

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2018 – 2019

PAMELA MARTINEZ – “PATHWAY”  
MATRICULATION SCHOOL

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## FROM THE HON.DIRECTOR'S DESK



As we welcome the New Year, we are indeed grateful for the many blessings we have received. This year saw new challenges in form of Kerala Flood and Cyclone Gaja which left a trail of disaster. It was heartening to realise that during this turbulent period we led a charmed life since all the kids, and staff at all the facilities were unharmed. We are grateful to have been blessed with courage, strength, and above all with mercy of God to overcome these daunting challenges.

This year too we had visits from some very wonderful well wishers like Mr Jean-Luc Butel, Elder Grant Hurst and Sister Jeannette, Benjamin Wright, Nathan Kitchen and Saryn Moline from BYU, Mr Skyler Munson, Mrs Anna Lyn Cook, Mr Taylor Cook, Mr Bruce Wilson, Mr Jim Dosdall, students and faculty from Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities, Odisha twice in this academic year. Below I am sharing some excerpts of their visit in their own words-

*I am very much impressed by the teaching methods followed for Intellectually Disabled students. It is one of the best institute in India in the field of special education. We are very happy to see the vocational unit. At last I would like to thank the principal and all the dedicated teachers of this institute-* Reena Sahu REGIONAL CENTRE, JANLA, ODISHA

ALI YAVAR JUNG NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISABILITIES

*This place is truly amazing. The children and teachers are inspirations...*SKYLER MUNSON

*Pathway is amazing and what they are doing for these kids is truly incredible. The things the children make are so intricate and beautiful. I'm so happy to be able to see it!* ---ANNA LYN COOK

*I'm so grateful to be able to visit Pathway. There is much good that goes on here and I hope to be a part of it all my life!* ---TAYLOR COOK

*Ingenious.*---JIM DOSDALL

*So amazing! Thank you for letting us have this experience. Pathway is incredible and the children are fantastic.*---BEN WRIGHT

*I knew this experience would be life changing, but i never expected to fall so deeply in love with all the children and the program of Pathway. I am grateful to have spent so much quality time with so many great people. I am grateful for the opportunity and hope to return soon.*---NATHAN KITCHEN

*An experience I will never ever forget! The children of pathway will always have a special place in my heart. The school of Pathway is so inspired and helping so many. I am so incredibly grateful for my time here. I am so impressed by the kids and never thought I would become so attached. Also the things these residents make are so beautiful!* ----SARYN MOLINE

*We are proud to have the opportunity to visit Pathway an institute of international importance today. We really are amazed to observe this marvellous work done by the children. We wish to have such opportunity to work with these children. With regards to all staff and the Director.*---ALI YAVAR JUNG NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISABILITIES, REGIONAL CENTRE

It is also our desire to magnify our endeavor to serve many more “poorest of the poor” through our outreach program in remote villages. We believe that every child is special and has been especially sent to us to be served. At this marvelous time I convey our continued gratitude to all our partners and benefactors and pray for their continued love, munificence, and association. We are indeed very grateful to Sabin Foundation, A Brighter Path, Judge William Sheffield, Mr and Mrs William P Benac and Mr John-Luc Butel, Mrs Ursula Bose, Drawing & Sponsorship Emmaus, Mr Jim and Karen Dosdall, Mr Michael Ang who continue to

support us. My most sincere and grateful thanks is also due to the grants received by the State govt of TamilNadu, which includes Chennai and Kancheepuram district as well the Govt of India who have strengthened our hands and are an integral part of our work Our most dedicated staff continue to intensify their efforts and serve more of His children with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. As member of the editorial board, I earnestly hope that you enjoy reading this annual report.

## ORGANIZATION – GOVERNANCE

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

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Sridhar Krishnamurthy & Associates



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

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

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

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

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

## RECOGNITION AND GRANT-IN-AID

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

## REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION

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



- ❖ Registered with Department of Social welfare, Govt of Tamil Nadu under Orphanages and other Charitable homes supervision and control act 1960
- ❖ Registered with Department of Social Welfare, govt. of Tamil Nadu under section 51(2) of the Rights of the Persons with Disability Act, 2016
- ❖ Registered under TamilNadu Recognized Private Schools (Regulations) Act, 1973 and Rules 1974
- ❖ Registered with Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Govt of Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Registered under NGO-Darpan Portal of NITI AAYOG, Govt of India

The details of each registration is given below

### ❖ CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

- ❖ vide **S.NO.13/2017** under **Tamil Nadu Recognized Private Schools (Regulations) Act, 1973 and Rules 1974**, vide this Office **Proc.No.1772/ST2/2017, dated.5.6.2017** is revised as follows; The Certificate of Recognition is renewed to **"PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION CENTRE – An Unit of DR. DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST, E-76/1, 12<sup>TH</sup> WEST STREET, KAMARAJ NAGAR, THIRUVANMIYUR, CHENNAI – 600041"** to function as **"SPECIAL SCHOOL CUM VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DISABLED"**. Valid for the period the commencing from **7.4.2017 to 6.4.2020** for the classes **ADL GROUP I & II, EDUCABLE, EDUCABLE & TRAINABLE, TRAINABLE,**

### ❖ CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

- ❖ vide **S.NO.10/2017** under **Section 51 (2) of the Rights of persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**, vide this Office **Proc.No.1771/ST2/2017, dated.2.6.2017 & Proc.No.1772/ST2/2017, dated.5.6.2017** are revised as follows; Registration is hereby renewed to **"PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION CENTRE – AN UNIT OF DR.DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST, E76/1, 12<sup>TH</sup> WEST STREET, KAMARAJ NAGAR, THIRUVANMIYUR, CHENNAI – 600041"** – as an institution for the Persons with Intellectual Disabilities to function as **"SPECIAL SCHOOL CUM VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DISABLED"**. The certificate of Registration is valid from **7.4.2017 to 6.4.2020**

### ❖ CHENNAI- CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER JJ ACT

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

### ❖ CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Registration is renewed to **"SABIN/ PATHWAY HOME FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS – REHABILITATION CENTRE, No.125, Agili Village, Maduranthagam Taluk,**

❖ **Kancheepuram District, 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 **01.09.2018 to 31.08.2021**.

### ❖ **FARM- CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER JJ ACT**

❖ This Certificate of Registration renewal is awarded to – **PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME**, (Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust) Agili Village, Sendivakkam post, Madhuranthagam Taluk, Kancheepuram District- 603319 of Tamil Nadu as an institution for children in need of care and protection vide SI.No.200/DSW/2015 under section 34(3) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000, as amended in 2006 & rules therein valid from **17.02.2015 to 16.02.2020**

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## ORGANIZATION BOARD

### 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

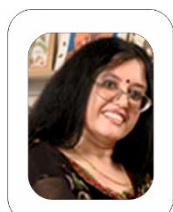
various important issues, including: Acceptance and passage of yearly budget



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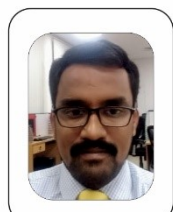


**USHA RAMMOHAN**  
TRUSTEE

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

❖ Election of officers, Long- range planning and development goals of the centres

❖ Offers general direction in the everyday operation of the organization.



**SANTHANAGOPAL ACHUTAN**  
TRUSTEE

## "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 mentally retarded children.

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

Prasad guides Pathway with the belief that

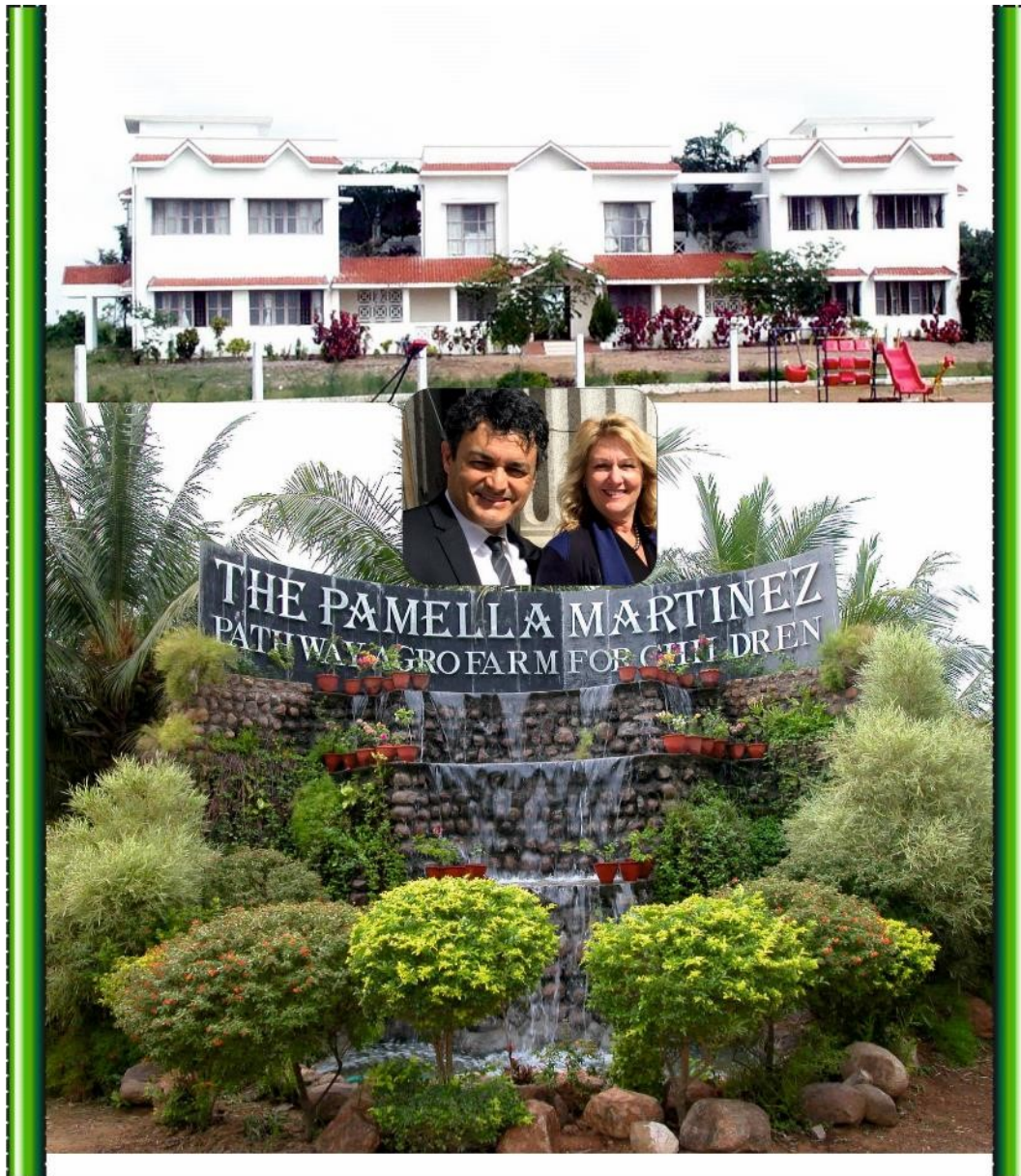
**"EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE THEIR POTENTIAL IN ORDER TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT, REGARDLESS OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS."**

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 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 quipped computer lab and a vast library has been added.







All the children are taught various subjects including those subjects as per the syllabus and also



thoughts and chapters from our scriptures and moral stories as every day teaching for an hour.



Considerable importance is given for English conversation, reading and writing. In addition to various learning opportunities, children are stimulated with painting, arts and drawing to hone their artistic abilities. At this time 60 staff have been appointed at the agro-farm, which include a Principal, faculty members, wardens, nurse, house mothers, doctor, dentist, cooks, watch and ward, driver, etc. All the staff is well qualified in their respective fields. In addition to the above six watch and ward staff have been appointed to ensure security for the facility.

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

## EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

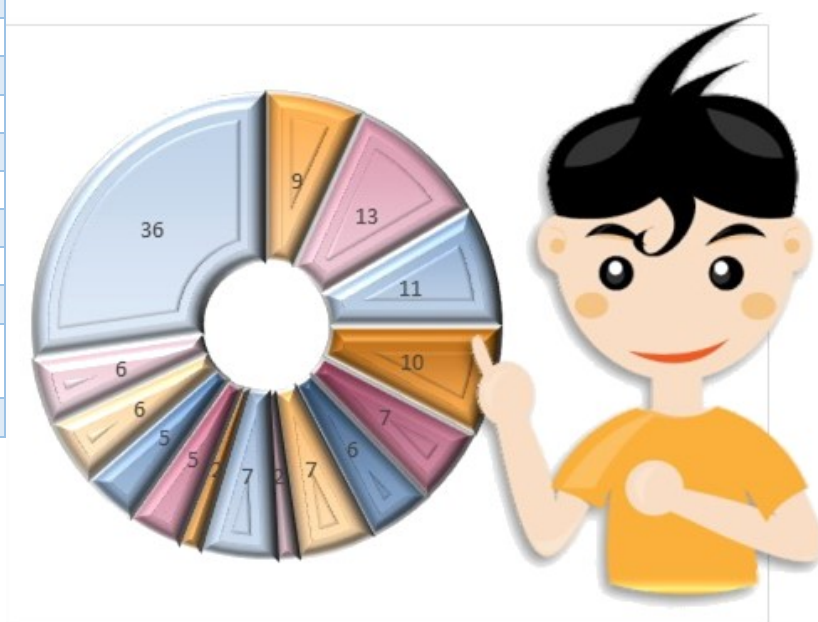
Apart from this, the Agro Farm which has established a "Hospital on Wheels" serving a number of villages every week continues with the same with renewed energy. The medical unit at the Agro Farm has the services of well-qualified doctor, nurse and an attendant. In addition to this, periodic visits by a dental surgeon, pediatrician and others are available bi-weekly.





# STUDENT POPULATION as on March 2019

2018-2019			
GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
lkg	9	10	19
ukg	13	12	25
1st	11	10	21
2nd	10	10	20
3rd	7	9	16
4th	6	12	18
5th	7	3	10
6th	2	6	8
7th	7	5	12
8th	2	4	6
9th	5	8	13
10th	5	6	11
11th	6	5	11
12th	6	5	11
HIGHER STUDIES	36	64	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>301</b>



## THE WORLD YOGA DAY



Time and again a question with a curiosity look pops up asking- What is Yoga? In general, people outside India, associate yoga with a complex amalgamation of different twisting and turning postures that are believed to provide some kind of mental and physical benefit. Very few people are aware of the fact that yoga in Sanskrit basically means “union”. It is an experience where everything in our conscious and unconscious state of mind becomes one. It is form of science which helps to enhance a human beings ability to perceive and realize his ultimate nature.



