil Kumar Jain, Chairman Indo Count for Lifetime Achievement in Social Good and Impact
 Ashwini Saxena for Leadership in CSR, Sustainability and Social Impact
 Parash Tewary for Leadership in CSR, Sustainability and Social Impact
 Dr. Anjika Prakash, Founder Learning Links Foundation for Leadership in Social Responsibility, Dr. Payal Karodia, Trustee, NCM Foundation for Leadership in CSR
 Dr. Purushottam Agrawal, Eminent Writer for Advocating Democratic Values in the Community
 Dr. V.K. Raha, Eye Foundation of America for Lifetime Achievement in Social Impact
 Mangesh Gupta for Leadership in CSR, Sustainability and Social Impact
 Arun Arora, for Leadership in CSR, Sustainability and Social Impact
 Lokesh Ohi, Founder, Beem There Doon That for Community Impact

Mahatma Award Young Leaders in Individual Capacity
 Praveen Kam, Group Head CSR, Sperrk Minda Group for CSR | Sajid Ali, Head, Direct Implementation Programs, Tech Mahindra Foundation

- Mahatma Award for Healthcare**
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 Aja Khan Foundation | Agawell Foundation | Auroville Foundation | Bharat Soka Gakkai | Blossom India Foundation | Blocon Foundation | Cancer Patients Aid Association | Child Help Foundation | Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust | ERDA - Electrical Research and Development Association | Foster and Forge | Generation India | Dabur India Ltd. | FUELI Global Education Trust, Mysore | Impact Guru Foundation | India Vision Foundation | Grand Maratha Foundation | Institute of Objective Studies | ION Foundation | Kahanatlaya Foundation | Max India Foundation | MABET | Parivarthan Gurukul Heritage | PHD Rural Development Foundation | Pinkhite Foundation | PLAN India | Pragathi Charitable Trust | Rise Against Hunger India | Sambharbanam Trust | Sambhar Foundation | Banjary Ghodwad Foundation | SRF Foundation | Teach Mahatma Foundation | BEED | Beesa International | Social and Development Research and Action Group | Society for the Welfare of Weaker Sections | The Akshaya Patra Foundation | The Goff Foundation | The Hans Foundation | The Moody's Foundation | The Pride India
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**Dr Chandra Prasad
Co-Founder & Hon. Director**

Chandra has been with Pathway for nearly four decades. She is a postgraduate in food and nutrition. A Gold Medalist from Bangalore University in her undergraduate degree. She has also obtained degrees in Education and Special Education along with Web designing. Chandra Prasad has been the backbone of the vocational programmes of the centre for several years and has produced many innovative products and designs in vocational rehabilitation and special education of the disabled which are recognized globally. Chandra Prasad has been involved in the planning and designing of all facilities of the organization. She has been awarded a joint national award along with A.D.S.N Prasad for services for the disabled, as the best couple serving the disabled in India from MSD. Today she has been recognized and conferred the National and State awards in 2019 as the best professional worker in the field of social work for intellectually disabled and normal children.

Taking forward the agenda of social good

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Over 40,000 Individual Lives Changed

From its humble beginnings in 1975, Pathway has grown into a large institution with two campuses currently serving over 300 disabled and 250 normal children and adults every day. Besides serving the target group of disabled individuals, Pathway has opened its door to offering free medical, psychiatric, prosthetic, and dental care to over 4200 patients every month from the poor neighborhoods surrounding its facilities. In total, Pathway has helped over 40,000 children and adults since Prasad began his mission.

Covid-19 Humanitarian Work

- We have also received a certificate of Appreciation for rendering unparalleled service to the Differently abled persons during the pandemic period of Covid-19 by the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer of Chengalpattu.
- We have also been responsible during this covid period helping the community to the tune of 18 lakhs and helping the state in every humble way possible to ease people's difficulty.
- In and around more than 2000 families have been helped during this pandemic period by way of groceries, medicines and sanitizers along with masks. Other details carried out are:
- 600 beneficiaries - money sent online every month from April 2020 to date
 - 50 intellectually disabled in Villupuram district have been provided provision for six months
 - Community help in kind given to 60 families in cherncheri in Chennai
 - Community was helped with provisions for 3000 families through chennai government office. Community was helped with provisions for 1000 families through Kanchipuram government office
 - Every staff member totaling to 120 have been supported through the entire period with hundred percent salary
 - Doctors and all the other staff have taken care through video calls and physically attended during emergencies
 - Every normal and special education class including therapies has been conducted for 117 children at Chennai centre, 50 at Sabin Centre and 200 at the Pamela Martinez Pathway School everyday without a break
 - Medical doctors spread messages about corona virus in villages in and around our centres
 - Provided groceries, protective kits and disinfecting community
 - The Vocational Unit at Chennai and Sabin centre worked tirelessly on making masks which has been used for personal care and to most of the public office, freelance workers
 - During the pandemic period we also produced one of their best nativity in beads
 - Provided disinfectants to Sombangalam Police station
 - Sprayed disinfectants in various communities like Kaatrambakkam, Anarambodu Pittaipakkam, Nandambakkam village panchayat
 - Community based rehabilitation work was taken up in different villages in Chengalpattu where 168 families were benefited
 - With help of doctors COVID-19 screening was carried out for migrants workers benefiting 150 families
 - Labourers and needy staff at the farm and chennai have been provided monthly extra provisions
 - 50 families of health and sanitary workers, manual labourers of Chennai were provided with provisions & groceries
 - All the centres have been maintained by the intellectual kids along with skeletal residential staff in immaculate condition



Dr DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



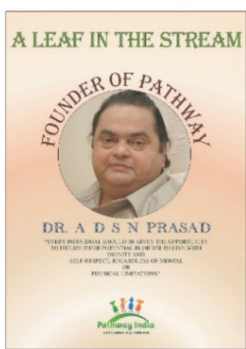
Building An Organization

In 1983, Chandra a brilliant girl from business community chose to marry Prasad, joining in his mission to serve the poor and needy. They sacrificed much in their early years of marriage and spent years praying for a better future. Their prayers were answered when, in 1989, William Sheffield (American judge and philanthropist) visited Pathway. An instant bond developed between Prasad and Judge Sheffield and a partnership was forged. In 1992, Judge Sheffield enlisted the support of American donors to fund Pathway's flagship center, the Center for Rehabilitation & Education of intellectually disabled.

Help From Key Supporters

Over time, Pathway gained certifications and credibility amongst the Chennai community and abroad. Many prominent supporters from all over the world joined hands to support Pathway. Individuals and organizations nourished the growth of the organization and helped serve hundreds of needy children over the years - most notably Pamela and Alex Martinez, Barbara and William Benac Sr, Stouphen B.Owson, Jean Luc and Carole Butei, Jennifer Peery and The Peery Foundation, Gary and Valerie Sabin, Eric Ottesen, Sabin Children's Foundation, the Japanese SSGA, the Sakakawa Foundation, and the Children's Care Emanuel. One final key supporter to note is the highly committed and compassionate Sudha Sairamian. In 2004, Sudha gave up a lucrative career to join Pathway to serve the needy full time till 2015.

Pathway Centre for Rehabilitation & Education of the Intellectually Disabled
Pamela Martinez / Pathway Matriculation School & Children Home
Sabin - Pathway Home For Persons With Intellectual Disability And Associated Conditions



About

The Founder - Called to serve

In 1975, Dr. ADSN Prasad, a promising 22-year-old speech pathologist and audiologist, was administering to a patient in Madras (now Chennai), India. While performing his routine tasks, he discovered that this client and many others were sacrificing daily comfort for his services. In fact, many refrained from meals and other basic necessities of life in exchange to pay for his services. It was at that moment when he realized that he needed to act on this injustice. From that day forward, Dr. Prasad dedicated himself to charity for the poor and destitute and Pathway India was born.

Humble Beginnings

Pathway India's initial years of operations were filled with difficulties. Prasad served destitute children while in the numbness of circumstances himself, providing free services to patients from his small dirt-floored rented house in the slums. At times, food was even scarce for Prasad himself. One day while providing his complimentary services, a mother brought a child to him for medical treatment and never returned. Prasad did what he says, "any upstanding person would do" and took the child in as his own and began to care for him. It wasn't long after when another child was stranded in his possession. Again, Prasad took the child in. A pattern ensued and word spread. Within 3 months, Prasad had over 20 orphaned and intellectually disabled children under his care.



Times of Growth

Increased fundraising allowed expansion to offer free medical and dental services to the neighborhood and after school tutoring for children. In 2001, Pathway blossomed thanks to a generous donation that funded the establishment of the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and Home for Children. This school and home are located on a 26 hectare (65 acre) Agro-Farm located about 90 km (60 miles) south of Chennai. This facility houses, feeds, clothes, and educates over 200 physically and mentally able, but economically disadvantaged orphans and children from destitute families. More donations in 2009, allowed the construction of The Sabin Centre for Education and Rehabilitation of the Disabled, a program that assists teaching vocational skills to disabled adults.

