

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT 2021 – 2022

PAMELA MARTINEZ – “PATHWAY”
MATRICULATION SCHOOL

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

This financial year started with a totally new perspective of life. We are indeed grateful that we managed to be shielded from Covid-19 wrath and once again have been blessed by the Almighty. Though the online classes were in full swing by the staff who started attending regularly from April we were praying for things to get back to normalcy and feel the physical presence of children. The joy was eminent when we were given permission to allow the children to attend physically from the month of October. Though many parents hesitated to send their wards the silver lining was evident. The joy to see their smiling faces as they trickled back to school was a marvel. Everybody felt the gracious hand and this only further strengthened the caregivers and staff determination to work towards a better today and tomorrow. With great sadness I need to report that we lost one day care child to Covid.

This year also marked the first Election duties set for the staff by the govt and our first time Intellectually Disabled voters exercised their rights. It sure is a milestone in not just in their lives but in our lives too. The highlight was for most of our staff to be honored under Mother Teresa award category by the former judge of High Court. We are extremely proud of our talented and dedicated staff. Another milestone was achieved by the Vocation group which bagged the order for newspaper nativity internationally by Dallas Arboretum. With this Pathway has forever etched their mark of quality in terms of product in the international arena too. We indeed salute all those responsible.

Still facing Covid virus the centre with the help of the government machinery got all the kids in our care along with the staff vaccinated. We went all out to help the government in completing the formalities for UDID cards to the tune of 8000 and also were a part of drive for various vaccination camps in our centres and for thousands of public too. We also pride in saying that we covered nearly 200 children and adults under the Nirmaya Health Insurance scheme which is a part of our Government's drive by National Trust

Our desire to magnify our endeavor to serve many more "poorest of the poor" through our outreach program in remote villages was executed. This academic year we had partnered with Chennai and Chengalpattu govt officials to help more than 2000 PWD families as covid support and nearing thousand families at Maraimalai Nagar. 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 2600 families in urban areas and four village schools by way of help in kind. At this juncture I convey our continued gratitude to all our supporters and benefactors and pray for their continued love, munificence, and association. This year also marked the first medical camp conducted to help patients with cataract surgeries which fortunately brought light in their eyes and new hopes for future.

This period has also allowed us to share our blessings in form of provisions to more than 5000 families which includes our children and staff too. The areas covered were in Chennai and Chengalpattu. We have also been fortunate to receive a hat trick award for creating an impact on the society for covid work in the name of Mahatma Award for Social Good 2021. This year also we

were able to rope in the prestigious MSME- time2leap award. Public recognition by way of CSR coverage too has been given by corporate.

We are indeed grateful for all those souls and every well wisher who stood by our side. Because of the lock-down 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.

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 Tim Fewkes, Mr BJ Butel and Mr John-Luc Butel, Drawing & Sponsorship Emmaus, Mr Jim and Karen Dosedall, 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 Chengalpattu 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

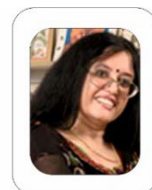
❖ The board members meet at least four times a year to transact the business of the organization and meets every year to conduct the Annual General Body meeting to review the work of the organization and resolve various important issues, including: Acceptance and passage of yearly budget. Due to Covid we had to hold some meets through online



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TRUSTEE

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

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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 Justice Juvenile Act, 2015, Dept of Social Defense, Govt of TN
- ❖ Registered under Section 34(3) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000, amended in 2006 and rules therein., The State Govt/Director of Social Welfare-Child Welfare .
- ❖ Registrar of Societies (South), Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai
- ❖ Registered with Department of Social welfare, Govt of Tamil Nadu under Orphanages and other Charitable homes supervision and control act 1960
- ❖ Registered with Department of Social Welfare, govt. of Tamil Nadu under section 51(2) of the Rights of the Persons with Disability Act, 2016
- ❖ Registered under TN Recognized Private Schools (Regulations) Act, 1973 and Rules 1974
- ❖ Registered with Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Govt of Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Registered under NGO-Darpan Portal of NITI AAYOG, Govt of India

The details of each registration is given below

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- CHENNAI**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.As per Matriculation School regulations, Chief Educational officer proceedings SL NO 3833/A1/2021 dated 29.10.2021, Recognition for the IX TO X grades from **01.09.2021 to 30 .06.2024**

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

❖ **REGISTRATION NO. TDRD16513235267**

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

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

Registration No. CSR00015933

"HAVE THE POOR HELP THE POOR"

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

Dr. A D S N Prasad, an Audiologist and Speech Pathologist, sought to fill the void existing in the care and rehabilitation of the Intellectually Disabled adults and children.

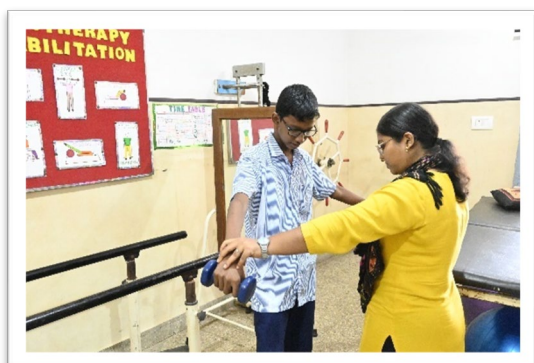
From these humble beginnings grew an organization that has served almost 40,500 children and adults in a city center and two in rural agricultural centre.

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

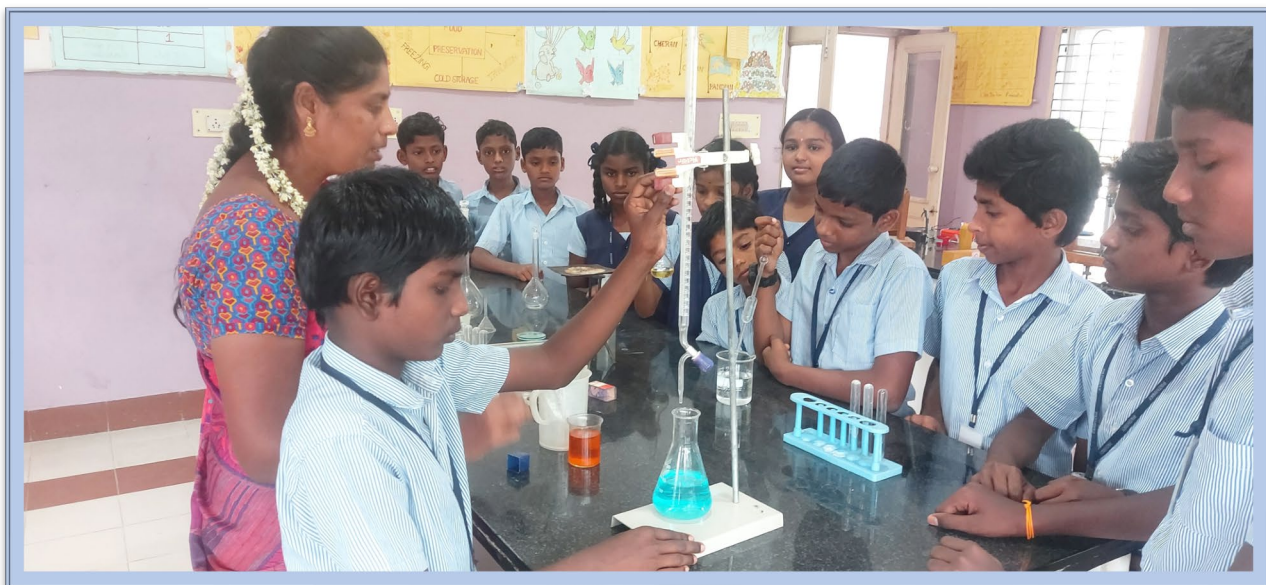


This unit has been established to assist children who are either orphan or destitute children, children from broken homes or children who may be partial orphans are also being admitted. Currently the Agro-farm is housing 200 children who live all the time at the agro-facility and receive food, clothing,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

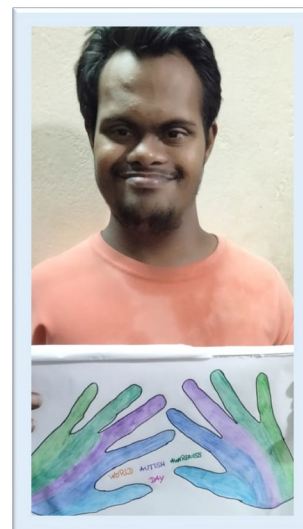
- ❖ YEAR 2001-2002: KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1 –6
- ❖ YEAR 2002-2003: ADD GRADES 7 AND 8
- ❖ YEAR 2003-2004: ADD GRADES 9 AND 10
- ❖ YEAR 2006-2007: ADD GRADE 10
- ❖ SEPARATE LABS FOR BIOLOGY,
- ❖ PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY ARE IN PLANNING
- ❖ COMPUTER LAB – 2004 - 2005
- ❖ LIBRARY - 2006
- ❖ CURRICULUM INCLUDES AGE-APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS. CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO ENGLISH CONVERSATION, READING, AND WRITING. ARTS AND MUSIC



AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2021



It is estimated that worldwide about one in 100 children has autism. This estimate represents an average figure, and reported prevalence varies substantially across studies. Some well-controlled studies have, however, reported figures that are substantially higher.



The prevalence of autism in many low- and middle-income countries is unknown.

In India, according to the 2011 census, there are 78,62,921 children with disabilities below the 19 year age group, out of which 5,95,089 have an intellectual disability. The study also revealed that one in 66 children was autistic in India. Since 2012, every year the UN has given a theme for the celebration of the World Autism Awareness Day. For this year 2021, the theme is 'Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World'.



Every year on April 2, the United Nations celebrates World Autism Awareness Day with the sole motive to spread awareness among the people about autism. Raising awareness will help people understand and accept those who are suffering from autism, support them, and spread kindness.

The key facts regarding Autism are as follows –

- Autism – also referred to as autism spectrum disorder—constitutes a diverse group

of conditions related to development of the brain.

- About one in 100 children has autism.
- Characteristics may be detected in early childhood, but autism is often not diagnosed until much later.
- The abilities and needs of autistic people vary and can evolve over time. While some people with autism can live independently, others have severe disabilities and require life-long care and support.
- Evidence-based psychosocial interventions can improve communication and social skills, with a positive impact on the well-



being and quality of life of both autistic people and their caregivers.

- Care for people with autism needs to be accompanied by actions at community and societal levels for greater accessibility, inclusivity and support.

○ Autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are a diverse group of conditions. They are characterised by some degree of difficulty with social interaction and communication. Other characteristics are atypical patterns of activities and behaviours, such as difficulty with transition from one activity to another, a focus on details and unusual reactions to sensations. The abilities and needs of autistic people vary and can evolve over time. While some people with autism can live independently, others have severe disabilities and require life-long care and support. Autism often has an impact on education and employment opportunities. In addition, the demands on families providing care and support can be significant. Societal attitudes and the level of support provided by local and national authorities are important factors determining the quality of life of people with autism. Characteristics of autism may be detected in early childhood, but autism is often not diagnosed until much later.



People with autism often have co-occurring conditions, including epilepsy, depression, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder as well as challenging behaviours such as difficulty sleeping and self-injury. The level of intellectual functioning among autistic people varies widely, extending from profound impairment to superior levels. It is estimated that worldwide about one

in 100 children has autism. This estimate represents an average figure, and reported prevalence varies substantially across studies. Some well-controlled studies have, however, reported figures that are substantially higher. The prevalence of autism in many low- and middle-income countries is unknown.

Children at Pathway were not to be left behind in supporting this day though COVID had restrained their activities to work from home. Through online they sent their drawings and clay models to share their views and support their peers.



