

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024

"PAMELA MARTINEZ-PATHWAY MATRICULATION
SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S HOME"

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



Being grateful for Every day that passes fruitfully has been our goal. 2023-2024 has been extremely pleasant. We started our new financial year with the same gusto as the previous year. We were invited to celebrate the Intellectual Disabled Day along with our wonderful kids to perform a dance which was very well appreciated by the collector who also honored our Director.

This new financial year started with celebration of World Autism Day at all our centres. We were overjoyed to welcome all our children back at our centres with many a new admissions. The faith

reposed on us by the children staff, parents and society deepened our commitment to our work and we promised our inner selves to give a more meaningful life to our deserving kids. Our commitment led us to co-operate with the Corporation of Tamilnadu to conduct a medical camp along with two medical colleges. The chief guest being our Honorable ---Mr Irai Ambu IAS. Apart from medical help the public also availed the Kalaingar Insurance policy.

We continued with our renovation work of painting of our dormitories both interior as well as exterior at the Chennai Centre. The work on the renovation of the swimming pool and stage was taken up with full interest and executed. Along with the renovation work we also executed a cover for the stage, renovation of the gazebo and a parking area.

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

Regarding the agriculture sphere we did harvest paddy but the weather conditions were not very conducive for vegetables. Coconut production and mango grove were boosted by carrying out maintenance activity.

Our desire to magnify our endeavor to serve many more "poorest of the poor" through our outreach program in remote villages was executed. Our help was extended to 24 villages by way of Physiotherapy and Dental Oral Screening. We are extremely proud to say that we were able to help a differently abled children and adults in gifting number of wheel chairs and provisions with help of our great supporter- Kinderhilfe Emmaus. At this juncture I convey our continued gratitude to all our supporters and benefactors and pray for their continued love, munificence, and association.

Pathway was selected by the TN govt to participate in the Divya Kala Mela organized by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India for ten days in the month of November.

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 many awards for creating an impact on the society. This year also we were able to rope in the prestigious Life achievement award by Puthia Vanigam Publication, Indian Social Impact Award-Brand Houchos, Life achievement award by FTIEA - Fame Times International Excellence Awards - presented at Malaysia in Oct 2023

We are indeed grateful for all those souls and every well wisher who stood by our side. We also acknowledge the visit to all our centres by Robert and MaryAnn Parsons, and Matt and Karen Parsons who happen to be second cousins of Mr Gary Sabin. We were equally delighted by visit of Mr Amit Sachdeva who is a social entrepreneur, philanthropist and founder Mahatma Award. He is known as the CSR Man of India for his efforts and advocacy for the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Bill in India.

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

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

ORGANIZATION BOARD

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

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST ORGANIZATION – BOARD

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



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

ORGANIZATION – GOVERNANCE

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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MR R SUNDAR

AUDITOR

SRIDHAR KRISHNAMURTHY
& ASSOCIATES

Pathway is run under the auspices of Dr. Dattu 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 - Sahin Home for persons with Mental Retardation and Associated Conditions"

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

RECOGNITION AND GRANT-IN-AID

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

REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION

- ❖ Director of Exemptions, Dept. of Income Tax, Govt. of India, Nungambakkam, Chennai U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act.
- ❖ Ministry of Home Affairs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, Government of India, New Delhi
- ❖ Registered with The National Trust for Autism, under section 12(4) of the Act for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Disabilities and Mental Retardation, Government of India, New Delhi
- ❖ Registered under Section 53 of Juvenile 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 Intellectually Disabled For The Period **07.04.2023 To 06.04.2026**

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION- CHENNAI**

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

Registration is renewed to "SABIN PATHWAY HOME FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS – REHABILITATION CENTRE, No:1 A.D.S.N Prasad Street, Agili Village, Sendivakkam Post, Via Sothupakkam, Maduranthakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District – 603319, S.No.244/5A – 685.0.12.70 as an institution for the persons with Disabilities vide S.No.315/ 2019 under Section 51 (2) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 to run a Home & Vocational Training Centre For Intellectually Disabled which is valid from **01.09.2021 TO 30.06.2024**.

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

This Certificate of Registration renewal is awarded to – **PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME**, (Dr. Datha 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 SLNo.1285/DSD/2020 under section 41(i) 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. Datha 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 41,950 children and adults in a city center and two in rural agricultural centre.