The declaration of World Yoga Day is marked as a big victory for India on the international platform, where the resolution for declaring 21st June as World Yoga Day was passed with an overwhelming majority. The events leading to this declaration can be traced back to the year 2014, when PM Narendra Modi in his address to the UN General Assembly on 27th September 2014 said, “Yoga is an invaluable gift from our ancient tradition. Yoga embodies unity of mind and body, thought and action.” Following this speech, a resolution was proposed by the United Nations proposing a dedicated Day for highlighting the virtues of practicing Yoga. This resolution was endorsed by a total of 177 countries out of 193 member countries within a sphere of 100 days.

The next question would be why we need to do Yoga ..

❖ It aims to develop the habit of meditation among youngsters so that they can enjoy more peace of mind and self-awareness, which is essential for a stress-free existence.

❖ It helps to keep the internal organs in the body to function



properly by increasing the oxygen and blood flow. Proper oxygen and blood supply to all the vital organs helps to diminish the occurrence of major diseases related to the heart, lungs, kidneys and other vital organs.







- ❖ Yoga practitioners believe that when a person connects with Mother Nature with both his mind and soul, he achieves a greater level of consciousness which helps him to be at peace with his surroundings. This level of consciousness would invariably lead to world peace as more and more people starts practicing Yoga.
- ❖ Practicing yoga would lead to stronger bonds between people from different background, irrespective of caste, religion or language barriers. It would help to promote the feeling of communal harmony and create a conjugal atmosphere for global peace.
- ❖ International Yoga Day aims to make the practice of yoga popular among people in different parts of the world, so that people are able to have a correct opinion about this form of well-being, which is not only easy to practice but is also extremely effective on a long term basis.

One can further describe the basic fundamentals of Yoga as –

- ❖ Folding of both hands in the logo Symbolise Yoga, the union, which reflects the union of individual Consciousness with that of universal Consciousness, a perfect harmony between mind & body, man & nature; a holistic approach to health & well being.
- ❖ The brown leaves symbolise the Earth element, the green leaves symbolise the Nature, blue symbolises the Water element, brightness symbolises the Fire element and the Sun symbolise the source of energy and inspiration.
- ❖ The logo reflects harmony and peace for humanity, which is the essence of Yoga.

Understanding the above we at Pathway have embraced the world yoga day celebrations. Across all the centres we have introduced yoga. This was not a new concept to us since it has been a part of our curriculum. The benefits of the same is manifold. The staff and students were made to realise that the benefits of practising yoga was manifold. In short Yoga can enhance the ability to focus, able to keep one in state of happiness, it can relax your system, aids in boosting up self confidence which leads to a healthy lifestyle and also aids in maintaining one's health. The children were made aware of the relevance of yoga in daily life. Different asanas were demonstrated under the



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

## ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

*Urged all people to reject single-use plastic. Refuse what you can't re-use. Together, we can chart a path to a cleaner, greener world." — Secretary-General, António Guterres*

If you can't **REUSE** it,  
**REFUSE** it!



Every World Environment Day has a different global host country, where the official celebrations take place. The focus on the host country helps highlight the environmental

challenges it faces, and supports the effort to address them. This year's host is India.



Each World Environment Day is organized around a theme that focuses attention on a particularly pressing environmental concern. The theme for 2018, "**BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION**," is a call to action for all of us to come together to combat one of the great environmental challenges of our time. The theme invites us all to consider how we can make changes in our everyday lives to reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution on our natural places, our wildlife – and our own health. While plastic has many valuable uses, we have become over-reliant on single-use or disposable plastic – with severe environmental consequences. The United Nations, aware that the protection and improvement of the human environment is a major issue, which affects the well-being of peoples and economic development throughout the world, designated 5 June as World Environment Day. The celebration of this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in more than 100 countries.



World Environment Day is the UN's most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries.

It is very disheartening to note the following plastic pollution facts given below-

Every year the world uses **up to 5 trillion** plastic bags



- Each year, at least 13 million tonnes of plastic end up in the oceans, the equivalent of a full garbage truck every minute.
- In the **last decade**, we produced more plastic than in the whole **last century**
- 50 percent of the plastic we use is **single-use** or disposable
- We buy 1 million plastic bottles **every minute**
- Plastic makes up **10% of all of the waste** we generate

It is necessary for every individual to understand the above. Hence in all our centres these concepts were explained to children with aid of group discussions, art activities related to the above, drama etc. We also pledged not to use single use plastics and decided to introduce making of cloth bags in our vocational unit to do away with plastic bags at shopping areas. More emphasis has been given to



plastic which we can reuse if needed.

The children and adults were educated about keeping their environment free of plastic refuse through TV shows too.



## KERALA FLOOD

During the mid evening on 8<sup>th</sup> august 2018 we viewed the news flashing regarding Kerala State which had been hit with severe floods due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season resulting in dams filling to capacity. In the first 24 hours of rainfall the state had received 310 mm

Almost all dams had been opened since the water level had risen close to overflow level due to heavy rainfall, flooding local low-lying areas. For the first time in the state's history, 35 of its 54 dams had been opened. The deluge has been considered an impact of the global warming. Famed for its tea plantations, beaches and tranquil backwaters, Kerala is frequently saturated during the annual monsoon. But at this time The state of Kerala witnessed the worst flooding in 100 years which it will take months, if not years, for the state to rebuild itself. The effort will need a million hands and an estimated Rs 20,000 crore. People across India have already risen to the cause - volunteering in rescue efforts and relief camps, donating money and materials towards those in need and urging others to do the same.





My thoughts immediately turned back to a few years from now during the month of December 2015 at Chennai when we had faced first time flood in our history of work . My mind raced back to the time when this natural calamity had hit us and untold misery had unfolded in front of our eyes. The hardships that were faced then flooded our memory. Looking back we can be very grateful that we survived the same with no major problems in terms of health or loss of lives except for losing materials.

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**MYLAPORE TALK**

## Lending helping hand

| TALK TEAM |

Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust is a neighbourhood based organisation founded by Dr A D S N Prasad. A press release said, he has been running three organisations which serve children below the poverty line including the differently abled for the last 40 years in Chennai and Kancheepuram district.

'Our services have been free and of the highest quality in rehabilitation and education. Being sensitive and feeling for the misery faced by flood victims of our neighbouring State Kerala ,our staff and differently-abled employees extended aid to the people of Kerala by donating Rs 76,000.' it said. For details, contact 9840121859.

It was a payback time for us this time, The Pathway's entire staff force decided to give their mite to help .Each one of them parted with their salaries with a grateful heart and marvelled at God's mercy which had kept them safe in the floods that we had witnessed not long ago. The centre contributed a sum of Rs. 75000 which was acknowledged by the government of Kerala.

Today we were witnessing another calamity which overnight had affected hundreds of villages, destroyed homes, roads, lives etc.it took a while to digest the destruction which was unfolding in front of our eyes.



India's southern state of Kerala was suffering its worst monsoon flooding in a century, with more than one million people displaced, and more than 400 reported deaths. Aid agencies and government groups set up more than 4,000 relief camps, while rescue personnel made their way to submerged villages in helicopters and boats, bringing supplies, and evacuating those they can find.

## VARIOUS CLUB ACTIVITIES

### GARDENING CLUB



### SOCIAL CLUB



### ENGLISH CLUB





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## TAMIL CLUB



## MATHS CLUB



## CULTURAL



## ART N CRAFT



## SPORTS CLUB



## SWIMMING CLUB





## CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL AT YMCA



Children from Pathway were invited to perform a folk dance conducted by YMCA, Kottivakkam manned by Boys Activities Committee under the category of children's carnival were invited on the first of September



2018. Children were allowed to participate maximum of two events.. We received this offer with only a week's notice. As usual children were ready with enthusiasm and were eager learners. They were divided into three groups of A, B and C which included singing, drawing, fancy dress, speech about Dr Abdul Kalam , pep talk and finally a group dance.

The topic given for drawing was on air pollution. Rules for the events were handed down and were expected to adhere to it .The below table gives you a list of children who participated.

We are proud to announce the winners in the following events-

FANCY DRESS – first prize- Haripriya  
DRAWING- first prize – Vigneshwaran  
GROUP DANCE- third prize.

The incharge teachers present were-Mr Annadurai and Mr. D.Dhanasekaran

EVENT	CATEGORY	NAMES	GRADE
SINGING	GROUP A	KAVIPRIYA	IV
	GROUP B	SARANRAJ	VIII
	GROUP C	DEEPIKA	X
DRAWING	GROUP A	SDEEPAPRIYAN	VIII
	GROUP B	VIGNESHWARAN	IX
	GROUP C	KATHRIVAN	X
FANCY DRESS	GROUP A	HARIPRIYA	VIII
SPEECH	GROUP B	KISHORE	VIII
PEP TALK	GROUP C	VIGNESHWARAN	X
GROUP DANCE		SRIMATHI	IX
		PRABHAVATHI	IX
		SUSMITHA	IX
		JAYAPRESSI	X
		NIVEDHA	X
		NARESH	X
		MUTHU	X
		VENKATESH	X





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## CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL - YMCA - 2018





## 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





.Along with considering a school's participation, Rangotsav also acknowledges the respective principal and art teachers whose co-ordination & hard work towards making this event a memorable one. Our students participated along with 25 states with more than 11lacs schools across India, to compete in this event this year



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Happiness spreads around the day when the Independence Day approaches. All major government buildings are decorated with lights. The tricolor flag is hoisted on houses and other buildings. Independence Day, August 15 is a national holiday, the holiday of this day should be commemorated by remembering the sacrifices made by brave freedom fighters to every citizen. A week before Independence Day, the spirit of patriotism is encouraged by organizing special events and programs. Programs related to this topic are broadcast on radio stations and television channels. Films about martyr's stories are shown and stories and reports related to national sentiment are published.



Independence Day is celebrated throughout India as a national holiday in India. On August 14, at 8 pm, the President sends messages to his countrymen, which is broadcast on radio and television.

Every year India celebrates 15th of August as Independence Day. This day is significant for the Indian. After the slavery of years, India got independence on the same day from





British rule, 15 August 1947. This day has been declared as a gazetted holiday throughout India to honor the great sacrifice of our countrymen.

On August 15, 2018, India celebrates the 72nd Independence Day. This year, Independence Day celebrations had a very special message from our Prime Minister. who addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort. The main event begins with the hoisting of the national flag by the PM, which is synchronised



with an honorary 21 gunshots and followed by a moving rendition of the Jana Gana Mana –(India's National Anthem ). To remind his people of the country's struggle for freedom, the PM addresses the nation and reminisces on the events leading up to India's independence and ends his speech with a note on the country's future.

His powerful speech covered many aspects like-

- ❖ Ensuring social justice for all
- ❖ Assuring the tax payers that their money was being put up for good use
- ❖ Eradicating of black money
- ❖ Uplifting nearly 5 crore Indians from jaw of poverty
- ❖ Introduction of loans under Pradhan mantri mudra yojna
- ❖ Trying to ensure peace across the nation
- ❖ Working hard to bring exceptional reforms in agriculture sector
- ❖ Bringing out new schemes which will provide health assurance to crores of families across the country.



Later in the day, celebrations include patriotic parades and pageants focused on honouring the freedom fighters; a march-past led by the Indian Armed Forces and Paramilitary Forces and performances by school children.







We at Pathway centre welcomed this day with full patriotism. The staff and the children were busy right from 6 am. Every

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

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



The Independence day celebration at the Pathway Agro Farm for Children was a highly colourful feat this season. The grand display of talent were eye catching and awesome by the children of the Pathway-Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and adolescents of the Pathway-Sabin Centre for Education and Rehabilitation of Disabled. Over 200 children of the Pamela





Martinez Matriculation School were seen to be rehearsing for this big day for almost a fortnight. They had prepared a long programme of nearly three hours to be presented on the eve of the Independence Day. Similarly, boys of the Sabin Centre were also seen to be practising many programmes which they were planning to showcase on the D Day.

The Independence day celebration were planned fairly

elaborately in the grounds of the school where a special flag mast is permanently installed. It is the rule of the organization that every day as all the children assemble for their morning assembly and morning prayers there should be hoisting of our national flag with the singing of national anthem this was done to inject a sense of ownership and patriotism amongst the children right from the beginning of their lives. On this special day the flag mast was well decorated with colourful paper and the entire area was decorated with colourful buntings and tiny flags. The area around the mast had ornamental variety plants and a tastefully decorated rangoli by the girl children added beauty to the entire background. Every child was found to sporting with a small Indian Flag that was affixed on the lapel of their shirts. All the staff and all invitees were encouraged to affix such flags. The entire show was very well choreographed and organized to the minute detail.

The show started with an impressive march past by nearly 230 children comprising of able and disabled children of the Farm. They marched with precision driven by a rhythmic band that was played by two senior boys. Even our youngest kindergarten children was a part of this march past. All the children in their neatly pressed clothes and neat footwear marched perfectly and went past the saluting base and the Flag mast where the President







boys of various classes. The girls not willing to remain behind showed their prowess too in the separate drills they performed like a human pyramid taking the salute under their guidance of their teacher and guide- Ms Sailaja. The exercises also involved using of lazems.

was present with the principal to take the salute. Each class lead by its leader marched past the saluting base in perfection saluting the flag with reverence. The march past culminated in orderly assembly of all children in their slots and with this the day was set to unfurl the national flag. The President was requested to unfurl the tri-colour by the principal and the leader of the school. As the flag was unfurled there was copious sprinkling of petals of roses, jasmines and various flowers showered on her and others. This signalled the singing of national anthem which was rendered with great poise and decorum.

The children of the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and Orphanage presented a huge variety of programmes consisting of drill which also had elements of yoga asanas, using hoops to emphasize the colours of our national flag. The boys showcased their talent using dumbbells and topping it with a pyramid show where the inner most circle of this human chain moved in a beautiful circular formation and the apex of the human pyramid depicting the national flag with a salute. Similar more different formations were displayed by the



This was followed by a speech in Tamil by Deepapriyan and Lavanya, a Tamil poem explaining “before and after freedom” of India by Abnisha of VIth grade. A speech in English by Kishore Kumar of ninth grade and a description of our national leaders and their role in Independence was outlined by



Murugeshwari of ninth standard. A fancy dress, that is, children dressed up like national leaders who were responsible to gain independence to our country was displayed by our very tiny tots which definitely brought a thunderous applause from their school mates and all others present. This was followed by a mime which was truly executed well by the senior boys depicting the theme- **UNITY IN DIVERSITY** The entire show was full of great educational value and truly delightful. The songs and dances presented by the children were particularly spectacular and grand. The tiny tots dance to the tune of – “I LOVE MY INDIA”. IV and III std children performed a dance to the



lyrics of a patriotic song penned down by Bharathiyar and finally the VIII and IX std children sang “ Vande Mataram “ to everybody’s delight.