All of our sabin Pathway center children along with Pathway Matriculation school children and staff members, took a vow to accept all people as they are and to offer love and support regardless of their nature. A skit was done by the team of Citi Babu & Aranganathan, our intellectually disabled students who beautifully explained the struggles of Autism Children and the importance of supporting them to all the people gathered. Children painted their hands with brilliant colours and blew colourful balloons to show their support for people with Autism Spectrum illness

SCHOOL STUDY CENTRE CAMP AT NEARBY VILLAGES —



We are proud to say that despite the Covid-19 Pandemic, we were able to continue educating our children in various ways, such as online classes, study centers, home tutoring, etc. All of the staff started reaching out to children in their villages under the supervision of the principal during this time.

This profoundly affected every child's psyche, enabling them to gladly continue their studies.

Since all of the parents saw how well our school operated through a

challenging time, it paved the path for more students to enroll this year, especially in kindergarten. All of our staff used tablets, mini blackboards, and laptops that are provided by the management when teaching students in the study centers, which helped the students understand the concepts easily. Added to this our management provided a mobile van for travelling to the various villages. We closely adhered to the COVID-19 protocols, which included wearing masks and demanding that everyone else do the same. We also sanitized frequently and strictly maintained social distance.

Every other school complained that covid hindered children's education, but we feel a little different because our teachers had the chance to personally converse with parents, and we developed an incredible bond with them that reflected in our student's academic performance.

The following areas in the vicinity covered were as follows- ,

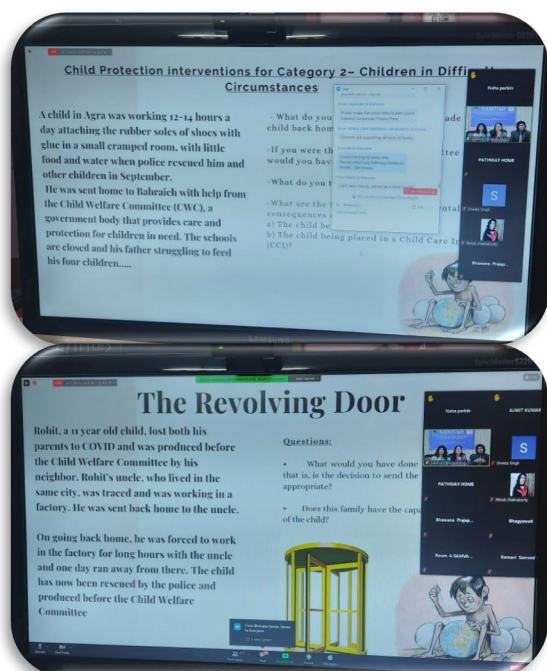




MATHUR, GUDALLOOR,
RAMAPURAM, SINTHAMANI,
MUNIYANTHANGAL, UNAMALAI,
KATTUKARANAI,
AGILI, KEEZH-MARUVATHUR,
SOUTHUPAKKAM, KEEZHAMUR,
L.ENDATHUR, IRUMPULI,
KATUKOODALUR, ORATHUR,
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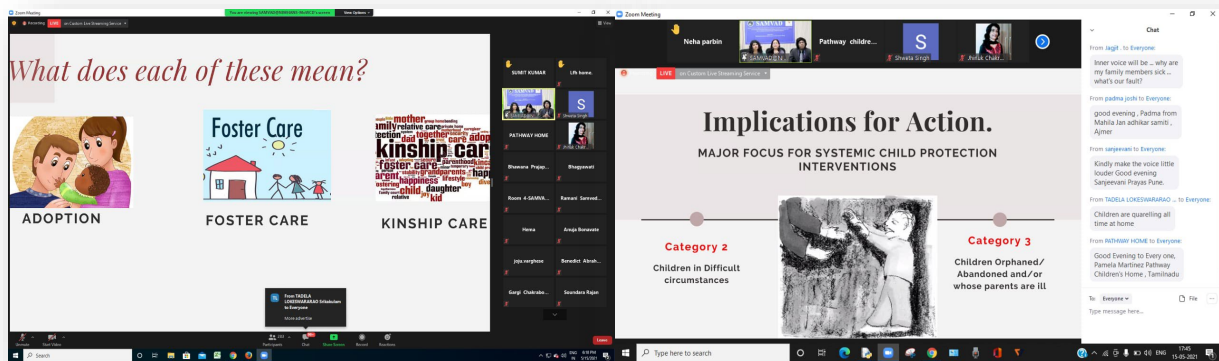
SAMVAD INITIATIVE ON CHILDREN IN COVID CRISIS -SUPERINDENT MEETING

- The online meeting concentrated on the topic - " Children in the Covid Crisis...Like We Never Expected It to Be " The What and How of Working with Child Protection and Psychosocial Issues,
- This addressed the new imperatives of child protection and psychosocial issues emerging in the second, more severe wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.



- It further added their aim is to equip caregivers and service providers such as teachers, institution staff, protection functionaries, mental health professionals, and others with requisite skills and methods as they strive to support children during these difficult and uncertain times.
- Building on systematic ways to address child protection risks, the series moves on to provide ways to respond to children's illness worries and anxieties; finally, given the new challenges of illness and loss of loved ones, that children have to contend with, the latter parts of the series provide caregivers and service providers with concrete methods to break bad news to children and help them process experiences of loss and grief, thereafter.
- The superintendent, warden attended the meeting and stated the insights were helpful to them.
- Website -- <https://nimhanschildprotect.in/>

- Youtube-Channel--https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-1hJqjKhg0&list=PL6M-G4mGr43r4ZlImGB6JfmM1Wv_nyz2P



COVID -19 -2nd WAVE AWARENESS PROGRAM- 05.05.2021



- Our students performed a skit about the "deadly effects of coronavirus" and the significance of adhering to COVID-19 protocols for the residents of the nearby villages around our school in collaboration with the health department officers.
- At that time India encountered the second wave of COVID, which is much more deadly than the first wave.
- The idea of "Yama- the lord of death in

Hinduism, who is believed to take souls after death in Hinduism," was the main attraction.

- They put into action the threat of Yama's capture for violating covid protocols, and everyone praised the large coronavirus model showcased by our children that was used in the awareness program.
- This programme was also enjoyed by all of our children via online

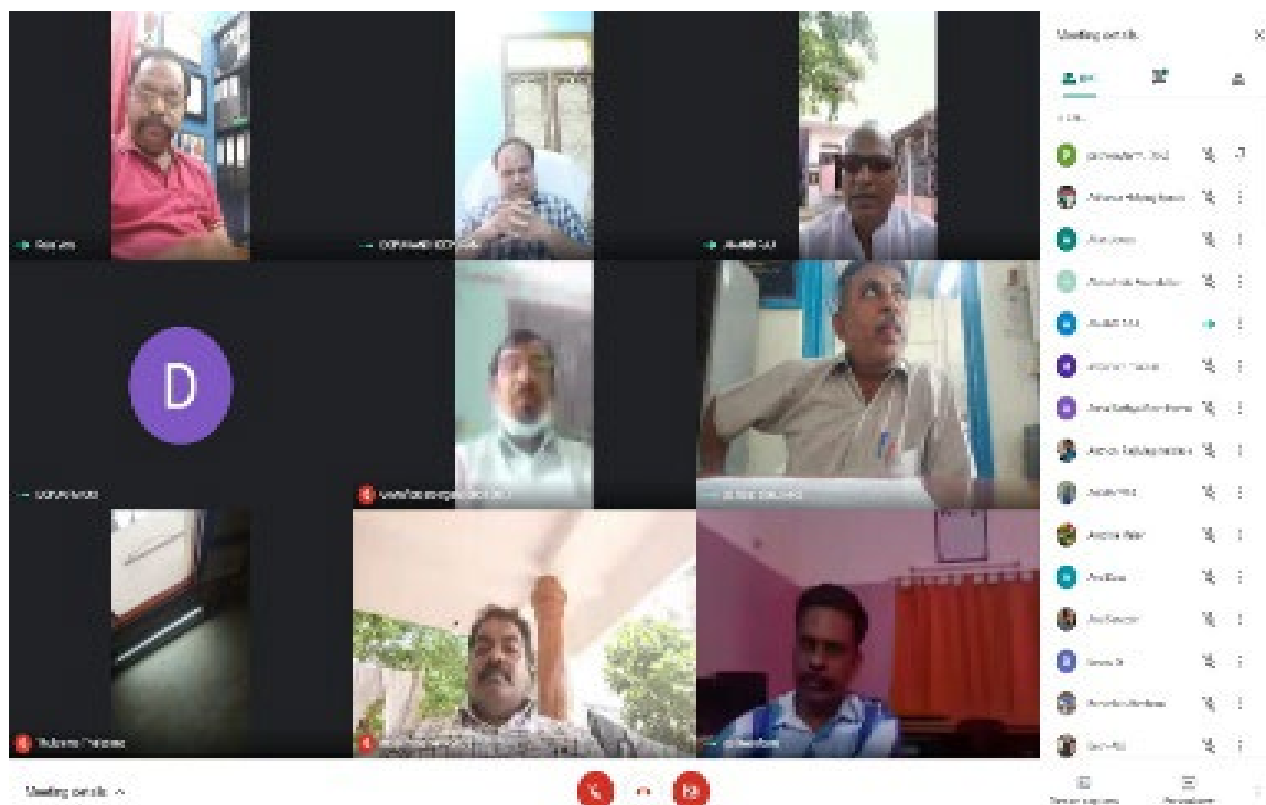




meeting; all of our students from various locations and their parents participated in this awareness programme.

DCPO -ONLINE MEETING – (20.05.2021)

- District Child Protection Officer conducted a meeting for all the Child Care Institutions on 20.05.2021 Thursday, May 20 [11:00 am – 12:30 pm]



#ProtectTheChildren

How to protect a child who has lost both parents to Covid?



CALL CHILDLINE 1098
Childline will assess the situation and determine the next best step for the child.
FOR DELHI REGION, you can also call the DCPCR Helpline +91-9311551393

CONTACT NEAREST (SAA) SPECIALISED ADOPTION AGENCY

- The agency will provide shelter, try to place the child with relatives, and if needed, facilitate the child's adoption process.
- Find the nearest SAA by calling 1098 or clicking on your State on this webpage: http://cara.nic.in/Stakeholders/India_map.html

PREVENT CHILD TRAFFICKING
Do not give away the child to any unauthorised person or shelter.

IMPORTANT - CHENNAI - CHILDREN CARE



If parents are COVID+ and need help to take care of their child/children, pls call 1098 or 044-25952450. District Child Protection Officer has confirmed that they provide temporary shelter until the parents recover.

1098 or 044-25952450

Follow @covid19chennai on Insta & Twitter or App - www.chennaicovidhelp.in [All in one]

Info Source: Bhavani Prabhakar, Citizen Matters Chennai - https://twitter.com/_bhavaniprabha/status/1508762826590356890 | Poster date - 02.05.2021

During the conference, officials insisted everyone to take good care of children who lost their parents in the covid crisis. They also requested to provide care and assistance to them in the event of any emergency situation .

COVID-19 RELIEF –GROCERY-DISTRIBUTION for our PATHWAY KIDS



- COVID has affected many people, and many of them have endured significant suffering.
- In light of all of this, our institution decided to help all of the families of the students enrolled in our school as well as other villagers close by.
- As instructed by our co-founder Dr. Chandra Prasad Mam, every household received a box full of groceries sufficient for more than a month. This was delivered to each household's door. The

locals welcomed our effort with open arms, and many people expressed their gratitude for it.



COVID-19 RELIEF SUPPORT BY PATHWAY - IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE GOVERNMENT BOTH IN RURAL AND URBAN TAMILNADU

மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத்துறை- சென்னைமாவட்டம்

கொரோனாபோய் தொற்றுதடுப்பு - 2021

அனுப்புகள்

பெறுகின்ற:

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மாவட்டமாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நல அலுவலர்

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நகல்:

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சென்னை அலுவலகம்

(தகவலுக்காக பணித்து சமர்ப்பிக்கப்படுகிறது.)



