

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

PAMELA MARTINEZ – “PATHWAY”
MATRICULATION SCHOOL

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



As every year there has never been a month or year which we haven't ushered and welcomed in our lives. But 2020-2021 has been an exclusive year of COVID-19 war zone arena where every living being irrespective of nationality, age, creed community has been forced to fight this deadly virus. Overnight the plight of so many families has changed forever. With the entrance of this new deadly comer the world's economic and social disruption is visible and people are at risk of falling into extreme poverty which further has affected their health and medical issues. This chain of disaster has also led to people losing their livelihood.

We at Pathway feel very blessed of escaping this wrath during this financial period where all our staff and children and supporters have been safe. Its nothing short of a miracle to be alive and and be in a position to help needy people around us. I take this opportunity to thank our greatest long standing supporters who not only have stood besides us but have immediately responded to this crisis by sending in more funds to enable us to do our mite.

I personally need to thank some of our most committed staff during this challenging period who wasted no time and jumped into the arena without giving a thought to their safety and life to help reach out groceries, masks, sanitizers, medical aids, to more than 2000 families day in and day out during the lockdown period lasting around 7 months. My grateful respects and gratitude to these very fine people whom I would like to mention are- Mrs Indra Achutan-PRO, Kannan our driver, Megha our Farm and Sabin Manager and finally our principal of Pamela Martinez School - Mr Annadurai. They have made sure that no child or staff under are care have been subjected to any hardships. Total medical care, provisions , masks, stationery and counselling was done round the clock and visits included meeting them at their doorsteps. It was heartening to note that there were umpteen number of people all over the world praying and fasting for us though facing the same challenges like us.

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

It is also our desire to magnify our endeavor to serve many more "poorest of the poor" through our outreach program in remote villages. This academic year we had partnered with RMD Hospice group for serving two panchayats thereby helping more than 1000 families till June month. This also includes our staunch support to the Chennai and Kancheepuram districts to help around 1300 families. During the lockdown period we reached to many remote areas around our farm and helped more than 700 families along with providing provisions to more than 150 PWD at rural area and 1600 families in urban areas. At this juncture 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, Mr Gary and Valerie Sabin, Mr Eric Otteson, A Brighter Path – Mr Alex and Mrs Pamela Martinez, Judge William Sheffield, Mr and Mrs William P Benac, Mr Bill Benac Jr, Mr Time Fewkes, Mr BJ Butel and Mr John-Luc Butel, Drawing & Sponserhip Emmaus, Mr Jim and Karen Dosdall, Mr Michael Ang and family, Mr Jim and Gemie Martin, Mr Keyne Monson who continue to support us. My most sincere and grateful thanks is also due to the grants received by the State Govt of TamilNadu, which includes Chennai and 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 BOARD

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

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST ORGANIZATION – BOARD

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



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USHA RAMMOHAN
TRUSTEE

Note : Dr Ravi Pradhan resigned due to medical conditions and Mr R Sundar-Chartered Accountant was inducted .



R SUNDAR
TRUSTEE

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MR R SUNDAR

AUDITOR

SRIDHAR KRISHNAMURTHY
& ASSOCIATES





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

- ❖ Recognized by the office of the Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Government of Tamil Nadu (Department of Differently Abled Welfare).
- ❖ The organization receives an annual grant-in-aid from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.
- ❖ The organization receives grant in aid from the office of Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Government of Tamil Nadu (Department of Differently Abled Welfare) for the project “Pathway -Sabin Home for persons with Mental Retardation and Associated Conditions”
- ❖ Pathway is monitored and audited yearly by independent parties to ensure proper implementation of all finances and governance.

RECOGNITION AND GRANT-IN-AID

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

REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION

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

The details of each registration is given below

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- CHENNAI**

Recognised by **Commissioner For Welfare Of The Differently Abled**, Chennai As Special School Cum Vocational Training Centre For The Intellectual Disabled For The Period **07.04.2020 To 06.04.2023** For Classes Adl Group I & II, Educable, Educable & Trainable, Trainable.

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

This Certificate of Registration is awarded to **PATHWAY CHILDREN HOME, Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, E-76/1, 12th West Street, Kamaraj Nagar, Thiruvannamiyur, 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-CHENNAI**
FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

This is valid till 08.02.2022

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

Registration is renewed to **“SABIN/ PATHWAY HOME FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS – REHABILITATION CENTRE, No.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**.

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

This Certificate of Registration renewal is awarded to – **PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN’S HOME**, (Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust) 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.1285/DSD/2020** under section 41(1) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, therein valid from **29.01.2020 to 29.01.2025**

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

This Certificate of Recognition renewal is awarded to – **PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN’S HOME**, (Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust) Agili Village, Sendivakkam post, Madhuranthagam Taluk, Kancheepuram District- 603319 of Tamil Nadu STATE Government under RTE ACT 2009 and Tamilnadu Government Rules 2011- SI No. 10112/B7/ therein valid from **01.09.2018 to 31.08.2021**

"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 40,000 children and adults in a city center and two in rural agricultural centre.

Prasad guides Pathway with the belief that

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



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



THE PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY AGRO FARM FOR CHILDREN – AGILI





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

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

- 🧸 DORMITORY UNIT FOR BOYS
- 🧸 DORMITORY UNIT FOR GIRLS
- 🧸 LARGE KITCHEN AND DINING HALL
- 🧸 A WELL CONSTRUCTED SCHOOL BUILDING

- 🧸 WELL EQUIPPED PLAYGROUND
- 🧸 MEDICAL CENTER
- 🧸 DENTAL CLINIC
- 🧸 STAFF QUARTERS FOR ESSENTIAL STAFF
- 🧸 QUARANTINE BLOCKS TO ISOLATE
- 🧸 SICK CHILDREN

This unit has been established to assist children who are either orphan or destitute children, children from broken homes or children who may be partial orphans are also being admitted. Currently the Agro-farm is housing 200 children who live all the





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

The school is fully recognized by the Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Chennai and this Directorate has accorded recognition from 1st to 8th

standards/ grades during the year 2004-2005. During the year 2005-2006 the school has been further upgraded up to 9th and 10th standards and it has been proposed to open more facilities for children. Separate laboratories for biology, Physics, Chemistry and a library have been opened with all necessary ingredients. Further, a well equipped computer lab and a vast library has been added.

All the children are taught various subjects including those subjects as per the syllabus and also thoughts and chapters from our scriptures and moral stories as every day teaching for an hour. Considerable importance is given for English conversation, reading and writing. In addition to various learning opportunities, children are stimulated with painting, arts and drawing to hone their artistic abilities. At this time 60 staff have been appointed at the agro-farm, which include a Principal, faculty members, wardens, nurse, house mothers, doctor, dentist, cooks, helpers, electrician, plumber, driver, etc. All the staff is well



qualified in their respective fields. In addition to the above six security guard staff have been appointed to ensure security for the facility.

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

EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



- ❖ ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL
PATTERNED ON THE GOVT. OF
TAMILNADU'S "MATRICULATION
SCHOOLS" REGULATIONS
- ❖ RECOGNIZED AND
ACCREDITED BY THE
DIRECTORATE OF
MATRICULATION SCHOOLS,
CHENNAI
- ❖ YEAR 2001-2002:

KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1 –6

- ❖ YEAR 2002-2003: ADD
GRADES 7 AND 8
- ❖ YEAR 2003-2004: ADD
GRADES 9 AND 10



- ❖ YEAR 2006-2007: ADD GRADE 10
- ❖ SEPARATE LABS FOR BIOLOGY,
- ❖ PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY ARE IN PLANNING
- ❖ COMPUTER LAB – 2004 - 2005
- ❖ LIBRARY - 2006



❖ CURRICULUM INCLUDES AGE-APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS. CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO ENGLISH CONVERSATION, READING, AND WRITING. ARTS AND MUSIC ARE INCLUDED TO DEVELOP CREATIVITY. SOCIAL VALUES AND MORALS ARE ENCOURAGED. QUALIFIED STAFF

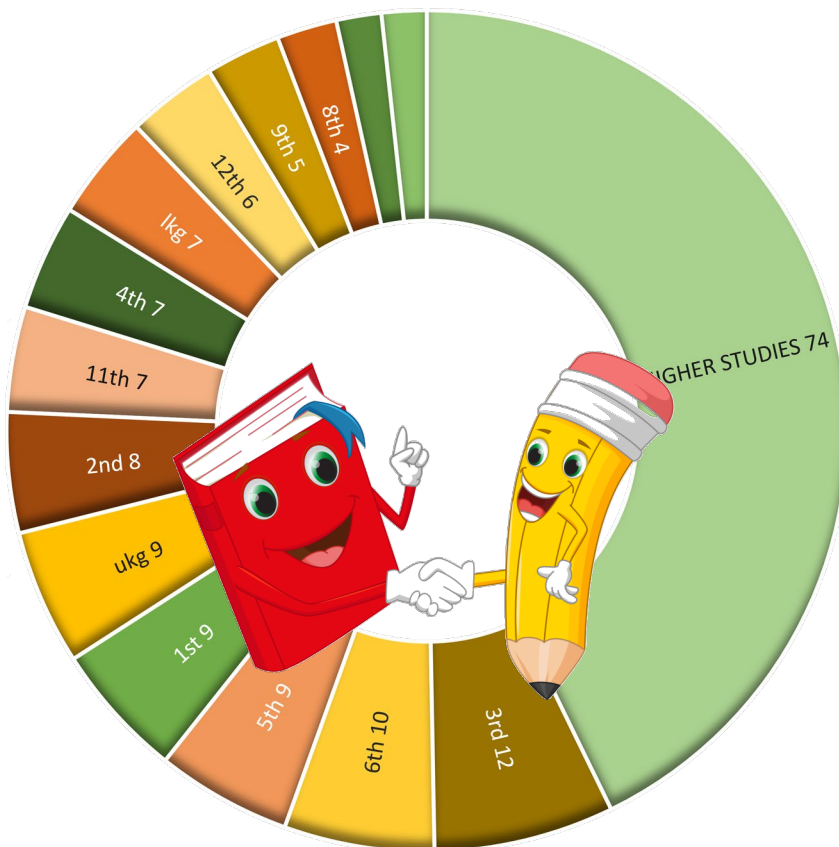
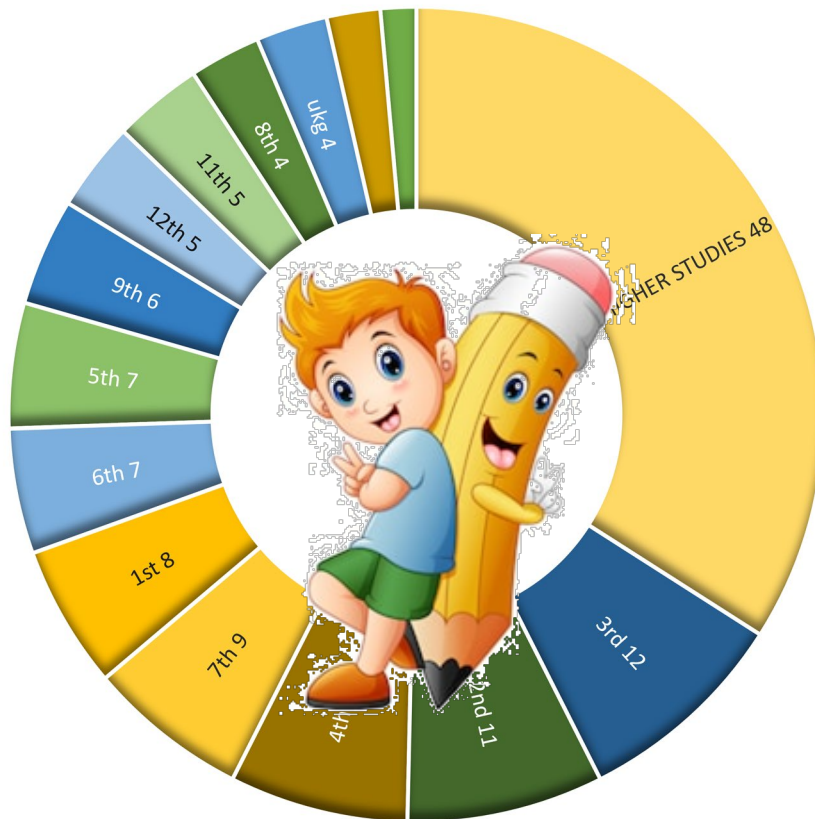
Apart from this, the Agro Farm which has established a “Hospital on Wheels” serving a number of villages every week continues with the same with renewed energy. The

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



STUDENT POPULATION as on March 2021

GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
lkg	2	7	9
ukg	4	9	13
1st	8	9	17
2nd	11	8	19
3rd	12	12	24
4th	10	7	17
5th	7	9	16
6th	7	10	17
7th	9	3	12
8th	4	4	8
9th	6	5	11
10th	3	3	6
11th	5	7	12
12th	5	6	11
HIGHER STUDIES	48	74	122
	141	173	314



LIGHT FOR 9 MINUTES

As the country entered day 10 of the 21-day nation-wide lockdown on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the citizens in a short video message at 9 am. In the video message, he requested citizens to turn off their lights for 9 minutes at 9 pm on April 5 and light a candle or a diya or even use the flashlight on one's mobile to mark the country's fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.