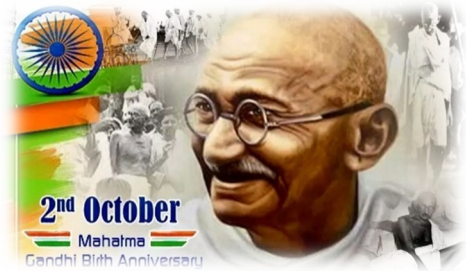


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MAHATMA GANDHI - 153rd BIRTH ANNIVERSARY 2022

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was Born and raised in a Hindu family in coastal Gujarat, Gandhi trained in the law at the Inner Temple, London, and was called to the bar at age 22 in June 1891. After two uncertain years in India, where he was unable to start a successful law practice, he moved to South Africa in 1893 to represent an Indian merchant in a lawsuit. He went on to live in South Africa for 21 years. It was here that Gandhi raised a family and first employed nonviolent resistance in a campaign for civil rights. In 1915, aged 45, he returned to India and soon set about organising peasants, farmers, and urban labourers to protest against excessive land-tax and discrimination.



Assuming leadership of the Indian National Congress in 1921, Gandhi led nationwide campaigns for easing poverty, expanding women's rights, building religious and ethnic amity, ending untouchability, and, above all, achieving swaraj or self-rule. Gandhi adopted the short dhoti woven with hand-spun yarn as a mark of identification with India's rural poor. He began to live in a self-sufficient residential community, to eat simple food, and undertake long fasts as a means of both introspection and political protest. Bringing anti-colonial nationalism to the common Indians, Gandhi led them in challenging the British-imposed salt tax with the 400 km (250 mi) Dandi Salt March in 1930 and in calling for the British to quit India in 1942. He was imprisoned many times and for many years in both South Africa and India.





Gandhi's vision of an independent India based on religious pluralism was challenged in the early 1940s by a Muslim nationalism which demanded a separate homeland for Muslims within British India. In August 1947, Britain granted independence, but the British Indian Empire was partitioned into two dominions, a Hindu-majority India and a Muslim-majority Pakistan. As many displaced Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs made their way to their new lands, religious violence broke out, especially in the Punjab and Bengal. Abstaining from the

official celebration of independence, Gandhi visited the affected areas, attempting to alleviate distress. In the months following, he undertook several hunger strikes to stop the religious violence. The last of these, begun in Delhi on 12 January 1948 when he was 78, also had the indirect goal of pressuring India to pay out some cash assets owed to Pakistan, which the Indian government had been resisting. Although the Government of India relented, as did the religious rioters, the belief that Gandhi had been too resolute in his defense of both Pakistan and Indian Muslims, spread among some Hindus in India.



Among these was Nathuram Godse, a militant Hindu nationalist from Pune, western India, who assassinated Gandhi by firing three bullets into his chest at an interfaith prayer meeting in Delhi on 30 January 1948.



Gandhi's birthday, 2 October, is commemorated in India as Gandhi Jayanti, a national holiday, and worldwide as the International Day of Nonviolence. Gandhi is considered the Father of the Nation in India and is commonly called Bapu (Gujarati endearment for 'father', 'papa'). Every year, Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on October 2. This day marks the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma, originally known as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi is the father of our nation. He



was a political ethicist, a nationalist and a lawyer. Mahatma's way of choosing non-violence to attain independence of the country against the British rule stands as an example for the world to drop the weapons and choose the non-violent way. Mahatma believed in the power of love and tolerance. Every year, this day is celebrated with a whole lot of grandeur and pomp across the country. Mahatma Gandhi initiated the Satyagraha and the Ahimsa movement when Indian was still in the clasp of the British rule. His

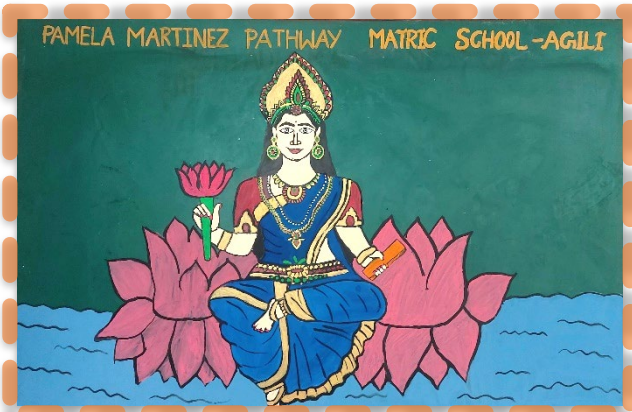
path of following non-violence and winning people over with the power of love has since then influenced a lot of civil rights in the country. Mahatma Gandhi also led India's struggle to attain freedom and gave his life for the benefit of the country.

On October 2, a national holiday is observed to respect Mahatma Gandhi and pay our tributes to the freedom fighter. In 2007, the United National General Assembly announced October 2 as the International Day of Non-violence to honour Gandhi's ways. On this day, awareness is created on the importance of non-violence and convergence of peace, harmony and unity across the world. Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated everywhere in the country – from schools, colleges to government and non-government offices. The day usually starts by singing Gandhi's favourite hymn Raghupati Raghava. Then a memorial service is organised where people reminisce the teachings of Mahatma. People also organise cultural activities, patriotic songs and dance. Speech on the teaching so Mahatma Gandhi is also given. The Children drew pictures of Gandhi ji and they enacted a small skit about non-violence movement. TharunRaj dressed up like Gandhiji and few children joined along with and went for a march. Madhavan gave a speech about the biography and achievement of the father of our nation.

SARASWATHI & AYUDHA POOJA

Ayudha Puja, also known as Astra Puja, is celebrated on the ninth day of Navaratri every year in India, and this year, it falls on October 23. People worship and revere the objects and instruments related to their profession and livelihood on this auspicious day. As per the lunisolar calendar commonly used by the Hindu community, Navaratri starts after the new moon of





Ashwin month and is a nine-day long festival that celebrates the victory of Goddess Durga over a demon named Mahishasura. However,

multiple versions of this legend exist.

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



The mythologies of Hinduism are described through 18 “Puranas” with each having its own version. The Puranas explain complex concepts through simple and easily understandable stories.

Then come the “Upanishads” which further explore these complex concepts, beliefs, and world views. They also describe various schools of thought.

There are various legends related to the day of Ayudha Puja. The most popular legend comes from the “Mahabharatha,” the greatest Hindu epic. According to the Mahabharatha, Arjuna, the third

Pandava prince, retrieved his weapons after completing his ‘vanavasa’ or exile, wherein he had to spend 14 years in a forest. The Pandavas were sent to the vanavasa after they lost everything in a gamble, which was rigged by their enemy, the Kauravas. After





retrieving the weapons, the Pandavas fought the Kauravas and won their lives and kingdom back. Devotees worship their weapons, tools, instruments, and books on this day. As we progressed into the modern age, weapon worship lost its significance, with the

related objects of work and occupation taking their place as the objects of worship.



INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



International Day of the Girl Child is an international observance day declared by the United Nations; it is also called the Day of Girls and the International Day of the Girl. October 11, 2012, was the first Day of the Girl Child. The observation supports more opportunity for girls and increases awareness of gender inequality faced by girls worldwide based upon their gender. This inequality includes areas such as access to education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care, and protection from discrimination, violence against women and forced child marriage. The celebration of the day also

"reflects the successful emergence of girls and young women as a distinct cohort in development policy, programming, campaigning and research."

In 2022, we commemorate the 10th anniversary of the International Day of the Girl (IDG). In these last 10 years, there has been increased attention on issues that matter to girls amongst governments, policymakers and the general public, and more opportunities for girls to have their voices heard on the global stage. Yet, investments in girls' rights remain limited and girls continue to confront a

myriad of challenges to fulfilling their potential; made worse by concurrent crises of climate change, COVID-19 and humanitarian conflict. Girls around the world continue to face unprecedented challenges to their education, their physical and mental wellness, and the protections needed for a life without violence. COVID-19 has worsened existing burdens on girls around the world and worn away important gains made over the last decade.

With adversity, however, comes resourcefulness, creativity, tenacity,



and resilience. The world's 600 million adolescent girls have shown time and time again that given the skills and the opportunities, they can be the changemakers driving progress in their communities, building back stronger for all, including women, boys and men.

Girls are ready for a decade of acceleration forward. It is time for us all to stand accountable – with and for girls – and to invest in a future that believes in their agency, leadership and potential.