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

## TOUR



Amirthi Zoological park is zoo in Tiruvannamalai District in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It was opened in 1967 and is about 55 kilometres (34 mi) from district headquarters Tiruvannamalai city and 24 kilometres (16 miles) from the Vellore city. The area of the park is 25 hectares and one can find beautiful water falls.



Half of this jungle is cleared to serve as a tourist spot while the other half is developed as a wildlife sanctuary. A trek for a kilometre leads one to a full view of seasonal waterfall. The Amirthi falls are set amidst deep ravines and beautiful hills.

Exotic flora and fauna grace the region. The inflow of tourists is more only during the holidays. Animals at the park include spotted deer, mongoose, hedgehog, foxes, reason monkeys, red headed parrots, love birds, tortoises, peacock, crocodiles, wild cats, eagles, ducks, pigeons, wild parrots, rabbits, and

pythons. It is located under the Javadi Hills of Tellai. The tribal people reside in this area. There is also a hill tribe society at Nimmiyambattu near Amirthi which has led to giving employment opportunities to the hill tribals in that area. Govt of TamilNadu has tried to upgrade this facility in 2013 There is a play park for children. A meandering cut path along the rock steps aids in enjoying a good walk. Hunting here has been banned



since it is a protected area.



## GINGEE FORT, GINGEE (SENJI)



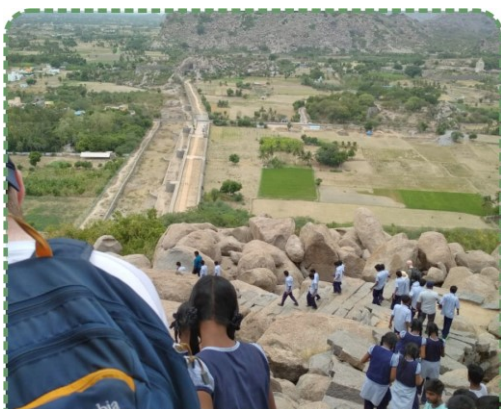
It was a beautiful sunny day as can be. The day had approached which the kids were looking forward to. This was an annual Educational tour on the 19th of November 2016. The two higher classes were chosen for this excursion.

The girls and boys dressed in their spotless uniforms headed by their instructors boarded the mini van. The incessant chatter and happiness was very evident on their faces. Curiosity and the questioning mind was at its best.

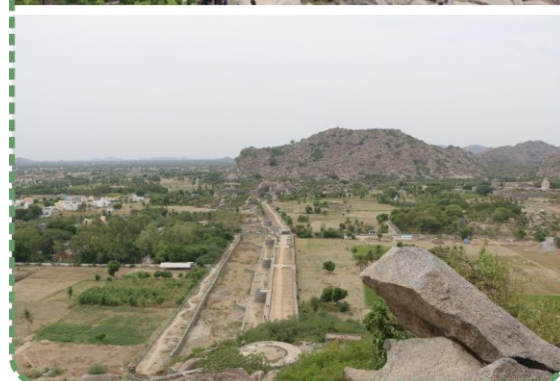
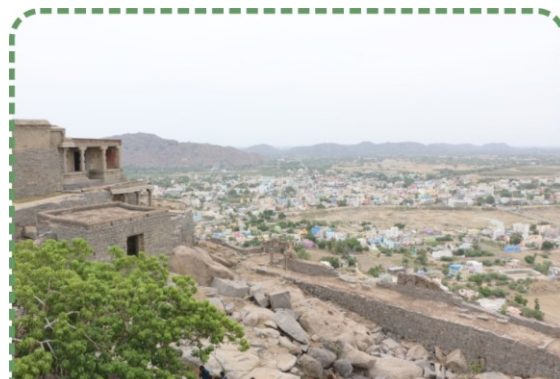
As the van rolled out the kids waved goodbye to their other school groups and finally settled in their seats. After the initial excitement settled down a bit their instructors chose to educate the kids on the history and background of the fort. This information and knowledge was necessary to prepare them to enjoy the sights they were going to. The distance to be covered was around 70kms To keep their spirits high and to impart more knowledge their science teacher Mr Dhanasekar decided to narrate in simple language which later would turn to question and answer on their return journey. There was absolute silence in the van since the kids didn't want to miss out on the trailer of their actual tour.

The teacher narrated the following saying ---

Gingee Fort or Senji Fort (also known as Chenji, Jinji or Senchi) in Tamil Nadu, India is one of the surviving forts in Tamil Nadu, India. It lies in Villupuram District, 160 kilometers (99 mi) from the state capital,



Chennai, and is close to the Union Territory of Puducherry. The fort is so fortified, that Shivaji, the Maratha king, ranked it as the "most impregnable fortress in India" and it was called the "Troy of the East" by the British. The nearest town with a railway station is Tindivanam and the nearest airport is Chennai (Madras), located 150 kilometers (93 mi) away. Originally the site of a small fort built by the Chola







dynasty during the 9th century AD, Gingee Fort was modified by Kurumbar during the 13th century. As per one account, the fort was built during the 15–16th century by the Nayaks, the lieutenants of the Vijayanagara Empire and who later became independent kings. The fort

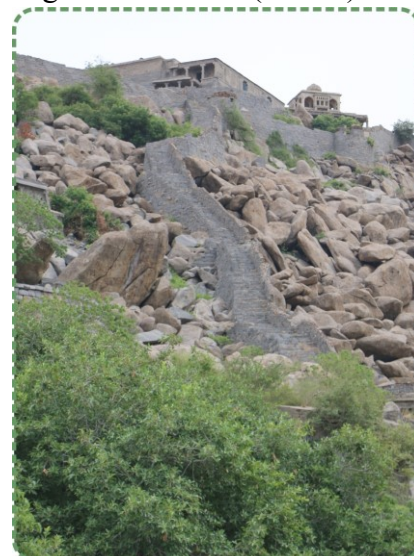


passed to the Marathas under the leadership of Shivaji in 1677 AD, Bijapur sultans, the Moghuls, Carnatic Nawabs, French and the British in 1761. The fort is closely associated with Raja Tej Singh, who unsuccessfully revolted against the Nawab of Arcot and eventually lost his life in a battle.

The Gingee Fort complex is on three hillocks: Krishnagiri to the north, Rajagiri to the west and Chandrayandurg to the southeast. The three hills together constitute a fort complex, each having a separate and self-contained citadel. The fort walls are 13 km (8.1 mi) and the three hills are connected by walls enclosing an area of 11 square kilometers (4.2 sq mi). It was built at a height of 800 feet (240 m) and protected by an 80 feet (24 m) wide

The complex has a seven-storeyed Kalyana Mahal (marriage hall), granaries, prison cells, and a temple dedicated to its presiding Hindu goddess called Che njiamman. The fortifications contain a sacred pond known as Anaikulam. On the top of the hillock, there are minor fortifications. The fort, in modern times, is maintained and administered by the Archaeological Survey of India. The fort is one of the prominent tourist destinations in Villupuram district. The fort complex is called 'Troy of the East', as the fort was very effective in keeping attackers at bay that it earned the quality of being 'impregnable' just like Troy. The Gingee Fort complex has been a Monument of national importance since 1921.

Hearing the above- Nishalini was curious to know the legend regarding the naming of the fort and how it changed with different leaders who took







over the same. Her query brought a chorus from the other children and with a smile their teacher told them that the Bijapur Nawabs who held the fort from about 1660 to 1677 AD called it Badshabad, while the Marathas who succeeded them called it Chandry or Chindy. The Mughals, on their capture of



the fort in 1698 A.D., named it Nusratgadh in honour of Nawab Zulfiqar Khan Nusrat-Jang, the commander-in-chief of the besieging army. Later, the English and the French called it Gingee or Jinji. The early Madras records of the English give the spelling Chingee or Chengey.

Their were smiles all round as the kids try to say in different tones the word Gingee fort. Mr Dhanasekar was amused with their antics. He looked around and said that if they were prepared to listen to more he would narrate some more stories behind this legend. All the eager faces immediately turned towards him and waited with bated breath to hear more. He continued saying that as per Tamil legend, the tragic tale of Raja Tej Singh, popularly known in Tamil as Thesingu Raasan, is associated with the fort. The true life story of Tej Singh and his general, Mehboob Khan (aka Maavuthukaran), who were friends, has inspired many poems, street plays, and countless other stories. He was the son of Swarup Singh and revolted against the Nawab of Arcot, and was defeated and killed in the war that followed. Though Gingee became a part of the Nawab's territory in 1714, the young and courageous Tej Singh became a legend and his life, love and brave but tragic end were eulogized in various ballads. As a group, the seven goddesses are still said to guard the fort, and each of the seven has a temple within the area. But three of the seven stand for the rest as the immediate recipients of the actual sacrifice: two of them, Kamalakkanniyamman and Kaliyamman (Kali), whose temples are within the fort, and one,







Mariyamman, who represents the town. A place of great historic interest, this fort was so well fortified that Shivaji ranked it as the "most impregnable fortress in India" and the British called it the "Troy of the East". However, after the fort passed into British hands, it did not see any further advancement and was declared as a National Monument in 1921 and was under the Archeological Department.

Recently the Tourism Department of India has tried to popularize this remote and often forgotten fort in Tamil Nadu. Gingee today, with its ruined forts, temples and granaries, presents a different picture from the glorious



splendor of its bygone days. But the remains of that glorious past, speak volumes about the numerous invasions, warfare and bravery that it witnessed.

The children had with rapt attention heard their teacher and were ever so eager to get down and looked forward to their destination. Mr Dhanasekar decided to give them some time to have their group discussions.

A few of them had dozed off and some continued with their queries to their teacher.



The vehicle had stopped for a break and children were happy to stretch their feet for some time before getting back into the vehicle to continue their journey. They were now very close to their destination. The eager faces looked out of the windows and they were awed at



the gigantic proportions of the fort. The vehicle finally rolled into the parking area and children stumbled

out. It was not an easy task to keep their excitement down. After a few minutes, they all lined up and started towards exploring their surroundings.

It was getting past noon for their lunch, hence their hunt was on to spot a clean spot to eat and then explore every nook and corner of this historic fort. They finally did find one and along with their staff they enjoyed their feast with nature at its best. They happily finished their pre packed lunch and after cleaning up their area they headed out armed with the new found knowledge about the fort.

Both the boys and girls tried to outdo their peers to find those particulars mentioned by their teachers. It was a child's play to run up the steps and find what lay beyond. Nivedha was the first one to find the granite Tamil inscription of the legend. She eagerly beckoned the others to read the same. Every detail that was heard in the van was now unfurling before their eyes. A hectic two hours of exploring tired some of them and they decided to rest their feet on the beautiful lush green lawn. Memories were created and captured in photograph form. They spent a very fruitful time till late evening and then tired but happy headed back home. Their next day assignment was waiting for them to write and capture their experiences of their tour.

The cool breeze aided their journey back home.

## SRIPURAM GOLDEN TEMPLE



This holy temple is set at the foot of green low lying hills of Malaikodi. Sripuram Golden Temple was **built in the year 2007**. The Golden Temple was built in a short span of 7 years.. The consecration ceremony was witnessed by thousands of devotees. Since then, the temple has attracted hundreds of thousands of devotees; often breaching the 1 lakh mark on special occasions. The temple has also changed the face of Thirumalaikodi village and the nearby town - Vellore. In the coming years, the temple envisages to create a positive influence on the society and ultimately bring about a change.

The Golden Temple is situated in a 100 acre lush green landscape in the middle of a star-shaped path, such that it absorbs maximum energy from nature, which creates enormous peace and brings relaxation to the devotees who walk through the starpath. Devotees walking through the starpath are blessed to read messages of truth and righteousness that creates a rejuvenating experience and reminds oneself of the true purpose of life and nature of the world. These messages cover topics such as the purpose of human birth and human life, the things we should and we should not do, the need for devotion and many more.

The landscape of Sripuram is completely natural, created and managed using organic manure. One feels closest to one's true self in this serene ambience. Water from all the major rivers of the country were brought to create the





Ecopond - "Sarvatheertham". The creation of this pond has resulted in a wonderful ecosystem for birds and insects, and has over 20,000 saplings of various species. It is said that the entire temple was designed by Amma, as conceived through the divine vision. All parts of the main temple are covered completely in gold. The temple has nine to fifteen manually prepared layers of gold foil. The temple is adorned with man-made sculptures, ornately decorated pillars and roof. The ultimate purpose of the Golden Temple is to create righteousness and transformation in human beings.

## DAKSHINACHITRA CHILDREN'S HERITAGE QUIZ 2018



Dakshinachitra Museum, located in Chennai, is one of the living-history museums in India. It stores in itself great works of architecture, crafts, performing arts, and lifestyles that belong to South India. The museum has its vision and mission to promote the cultures of South Indian



states by making them more engaging and enjoyable for its viewers. It is a project of Madras Craft Foundation which is an NGO that was opened to the public on 14th December 1996. The heritage museum is home to 4,220 artefacts and 1,000,000 pictures. Visiting here will give you an in-depth knowledge of south Indian heritage.

Developed in the form of a village, it showcases the traditional lifestyle of South Indians. It is a collection of 18 authentic houses, each having its own contextual exhibition. These homes are purchased, broken down, transported and lastly reconstructed by professional artisans or Stapathis who belong to the places from where the houses are bought. Moreover, Dakshina Chitra itself means the 'house of south'. So, if you are a person of history, and a person of culture who is deeply attached to its roots this place is for you. Visit Dakshinachitra Museum to explore and learn about the life and history of South India. Our children visited the above museum and participated in the DakshinaChitra Children's Heritage Quiz – 27th Aug 2018 at their campus in Muttukadu. The quiz is an annual feature having a rolling trophy to be presented to the winning team along with other exciting prizes. The quiz

S.NO	NAME	CLASS	TEAM	INCHARGE STAFF
1	S.DEEPAPRIYAN	VI	TEAM 1	
	P.HARIPRIYA	VI		Mr.Mariyabalan
	B.DHIVYAPRIYA	VI		
2	A.LAVANAYA	VI	TEAM 2	
	J.ABINISHA	VI		Ms.V.Gunasundari
	S.SHAYAM	VI		
3	D.THANARAJ	VII	TEAM 3	
	V.KARTHIKA	VII		Mr.Mariyabalan
	E.KARTHICK	VII		
4	B.RAMKUMAR	VII	TEAM 4	
	A.RUKUMANI	VII		Ms.v.Gunasundari
	R.AMARESAN	VII		
5	M.KISHOREKUMAR	VIII	TEAM 5	
	S.SARANRAJ	VIII		Mr.Mariyabalan
	L.NISHA	VIII		



Children's Participation Name list for Quiz.