Prasad guides Pathway with the belief that

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

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



THE PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY AGRO FARM FOR CHILDREN – AGILI



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

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

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



This unit has been established to assist children who are either orphan or destitute children, children from broken homes or children who may be partial orphans are also being admitted. Currently the Agro-farm is housing 200 children who live all the time at the agro-facility and receive food, clothing, and medical help and undergo education at the school, which has been established at the farm. All Farm children attend a well-organized English medium school as prescribed by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The school is fully recognized by the Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Chennai and this Directorate has accorded recognition from 1st to 8th standards' grades during the year 2004-2005.





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

All the children are taught various subjects including those subjects as per the syllabus and also thoughts and chapters from our scriptures and moral stories as every day teaching for an hour. Considerable importance is given for English conversation, reading and writing. In addition to various learning opportunities, children are

stimulated with painting, arts and drawing to hone their artistic abilities. At this time 60 staff have been appointed at the agro-farm, which include a Principal, faculty members, wardens, nurse, house mothers, doctor, dentist, cooks, helpers, electrician, plumber, driver, etc. All the staff is well qualified in their respective fields. In addition to the above six security guard staff have been appointed to ensure security for the facility.

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



EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL PATTERNED ON THE GOVT. OF TAMILNADU'S "MATRICULATION SCHOOLS" REGULATIONS
- ❖ RECOGNIZED AND ACCREDITED BY THE DIRECTORATE OF MATRICULATION SCHOOLS, CHENNAI
- ❖ YEAR 2001-2002: KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1-6
- ❖ YEAR 2002-2003: ADD GRADES 7 AND 8



❖ YEAR 2003-2004: ADD GRADES 9 AND 10

❖ YEAR 2006-2007: ADD GRADE 10

❖ SEPARATE LABS FOR BIOLOGY,

❖ PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY ARE IN

PLANNING

❖ COMPUTER LAB - 2004 - 2005

❖ LIBRARY - 2006

❖ CURRICULUM INCLUDES AGE-APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS.

CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO ENGLISH CONVERSATION, READING, AND

WRITING. ARTS AND MUSIC ARE INCLUDED

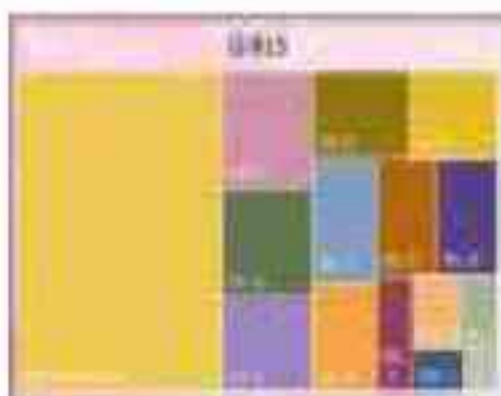
TO DEVELOP CREATIVITY. SOCIAL VALUES AND MORALS ARE ENCOURAGED

QUALIFIED STAFF



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

STUDENT POPULATION as on March 2024



WELCOME



In accordance with the directives from the Tamil Nadu State Government Educational Department, Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School joyfully resumed its academic activities on June 12, 2023, marking the end of the students' annual summer holidays. The reopening was met with enthusiasm as teachers extended a warm and elaborate welcome to their respective classes.



The faculty, in a spirit of celebration, greeted students with floral arrangements, traditional auspicious offerings, and a vibrant red carpet welcome. The students, brimming with excitement, eagerly stepped into the new academic year, filled with anticipation for the learning adventures that lay ahead.

The grand welcome extended to all students was further elevated by the gracious blessings of our esteemed Pathway Director Madam. As we embark on this fresh academic journey, we express profound gratitude for the enduring support and encouragement that defines the ethos of Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School. Here's to a year filled with growth, discovery, and academic excellence!



AMBEDKAR JAYANTI



Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School celebrated Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti and Tamil New Year on April 14, 2023, with great enthusiasm and reverence for both occasions. The school premises were adorned with festive decorations as children, adorned in traditional Tamil attire, eagerly welcomed the dawn of Chithirai 1st, marking the onset of the Tamil New Year. The air was filled with joyous greetings exchanged among the children, embodying the spirit of unity and tradition.