"Amid the darkness spread by the corona pandemic, we must continuously progress towards light and hope," the PM said in an address to the nation on Friday.

"We must continuously strive to take those of us most affected, our poor brothers and sisters, from disappointment to hope. We must end the darkness and uncertainty

emanating from the crisis, by progressing towards light and certainty. We must defeat the deep darkness of the crisis, by spreading the glory of light in all four directions.

As per our Prime minister instructions , all at Sabin centre assembled in front of our National Flag to convey our hearty thanks to the Frontline workers , doctors, Nurses, Corporation workers and Police men who formed a protection shield to protect us from covid-19 virus. We lit a candle and stood in reverence with a prayer in our heart for the above safety provided to us.



PM CARES FUND

Keeping in mind the need for having a dedicated fund with the primary objective of dealing with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to provide relief to the affected, a public charitable trust under the name of 'Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM CARES Fund)' has been set up. PM CARES Fund has been registered as





a Public Charitable Trust. **The trust deed of PM CARES Fund** has been registered under the Registration Act, 1908 at New Delhi on 27th March, 2020.

We as citizens of India are proud to proclaim that in the event of Covid-19 pandemic our staff has shown its integrity and strength. Even with some of them earning meagre salaries they have proudly parted with their hard earned money to support their suffering fellowmen. We definitely have to salute some of our Intellectually Disabled employees who were more than willing to part with 50% of their salaries to help total strangers. Their innocent and loving hearts is something we need to learn more from.. total sum of Rs 50000/- (Rs Fifty thousand only) was collected and sent to the PM CARE FUND. We proudly present the receipt below.

To my readers I would like to elaborate on the objective of this particular fund .

The objectives are-

To undertake and support relief or assistance of any kind relating to a public health emergency or any other kind of emergency, calamity or distress, either man-made or natural, including the creation or upgradation of healthcare or pharmaceutical facilities, other necessary infrastructure, funding relevant research or any other type of support. To render financial assistance, provide grants of payments of money or take such other steps as may be deemed necessary by the

 PM CARES Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund	 Scan QR To Verify Receipt
PAN : AAETP3993P	
Receipt No : PMCARES/SBIC/ALLAH20104519259	
Date : 13-04-2020	
Dear DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST	
Thank you very much for contributing to PM CARES Fund.	
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expresses his gratitude for the thoughtful and compassionate gesture on your part. The valuable contribution will greatly help India in fighting distress situations like COVID-19.	
Under Secretary PM CARES Fund	
Received with thanks from: DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST	
Donation made to the PM CARES Fund through NEFT mode of bank (IFSC ALLA0211975).	
The sum of INR 50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousands Only)	
(Contributions to PM CARES Fund have been notified for 100% deduction from Taxable Income under Section 80G of Income Tax Act, 1961)	
Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi	

Board of Trustees to the affected population. To undertake any other activity, which is not inconsistent with the above Objectives.

The Constitution of the Trust-

Prime Minister is the ex-officio Chairman of the PM CARES Fund and Minister of Defence, Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Finance, Government of India are ex-officio Trustees of the Fund.

The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees (Prime Minister) shall have the power to nominate three trustees to the Board of Trustees who shall be eminent persons in the field of research, health, science, social work, law, public administration and philanthropy. Any person appointed a Trustee shall act in a pro bono capacity.



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



GOVERNMENT MACHINERY



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



SOME OF OUR STAFF WHO NEEDED DIRE HELP IN TERMS OF FOOD-

We salute them because they had already pledged a part
of their salary
to help others. We are blessed to have a wonderful,
dedicated and humane staff



DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIALS AND PROVISIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC PERIOD- our stalwarts- INDIRA ACHUTAN -(PRO) AND KANNAN -(DRIVER)



It is with greatest pride we acknowledge the selfless efforts of two of our ground staff who risked their lives to provide relief to thousands of families. We are indeed very grateful and proud to be associated with such wonderful souls. Day in day of these two have gone round in different locations, crossing difficult terrains to see that none of the families listed down for support were left out of the support. Numerous phone calls and endless visits ensured that each family was tracked down to ensure delivering the relief package. The sweltering heat, and long hours didn't deter them. Every day they started their rounds with new zeal since the smiles of the families had etched in their hearts and the value of this true service motivated them much more.

With full pride and humility I would like to share their achievements in below picture format

COMMUNITY BASED RELIEF WORK AT SRISTI VILLAGE

Pathway has always believed in helping those in need and sharing its resources to those in absolute need of. One such organization we came up to help was Sristi village in Villipuram. We wanted to help in any way possible since more than 50 Intellectually disabled kids are housed there and funds were at total low at this juncture.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown in India, people all over the country are facing hardships. COVID-19 has not just evoked fear but has also caused depression, anxiety and hunger affecting the social fabric of the community. Many of Sristi Foundation day-care children families were facing challenges to fulfil their basic needs; most of them are daily wage earners, who have no means of income to feed their children.

The generosity of our donors has allowed us to help them for a period of over three months which allowed us to supply survival packs (consisting of rice, dry provisions, hand sanitizers and face masks) We were also able to provide medicines and medical care for the below mentioned special children.





In his letter the director of Sristi- Karthik Ganesan said-

We Sristi Foundation are so thankful to Dr. Chandra Prasad, co-founder and honorary director of PATHWAY INDIA for placing trust on us. Words are not enough to say how honoured and proud we are to collaborate with esteemed Pathway India. We ensure that our services will be up to your expectation. The beneficiaries were provided with provisions and medical care. Telephonic parent counselling, Physiotherapy sessions, Speech therapy sessions, Social distancing rules has been provided too. Following are some pictures to accentuate the work done.

UPLIFTING THE LEAST OF THE LEAST



We at Pathway decided to do a lift different this Christmas season. With Covid-19 still going strong we felt the need to support more people who were in need of food and the basic essentials. After scouting we found a neighbourhood known as Semmencherry close to us who were in dire need of the above. It is situated in Chennai district, located south of the city about 18 km from the city centre, along the Old Mahabalipuram Road, Rajiv Gandhi Salai. Semmencherry is located between Sholinganallur and Navalur. Perumbakkam, one of the largest slum 'rehabilitation' projects in the world

With first COVID case reported in Chennai's slum tenements, people are in danger of contracting the

disease in a cramped environment. The reasons for relocation were given as removal of unhygienic and insanitary conditions prevailing in slums, for improved living conditions of slum dwellers and for the promotion of public health, according to the Tamil Nadu Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act. However, bad turned worse as many dwellers in the resettlement sites across the city lost their jobs, like Vimala, or were forced to travel long distances every day to the city to earn a living. Now the COVID-19 lockdown has exposed bigger problems with the relocation. Besides going broke and surviving on rice gruel. Being approached by Community of Disabled Rights Details which has been in existence from last six years led by Mr S Maan Kumar Association President has been helping the transformational disabled people without getting any money or material.

Pathway decided to provide some relief by way of providing essential groceries worth Rs.1000 each for 60 needy families. We are just glad that we could be a tiny part of support at this crucial juncture for them. Our reward was the smiles which spoke a thousand words. Thousands who were relocated to remote areas after last year's floods have a tough time finding jobs and accessing basic infrastructure.



In the months following the December 2015 floods that devastated the city, thousands of families — who in official parlance were encroachers — were sent away from their homes to remote areas. While they were being packed off in crowded trucks, many left with fear and uncertainty about how they would fend for themselves in a new area, even while a few hoped that the permanent houses assigned to them would symbolise a new beginning.

According to official statistics, 2,151 families from slums were relocated to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB) tenements in Perumbakkam, over 1,715 to houses in Ezhil Nagar and 193 to Gudapakkam. These include families affected by various civic projects as well as slum dwellers living on objectionable land. The loss of income and livelihood has had an impact on various aspects of life. The report also pointed out that in Perumbakkam, 15 per cent of men and 19 per cent of women of the flood-affected families lost employment immediately after relocation. In Ezhil Nagar, 11 per cent of men and 18 per cent women of the flood-affected families lost their jobs mainly because of the increased distance they had to travel for work and inadequate transportation.

OTHER COVID RELIEF ACTIVITIES



and dedicated staff.

Apart from sending monetary help to every child under our care from the start of Covid-19 in March 2020 till date we have also spread our help to the District Child Welfare committee in a small way. The centre has donated masks made by our children and medical masks along with sanitisers. This also includes helping the Govt RMD hospital where we donated bread, biscuits and masks along with sanitisers . We aim to do more with the help of our great supporters



DCPO-ORIENTATION WORKSHOP : 07.04.2020



MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT | GOI



An Orientation Workshop for State And District Level Officers , Child Care Institution, Child Welfare Committee Staff was arranged by Our District Child Protection Officer on 07.04.2020 .

P.M. Pathway home superintendent- Mr W.A.Annadurai participated and the following points were discussed in the meeting . The essence of the meeting boiled down to various factors like-

CHILDREN SAFETY, COVID 19 VIRUS PRECAUTION, LOCK DOWN STRESS AND CHILD HELPLINE etc.,

The details of the programme has been listed below-

Date : 07.04.2020

Scheduled time:

11:00 AM Session in Hindi

02:30 PM Session in english

Duration:

90 minutes each

Participants

1. Child care institutions (2100)

2. DCPUs (725)

3. CWCs (3500)

4. JJBs (2100)

5. Subject Experts (5)

6. State level Officers (70)

7. Ministry Officials (25)

Total numbers: 8525 (Numbers are approximate)

CCIs should be encouraged to involve children living in CCIs through You tube live streaming.

Meeting Platform:

- Digital, Zoom professional App available with Ministry,
- coupled with live streaming through you tube
- Can be accessed through Mobile Phones

Session Plan

Sl. No. Subject Duration Speaker (TBC)

1. Introduction 05 minutes MWCD

2 COVID-19 Myths and Reality 15 minutes Dr. G.C. Khilnani, Ex.Professor, AIIMS

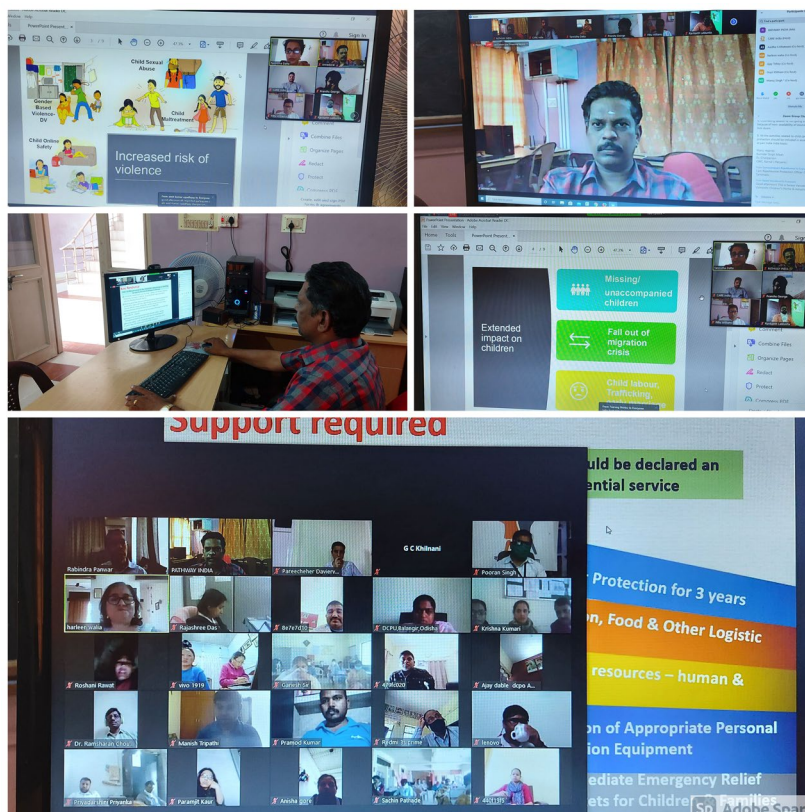
3 Role of Child Protection professionals during lockdown 15 minutes Ms. Tanishtha Dutta, UNICEF

4 Role of Childline during lockdown 15 minutes Ms. Harleen Walia, CIF

5 Coping strategies to deal with stress during lockdown

15 minutes Prof. Shekhar Sheshadri, NIMHANS

6 Open House 25 minutes Participants and Experts



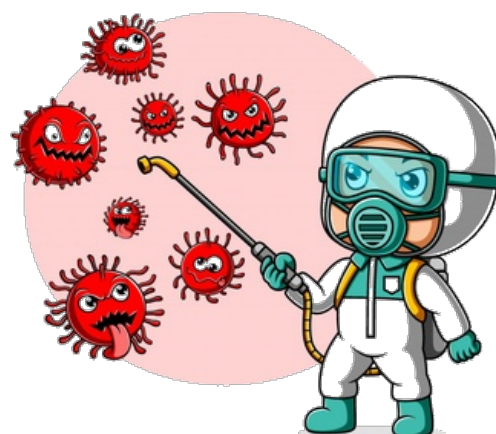
Visit by the HEALTH INSPECTOR TEAM : 16.04.2020

Government of Tamil Nadu is totally committed in building healthy people, not only by making available quality medicare facilities at the door step of every citizen in the remotest corner of the State, but also by providing medical facilities of the highest order, keeping pace with rapid technological developments in the field of medicine. Government of Tamil Nadu provides preventive, curative and promotive care to all classes of the society.