The participants were present at Dakshina Chitra by 9:30 am on 27th Aug 2018.. All participating teams brought the participation forms duly filled in and endorsed by the school principal. This particular quiz was held to encourage and improve awareness amongst children of our rich culture and heritage

included various topics on General Knowledge, Heritage & Culture. Current affairs, identifying the Artifacts etc. There was also a audio-video and buzzer rounds. The quiz was open to students of 6th, 7th and 8th Standards only. There was no participation fee included

We were permitted to send up to five teams. Of which team was to comprise of 3 members along with a teacher representative.



## TEACHERS DAY



September has been observed as Teachers Day, in India. On this day, teachers and students report to school as usual but the usual activities and classes are replaced by activities of celebration, thanks and remembrance.

Teachers Day holds immense importance for every individual throughout the country. Teachers impart knowledge and motivate the students in the right direction, enlighten them and create responsible citizens and good human beings. They are the cornerstone of our future. Teachers Day is an occasion to pay reverence to the teachers and convey them that they hold special respect in our hearts. Celebrating Teachers Day is acknowledged by UNESCO and fairly popular in several countries across the globe. Students look forward to Teacher's day with great enthusiasm and zeal due to the sheer spirit of the occasion. On this day students realize what it means to be a teacher and what responsibilities a teacher bears when it means to control the future of several students. Teachers on this day are reminded of their school

The birth date of the second President of **India**, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, 5 September 1888, has been celebrated as **Teacher's Day** since 1962. When some of his students and friends approached him and requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday, he said, "instead of celebrating my birthday separately, it would be my proud privilege, if 5th September is observed as Teachers' day". From then onwards, the 5th of







days when they were at the student's desk and feel nostalgic. It is an equally special day for them. They get to know how much they are liked and appreciated by the students. Teachers Day is another way to provide encouragement and support to the teachers to make them feel their devotion towards students is

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



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

## WORLD FIRSTAID DAY

Every Second Saturday in September arising in every year is dedicated to Raising awareness of how first aid can save lives. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) introduced **World First Aid Day** in 2000.



Each year, more than 100 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world organise events and ceremonies on the second Saturday of September to raise public awareness of how first aid can save lives in everyday and crisis situations. The IFRC believes that first aid should be accessible to all – including the most vulnerable, and should also be an integral part of a wider developmental approach. The need for humanitarian action is still as vital today as it was in 1859. Millions of people are hurt or killed by injuries every year due to inadequate response or lack of timely assistance. Taking immediate action and applying the appropriate techniques, while waiting for professional help, can considerably reduce deaths and injuries, and the impact of disasters and everyday emergencies. First aid is not a replacement for emergency services.





It is a vital initial step for providing effective and swift action that helps to reduce serious injuries and improve the chances of survival. This above statement was taken up seriously by our staff and the children were tutored on the importance of first aid. Various teaching methods were employed to teach the above. An awareness programme was conducted by the teachers after the introduction of first aid concept. They highlighted about various issues like bleeding, burns, fracture, electric shock, eye injuries, wounds, dog bites, nose bleeding, choking etc. This was followed in the presence of

our doctor and nurses.

The children were also coached on the meaning of the logo of first aid. The internationally accepted symbol for first aid is the white cross on a green background shown below.

They were also shown in practical a contents of first aid box.



To further deepen and strengthen their concept the children were also shown charts which contained the emergency numbers for various departments as shown below. For benefit of the staff and children a poster of the same has been installed at the school

DEPARTMENT	NUMBER
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	911
POLICE STATION	100
AMBULANCE	1066/102
FIRE	101
DISASTER MANAGEMENT	103
WOMEN'S HELPLINE	1091
CHILD'S HELPLINE	1098

The following children-Kishore, Saranraj, Thanraj, Muthu, Venkatesh, Naresh, Vignesh and Suresh enacted a play for the benefit of their peer groups. Every group also prepared first aid boxes with the help of our doctor



to be easily available in times of emergencies in every block. Basic knowledge on common medicines, Bandages, certain ointments and their uses, band aids etc were explained to the children with help of teaching materials.

## GANESH CHATURTHI

Ganesh Chaturthi also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi is one of the important Hindu festivals celebrated throughout India with a great devotion. We at Pathway centres



celebrated this festival on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018. This day is celebrated as the birthday of Lord Ganesh, the elephant-headed son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Lord Ganesh is the symbol of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune.

This festival is celebrated by Hindus with a great enthusiasm. People bring idols of Lord Ganesh to their homes and do worship. The duration of this festival varies from 1 day to 11 days, depending on the place and tradition. On the last day of the festival the idols are taken out in a colorful and musical procession and immersed traditionally in water.

As per Hindu mythology Lord Ganesh is

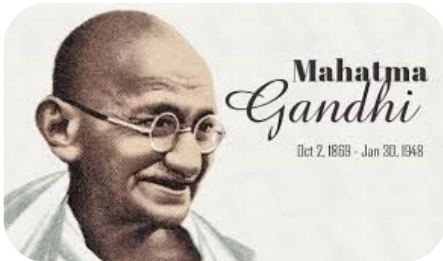


considered as "Vigana Harta" (one who removes obstacles) and "Buddhi Pradaayaka" (one who grants intelligence). This festival is very important for students, they worship Lord Ganesh to illumine their minds





The children of all the centres enjoyed doing the various activities pertaining to the festival in the form of making mud idols, drawings of Lord Ganesha .



## GANDHI JAYANTHI

*Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man. ---MAHATMA GANDHI*

This year, on October 2, India did celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary is celebrated every year as Gandhi Jayanti to commemorate his ideals of peace and non-violence as well as his immense contribution to India's freedom struggle.



On 15 June 2007, The United Nations General Assembly announced that October 2nd will be celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence.

Gandhiji had a natural love for 'truth' and 'duty'. With his complete dedication and confidence, Gandhi freed India from the British Rule and proved the world that freedom can be achieved with non-violence. Even today his teachings are encouraged to stay away from

violence and find peaceful solutions to conflicts. For Gandhi, Truth and Non-violence was his entire philosophy of life. Gandhiji was one of the biggest contributors to India's freedom movement and his methods for achieving it shaped the country greatly. He is even called the Father of our Nation. That is why his legacy is honoured, not only in India, but all over the world.

The President and the Prime Minister, along with other political leaders, pay homage at Raj Ghat, the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. To honour Gandhi's







respect for all religions and communities, representatives from different religions take part in the prayer meeting held at Raj Ghat. Prayers and Verses are read out from Holy books of all religions. Mahatma Gandhi's favourite song 'Raghupati Raghava' is customarily sung at all meetings associated with him.

Pathway's children too were a part of this national festival by way of honouring our greatest leader in form of drawings and prepared a collage in his honor. In simple words they were given information about him in form of small skit, and role model play.

## NAVARATHRI



On the day of Saraswathi Puja / Ayudha puja is celebrated very big manner and goddess Saraswathi is worshiped, as well the books and educational tools representing Saraswathi, all instruments and implements like Computers, Printers, Spanners, and other hardware

tools are also worshipped on the ninth day.

Navaratri or Saraswathi Puja /Ayudha puja popularly called as Durga Puja, is one of the greatest of Hindu festivals. People use to arrange god and goddess dolls on racks. These collective events are called 'Golu' in addition they prepare a snack known as sundal for the devotees and neighbours to share with each other . It is, as its name suggests, a festival of the Shaktis, or worshippers of Shakti, the origin of the divine attribute of Power represented in female form, and regarded, in her most comprehensive character, as the living Energy or Force of Nature the mighty Mother of the Universe.

The Shakti is adored in various forms, all female, and under various names, all signifying special attributes, Adi Lakshmi, Dhana Lakshmi, Dhanya Lakshmi, Gaja Lakshmi, Santana Lakshmi, Dhairya Lakshmi, Vijaya Lakshmi, Vidya Lakshmi being only a few of her thousand nicknames. Some of these are benignant deities, calculated to inspire love and reverence; others are only what we must call evil spirits, fit to inspire awe and strike terror into the heart. Originally the Saraswathi Puja / Ayudha was held for nine days in succession, commencing with the bright fortnight of the Tamil month of Puratasi (August–September)







the whole Puja season being collectively called the Navaratri, or 'the nine nights'. To all the workers the worship of their tools is a must on this day. This day is celebrated as Ayudha Pooja people worship Vishwakarma who was the architect of the world. All the tools, machines etc are cleaned, painted and well polished after which they are smeared with sandalwood paste and vermilion with great care.

## AWARD



The National Integrity Cultural Academy under Global Achievers Council held a Convocation and Award ceremony on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Patrician College. They awarded the **BHARATH JYOTHI**

**JYOTHI**

**EXCELLENCE**

**AWARD** to Chandra Prasad , the Hony Director of Pathway Centres.

This event was presided by Dr R Selvam who is the Chairman of Global Achievers

Council. The guest of honors were - Hon'ble Justice K SwamiDurai, Hon'ble Justice V Vaidyanathan, Makkal Tv Dr. C R Bhaskaran, Dr. A Ameer Khan - *Member of CACL Ministry of Shipping, Govt of India*, Dr Himmath A Hussain - *Asst Honorary*





*Consular of Netherlands to Maldives at Embassy of Netherlands along with The Director, Associate Editor and President of Patrician College.*

The entire staff were present for the same.



## DIWALI



This year Diwali fell on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2018. Diwali, or Deepawali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects us from spiritual darkness. In northern India they celebrate the story of King Rama's return to Ayodhya after he defeated Ravana by lighting rows of clay lamps. In



all interpretations, one common thread rings true—the festival marks the victory of good over evil.



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

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

Indians celebrate with family gatherings, glittering clay lamps, festive fireworks, strings of electric lights, bonfires, flowers, sharing of sweets, and worship to Lakshmi. Some believe that Lakshmi wanders the Earth looking for homes where she will be welcomed. People open their doors and windows and light lamps to invite





Lakshmi in. Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that is enjoyed by most Indians regardless of faith: Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs.

This Diwali started with a small project on -SAFETY FIRST conducted by the school involving firemen from our district who demonstrated the safety measures to be used while playing with crackers and the use of fire extinguisher. The interesting image is of our security guard (dog-Brown) who is listening with rapt attention about the fire safety.

All the centres from Pathway were a part of this festival. Children donned new colourful dresses and they looked forward for the special meals and sweets which would follow for the day. As usual the multi colored Rangoli depicting happiness and ushering good tidings were a part of the childrens 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. Children had been busy from morning.

Children of Chennai centre and Sabin had made models of their favourite crackers and sweets and ofcourse their special Rangoli design for the occasion. All the simple rituals of Diwali have a significance and a story to tell. The illumination of homes with lights illuminate our homes and hearts, that this simple truth finds new reason and hope. From darkness unto light — the light that empowers us to commit ourselves to good deeds, that which brings us closer to divinity. and the skies with firecrackers is an expression of obeisance

to the heavens for the attainment of health, wealth, knowledge, peace and prosperity. According to one belief, the sound of fire-crackers are an indication of the joy of the people living on earth, making the gods aware of their plentiful state. In all this joyous festival is always welcomed by not





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



## CHILDRENS DAY CELEBRATION

*"The children of today will make the India of tomorrow. The way we bring them up determine the future of the country."- ----- JAWAHARLAL NEHRU*



The 14th November day which also happens to be the 130th birthday anniversary of India's first prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is celebrated as the Children's day.

It is a reminder that every child deserves education, nurturing and the best of everything. They are the building blocks of the nation and hence, the future of the nation depends how well they are brought up. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru real message

was to provide our children with a safe and loving environment in which to grow as well as giving them ample and equal opportunities through which they can take great strides and contribute to the progress of the nation

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was a great person, leader, politician, writer and speaker. He loved children so much and was a great friend of the poor people. He always understood himself as the true servant of the people of India. He worked





hard all through the day and night for making this country a successful country. He became the first Prime Minister of the Independent India and thus called as the architect of modern India.



Chacha Nehru was a person having great vision, honesty, hard labour, sincerity, patriotism and intellectual powers. His great love for roses as well as children is a well-known fact. In fact he often compared the two, saying that children were like the buds in a garden. They should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they were the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow. He felt that children are the real strength of a country and the very foundation of society.

He was the giver of a famous slogan as “Aram Haram Hai.” He became the first chairman of the National Planning Commission and two years later he started a National Development Council in order to improve the living standard of the Indian people to make better quality of life. The first Five Year Plan was launched and implemented in 1951 under his guidance. He was very fond of the children so has created many ways for the growth and development of them. Later Children’s Day was declared by the Indian government to be celebrated every year for the wellness of the children on his birthday anniversary. Currently, another programme named Bal Swachhta Abhiyan has been launched by the Indian government to be celebrated on his birthday anniversary. He always gave the priority to the improvement of the untouchables, people of weaker sections of society, right of women and children welfare. “Panchayati Raj” system was launched throughout the country in order to take great step in the right direction for the welfare of the Indian people. He publicized the “Panch Sheel” system in order to maintain the international peace and harmony with India and made India as one of the leading countries of the world. The children at the main centre enjoy every bit of opportunity given to them. They took charge this time and decided to surprise their educators.

The pre vocation and vocational group children pooled their resources and bought balloons and festoons to decorate their school. Childrens day paper caps were distributed to all. They requested finally their teachers and other peer group to witness a small programme. This year the staff all dressed in the favourite color of our leader’s choice conducted various competitions for the students like drawing, Rangoli etc. The most eye catching Rangoli was of Our Chacha Nehru in Rangoli form created by Harish with support of his class teacher. They also educated the children with our national leaders in form of speeches and a fancy dress.. Choosing our late prime ministers favourite flower rose they showed their love for him by handing it to every





staff. There was also a musical chair event. After the end of session, prizes were distributed and the entire group was given snacks and sweets along with a gift which they cherished. It was time for fun and frolic, a day of celebration, as the staff and children of Pamela Martinez School and the Sabin centre prepared for Children's Day, a day to remember Jawaharlal Nehru, free India's first prime minister, with love and fondness. The excitement grew as the enthusiastic children all assembled to celebrate the event.