A special assembly was convened, presided over by

the Principal, who extended warm wishes to all the





students on behalf of the Pathway Director and Co-founder. The occasion was made even more memorable with a captivating skit, wherein the significance of Tamil New Year celebrations was highlighted, alongside an elucidation of the traditional method of calculating the month in our region.

Following the Tamil New Year festivities, attention turned to honoring the legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Two students, Karanmuthan and Vetrinsekha, donned attire resembling Dr. Ambedkar, symbolizing his pivotal role in framing the Indian Constitution. The students showcased their artistic talents by beautifully

depicting Dr. Ambedkar and the Indian Parliament.

In an insightful presentation, Kishore eloquently elucidated the history and significance of the Indian Constitution, shedding light on its evolution over time. Meanwhile, Lingewaran narrated Dr. Ambedkar's arduous journey from humble beginnings to becoming a beacon of social justice and equality.

The celebrations served as a poignant reminder of the rich cultural heritage and values that the school community cherishes. Through these commemorations, students were not only encouraged to embrace their cultural identity but also inspired to uphold the principles of equality and justice embodied by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.



BICYCLE DAY



World Bicycle Day is an annual event celebrated on June 3rd. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018 to recognize the bicycle as a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transport. The selection of this date is significant as it commemorates the anniversary of the invention of the bicycle by Karl von Drais in 1817. The United Nations General Assembly officially designated this day in April 2018 to honor the bicycle's exceptional qualities, durability, and versatility, considering it has been utilized as a practical mode of transport for over two centuries. The UN recognized the bicycle as a straightforward,

cost-effective, dependable, eco-friendly, and sustainable means of transportation.

The theme for this year's World Bicycle Day is **"Riding Together for a Sustainable Future."**



Here are some of the key significances of World Bicycle Day:

1. To raise awareness of the benefits of cycling.

Cycling is a healthy, sustainable and affordable form of transportation. It can help to improve physical fitness, reduce air pollution and traffic congestion, and promote social inclusion.

2. To advocate for better infrastructure for cyclists.

Many cities and towns are not designed with cyclists in mind. This can make it dangerous and difficult to ride a bike. World Bicycle Day is a chance to call for better bike lanes, paths and other infrastructure that make it safer and easier to get around by bike.

3. To promote cycling as a way to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Sustainable Development Goals are a set of 17 goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015. Cycling can help to achieve many of these goals, such as reducing poverty, improving health, and promoting sustainable development.

A day prior to the event, our children washed and cleaned their bicycles and also prepared chart drawings with slogans related to world bicycle day. The school children and our Sabun joined along with their bicycles for a rally to create awareness about this day. The students were taught about the importance of cycle with the growing concerns around the lack of physical activities among people and its health hazards. A cycle is a clean, affordable, and environment-friendly mode of transportation and promoting its use contributes to the conservation of nature and achieving cleaner air and environment.

Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home celebrated World Bicycle Day with great enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of cycling for promoting a healthy lifestyle. Students actively participated in a rally, showcasing their passion for cycling and recognizing its numerous health benefits, such as strengthening muscles and bones.

The theme for this year's celebration was "Riding Together for a Sustainable Future," emphasizing the collective effort needed to foster a more sustainable world. Against the backdrop of increasing concerns regarding sedentary lifestyles and their associated health risks, World Bicycle Day holds even greater



significance. Cycling serves as a valuable means to combat physical inactivity while also contributing to environmental conservation by reducing air pollution.

During the rally, participants learned about the merits of cycling, including its positive impact on personal health and the environment. Through engaging activities and educational sessions, students gained a deeper understanding of how cycling can contribute to a sustainable future for themselves and the planet. The event underscored the school's commitment to promoting physical activity and environmental awareness among its students. By encouraging the use of bicycles as a mode of transportation, the school aims to instill lifelong habits that prioritize both personal well-being and environmental sustainability. Overall, the World Bicycle Day celebration at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home was a resounding success, inspiring students to embrace cycling as a means to a healthier and more sustainable future.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2023



World Environment Day

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on the 5th of June and aims at raising awareness and celebrating environmental action.

This year's campaign is celebrated under the theme #BeatPlasticPollution. It highlights the need to take concrete action to achieve transformative change to tackle the climate crisis. Excessive amounts of pollution are a threat to the environment. Pollutants have been trapped in all of the environment's



primary components, including the hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere. Normal environmental conditions are being destroyed by the rising pollution levels.