Realizing that we have been a very blessed lot every member of Pathway family including our wonderful supporters, well wishers pitched in to help more than 5000 families in kind by providing essentials and provisions during this pandemic period.

A letter of appreciation by the government has been displayed below.

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

As our drive to help people in dire need at this time of Covid we decided to hold hand with the state govt to help around a thousand families by way of provisions. People with various disabilities including leprosy were supported. Kannagi Nagar has over 23,700 tenements which is home to many families that were resettled there post the tsunami of 2004 and various other eviction drives that were carried out along the water bodies of the city. Kannagi Nagar, originally 3 resettlements - Kannagi Nagar, Ezhil Nagar and Tsunami Naga - is often likened to the Dharavi slum in Mumbai

due to its population density and socio-economic parameters. The area has a total of 23,700 houses and a population of around one lakh. Most of the people living in the tenements are slum dwellers who were rehabilitated between 2000 and 2010 by the state government.

We at Pathway decided to support more people who were in need of food and the basic essentials. After scouting we found that the neighbourhood known as Semmencherry whom we had helped previous year was once again 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. Being approached by Community of Disabled Rights Details which has been in existence from last seven 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



Covid relief help supported
at KANNAGI NAGAR





each for 50 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 smile s 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.

Our other area of doing Covid relief programme was put into effect after the then DCPU Mr Ramesh approached us for aiding support for marginalized

Covid relief help supported at SEMMENCHERRY

children. We were very happy to share our resources to feed these children after preliminary examination of their whereabouts. Considering this as a call of humanity to help people in distress our Special children who are first time wagers added their mite too which made it more special and blessed.



OTHER COVID RELIEF ACTIVITIES

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 and dedicated staff. Along with this the 20 families of the children have been helped by way of provisions. Regarding our



centres the children that we serve are below poverty level. It has been a provisions. Regarding our centres the children that we serve are below poverty level. It has been a real challenge for the parents to keep their kids at home during this most trying period. The untold miseries of not being able to go for jobs and and feed their children has made them lose their sleep. At this juncture Pathway has stepped in and from the start of covid has hand held with all the parents who needed help to feed their children. Particular care was taken to see that the basic necessities were included along with quality provisions which would be

refilled every second month. The parents heaved a sigh of relief and were motivated to think more positively. It was definitely a challenging task for the organization too since the time period of covid virus was not known. Faith in our work made us continue this humane work. The very smile of the



child and parent were the treasurable gifts we received. Most of the pictures depicted here are a witness of their appreciation. We value this more since it has stemmed from the heart.

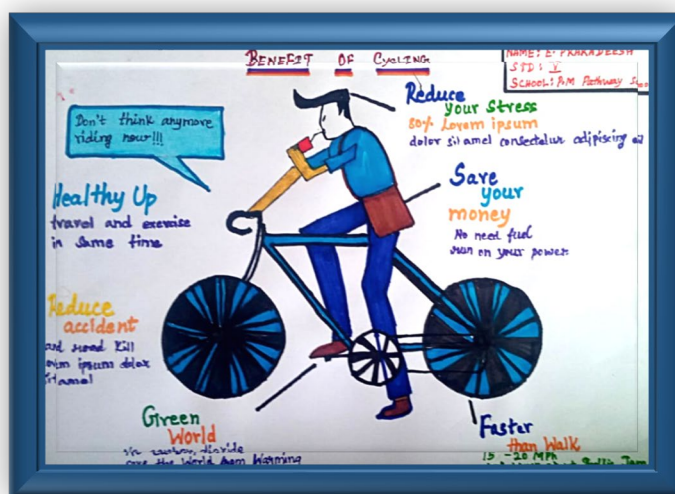


A glimpse of COVID RELIEF FOR CHILDREN FROM CHENNAI CENTRE

WORLD BICYCLE DAY -03.06.2021

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

Every year on June 3, World Bicycle Day is celebrated to highlight the value of bicycling tradition and its important role in keeping our health and the earth fit. Cycling is a multifaceted workout that is enjoyed by people of all ages, has several health benefits, avoids diseases, and promotes long-term growth. Cycling contributes to mitigation of carbon dioxide emissions as it possesses an intrinsic zero-emission value.





Cycling leads to increased cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength and flexibility. It improves joint mobility and helps decrease stress levels. Bikes are free to ride and a stress-free mode of travel. Cycling helps awareness about the local environment and sustainable consumption and production.

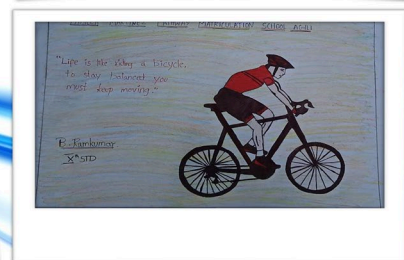
To celebrate this day, our school held a competition in which students were asked to write essays and draw posters about the importance of cycling. This was celebrated online because of covid. Our

director mam surprised the winners of this competition with cash prizes.

• The winners are -
ESSAY – 1st prize-
E.MAHENDRA VARMAN-IX-
STD

DRAWING-1st prize-
A.VETRISILVAN-VI-STD

DRAWING -2nd prize-
SARVESH.M-VI-STD

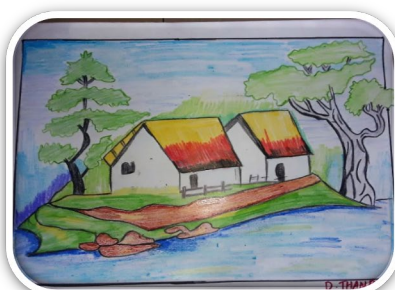


WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2021



Every year, World Environment Day is observed on June 5. This day is celebrated to encourage awareness and environmental protection. According to United Nations, *"The celebration of this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises, and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment."*

With the coronavirus outbreak and people being confined indoors, the environment and mother earth seem to have benefitted slightly. In the absence of human activities amid the coronavirus-induced lockdown, nature is getting time to clean itself and reclaim its space. Being covid period



we continued our education through online classes. We are proud to state that our children participated with full enthusiasm and following the teachers instructions displayed their work through drawings, writings and other events. Their enthusiasm spurs us to do much more and acts as a motivator. On this day, our students debated the topic "How Can We Contribute to Ecosystem Restoration?"

Children also competed in the sketching and art & craft

competitions. On account of world Environment day a short video was presented to the public in which our school students enacted the role of a village farmer and other characters .This was enacted in Mathur and Muniyanthagal village ..

The following students who participated were - B.Kishore-IV std , Thenmozhi.R-and Thanushka.A IV Std , V.Mega -Ukg , V.Rithasri-Lkg ,V.Mathumitha and Abinaya -VI Std

All the children were requested to plant a tree in front of their houses since the covid 19 lockdown was going on , students joyfully planted tree saplings and sent the images of their plant.



The main idea behind celebrating World Environment Day is to highlight the importance of the environment and to remind people that nature should not be taken for granted. According to the UN, this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by communities, enterprises and individuals in preserving and enhancing the environment.



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

In this century we realise that Yoga has united the world
-PM Narendra Modi

International Day of Yoga 2021, was observed on Monday (June 21), carrying the theme "Yoga for well-being", much relevant for our times in a society still recovering from the impact of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic. The children at PATHWAY-INDIA took part in this event from their home with the help and guidance of our dedicated staff and parents. On International Yoga Day on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yoga became a source of inner strength for people and a medium to transform negativity to creativity amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"Yoga shows us the road from stress to strength and from negativity to creativity. Yoga tells us that so many problems might be out there, but we have infinite solutions within ourselves. We are the biggest source of energy in the universe," PM Modi said as he addressed the nation on the seventh International Yoga Day. "Today even medical science lays emphasis on the healing process, besides medical treatment. Yoga helps in the healing process," PM Modi added.

Centuries ago one of the most popular Sanskrit poets Bhartrhari, while highlighting the specialty of Yoga, said: An invaluable gift of ancient Indian tradition, Yoga has emerged as one of the most trusted means to boost physical and mental well-being. The word "Yoga" is derived from the Sanskrit root yuj meaning "to join", "to yoke" or "to unite", symbolizing the unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between human and nature, and a holistic approach to health and well-being. Due to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi's relentless efforts, June 21 was declared as the International Yoga Day by the United Nations General Assembly.



धैर्यं यस्य पिता क्षमा च जननी शान्तिश्चिरं गेहिनी
सत्यं सूनुरयं दया च भगिनी भ्राता मनः संयमः।
शय्या भूमितलं दिशोऽपि वसनं ज्ञानामृतं भोजनं
एते यस्य कुटिम्बिनः वद सखे कस्माद् भयं योगिनः॥





In its resolution, the UNGA endorsed that "Yoga provides a holistic approach to health and well-being apart from striking a balance between all aspects of life. The wider dissemination of information about the benefits of practising Yoga would be beneficial for the health of the world population." This infused an era of holistic health revolution in which attention was given more to prevention rather than the cure. Meaning that by regularly practising Yoga, a person can imbibe some very good qualities like courage which protects like a

father, forgiveness as possessed by a mother & mental peace which becomes a permanent friend. Through regular practise of Yoga truth becomes our child, mercy our sister, self-control our brother, the earth becomes our bed & knowledge satiates our hunger.

Here are some benefits of Yoga:

- ✿ -Boosts immunity
- ✿ -Relieves depression, anxiety and stress
- ✿ -Strengthens bones, relieve joint pain and spinal pain
- ✿ -Weight Loss
- ✿ -Increases muscle strength and helps in weight gain/loss
- ✿ -Helps fight infections and respiratory diseases



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

1. Welcome speech	: Ms. E.Subathra
2. Theme of yoga Day & Benefits of Yoga	: Mrs R.Mala
3. Yoga Demonstration by	: A.Srimathi
4. Poem Read by	: Mr S K.Kalpana
5. Slide Show	: Children's Yoga Performance
6. Parents are the first God	: Mrs J. AvilaMary
7. Parent's Day message	: Principal
8. Prize winner Announcement of Bicycle Drawing contest	
9. Special Address by President of Pathway	
10. Guest of Honor: Hony .Director / Gen Secretary/ Chief functionary of Pathway	
11. Vote of thanks	: Mrs Gayathiri

The Entire Program was conducted on online platform which included the Parent's Day too. Hence all were requested to participate through the Google Meet since we still faced Covid restrictions

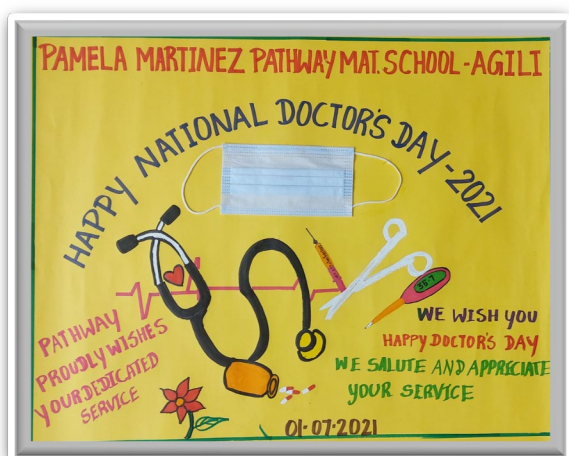
Mrs. Mala demonstrated and discussed several forms of yoga and Ms. Subathra discussed the significance of yoga. Srimathi provided a demo lesson for the students who participated.