Able led by principal Annadurai and a team of dedicated teachers, great treats were prepared for the children. The faces of the tiny tots from kindergarten beamed as they saw their favourite snacks dangling before their eyes. The favourite snack was tied with a thread and the winner would be the one who could eat the entire piece of the treat. Loud cheering and claps urged the tiny tots to give their best shot. The next game was the balloon game where the contestant had to blow them till they burst and variation of the game was to sit on the blown balloon till it bursts. A mix of shyness, curiosity and every other expression was evident on their faces. After the girl babies it was the turn of the boys. Their younger peers watched with amazement the beautiful colors of the balloons blooming into greens, purple, yellow and pink with a dash of white too. There were some surprise extempore too from these tiny tots. The mike seemed to be larger than the speaker. The next interesting activity was standing at a distance and throwing the ball into the basket. The one with the maximum number was the winner. There was another fun game added to this event. A play activity involving the paper cups where the contestants had to blow the balloon in a paper cup and then the paper cup along with the balloon had to be placed into another paper cup. This process was to go on and the winner would be the one who could make the biggest pile of the papercups in tower formation. The next very interesting activity was pinning or drawing a tail of the donkey drawn on the blackboard being blindfolded. The entire group would break into tingling laughter when their peer fixed the tail other than the correct space.. Some of the kids



cheered and some just enjoyed the experience. The girls not to be left behind took part in the same activity. This followed by a group dance. Children took part in various games, mime shows, puzzles, painting, and singing. Children from Sabin centre - Ashok and Murugappan presented a short but sweet play. At the end of the day the children appeared to be exhausted from their activities while thoroughly enjoying their cakes and traditional Indian sweets. Such childhood delight made the adults realize that children are indeed precious gems and are divine gifts from above!





We do believe in the following quote made by our leader-

**"CHILDREN DO NOT THINK OF DIFFERENCES AMONGST THEMSELVES."**

## MAHATMA GANDHI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



School Voice of Tamil Nadu private School Association & YMCA Madras presented Mahatma Gandhi Award (For 100% Results Achievements in Govt Exams 2018) in association with Purchase Connect was held on Tuesday, 27 November 2018 at Hilton Hotel, Chennai. MJF Ln S. John Xavier Thangaraj, Correspondent and Sr. Principal of Little Flower Group of Institutions welcomed the gathering and enlightened them with the importance of the event. MARTIN Kennedy introduced the distinguished guests, Joseph Sundarraj, inspired the awardees with his motivational speech.

Dr. Vincent George (President of YMCA, Madras) and Mr P Asir Pandian graced the occasion. The culmination of the function was that over 300 schools were awarded the Mahatma Gandhi Achievement Award and over more than 100 Heads of Schools were presented the Educational Leadership Award. The event was divided into two sessions, in the first session the schools from Kancheepuram & others Districts were awarded and in the second session schools from Chennai & thiruvalluvar recognized for the stupendous achievement.

This award was received by our principal Mr Annadurai and Mrs Mohanavalli on behalf of our Pamela Martinez-Pathway Matriculation School. We were presented with a plaque thanking our management, teachers and parents for the success.





## CHRISTMAS



show on the 21.12.2018 at the agro farm.

It was a glorious Christmas celebrated with fervour and prayer in the heart. There was great excitement in the air as children from Pathway, Chennai, the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and Orphanage and the Sabin centre for the disabled joined together to showcase a grand



Children from the Pathway Chennai centre travelled by bus to the farm for this event. It was a very joyous group which arrived the venue in the afternoon. The programme was due to start only in the evening. To add to the festivities the Pathway Alumini too joined to be a part of this wonderful festive occasion. It was indeed a sight to watch the entire family of Pathway meeting at one area. Though each one was from different walks of life today but their mingling with each other only showed that they were bounded to each other by being a Pathwayian at heart. The sound of laughter, joy, animated talk and chatter filled the air.

It was indeed a sight to see hundreds of children dressed in colourful attire especially gifted to them to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. This special event was attended not



Chandra,

*You and all of the dedicated Pathway team bless us through your wonderful work among our underprivileged and handicapped brothers and sisters in India. For the extended Benac family and I am sure for every member of this board, our involvement in Pathway gives greater depth and increased meaning to our Christmas holiday and to the Savior's call to reach out to those in need with pure religion - to cloth the naked, feed the hungry and uplift and educate the downtrodden.*

*That we are eternal friends and that you and our sweet Prasad have been so dedicated for decades to God's great work is humbling for the rest of to even consider. May the great god of us all be with you and protect and uplift you, your family and the children, staff and friends of Pathway and give you spiritual and physical strength every hour of every day is our prayer for you in this wonderful and auspicious new year.*

*With love, affection and admiration...Bill and Barbara Benac*

*All throughout history a few men and women have soundly touched the world that centuries later humanity remembers and celebrates their contribution to our happiness and welfare.*

*Such was the impact Jesus had on the world. We are about to celebrate His divine birth. Why would a large part of the world bother, more than 2,000 years later, to celebrate such a birthday?*

*We celebrate His divine birth because what He promised us was simple yet profound, was self-centered yet it was meant to serve others, was practical yet was transcending. Didn't He say that the meek will inherit the earth, that the pure in heart will see God, that the peacemakers will be called the children of God?*

*I hope that each one of us will find ways to emulate the goodness and example of the One whose birth we celebrate with you.*

*May God's almighty blessings be upon all of you.*

*We send our deep love and affection*

*The Butel's*



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just by students of the entire pathway family but also included the children from community rehabilitation group and their parents and care givers.

The stage preparation was done with the help of the Pathway alumini which fixed the beautiful background banner painted by the children AND Sabin centre boys were added attraction who enacted the entire Nativity. The programme started with a opening hymn and prayer . This was followed by the director's welcome speech and some excerpts from our benefactors who so graciously sent the Christmas message. There was a welcome dance and skit by the school kids followed by dances to the tune of Feiz Navi Dad and Away in a Manger.



The staff from other centres sang for the benfit of the children with the final programme being Nativity. The entry of Santa Claus was the highlight since one could see all the children clapping with glee, their eyes shining bright and excitement lit in their hearts since they knew





he was their bearer of gifts according to their wish list. It was a scene of pure joy. The following words are so apt in the President quote below-

*"Let us make Christmas real. It isn't just tinsel and ribbon, unless we have made it so in our lives. Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values. It is peace because we have found peace in the Savior's teachings. It is the time we realize most deeply that the more love is expended, the more there is of it for others."*

---President Thomas S. Monson

## PONGAL

If mid-January is an important time in Tamil Nadu, so also it is for Pathway. The harvest festival falls typically on 14 January. This time the harvest brought great cheer in the hearts of everybody at the Pathway Agro Farm as plenty of rice and vegetables were harvested. These three day long Pongal festival was celebrated with great fun and frolic by the children and staff of Pathway, Chennai, the Pamela Martinez Matriculation School and the Sabin Centre for the differently abled. The wardens, special school staff, Farm staff, Supervisor, Electrician, Plumber, Driver and Hostel staff, teachers are called to participate in the event with their Tools All the children are involved in the spring cleaning of the entire campuses. The drivers are incharge of cleaning their vehicles. In general every body is involved in the above activity.

Though this practice is in everyday life here but this gives a start for a new year ringing in freshness and beauty all round. Special prayer was said by Shalini, and there after the Principal explained about the meaning and concept of these three days significance. A small joint prayer or pooja is organized and the blessings are given in form of puffed rice, fruits, sweets and ofcourse the inevitable goodness of sweetness- the sugarcane. this community act brings people closer and friendships and ties get stronger. Worshipping the tools which offer one's livelihood makes them respect these aids.

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

The second day, Pongal, is the main day, falling on the first day of the Tamil month Thai (January 14 — 15). Also known as Sarkarai Pongal or Veetu Pongal, it is celebrated by boiling rice with fresh milk and jaggery in new pots, which are later topped with brown sugar, cashew nuts and raisins early in the morning and allowing it to boil over the vessel. This tradition gives Pongal its name. The moment the rice boils over and bubbles out of the vessel, the tradition is to shout of "Ponggallo Ponggal!" and blowing the sangu (a conch), a custom practiced during the festival to announce it was going to be a year blessed with good tidings. All the children from all the centres joined along with their staff watched setting up of the clay pot on bricks with wood as the fuel. The sugarcane was a part of their decoration which was used in the form a



stand . The children were dressed in their new clothes and the entire farm was dotted with a riot of colors. A bystander could watch the kids bobbing their heads and chatting gleefully waiting for their principal to say the prayers. Once done all the pair of eyes were focused on the pot waiting for the rice to boil over. The sight of the rice boiling over immediately brought a chorus from children who shouted "Ponggallo Ponggal!" The happy faces smiled gleefully and waited with bated breath to receive the offerings made and ofcourse the best loved sugarcane. Children were busy seated in and around the playground area with their sugarcane pieces in their mouth and their strong teeth skillfully tearing the top layer and enjoying sucking the fresh juice. The excitement was hard to contain. Many a times watching them send an adult back to his memory lane where he or she relives their childhood

Once the pongal is ready a Padayal (the offering) is first made. Sharing of the Pongal with friends and relatives follows a few minutes of meditation or a prayer. The children were absolutely excited about this day. The excitement of a festival is always writ with pleasure on their face and this showed in their eagerness to follow any ritual rules like getting up early in the morning and having a shower and donning new clothes. The previous night the kids had collected their old clothes and each one had made their own bundles since the first day, Bhogi, is celebrated by throwing away and destroying old clothes and materials, by setting





them on fire, marking the end of the old Thai and the emergence of the new Thai. The excitement was definitely on high since they receive new clothes and toys to mark the occasion. The day set off by the girl children drawing kolam decorations in front of their school and dormitory buildings. Everywhere colorful buntings were installed. The buntings waved along with the breeze matching the childrens smiles. Their enthusiasm brought a renewed energy in the adults who thought less of their everyday worries and became a part of the scenario by joining the kids in the festivities.

The third day, Maattu Pongal, is for offering thanks to cattle, as they help farmer in different ways for agriculture. On this day the cattle are decorated with paint, flowers and bells. They are allowed to roam free and fed sweet rice and sugar cane. Some people decorate the horns with gold or other metallic covers. In some places, Jallikattu, or taming the wild bull contest, is the main event of this day and this is mostly seen in the villages.

The staff had organized a wonderful fun day programme for children . Some children were dressed in their traditional costumes. The older girl children danced a classical number in front of their peers to mark the





day's festivity. This was followed by a popular game known as Tug of war. The air was filled with happiness and joy and cheering sounds from the crowds who egged their groups to pull harder to win the contest. This was displayed by the tiny tots, middle school kids, special children, and ofcourse the lady staff members who were pitted against the male staff members. The boys were thrilled that their gender won. The adult special children weren't going to be left behind and they showed their skill in musical chair which was won by Citibabu followed by Srinivasan. The last but not the least was the blindfold game which challenged the participant to hit a pot which is hung eight to nine feet above the ground and try to smash it and carry the prize housed in it. It seems like another version of piñata. This exclusive award was won by Murugappan our Sabin centre student. Tired and exhausted the kids trooped in for their special food which they enjoyed and welcomed the nap after it. During the final day, Kaanum Pongal (the word kaanum means "to view") people visit beaches and theme parks. The children in batches were taken out to visit the nearby bird sanctuary. They were delighted.

At the Chennai centre children were dressed in their most beautiful attire. They all joined together swept the frontage paving way for a beautiful set of harvest images which included a overflowing pot of sweet





rice, the symbol cow which denotes kamadhenu and sugarcane. Their principal Mrs Jeyseeli patiently explained the meaning of the festival. The children listened with rapt attention. To the utmost delight of the children the staff performed a folk dance. Every student present there cheered their favourite teacher with beaming smiles. In turn the children enacted the entire harvest festival in dance form using various props so preciously made by their special hands.

This day is a day to thank relatives and friends for their support in the harvest. Although it started as a farmers festival, today it has become a national festival for all Tamils irrespective of their origins, caste or even religion. It is as popular in urban areas as is in rural areas.

## ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF THE KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT SELF FINANCING SCHOOL'S ASSOCIATION

On the 19<sup>th</sup> January 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. We were awarded with a plaque and certificate which was received by the Hony Director Chandra Prasad on behalf of the school along with the entire team of the school headed by the principal.





The chief guest was Sri Dr V Irai Anbu, IAS who is the *Principal Secretary & Director Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Govt of TamilNadu*. The other elite members were Dr V C R Murugan, *Director of School Education, Govt of Tamilnadu*, Dr S Kannappan- *Director of Matriculation Schools, Govt of Tamilnadu*, Dr G Arivoli, *The Director, State Council of Educational Research and training, Govt of Tamilnadu* and Sri R Dandapani, *The Director of Engineering, Zoho Corporation*

## IMPRESSIONS OF A VISITOR

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(in their own words – 09.07.2018)

In February 2018 my family visited both the Chennai & agricultural facilities of Pathway and were greatly impacted by the experience. It was a particularly special experience for me to see how much Pathway has grown since my first visit over 20 years ago. A few things that stand out:

-- Everyone has a job to do that contributes to the success of the whole: We observed this in so many ways. The staff are busy and consistent with the children. The older youth know that they are models for the younger ones. The young children know what their next job is and where they are supposed to be. It became clear to me that Pathway has somehow learned how to teach the principle of industry. Also, the children perform to the high expectation that is set for them because they know the privilege and opportunity that they have been given. What a powerful combination gratitude and industry make.

-- Generational influence: In the days leading up to the Pathway Excellence Awards ceremony, we had the opportunity to get to know many of the Pathway alumni who had returned to renew friendships and prepare the campus for the festivities. They were self organized and worked hard. They were cheerful. I spoke to these good young people for many hours and found them to be rare examples of compassion and optimism. They had worthy goals and realistic plans. I could see the students watching the alumni. It was clear they see the path forward brought to life by the decisions the alumni are making in their lives.

-- The quality of education: The teachers are clearly invested in the success of the students. The material was challenging. We observed lectures and saw many detailed science presentations on advanced topics in fields such as anatomy, power, astronomy, and computer science.

On a more personal note, it was through a small miracle that I realized a young friend I had made 20 years ago was one of the disabled adults now at the vocational training facility. The discovery was made while I was sitting next to him participating in one of their training tasks. It was a moment of pure joy. I've reflected often that it is pretty hard to catch one of the disabled adults without a smile on their face. A real lesson for the rest of us.

Our visit to Pathway has quickly become a cherished memory in our family history. It awoke within us a great desire to help. I believe that anyone who spends any time with the good people & children of Pathway could not help but feel the same. The closer you get, the more you become aware of the harsh reality of the need being filled, and the efficiency of the inspired structure that is in place. Our goal as a family is to not falter in showing our love of Pathway through our time and means. Thank you so much for the opportunity to visit.

\*\*\*\*\*TIM, KAREN, CAMERON, AIDAN, RILEY, AND KALISTA FEWKES



(in their own words - 21.01.2019)

As you know we are privileged to have recently visited Chandra and Pathway in and near Chennai. What an amazing and wonderful thing this is. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to more fully understand what Pathway is and how it is truly saving and transforming lives. Chandra was a most gracious and welcoming hostess. We so regret that we were not able to know Dr. Prasad. He must have been a wonderful human being, as is she.

God bless you and the entire organization for your efforts. Would that we were in a position to assist. The children are so very precious. We will never forget their eyes, their faces, their smiles. Thank you again for the opportunity.