Each year, our school eagerly anticipates the celebration of World Environment Day, an occasion

that underscores our commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability. However, due to the postponement of the school reopening, this year's commemoration took on a unique form. Undeterred by the circumstances, our students showcased their creativity and passion for environmental advocacy through colorful drawings that captured their thoughts and feelings about protecting the planet. Additionally, an online competition provided an interactive platform for students to express their ideas and solutions for addressing environmental challenges.





Despite the challenges posed by the delay in school activities, the spirit of environmental stewardship burned brightly in our students. As certificates of participation were distributed, each student's dedication to safeguarding the environment was recognized and celebrated. Their contributions serve as a testament to the unwavering commitment of our school community to nurturing a sustainable future for generations to come.



"I pledge to make conscious choices in my daily life to protect and preserve the environment. I will reduce, reuse, and recycle whenever possible, minimizing waste and conserving resources. I will strive to use energy efficiently, opting for renewable sources whenever available. I commit to supporting eco-friendly initiatives and advocating for policies that promote environmental conservation. Together, let's work towards a greener, healthier planet for current and future generations."



The staff educated our children about our home planet and we should put our collective efforts to protect our planet's natural resources, mitigate climate change, and promote a healthier and more sustainable future for all.

One of the most crucial resources for our life on Earth is the environment. The ecological web is a network of relationships in which every element of the environment is interdependent. This network must be kept in balance because if one part disintegrates, the entire system will disintegrate and wipe out all life. Because of this, we must decide to act to protect the environment and repair the harm we caused.

The primary goal of World Environment Day is to raise public awareness of environmental situations as they exist today. People come together on this day to work together to make our lives better. Every year, a particular theme or environmental issue is highlighted, and participants make a commitment to take action to address it. The World Environment Day serves as a reminder to protect the environment and build up our world. It sheds light on the factors that harm our environment most. For instance, businesses and businesses contribute significantly to pollution. We breathe less air and drink less water as a result of them.

Additionally, it motivates people to take an active role in creating environmental preservation strategies. Additionally, it inspires everyone to protect and preserve the environment so that everyone can enjoy a clean, healthy, and successful future. As Clean Earth is Green Earth. Encourage common people from different societies and communities to



actively participate in the celebration as well as become active agents in developing environmental safety measures. Encourage people to make their nearby surroundings safe and clean to enjoy a safer, cleaner and more prosperous future.

According to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), 300 million tonnes of plastic is produced every year, and not all of it is recycled. To put that into perspective, that's equivalent to the weight of the entire human population. It is also up to us as consumers to understand the impact that our plastic consumption is having on the environment. A large part of the population depends upon Plastic for their daily use. Do you know nearly one-third of it is not disposed of properly and ends up clogging drains and choking the environment? Only 9% of all plastic produced is recycled. A whopping 2 million plastic bags are used every minute worldwide. Single-use plastics are illegal in some parts of the world. Every minute of every day a truckload of plastic is dumped into the ocean.



The World Generates 400 Million Tonnes of Plastic Waste A Year. The US Produces 42 Million Metric Tons of Plastic Every Year, the Highest in the World. More Than 8 Million Tonnes of Plastic Enter the Oceans Every Year. Humans Ingests 5 Grams of Plastic Every Week. One million plastic bottles are bought every minute. There could be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050. Up to 95% of plastic polluting oceans is carried by 10 rivers. 99% of seabirds will be eating plastic by 2050. The average person eats 70,000 microplastics each year.

The average time that a plastic bag is used is just 12 minutes. Over the past 50 years, world plastic production has doubled. Plastic harms marine life and poses a threat to human health. Plastics can persist in the environment for nearly a thousand years before it fully disintegrates. Plastics are non-renewable and their manufacture and destruction expose individuals and the environment to many toxins, including carcinogens. Plastic make up ten per cent of the total waste generated; half of it is used in a disposable or single-use. We use 50 per cent of the plastic in disposable form or for single-use. Plastic is hazardous to both animals and humans.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA



In commemoration of World Yoga Day on June 21, 2023, our school organized a vibrant celebration aimed at promoting the importance of yoga among our students. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across all age groups, who came together to embrace the practice of yoga.