The Health Department personnel were sent to our organization to sanitise the entire school premises including the rehabilitation blocks and dwelling units. We are indeed grateful to this department for acting swiftly to curtail chances of COVID-19 virus spreading. Below are some



images which has been recorded in our registers



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2020



World Environment Day 2020 is observed on June 5 every year. The day was first observed in 1974 in the city of Spokane in the USA to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the environment. World Environment Day is an occasion to think about how we are a part of nature and how intimately and unequivocally we depend on it for survival. Every year, there is a specific theme for the World Environment Day.

The **theme for World Environment Day 2020 is biodiversity** -- a concern that is both urgent and existential. According to the United Nations organization, the theme was selected due to the "Recent events, from bushfires in Brazil, the United States, and Australia to locust infestations across East Africa - and now, a global disease pandemic - demonstrate the interdependence of humans and the

webs of life, in which they exist." World Environment Day is hosted by a different country. And this year, the host is Colombia.

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

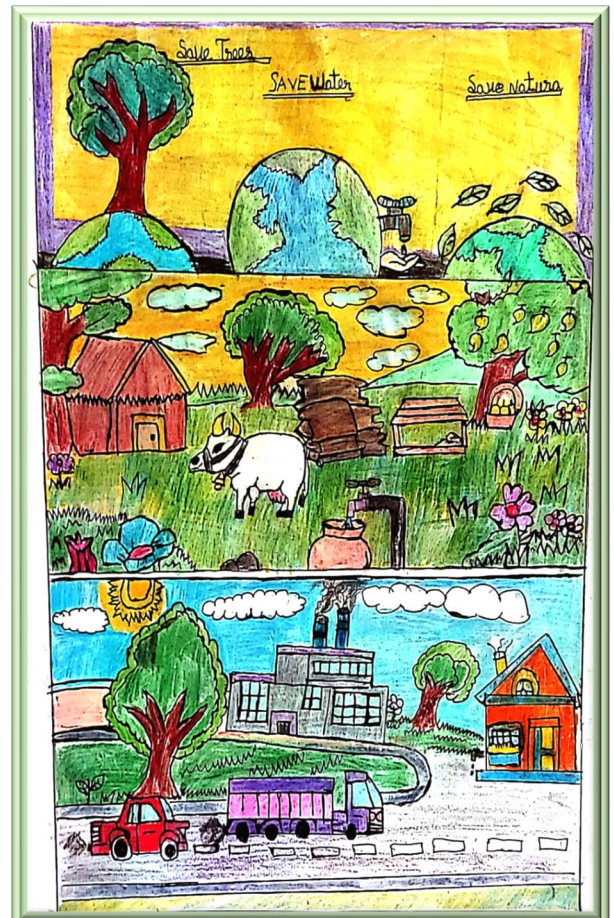
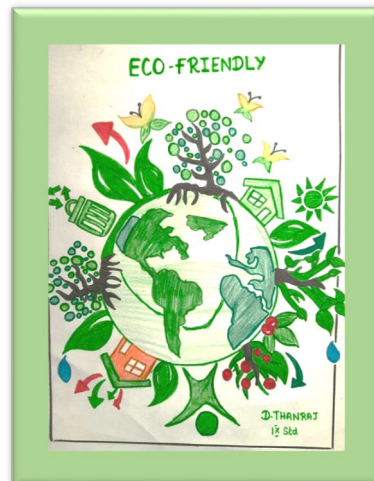
The whole life support of humans depends solely on environmental factors. Without environment we cannot imagine life on this planet. But today, when there has been a lot of technological development in the world, the environment in which we are living is becoming increasingly contaminated.

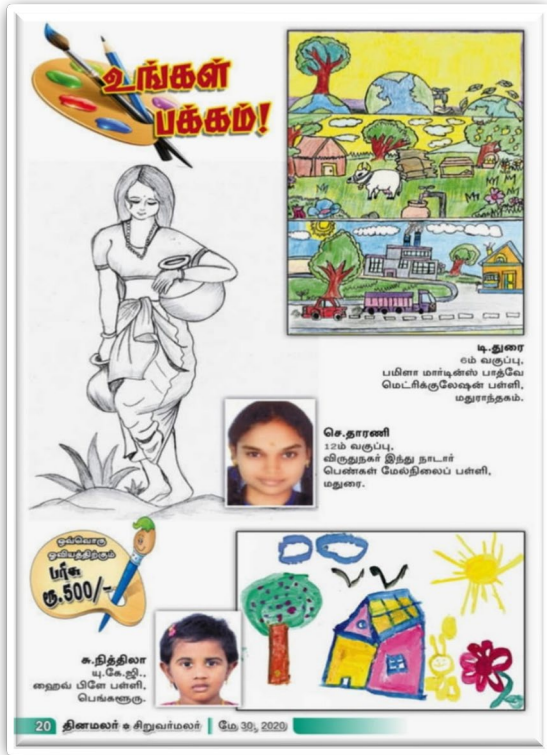
Therefore, to spread awareness and to make people understand that they have a role to play in preventing the loss of biodiversity and preserving nature for our future. World Environment Day is celebrated every year.

Robert Swan once said, "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

And we need to listen closely.

The first major conference on environmental issues was held in the year 1972 from June 5-16 in Stockholm (Sweden). Later that year, on December 15, the General Assembly





adopted a resolution designating June 5 as World Environment Day. In 1974, the first World Environment Day was celebrated.

Since then, World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5, engaging governments, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus their efforts on a pressing environmental issue.

"Men argue. Nature acts." -Voltaire

Every year, on this day, people usually go out to the field to plant saplings and other various events are organised. But this year, as people are confined to the four walls of their homes due to Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, the World Environment Day celebration would be different.

Amidst the lockdown, instead of going out, people can promote the day and raise awareness through online activities. Here at Pathway children and staff jointly with children and parents promoted the world environment day by way of different activities in form of drawings, messages, story narrations etc. A few pictures have been depicted here.

With the emergence of coronavirus, it has become very clear that when we destroy biodiversity, we destroy the system that supports human life. Biodiversity is the foundation that all living things on the Earth are connected to, and changing or removing even one element of this web can drastically affect the entire life system and can produce severe negative consequences. AS a mark of celebrating this 50 th year , the Dept of Environment , Govt of Tamilnadu conducted an online quiz which was attended by P.Samanthi , A.Srimathi , Kishorekumar Emmanuvel , and Amaresan . T Durai a 6th standard kid entered a competition held by Dinamalar- "Siruvar Malar" newspaper. His drawing was selected and adjudged the best winning him a cash reward of Rs. 500.

2020 THEME: "YOGA FOR HEALTH - YOGA AT HOME"

June 21, also called summer solstice, is the longest day of the year. Therefore, it was decided that the International Yoga Day would be celebrated on this day. The year of 2020 has been unprecedented for more than one reason. Right from the start of the decade, with the Covid-19 outbreak, fire outbreaks, airplane

crashes, locust swarms and cyclones, the last six months have been tough. The pandemic has shown us the importance of immunity and healthy living. Yoga is something that brings these qualities together.

Every year, June 21 is recognised as International Yoga Day but due to social distancing measures adopted by most countries, the theme set by United Nations for this year is “Yoga for Health – Yoga at Home”. The World Health Organization mentions yoga as a means to improve health in its Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018–2030: More active people for a healthier world.



Importance of Yoga

Practiced in India since the 5th century, Yoga has been beneficial in keeping the body and mind in sound health. A holistic approach, Yoga targets all the different systems of the body and mind. It is said that the asanas make the body strong and flexible, as health improves; the mind too is renewed with confidence. The practice of Pranayama regulates the purification of the internal system and the organs, acting as a superior and able supplement to asanas. The energy that is generated in the body through these physical practices is then channeled into meditation or Dhyana for stability, peace and calm. While the social distancing measures adopted by countries to fight the COVID-19 pandemic have shut down yoga studios and other communal spaces, yoga practitioners have turned

to home practice and online yoga resources. Yoga is a powerful tool to deal with the stress of uncertainty and isolation, as well as to maintain physical well-being.

World Health Organization recommends that adults and older age group people should do at least 150 minutes to 300 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity throughout the week or do at least 75 to 150 minutes of vigorous intensity aerobic physical activity throughout the week, or an equivalent combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity activity for substantial health benefits. The challenge of maintaining the physical activity recommendations is multi fold during the COVID-19 pandemic when the social distancing norms need to be followed and advice is to stay at home. There are various modalities of physical activity which can be performed and recommended even in this unprecedented and challenging times such as walking even in small spaces, dancing, yoga, home based exercises, playing with children, and performing domestic chores such as cleaning and gardening are other means to stay active at home.

The Yoga is India's ancient tradition and is more than a physical activity. Yoga is essentially a spiritual discipline based on subtle science, which focuses on bringing harmony between mind and body. The word 'Yoga' is derived from the Sanskrit root 'Yuj', meaning 'to join' or 'to yoke' or 'to unite'. The proven benefits of yoga include increased flexibility and fitness, mindfulness and relaxation. With schools closed and summer break activities cancelled, parents may find it challenging to keep their children physically active. Yoga can help. This belief led us to continue our work online with the special children and teachers took extra care to see that the parent learns and observes their teaching to guide their children. The kids were absolutely thrilled to learn these yoga exercises by their favorite teachers and responded happily. We have inserted some pictures of the kids enjoying their yoga class instructions.



ISRO CYBERSPACE COMPETITIONS-26-06-2020

During the present COVID-19 challenging times, when physical meetings are near impossible, ISRO plans to play its unifying role for the young minds of our country by involving them in various online competitions showcasing their potential talents by organising online ISRO Cyberspace Competitions.



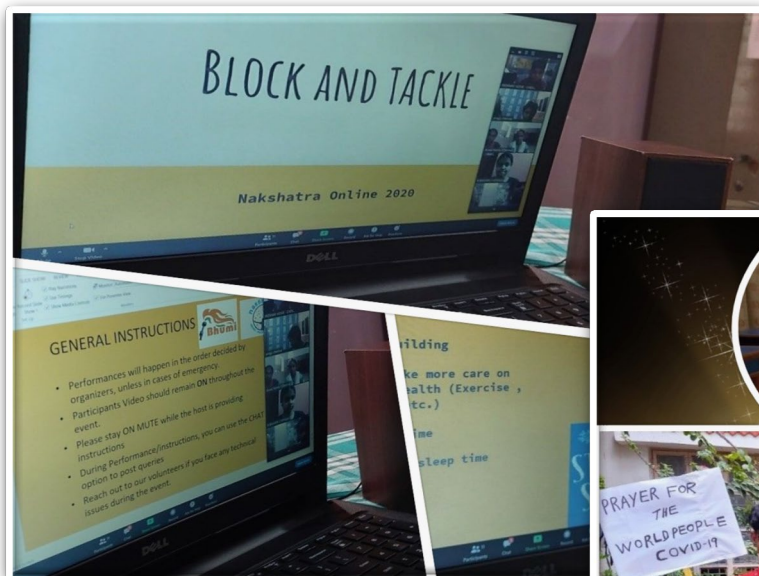
Their aim was to avoid the physical travel of the students to different places and facilitate their participation online keeping them safe within their home during these testing times. The competitions planned were Drawing competition, Model making, Essay competition for class 9 to 10 and Essay competition / Space-Quiz contest for class 11 to 12.

P.Samanthi and Srimathi participated in the Essay competition based on the topic - "Environment and Its Challenges"

It is interesting to note that during the present scenario, when all the outreach programmes related to space science and technology were apparently on halt, this cyberspace based competition is a frontrunner in motivating the student community to explore the concepts and boundless mysteries in the space science and technology domain. With increase in digital penetration of the Indian mass, the participation in this competition will be in-line towards the philosophy of 'Digital India' and aims to tap the creativity, inquisitiveness, innovativeness harnessing the unbound imagination of school students towards Space Science and Technology.