“Now more than ever, we must renew our commitment to work together so

that girls enjoy and exercise their rights and can play a full and equal part in their communities and societies. Investing in girls is investing in our common future.”- UN Secretary-General António Guterres

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



DIWALI



Diwali is the festival of lights which signifies the victory of good over evil and the eradication of dark shadows, negativity, and doubts from our lives. It is a celebration of prosperity in which people give gifts to their loved ones. The festival also sends the message of illuminating our inner selves with clarity and positivity. The festival of lights signifies peace and joy, the victory of good over evil, and light over darkness every day. It is one of the most

symbolic Hindu festivals, and all the communities in the country celebrate it with much pomp. During this festival, people clean their homes, decorate every corner with lights, lamps, diyas, flowers, rangoli, and candles. Families also perform Lakshmi Puja and pray to the Goddess of wealth to bless them with health, wealth, and prosperity.

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

All the centres from Pathway celebrated this festival. Children donned new colourful dresses and they looked forward for the special meals and sweets which would follow for the day. As usual the multi colored Rangoli depicting happiness and ushering good tidings were a part of the children handiwork. They also were involved in making the diyas with their bare hands which was





lovingly lit around their campus. Crackers being a part of this festival it was kept minimal to sparklers and safe flower pots with a few display of fancy fireworks.

The children with the help of staff made paper sparklers, flowerpots chakras etc. they finally colored them and displayed to the gathering with pride. The sweets which are a part and parcel of this festivity were also displayed using paper

models in form of Indian sweets like kajukattli, laddus, murukku, adhivasam etc. Though it was an activity but this was inherently a teaching method to educate the kids too. This was followed by Prasanna giving a speech on the importance and the safety methods involved in bursting the crackers. The kids listened with rapt interest to their peer. There was a group dance by the boys and girls along with solo dances performed by Madhavan and Joseph. The highlight of the programme



was the Dandiya dance along with the staff and director.



KARTHIGAI DEEPAM - Tamil Nadu celebrates Karthigai Deepam as the traditional festival. It is a very old festival and is also celebrated in the neighboring states like Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. This festival is very important among the Tamil people. The earliest Hindu scripture states that the two great deities of Hindu culture Lord Vishnu and Lord Brahma started fighting among them regarding the superiority. They both thought each one was



stronger than the other. To stop this huge fight, Lord Shiva came in front of them and tried to show his supremacy. He took the shape of a huge fire and challenged the two fighting Gods to find the end of the fire from the top and bottom. Lord Vishnu took the form of a boar and tried to reach the end of the fire beneath the earth. He failed miserably and came back to Lord Shiva saying that he was unable to find the end of the fire from the bottom. Lord Brahma on the other hand,

took the shape of a swan and flew to find the beginning of the fire on the topside.

But his search was also in vain and he was unable to find the top of the fire. Thus, Lord Shiva proved his supremacy over the two Gods and managed to stop the fight. Lord Shiva actually proved that he is the main God of the earth and there is no use in fighting among other Gods regarding their supremacy. He then appeared like hill shape on Thiruvannamalai region. In fact, the names 'Tiruvannamalai' and 'Arunachala' denote "holy fire hill". Later on the kings and famous personnel built a temple on the hill in commemoration of Lord Shiva. This festival is celebrated with great marvel in this particular place. Another legend links karthigai Deepam to Lord Muruga. Lord Muruga adopted the form of six babies in Saravana poigai, a lake and was looked after by six krittika stars. On this day, Goddess Parvathy united all the six forms of Skantda. Thus, Lord Karthikeya has six faces and popularly known as Aarumugan in Tamil culture. Rows of Agal vilakkus (clay oil lamps) are lit in the houses of adherents in celebration of this festival, considered to be auspicious symbols. It is believed to ward off evil forces, and usher in prosperity and joy. This festival of lights



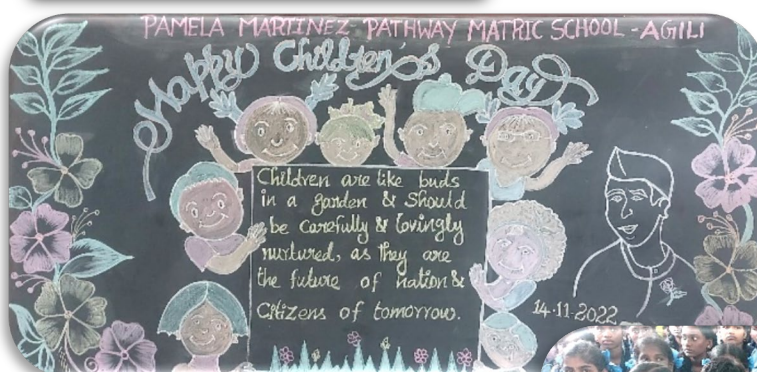
involves lighting lights almost anywhere to put an end to darkness. They want to show lights to the Gods who will be impressed with their worship and continue to look after the followers for ages to come. This festival is also celebrated to commemorate the bonding between brothers and sisters in South India (analogous to Raksha Bandhan). Sisters pray for the prosperity and success of their brothers, and light lamps to mark the occasion. In the town of Thiruvannamalai, the festival is marked by the lighting of the Thiruvannamali Maha Deepam. A massive earthen lamp is lit around 6 PM at the top of the 2668 feet high holy mountain of the town. The entire mountain is regarded by devotees to be a representation of a Shiva Linga. Nearly 3500 kilograms of ghee are used to light this lamp. Devotees believe that the form of Shiva named Ardhanarishvara would bless them in the temple at the time of the lighting the Maha Deepam. The light emitted from the mountain is visible up to a radius of 35 KM. Hundreds of thousands of devotees perform the 16 km girivalam, the circumambulation of the sacred mountain. The mai, the ash that remains as residue after the lighting of the ghee is distributed as prasadam to devotees on the Margali Arudra Darisanam day. The children with their help of their staff drew rangoli on the floor and applied colours to it. Agal vilakkus were filled with oil and a thread were placed in each vilakku by the children. The special educators lit the lamps and the children arranged them in the rangoli. They have lit laps around their hostel and school. The entire campus was shining so bright with all the lamps. Smile and joy was seen on the glowing face of the children as they held the lamps and chart drawing made by them.

CHILDRENS DAY CELEBERATION

"I may not have time for adults, but I have enough time for children."

"I have always felt that the children of today will make the India of tomorrow, and, the way we bring them up will determine the future of the country."--

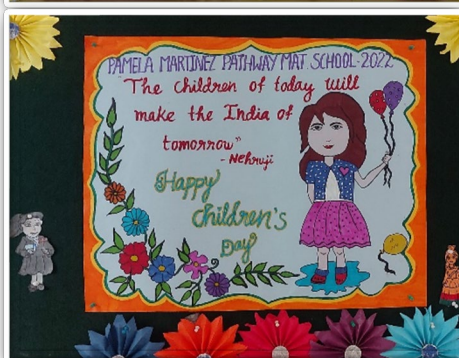
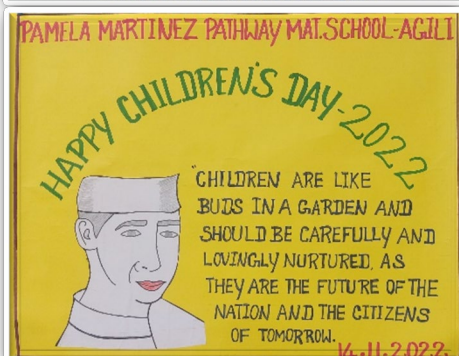
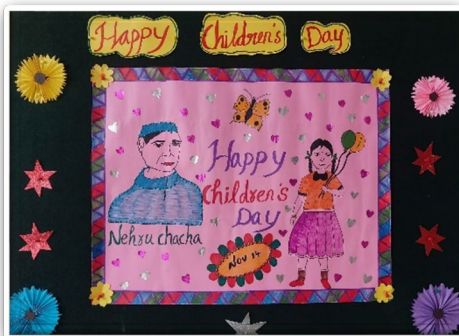
-----Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru



Children's Day, celebrated on November 14, is recognized across India to increase awareness of the rights, care, and education of children. The day is also held as a tribute to India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. He considered

children as the real strength of a nation and foundation of society. The nation usually celebrates Children's Day with educational and motivational programs held across India, by and for children.





Jawaharlal Nehru was born on 14 November 1889 in Allahabad in British India. His father, Motilal Nehru, a self-made wealthy barrister who belonged to the Kashmiri Pandit community, served twice as president of the Indian National Congress, in 1919 and 1928. Jawaharlal was the eldest of three children. His elder sister, Vijaya Lakshmi, later became the first female president of the United Nations General Assembly. His youngest sister, Krishna Hutheesing, became a noted writer and authored several books on her brother.