\*\*\*\*\*GRANT & JEANETTE HURST

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Republic day in India is celebrated every year with great pride on 26th of January to honour the Constitution of India as it came into force on the same day in the year 1950. It had replaced the Government of India Act, 1935 into the governing document of India. On this day, national holiday is declared by the Indian Government. The new Indian Constitution was sketched and approved by the Indian Constituent Assembly and decided to celebrate it on 26th of January every year as India became a republic country.



Government of India organizes a major event every year in the National capital, New Delhi. The event begins with the Prime Minister of India laying a wreath at the Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate, commemorating all the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country. Soon, a 21 gun salute is presented, the President unfurls the National Flag and the National Anthem is played. This marks the beginning of the parade. The President is accompanied by a notable foreign Head of State - who is the invited Chief Guest at the celebration.

After the flag hoisting event, Indian Armed Forces parade and various other activities are held in front of the India Gate. People start to assemble at Rajpath in early morning to witness this great event. A parade of all three wings of Indian Armed Forces starts from the Vijay Chowk which also displays the advanced warfare capabilities of the





Rajpath.

country. Military Bands of all the regiment, NCC Cadets and ex-army men also take part in the parade. Tableaus from all the states are also displayed after the parade showing the rich tradition of India. Folk dances and various stunts are also exhibited by the participants and army personnel on

Soon after, awards and medals of bravery are given by the President to the people from the armed forces for their exceptional courage in the field and also to those civilians who have distinguished themselves by their different acts of valour in different situations. After this, helicopters from the armed forces fly past the parade area showering rose petals on the audience. The military parade is followed by a colourful cultural parade. India's rich cultural heritage is depicted in the form of tableaus from various states. Each state depicts its unique festivals, historical locations and art. This exhibition of diversity and richness of the culture of India lends a festive air to the occasion.

Tableaus from various government department and ministries of India are also presented displaying their contribution towards the progress of the nation. The most cheered section of the parade is when the children who have won National Bravery Awards ride past the dais on elephants. School-children from all over the country also participate in the parade showcasing folk dances and singing to the tunes of patriotic songs.



The parade also includes displays of skillful motor-cycle rides, by the Armed Forces personnel. The most eagerly awaited part of the parade is the fly past, put on by the Indian Air Force. The fly past marks the conclusion of the parade, when fighter planes of the IAF roar past the dais, symbolically saluting the President. Beating The Retreat officially denotes the end of Republic Day festivities. All-important Government Buildings are beautifully decorated with lights every evening from 26th to 29th. Beating the



Retreat ceremony is conducted on the evening of January 29, the third day after the Republic Day. The ceremony starts by the massed bands of the three services marching in unison, playing popular marching tunes. The drummers also give a solo performance (known as the



Drummer's Call). Followed by this the drummers play **Abide With Me** (which is also said to be Gandhiji's favourite) and the chimes made by the tubular bells, placed quite at a distance, create a mesmerizing ambience.



This is followed by the bugle call for Retreat, the band master then marches to the President and requests permission to take the bands away, and informs that the closing ceremony is now complete. The bands march back playing a popular martial tune **Saare Jahan Se Achcha**. At exactly 6 pm, the buglers sound the retreat and the National Flag is lowered, and the National Anthem is sung, bringing the Republic Day celebrations to a formal end.

After completing the formality at the Chennai centre the trust members drove down to the farm to partake in the event there. Children at Pamela Martinez and the Sabin Centre group were not to be left out. The show started with an impressive march past which included all the children from every class including the



Sabin adult group. The march past was followed by a wonderful beat of the band. The band leader had made sure that all his counterparts were in their best attire which caught envy of many. This year the salute was taken by the President of our Trust.

The flag hoisting was done by our President Dhuli Patnaik. The programme started with a welcome dance by our tiny tots, followed by a meticulous drill by the boys group. They showed their prowess in the different drill and exercises like pyramid formation which was followed by resounding applause from their peer groups. The children put up a show which showed their expertise in drill, lazem, dumb bells, hoops having our national flag color, followed by a pyramid construction which had many variations. And finally followed by a circular wheel which depicted the angle of progress in all spheres of life as a nation. The younger group enacted a small skit dressed in various costumes of different religions to showcase unity in diversity followed by a dance sequence by higher class girl students who used the tri colors of our flag in form of dupatta as props.

The children also had formerly painted and drawn drawings related to this day which was eagerly viewed by all the assembled guests, peer groups, staff and well-wishers. In all the children practised their best to win the hearts of their trainers and







audience alike. The girls were not far behind. They to showed a display of their skills in pyramids followed by variations in their techniques. They left the arena after saluting the flag and taking a bow. It was indeed a sight to watch that the Sabin Centre was not left far behind. When they took the stage to perform the entire students and their peer and every person present there cheered and welcomed them. A very confident group walked up and displayed their prowess. They performed a skit which was keenly watched by all. They too did the pyramids and added a special touch with Amarnath upholding our national flag high.

Speeches were carefully prepared by students in local and English language which were read out by Nivetha, Srimathi, Murugeswari, Priya and Haripriya. The older students kept the audience enchanted by a mime show depicting our Indian army who guard our nation to their best of ability and ended the show with a heartfelt gratitude sign. This was followed by a group of dancers from VII and IX standard kids who depicted in their performance the different states of India. The Director gave the vote of thanks and children were treated with the chocolates followed a special lunch and later a TV show of the days event being telecasted from the national capital.

## PATHWAY EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 2018



Another memorable day was etched in Pathways diary in the form of Pathway Excellence Award on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for the year 2018.

Preparations were made way ahead for this prestigious function. We were looking forward to receive our august guests from abroad





namely- Mr Jean-Luc Butel, President of K8 Global and Senior Advisor for McKinsey & Company, Independent Director of Varian Medical Systems and Takeda Pharmaceutical and our Indian counterparts Mr Karthikeyan Ganesan -Founder-Director of Sristi Village Foundation, Dr Susan Hilton -Medical Director/Managing Director of Rising Star Outreach of India Mr Raghuram P-HOD, Dept. of Occupational Therapy of Sri Ramachandra University and Mr Narendran N - Regional Manager , TMB . We definitely missed our other wonderful supporters who though were absent physically were in true spirits with us. This programme was attended by children and staff of all our centres, The Community Based Rehabilitation group, parents, well wishers and ofcourse the Pathway Alumni group.

The Pathway Excellence award was conferred in an impressive but a simple function recently at Pamela Martinez-Pathway Agro farm for children, Kancheepuram district. The venue was tastefully decorated with colorful 'Shamiana' with a large newly constructed stage. These awards were conferred on meritorious poorest rural children of Tamil Nadu selected from all over the district. This concept of bestowing awards on such children was conceived eight years ago. Pathway being an organization serving the disabled and the poor wanted to focus on the needy children who show promise in their scholastic performance. The mandate of the organization has been to serve the most needy and deserving children without any bias to their religion, caste or any other consideration.

It is the aim of the organization to discover the unsung heroes who live in the dusty rural areas of the state without being recognized. The aim of Pathway also has been to





uncover the potential of highly deserving children who are generally neglected or marginalized by the society because of their obvious problems, such as, poverty, lack of opportunities, poor facilities in the rural areas, etc. The panel also studied the performance of each short listed student from the 50 applications received in his/ her scholastic achievement as well as in their all round achievement. The specialty of this award was to allocate a mentor to each of the selected awardees. Pathway has selected a panel of highly successful professionals drawn from different walks of life for the mentorship program. The panel consisted of doctors, engineers, captains of industry, marketing and business management experts, scientists, administrators, etc Pathway believes in the following quote regarding education irrespective of any odds beautifully said by Malala- “Let us pick up our books and our pens,” I said. “They are our most powerful weapons. One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.” — Malala Yousafzai,

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

It is indeed a great day for Pathway and me. Pathway after it's inception in the year 1975, with just two children has touched the lives of more than 40,500 children and adults with various needs. Our organization has been working with children and adults with mental retardation, cerebral Palsy, autism and related dysfunctions with great zeal from the past 43 years.

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

Excellence award was given for three categories of high performers. During this event 7 meritorious children were conferred with



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

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

The most coveted awards were:

The Pathway- Judge William Sheffield Excellence Award

The Pathway- Gary Sabin Excellence Award [to two candidates]

The Pathway A D S N Prasad Excellence Award

The Pathway- William P Benac Excellence Award

The Pathway-Jean-Luc Butel Excellence Award

The Pathway -Pamela – Alex Martinez Excellence Award

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

Almost every Awardee had a great and impressive story. The first award being in the founder of Pathway's name --The Pathway Dr A D S N Prasad Excellence Award in honor of Dr A D S N PRASAD who believed and had an overwhelming desire to help children with or without disabilities. He believed in a bright future and most of all in happiness of a child. This very prestigious award is being awarded to **ARUNA**, Aruna, a young talented girl child. is studying in Govt. Higher Secondary School at ENDATHUR not far from here. Science being her favourite. has kindled her ambition to become a Doctor. Her father passed away untimely when she was studying in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, leaving her mother -a Tailor by profession and the only bread winner of her family. Though she was born in a poor





family; she has achieved many awards. She has received 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in State level for inspire award, 4th place in state level Chief Minister's Cultural competition, and 4th place in quiz competition at state level.. She has participated in various other competitions and receives a Govt. Scholarship to aid her further studies. We encourage her to achieve more. Pathway salutes this great achiever .



The Pathway Judge William Sheffield excellence Award was given in honor of judge William Sheffield who sees pathway as an institution where he truly sees essence of a child and where miracles happen. He also believes that all roads always lead to pathway. this award was conferred on N VIGNESH. Vignesh is our alumni student, who has studied from LKG to 10<sup>th</sup> grade. He lost his father when he was 4yrs old; and his mother raised 3 children in extreme poverty. As he is a first child he wanted to study well and provide for his family. Today he is a budding journalist and working with us. He owes his credit to Dr. ADSN Prasad who not only is his inspiration but fondly referred as DAD. Pathway takes pride in honouring this special young man. Pathway is proud to honour this great achiever.



The Pathway-Gary Sabin Excellence Award was bestowed onto two very special differently abled children-----the first being DEVENDRAN.... Devendran has won this excellence award-2019 for his amazing talent in making Paper mats which have contributed in making our nativity set. He joined PATHWAY in 2018. And has already become a resourceful person. Born in a very poor family with one younger sister studying 5<sup>th</sup> std Devendran has shown and chosen to walk on the untread road. I mention this because with all his challenges he has completed tenth grade which will now enable him to get a job at Pathway. We are extremely proud of this young man



The next special child being NAVEEN an autistic teenager. We at Pathway have discovered his very uncanny talent of molding clay into any object that he sees in fraction of a second. Born on 2003, as a normal child, at the age of 3 he was diagnosed with ASD . Today with all these labels Naveen has made a mark in his own right and established to not only his parents but also the outside world that he too is



a force to reckon with. Ladies and gentlemen and everyone seated here kindly give him a huge round of applause. We are proud to have him and feel blessed that we are a part of his journey.

The next prestigious award was given in honor of **Pamela and Alex Martinez** who have not just given this beautiful piece of land that we are enjoying today but also are currently supporting our facility and are our supporting pillar. They run an organization today known as A Brighter Path which is a Human Services Supporting Organization in Capo Beach, California. This great award was awarded to SOWMYA L who is based in Kancheepuram district. Sowmya has won this Pathway Excellence award for her academics. She has scored 1<sup>st</sup> place in 10<sup>th</sup> & 12 grades among 151 students in the Govt. School. She has trudged kms Every day using her bicycle to reach her school. This young lady though hailing from very poor background but loving parents dreamt about being a doctor. Not being able to get selected for the same she has aimed now to be a pharmacist and help people in her own way. We salute her for her courage and wish the almighty showers her with choicest blessings for a better future we at pathway acknowledge her efforts .

The next award was in the name of **WILLIAM P BENAC**. He is not just a supporter of pathway but his entire family has served pathway over years in different ways. We are indeed indebted to him. Brother Benac has been an active member and Bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We are proud to say that he has retired from his lucrative job and is now working as a supporter full time for pathway. In his honor we conferred this award on R Ebenezer from Rising Star Outreach Ebenezer is a quiet and handsome boy from the Krishnagiri Leprosy Colony. He joined Rising star in the 3rd grade. And now finishing 11<sup>th</sup> grade, studying Commerce and Computer Science His grandfather Gopal is a leprosy patient. His father G.Raja is a Painter and mother R.Nirmala is a homemaker. Mr. Raja has problem in his right eye and he is visually impaired. He is the only breadwinner of the family.. He is also doing Computer Automation Course, which being a one year Vocational Training Course. is sponsored by the Directorate of Skills Development Program, Government of India. He







has learnt MS Office, basic computer skills and received the Vocational Training Certificate, which is valid for registering in the District Employment Office. His future plans include studying Master of Business Administration and work in a bank

The final award was in the name of **JEAN-LUC BUTEL**. A French gentleman whom I met in 1996, never even imagined would be one more strong pillar of pathway. Not just for a year but three decades till date along with his family have volunteered here. We salute this wonderful soul who is today the Global Healthcare advisor for k8 in Singapore. He provides guidance, support and expertise in broad areas of health care. Jean-Luc also serves as a Senior Advisor to the McKinsey's Health Care practice. We are honoured to know him. This award was conferred **ANAND RAJ** is the next candidate for Pathway Excellence Award. He hails from Sristi Foundation Being a person with Cerebral Palsy and having added disabilities Anandraj has shown what passion and determination can do., Today he is working as a Member Associate in sristi foundation for the last five years much to the delight of his mentor- mr Karthikeyan Ganesan.

We also added special awards to this function by adding and recognising some of our staff at the CHENNAI centre namely our best Public relation officer Mrs Indira Achutan She has been working tirelessly over the years. Its not just her but her children and today her grandchildren who too are contributing to the growth of Pathway. We salute such a lady and pray to the Almighty to give her more strength and to continue with the same zeal and enthusiasm. The second award was presented to Mr Kannan who holds the post of a driver He has driven us safe over years covering thousands of kms to and fro between the centres which has aided us to do more work . His ever smiling face and always a positive YES has allowed us to do more beyond the call of duty We are blessed to have such a fine person in our midst.

A variety of cultural programme from all the centres was presented for the benefit of the audience. We started with remembering our founder - Dr Prasad's birthday. Starting with a hymn we moved on to showcase some









programmes for our audience which included a welcome dance by tiny tots, a classical bharatnatyam dance by Haripriya, Reena, and Dhivyapriya. Our Sabin adults performed a mime depicting the effects of Pollution and finally the Chennai centre special children presented the folk dance on Harvest.

The audience also witnessed a small video presentation of our agriculture work, preparation of our new found NATIVITY product and the school events for the year.