Along with this event a dash of few enjoyable games were added . Parents who participated appreciated the teachers. A slide show was organised for showing the benefits of making Yoga a part of our lives. Mrs. Avila Mary emphasized the role of the parents, and the principal stressed the necessity of education in the face of the current educational crisis to all of the attendees.

Our director madam Dr. Chandra Prasad Co-Founder graced the event and gave prizes to the World Bicycle Day Competition winners.



NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY 2021



India celebrates National Doctor's Day on July 1, the birth anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, an eminent physician, academician, freedom fighter and politician. Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy was the first Chief Minister of West Bengal after India gained Independence. Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1961. This year, the **National Doctor's Day** is very significant as doctors continue to fight the Covid pandemic day and night. This is the second doctor's day amid the pandemic.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his *Mann Ki Baat* on Sunday, remembered Dr BC Roy. Speaking

about doctors in the backdrop of doctor's day, PM Modi said, "On July 1, we will celebrate National Doctor's Day. We must pay tribute to our doctors who ensured that India did not succumb to the challenges posed by COVID-19."

At the time of the ongoing pandemic, doctors are at the forefront and leading the battle. Their commitment to keeping the nation safe and healthy in these challenging times is truly exceptional.

Doctor's Day is celebrated on different dates in different countries across the world. Several governments and non-government healthcare organisations celebrate this day. No doubt the doctors play an important role in our life. The day raises awareness about the roles, importance, and responsibilities of doctors and promotes the medical profession.





We at Pamela Martinez- Pathway are aware of the various challenges during this period and are indeed grateful to the doctors and nurses and all the therapists who have attended to every emergency and kept us safe during this pandemic. We are indeed very proud of them and salute them from our heart and soul.

The educators helped their wards to draw posters, cards and rangoli to appreciate the life savers. They also staged



a skit to share the awareness and presence of this most admired group based on the topic- "Importance of Doctors in our Daily Lives" and "Role of Doctors in the World."

BYJU'S DISCOVERY SCHOOL SUPER LEAGUE

Discovery School Super League (DSSL) is a **national level inter-school quiz contest**.

DSSL is a critical thinking and aptitude-based quiz competition, Our students actively took part and went till finals. The following were the participants

Sumitha, Govarthani, Sarvesh, Deepika, Aakash & Vignesh



INTER SCHOOL CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CONTEST -

This is a National level inter school crossword contest conducted for the children of VII-XII

3 children from our school participated . Participants- A.Suriya- X std, Saran -IX std, Lavanya- IX std

KAMARAJAR'S BIRTHDAY



The former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Shri K. Kamaraj ji's 118th birth anniversary has been observed as Tamil Nadu's Educational Development Day. It aims to remind people about his contribution to boost the school education facilities of Tamil Nadu state. He was known as "King Maker".

In the year 2006, The Tamil Nadu state Govt brought a development and celebration bill that highlighted 15th July as "Educational Development Day" in order to remember Perunthalaivar Kamarajar's contributions. He saw education as an effective tool to uplift the downtrodden sections and introduced noon meal at schools to encourage children to take up education. Everyone to take a pledge to take forward the mission of Kamaraj in providing education by attending the live stream event we are paying our tribute to our great leader.

On the above mentioned day we celebrated the same and with help and guidance of the staff the children marked the occasion by drawing and paintings, poetry, and displaying this role model in fancy dress form.



MSME-TIME 2 LEAP AWARD



Dr Chandra Prasad – Co-founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust MSME- TIME TO LEAP National Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in field of Intellectually Disabled Children and adults- 2021

ECO-FEST SUMMER CAMP



Bhumi a volunteering organization, launched an online eco-fest for children in connection with world environment day. The Bhumi eco-fest is a virtual eco-friendly, and free-of-cost two-day summer camp for students from classes 1-12.

Children have been confined to their homes because of the COVID-induced lockdown. In these difficult times the Bhumi eco-fest came as a green surprise to uplift their mood.

Our children deserve to live in a better world a world free of the devastating effects of climate change. The impact of climate change will be such that by 2050 our children and their children would be compacting for natural resources

like clean air and water that we take so much for granted. This makes it imperative for our children to be conscious of environmental issues. Eco-fest is an attempt to ignite that spirit in children while ensuring that it provides a pleasant break from the pandemic effects.

Children across the country participated in this green celebration from the comfort of their homes and learnt more about the



environment. There were a plethora of events and contests to tap into the talents of the young participants in form of **Arts** for nature workshop, Magic show with nature, Virtual tour of nature's wonders, best out of waste workshop. The other contests held were- story writing, poster making, stand-up comedy, photography, and fancy dress.

The following three children participated in the Fancy dress competition
V.Sakthimagizhini from KG dressed as a plant with a slogan to say- "SAVE TREE".
Kishore from IV std depicted an eco-friendly model by using waste news papers. He received the participation certificate. Whereas A.Thanushka from Vstd drew a picture for this online competition.





WORLD POPULATION DAY

This year, the theme of World Population Day 2021 is '**the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility**'. It is observed to shed more light on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive behaviour globally. The World population is projected at 7,874,965,825 or 7,875 million or 7.87 billion as of July 1, 2021. The Global population is estimated at 7,794,798,739 or 7,795 million or 7.79 billion for the year 2020. In 2023, the human population

will grow to more than 8 billion. By 2037, this number will exceed 9 billion. In 2057, 10 billion milestones are projected.

In 2021, the world's population growth rate is 1.03%, half the peak level of 2.09 percent in 1968. That annual growth rate is expected to continue declining, reaching 0.5 percent by mid-century and moving close to zero by 2100. In the period 1965-1972, the global population growth rate was above 2% each year.

The annual increase of world population in 2021 is 80 million, which is three million less than the population of the 19th ranked Germany. Annual additions are projected to continue declining by around 1 million every year, reaching 48 million by 2050 and 3 million by 2100. The absolute increase of the population per year peaked in 1988 with almost 93 million.



programme.

Being Covid period our school staff conducted this programme in Muniyathangal village where most of the children had gathered. The programme started with a rally, followed by a skit depicting the demerits of population. The effects of population growth along with a video presentation was done by the staff. Plenty of activities were conducted which included sapling planting and drawing competition were held. The children sure did enjoy the

WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed." — Mahatma Gandhi

World Nature Conservation Day, celebrated on July 28, reminds us of the significance of a healthy environment not just for the present generation but also for the generations to come. The day is meant to create awareness among the masses about the conservation of natural resources such as flora and fauna that might go extinct a few years or decades from now. Among the steps that we can take include cutting down on the use of plastics, planting more trees,



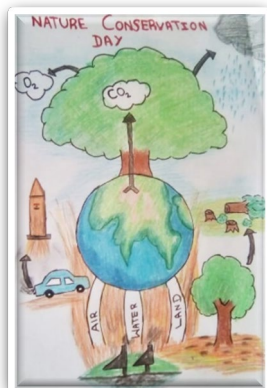
conserving water, saving electricity and checking e-waste etc. The theme for this year's World Nature Conservation Day 2021 is "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet". The theme once again hints at the importance of the co-existence of people and resources on the planet. And therefore the sustenance of these resources and their availability for future generations have to be ensured by us, the present generation. Hence, this year, the focus will remain around forests and livelihoods.

It is necessary to create a healthy environment to safeguard

the present and future generations. There are several threats to nature like deforestation, illegal wildlife trade, pollution, using plastics, chemicals, etc. Earth has provided basic necessities to live like water, air, soil, minerals, trees, animals, food, etc. So, we should keep nature clean and healthy. Industrial development and several other factors are also responsible for the depletion of nature. Whatever we do affects the environment because the world is one and



somehow linked together.



We at the school welcomed all the children, gave a brief explanation of our school's environment and the value of protecting the environment, and thanked our founder and co-founder for giving all of Pathway's students and employees the opportunity to

enjoy and partake in the healthy environment provided.

Mrs. Selvi a teacher gave a speech about the value of trees, and Mrs. Mala delivered a power point presentation on the Topic “ Importance of conserving the nature and avoiding using plastics

Students in the fifth and sixth grades performed a mime to convey the value of



protecting the environment and the dangers that come with deforestation,. The concept of nature conservation day was also explained by DeepaPriyan of the ninth grade. The students created a variety of artwork, including posters, images,& slogans as a promise to live by them.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



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

India's gaining of independence was a tryst with destiny, as the struggle for freedom was a long and tiresome one, witnessing the sacrifices of

many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives on the line.

We were able to listen to our PrimeMinister's speech which has been summarized as below –

Prime Minister Narendra Modi **touched upon a range of topics** -- the Covid-19 pandemic, vaccines, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, welfare of small farmers, infrastructural development





and India's Olympics performance -
- in his **address to the nation** from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 75th Independence Day.

In his eighth consecutive Independence Day address, **PM Modi laid the roadmap for the country** for the next 25 years, saying "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayaas" was very important for the achievement of the nation's goals. The following are a summary of his action plan on various agendas ---

He announces the GATI SHAKTI

PLAN

In a big infrastructural development push, PM Modi announced a Rs 100 lakh crore '**Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan**'. PM Modi said the initiative, besides bringing employment opportunities for the youth, would help local manufacturers become competitive globally.

His take ON ROADMAP FOR NEXT 25 YEARS

Wearing a traditional kurta and churidar and his trademark headgear, PM Modi spoke of building "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" when **India celebrates 100 years of Independence**.

"A time comes in the development journey of every country when that nation defines itself from a new end, when it takes itself forward with new resolutions. Today, that time has come in India's development journey," PM Modi said.

His thoughts ON COVID-19 AND VACCINES

PM Modi said today India doesn't need to **depend on any other nation for Covid-19 vaccines** due to the "strength of our industrialists and scientists".

"Indians have fought this battle (Covid-19) with a lot of patience. We had many challenges but we worked at an extraordinary pace in every area," PM Modi said.

His mention on J&K AND NORTHEAST Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast region found special mention in PM Modi's Independence Day speech. PM Modi said a new history of connectivity was being written in the Northeast while development of J&K was visible on the ground.

His decision ON OPENING SAINIK SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also said **girls would now be given entry into Sainik schools** across the country.





His opinion ON FARMERS AND POLICIES

At a time when farmers have intensified their protest against the contentious farm laws, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said **small farmers were not given enough attention** in policies by earlier governments.

"Our mantra is 'Chhota kisan bane desh ki shaan'. It's our dream. In the coming years, we will have to increase the collective power of the small farmers of the country. They have to be provided new facilities," PM Modi said.

His announcement on HYDROGEN MISSION

Announcing a National Hydrogen Mission in view of climate change, PM Modi said the government would aim to make India a hub for production and export of green hydrogen.

Giving a clarion call to make India self-reliant in energy production, PM Modi said, "Today, we have to pledge to make India energy independent before completing 100 years of Independence. India has moved towards electric mobility and work is underway on 100% electrification of Indian Railways with the aim of becoming a net-zero carbon emitter by the year 2030."

His opinion regarding the OLYMPICS PERFORMANCE

Lauding the **Indian athletes**, who were invited for the Independence Day ceremony, PM Modi said "they have not only won our hearts but also inspired future generations".

At Pamela Martinez-Pathway school we celebrated this 75th Independence event with great respect. Our director hoisted our prestigious national flag with great reverence followed by our national anthem. The march past was led by Sabin kids along with the school kids who were welcomed by Mrs Ramadevi their teacher. The programme started with a prayer and then the kids performed drill exercises, a Tamil speech by Lavanya from 9th grade on the national freedom fighters. This was followed by Govarthani who delivered a poem in English. Archana of 6th grade was dressed as Bharat Matha. The kids were also encouraged to participate in the rendition of our national anthem which was an initiative of- "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" thereby receiving e-certificates for the same. At the end of the event the entire team was served chocolates and cake along with breakfast.