The festivities commenced with an enchanting dance performance by our youngest students, wherein they eloquently conveyed the significance of yoga through graceful movements. Following this, Kishore from the VI standard delivered a captivating elocution, articulating the myriad benefits of yoga and its profound impact on physical and mental well-being. A lively yoga quiz, conducted by our esteemed History teacher, Mrs. Santha, engaged students in a fun and educational manner, testing their knowledge about the history and principles of yoga. Meanwhile, the Principal shared insightful anecdotes about the origins and evolution of yoga, instilling a deeper understanding of its cultural and spiritual significance.



Inspired by the teachings of yoga, both boys and girls pledged to incorporate yoga into their daily routines, recognizing its transformative potential in fostering holistic health and inner harmony. Detailed demonstrations and illustrations of various yoga poses were provided, allowing students to experience firsthand the rejuvenating effects of this ancient practice.

The

yoga session was met with great enthusiasm as students eagerly participated, reveling in the opportunity to explore different postures and breathing techniques. Through this celebration, our school reaffirmed its commitment to promoting holistic well-being and empowering students to lead healthier, more balanced lives through the timeless wisdom of yoga. International Yoga Day 2023 is celebrated every year on June 21st to promote the numerous benefits of practicing yoga. The chosen date coincides with the summer solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. This day serves as a platform to raise awareness about the holistic approach to well-being that yoga offers. It highlights the importance of finding balance in our fast-paced, modern lives and encourages physical, mental, and spiritual harmony. Yoga fosters mindfulness, stress reduction, and overall health and vitality. In its 9th edition, this year's International Day of Yoga was led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the UN Headquarters on June 21st. This marks the first time a yoga session has been conducted by the Prime Minister at this location.

The theme selected for this year's International Day of Yoga 2023 is "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam."





which represents our shared desire for “One Earth, One Family, One Future.” “*Varudhaiva Kutumbakam*” is a Sanskrit phrase that can be translated as “the world is one family” or “the whole world is one single family.” It is derived from ancient Indian scriptures known as the *Maha Upanishads*. This principle reflects the idea that all human beings are interconnected and that they should live in harmony and cooperation with one another, transcending boundaries of nationality, religion, race, or any other form of division.

The significance of International Yoga Day is to raise



awareness of the many benefits of yoga for physical and mental health. Yoga is a mind-body practice that originated in India thousands of years ago. It combines physical postures, breathing exercises, and meditation. Yoga has been shown to improve flexibility, strength, balance, and endurance. It can also help to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. Yoga is universal — it can be practised anywhere, at any time, and by anyone irrespective of age, gender, culture or nationality. Yoga is a powerful tool for individuals, communities and countries to improve both mental and physical health.

Yoga has been shown to have immediate psychological benefits, decreasing anxiety and stress, and increasing feelings of emotional and social well-being. It helps prevent and control noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) — cardiovascular diseases, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, among others — that are a rising cause of disability and premature death. Yoga has helped hundreds of millions of people across the world stay healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is consistent with the WHO principle that states, “Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”.

PARENT MEETING

In light of declaring the annual performance results of all class students, Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School organized a mass parents





meeting led by the Principal. During the meeting, the rank cards and examination answer scripts of the children were showcased to their parents.

The improvement in both academic performance and extracurricular activities of the students were elaborated upon, providing detailed insights to the concerned parents. Each child's progress was discussed, highlighting their achievements and areas for further enhancement. The interactive session

allowed parents to engage in meaningful conversation with their children's teachers and the Principal. The parents expressed satisfaction and appreciation for the opportunity to discuss their children's academic journey and receive valuable insights into their progress.

Overall, the mass parents meeting served as a platform for fostering collaboration between the school and parents, ensuring the holistic development and success of the students.



CELEBRATING ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE



We are thrilled to share the outstanding achievements of our talented students at the "The Dream" art competition held in Mumbai. With 100 participants showcasing their creativity in various categories including coloring, handwriting, collage drawing, and painting, our school has truly made its mark in the world of art.