Chandra Prasad, Hony Director and Chief Functionary, Pathway, described briefly the work done by the organization for the disabled from the past 43 years and has also outlined contribution made by Pamela Martinez school and orphanage and the Agro Farm, and Chennai Centre. She said nearly 40,500 lives have been touched by Pathway over these years.

The vote of thanks was conveyed by our Vice- President Mr Abhijeet Parekh. He conveyed his grateful thanks to Judge William Sheffield, Gary Sabin, Spencer P, David Haslam, William and Barbara Benac, Pamela and Alex Martinez, Jean-Luc Butel and Jim and Karen Dossdall for their long association and for their great contributions. He also thanked all the special invitees, friends, well-wishers, doctors, staff, children, press and people from the community who were responsible for making this great event a memorable one.

## BHUMI-NAKSHATRA SPORTS LEAGUE

September 9th, 2018 marked the inter-home sports fest day organised by Bhumi. This event witnessed participation from more than 40 orphanages and shelter homes in and around Chennai. The event provided a platform for children to exhibit their talent, athletic prowess, and develop sportsmanship attitude. Coming from a lesser privileged background, these children hardly get any exposure to sports and this event essentially gives them that opportunity and plays a major part in helping them explore their talents. Looking at the statistics of the event, the numbers look incredible. Kids from over different homes poured in for the





PARTICIPANT	EVENT	PRIZE
M KISHORE K	CHESS SENIORS	2ND
B JEEVITH	CHESS JUNIOR	3RD
GROUP	KHO-KHO-GIRLS	RUNNER UP
GROUP	THROW BALL- GIRLS	2ND
THANRAJ	RUNNING RACE-200MTRS	2ND
SARANRAJ	RUNNING-RELAY	1ST

event, of which many were participating for the first time. A Nakshatra record-breaking 3500 children participated in the event. The event was made possible because of the efforts of many volunteers. This year the sports fest was hosted at Agni College of Engineering,

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

Our Children, boys who were selected for this grand finale participated in three categories – Juniors, Seniors, Super Seniors. 100m, 200m, and 400m race followed by the most anticipated track event – the relay. Field events including shot put, long jump, and high jump, saw enthusiastic competition. The outdoor events showed the maximum energy and loud cheering with events such as Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Tennikoit, Volleyball, mini-football, shuttle badminton, and throwball. Simultaneously the indoor event saw quiet sporting among the kids with Carrom and Chess. There were volunteers at every stage who attended tot the task of guiding and attending to the kids. Childrens safety and welfare was given the utmost importance. As the day came to an end and the announcement of the winners was being read out our staff and children







waited with bated breath. We are utterly delighted to inform our readers that our children did receive prizes in the following category-

Kishore Kumar received the second place in the Chess Seniors category along with a certificate of Merit, B Jeevith in junior boys category received the third place in Chess. D Thanraj won the second and Saranraj walked away with first place in running. We believe that sports is a very important sphere in ones life. If started early in life it can fuel a passion in the games and the spirit of sportsmanship is instilled for life.



After the prize distribution ceremony and the vote of thanks delivered our staff along with the children and principal made their way back from Chennai to their farm unit tired but satisfied and happy



It was an eventful day, for both the children and the volunteers. Smiles and grins brightened the evening, and laughter and giggles resonated in the air, as the children waved off goodbyes to the volunteers and other homes. Nothing was amiss as they parted ways, only treasuring the memories and bid adieu with bountiful happiness. On the other side, a profound sense of belongingness and nostalgia lingered around the volunteers as they wound up after the day's events exhausted with a sweet sense of satisfaction and

contentment. Alas the months of their preparation had to come a grand finish and they stated with pride the success of the event.





## TOUR-EDUCATIONAL



An educational tour was conducted for eighth to tenth graders. Their curriculum included a visit to a nearby village known as Sirunagalur for experiencing first hand a working of a modern rice mill. The other visit was reserved for a poultry farm situated a km away from the rice mill in a village known as Thirumukkadu village. The children were excited to see the process working of both these centres which would deepen their concept and appreciate the entire process involved. The below is a description of what they witnessed in each area. The following is summarized in the brief given below by the

owner of the mill in simple description to the children

He explained in detail that the milling process in large commercial mills combines a number of operations that produce better quality and higher yield of white rice from paddy or rough rice. It involves the following steps. Basically first the-

### ❖ Pre-cleaning

When paddy comes into the mill, it contains foreign materials such as straw, weed seeds, soil, and other inert materials. If these are not removed before hulling, the efficiency of the huller and milling recovery will be reduced. The capacity of the paddy pre-cleaner is normally 1.5 times the milling capacity.

### ❖ Removing the husk (dehusking or dehulling)

Brown rice is produced by removing the husk from rough paddy rice. The husk is removed by friction as the paddy grains pass between two abrasive surfaces that move at different speeds. After dehusking, the husk is removed by suction and transported to a storage dump outside the mill. Husk accounts for 20% of the paddy weight and an efficient husker should remove 90% of the husk in a single pass.

### ❖ Paddy separation

The paddy separator separates unhusked paddy rice from brown rice. The amount of paddy present depends on the efficiency of the husker and should







not be more than 10%. Paddy separators work by making use of the differences in specific gravity, buoyancy, and size between paddy and brown rice.

#### ❖ Whitening or polishing

White rice is produced by removing the bran layer and the germ from the paddy. The bran layer is removed from the kernel through either abrasive or friction polishers. The amount of bran removed is normally between 8 and 10% of the total paddy weight. To reduce the number of broken grains during the whitening process, rice is normally passed through two to four whitening machines connected in series.

#### ❖ Separation of white rice

After polishing, white rice is separated into head rice, large and small broken rice, and “brewers” by an oscillating screen sifter. Head rice is normally classified as kernels that are 75–80% or more of a whole kernel. To attain a higher degree of precision for grading and separation a length or indent grader is used.

#### ❖ Rice mixing

A good rice mill will produce 50–60% head rice (whole kernels), 5–10% large broken and 10–15% small broken kernels. Depending on country standards, rice grades in the market will contain from 5–25% broken kernels. If rice mixing is to be done properly, then a volumetric mixer is necessary.

#### ❖ Mist polishing

Mixing a fine mist of water with the dust retained on the whitened rice improves the luster of rice (polishes) without significantly reducing milling yield. A friction type of whitening machine, which delivers a fine mist of water during the final whitening process, is used





for “final” polishing before sale.

#### ❖ Rice weighing

Rice is normally sold in 50 kg sacks which must be accurately weighed and labeled. While most rice mills use a manual mechanical weighing system, very accurate, and fast electronic systems are also available.

The other visit took them to the entrance of a poultry farm where the guides and teachers helped them to understand the basic features of a poultry farm and its functions.



The poultry farming plays an important role in the rural economy of India. During the last two decades, the poultry industry in India has gained a tremendous

momentum and has virtually reached a stage of self-sufficiency and specialisation. Rapid growth of poultry industry has been encouraging many farmers to adopt poultry farming as the main source of their income. In spite of various developments in modern poultry farming, disease problems remain as a major constraint affecting its successful functioning. There are few segments in poultry industry, comprising layers and broilers. Layers are chicken reared specifically, for production of eggs. These birds are kept in cages during their productivity life cycle of 72 weeks. Once their productivity declines they are sold in the market for consumption. Broilers are pumped with vitamins and proteins and are reared specifically for meat and have a life cycle of 10 weeks before they are sold as quality chicken for meat. Income from layer farm poultry products includes sale of eggs, cull birds, gunny bags and manure. India is marching ahead towards attaining nutritional security for its people. In this context, poultry eggs, which is highly nutritious and the cheapest

source of high quality protein and the poultry meat that is comparatively less expensive than that of red meat.

India carves a niche in the poultry industry





of the world by securing third and fifth place in global chicken egg and broiler production respectively. Among its states, Tamil Nadu holds the lions share by being second in the country's egg production and fourth in broiler production by producing about 4400 million eggs and 250 million broilers per annum. In the end the staff explained to the children that Namakkal, known as the egg town a district of TamilNadu accounts for 90% of the total egg exports from the country.

## DENGUE: CAUSES, SYMPTOMS & PREVENTION



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

The mosquito-borne viral disease dengue has become one of the worst nightmares of the country. Also called 'breakbone fever' or 'dandy

fever', it is caused by a family of viruses and is transmitted via aedes mosquitoes. Dengue begins suddenly, with more benign symptoms at first but which may get severe with time. The symptoms of the disease show in three to seven, and sometimes fifteen, days. They include fever, headache, joint and muscle pain, swollen lymph nodes and rashes. Recovery from dengue does not take over a week unless the condition gets severe. Mostly asymptomatic, if the condition gets critical, dengue can be life-threatening. The fever of dengue can attack anyone but those with weaker immunity are more prone to the disease getting severe when they are attacked. As it is caused by any of the five serotypes of the *aedes aegypti*, also called the yellow fever mosquito, dengue can happen multiple times to the same person. However, the person acquires immunity to the particular viral serotype which has already attacked him. A more severe form of dengue is dengue hemorrhagic fever. The symptoms of dengue hemorrhagic fever include headache, rashes and fever besides bleeding in the body (haemorrhage), formation of red splotches on the skin, black coloured stool, bleeding in gums or nose and a weakened immunity. Dengue hemorrhagic fever is life threatening and can lead to dengue shock syndrome, which is as severe and fatal. Hearing about this dreaded condition we





at Pathway immediately set out on war footing. Basically everybody was educated on the type of mosquito which cause this deadly viral infection which when not treated could lead to death. The dengue mosquito (dengue Machar) *Aedes aegypti* is one of the only few type of mosquitoes that spread dengue disease.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Close monitoring in this critical period is crucial.

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

Our doctors were consulted and they all agreed that tests of platelets, hemoglobin, coagulation profile, liver enzymes. and some specific tests to detect Dengue can be taken for safety reasons.

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





We are proud to report that except for high temperatures that we witnessed in many children, we were able to contain this dreaded viral infection and apart from a few staff who needed hospitalization everybody scathed out without any serious damage. Keeping our childrens health priority we also got the government to fumigate our centres along with educating our kids through skits, talks and animation clips. Our children were also educated on identifying this mosquito by way of pictures and models. During this season light color clothes with full sleeves was one more precaution taken. *Early diagnosis Early treatment with fluids and Close monitoring became our motto.*



## PATHWAY ALUMINI GROUP

The Pathway Alumini group once again this academic year have proved their mettle. Three young men who were in their threshold of life instead of venturing out in the open world for better prospects decided to volunteer their time at the agrofarm. I was not very sure whether these young men were really keen to work at the farm or it was just their passing fancy. After a much round of talks and debates I decided to allow them to volunteer not very convinced about their commitment

The reasons were many and the strongest being it meant them to be stationed in a rural area and reside at the farm which would mean less contact with the outside world. My mind was already ready to accept their resignation before the month was over. A month rolled into the next and the next. I was truly amazed with their ability to stand and face the challenges. This paved way for hiring these young men into Pathway's payroll. The first being Meghanathan.

This young man who has grown in Pathway has completed B.Tech degree in electronics and communication engineering and worked at Tech Mahindra inspite of medical issues. His keen interest in agriculture combined with engineering skills have led him today to be a farm maintenance supervisor.

Vignesh is completed his degree in Journalism from madras Christian college and decided to work as part time with us. His love for photography and excellent knowledge in the web world has allowed us to use his new acquired skills to recreate our new website. Vignesh has an elder sister (Priyanka) who has done higher secondary and is now working as a sales executive with a hotel chain group. and an elder brother (N. Venkatraman) who has completed diploma in mechanical engineering.





The third being Prasanth who though hasn't got into advanced studies decided to take control over the kitchen area since his passion for cooking and culinary art had surfaced very early in life. His sheer love and care for the children who find it easier to relate to him about their diet or any change in their daily food plan menu.

As always Pathway invited the alumini group to join for the Founder's Anniversary and Pathway Excellence Award day which they did participate with full interest. They also evinced keen interest in planting new saplings as their contribution. More than twenty volunteers joined the group under the

leadership of Vignesh who had split the team to do the above along with other various activities at the farm centre.

Once the date was set the alumini spent a week earlier to overlook and work in various areas at the farm which included trimming and cleaning the entry road to the farm, cleaning of the interior roads of the farm, and painting of the nursery pots. They also painted the swimming pool fencing, and used their nimble hands to decorate the paths with banana leaf buntings and also serial lights at the main entry.

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

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

During their stay I was able to learn more about each child and their challenges in life along with their achievements. Listening to them was a proud moment since they were





the end products of Pathways efforts. I applaud these kids. Some of their stories are being summarized below.

Sarvanan and Priyanka have finished their studies at SRM college where they were pursuing in RENAL DIALYSIS TECH field. In the same batch Binitha completed her bachelors in RADIOLOGIST. They have been steadfast in this degree for the last 4 years. It was indeed a very proud moment when we were invited to attend their convocation which we did with grateful heart. The new doors of life were opening up in front of them. Priyanka has already procured a job whereas Binitha has decided to pursue higher studies and Saravana has entered his mission calling. Children do realise that - "The more educated we are, the better life we can expect to live. Education makes us aware and gives us an understanding of things happening around, due to education we learn to question confidently and gain better understanding. A person who does not know how to question accepts every information be it correct or incorrect. Education makes us independent or in other words it makes us self reliant. Gives us an opportunity to bring blessings to our own life and also to reach out and help others. If I get a better education I can expose myself and get a better job which will make me financially well and provide for my family."



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

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

Aakash pitched in to say that after completing the bakery he has been absorbed by KFC in Chennai's airport zone. On the other hand his sister Aashika has completed her B.Com. Meenakshi completed her fourth year in Aeronautical Engineering and has come out with flying colors along with the likes of Swathi who has completed BE(ECE) Engineering . Meenakshi too has joined the mission calling.

Some children having finished their basic education are leading fruitful family life like Sarala, Meena, Shantini, Shilpa and Akila who has there more siblings and being the eldest in her family has completed her graduation and is currently working in IIT Chennai. She is happily married too. Her next sibling Agana has completed her graduation course and has settled down in life. Their third sibling Anitha is studied B.Com. and is on probation at Pathway agro farm as an accountant cum book keeper. The children were absolutely







thrilled to hear each others progress. Praveen is in 3rd year of RENAL DIALYSIS at SRM UNIVERSITY. The other kids have just completed their courses like Nehru, Jude, Kalaiselvi who is looking out for a job, the other children are still studying like Mercy, Esther, Amudha, Vithya Bharathi, Aravind, Manjula, Vijayalakshmi, Sandhiya, Sowmiya and Seetha. Vidhya and Anushaya are in pursuing Nursing, Suganthi and Padma are currently doing microbiology. K. Sornamugi, Saran have qualified in ITI and is right now serving the mission.. Deepalakshmi who has another four siblings completed her secondary and is working with

a HP gas agency. Manikandan, qualified in hotel management and is working today in one of the fastest growing chain of hotels known as A2B. Robinson too completed his diploma in hotel management and currently on mission

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

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

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

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

The brighter side of their heart can be summed up in a more beautiful act that some of them have been doing is paying a part of their salary into the alumini group to help and aid any new comer or a needy soul. We applaud their thought and hope that this only strengthens them more in the days to come.