KRISHNA JAYANTHI



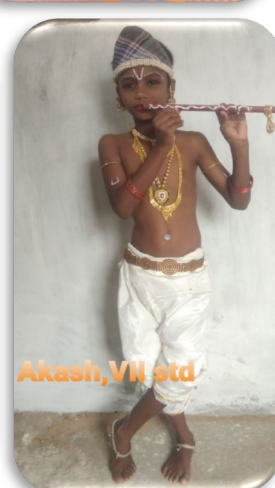
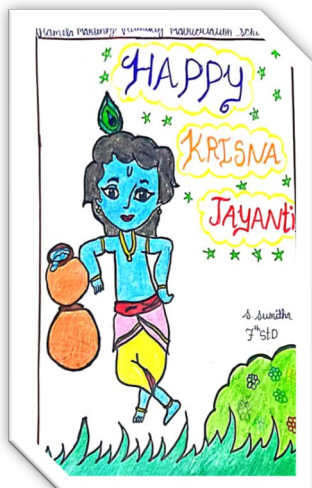
Janmashtami, the birth date of Lord Krishna, is widely celebrated across the country. This year, the auspicious day fell on August 30 (Monday). At Pathway though most of the kids were attending online their spirit was not dampened by it. With the guidance of the teachers the kids and parents got involved in various activities to mark this event. Many of them with relation to the above mentioned festival were absorbed in making craft items, drawings and fancy dress competitions. Their talents definitely astonished our educators too.



Krishna, believed to be the eighth *avatar* of Lord Vishnu, was born on the eighth day (*ashtami*) of the Krishna Paksha (dark fortnight) of the month of Bhadrapad. The day is known by different names like 'Gokulashtami', Krishnashtami', Ashtami Rohini', Sree Jayanthi' and Srikrishna Jayanti. Janmashtami is especially marked with much enthusiasm in Mathura (which is believed to be the birthplace of Lord Krishna), and in several parts of Rajasthan, Gujarat. The festival is also celebrated in the northeastern states like Assam and Manipur.

The origin of the festival is rooted in mythology. According to several stories, Lord Krishna's uncle, King Kansa, wanted to kill him as the former was told that Krishna would kill him. Thus, as soon as he was born, Krishna's father Vasudeva took him across the Yamuna to Gokul. In here, he was raised by foster parents Nanda and Yashoda. Janmashtami, therefore, not just marks Krishna's birth but also his triumph over

King Kansa.





BEST SEVA RATNA AWARD

Dr Chandra Prasad – Co-founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust received the BEST SEVA RATNA AWARD in the field of Social Good for the Intellectually Disabled children and adults 2021 by Kovai Express and You Tube channel

SPECIAL SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



It was indeed a great honor for me as the Co-founder to realise the impact I had made on the children in all the centres. The kids amazed me with their love by showering greeting cards and messages online to say how much they value me in their journey of life. I am truly humbled and grateful for the opportunity provided by the Almighty with

whose blessings I have been able to cater to needs of so many lives. The children's pure



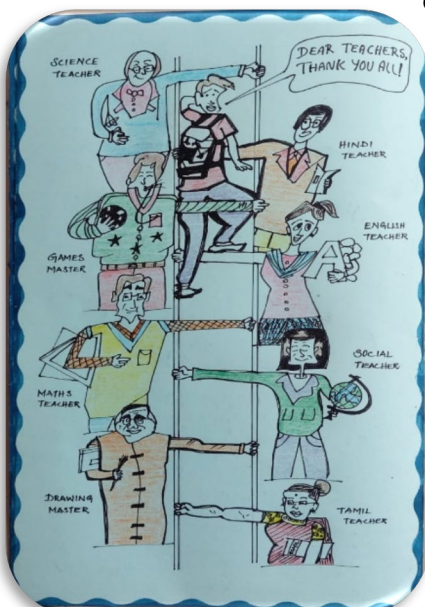
love and their smiling faces resolved my motivation to do much more for them. The messages written so carefully by those tiny hands are indeed a wonder. Each card has become a source of treasurable item which will always be in my treasure trove.

TEACHERS DAY CELEBERATION



From giving us a purpose to setting us up as successful citizens of the world, teachers inspire in us a drive to do well and succeed in life and to recognise this hard work of our mentors and gurus,

Teachers' Day or *Shikshak Divas* is celebrated



in India with great pomp and show. World Teachers' Day is celebrated on October 5, but every country celebrates the day on different dates. In India, Teachers' Day is celebrated annually on September 5 to mark the birthday of the country's former President, scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna awardee, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on this day in 1888.



When Dr Radhakrishnan took the office of the second President of India in 1962, his students approached him to seek permission to celebrate September 5 as a special day. Dr Radhakrishnan





instead made a request of them to observe September 5 as Teachers' Day, to recognise the contribution of teachers to the society.

Last year, owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, most of the schools and colleges were shut and the annual celebrations at schools were replaced with virtual ones. With the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and a threat of Delta variant spreading, many schools continue to operate their online classes like us. Keeping social requirements in place we had invited

some parents and their guardians. Small fun games for the adults was organized which brought lot of joy in the kids since they were witnessing their parents and teachers participating in the games jointly. To mark this occasion many pictures were taken along with a group photo to mark this wonderful day.

For the kids who attended on online the virtual wishes and greetings were a perfect way to tell their teachers about their care and love. This becomes essential since teachers are the bedrock upon which any quality education is built and they are perhaps the few people in our lives who rejoice when we, their student, outdo them.

VINAYAKA CHATURTHI



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

People celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi with a lot of enthusiasm in India. This 11 day festival starts today on September 10, and ends on September 21. Lord Ganesh is worshiped on this day. To celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, devotees bring home idols of Lord Ganesh to worship the deity, eat good food, enjoy with friends and family, and in the end, immerse the idols. Additionally, temples offer prayers and distribute sweets such as modaks because it is Lord Ganesh's favourite. The festival marks the birth of Lord Ganesh, the god of wisdom and prosperity. It falls in the Bhadrapada month of the Hindu calendar, which falls in August-September.



Lord Ganesh is considered a symbol of wisdom, writing, travel, commerce and good fortune. He is also called Gajanana, Gaja danta, and Vighnaharta. These are few names among his 108 other titles. The Indian mythology tells the legend of Goddess Parvati creating baby Lord Ganesh using

sandalwood paste and asking him to guard the entrance while she took a bath. When Lord Shiva arrived at the entrance and told Ganesh that he wanted to visit Goddess Parvati, Ganesh refused to allow him to pass through. This made Lord Shiva angry and enraged he severed the child's head. When Goddess Parvati realised what had happened, she was heartbroken.



Seeing Goddess Parvati overwhelmed with grief, Lord Shiva promised to bring baby Ganesh back to life. He instructed his followers to search for the head of the first living creature they could find. However, they could only find a baby elephant's head. That is how Lord Ganesha came back to life with the head

of an elephant.

Every year, Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated in a large way.



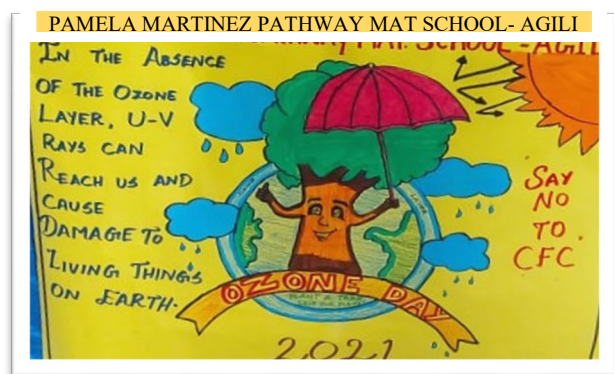
But this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the festival was a low-key affair. This festival is very important for students, they worship Lord Ganesh to

illumine their minds. The children of all the centres enjoyed doing the various activities pertaining to the festival in the form of making mud idols, drawings etc of Lord Ganesha on online

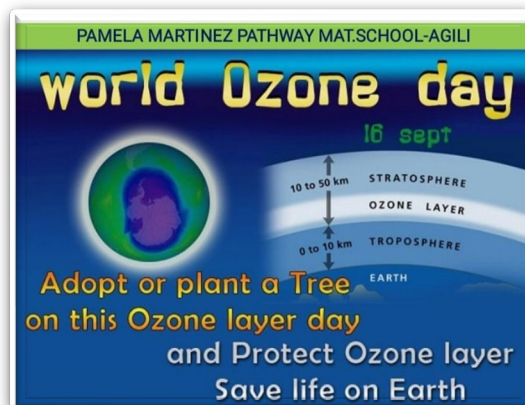


WORLD OZONE DAY

World Ozone Day is observed on September 16, every year. It is celebrated to spread awareness among people about the depletion of the



Ozone Layer and search for possible solutions to preserve it. On this day, people from all over the world are expected to join the Montreal protocol to



join the talks and seminars. A number of commonly used chemicals have been found to be extremely damaging to the ozone layer.

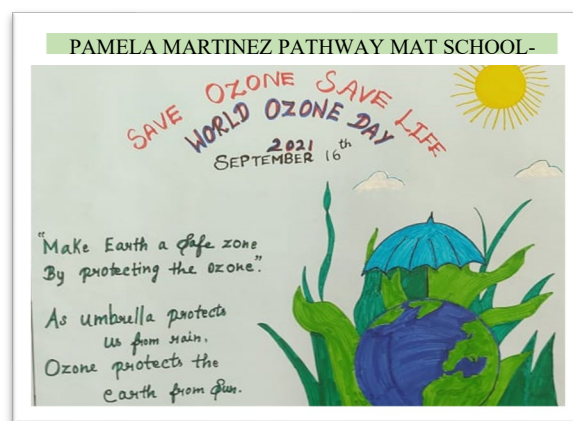


Life on Earth would not be possible without sunlight. But the energy emanating from the sun would be too much for life on Earth to thrive were it not for the ozone layer. This stratospheric layer shields Earth from most of the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation. The first ozone hole was discovered 30 years ago in May 1985 over Antarctica. Later, NASA found out the whole of Antarctica was affected and the temperature had begun to rise.

The Ozone layer, also known as the Ozone shield, is a delicate layer of gas in the Earth's

stratosphere that absorbs most of the Sun's ultraviolet rays, which is harmful to human life and other life forms. These rays can cause numerous skin diseases. The layer absorbs about 97 to 99 percent of ultraviolet rays and maintains the ozone-oxygen cycle.

This year's theme for the International Day for the Prevention of the Ozone Layer is 'Montreal Protocol Keeping us, our food, and vaccines cool.' The Montreal Protocol started life as a global agreement to protect the ozone layer, a job it has done well, making it one of the most successful environmental agreements to date.



RECEIVING THE MAHATMA AWARD FOR SOCIAL GOOD FOR THE YEAR 2021- A HAT TRICK INDEED

An initiative of Aditya Birla group headed by the CSR man and founder of Mahatma Award Mr. Amit Sachdeva has honoured and selected us from 891 application entries for the third time. Our organisation was represented by Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of "Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway" who received the award from "Dr. Kiran Bedi, 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry" under the "Social Impact Category" for Covid-19 Humanitarian Efforts on the 1st October 2021, at India International Centre, Delhi, India. Our special product, a garland made out of satin ribbon, and newspaper by the Special children was presented at the award ceremony. It has caught the eyes of many and was admired by the chief guest Dr. Kiran Bedi and the



founder of Mahatma award- Mr Amit Sachdeva.

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 2021 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.

MAHATMA GANDHI 152nd BIRTH ANNIVERSARY 2021



October 2, 2021, will mark the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, who taught Indians the values of truth and non-violence during the freedom movement. His ideals also made it possible for other countries in Asia and Africa, where Mahatma Gandhi spent a big part of his life, to free themselves from colonial rule without bloodshed. He inspired generations to think of “Swaraj” and struggle for it peacefully. To him, Swaraj did not only mean “self-rule” but it encompassed all spheres of life.