While each and every one of our students deserves recognition for their hard work and dedication, we're especially proud to announce the winners:



- 🏆 Sakthivel (6th Grade) - Coloring
- 🏆 S. Balajaneelambal (4th Grade) - Handwriting
- 🏆 B. Deepshikha (7th Grade) - Drawing & Collage - 3rd & 4th Awards
- 🏆 Divyashree S (7th Grade) - Coloring - Golden Award

- 🏆 T. Haiguan (1st Grade) - Drawing & Collage - Golden Award
- 🏆 B. Deepshika (7th Grade) - Handwriting - Golden Award
- 🏆 Sakshi (9th Grade) - Coloring - Golden Award
- 🏆 Sourish S (8th Grade) - Handwriting - Golden Award
- 🏆 R. Devadharshini (8th Grade) - Coloring - Golden Award
- 🏆 Archana A (9th Grade) - Drawing & Collage - Golden Award
- 🏆 S. Kabil Asifurani (5th Grade) - Coloring - Golden Award
- 🏆 P. Lakshmi Bathi (4th Grade) - Coloring - Golden Award
- 🏆 B. Lajith (2nd Grade) - Drawing & Collage - Golden Award
- 🏆 V. Sakshi Mahidhara (1st Grade) - Coloring - Golden Award
- 🏆 Hernanli R (11th Grade) - Coloring - Golden Award



We applaud each winner for their creativity and skill, and extend our gratitude to all participants for representing our school with such talent and pride! Participating in art competitions like "The Dream" not only allows our students to showcase their artistic abilities but also teaches them invaluable lessons in perseverance and creativity. We're immensely proud of each and every one of our students who participated and demonstrated their passion for art!

WORLD FOOD DAY CELEBRATION



On the 7th of July, Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School celebrated World Food Day with fervor and enthusiasm. The aim was to raise awareness among individuals about the significance of food for human sustenance. This year's theme, "Food Standards Save Lives with a Theme of Safe Food Now for a Healthy Tomorrow," emphasized the critical importance of adhering to

food safety standards for a healthier future.

The school premises were adorned with children dressed as vegetable gnomes, symbolizing the essence of fresh and nutritious food. Additionally, various charts were displayed, illustrating the importance of conserving food resources for a healthier lifestyle. These visual aids also highlighted the adverse effects of consuming junk food, shedding light on the diseases caused by such dietary habits.

The event served as a platform for students to learn about the importance of making informed dietary choices and the role of food safety standards in safeguarding public health. Through engaging





activities and educational displays, participants were encouraged to prioritize nutritious eating habits, thereby promoting a culture of wellness within the school community.

Overall, the World Food Day celebration at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School was a resounding success, fostering a deeper understanding of the vital link between food, health, and sustainable living among students and staff alike.

DENGUE AWARENESS PROGRAM

Mr. I. Jebakumar, a Health Inspector from the Ramaprasam Primary Health Centre, visited Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home on June 1, 2023, in accordance with the directives issued by the Tamil Nadu State Government Health Department. His visit aimed to assess the sanitary hygiene standards at our institution and raise awareness about dengue prevention among both staff and children.



During his inspection, Mr. Jebakumar meticulously evaluated our facilities to ensure compliance with health and hygiene protocols. He provided valuable guidance and recommendations to enhance our sanitation practices, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment for the well-being of everyone on campus. In addition to assessing hygiene standards, Mr. Jebakumar conducted



an informative session on dengue awareness, highlighting preventive measures to mitigate the risk of dengue fever transmission. His efforts were instrumental in educating our staff and children about the symptoms of dengue, as well as the importance of mosquito control measures to prevent breeding grounds. We are grateful for Mr. Jebakumar's visit and commend his dedication to

promoting public health and safety in our community. His guidance has further strengthened our commitment to maintaining high standards of hygiene and fostering a healthy environment conducive to the overall well-being of our students and staff. The Dengue Awareness Program is a comprehensive initiative designed to educate communities about dengue fever and its prevention. Through a combination of educational campaigns, community engagement, and collaboration with health authorities, the program aims to:

1. Raise awareness about the symptoms, transmission, and risks associated with dengue fever.
2. Encourage early recognition of symptoms for prompt medical intervention.
3. Promote preventive measures to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds, such as proper water storage and use of mosquito repellents.
4. Engage local communities through workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions to foster a sense of responsibility and encourage active participation.
5. Collaborate with health authorities and organizations to ensure access to accurate information and resources.
6. Implement dengue awareness initiatives in schools and workplaces to reach a broader audience.
7. Utilize various media platforms for widespread dissemination of information.
8. By empowering individuals with knowledge and resources, the Dengue Awareness Program aims to reduce the incidence of dengue fever and its impact on public health and well-being.