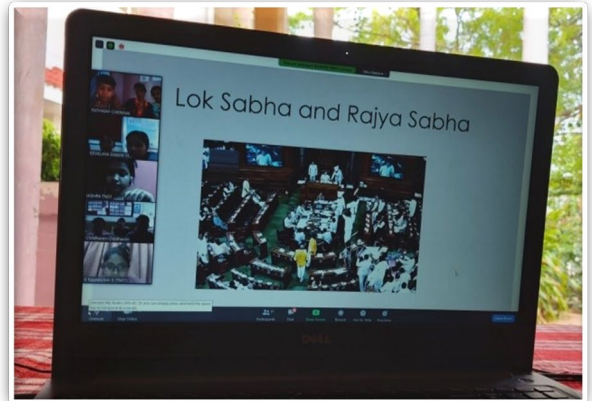
VARIOUS ONLINE PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY BHUMI-an NGO where PATHWAY BEING AN ACTIVE NGO as shown below



BLOCK & TACKLE EVENT

PARTICIPATING IN FANCY DRESS ONLINE





ONLINE QUIZ COMPETITION



PARTICIPATING ONLINE - MONO ACTING

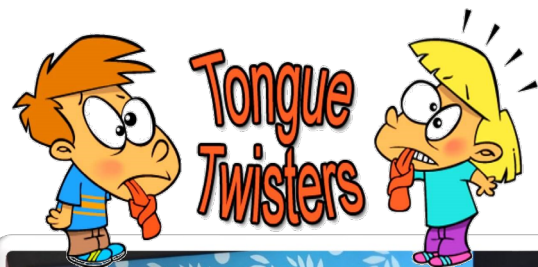
PARTICIPATING IN PIANO CLASS



STATE LEVEL SINGING COMPETITION The judges being- Vignesh Menon-Violinist, singers- Ajaykrishna and Srinisha



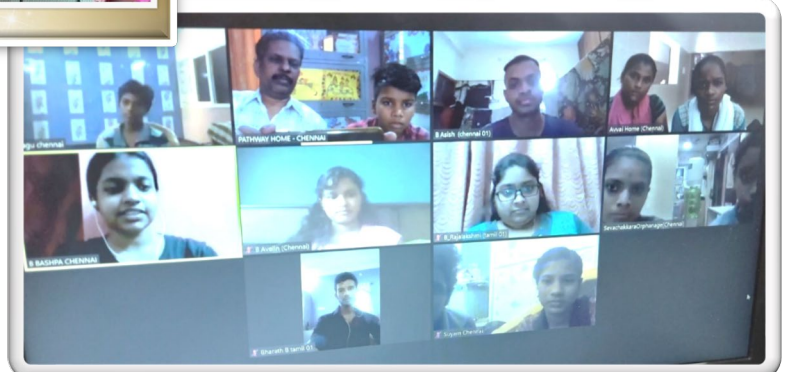
PARTICIPATING IN PRAYING FOR THE WORLD PEOPLE REGARDING COVID-19



PARTICIPATING ONLINE -
STORY TELLING
NARRATION COMPETITION



ONLINE TONGUE TWISTERS



TEXT BOOK DISTRIBUTION CAMP



While uncertainty continues to prevail on reopening of schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic, distribution of textbooks began which was prescribed by the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation.

At Pathway we decided to increase the enrollment and reduce the drop out rates by personally taking care to reach each set of textbooks for the semester to every child

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distancing, use of masks and sanitizers were put in practice. Personally the principal along with a select staff reached out at the doorstep of children living in the surrounding villages and handed over the books to the students. Children who were in the containment zone were sent the books through postal services. Some children who lived nearby collected their course material at the main gate. This has enabled hundred percent attendance by the kids through online classes. We are indeed proud of our dedicated staff who take extra effort to reach out to every child in these troubled times.



X STD RESULT-100 % PASS as on 10.08.2020

Tamilnadu State Govt announced all the students are passed who all are studied from LKG to X std in the academic year 2019-2020 without writing their exams since covid 19 virus issue. All the children are very happy because they got result without writing exams..

This year, over 9 lakh students appeared for Tamil Nadu Class 10 public exam 2020. Out of these 4.71 lakh (4,71,759) are male candidates, while 4.68 lakh (4,68,070) are female candidates. There are 6,235 differently-abled candidates who had passed the exam as well.



The Tamil Nadu State Board declared the result of class 10 or SSLC board exams on Monday, August 10. The SSLC exam which was scheduled to be held in March was postponed due to COVID-19 lockdown and was later cancelled following

the Madras High Court order. Later, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami announced that the candidates appearing for the Class 10 exam will be promoted, hence this year's pass percentage is at 100 per cent. The decision was taken because not all exams could be held and the evaluation was done based on the quarterly and half-yearly assessment. It was suggested that temporary mark sheets should be issued at schools from August 17 to 21. Meanwhile, SMS facility to be sent to all students which will have their detailed marks. In case, a student is not happy with their marks, they can represent their grievance through school headmasters from August 17 to 25, as per the official data.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



India is celebrating its 74th Independence Day on August 15, 2020 to commemorate the day when it got its independence from the oppressive British Raj after over two centuries of imperial rule and colonization. Every year, Independence Day celebrations are kicked off by the Prime Minister's address at the Red Fort, followed by parades, patriotic performances and flag hoisting ceremonies. However, this year on account of the coronavirus pandemic, the celebrations will mostly be televised, with minimal people



attending social gatherings and all health and safety measures, ensuring social distancing, will be put into practice.

Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a speech from the Red Fort during the 74th Independence Day recalling of the government's achievements and plans. The Prime Minister spoke at length about India's fight against coronavirus, how it united the country, the clash with China and Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative. He also elaborated on the plans for the future, including the National Digital Health Mission, the New Education Policy, reconsidering the minimum age for marriage for girls and the coronavirus vaccines in the works.

In the words of our President Ram Nath Kovind who emphasized said that Mahatma Gandhi's teaching is the principle guiding our republic and added that it was an occasion to remember the sacrifices of the freedom fighters. President Kovind also congratulated the countrymen on the occasion during his speech on the eve of 74th Independence Day.

"The day is for our youth to feel the pride associated with India's independence," Kovind said.

The president also said that the country was in debt to corona warriors who have risked and even given

their lives to protect others. He added that India's fight against the pandemic was an example for the rest of the world.

"By extending a helping hand towards other countries fight coronavirus has illustrated that India is always ready to help others," President Kovind said, adding that the whole world was recognizing the Indian value of considering the world as one family.

Though the children weren't able to attend physically the event the Pathway staff ensured that every child was instructed through online classes about the importance of this great event and different activities were conducted and the efforts have been portrayed below. We salute the dedicated staff and parents without whose help we wouldn't be able to guide and work with these special wonderful kids. Every

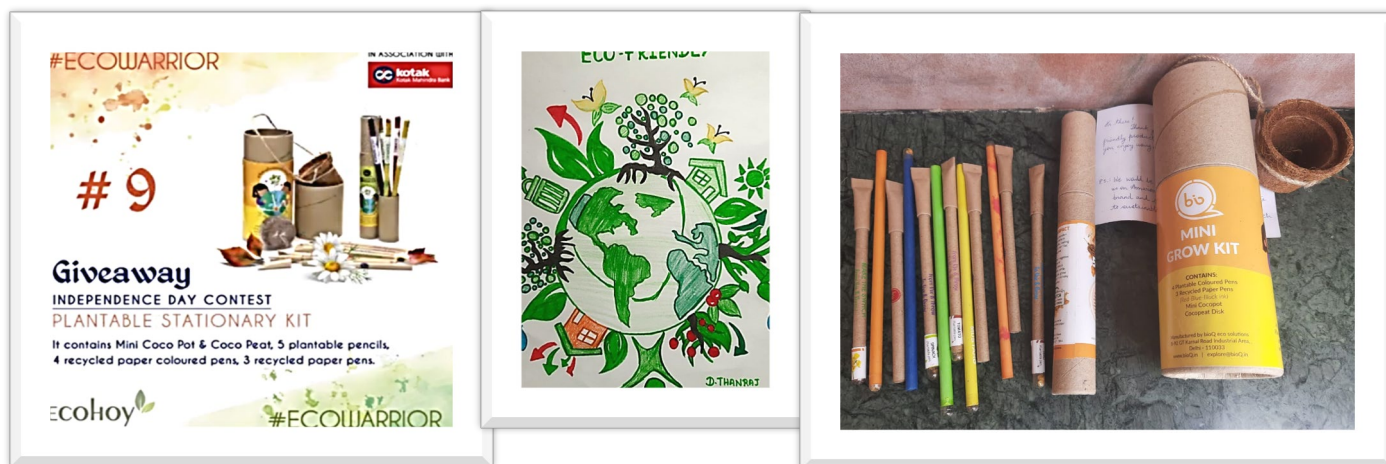


staff had various programme lessons laid out for teaching their wards.



This included- Drawing an India Map, creating badges using the flag colour, Learning the national symbols, performing of a skit- **UNITY IS STRENGTH**, teaching music through the classical song- **VANDE MATARAM**, Apart from this collage work was conducted, along with drawing and craft activities. In Arts n Craft section the teacher taught them online about the various national symbols.

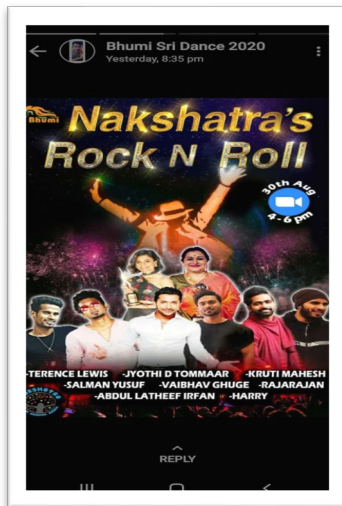
GIVE AWAY INDEPENDENCE DAY CONTEST



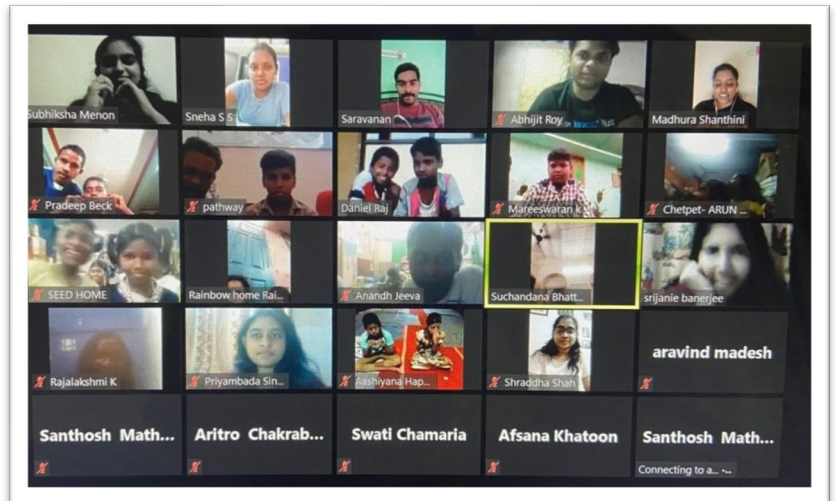
Ecohooy in association with Kotak Mahindra Bank Announces "Give-away Independence Day Contest". The best 15 entries will be recognised for their efforts and choice to be an eco-warrior. Children from our school participated online and Dhanraj was selected who was declared Eco-Warrior and received the Plantable Stationery Kit out of the total 15 Give aways.

NAKSHATRA CONDUCTED ONLINE - BHUMI

The COVID 19 lockdown created serious challenges in our lives, especially for children in shelter homes. Never before were so many children out of school at the same time, disrupting learning, especially for the most vulnerable and marginalised. With schools being closed children lost that sense of routine and stimulation in their lives. Their social interactions with friends came to a near halt. This being essential to their mental well-being led to anxiety and fear in young minds. Amidst the chaos of COVID19 this organisation initiated Nakshatra Online, the digital version to depict the talent fest for children from shelter homes. This helped our children interact with their peers across the country in a friendly environment. It helped them feel joyful and provided a sense of relief to their anxious minds.

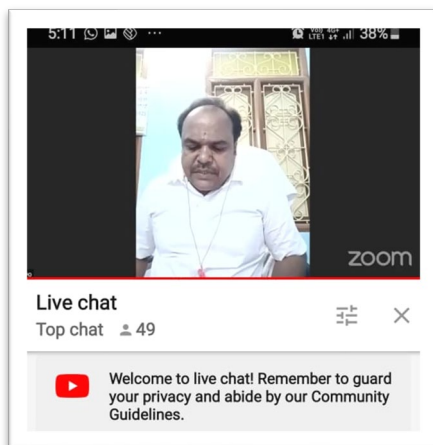


The first edition of this event had 2,052 Children from 714 Shelter Homes participating in the virtual event across each and every state across India supported by 600 Volunteers. Children from various shelter homes across the country participate online in events like singing, dance, quiz, debate etc. The homes were also given short term training to in using the online platform



effectively. Volunteers conduct various engaging games and icebreakers to keep the children entertained. They leveraged technology effectively to reach children living in orphanages in the far corners of India, even those without an active Bhumi Chapter. They were also able to bring in celebrities and famous personalities to encourage the children. One of the events conducted was the Rock n Roll Dance where our two children- Samanthi and Srimathi entered the finals. The kids performed their best and were appreciated by the judges. The children from the Sabin Centre too joined this wonderful group.

POST COVID19 : COPING WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

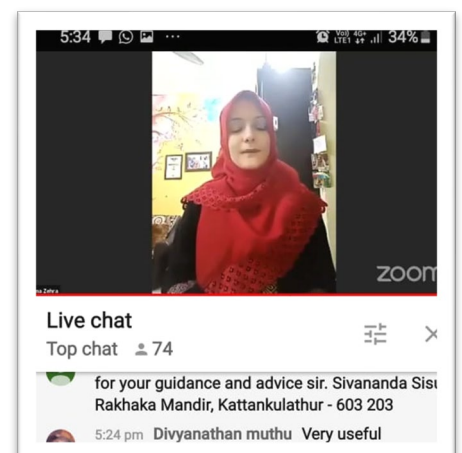


The District Child protection officer, Kanchipuram Mr. Mathiyalagan and his team conducted a meeting through Zoom to explain about Post Covid 19. This was headed by Mrs Alima Zehra in charge of Department of Psychology from CTTE College for Women. This was attended by our school residential staff to understand the depth and have an insight into the problems that can develop in children and how to diffuse them by counselling.