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Mahatma Gandhi was imprisoned several times in his pursuit of non-cooperation. He sat on fasts to protest the oppression of the downtrodden. His path of peaceful resistance and mass civil disobedience was later emulated across the world. His selfless love for the poor and his desire to help them have a dignified life made him the “Mahatma” we call him today.

INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



International Day Of The Girl Child could be described as the brainchild of the World Conference on Women. In 1995, at the conference in Beijing, it was decided that such a day dedicated to the growth of girls around the world was a necessity. As a result, countries unanimously adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. This made the declaration the first of its kind; in that, it separated the girl child from the umbrella of

women and acknowledged their specific needs. Observed on October 11, the day focuses on the rights, safety and education of girls. The core objective is to make girls an active part of the progress of the world. As part of the celebration, a theme is selected to highlight the need of the hour. This year, the





theme has been set as “Digital generation. Our generation,” acknowledging the growing digital world and how a digital gap can also widen the gender gap. In 2021, the Generation Equality Forum launched five-year commitments for bolder solutions to gender inequality – just as the world entered the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the pandemic has accelerated digital platforms for learning, earning and connecting, some 2.2 billion people below the

age of 25 still do not have internet access at home. Girls are more likely to be cut off. The gender gap for global internet users grew from 11 per cent in 2013 to 17 per cent in 2019. In the world’s least developed countries, it hovers around 43 per cent. But the gender digital divide is about more than connectivity. Girls are also less likely than boys to use and own devices, and gain access to tech-related skills and jobs. Only by addressing the inequity and exclusion that span geographies and generations can we usher in a digital revolution for all, with all. Girls know their digital realities and the solutions they need to pave paths to freedom of expression, joy and boundless potential. Together, let’s widen these pathways so that this generation of girls can become a generation of technologists.

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

SARASWATHI POOJA CELEBRATION



Marking the preparation for the arrival of spring, Basant Panchami or Vasant Panchami is an auspicious festival of the Hindus which is celebrated with great pomp and show across India on the fifth day (Panchami Tithi) of the Hindu month of Magha, Shukla Paksha. It is also called Sri Panchami in the South and is dedicated to Saraswati, is the wife of Brahma and considered by Hindus as the Goddess of knowledge, music, learning and arts.

Worshippers believe that without Saraswati the world would be shrouded in ignorance, as she is the one who represents enlightenment. Hence, Saraswati

is worshipped on this day along with celebrating the agricultural fields' ripening with yellow flowers of the mustard crop.



Yellow or basanti is believed to be Saraswati's favourite colour and all celebrations include a shade of yellow be it in decorations or attires

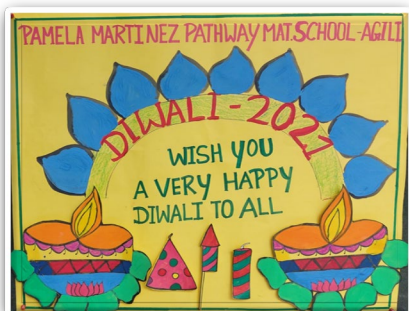
On this auspicious day, young children embark on their first step to education as the day is considered most auspicious for beginning learning in any field. The ritual is known as Akshar Abhyasam or Vidya Arambham.

Saraswati Puja is widely celebrated by Hindus in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and many parts of the world. There is a tradition of displaying 'Kolu' in Saraswati puja. Kolu refers to showcasing and displaying miniature forms of gods, goddesses, animals, birds and spiritual personalities.



People who can't display a kolu will use a picture or image of Goddess Saraswati to perform the image. Devotees perform special puja of the kolu and make several offerings that are in white. Our president Mrs. Dhuli Patnaik felicitated and distributed awards and gifts to the teachers.

DIWALI



Diwali is the festival of lights which signifies the victory of good over evil and the eradication of dark shadows, negativity, and doubts from our lives. It is a celebration of prosperity in which people give gifts to their loved ones.



The festival also sends the message of illuminating our

inner selves with clarity and positivity. The festival of lights signifies peace and joy, the victory of good over evil, and light over darkness every day. It is one of the most symbolic Hindu festivals, and all the communities in the country celebrate it with much pomp. During this festival, people clean their homes, decorate every corner with lights, lamps, diyas,



flowers, rangoli, and candles. Families also perform Lakshmi Puja and pray to the Goddess of wealth to bless them with health, wealth, and prosperity.



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



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



being a part of this festival it was kept minimal to sparklers and safe flower pots with a few display of fancy fireworks.

The children with the help of staff made paper sparklers, flowerpots chakras etc. they finally colored them and displayed to the gathering with pride. The sweets which are a part and parcel of this festivity were also displayed using paper models in form of Indian sweets like kajukattli, laddus, murukku, adhivasam etc. Though it was an activity but this was inherently a teaching method to educate the kids too. This was followed by Prasanna giving a speech on the importance and the safety methods involved in bursting the crackers. The kids listened with rapt interest to their peer.



There was a group dance by the boys and girls along with solo dances performed by Madhavan and Joseph. The highlight of the programme was the Dandiya dance along with the staff and director.

CHILDRENS DAY CELEBERATION

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



- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

Pandit Nehru was a firm believer of children's education right from the start. He believed it was imperative to educate children for a new India and thus after he passed away in 1964, India began to celebrate children's day not on the International Children's day date set forth by the United Nations (20 November 2021) but on the birth anniversary of Pandit Nehru, 14 November 2021.

While this day is not a gazetted holiday in India, people still remember Nehru fondly and his innumerable contributions to the welfare of Indian society. He was often called 'Chacha Nehru' as well by children for they adored him wherever he went.

India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was born to a family of Kashmiri Brahmins on November 14, 1889. His family, who were noted for their administrative aptitude and scholarship, had migrated to Delhi early in the 18th





century. He was a son of Motilal Nehru, a renowned lawyer and leader of the Indian independence movement, who became one of Mahatma Gandhi's prominent associates. Jawaharlal was the eldest of four children, two of whom were girls. A sister, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, later became the first woman president of the United Nations General Assembly.

It is believed that Nehru was known as "Chacha Nehru" by children because he believed that children were the strength of India. However, as another story, the former Prime Minister was called "chacha" because of his closeness

with Gandhi, whom all referred to as 'Bapu'. Hence, people suggested the nickname 'chacha' for Jawaharlal Nehru as he was seen as the younger brother of the father of the nation.

Nehru, under the guidance of Gandhi, turned out to be a leader of India's struggle for independence in 1947. He laid the foundation of independent India as sovereign, socialist, secular, and a democratic republic. For this, Nehru is credited as the architect of modern India. After the death of Jawaharlal Nehru in 1964, a resolution was passed in the parliament unanimously to honor him, declaring his birth anniversary as the official date of Children's Day. India used to celebrate Children's Day on November 20 every year before 1956 as the United Nations, in 1954, had declared the day as Universal Children's Day. Therefore, each year since then, November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of the country's first PM.

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 there was a turn of roles between the teachers and children. This was the time for the children to sit back and enjoy the programme that was





conducted and performed for them by their educators. The children's laughter and smile was evident when they saw them dance, present a comedy skit and singing songs for them. It was indeed a beautiful sight to watch so many happy faces.

The staff also conducted musical chair, fancy dress competition and fun games like blowing the balloons. At the end of the programme they also treated the kids to a sumptuous sweets and savouries. It was a contented staff and children who left the venue totally exhausted but very happy.

We do believe in the following quote made by our great writer – *“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.” - Billy Graham*

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV-WORLD OCEAN DAY

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence. In this connection, The National Centre for Coastal Research, Ministry of Earth Sciences, NIOT Campus, Pallikaranai, had conducted various activities for children at Pathway Centre For Rehabilitation And Education Of Intellectually Disabled, Thiruvannamiyur to create awareness about the oceans and seas. The children put up an exhibit regarding the same. The interesting part was that the kids were able to identify many of the marine life and were curious to know more about the marine life. Their drawings and clay models including posters were very well appreciated by the visitors. A small cultural event marked the proceedings. This same event was conducted at Pamela Martinez-Pathway school too





WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2021



"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

Today, the world population is over 7 billion people and more than one billion people, or approximately 15 per cent of the world's population, live with some form of disability; 80 per cent live in developing countries.

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. It aims to promote the rights and



well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

The theme for IDPD this year is **“Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.”**

On December 3 this year, during the annual celebration of people with disabilities, the 2021 theme is ‘Fighting for rights in the post-COVID era.’



This year, we are celebrating the challenges, barriers and opportunities for people who live with disabilities, in the context of a global pandemic. Since March 2020, every person on earth has been impacted by drastic political, social and economic change as a result of domestic and international responses to COVID-19.

This year, International Day of People with Disabilities should be used to recognise that people who live with disabilities are among the most affected populations amid the COVID



pandemic. Where marginalization, discrimination, vulnerability and exploitation are every day factors for many people, the increased risk of poor outcomes have been magnified with the reduced access to routine health care and rehabilitation services, more pronounced social isolation, poorly tailored public health messaging, inadequately constructed mental health services, and a lack of emergency preparedness for people with special needs.

After working in the field of disability or decades, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), adopted in 2006. The CRPD advanced the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international development frameworks. The main purpose was to increase the participation of disabled people in society, end discrimination towards them, and create equal opportunities for them



ELEPHANTS AND GARLAND



Disabled people suffer from poor health, lack of equal opportunities in education and sometimes in work too. This also in turn affects their lifestyle as well as physical well-being. Hence, the day is observed to aware the world about their issues and to make it a better place for them.



On 3rd December 2021, we celebrated the world disability day program in our VOCATION CENTRE, by conducting many indoor and outdoor games, the SABIN group were honored by their normal counterparts from Pamela Martinez-Pathway school and they staged a mime depicting AWARENESS OF CORONA SPREAD for which they were felicitated by their educators

The children were very enthusiastic about their part in the competitions. Their cheerful and happy faces added cheer to the programme. On the eve of 29th of November in preview of the world disability day, a district-level cultural program was conducted online by the govt.

Around 200 schools had participated in the above competition. Out of these 200 schools 40 schools were selected where our school was one among them to receive the award. We also were delighted to receive the award from the collector Dr J Vijaya Rani IAS— who graciously accepted the special newspaper -satin garland and beaded elephants as memento. Our vocational group was thrilled to the fact that our work had been recognized by the authorities.

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

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime." – Laura Ingalls Wilder

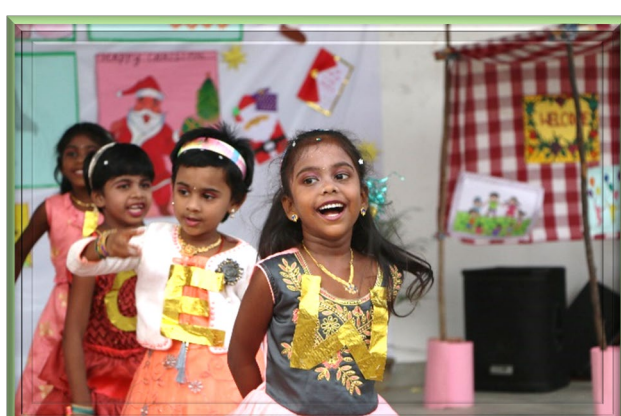
Every year the month of December is a very awaited month since it brings out in each one of us the best spirit by ringing out the old & ushering of the new year. It is definitely the busiest time of the year where last minute shopping, wrapping gifts and planning the programme takes place.