FIRE SAFETY DRILL



The officers from the Acharapakkam Fire and Rescue Station visited our premises to conduct a thorough inspection of all fire equipment and assess their validity periods. Additionally, the officers provided comprehensive training to all our staff members on the proper operation of fire equipment.

During the inspection, each fire equipment was meticulously examined to ensure its functionality and compliance with safety standards. The validity periods of the equipment were verified, and necessary actions were taken to renew them if required.





Furthermore, the officer conducted training sessions for our staff members, enlightening them on the operation and usage of fire equipment. This training aimed to equip our staff with the necessary knowledge and skills to respond effectively to any fire-related emergencies.

The visit and training session conducted by the Acharapakkam Fire and Rescue Station officers underscored our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for our students, staff, and visitors. We are grateful for their expertise and

assistance in enhancing our fire safety preparedness.

The Acharapakkam Block Health Officer organized an awareness program at our school. The officer gave an orientation about the life cycle of a mosquito and the prevention measures to avoid dengue. After the program, *kabassu kudineer* (a Siddha medicine made from 15 herbal ingredients, five of which have antiviral properties). Also, the entire campus including the children's dorms were sprayed with mosquito repellent.

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



Indian National Congress, widely acknowledged as the "Kingmaker" in Indian politics during the 1960s. He also served as the president of the Indian National Congress for

Kumaraswami Kamaraj (15 July 1903– 2 October 1975), popularly known as Kamarajar was an Indian independence activist and politician who served as the Chief Minister of Madras State (Tamil Nadu) from 13 April 1954 to 2 October 1963. He was the founder and the president of the





two terms i.e., four years between 1964-1967 and was responsible for the elevation of Lal Bahadur Shastri to the position of Prime Minister of India after Nehru's death



and India Gandhi after Shastri's death. He was the Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha during 1953-1954 and 1969-1975. He was known for his simplicity and integrity. He played a major role in developing the infrastructure of the Madras state and worked to improve the quality of life of the needy and the disadvantaged. As the president of the INC, he was instrumental in steering the party after the death of Jawaharlal Nehru. As the chief minister of Madras, he was responsible for bringing free education to the disadvantaged and introduced the free Midday Meal Scheme while he himself did not complete schooling. He was awarded with

India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, posthumously in 1976. US Vice-president Hubert Humphrey, referred to Kamaraj as "one of the greatest political leaders in all the countries of the free world" in January 1966. Kamaraj was born on 13 July 1903 in Vandhanagar, Tamil Nadu, to Kumaraswami Nadar and Sivalakshmi Ammal. His name was originally Kamaatchi, later changed to Kamarajar. His father Kumaraswami Nadar was a merchant. Kamaraj had a younger sister named Nagammal. Kamaraj was first enrolled in a traditional school in 1907 and in 1908 he was admitted to Yenadhi Narayana Vidhyasalai. In 1909 Kamaraj was admitted in Virudhapatti High School. Kamaraj's father died when he was six years old, his mother was forced to support the family. The 120th birth anniversary of late Chief Minister K. Kamaraj was celebrated in all schools as 'Education Development Day' with various competitions and cultural events.

At Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School, the celebration of the Tamil Nadu State Government's Educational Development Day on July 13th in honor of Sri K. Kamaraj's birth anniversary has become a cherished tradition since 2006. This year's commemoration was marked by the inauguration of our Tamil Club, where students actively participated in electing the Club President, Vice President, and other members. The event was highlighted by a captivating skit depicting the life history of Kamarajar, accompanied by a group song celebrating his remarkable achievements during his tenure as the head of



Tamil Nadu. Students from various grades, including Kishore from VI std, Sajeethkumar from III std, and Siranjeeri





Siddharth from I std, showcased their talents through role-playing. Praveena from IX std delivered a stirring Tamil elocution, while VII std girls presented a mesmerizing mime performance. The Principal underscored the importance of education and Kamasajar's invaluable contribution to its advancement. The day culminated with the distribution of prizes to students for their academic accomplishments and a rendition of the national anthem, marking the conclusion of a memorable event at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School.

MASTER ART COMPETITION 2023-2024



We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our talented students at the Pan India, National Level Art Competition organized by in Mumbai.