Jawaharlal Nehru was affectionately called Chacha Nehru ("Uncle Nehru") by children, and their faith in him was a constant source of happiness for him. As the Prime Minister, Nehru wanted to "create an atmosphere in the country where the attention is constantly focused on children and their welfare". The freedom fighter was credited with making great changes in the educational set up of the country and in bringing about much-needed changes in the overall working of the system. Since he believed so deeply in the potential of children, he laid great emphasis on education which is a great tool to harness the caliber of young minds. Children's Day is also known as 'Bal Diwas' in India, and its celebrations date back to 1956, when the day was observed as 'Universal Children's Day' on November 20, keeping with the United Nations. After Pandit Nehru's death in 1964, however, it was decided the celebrations be moved to commemorate his birth anniversary. Since then, November 14 has been celebrated as Children's Day in India. In addition to

commemorating the great leader, the day is also a reminder that every child, irrespective of their caste, creed, financial or political status, deserves basic amenities that include education,

nurturing, healthcare and sanitation. Since they are the future of the nation, they hold within them immense potential and to channel it constructively, is a responsibility that the entire nation should shoulder. Now, to mark Children's Day, schools organize fun and motivational functions. Many prepare a Children's Day speech, quizzes debate, fancy dress shows and fun games. It's a joyous occasion for all children, parents and teachers. At Pathway we celebrated this wonderful day with a new concept. A Carnival was organized with various



games for all different categories. This also included a fancy dress competition along with other cultural items. The celebration ended with distribution of sweets to everyone.

BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD

Best Social Service Award by Puthia Vanigam Publications award conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th November



அருணை எக்ஸ்பிரஸ்
காலை நாளிதழ்

கவிக்கோ மன்றத்தின் சிறந்த சமூக விருது

■ செங்கல்பட்டு மாவட்டம்மேல்மருவத்தூர் அருகே உள்ள பாத்வே நிறுவனத்தின் இயக்குனர் டாக்டர் சந்திரா பிரசாத் அவர்களுக்கு சிறந்த சாதனையாளர்களுக்கான சமூக விருது-2022 புதிய வாணிகம் பப்ளிகேஷன் சார்பில் நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்வில் 28 -ஆம் ஆண்டிற்கான பல்வேறு துறையில் சாதனை புரிந்தவர்களுக்கு விருது வழங்கும் விழா நடைபெற்றது. இதில் மதுராந்தகம் தாலுக்கா அகிலி கிராமத்தைச் சார்ந்த டாக்டர் தத்தூராவ் மெமோரியல் சாரிடபிள் டிரஸ்ட் பாத்வே இயக்குனர் மற்றும் இணை நிறுவனர் டாக்டர் சந்திரா பிரசாத் அவர்களுக்கு 2022 -ஆம் ஆண்டிற்கான சிறந்த சமூக விருது கவிக்கோ மன்றத்தில் வழங்கி கௌரவிக்கப்பட்டது.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



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

Christmas is celebrated every year on December 25. The festival marks the celebration of the birth anniversary of Jesus

Christ. Jesus Christ is worshipped as the Messiah of God in Christian Mythology. Hence, his birthday is one of the most joyous ceremonies amongst Christians. Although the festival is mainly celebrated by the followers of Christianity, it is one of the most enjoyed festivals all over the globe. Christmas symbolizes merriment and love. It is celebrated with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm by everyone, no matter what religion they follow.

The season of Christmas that begins from Thanksgiving brings festivity and joy to everyone's lives. Thanksgiving is the day when people thank the almighty for blessing them with harvest and also show gratitude towards all the good things and people around. On Christmas, people wish each other Merry Christmas and pray that the day takes away all the negativity and darkness from people's life. Christmas is a festival full of culture and tradition.

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





Young children are especially excited about Christmas as they receive gifts and great Christmas
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The treats include chocolates, cakes, cookies, etc. People on this day visit churches with their treats. The treats include chocolates, cakes, cookies, etc. People on this day visit churches with their families and



friends and light candles in front of the idol of Jesus Christ. Churches are decorated with fairy lights and candles. People also create fancy Christmas cribs and adorn them with gifts, lights, etc. Children sing Christmas carols and also perform various skits marking the celebration of the auspicious day. One of the famous Christmas carols sung by all is “Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle all the way”.

PONGAL



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

are called Bhogi Pongal, Surya Pongal, and Mattu Pongal. Some Tamils celebrate a fourth day of Pongal known as Kanum Pongal. According to tradition, the festival marks the end of winter solstice, and the start of the sun's six-month-long journey northwards when



the sun enters the Capricorn. The festival is named after the ceremonial "Pongal", which means "to boil, overflow" and refers to the traditional dish prepared from the new harvest of rice boiled in milk with jaggery (raw sugar). To mark the festival, the pongal dish is prepared, first offered to the gods and goddesses, including Surya. Mattu Pongal is for worship of the cow known as Madu. Cattle are bathed, their horns polished and painted in bright colors, and garlands of flowers placed around their necks. The pongal that has been offered to the deities is then given to cattle, and then shared by the family. Festive celebrations include decorating cows and their horns, ritual bathing and processions. It is traditionally an occasion for decorating rice-powder based kolam artworks, offering prayers in the home, temples, getting together with family and friends, and exchanging gifts to renew social bonds of solidarity. The festival's most significant practice is the preparation of the traditional



"pongal" dish. It utilizes freshly harvested rice, and is prepared by boiling it in milk and raw cane sugar. Sometimes additional ingredients are added to the sweet dish, such as: cardamom, raisins, cashews





Along with the sweet version of the Pongal dish, some prepare other versions such as salty and savoury (venpongal). According to Gutiérrez, women in some communities take their "cooking pots to the town center, or the main square, or near a temple of their choice or simply in front of their own home" and cook together as a social event. The cooking is done in sunlight, usually in a porch or courtyard, as the dish is dedicated to the Sun god, Surya. Relatives and friends are invited, and the standard greeting on the Pongal day typically is, "has the rice boiled"?

The cooking is done in a clay pot that is often garlanded with leaves or flowers, sometimes tied with a piece of turmeric root or marked with pattern artwork called kolam. It is either cooked at home, or in community gatherings such as in temples or village open spaces. It is the ritual dish, along with many other courses prepared from seasonal foods for all present. It is traditionally offered to the gods and goddesses first, followed sometimes by cows, then to friends and family gathered. Temples and communities organize free kitchen prepared by volunteers to all those who gather. According to Andre Bateille, this tradition is a means to renew social bonds. Portions of the sweet pongal dish (sakkara pongal) are distributed as the prasadam in Hindu temples.

The dish and the process of its preparation is a part of the symbolism, both conceptually and materially. It celebrates the harvest; the cooking transforms the gift of agriculture into nourishment for the gods and the community on a day that Tamil's traditionally believe marks the end of winter solstice and starts the sun god's journey north. The blessing of abundance by Goddess Pongal (Uma, Parvati) is symbolically marked by the dish "boiling over".

Day 1: Bhogi Pongal

Bhogi / Bogi, which falls on January 14th this year, marks the beginning of the Pongal festival celebrations. Indra, the Lord of the Rain, is honored on the first day in gratitude for the fertility of their agricultural land. Similar to the Lohri festival in Punjab, this day's events were centred around a bonfire. On this day, people worship the sun god as well as the agricultural tools

that are used to harvest crops. People tidy up their homes and use rangoli or "Kolams" to beautify them. Red dirt with a paste of rice flour and water is used to create the lovely Pongal Kolams. Additionally, lamps and fresh flowers are used in home decorations.

Day 2: Surya Pongal

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

Day 3: Mattu Pongal

The third day of Pongal, known as Mattu Pongal, which is devoted to the worship of cows, is on January 16. Farm animals, like cows and oxen, are honored on this day since they enable farmers to successfully grow and harvest their crops. The farm animals are bathed and then elegantly decorated for Mattu Pongal. Their horns are frequently painted and decorated with garland and then "Pongal" is offered for cows and oxen. On this day, bullfights, also known as Jallikattu, are organized. In Tamil Nadu's Madurai district, the bull-taming sport is well-known.

Day 4: Kaanum Pongal

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



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Republic Day marks the adoption of India's constitution and the country's transition to a republic on January 26, 1950. Every year, the celebrations marking the day feature spectacular military and cultural pageantry. In New Delhi, armed forces personnel march along the Kartavya path in an elaborate display of military might. The epic show on Kartavya path eclipses everything else happening across the country on this auspicious day.



After attaining independence from the British rule, the new constitution was enrolled by the drafting committee under the deanship of Dr BR Ambedkar. The Indian Constitution

came into effect on 26 January 1950, which declared India's occurrence as an independent republic. January 26th was chosen as the date because on this day in 1930, the Indian National Congress revealed Purna Swaraj, the declaration of India's independence from the colonial rule.