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. Compared to last year where this festival was conducted online we are blessed to celebrate it this year with the kids. It was









We thank each one of our passionate supporters who were responsible for smiles of these wonderful children young and old

indeed a hectic period wherein the staff had put in their sincere dedication and efforts to conduct various programmes like nativity drama, with other cultural items. The delight of the children and their joy was very evident when they were given permission to decorate their venue and participate in making the desired decorations for their Christmas tree. a It was a real joy to watch the kids immersed in the activity and trying their best to produce results to gladden their teachers' hearts.



One could observe their tendency of helping their peer group which gladdened many a heart. The true meaning of Christmas could be seen here. The joy was pure and the air around was filled with the beauty of their innocence and smiles. The highlight of the programme was the family of our President who had travelled all the distance from Dubai to be a part of this wonderful season festival. They sincerely applauded the children's programme and felt honored to be a part of presenting gifts to the children present which was

sponsored by our wonderful supporters. The remaining children and staff were given Christmas gifts either through their bank accounts, courier or physically for those who could travel. We take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful well wishers and supporters who every year make our Christmas a most memorable and treasurable day.

"There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others." --Mandy Hale



PONGAL



Pongal is one of India's most popular festivals, which is widely celebrated by the Tamil community across the globe. Celebrated in the Tai month of the Tamil solar calendar, the multi-day festival is one of the biggest harvest festivals, along with Makar Sankranti. The four-day event, dedicated to the Sun God, marks the beginning of Uttarayan, the sun's journey northward. This year, Pongal will be observed from January 14-17, 2022, according to the Gregorian calendar. The first day

is celebrated as Thai Pongal.

This festival is named after the traditional sweet dish Pongal ("boiling over") made with rice boiled in milk with jaggery. It is first offered to the gods and goddesses and then enjoyed by the family. The origin of the Pongal dish can be traced back to the Chola period; it appears in a lot of texts and inscriptions. It is believed that Lord Shiva once sent his bull, Basava, to the world to remind people that they





should eat once a month, get an oil massage, and bathe every day. Basava made the mistake of recommending that everyone take an oil bath once a day and eat every day. Lord Shiva became so upset that he banished Basava to Earth for all eternity in order to help the inhabitants of Earth produce more food. This is thought to be the reason behind cattle's presence on Earth. In the other story, according to mythology, Lord Krishna recognized Lord Indra's arrogance and asked the people of Gokul to stop worshipping him. This enraged Indra, who started torrential rains for three days on the Gokula village. The Govardhan Parvat was subsequently lifted by Lord Krishna on his little finger, and all the inhabitants were saved. Indra recognised Krishna's power as a result of this, and understood his error. Finally, he brought the rain to a halt and begged Krishna's pardon.

This celebration is all about expressing gratitude to the natural elements that help us exist, therefore farmers honour the rain, sun, and animals, which are all necessary for farming. People perform a puja on this day, and also visit their family and friends.

Pongal conveys the notion of letting go of the past and welcoming new beginnings. It is believed that receiving the Sun's blessings results in good crop, as well as prosperity and happiness in people's lives. The celebrations run for four days, each with its own importance.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India.

Every year, 26 January is celebrated with festivities and patriotic fervor all around the country. To commemorate the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, several activities were initiated in the run-up to Republic Day celebrations 2022.

The main component of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is to connect the youth to our rich cultural heritage. The purpose of the activities is to find out the best talent across the country. Also, to provide an opportunity to be a part of Republic Day celebrations 2022.

This year also on the Republic Day parade, India will not have a chief guest due to the global situation arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

India marks January 26 as its Republic Day every year. In 2022, the country is celebrating its 73rd Republic Day. While India gained independence from the British Raj in 1947, it wasn't until January 26, 1950, that the Indian Constitution came into effect, and India became a sovereign state, declaring it a republic. Dr BR Ambedkar headed the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. Additionally, Constitution Day is celebrated in India on November 26 every year, as on November 26, 1949, the





Republic Day is celebrated with much pomp all across the country. The main attraction of Republic Day celebrations is the annual parade which begins at Rajpath, Delhi, and ends at the India Gate. On this day, the country's President hoists the flag at Rajpath, New Delhi. The ceremonious event also showcases India's cultural and social heritage, parades and airshows by the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force

Additionally, the President of India distributes Padma Awards to the deserving civilians of the country to

honour their contribution to the nation. Brave soldiers are also awarded Paramvir Chakra, Ashok Chakra and Vir Chakra. Live webcast of the Republic Day Parade is also made accessible every year to millions of people who wish to view the parade over the Internet or TV. We celebrated this particular day with full enthusiasm which included children participating online as well as children at the centre with the staff supporting them. Republic day was celebrated with the same pride at Pathway, Chennai in a grand manner. There was feverish excitement in the children as many of them were ready to present a colorful program. The entire frontage of the centre was decorated with our national flag and tri color balloons. A beautiful Rangoli ushered and welcomed each one. The children were dressed smartly in white uniform. As the children were called to attention, Dhuli



Patnaik our President was requested to unfurl the national flag. With this the children, staff and everyone assembled sang the national anthem in unison. This was followed by special treats and a luncheon for all present. Children who were not able to attend participated through online by marking their respect to the nation via drawings and posters.

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The below is a note from Editor-in-Chief & CEO of CSR magazine where our article of our Co-Founder and Director has been honored and published. This magazine issue was released by the Secretary, Govt of Karnataka.



Dear Readers,
Every year, March 8 is celebrated as International Women's Day. This year, the goal is to create a gender-equal world. It is about celebrating a woman's success and raising awareness against bias. As every year, we continue the tradition of covering the International Women's day/month of March 2022 by selecting Women in Leadership positions in our own Country.

International Women's Day has been celebrated every year since 1911 - that's over 100 years. And its two-fold message now remains the same as when it was started - to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, but also to mark a call to action for accelerating gender parity. In this

year's Special Edition, We have covered Women Achievers excelling in their own fields setting an example of Women Empowerment. We have covered Ms. Swayantani Ghosh, VP, Communications & CSR Head of Technip Energies India, Ms. Gazala Paul - Managing Trustee & Founder Member of Samerth Charitable Trust, Dr Meera Asmi - Global Green Ambassador and Ms. Aparna Anand - Managing Trustee of We Grow Foundation, Dr. Bollineni Keerthi, - President of Vasava Mahila Mandal, Mrs.. Prasanna Rajan - Trustee & Manager of Gandhibhavan International Trust, **Dr. Chandra Prasad - General Secretary & Hony. Director of Pathway India** and Mr. Bhuvan Purohit - Whole Time Director of Rubamin which is doing exponential good work in Smart anganwadis with Gujarat CSR Authority.

We are quite sure, that the case studies covered in this Special Edition exhibit the best practices of CSR.

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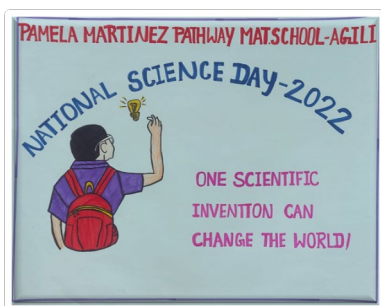
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NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY



National Science Day is celebrated every year on February 28 to mark and recognise the contributions of scientists towards the development of the country. On this day, in 1928, Indian Physicist Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman made an important discovery in the field of spectroscopy, which was later named after him – the

Raman Effect.

For his work,

CV Raman was awarded the prestigious Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. To celebrate this victory the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), in 1986, asked the Government of India to announce February 28 as National Science Day. The government accepted and declared the day as National Science Day. The first National Science Day was celebrated on February 28, 1987.



The theme of National Science Day 2022 is 'Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for Sustainable Future'. National Science Day is celebrated to raise awareness on the importance of science.

Educational institutions celebrate National Science Day by organising public speeches, radio, TV, science movies, science exhibitions on themes and concepts, debates, quiz competitions, lectures and science model exhibitions.

The students will help of their science teachers created awareness through charts, posters and quiz

IMPRESSIONS
– Dr. Taunalyn Ford

Thank you for letting me take a tour of this Tamil Paradise! I felt like I went to a heavenly Place with beautiful people and surroundings where all are welcome, valued, loved and nurtured. It was a privilege to see and I will always hold the memory close to my heart. I pray that you will continue to be blessed. I'm excited to have a nativity set from Pathway to display proudly and share with others.

Much love and Many blessings

Dr. Taunalyn Ford

OUR FOUNDER'S DAY-MEDICAL CAMPS

At Pathway we undertook a new different project to celebrate our Founder's birthday by conducting a medical camp. This medical camp was conducted in rural area in Chengalpattu in a village known as Unamalai village which was in our vicinity. and has approximately a population of nearly 3000.

Our team was headed by our dedicated doctors like general physicians, dentists, ophthalmologists, nurses, therapists, and medical lab technicians. To add value to the above our senior staff of Pamela Martinez School, student team and helpers were a part of this valuable service which served more than 200 villagers.



We as a team would like to thank the Deputy Director of Health Services of Chengalpattu district, The President- Mr. Rajaram of Unamalai Village, the Councilor-Mr. Silambarasan, and his team for enabling us to conduct the camp for benefit of the villagers. We are indeed grateful for their support and help.

We celebrated our Founder's Day in all our three centres with cultural activities. To highlight this event we

planted coconut and mango saplings in four village schools and supported one of them by donating a teacher's table, chairs, and floor mats. We also undertook 8 cataract surgeries after compiling the medical details obtained during the medical camp as per our team of doctors suggestions.

The people who were wheeled into the surgery have successfully been operated on and we feel blessed that we could be a part of their recovery

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

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

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



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

group, especially since the proportion of the elderly has been significantly increasing in the country; the 60 + population which stood at 56 million in 1991 is now estimated to be 138 million in 2021. Prasad's contribution in the service of the disabled has been many fold. As an young man of 21 years when he started Pathway in a humble circumstances in a rented building he started serving children with mental retardation and cerebral palsy as inmates. Perhaps Pathway was the only centre available at that time apart from another facility that was admitting children through police and courts. Right from that time Prasad was able serve children single handedly with various other problems that included speech and hearing problems, autism besides mental disability. On





IN CONTINUATION OF OUR MEDICAL CAMP, WE WERE ABLE TO CONVINCE 8 OF THESE SPECIAL PEOPLE TO UNDERGO CATARACT SURGERY AS PER OUR TEAM OF DOCTORS' SUGGESTIONS. WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD TO SHARE THAT THE SURGERIES WERE SUCCESSFUL AND WAS CONDUCTED AT ARVIND EYE HOSPITAL. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THOSE BEAUTIFUL SOULS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO ACHIEVE THE SAME.

poverty and disability free of cost. After 1984-85 Pathway started soliciting support from individuals, organizations and government. More than 46500 children have been examined by Pathway over the years and nearly 45,000 children with various disabilities have been assisted. The Centre opened its door in offering primary medical care to the neighboring poor men, women and children, till now over 5.3 Lakh adults and children have been assisted with

medical, pediatric and dental care. In addition to this Pathway has also initiated primary literary programme for poor slum children, every year the organization assists over 150 children in their everyday studies offering them free tuition and other support.

Prasad with the aid of munificent support received from highly loyal and committed donors established a large Agro farm for Children in a large agricultural tract of land about 90 Kms from Chennai. This agro farm is one of its kind that offers top notch facilities for the integrated education and rehabilitation of able and disabled children and adults. The organization has constructed large

well planned buildings to offer high class education for orphan, destitute and poor children. Disabled friendly buildings have been built to offer services to the disabled, without any bias to their religion caste or any other consideration. This facility is offering support for nearly 300 children and adults every day. In addition to this



Pathway has initiated community based rehabilitation programme (CBR) in several villages serving scores of disabled children and adults with various disorders, right at their door steps.