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed a serious threat to global mental health. Multiple lines of evidence suggest that there is a

varying yet considerable increase in mental health issues among the general population and vulnerable group

The unexpected disruption of the social fabric and norms has affected the behavioral and mental health of the public, including children.



The mental health of children has been influenced by several ways, as this unprecedented situation changed a way they typically grow, learn, play, behave, interact, and manage emotions. Children with pre-existing psychiatric disorders such as attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), anxiety, depression, mood disorders, and behavior disorders could be adversely impacted during this stressful situation. Mental disorders are the leading cause of disability worldwide in adolescents and children. About 15% of children and adolescents in the world have mental health disorders or conditions. Nearly 50% of mental disorders start to affect the children by the age of 14. If left untreated, a child's mental development has been found to be drastically and detrimentally impacted. It is well established that mental health is one of the essential parts of human development and determines the outcome of a child's educational attainments and the potential to live fulfilling and productive lives. Mental illness can affect children at any point during their childhood, but it most significantly affects them during adolescence. Among the several mental illnesses that can be prevalent in childhood, depression is one of the major leading causes of mental illness amongst children.

The children who are at most significant risk are the youngest ones as their brains are still developing and are being exposed to high levels of stress and isolation, which can lead to permanent abnormal development. Children exposed to stressors such as separation through isolation from their families and friends, seeing or being aware of critically ill members affected with coronavirus, or the passing of loved ones or even thinking of their own death from the virus can cause them to develop anxiety, panic attacks, depression, and other mental illnesses.

School systems have the unique opportunity to provide consistent information to a large student body, who is unable to access other mental health programs in the areas. Furthermore, school systems must adapt to the new online learning method and help students adjust and thrive in online classes.

Additionally, children can be taught coping mechanisms to self-regulate their own emotions without dependence on others. One method that achieves this goal is behavioral activation, which focuses on participating in activities they enjoy and not employing avoidance behaviors. Alongside the other interventions mentioned above, behavioral activation can help children improve their problem-solving skills by engaging in healthy behaviors rather than unhealthy ones. Due to the isolation indirectly imposed by the pandemic, children would be expected to prosper better in these times when they are taught ways to help themselves.

RECEIVING THE MAHATMA AWARD FOR SOCIAL GOOD FOR THE YEAR 2020

Mahatma award for social good 2020 in Disability and inclusion was presented to Dr Chandra Prasad on January 30th 2021 in New Delhi





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

public sector, from sustainability to philanthropy to shared value to corporate social responsibility. Mahatma Award honor individuals and organizations that leverage their resources, expertise, and talent to make a positive impact for larger good. The Mahatma Award exist to put a spotlight on the most remarkable change makers of our time. The Winners recognized are addressing the incredibly complex and equally severe problems, we face today in our society. Their efforts span global poverty and hunger, disease, education, climate change, disaster response and preparedness and health care accessibility and much more. The Mahatma Award is founded by social entrepreneur and philanthropist Amit Sachdeva, who is also known as the CSR man of India for his advocacy for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Bill in India. The award is hosted by Liveweek Group. We received a letter which said as follows- On behalf of the Steering and Selection Committee of **Mahatma Award**, let me congratulate you on your entry being chosen for **India Mahatma Award 2020 India**. On behalf of team Mahatma Award, please accept my appreciation for the excellent work you are doing, which is making an enormous social impact. You have been selected because you have demonstrated excellence and the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity, civic and social responsibility. As you may know, many other businesses, organizations and individuals were nominated and, because of the high caliber of the nominated individuals and organizations, the Selection Committee deliberated long hours and considered all nominees before making the selection of your entry and other recipients, who stood out as impact leaders and change makers, and exemplify ethical standards and responsible behaviors in these difficult times of Covid-19 pandemic.



GLOBAL BEST SOCIAL WORKER AWARD

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

GANESH CHATURTHI, AYUDH POOJA, NAVRATHRI



Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated annually to mark the birth of Lord Ganesha, the God of new beginnings and a fresh start. Due to the spread of COVID-19, this year's celebration was limited only to celebrate with the families. And as a family, Pathway India the kids had also celebrated the Ganesh chaturthi by offering puffed rice, fruits and kozhukattai/modaku to the Lord Ganesha. The worship ends with the singing of an aarti in honour of Ganesh, other Gods and Saints.

Below are some pictures of the children's handmade statue of Lord Ganesha. These kids never cease to amaze us!!!! Every year, Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated in a large way. But this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the festival was a low-key affair. Ganesh Chaturthi also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi is one of the important Hindu festivals celebrated throughout India with a great devotion. This festival is celebrated once a year and is considered to be the most important festivals for Hindus. While it comes to the importance of Ganesh Chaturthi, it is celebrated as a symbol of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune. We at Pathway centres celebrated this festival on the 22nd August 2020. This day is celebrated as the birthday of Lord



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 etc of Lord Ganesha on online



Ayudha Puja is a part of the Navaratri festival (festival of triumph), a Hindu festival which is traditionally celebrated in India. It is also called "Astra Puja", the synonym for Ayudha Puja. In simple terms, it means "Worship of Tools". It is celebrated in Tamil Nadu as Ayudha Pujai.

This festival has brought a delight to all the the children and staff at the farm. The preparation starts with washing and cleaning of the vehicles and tools that are used at the

farm. The children at the farm are so excited and helped the team to decorate the vehicles and the stage. The decorations included making of garland, colourful ribbons and an offering (padayal) of puffed rice, jaggery and sweets are offered to the divine goddess Durga. At the end of the ceremony all the children and the staff were offered sweets and puffed rice. This wonderful event turned out to be a grand success. Navaratri is a Hindu festival that spans nine nights (and ten days) and is celebrated every year in the autumn. It is observed for different reasons and celebrated differently in various parts of the Indian cultural sphere.

In southern states, the victory of different goddesses, of Rama or Saraswati is celebrated. In all cases, the common theme is the battle and victory of Good over Evil. Celebrations include worshipping nine goddesses in nine days, stage decorations, recital of the legend and enacting of the story.

Our children at PATHWAY have shown their dedication and the cultural heritage in a beautiful style. They have showcased their Study and learning materials at the Golu. Under the guidance of the teachers and with the dedication of the parents and the work of the child the beautiful display has come to life. A huge appreciation to all our dedicated staff and parents.



STAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

DR CHANDRA PRASAD,
CO-FOUNDER
PATHWAY CENTRE FOR
REHABILITATION AND
EDUCATION OF THE
INTELLECTUAL
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THE STAR OF
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 at Rajaratnam Kalai
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TEACHER'S DAY



Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, teachers ensured that 'learning never stops', and no learner is left behind. World Teachers Day 2020 is a day to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide.



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Teachers' Day 2020 is 'Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future'. As the Covid-19 pandemic affected the education process, it created challenges for teachers across the world. It created a need to revisit the method of giving education. Teachers have had a significant duty in providing remote learning



and making education accessible. Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been a rise in challenges faced by already burdened education systems. It is a time for us to join hands with teachers to protect the right to education and get away with the difficulties posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. World Teachers Day discussions will also address the duty of teachers in constructing resilience and giving shape to the future of education as well as the teaching profession.

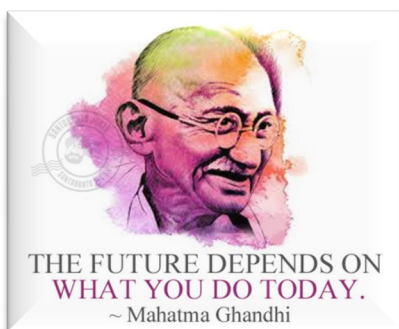
Marking October 5 as World Teacher's Day was a big step. On this day in 1966 a special inter-governmental conference called by UNESCO in Paris

adopted the Unesco/ILO recommendation regarding the status of teachers, in cooperation with the ILO. World Teachers' Day 2020 assumes significance amid the coronavirus pandemic. In a joint statement, UNESCO, ILO, UNICEF and Education International said, "In this crisis, teachers have shown, as they have done so often, great leadership and innovation in ensuring that #LearningNeverStops, that no learner is left behind."

"Around the world, they have worked individually and collectively to find solutions and create new learning environments for their students to allow education to continue. Their role advising on school reopening plans and supporting students with the return to school is just as important."

According to UNESCO, with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 on education, and the dedicated target (SDG 4.c) recognising teachers as key to the achievement of the Education 2030 agenda, World Teachers' Day has become the occasion to mark progress and reflect on ways to counter the remaining challenges for the promotion of the teaching profession.

MAHATMA GANDHI - 151st BIRTH ANNIVERSARY 2020



*Your beliefs become your thoughts,
 Your thoughts become your words,
 Your words become your actions,
 Your actions become your habits,
 Your habits become your values,
 Your values become your destiny.*
 . ---Mahatma Gandhi





To commemorate the 151st birth anniversary Mahatma Gandhi, schools and universities across the nation have conducted several activities and events for students and teachers ensuring COVID-19 guidelines are followed. Pathway too has followed the same and conducted the event through online classes.

The children drew drawings, puzzle activities, and learnt through Arts n Craft section too.

Admirers and followers of Mahatma Gandhi across the world shall observe the International Day of non-violence on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti today. This year, India shall celebrate the 151st birth anniversary of the *Mahatma* (a great soul). Born as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on October 2, 1869, he went on to become the 'Father of the Nation' and was fondly addressed as *Bapu*. Gandhi was a firm believer in God and called himself a Sanatani Hindu. He believed in the teachings of the sacred Hindu texts such as the Vedas, the Upanishads and the Puranas. According to '*My Religion* - a book compiled and edited by Bharatan Kumarappa, here's how Gandhi Ji described religion - "It is the permanent element in human nature

which counts no cost too great in order to find full expression and which leaves the soul utterly restless until it has found itself, known its Maker and appreciated the true correspondence between the Maker and itself."

INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



— Audrey

Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child

Every year on 11 October, the International Day of the Girl, UNICEF launches an annual campaign with girls to amplify their voices and stand up for their rights. This year, under the theme, "My voice, our equal future", let's seize the opportunity to reimagine a better world inspired by adolescent girls – energized and recognized, counted





and invested in. As adolescent girls worldwide assert their power as change-makers, International Day of the Girl 2020 will focus on their demands to:

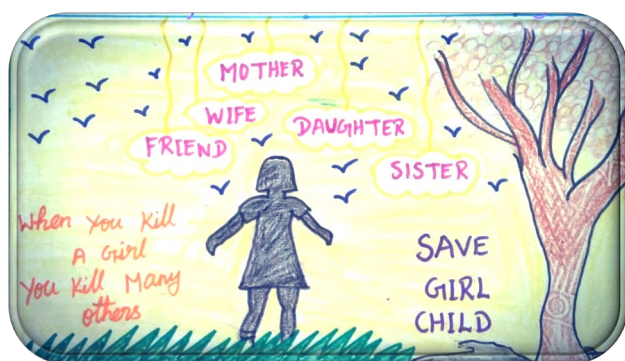
- Live free from gender-based violence, harmful practices, and HIV and AIDS
- Learn new skills towards the futures they choose
- Lead as a generation of activists accelerating social change

International Girl Child Day 2020: Girls face a lot of issues in their life, whether its India or any other country in the world they are

expected to suffer and bear the pain. Starting from female infanticide to gender inequality to sexual abuse, there is no dearth of issues. Thus to curb these menace and to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world International Girl Child Day is observed every year.

The International Day of the Girl Child focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.

Adolescent girls have the right to a safe, educated, and healthy life, not only during these critical formative years, but also as they mature into women. If effectively supported during the adolescent years, girls have the potential to change the world – both as the empowered girls of today and as tomorrow's workers, entrepreneurs, mentors, household heads, political leaders and mothers. An investment in realising the



power of adolescent girls upholds their rights today and promises a more equitable and prosperous future, one in which half of humanity is an equal partner in solving the problems of climate change, political conflict, economic growth, disease prevention, and global sustainability.

Gender equality is a global priority for UNESCO, and the

support of young girls, their training and their full ability to make their voices and ideas heard are drivers for sustainable development and peace. In too many cases across the globe, teenage girls drop out of school, due to forced marriages or child labor. UNESCO is committed to celebrating this day to ensure that all girls have access to quality education and a dignified life.



WORLD FOOD DAY 2020



Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, *"The first wealth is health."*

World Food Day 2020: Food is one of the most essential requirements for the sustenance of human life. If a human being does not have shelter over their head or clothes over their body, they would still survive but, if they don't get wholesome nutrition then their survival is at risk.



Throughout history, food has acted as a catalyst for societal transformation, development, and expansion. But now, food safety is becoming an important issue. Thus to raise awareness about the importance of good food and nutrition World Food Day is celebrated across the globe in different ways. World Food Day 2020 is observed on October 16 every year to tackle global hunger and strive to eradicate hunger across the world. There are people all over the world who are suffering from hunger. Starvation is a massive problem in several countries, and we need to do more to raise awareness and combat this problem. However, in 2020, World Food Day will be observed on Friday.