Republic Day is celebrated all over India with great gratification and joy. It's a day to honour the Constitution of independent India. National flag

hoisting in schools and colleges are regular. Cultural events advocating India's struggle for freedom is held countrywide. In New Delhi, the national flag is hoisted by the President of India at India Gate. The gloriest of parades takes place at Rajpath, New Delhi. The celebrations, inaugurated with a grand parade, are held in the capital, New Delhi, from Raisina Hill near the Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's House), along the Kartavya path, past India Gate and





onto the historic Red Fort. On this day, ceremonious parades take place at the Kartavya path, which is performed as a tribute to India, its unity in diversity and its rich cultural heritage by the states of India by building beautiful tableaus. The parade is conducted by the Indian President and is arranged by the Ministry of Defence. Other than displaying its military prowess, the event also promotes India's diverse culture. The event also colonizes to the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the country. The Prime Minister of India honours the martyrs

by putting a ringlet at the Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate. It's followed by a 21-gun salute, national flag hoisting, and national anthem. Awards are presented to the brave soldiers in the form of Paramvir Chakra, Ashok Chakra, and Vir Chakra. Even children and general citizens who have displayed courage in times of adversity are honoured with awards.



The president of India has delivered her note to all the citizens on this day with India holding the Presidency of G20:

As a result of a series of initiatives in recent years to transform all aspects of governance and unleash creative energies of people, the world has started to look at India with a new sense of respect. Our interventions in various world forums have started making a positive difference. The respect that India has earned on the world stage has resulted in new opportunities as well as responsibilities. This year, as you know, India holds the presidency of the Group of 20 nations. With our motto of universal brotherhood, we stand for peace and prosperity of all. Thus, the G20 presidency is an opportunity to promote democracy and multilateralism and the right forum for shaping a better world and a better future. Under India's



leadership, I am sure, G20 will be able to further enhance its efforts to build a more equitable and sustainable world order.

As G20 represents about two-thirds of the world population and around 85 per cent of global GDP, it is an ideal forum to discuss and find solutions for global challenges. To my mind, global warming and climate change are the most pressing among them. Global temperatures are rising and incidents of extreme weather are increasing. We are faced with the dilemma: To lift more and more people out of poverty, we need economic growth, but that growth also comes from fossil fuel. Unfortunately, the poor bear



the brunt of global warming more than others. Developing and popularising alternative sources of energy is one of the solutions. India has taken a commendable lead in this direction by giving a policy push to solar energy and electric vehicles. At the global level, however, emerging economies need a helping hand from advanced nations in the form of technology transfer and financial support.

To maintain the balance between development and environment, we have to look at the ancient traditions with a new perspective. We need to

reconsider our basic priorities. The scientific aspects of traditional life-values have to be understood. We must, once again, rekindle that respect for nature and humility before the vast universe. Let me state here that Mahatma Gandhi was a true prophet of our times, as he foresaw the calamities of indiscriminate industrialization and cautioned the world to mend its ways.

We need to modify our lifestyle if we want our children to live happily on this fragile planet. One of the changes suggested pertains to food. I am happy to note that the United Nations accepted a suggestion from India and declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. Millets were essential





ingredients of our diet and they are making a comeback among sections of society. Coarse grains like millets are eco-friendly as they require less water to grow and yet they provide high levels of nutrition. If more and more people turn to millets, it will help conserve ecology and also improve health.

One more year has gone by for the Republic and another year commences. It has been a time of unprecedented change. With the outbreak of the pandemic, the world had changed within a matter of days.

During these three years, whenever we have felt that we have finally put the virus behind, it raises its ugly head. However, there is no need to panic because we have learned in this period that our leadership, our scientists and doctors, our administrators and 'Corona Warriors' will make every possible effort to meet any situation. At the same time, each of us has also learned to not let our guard down and remain alert.

We at Pathway India are celebrated this 74th Republic day with great pride. Beautiful costumes were worn by the children. Paintings of the national flag was seen on the child's face. The celebration began with the Parade and our Respected Director madam has hoisted the National flag along with our president of Pathway. Children have shown their respect for the national flag by saluting it as the march past the flag. A variety of activities was displayed by the children such as exercise, dumbbell exercise or lezime exercise. Then a skit was enacted by the children denoting the meaning of republic India. Another group of children displayed Dance with different props. Another group of children displayed a dram from a very famous Tamil literature. The delivery of speech and action were extraordinary as we all have marveled.



Tamil and English speech and poems were also delivered by the children, a solo dance was performed by a girl child before concluding the program. Such hidden talents were brought to showcase by the staff. The program ended with a beautiful message from our Director madam and president madam. Sweets and snacks were distributed to all the children and staff. We celebrated this particular day with full enthusiasm

which included children participating online as well as children at the centre with the staff supporting them. Republic day was celebrated with the same pride at Pathway, Chennai in a grand manner. There was feverish excitement in the children as many of them were ready to present a colorful program. The entire frontage of the centre was decorated with our national flag and tri color balloons. A beautiful Rangoli ushered and welcomed each one. The children were dressed smartly in white uniform. As the children were called to attention, Dhuli Patnaik our President was requested to unfurl the national flag. With this the children, staff and everyone assembled sang the national anthem in unison. This was followed by special treats and a luncheon for all present. Children who were not able to attend participated through online by marking their respect to the nation via drawings and posters.

WOMEN'S DAY



According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), International

Women's Day first emerged from the activities of labour movements at the turn of the twentieth century across North America and Europe. UNESCO states, "The first National Woman's Day was observed in the United States on February 28 1909, which the Socialist Party of America dedicated in honour of the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York where women protested against harsh working conditions. In 1917, women in Russia chose to protest and strike under the slogan "Bread and Peace" on the last Sunday in February (which fell on March 8 on the Gregorian calendar). Their movement ultimately led to the enactment of women's suffrage in Russia."

It was in 1945 that the Charter of the United Nations became the first international agreement to affirm the principle of equality between women and men but it was only on March 8 during International Women's Year in 1975 that the UN celebrated its first official International





Women's Day. The theme for International Women's Day 2023 is, 'DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality'. It recognizes and celebrates the women and girls who are championing the advancement of transformative technology and digital education. The 2023 observance will explore the impact of the digital gender gap on widening economic and social inequalities and spotlight the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces and addressing online and ICT-facilitated gender-based violence. To mark the Day, the UN is organizing a high-level event, which aims to provide an opportunity to highlight the role of all stakeholders in improving access to digital tools. The event will include a high-level panel discussion and musical performances. International Women's Day is celebrated annually on 8 March. It offers an opportunity to reflect on progress made, to call for change, and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. We at Pathway salute these wonderful women force

who selflessly have dedicated their lives to improve the quality of the most deserving special group of children and adults braving all the challenges. Recognizing this group only further motivates them to give their best. The staff highlighted the various achievements of our women in form of skits, posters, dances etc. This year our Director has been featured by the Ooruni Foundation by publishing a special article on her during this most special day along with Life Achievement Award of which an excerpt has been shown below.



EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO TIRUMALA MILK PRODUCTS PVT LTD



One of the daily consumed products by the children is the milk. And they wanted to know how the milk production and packing happens. It so happened that their curiosity increased day by day. So, they requested their principal to take them on an educational tour.



Upon the children's request the principal has approached the Thirumala Milk products pvt ltd which is located Katukoodalur village, Madhuranthakam Taluk. After the necessary arrangements were done, the principal announced the news about the educational tour in the morning prayer. The kids were so thrilled and they have started discussing among themselves. The very next day, the children got themselves prepared for the visit. They got the notepad and pens to learn about the production process. It was a 15-minute drive from the school. They all got down from the vehicle and the production engineer Mr.Kaviarasu received the children and staff. Strict hygiene measure was ensured, all of the hands was sanitized, shoes were coverd and bouffant cap was given to all of them.



The production engineer gave a small brief about the company, Tirumala Milk Products Private Limited is a leading dairy company in South India established in the year 1996. Since then, Thirumala has been maintaining its position as a fastest growing brand with presence in major states of India such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh,

Telangana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. Today, Thirumala produces dairy products across nine state-of-the-art manufacturing plants spread across southern states of India.

In 2014, Lactalis acquired Thirumala, where it opened up enormous opportunities in the biggest and most challenging dairy market in the world to position it as the most preferred brand in India. The traditional and cultural experience of Thirumala and international expertise of Lactalis provided a unique combination, leading to a success story to be talked by generations to come. Lactalis is a family-owned dairy group based in Laval (Mayenne), in the west of France. In 1933, André Besnier started up his cheese-making company. The group sells products in over 180 countries and has 229 production sites across the globe. Lactalis is the largest dairy group in the world with turnover of over 17 billion Euros. The company produces various dairy products, such as Milk, Curd,





Lassi, Flavored-milk, Buttermilk, Ghee, Paneer, Ice-cream and President butter.