Prasad right from the beginning has been challenged with health issues, he as a student in the ALL India Institute of Speech and Hearing met with an accident when he suffered considerable injury to his face , jaws and teeth, which caused continuous and chronic issues. He also underwent a surgery to correct an anomaly in his coccyx. When he was 22 years old he was diagnosed to have had Psoriasis and this became a huge and dreaded challenge for him life along. Drugs such as high dosage of steroids used caused irreversible problems all his life, at the age of 43 years Prasad developed bilateral cataract, he developed severe osteoporosis leading to four fractures in his spine, severe endocrinal disorder. He also developed obesity, diabetes and hypertension. His weight from 65 Kgs increased to 110 Kgs. As he was receiving high dosage of steroids he developed severe problems in immunity, leading to constant abscess formation that required repeated surgical intervention. His challenges continued with detection of cancer in vocal chords which required immediate micro laryngeal surgery with radiation. On top of all this now Prasad has been diagnosed with cancer In his bladder that require immediate major surgery that was being performed at the Cancer Institute.

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

We will continue to carry his legacy and mission of serving the most needy. Over days and months to come our work will be further intensified to reach out to more people in the rural areas and try to ease human suffering as much as we can. We thank each individual soul paid or volunteer who are a part of our journey in helping the community. Their selfless courage and positive attitude we salute.

VARIOUS INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED



FIRE OFFICERS INSPECTION TO SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S HOME - 09.08.2021

Madhurathagam Fire Officer Mr Kumar and Acharapakkam fire Officer Mr Paramasivam came for inspection to submit their report to District Fire Officer ,Chengalpattu to renew our Children's Home Fire certificate ,they have seen all the dormitories and fire Extinguisher , fire Equipment's and their validity dates ..Finally they have checked our Building License , Stability certificates and School & Children's Home Recognition orders .

DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER INSPECTION – MR S.SUGANATHAM – 10.08.2021 Mr S.Suganatham ,District Educational Officer with Deputy Inspector of Schools Mr Veeramani came to school on 10.08.2021 for inspection and submit their report to Chief Educational Officer for School Recognition Renewal .They had a tour and checked all the academic records ,Teachers Records , Building License ,Fire Certificates ,Stability Certificate and School Mark Registers . The DEO interacted with X std students and Teachers



MADHURANTHAGAM TASHILDAR VISIT 11.08.2021 The Madhuranthagam Tashildar Mr Nataraj Subramani came with his team and inspected our School and other Buildings. She checked all the required Certificates They also checked the water quality and water tanks along with the facility . Finally they sanctioned the Building License for next 3years

BULK RATION –SPECIAL TASHILDAR INSPECTION - 26.11.2021 The Taluk Supply Special Tashildar came to Children's Home and School to inspect the Food Menu ,Certificates, stock registers etc and Kitchen. He viewed the Students Attendance register checked the food quality and interacted with children



BLOCK HEALTH SUPERVISOR INSPECTION – 16.02.2022 Our Acharapakkam Block Health Supervisor Mr Vithiyananthan visited the school and Children's Home to inspect the Sanitization , Rest Rooms , Hygiene aspects and cleanliness in and around along with checking of Dormitories too. He also checked all the other mandatory certificates like school and Home recognition, continuity of the certificates.The water and septic tanks too were inspected. On basis of his report we received the Sanitary Certificate for all the buildings.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



The United Nations started celebrating women's day in 1975 and in 1977, the UN General Assembly proclaimed March 8 as International Women's Day for women's rights and world peace. The UN has been celebrating the day since then, setting up a theme every year.



This day holds significance because the world celebrates women's achievements on this day,

raises awareness about women's equality and accelerates gender parity, along with fundraisers for various female-focused charities. The theme for International Women's Day 2022 is 'Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow'. The United Nations looks forward to highlighting the contribution of women and girls around the world who are volunteering in promoting their communities or working on climate change adaptation, mitigation and in general working in building a more sustainable future for everyone.



The Women's day programme started with a warm welcome from our principal followed by a welcome speech by Mrs Selvi. The English and Tamil speech was given by Abinisha and Deepapriyan of grade 9th who emphasized the importance of women in the society. Karthika in her speech narrated the life history of child in Pathway which was followed by a Tamil poem which





explaining about the difficulties of women in the society by Jayasurya. Children showcased their fancy dress in form of some of our most important women recognized by all. Different groups of kids showcased their dancing talent along with other cultural performances. The students had prepared cards with beautiful messages along with posters to mark this wonderful occasion. The teachers were honored by our honorable director madam. The programme ended with a vote of thanks.

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



SPREADING AWARENESS AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO MINIMISE COVID-19

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

- ▢ Nursery and vegetables garden
- ▢ Cleaning house keeping
- ▢ Agriculture
- ▢ Production of dried petal powder
- ▢ Weaving mat from coconut leaves
- ▢ Bakery
- ▢ Talking to the special children's parents
- ▢ Yoga classes
- ▢ UDID uploading
- ▢ Sports / online competition
- ▢ Personal hygiene
- ▢ Awareness and training for hand washing and use of mask
- ▢ Providing medical checkup and counselling



☐ **Nursery and vegetable garden:**

The Sabin kids that are staying in the home were taught and trained by the special 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 special and residential normal kids also worked 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.

☐ **Cleaning and housekeeping:**

The special educators also help and guide all the kids at the Sabin home and School home to clean their dormitory and the schools by sweeping the classrooms and watering the plants and weeding the courtyard as assistance with the other ground staff. The special educators also taught the children to use the gardening tools and their purpose.

☐ **Yoga classes:**

The work of the special educators also teaches 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 various foundations during the Independence Day. 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 this competition.

OUR MEDICAL DOCTORS WORKING DURING COVID PERIOD



☐ **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 Dr Gayathri nurses-Nishanthi and Physiotherapist Mr Karthikeyan and CBR work- Ms Amudha .

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

- ❖ Conducting daily visit by medical doctors, checking their temperatures and bp. Instructing parents of day care children to avail our medical facilities.
- ❖ Provisions and monetary assistance given to all our day care and temporary custodial kids
- ❖ Any kind of emergency and help can be reported to the concerned staff and immediate action taken on that.
- ❖ Corporation has been instructed to spray medication outside the building and wash rooms, corridors etc every week
- ❖ Garbage refuse is collected everyday by the corporation
- ❖ Maintenance and cleanliness is maintained on daily basis
- ❖ Fresh food is supplied daily, vegetables are ordered every week and provisions for a month.
- ❖ No refrigerated food is offered to any one
- ❖ Phone facility is offered and Counselling is done by their special educators
- ❖ To keep them active online classes are being conducted
- ❖ Therapeutic work like gardening, TV, bakery and handicraft making is introduced with proper instruction and help

SPRAYING OF MEDICINE DONE EVERY WEEK DURING THIS PERIOD



DISTRICT SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Students from VIII std to X std were taken to SCAD International School to view the science





exhibition organized by the State Govt Educational Dept, Chengalpattu. The Children were accompanied by their Science Teacher.

It was indeed a great opportunity for them to see the entire exhibit



which had interesting charts, posters, models, working models and also a quiz session.

Their joy was evident as they went from stall to stall and listen to their peer counterpart. Their curiosity

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a
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was evident since they enquired about each model . An array of exhibits like a

Tread Mill made of wood caught their eye. The others in line which attracted them most were the working models which represented the our army bomb , light Tanks, Conservation of Nature Resource ,Wind Mill , Multiple reflection of lights, Drainage block identifier machine , E cycle , Train Platform shifter ,Magic Light ,Water wind Free Energy etc.

The main focus was on a AI Robot.



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.

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 who was on our rolls.

Every care like social 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 20.06.2022**



The Directorate of Government Examinations, Tamil Nadu has released the Class 10 result 2022 on June 20, 2022 at 10 am. The TN 10th result 2022 is announced in online mode on the website tnresults.nic.in. Our Students who could access their TN SSLC result 2022 through registration number and date of birth passed out successfully.

This year, a total of 9,12,620 candidates have appeared for the examination out of which a total of 821,994 candidates passed showing 90.07% pass overall. Kanyakumari district has topped the TN board Class

10th examination with 97.22% whereas Vellore district has performed the lowest with an overall pass percentage of 79.87%. AS per the Govt of TamilNadu the Girls pass percentage is 8.55% more than boys. The Total number of Girls pass: 427073 (94.38%) and total number of Boys pass: 394920 (85.83%)



from Left to Right
D.THANRAJ , R.AMARESAN, A SURIYA , S.ABINESH , B.RAMKUMAR
S .SHANMUGAM, A.RATHA, V.KARTHIKA, P SANTHYA, A.RUKMANI

CHILDRENS CORNER



NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

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ஓம் அனைவரும் அவன தடிலு
சில்லரையை போட ஆரம்பித்தனர்.

செல்கிறார்கள் என்று சொன்னார்.

இந்த ஆண்டு டாக்டர் தத்து
ரால் மெமோரியல் சேரிடபின்
டிஸ்டிக்ட்ஸ் ஓர் அலகான பாதவேயின்
இணை நிறுவனர், டாக்டர் சந்திர
மிரசாத் அவர்கள், கோவிட் 19
மனிதாபிமான முயற்சிகள் என்ற
பிரிவின் கீழ் மகாத்மா விருதுக்கு
தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளார்கள்.

புதுச்சேரியின் முன்னாள்
கவர்னர் டாக்டர் கிரன்பேடி
அவர்கள் 1-10-2021 அன்று
புதுதில்லியில் உள்ள இந்திய
சர்வதேச மையத்தில் பாதவே
பொதுச் செயலாளர் டாக்டர் சந்திர
மிரசாத்துக்கு விருது வழங்கினார்.

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மேல்மருத்துர் மாம் 30- செகம்புட்டு மாவட்டம் மதுராத்தம் அடுத்த மேல்மருத்துர் அருகே உள்ள ஊன்மலை ஊரட்சிவில் டாக்டர் தத்துர்மெரீசர் சாடபுழி டூல்ட் மற்றும் பாத்வேதொண்டு நிறுவனத்த நிழ்வம டாக்டர் ADSN,பீராத் அலர்சுவீல் பீரத்தநனை முனிவிட்டு மேல்மருத்துர் அருகில் உள்ள ஊன்மலை கிராமத்தில் இலவச மருத்துவ முகாம் நேற்று நடைபெற்றது. இம்மருத்துவ முகாமில் பொது மருத்துவம் சார்ந்த மம் மருத்துவம், உடலியக்கம், கண் பரிசோதனை, ரத்த பரிசோதனை, சிக்கலு நெய் பரிசோதனை, ரத்த அழுத்த பரிசோதனை, உயிவிட்டு துறை சார்ந்த மருத்துவ குழுவியார் நடத்தபட்டது. இத்திழிப்பிட்டு ஊன்மலை கிராம பூசாசாத்தி தலையார் ருஜாராயம் முனிவிவிவிவி விஜயத்த தலையார் ஒத்திழி கலுவலர் பற்றிம் பரிசோதி நிறுவனத்தில் இங்கிலாந்து பற்றிம் யெலாயர் டாக்டர் சந்திராபிராத்த ஆகியோர் பங்கிற்றனர். இம்முகாமில் மருத்துவர்கள் டாக்டர்



மனோபிரகாஷ், டாக்டர் வேறு 25க்கும் மேற்படும் பரிசோதனை, டாக்டர் நர்க்குலுத் கண்புற ஜெலுவல், டாக்டர் அறுவை சிகிச்சை மற்றும் கயசர், கண் பரிசோதனை மற்றும் மருத்துவ உதவியார் விஜயராமகண், அலர்சுவீல் மற்றும் செலியர் திஷாத்த ஆகியோர் பங்கிற்றனர். இந்ம் கமர் 200க்கும் மேற்பட்ட இந்திய நிரமோதோர் நர்க்குலுத் முழு உடல் கலத்தகொண்டு மருத்துவ முகாமில் பயன்பெற்றனர்.



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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