World Food Day is celebrated every year with different themes to focus on areas that require action and offer a common objective. This year the World Food Day 2020 theme is "Grow, nourish, sustain. Together. Our actions are our future". Several different events take place on World Food Day. However, this year due to the ongoing pandemic celebration will be different. One of the best ways to celebrate the day is by giving food to people who need it the most.

The COVID-19 global health crisis has been a time to reflect on the things we truly cherish and our most basic needs. These uncertain times have made many of us rekindle our appreciation for a thing that some take for granted and many go without: food.

Food is the essence of life and the bedrock of our cultures and



communities. **Preserving access to safe and nutritious food is and will continue to be an essential part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic**, particularly for poor and vulnerable communities, who are hardest hit hardest by the pandemic and resulting economic shocks. In a moment like this, it is more important than ever to recognise the need to **support our food heroes** - farmers and workers throughout the food system

- who are making sure that food makes its way from farm to fork even amid disruptions as unprecedented as the current COVID-19 crisis.

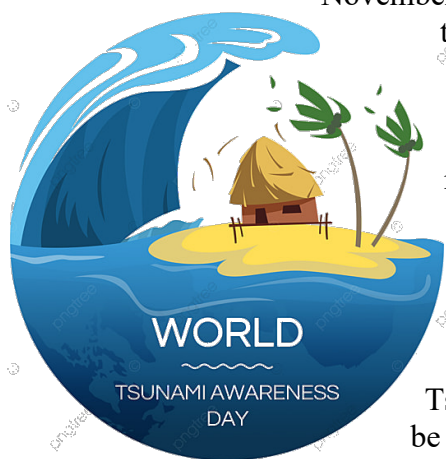
At our Centres we engaged our children and staff online staying in our premises and out as day care by conveying their thoughts in form of drawings and by participating in the online discussions

WORLD TSUNAMI AWARENESS PROGRAMME

After the 2004 deadliest Tsunami in the Indian Ocean; The United Nations General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day from December 2015. The basic motive of this day is to increase the awareness about the Tsunami among over 700 million people live in low-lying coastal areas and Small Islands

World Tsunami Awareness Day 2020: It is observed on 5

November every year to promote national and local risk reduction plans. According to the UN, by 2030, an estimated 50 percent of the world's population will live in coastal areas exposed to flooding, storms, and tsunamis. Tsunamis are rare events but can be extremely deadly therefore proper plans and policies will help to reduce the tsunami impact and help to build more resilience and protect populations at risk.



Meaning of 'Tsunami'. The term 'Tsunami' is a Japanese term which means "harbour wave". A tsunami is a series of giant waves caused by earthquakes or undersea volcanic eruptions and underwater landslides.

Tsunami waves can travel at the speed of 800 km/hour and its height can be 20 feet to 300 feet. The speed of tsunami waves depends on the depth of the ocean. The speed of tsunami is fast in deep water while slow down when reaching shallow waters. Worth to mention that *around 80% of tsunamis*

occur in the Pacific Ocean.

This year's observance promotes the "Sendai Seven Campaign," target (e). This theme focuses on reducing disaster damage to critical infrastructure and the disruption of basic services. The United Nations wants to increase the use of early warning systems, resilient infrastructure, educate people to save and protect their assets against tsunami risk in the future. On behalf of the social science club, we at the school conducted a online program to give awareness to the school children and their parents about TSUNAMI. A demo class with help of a model was used to explain how tsunami occurrence takes place . This was further enforced with a short video clip. The staff took keen interest in explaining about the evolution of earthquake under the sea and the precautionary measures of tsunami.



DIWALI



Deepawali or Diwali, is a festival of lights symbolising the victory of righteousness and the lifting of spiritual darkness. The word 'Deepawali' literally means rows of diya (clay lamps). This is one of the most popular festivals in the Hindu calendar. It is celebrated on the 15th day of Kartika (October/November). This festival commemorates Lord Rama's return to his kingdom Ayodhya after completing his 14-year exile.

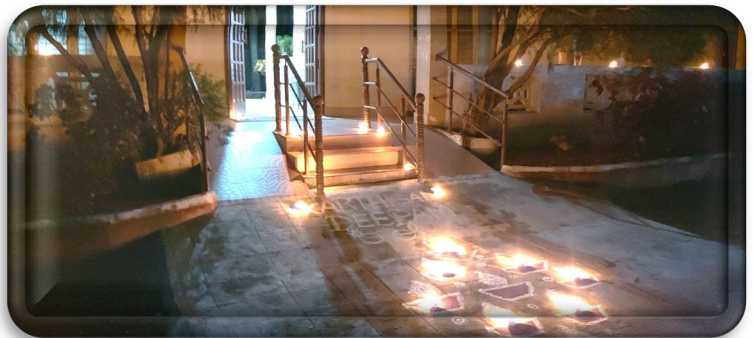
The most beautiful of all Indian festivals, Diwali is a celebration of lights. Streets are illuminated with rows of clay lamps and homes are decorated with colours and candles. This festival is celebrated with new clothes,

spectacular firecrackers and a variety of sweets in the company of family and friends. All this illumination and fireworks, joy and festivity, signify the victory of divine forces over those of wicked.

The Goddess Lakshmi (consort of Vishnu), who is the symbol of wealth and prosperity, is also worshipped on this day. In West Bengal, this festival is celebrated as Kali Puja, and Kali, Shiva's consort, is worshipped on the occasion of Diwali.

In the South, Deepawali festival often commemorates the conquering of the Asura Naraka, a powerful king of Assam, who imprisoned thousands of inhabitants. It was Krishna who was finally able to subdue Naraka and free the prisoners. To commemorate this event, people in Peninsular India wake before sunrise and make imitation blood by mixing kumkum or vermillion with oil. After crushing underfoot a bitter fruit as a symbol of the demon, they apply the 'blood' triumphantly on their foreheads. They then have ritual oil baths, anointing themselves with sandalwood paste. Visits to temples for prayers are followed by large family breakfasts of fruits and a variety of sweets.

Another story of king Bali is attached to the Diwali festival in South India. According to the Hindu mythology, King Bali was a benevolent demon king. He was so powerful that he became a threat to the power of celestial deities and their kingdoms. And Lord Vishnu came as the dwarf mendicant Vamana, to dilute Bali's power. Vamana shrewdly asked the king for land that would cover three steps as he walked. The king happily granted this gift. Having tricked Bali, Vishnu revealed himself in the full glory of his



godhood. He covered the heaven in his first step and the earth in his second. Realising that he was pitted against the mighty Vishnu, Bali surrendered and offered his own head, inviting Vishnu to step on it. Vishnu pushed him into the nether world with his foot. In return Vishnu gave him the lamp of knowledge to light up the dark underworld. He also gave him a blessing that he would return to his people once a year to light millions of lamps from this one lamp so that on the dark new moon light of Diwali, the blinding darkness of ignorance, greed, jealousy, lust, anger, ego, and laziness would be dispelled and the radiance of knowledge, wisdom and friendship would prevail. Each year on Diwali day, even today, one lamp lights another and like a flame burning steadily on a windless night, brings a message of peace and harmony to the world



Beginning on Thursday, November more than a billion people around the world began the annual celebration of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights that many consider to be the start of the new year. Typically, the festival is marked by celebrations both at home and in large community gatherings by people of many faiths in both India and the diaspora. This year, Diwali festivities revert back to more intimate family gatherings coupled with online observances as both countries grapple with the coronavirus pandemic. India, which has reported more than 8.6 million COVID-19 cases and more than 127,000 deaths, is second only to the United States which has more than 10.2 million cases and nearly 240,000 deaths, according to data from John Hopkins University. At Pathway we did celebrate this famous festival inhouse in all our centres. Though it was not in all its finery because of Covid issue we still managed to enjoy in full spirit. They looked forward for their new set of clothes and wore it with greatest pride and joy. The joy is always evident on the faces of these wonderful children. Sweets and a few crackers marked the occasion.



CHILDRENS DAY CELEBRATION

Every year, November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day with much fervour across India. It commemorates the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of Independent India Jawaharlal Nehru, fondly called Chacha Nehru. He was born on November 14, 1889.

The day is dedicated to advocating for children's education as Nehru believed that children were a nation's real strength and foundation of society. To celebrate the day, educational programs are held across the country.

"The children of today will make the India of tomorrow. The way we bring them up will determine the future of the country," Nehru had once said.

History and significance



Originally, Children's Day was celebrated on November 20, observed as Universal Children's Day by the United Nations. However, after the death of Nehru in 1964, his birth anniversary began to be celebrated as Children's Day in India. Considering his popularity among children, a resolution was passed in the parliament to give a befitting farewell to the first Prime Minister of the country

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's 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. India used to celebrate Children's Day in India on 20th

November every year before 1956 as the United Nations, in 1954, had declared the day as Universal Children's Day. But, after the death of India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in 1964, a resolution was passed in the parliament unanimously to honour to Pt. Nehru declaring his the day of his birth anniversary, 14th November as National Children's Day. Therefore, each year since then 14th November is celebrated as Children's Day in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of the country's first PM.



Nearly every school celebrates this day with various events like quiz, debates, cultural programs like dance, music, and drama. Teachers organize and perform various cultural events for the students. Chacha Nehru always believed that a child is future of tomorrow and hence through drama or play the teachers often on this day communicate to the Children the importance of having a fulfilled childhood to have a country with better tomorrow.

Many schools also celebrate the day by organizing sports events. School teachers often invite children from nearby orphanage or slum to participate with the students of the school together. Such gestures are very welcoming as the children learn to share and accommodate everyone from society with them. Such gestures also instill a sense of equality among students. Teachers and parents on this day also shower their love and affection towards the child by distributing gifts, chocolates, and toys. Schools also organize various talk shows, seminars where inspirational personalities from various fields like sports, education, cultural and entertainment sector come and deliver motivational speeches to the students. Children are the ones who light up our world, the ones who have the potential to put a smile even on the chronically sad faces, the one whose hugs can melt anyone's heart, whose one wail can cause all the members of a family to panic, and whose innocence give people the hope that the world still is a good place; children are like the ray of sunshine. Without them, this world would be nothing but a dull and boring place! At Pathway this day was once again celebrated through online. Various activities like drawing, coloring and craft activities were introduced to emphasize the importance of this great day. The pre vocation and vocational group children pooled their resources and created beautiful art pieces which was proudly displayed by them online to their respective teachers. Heap of praises from the staff drew beautiful smiles on their faces. Its so heartening to know that every child was enrolled for this event and every category did churn out the best inspite of all the odds faced. Their faith in us only resolves our motivation to do more for them. We do believe in the following quote made by our great writer



Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man.

— Rabindranath Tagore

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

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



all grateful
members of
PATHWAY
family

CHINTAMANI VILLAGE





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

This is a festival which actually you can feel days before in the air. The whole being of oneself seems to get soaked in helping others and to share the joy & peace one observes in giving than receiving gifts. For children it is the most wonderful season to wear and don new clothes, creating special Christmas cards for their friends & families and to take part in the cultural activity depicting the birth of Christ. This year too has been no different for the children who awaited the great day to bring the joy & peace message to the world in their own special way.



This being a year with full challenges we decided to go to the children's doorstep and conduct this festival. We selected 7 different study centres and along with the staff we celebrated. The name of the centres and events have been displayed here with captions. Children were thrilled to be a part of the same. They



presented skits, dances, mimes, fashion show etc to mark this wonderful day. Their joy was doubled when they received gifts from their Director . we tried to make this day as special as possible . The spirit in the air was one

of happiness and that we have been safe and not affected by corona Virus. Our prayers

were said in gratefulness for the same and did realise that we have been a blessed lot. Our sincere thanks and gratefulness to every supporter of ours who have been a part of our trials and tribulations in this challenging period in spite of tgoing through the same ordeal. We are motivated to do more and pray that our services bring more joy and happiness to these wonderful kids.



PONGAL



Pongal, one of a major Hindu festival is celebrated on the fourteenth day of January every year in the state of Tamil Nadu. For four long days, the festival is celebrated and mother nature and Sun God is worshipped for bestowing food grains and providing energy for agriculture. The word Pongal is derived from the Tamil word 'Ponga'. The derived meaning of the word is “to boil, spillover” or “overflowing.” It is said to signify the overflowing harvest in the season, since harvest is usually associated with an abundance of food.

Pongal: Celebration and significance

The four day festival is celebrated as

follows:

- Bhogi Pongal,
- Surya Pongal:
- Mattu Pongal:
- Kannum Pongal:
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This day coincides with Makar Sankranti. 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. The children at the Chennai center had another project to work before the event. They were made to draw, color and cut out the main symbols used in the celebration of Pongal. It was very interesting to watch the efforts each child took to draw and color at their own pace. 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 the sweetness of 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.



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.

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.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



We celebrated this particular day with full enthusiasm which included children participating online as well as children at the centre with the staff supporting them. Republic day was celebrated with the same pride at Pathway, Chennai in a grand manner. There was feverish excitement in the children as many of them were ready to present a colorful program.