The quality assurance staff took all of them to show the various process involved in processing and packing of various dairy products. The staff of the production unit were so patient and answered all the questions posed by the children.

The kids were so fascinated to see all the process and they got a clear answer to their question. They also got the opportunity to see and feed the cattle inside the campus. Before leaving the company all of the children thanked the staff and manager for giving them an opportunity to visit their unit. The visit came to an end as they all got back the school and thanked their principal and teachers. They explained to their friends and classmates about their visit to the dairy production unit.

SEA SHELL MUSEUM EDUCATIONAL TOUR

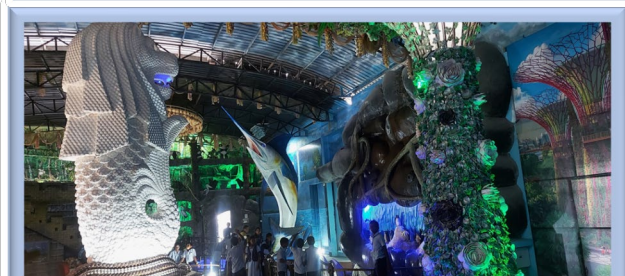
School Excursion to India Seashell Museum at Kalapakkam Road Mahabalipuram is Asia's Largest Seashell Museum with around 40,000 Seashell specimens and 1000s of Specimen of Oysters and Other Aquarian creatures preserved in pristine conditions.

The museum offered unique perspective on the following -

- SEASHELL MUSEUM
- PEARL MUSEUM
- DINOSAUR MUSEUM
- MAMALLA AQUARIUM
- GAME WORLD
- VR - VIRTUAL REALITY and 3D ART GALLERY

MAYA BAZAAR - EXCLUSIVE SHOPPING PLACE FOR SHELLS & PEARLS"

One can date back on the history of the seashell museum. A seashell enthusiast and lover, K Raja Mohamed, once upon a time, set across to collect seashells from across all the places that he happened to visit. He had a dream. And it was about creating a museum of his own with amazing varieties of seashells collected from across the world. After 33 years of meticulous effort and wonderful zeal, this person actually went ahead and opened a museum. That's how the India Seashell Museum came into being in the first place. Actually, K Raja Mohamed sold out his family property to build this museum. Finally, the India Seashell Museum was opened to the public in 2013. It all started when K Raja





Mohamed made a trip to Sri Lanka in 1980. After that he visited Kenya, Thailand, Vietnam, America and several other destinations, collecting different sea shells on his journey.



In total there are some 6000 different varieties of seashell species. And Mohamed managed to capture some 2300 of these. They are proudly on display at India Seashell Museum. However, his quest was still not over. He knew he can't collect all of them as one lifetime is not enough for it but he just wanted to collect as many more as possible.



The gallery 3 caught the children's eye since it depicted the story of pearls. The guide patiently informed the kids about the three important stages in the formation of a pearl And pointing out the beautiful raw, unpolished pearls and pearls in the shells. It was indeed fascinating to see the curious looks on the kids faces.

The other most important gallery was the artistic items which were created out of Oyster shells.

The extreme artistic skill of the creator was nothing short of uniqueness. They saw a train, plane, car etc. Their excitement was indeed something to be recorded. They hurried from the aquarium to enjoy the spectacle at the dinosaur park. Everything comes alive and one gets energized and motivated when the contagious smile of the children spreads the happiness



We took the children on a trip to Mahabalipuram which is a historical place near Chennai. They enjoyed visiting this museum. The other attractions were viewing the fish aquarium and dinosaur park. This was clubbed with a horse ride and some fun activities at the beach.

WORLD WATER DAY



World Water Day is an annual United Nations (UN) observance day held on 22 March that highlights the importance of fresh water. The intention is to inspire people around the world to learn more about water-related issues and to take action to make a difference. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an additional focus on hand washing and hygiene. The day is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. The theme of each year focuses on topics relevant to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), which is in line with the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 6. The UN World Water Development Report (WWDR) is released each year around World Water Day.

Relevant issues include water scarcity, water pollution, inadequate water supply, lack of sanitation, and the impacts of climate change (which is the theme of World Water Day 2020). The day brings to light the inequality of access to WASH services and the need to assure the human right to water and sanitation.

The World Water Day website announces events, activities and volunteer opportunities. In 2020, featured stories are about adapting to the water effects climate change and using water more efficiently. This day was first formally proposed in Agenda 21 of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro. In December 1992, the United

Nations General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/47/193 by which 22 March of each year was declared World Day for Water. In 1993, the first World Water Day was observed.

UN-Water is the convener for World Water Day and selects the theme for each year in consultation with UN organizations that share an interest in that year's focus. Every year, World Water Day campaign messages and publications reach millions of people through social media, dedicated websites and other channels. In 2021, the World Water Day public campaign invited people to take part in a social media conversation (#Water2me) about the value of water. More than 6,000 public conversations took place in over 140 countries on social media from November 2020 to mid-February 2021.

In 2017, 700 individual events were held in 110 countries and there were over 500,000 authors on social media using the hashtag '#World Water Day'. In 2018, there was a 25% increase in both the number of website visits and the maximum potential reach on social media largely due to celebrity support and a coordinated communications approach across the United Nations.

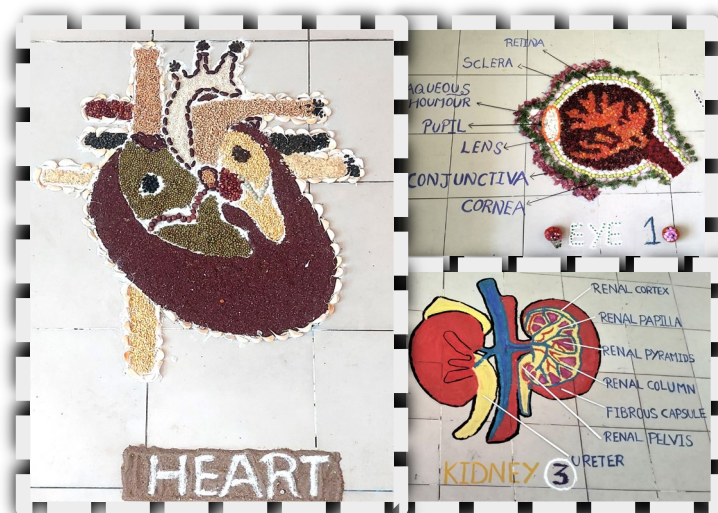
In 2016, the UN-Water annual report stated that social media engagement (hashtag #WorldWaterDay), had a maximum potential reach of 1.6 billion people worldwide in 2016. Over 500 events in 100 countries were registered on the World Water Day website that year. The theme for 2023 is "Accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crisis". Dysfunction throughout water cycle undermines progress on all major global issues, from health to hunger, gender equality to jobs, education to industry, and disasters to peace.

In the School, the staff arranged a small program to educate the children about the importance of fresh water and the ways to conserve it. The science club of Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School conducted a variety of activities, including speeches, quizzes, group song, slogans and Power Point presentations that highlighted its significance on the topic "save water". OUR FOUNDER'S DAY-

WORLD SCIENCE DAY

Celebrated every 10 November, World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives.

By linking science more closely with society, World Science Day for Peace and Development aims to ensure that citizens are kept informed of developments in science. It also underscores the role scientists play in broadening our understanding of the remarkable, fragile planet we call home and in making our societies more sustainable.





The Day offers the opportunity to mobilize all actors around the topic of science for peace and development – from government officials to the media to school pupils. UNESCO strongly encourages all to join in celebrating World Science Day for Peace and Development by organizing your own event or activity on the day.



‘The applications of basic sciences are vital for advances in medicine, industry, agriculture, water resources, energy planning, environment, communications and culture’, affirmed the United Nations General Assembly on 2 December 2021, when it endorsed the proposal for an International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development. World Science Day is contributing to the Year in 2022 by celebrating this theme.



‘We need more basic science to achieve The 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals’, the United Nations General Assembly noted in December 2021. It is true that the share of domestic research expenditure devoted to basic sciences varies widely from one country to another. According to data from the UNESCO Science Report 2021 for 86 countries, some devote less than 10% of their research expenditure to basic sciences and others more than 30%.



Having a capacity in basic sciences is in the interests of both developed and developing countries, given the potential for applications to foster sustainable development and raise standards of living. For example, a growing number of people around the world suffer from diabetes. Thanks to laboratory studies of the ways in which genes can be manipulated to make specific protein molecules, scientists are able to engineer genetically a common bacterium, *Escherichia coli*, to produce synthetic human insulin.