## STATISTICS – STAFF

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



## MEDICAL - DENTAL UNIT / FARM

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

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



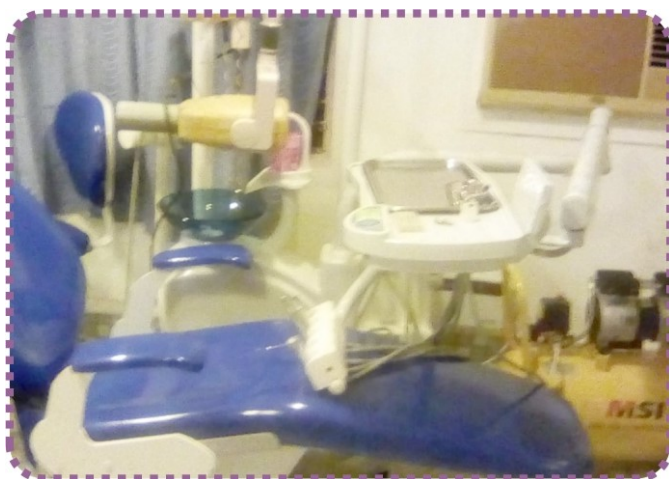
Staff includes:

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

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

Average number of patients treated in one month:

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





Apart from offering just medical services to a limited number of poor and needy patient now the organization has decided to modify and magnify this work by adding services to the disabled, particularly in the far flung rural areas of the district. This mobile disability and medical hospital or hospital on wheels has already made a pilot move in offering services in certain areas. Now the organization will extend this services to certain towns and large villages, as Pathway has already conducted data collection in at least 6 towns and large villages.

The dental unit is continuing it's services to hundreds of children of the Orphanage as well the special children and adults of the Sabin Centre for Rehabilitation and Education of the Disabled. It has also conducted camps thereby reaching more in numbers. Poor patients from these villages have been attending the medical unit for their general medical needs, where they receive drugs, medicines besides consultations and diagnostic tests. All these services continue to be offered free of cost to the most deserving.

## ORAL POLIO VACCINATION

Every year literally Pathway has been a base to draw in children from surrounding areas to get benefitted from the govt driven polio vaccination programme 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018. With a drastic decline in the number of polio cases across the country the government decided to complete oral polio vaccination in one phase. We feel satisfied to note that in some humble way we are able to help the cause of polio eradication in India

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

In 2019, TamilNadu is stepping into 15<sup>th</sup> polio free year. As per Dr K Kolandasamy, the director of Public Health, this is possible because of successful implementation of pulse polio campaign We need to sustain this polio free status a d protect a children from any possible







transmission of wild polio virus according to him. Children below the age of five years are administered polio vaccine by the Tamil Nadu government. The pulse polio vaccination, was inaugurated 10th March as part of a nationwide campaign, and involved nearly two lakh public health personnel, Integrated Child Development Services, education and other government departments and volunteers were roped in for the campaign supported by UNICEF, WHO and Rotary International.. As part of the drive, around 43,051 immunisation booths were set up across the state in primary health centers, government hospitals, noon meal centers and schools including our centres which

functioned from 7am to 5pm. The state also operated 1,000 mobile booths for children living in remote and inaccessible areas and localities that have a migrant population and atleast 1652 transit booths which functioned at major bus stands, railway stations, toll plazas, checkpoints and airports.

## CONGRATULATING YET ANOTHER BATCH OF WINNERS!!!!

The Tamil Nadu Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) or Class 10th exam results was declared on Monday, April 29, 2019. The pass percentage of this year is 94.5 %.



The overall pass percentage of Tamil Nadu Results 2019 is 95.2. Nearly 10 lakh students had wrote the Class X Tamil Nadu board exams in march this year. A total of 8,92, 521 candidates out of 9,37,859 candidates have cleared the exam.

Tamil Nadu 10th result 2019 subject wise pass percentage- Language: 96.12% , English: 97.35%, Maths: 96.46%, Science: 98.56 % , Social Science: 97.07% Tiruppur district tops in state with 98.53 pass percentage. Ramanathapuram district has

**J JAYAPRASI**

8.48% and Namakkal has 98.45% Girls have outperformed boy this year in Tamil Nadu board results. A total of 97% girls have passed against 93.3% boys.

Government school pass percentage is 92.48 while government aided school pass percentage is 94.53. Co-ed school- 95.42, girls school -96.89, boys:school 88.94 The results of HSC examination were declared on April 19 in the state. The overall pass percentage was 91.3%. The pass percentage for boys was 88.57% and for girls it was 93.64%.

**K NISHALINI****S PRIYA**

Among districts, Tiruppur stood first with a pass percentage of 95.37%, Ramanathapuram district (98.48%) and Namakkal district (98.45%), Erode with a pass percentage of 95.23% and Perambalur district with a pass percentage of 95.15%. As many as 6100 schools across the state recorded a 100% pass in the SSLC exam. The government of TamilNadu has taken many initiatives in the recent past to improve quality of education and learning environment. Some of these initiatives are; the curriculum syllabus have been revised after a gap of more than 12 years for 11 and 12 standard and more than 7 years for standards 1 to 10; the work of writing textbook has also gained momentum; the ranking system based on the marks secured by the students has been abolished to curb unhealthy competition among schools; Board examination for class 11 has been introduced to build capacity of students to face any competitive examination.

**K NIVEDHA****D DEEPIKA**

The year 2018- 2019 has been yet another year of challenges. This academic year eleven students went through the portal of tenth grade. When the tenth results date was announced, everybody

**M. SHALINI**

waited eagerly for the 29th morning to dawn. As early as six in the morning the children gathered around the computer lab. There was an air of nervousness and different mixed reactions along with some apprehensions too which was but normal. The teachers too waited patiently for the result portal to open. The moment did arrive and the computer lab was completely crowded since everybody huddled and peeked over each one's shoulder to witness the results unfolding. One by one each child's code was entered and the results were announced. It's amazing to see the sudden burst of joy and happiness on learning that they have passed. We did unfortunately have a failure too. After all the excitement died down, the children realised that this was one of the exams of life. The true life as a teenager would start now since they would be leaving their school which had been their home for more than twelve years.

Remembering our previous year results, this year too the girls had taken the lead. Kathrivan and K Nivedha have scored the highest at 65%, followed by J Jayaprasi with 60%. The rest have scored in the range of 50 to 60% with one failure. These children have shown perseverance and a remarkable attitude during their stay with us.



**K KATHIRAVAN**

When we spoke to these kids a few days after they received their results they told me that they were keen on pursuing their 11th and 12th standards followed by university. Jayaprasi, for instance, wants to pursue accounts, whereas Priya, Shalini and Deepika want to study further after taking a stock of the options open to them. We welcome their decision and hope that they will pursue their higher studies and not allow percentages to come in their way but diligently work harder to attain greater heights.

**P VIGNESH****D NARESH**

Our students have received excellent support from the teachers. The students had the opportunity to tackle several practice exams before the final government tests. This experience was possible by devising new methods to make lessons interesting and to improve scores, introduction of novel techniques and designs, being ably assisted by Principal Annadurai brought in positive results. The efforts of the teachers need to be praised as each one of them took upon themselves the responsibility to guide and goad each child to study and perform.

**E MUTHU**

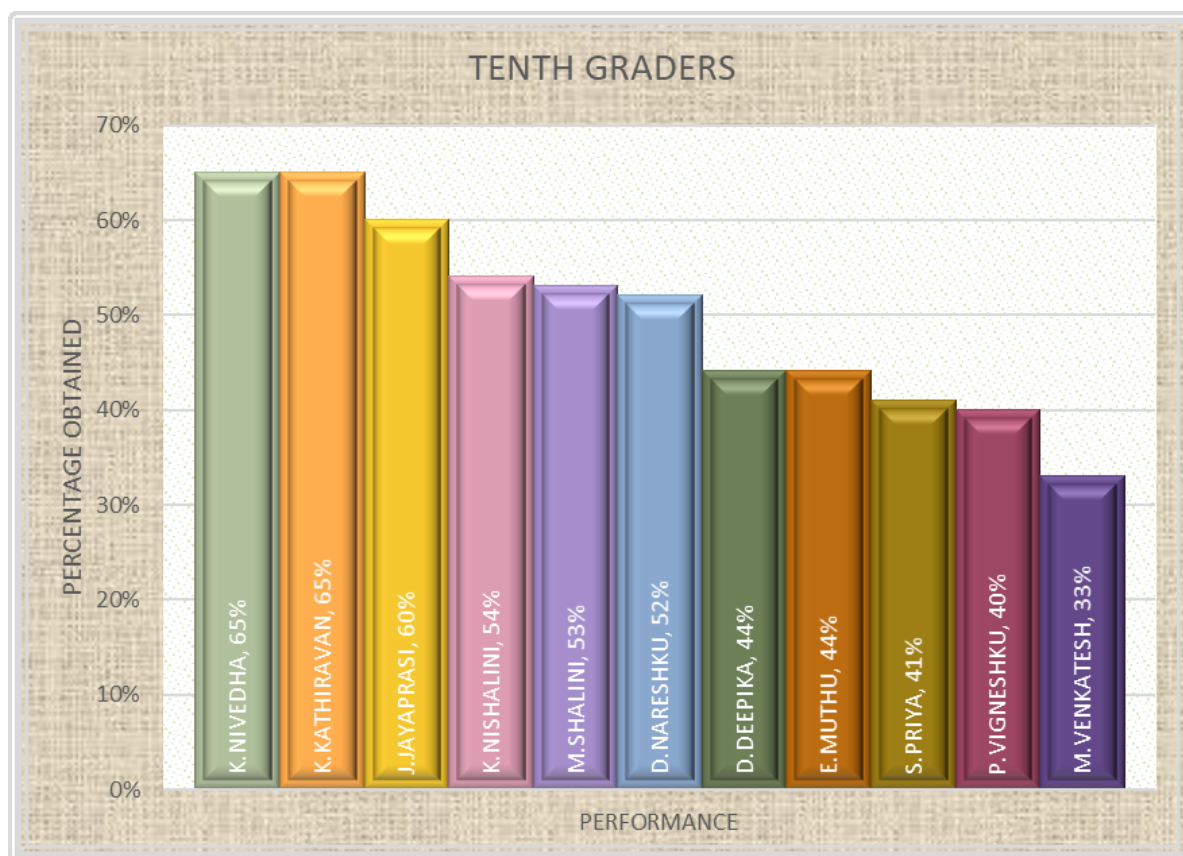
The Co-Founder and Hony. Director of Pathway -Chandra Prasad addressed the children and the teachers and urged them to carry the education mantle to a new height which will fuel their dreams and aspirations. She confirmed that Pathway's doors will always be open to them for any help and support they may need. She urged the children to utilize this resource and reap the benefits. She reminded the students how Pathway and the school had greatly influenced their lives, as there has been sea change not only in their appearance, growth, development but also in their total achievement and potential.



She congratulated the **M VENKATESH** children and the teachers for this wonderful result. She counselled the children on the values of life that are much more important than just scholastic performance, that it is important to gain all-round excellence in life so that they can be great people of character first and then great citizens of India. She called on each one to follow a righteous path. She outlined the need to remember each teachers effort in bringing them up and the need to hold on to the right path and brave the challenges ahead. She congratulated all the children and teachers and said that she was very proud of their performance



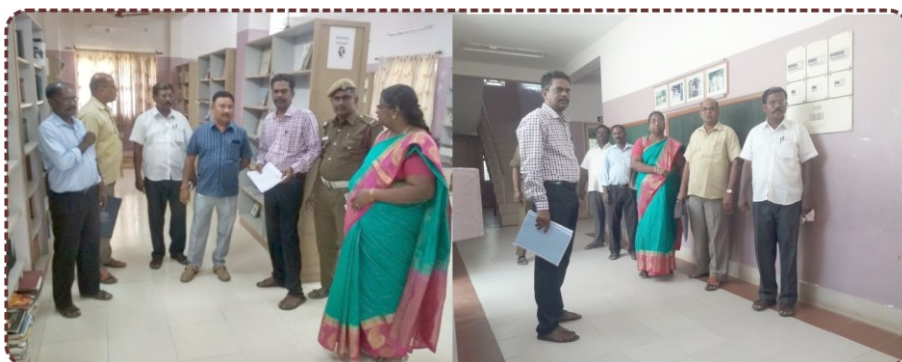
and looked forward for their continued achievements in life and welcomed every one of them to contact Pathway at any time.



## INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

❖ THE SCHOOL RECOGNITION RECORDS WERE VERIFIED AND INSPECTED BY MR M MATHIAYALAGAN, DCPO ON 25.04.2018

❖ SCHOOL INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR ALONG WITH KANCHEEPURAM TEAM MEMBERS ON 14.05.2018 CONSTITUTING OF MEMBERS- Ms B SHEELA FRANCIES, HEAD





MISTRESS, GHSS, Mr N SESHADHIRI, DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER, Mr R RAJENDRAN. SPL. TAHSILDAR, Mr M GANESAN, JUNIOR ENGINEER. Mr P. BHASKAR BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER, Mr RAMALINGAM, STATION FIRE OFFICER, Mr C YUVRAJ, ASST EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, and Mrs S BANUMATHI, SUPERVISOR.

- ❖ HOME COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON 24.07.2018 ATTENDED BY MR SAMPATH, PROBATION OFFICER



- ❖ A VISIT AND INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED BY MR M MATHIAYALAGAN, DCPO AND MR YASHODARAN ON 31.10.2018



- ❖ ON 10.11.2018 THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER- MR MURALI ALONG WITH HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT INSPECTED ALL THE RECORDS FOR SCHOOL RECOGNITION RENEWAL

- ❖ HOME COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON 14.01.2019 ATTENDED BY MR M MATHIAYALAGAN, DCPO

- ❖ HOME COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON 06.04.2019 ATTENDED BY MR M MATHIAYALAGAN, DCPO



- ❖ ON 01.03.2019 AND 12.04.2019 A TEAM HEADED BY Mr S GIRI, A SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE FROM DISTRICT LEGAL AUTHORITY, CHENGELPET VISITED THE CENTRE TO CHECK AND VERIFY ALL THE DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE HOME.

## AWARDS



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

- 🏆 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 107<sup>TH</sup> 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