The entire frontage of the centre was decorated with our national flag and tri color balloons. A beautiful Rangoli ushered and welcomed each one. The children were dressed smartly in white uniform As the children were called to attention, Dhuli Patnaik our President was requested to unfurl the national flag. With this the children, staff and everyone assembled sang the national anthem in unison.



The programme started with a drill using rings as props by the staff. The added value was that the respective class teachers lead the drill with their children. This had brought lot of excitement and each child wanted to give his best. The different colors of the ring depicted the colors of our flag..

The children have always loved donning costumes and act the part of our heroic icons which led them to model their favourite leaders

India celebrated its 72nd Republic Day on Tuesday across the country, albeit in a muted manner due to the pandemic. The annual Republic Day celebrations began today in the national capital under the shadow of Covid-19 and farmers protests. The protesting farmers who are seeking repeal of the contentious farm bills passed last year breached the Delhi borders and entered the capital. The National Flag was unfurled at Rajpath in the presence of President Ramnath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice



President Venkaiah Naidu. The Republic Day parade saw a total of 32 tableaux — 17 of various states and UTs, nine of ministries and six from the defence arm — at Rajpath

Delhi Police advised the people to watch the live telecast of Republic Day parade at home due to COVID-19 protocols. Invitees attending parade at Rajpath had to comply with the COVID-19 advisory that included temperature check, use of sanitiser, mask and social distancing. This time, there would not be a chief guest at the Republic Day parade. Additionally, the route of the marching contingent would end at the India Gate C-Hexagon instead of Red Fort.

There were changes in R-Day parade due to the pandemic as follows -

- ❖ All participants and performers will wear masks during parade
- ❖ Only 25,000 spectators are allowed, including 4,000 general public
- ❖ No shoulder-to-shoulder march with a distance of 1.5m between two persons
- ❖ The parade will only march 3.5 km, earlier the distance was 8.5 km
- ❖ The number of tableaux has been increased to 32. But will not be placed at Red Fort for public display
- ❖ The size of every contingent has been cut short to 96 members instead of 144
- ❖ Mask, temperature check, sanitiser and medical teams at each enclosure
- ❖ Children below 15 years and elderly with co-morbidities will not be allowed
- ❖ The newly inducted Rafale fighter aircraft will feature
- ❖ Week-long 'Bharat Parv' event will not be celebrated
- ❖ Only 4,000 seats for the Beating Retreat ceremony compared with 25,000 earlier
- ❖ No standing spectators will be allowed

In Tamil Nadu the Republic Day celebrations in Chennai included Governor Banwarilal Purohit unfurling the Indian Flag and Chief Minister K Palaniswami giving away medals for gallantry.



WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2020

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

*We are all a
part of God's
great big
family
And the truth,
you know love
is all we need
We are the
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ones who
make a
brighter day.*



December 3 is observed as World Disabled Day every year to acknowledge the issues faced by persons with disabilities (PwD) around the world. World Disabled Day is known as "International Day of Persons with Disabilities", the day aims to promote an awareness of disability issues and the fundamental rights of persons with disabilities.

However, in today's world, disability is not considered as a state of inability. Even the most successful scientist of the modern era, Stephen Hawking, has disabilities. Thus the day is observed every year to inculcate a sense of compassion among all human beings on Earth. On this day, we celebrate the lives of persons with disabilities and salute their determination.

As per census 2001, over 21 million people in India are suffering from one or the other kind of disability. This is equivalent to 2.1% of the population. Among the total disabled in the country, 12.6 million are males and 9.3 million are females.





International
Day of
Persons with
Disabilities
3 DECEMBER



World Disability Day 2020: Theme

Each year the UN announces a theme to observe for International Day of People with Disability. The theme for IDPwD 2020 is "Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 World".

According to the United Nations Organization, "Out of the one billion population of persons with disabilities, 80% live in developing countries. One in every five women is likely to experience disability in her life, while one in every ten children is a child with a disability. An estimated 46% of older people aged 60 years and over are people with disabilities."

The kids at Pathway missed their usual indoor and outdoor sports and cultural events this year. But they decided to celebrate it online by way of posters and other activities to celebrate this great day. Their determination and smile aptly proves that they can and they will.

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THE PROJECT VISION

Our children from school participated in the VOICE OF THE EYE by participating in a global speech competition whose theme was- An appeal for eye donation. The tow students who participated were L Nisha and Kishore M. The objective of the competition was to inspire people to donate eyes and to express



solidarity with the visually challenged people across the world. 371 participants from 8 countries, 15 Indian states participated in the contest. Among them the 12 short listed participants presented their speeches to their global audience on a live social media platform appealing them for eye donation. 3 participants emerged as winners.

DR. A D S N PRASAD – COMMUNITY BASED MEDICAL AND REHAB SERVICES



Since our TRUST, is engaged in the activity of providing education to under privileged Children and is having its facilities at Thiruvanmiyur-Chennai, and Melmaruvathur we decided to join hands to provide medical care not just for our children but also the community around. The reason for us to choose villages and communities in and around Sriperumbadur taluk was based on the demography. It showed lower socioeconomic group, migration labour, farmers and coolie (daily Wages). The total population to be covered would be 1200 average families in each village. Total would be 2.5 lakhs people.

The survey also showed us there is a lot of Non communicable disease and Children and young adults with special needs are a part of this. These are the majority who are unable to reach for treatment, Rehab or therapy. The Present project has been initiated with minimal intervention as community home based care.

The team is headed by Dr R.Sridhar who controls the entire operation along with other staff members namely 3 doctors, dentist, community volunteers, community health workers, administrative staff, medical camp co-ordinators and specialized doctors whenever needed along with nurse and driver.

The above said programme was flagged off in December, the 15th of 2019. We held a small group meeting to inaugurate the same at the farm centre in honor of our late founder- DR A D S N PRASAD on whose name this Outreach programme has been named. Members of our Trust including the staff from the RMD team participated in the above event.

The month of June the programmes conducted were – Community Awareness for Covid-19, Occupational Health screening, Providing Protective kit and Disinfecting the community Medical screening for Covid-19 was conducted for Migrant workers.

Below are reports conducted monthwise and the different beneficiaries covered over the period.

APRIL 1st 2020 to JUNE 2020 is as follows

MONTH	ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED	VILLAGE NAME	PEOPLE BENEFITTED	CHILDREN / STUDENTS BENEFITTED	STAFF BENEFITTED	NO OF VILLAGE PEOPLE BENEFITTED	HOME VISITS
APRIL 2020	PROVIDING PROTECTIVE KIT/DISINFECTANT ITEMS	PROVIDED DISINFECTANTS TO SOMANGALAM POLICE STATION, NALLUR PANCHAYATH,					
	PROVIDING GROCERIES	PULIANTHOPE, VILLAGE PEOPLE, WOMEN, OLD AGE HOME, SANITARY WORKERS IN T NAGAR, SANITARY WORKERS IN MADURAVOYAL, SANITARY WORKERS IN WEST MAMBALAM,	105				
	DISINFECTING THE COMMUNITY	KAATRAMBAKKAM, AMARAMBEDU PILLAIAPPAKKAM, NANDHAMBARKAM VILLAGE PANCHAYATH	168 FAMILIES			375	6
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	21	10	11		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	20	10	10		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	36	10	26		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	27	10	17		
MAY 2020	PROVIDING PROTECTIVE KIT/DISINFECTANT ITEMS						
	PROVIDING GROCERIES	VILLAGE PANCHAYATH	100FAMILIES				
	COVID-19 SCREENING	MIGRANT WORKERS	150 FAMILIES			368	10
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	9	8	1		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	27	8	19		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	22	10	12		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	28	9	19		
JUNE 2020	SCREENING FOR COVID-19	PONDUR VILLAGE	61	11			
	SCREENING FOR COVID-10	MIGRANT WORKERS- GUMMIDIPOONDI	20				
	DISINFECTING THE COMMUNITY	PILLAIAPPAKKAM PANCHAYATH	446 FAMILIES				
	DISINFECTING THE COMMUNITY	MANIMANGALAM PANCHAYATH	1974 FAMILIES				
	MEDICAL CARE						6
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	28	10	18		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	26	9	17		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	26	9	17		
	MEDICAL CARE	AGILI VILLAGE FARM / SABIN	17	8	9		
	MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	HEAD INJURY	1				
	MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1				

The villages covered so far are –

- ❖ SOMANGALAM
- ❖ NALLUR VILLAGE
- ❖ RMD HOSPITAL CAMP
- ❖ PILLAIPAKKAM VILLAGE
- ❖ IRUNGATTUKOTTAI
- ❖ KATRAMBAKKAM
- ❖ AMARAMBEDU
- ❖ SCHOOL KATRAMBAKKAM
- ❖ SCHOOL -NALLUR VILLAGE
- ❖ SCHOOL-AMARAMBEDU
- ❖ FOOTWEAR DESIGN& DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
- ❖ PERIYAR NAGAR
- ❖ VENGADU VILLAGE
- ❖ KATRAMBAKKAM
- ❖ SUDHANDHIRAMEDU
- ❖ PAMELA MARTINEZ-PATHWAY AGRO FARM-MELMARVATHUR
- ❖ MANIMANGALAM VILLAGE
- ❖ MAPPEDU VILLAGE
- ❖ MANNUR VILLAGE



PROVIDING GROCERIES TO
 PULIANTHOPE BENEFICIARIES – 38
 NUMBERS



PROVIDING GROCERIES AND FREE MEDICINES TO PREGNANT WOMEN



PROVIDING GROCERIES TO OLD AGE HOMES - LITTLE DROPS



PROVIDING GROCERIES TO CLEANING WORKERS- T NAGAR



PROVIDING GROCERIES TO
CLEANING WORKERS-
WEST MAMBALAM TEMPLE



PROVIDING GROCERIES TO
CLEANING WORKERS-
MADURAVOYAL



PROVIDING
DISINFECTANTS –
SOMANGALAM
POLICE STATION

NALLUR
PANCHAYATH

SPRAYING DISINFECTANT TO
THE COMMUNITY –
KAATRAMBAKKAM,
AMARAMBEDU PILLAIPAKKAM,
NANDHAMBAKKAM VILLAGE
PANCHAYATH

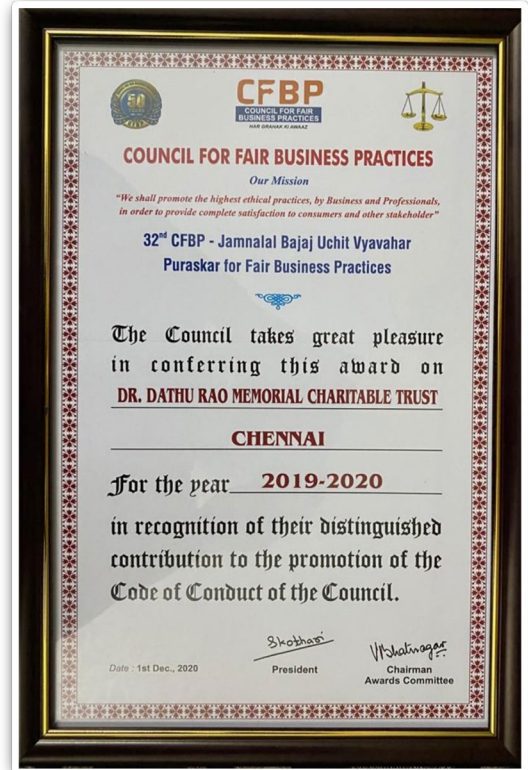


S. NO	LOCATION	NO OF PEOPLE	REMARKS
1	AMARAMBEDU VILLAGE, SOMAMANGALAM VILLAGE, NALLUR VILLAGE	40 NOS	ALREADY GIVEN
2	PULIYANTHOPPU VILLAGE	35 NOS	ALREADY GIVEN
3	SANITIZER WORKERS	30 NOS	ALREADY GIVEN

COVID – 19 SCREENING FOR MIGRANT WORKERS



CFBP-JAMNALAL BAJAJ AWARDS FOR FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES-2019-2020



The Jamnalal Bajaj Awards for Fair Business Practices is a significant milestone that recognises and commemorates businessmen and industrialists who uphold the highest ethical practices in business. Constituted in 1988, these Awards are judged on eight vital parameters, including customer satisfaction, employee motivation, environmental

protection and corporate social responsibility, among others. Each year, the Awards are presented to the manufacturing enterprises, service organizations as well as trade and distribution and charitable associations who have made significant efforts in promoting Fair Business Practices and demonstrated high standards of integrity in their business dealings, thereby helping to promote the interest of consumers. The Awards set a benchmark in the Business Sector as CFBP is a brand that

Dear Dr.Prasad,

CFBP JAMNALAL BAJAJ UCHIT VYAVAHAR PURASKAR - 2019-20

CONGRATULATIONS !

We are glad to inform you that the Panel of Judges, in its meeting held on 6th March, 2020 has selected your organisation for receiving a Trophy for 2019-20 in the Category of Charitable Association.

The Awards shall be presented at a glittering function scheduled to be held on Friday 27th March, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Walchand Hirachand Hall, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020.

Mr. Rajnish Kumar, Chairman, State Bank of India is the Chief Guest for the Awards Function along with some distinguished guests.