The organization of a focused event related to the commitment to science and society was one of the positive outcomes of the 1999 World Conference on Science in Budapest. It was considered an



opportunity to reaffirm each year the commitment to attaining the goals proclaimed in the Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge and to follow up the recommendations of the Science Agenda: Framework for Action.

Since its proclamation by UNESCO in 2001, World Science Day for Peace and Development has generated many concrete projects, programmes and funding

for science around the world. The Day has also helped foster cooperation between scientists living in regions marred by conflict - one example being the UNESCO-supported creation of the Israeli-Palestinian Science Organization (IPSO).

The rationale of celebrating a World Science Day for Peace and Development has its roots in the importance of the role of science and scientists for sustainable societies and in the need to inform and involve citizens in science. In this sense, a World Science Day for Peace and Development offers an opportunity to show the general public the relevance of science in their lives and to engage them in discussions. Such a venture also brings a unique perspective to the global search for peace and development.

The first World Science Day for Peace and Development was celebrated worldwide on 10 November 2002 under UNESCO auspices. The celebration involved many partners, such as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, UNESCO National Commissions, scientific and research institutions, professional associations, the media, science teachers and schools.

The theme for this year's World Science Day for Peace and Development is "Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development". English



Elocution, Skit, Mime and Quiz were conducted as a part of the celebrations. The welcome address was proposed by S.Vijayalakshmi from grade VII. Followed by S.Govarthani of class VII ' who gave a speech about Science and Technology.

Our V to VII std students performed Skit about the Chemical Products and importance of science in our daily life. Followed by that, our VII std students Presented mime on the theme "Save Water".

Our science teacher Mrs.R. Mala conducted Quiz for grade VI TO IX students who were divided into 4 teams , each consisting of 5 students. Science SI units, Chemical Elements, Human & plant anatomy and General science topics were covered in the quiz. Ms .G.Yuvasri explained our forthcoming science department activities and the importance of the same. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by. A.Thanushka VII Std. The event was a fun filled and learning experience to all the children and staff.

TAMILNADU CM TROPHY – SPORTS MEET



We are thrilled to present the remarkable achievements of our students in the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Trophy, a prestigious event organized by the State Government in collaboration with the Ministry of Sports. This year, the competition was held on February 18, 2023, at Cheyyur Taluk, Chengalpattu District, and our very own Pamela Martinez Pathway School proudly participated with a delegation of 85 enthusiastic students. The event witnessed an impressive turnout of more than 1500 students hailing from 125 schools across Kancheepuram, Chennai, and Chengalpattu districts. Our Pathway School students exhibited unparalleled enthusiasm and dedication as they competed in a variety of sports events. The camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed by our students truly highlighted their holistic growth.

The diverse range of events included kabaddi, badminton, football, volleyball, athletics, and a plethora of track and field events such as the 100-meter, 200-meter, and 400-meter races, high jump, long jump, discus throw, and shot put. It gives us immense pride to acknowledge that our students demonstrated extraordinary talent and perseverance in these events, showcasing their well-rounded capabilities.

Out of our enthusiastic participants, several of our shining stars advanced to the semi-final rounds. Notably, L. Punitha exhibited

exceptional speed and agility in the 100-meter running race, securing a place in the semi-finals. In addition, Lingeswaran and Raghavendra demonstrated their mettle in their respective events, earning them a well-deserved place in the final round. As the journey continues, we extend our heartfelt wishes to these outstanding athletes who will represent Pathway School in the final round. The finals are scheduled to be held at the esteemed Melmaruvathur Adhiparasakthi Medical College Ground. This momentous occasion promises to be a culmination of hard work, dedication, and the pursuit of excellence.

On behalf of the entire management and staff of Pathway School, we congratulate our talented students and applaud their commitment to sportsmanship, teamwork, and personal growth. We believe that these experiences contribute immensely to their holistic development and help them realize their potential beyond the classroom.



TENTH STD RESULTS

Every year the government of Tamilnadu conducts a common exam for all the 10th class students all over the state. This is a vital part of every student's academic. Every child prepares tirelessly for this particular examination. Usually, the exams take place in the end of March or beginning of April, the dates of the examination will be announced a little closer to these months. This year, the Directorate of Government Examination in Tamil Nadu State has decided to conduct the annual examinations of Class 10th or SSLC Examination from 06th April 2023 to 20 April 2023. The Exam includes both theory and practical. The staff prepared the children mentally and physically for the exams. The children showed immense dedication at their preparations. Our President of pathway and Director guided the children about the exams that

helped the children to overcome their fears. Their soothing words are a boost for the kids. The kids appeared for the exams on the scheduled date, they did extremely well. The results of the exams were announced on the 19th May 2023. The Principal and Staff logged into their computers and checked every child's result. It was a proud moment for all of them to proclaim that we have got centum result. The kids did really well and came out with flying colours. We are thrilled to know that **S DEEPAPRIYAN** has secured the highest of **90%** followed by **E Mahendrarvarman** with **71%**. We congratulate all the staff and the children for their effort. They all have made us and the institution very proud.

OUR FOUNDER'S DAY- MEDICAL CAMP AT MATHUR VILLAGE



As our previous medical camp was conducted in the remembrance of our Beloved Founder Dr ADSN Prasad turned out to be more beneficial, Our Director Madam and the board of trustees wanted to organize another camp in the mid December at the nearby village. We have selected the Mathur village which was surrounded by Agili, Agili colony, Mathur colony, muniyanthangal and Chintamani. Agili has a total population of 1,214 peoples, out of which male population is 619 while female population is 595. Literacy rate of Agili village is 61.29% out of which 68.34% males and

53.95% females are literate. There are about 299 houses in agili village. The Mathur village has population of 1186 of which 586 are males while 600 are females as per Population Census. In Mathur village population of children with age 0-6 is 106 which makes up 8.94 % of total population of village. Average Sex Ratio of Mathur village is 1024 which is higher than Tamil Nadu state average of 996. Child Sex Ratio for the Mathur as per census is 893, lower than Tamil Nadu average of 943.



An Expert team of doctors, dentist, therapist and lab technicians were eager in conducting the camp. The event was fixed on the 18th December. Staff and students from all the three center contributed to the camp. The special children served as volunteers. Mr. Nandhakumar, president of Agili village and Mr. Paneer Selvam, president of Mathur village were invited as the guest of honour. Our Director madam and president of pathway

felicitated the guest. In the beginning, respect was paid to our Beloved Founder by all our staff and children. At first there was only few patients who walked in to the camp, as time goes by a huge number of patients walked in. people of all age groups have visited the doctors. The experts had no time to take a break. It was a beautiful sight to see the children taking care of the elderly people whether be it supporting them to walk and climb the stairs or steering the wheel chair. The nurse along with the staff carefully monitored the Pulse, BP and weight of all the patients.



Then the patients were sent to the concerned doctors or therapist. We are very proud to have such dedicated children and staff at our organisation. A total of 400 patients have visited the camp. We had general physicians, diabetologist, dentist, physiotherapist, speech & audiologist and occupational therapist. Every doctor and therapist were very busy with the patients. We believe that it was a beneficial camp for the villagers.

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



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



The prevalence of cataract in a rural population (≥ 40 years) of Southern India was studied and it was reported that the prevalence was less in men compared to women. In India, a very few population based studies have been undertaken to explore the risk factors for cataract in older age group, especially since the proportion of the elderly has been significantly increasing in the

country; the 60 + population which stood at 56 million in 1991 is now estimated to be 138 million in 2021. Prasad's contribution in the service of the disabled has been many fold. As an young man of 21 years when he started Pathway in a humble circumstances in a rented building he started serving children with mental retardation and cerebral palsy as inmates. Perhaps Pathway was the only centre available at that time apart from another facility that was admitting children through police and courts. Right from that time Prasad was able serve children single handedly with various other problems that included speech and hearing problems, autism besides mental disability. On an average over 100-120 children were being assisted by him directly every day, where he used to spend his time administering therapy and total care. For years from April 1975 till 1985, Pathway was run entirely from his personal contribution. At today's costs the expenses were anywhere around 2 Lakhs per