Thanks and regards,

Swapnil Kothari
President
Committee

Vineet Bhatnagar
Chairman, Awards

evokes credible recognition. Our application was shortlisted for the council for fair business practices and we were invited to give a power point presentation lasting for ten minutes before the Panel of judges *followed by clarifications if any. The panel was to be headed by Ex-Delhi HC Chief Justice Mr. Justice Ajit P. Shah. We were requested to attend the meeting scheduled at 2:25 p.m. on 6th March, 2020 at the Board Room of Bajaj Group, Mumbai – 400 021.*

We attended the meet at the given scheduled time and returned the same day back to Chennai.

On the 9th of March 2020 we received the following letter from the Bajaj group....(some excerpts of the same...)

After the pandemic situation ceased a bit we were invited to receive the award physically in Mumbai on the 1st of December 2020. We are indeed grateful and honored to have received this award.



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

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Marked annually on March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- celebrate women's achievements
- raise awareness about women's equality
- lobby for accelerated gender parity



This year according to the UN, the theme of International Women's Day 2021 is "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world". And the campaign theme for International Women's Day 2021 is #ChooseToChallenge.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

It is also aligned with the priority theme of the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, "making", and the



flagship Generation Equality campaign, which calls for women's right to decision-making in all areas of life, equal pay, equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, an end all forms of violence against women and girls, and health-care services that respond to their needs.



We at Pathway salute these wonderful souls who selflessly have dedicated their lives to improve the quality of the most deserving special group of children and adults braving all the challenges. Recognizing this group only further motivates them to give their best .

MEDICAL UNIT- PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES and ACTIVITIES TAKEN TO MINIMISE COVID-19 IN THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD

The following were the activities undertaken during the above pandemic period as shown below-

n **Nursery and vegetable garden:**

The kids that are staying in the home were taught and trained by the educators to work in the nursery to collect the seeds and plant them in the grow bags as a part of their vocational activity.

The kids also work in the vegetable garden to remove the weeds and to fertilize the plants and harvest the vegetables and use them in our kitchen for cooking. These vegetables include brinjal, lady's finger, tomato, ridge gourd, pumpkin and French beans.

n **Cleaning and housekeeping:**

The educators also help and guide the kids at the home to clean their dormitory and the schools by sweeping the classrooms and watering the plants and weeding the courtyard. The educators teach the children to use the gardening tools and their purpose.

n **Talking to the children's parents:**

We have not left the kids who have went to their homes during this pandemic holiday, every parent was contacted by our educators and required therapy and guidance was provided. The kids and their families were also supported with medical and financial aid.

n **Yoga classes:**

The work of the educators also taught the inmates their regular yoga classes. This yoga session was also conducted as an online session for the kids staying at their homes, the class was conducted once in every week and the same was advised for the parents to follow.

□ **Sports/ online competition:**

Several sports activities were conducted and monitored by the special educators; the same sports activities were also taught online for the kids staying at their homes. The kids were also trained for an online competition conducted by the World Food Bank, Tsunami Awareness, Education Portals, Vision project, Ecohooy, , Bhumi and Nakshatra foundation etc The kids showed their talents and the photos were sent through mail to the them. We got a huge support from the parents and staffs during these competition.

□ **Personal hygiene:**

The daily activities include the personal hygiene of each and every individual, the warden and the special educators also look after the child's hygiene. The list of things that are done for a child are shaving, trimming of nails, washing of clothes, bathing, etc. the above said activities are not only followed for the inmates but also for the parents that have special children at their home and are studying and working with us.

□ **Awareness and training for hand washing, use of mask and Social distancing:**

According to the governments instruction to stay at home and be safe at home, we at Sabin-pathway are abiding to it. During our online classes we advise our special children's parents and family not to go out of their houses unnecessarily. Our special educators demonstrated multiple times to our inmates and the kids staying at homes, how to wash/sanitize their hands, how to wear a mask and the importance of social distancing is also explained to every parent and child.

□ **Providing medical checkup and counselling:**

At Pathway, we never compromise when it comes to a physical or mental health of a child. That is the reason why we have a visiting doctor to assess the child's physical health. We also have a social worker who constantly provides counselling and will look after the mental state of each and ever child that are studying in our home. The doctor visits thrice a week and the social worker will provide counselling daily over the phone.



The medical centre runs now with the help of a doctor namely- Dr Dinesh Kumar and two nurses-Nishanthi and Divya

OUR MEDICAL DOCTORS WORKING DURING COVID PERIOD

GARBAGE CLEANING EXECUTED EVERY SECOND DAY DURING THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD

↓ SPRAYING OF MEDICINE DONE EVERY WEEK DURING THIS PERIOD

The other measures taken were the following –

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

- Clean your hands often. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Maintain a safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your nose and mouth with your bent elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, to report immediately



2. Wearing of masks

3. Proper use of sanitisers

4. Teaching and online classes conducted on the above

5. Physically training the kids to make their masks with proper instructions

6. Discussed the advantages of not meeting and shaking hands with anyone

7. Looking into their personal hygiene and safety

8. All therapies are being conducted online for the kids

9. Conducting daily visit by medical doctors, checking their temperatures and bp. Instructing parents of day care children to avail our medical facilities.

10. Provisions and monetary assistance given to all our day care and temporary custodial kids

11. Any kind of emergency and help can be reported to the concerned staff and immediate action taken on that.

12. Corporation has been instructed to spray medication outside the building and wash rooms, corridors etc every week

13. Garbage refuse is collected everyday by the corporation

14. Maintenance and cleanliness is maintained on daily basis

15. New basic essential life saving skills were taught

16. Fresh food is supplied daily, vegetables are ordered every week and provisions for a month.

17. No refrigerated food is offered to any one



18. Phone facility is offered and Counselling is done by their educators
19. To keep them active online classes are being conducted
20. Therapeutic work like gardening, TV, bakery and handicraft making is introduced with proper instruction

STATE GIRLS CHILD PROTECTION DAY



The State Girls Child Protection Day was celebrated in our school. The students of ninth and tenth participated in the above event with all other grade children were participants online. The Founder Director too participated and addressed the gathering.

The children performed a short Skit which was based on the description of their day to day life issues in common places. The part of a girl was enacted by Suriya who

explained the difficulties of being a girl in society and the support system available to them. His co actors in the skit were Nisha, Emmanuvel, Santhiya, and Kishore Kumar



The State government had recently declared that February 24, the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, will be observed as the State Girl Child Protection Day and asked the district administration to organise activities such as human chain, taking pledge, rallies, seminar, workshops, street plays on girl child protection. At the Collectorate, Collector S.A. Raman administered pledge to girl students and distributed sweets among them. Later, students took out a



rally carrying placards that called for ensuring their freedom and rights in the society. Placards also carried message against child labour and the responsibility of each citizen in ensuring the rights and protection of girl children.

We in Pathway have always considered children girl or boy to be the best creation and believe in

providing all the facilities for all round development of every child. We pledge to do more for them and thank every well wisher for making this possible



ONLINE CLASSES



During the COVID-19 Lockdown, online teaching is evolving as the most suitable means for teaching and learning. But, during this lockdown, a portion of the syllabus could be completed by conducting online classes. This has helped teachers to cover the syllabus after the educational institutions reopen. Consequently, conducting exams on time has also helped maintain the flow of study for students. In addition, students are engaged in studies during this

lockdown. Since everything had to be done online we decided to use the services of Cloud Data network which would help in streamlining the knowledge to be imparted and to be in touch with all our students.

Mostly the children were informed through email or WhatsApp about the time and topic of the online class. The video tutorials were streamed on live on YouTube. After a tutorial, the follow up was done on WhatsApp by using a group chat. Apart from this the related assignments were shared on Google Classroom. To make this very effective the staff were instructed to collect the present email addresses and contact numbers of all the students and create a group of students in the LMS through which the online classes were conducted. Strict instructions were given for the concerned staff to prepare before

the actual class and to rehearse offline prior. It was the responsibility of the principal to check all the necessary equipment and services, like the internet, laptop, camera, etc. before the commence of every session.

The other necessary points were introduced like giving proper breaks to the students. This allowed them to think about the topic and clear their questions and doubts. The classes were kept short, several short sessions were taken depending on the number of students and teaching plan. A few open-ended questions related to the topic during the online



session were made to make students more responsive. Taking feedback from the students was the highlight of our teaching plans.

Extra care was taken to continuously remind the children to wash their hands and time to time the precautionary measures to be used to spread the corona virus. The mandatory use of masks were repeatedly told to the kids. To make this more effective the director, principal and staff toured all the study centres set up by us and distributed individually masks, sanitizers, textbooks and provisions too.

OUR FOUNDER'S DAY



Prasad's contribution in the service of the disabled has been many fold. As an young man of 21 years when he started Pathway in a humble circumstances in a rented building he started serving children with mental retardation and cerebral palsy as inmates. Perhaps Pathway was the only centre available at that time apart from another facility that was admitting children through police and courts. Right from that time Prasad was able serve children single handedly with various other problems that included speech and hearing problems, autism besides mental disability. On an average over 100-120 children were being assisted by him directly every day, where he used to spend his time administering therapy and total care. For years from April 1975 till 1985, Pathway was run entirely from his personal contribution. At today's costs the expenses were anywhere around 2 Lakhs per month. His monetary contribution would be around Rs.2 Crores at today's costs. In addition to serving children with disabilities in the centre Prasad fanned out to different cities and districts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and conducted diagnostic and rehabilitation camps for the disabled, hundreds of children with various disabilities were examined and offered intervention programme. Right from that day till today Prasad has been serving children with poverty and disability free of cost. After 1984-85 Pathway started soliciting support from individuals, organizations and government More than 46000 children have been examined by Pathway over the years and nearly 35,000 children with various disabilities have been assisted. The Centre opened its door in offering primary medical care to the neighboring poor men, women and children, till now over 5.3 Lakh adults and children have been assisted with medical, pediatric and dental care. In addition to this Pathway has also initiated primary literary programme for poor slum children, every year the organization assists over 150 children in their everyday studies offering them free tuition and other support.

Prasad with the aid of munificent support received from highly loyal and committed donors established a large Agro farm for Children in a large agricultural tract of land about 90 Kms from Chennai. This agro farm is one of its kind that offers top notch facilities for the integrated education and rehabilitation of able and disabled children and adults. The organization has constructed large well planned buildings to offer high class education for orphan, destitute and poor children. Disabled friendly buildings have been built to offer services to the disabled, without any bias to their religion caste or any other consideration. This facility is offering support for nearly 300 children and adults every day. In addition to this Pathway has initiated community based rehabilitation programme (CBR) in several villages serving scores of disabled children and adults with various disorders, right at their door steps.

Prasad right from the beginning has been challenged with health issues, he as a student in the ALL India Institute of Speech and Hearing met with an accident when he suffered considerable injury to his face , jaws and teeth, which caused continuous and chronic issues. He also underwent a surgery to correct an anomaly in his coccyx. When he was 22 years old he was diagnosed to have had Psoriasis and this became a huge and dreaded challenge for him life along. Drugs such as high dosage of steroids used caused irreversible problems all his life, at the age of 43 years Prasad developed bilateral cataract, he developed severe osteoporosis leading to four fractures in his spine, severe endocrinal disorder. He also developed



obesity, diabetes and hypertension. His weight from 65 Kgs increased to 110 Kgs. As he was receiving high dosage of steroids he developed severe problems in immunity, leading to constant abscess formation that required repeated surgical intervention. His challenges continued with detection of cancer in vocal chords which required immediate micro laryngeal surgery with radiation. ON top of all this now Prasad has been diagnosed with cancer In his bladder that require immediate major surgery that was being performed at the Cancer Institute. Prasad has won several state, national and international awards for the services rendered to disabled. He received the Japanese SIVUS Award for Exceptional Services for Mentally Disabled, The Tamil Nadu Government awarded best institution awards for Pathway's services and Prasad received national award from Prime Minister A B Vajpayee for outstanding services rendered to the disabled. In addition to this he has received many other awards from national and state bodies for the services rendered towards the disabled. Prasad was a visionary leader who left a legacy of service. He was anxious to find and serve the poorest of the poor in any way he could and inspired those around him to do the same. Today it is six years of his leaving this earthly abode. We want to pay respect on his birthday which we usually celebrate as PATHWAY EXCELLENCE AWARD DAY. But due to this pandemic period we have celebrated inhouse and paid our respects and gratitude to this most wonderful and gentle soul whose image is etched in so many especially the special children. Some excerpts of the same have been shown.

CHILDRENS CORNER



AWARDS



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

🏆 “MCDS-Award for a couple rendering exceptional services to the disabled” awarded to - –Mrs Chandra Prasad and A D S N Prasad, 2007. Award consisted of cash award, plaque and a citation handed over by Hon’ble Shri Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu, in the presence of many distinguished persons including Mr. Devarajan, Managing Trustee of MCDS.

🏆 Award for “Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled”



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



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

–Rotary Club International, 1999



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

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



“Best Institution Serving the Disabled”

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



“Best Employer of the Disabled”

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



“Best Employees” awarded to two Pathway employees

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



“Exceptional Contribution for Services to People”

–Government of Karnataka, 1995



“Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled in India”

–Japanese SIVUS Council, 1993