month. His monetary contribution would be around Rs.2 Crores at today's costs. In addition to serving children with disabilities in the centre Prasad fanned out to different cities and districts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and conducted diagnostic and rehabilitation camps for the disabled, hundreds of children with various disabilities were examined and offered intervention programme. Right from that day till today Prasad has been serving children with poverty and disability free of cost. After 1984-85 Pathway started soliciting support from individuals, organizations and government More than 46500 children have been examined by Pathway over the years and nearly 45,000 children with various disabilities have been assisted. The Centre opened its door in offering primary medical care to the neighboring poor men, women and children, till now over 5.3 Lakh adults and children have been assisted with medical, pediatric and dental care. In addition to this Pathway has also initiated primary literary programme for poor slum children, every year the organization assists over 150 children in their everyday studies offering them free tuition and other support. Prasad with the aid of munificent support received from highly loyal and committed donors established a large Agro farm for Children in a large agricultural tract of land about 90 Kms from Chennai. This agro farm is one of its kind that offers top notch facilities for the integrated education and rehabilitation of able and disabled children and adults. The organization has constructed large well planned buildings to offer high class education for orphan, destitute and poor children. Disabled friendly buildings have been built to offer services to the disabled, without any bias to their religion caste or any other consideration. This facility is offering support for nearly 300 children and adults every day. In addition to this Pathway has initiated community based rehabilitation programme (CBR) in several villages serving scores of disabled children and adults with various disorders, right at their door steps. Prasad right from the beginning has been challenged with health issues, he as a student in the ALL India Institute of Speech and Hearing met with an accident when he suffered considerable injury to his face , jaws and teeth, which caused continuous and chronic issues. He also underwent a surgery to correct an anomaly in his coccyx. When he was 22 years old he was diagnosed to have had Psoriasis and this became a huge and dreaded challenge for him life along. Drugs such as high dosage of steroids used caused irreversible problems all his life, at the age of 43 years Prasad developed bilateral cataract, he developed severe osteoporosis leading to four fractures in his spine, severe endocrinal disorder. He also developed obesity, diabetes and hypertension. His weight from 65 Kgs increased to 110 Kgs. As he was receiving high dosage of steroids he developed severe problems in immunity, leading to constant abscess formation that required repeated surgical intervention. His challenges continued with detection of cancer in vocal chords which required immediate micro laryngeal surgery with radiation. On top of all this now Prasad has been diagnosed with cancer In his bladder that require immediate major surgery that was being performed at the Cancer Institute.

Prasad has won several state, national and international awards for the services rendered to disabled. He received the Japanese SIVUS Award for Exceptional Services for Intellectually Disabled, The Tamil Nadu Government awarded best institution awards for Pathway's services and Prasad received national award from Prime Minister A B Vajpayee for outstanding services rendered to the disabled. In addition to this he has received many other awards from national and state bodies for the services rendered towards the disabled. Prasad was a visionary leader who left a legacy of service. He was anxious to find and serve the poorest of the poor in any way he could and inspired those around him to do the same. Today it is seven years of his leaving this earthly abode.

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

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

LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM VYAPAAR JAGAT

Dr. Chandra Prasad of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for providing comprehensive care and educational opportunities for Intellectually Disabled children by 1Million Entrepreneurs International Forum (non gov, not for profit org) in association with VyaaparJagat.com organized by FEMPRENEUR 2023 on 19th March 2023 at Ahmedabad



FEMPRENEUR 2023 promises to Support Women-owned Businesses



Ahmedabad, Fempreneur is back in its second edition and promises to be bigger and better, after the smashing success in the first edition! Fempreneur 2023 is an event conceptualized by VyaaparJagat.com & it presents a unique platform for women entrepreneurs, Celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Aatma Nirbar Bharat Women of India who are breaking the glass ceiling to become superwomen! The 2nd edition of the Fempreneur 2023 will be held on 19th March 2023 at Ahmedabad Management association. Dr.

Pravin Parmar, the founder of VyaaparJagat.com expressed, "We are delighted to announce the celebration of women entrepreneurs of extraordinary self-reliant India. If we want to grow, we need to embrace equity. We must create an environment in which everyone starts at the same point: a race in which some run with a headstart and others run with sandbags is fundamentally unfair. That is why we need to create more women entrepreneurs and provide them with the resources they need to succeed." (19-8)



அருணை எக்ஸ்பிரஸ் காலை நாளிதழ்



■ அகிலி ஊராட்சியில் இயங்கிவரும் டாக்டர் தத்துராவ் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளையின் டாக்டர் சந்திரபிரசாத்துக்கு, வியாபப் ஜகத் இணையதளத்துடன் இணைந்து 1 மில்லியன் தொழில்முனைவோர் சர்வதேச மன்றம் சார்பில் வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது வழங்கப்பட்டது.

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

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

🏆 Dr. Chandra Prasad of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for providing comprehensive care and educational opportunities for Intellectually Disabled children by 1Million Entrepreneurs International Forum (non gov, not for profit org) in association with VyaaparJagat.com organized by FEMPRENEUR 2023 on 19th March 2023 at Ahmedabad

🏆 Awarding Ceremony of Working Women Achiever Award (WWAA) was hosted by Ooruni foundation. Dr Chandra Prasad was presented an award under the Lifetime Achievement Award category at Chennai Institute of Technology, Kundrathur on the 4th March 2023.

🏆 RJ's Music Passion Team's vision is to conduct the musical shows to help genuine and promising NGOs and NPOs Pan India, and to encourage new comers with genuine talent. They are also committed to give the honorary contribution to the genuine NGOs that are doing real work for the society. Dr Chandra Prasad, Hony. Director/Co-Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was invited as the Chief guest for the above event. She was honoured and presented with a shawl, memento and a cheque in the name of the trust

🏆 Social impact Awards 2023 is an initiative by Indian CSR Awards organized by Brand Honchos, DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST has been awarded this prestigious award for the category -Best NGO of the year-2022-23 (South) on 21st January 2023.

🏆 Best Social Service Award by Puthia Vanigam Publications award conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th November

🏆 Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway” received the award under the “Social Good and Impact Category” **MAHATMA AWARD** 1st October 2022 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award

🏆 Social Award on 112TH Birthday Anniversary of MOTHER TERESA by Rev Verghese Rosario under the aegis of Saint Mother Teresa Charitable Trust conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th August

🏆 Received the BEST NGO OF THE YEAR award from Rural & Urban Development Summit & Awards 2022 with University Partner - SRM University & presented by the Government of India & implemented by Summentor Pro Sales & Marketing Consultants at India Habitat Centre on 8th July 2022

🏆 DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST-(NGO) has won the award for Best NGO of the Year - INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS at **Time2Leap National Awards - MSME Edition 2020-2021**.

🏆 Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway” received the award from “Dr. Kiran Bedi, 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry” under the “Social Impact Category” **MAHATMA AWARD** for Covid-19 Humanitarian Efforts on the 1st October 2021 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award

🏆 Director & Co-founder, Dr. Chandra prasad has been awarded the BEST SEVA RATNA AWARD by the Kovai express YouTube channel and Thaitamil academy on 28.08.2021

🏆 Eight staff members from Pathway India-Chennai center were given MOTHER TERESA AWARD by former judge-High Court of Madras, Justice S.Tamilvanan on 26.08. 2021.

🏆 DR CHANDRA PRASAD, Co-Founder Pathway Centre For Rehabilitation and Education of The Intellectual Disabled receiving **the STAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARD** at Rajaratnam Kalai Arangam ON 20.03.2021 from the NATIONAL INTEGRITY CULTURAL ACADEMY.

🏆 THIS YEAR, **MAHATMA AWARD FOR SOCIAL GOOD 2020** IN ‘DISABILITY AND INCLUSION’ was presented to CHANDRA PRASAD, Co-Founder And Honorary Director of Dr.Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, On 30th January 2021.by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award

🏆 **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** FOR PATHWAY-SABIN CENTRE for rendering unparalleled service to Differently Abled during pandemic period of COVID 19

🏆 INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL -ACCREDITED BY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL, USA has conferred the **GLOBAL BEST SOCIAL WORKER AWARD** to DR CHANDRA PRASAD in recognition of her outstanding excellence, superior performance and accomplishments in the field of Social Work for the year 2020 and appointed her as **SENATOR** for INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

🏆 Award for “Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled”
–Council of Parent’s Association of the Mentally Retarded, Chennai, 2002

🏆 “Vocation Excellence” award to A.D.S.N. Prasad for his services to the disabled
–Rotary Club International, 1999

🏆 1998 award for “Most Outstanding Institution in India Serving the Disabled” and “Most Outstanding Employer of the Disabled in India”
–Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, (awarded in 1999)

🏆 “Best Institution Serving the Disabled”
– Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Ms. J. Jayalalithaa, 1995

🏆 “Best Employer of the Disabled”
– Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995

🏆 “Best Employees” awarded to two Pathway employees
– Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995

🏆 “Exceptional Contribution for Services to People”
–Government of Karnataka, 1995

🏆 “Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled in India”
–Japanese SIVUS Council, 1993

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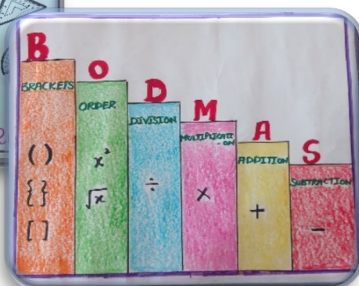
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