"Diamond Club Award for Pamela Martinez Pathway School"

- Congratulations to C. Karupiya for securing the 4th Prize Trophy in Colouring.

- Heartfelt congratulations to S. Sakthivel for receiving the MAC Star Award with a Gold Medal and a surprise gift.

- Bravo to R. Himalayan for earning the MAC Golden

Award with a Gold Medal.

- Well done to G. Rithika for excelling in Handwriting and being awarded the MAC Golden Award with a Gold Medal.

- Applause for P. Bharani, who showcased outstanding skills in Colouring and earned the MAC Golden Award with a Gold Medal.

- Kudos to S. Kerishtha for also receiving the MAC Golden Award with a Gold Medal in Colouring.

- Special mention to S. Sankaradoss for standing out in T-shirt Design and securing the MAC Golden Award with a Gold Medal.

- Hats off to T. Agathiya for impressing in T-shirt Design and earning the MAC Golden Award with a Gold Medal.



Additionally, our esteemed Art Teacher, Mrs. K. Kalpana, deserves congratulations for being honored with the prestigious Kala Ratna Award for her outstanding contribution.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and express gratitude to our Pathway Director/Co-founder for her unwavering support and commitment towards enriching our students' co-curricular activities, providing them with this wonderful opportunity to shine. Let's celebrate the artistic brilliance of our students and the dedication of our school.

ART COMPETITION

We are delighted to highlight the participation and achievements of our students in the arts competition conducted by Kannur Academy from Erode in July 2023. Our students enthusiastically participated in various categories such as rangoli drawing, handwriting, essay writing, and drawing for primary classes.

To facilitate this event, we organized a special session on the second Saturday where 24 selected students gathered in our assembly hall to showcase their talents. The students poured their hearts into their respective competitions, creating beautiful rangolis, crafting essays, and demonstrating their artistic skills.

Following the completion of the event, we submitted the competition papers of our talented students to the esteemed Kannur Academy. We are thrilled to announce that our efforts bore fruit as two of our students received state-level recognition for their outstanding performances.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to:

1. C. Sathana from IV Std for her exceptional rangoli creation.
2. G. Sumathi for her exemplary English handwriting.

Their achievements are a testament to their dedication, creativity, and hard work. We are incredibly proud of all the participants who showcased their talents and represented our school with excellence.

Pathway congratulates all participants and winners for their remarkable accomplishments. We believe that such competitions not only provide a platform for our students to exhibit their skills but also foster a spirit of healthy competition and personal growth.

As we reflect on the past year, we remain committed to nurturing the talents and potential of every student in our care. We look forward to more opportunities for our students to shine and excel in various fields in the years to come.

2ND ART COMPETITION

We are excited to share the remarkable achievements of our students in the arts competition organized by Rainbow Education Centre from Coimbatore in July 2023. Our students eagerly participated in various categories, including essay writing on the topic "Importance of Women's Education," rangoli drawing, handwriting, and drawing for primary classes.

To facilitate this enriching experience, we dedicated a special session on the second Saturday for 28 selected students in our assembly hall. Here, they showcased their talents and creativity, pouring their hearts into their respective competitions.





One of the primary objectives of World Chess Day is to raise awareness about the educational and social benefits of chess. Numerous initiatives are organized by chess federations, clubs, schools, and community organizations to introduce chess to new audiences and promote its inclusion in educational curricula. Chess workshops, seminars, and exhibitions are conducted to demonstrate the cognitive benefits of playing chess, such as enhancing problem-solving skills, concentration, and decision-making abilities.



World Chess Day also serves as an occasion to celebrate the rich history and cultural heritage of chess. Special events are organized to explore the origins of the game, its evolution over centuries, and its enduring popularity across diverse cultures and civilizations. Exhibitions featuring rare chess sets, historical artifacts, and memorabilia are curated to showcase the artistic and historical significance of chess as a cultural treasure.

In addition to educational and cultural activities, World Chess Day provides opportunities for chess enthusiasts to participate in friendly competitions and tournaments. Chess clubs and federations organize rapid, blitz, and

classical chess tournaments, inviting players of all levels to test their skills and compete for prizes and accolades. Online platforms host virtual chess tournaments, enabling players from different parts of the world to compete against each other in real-time, fostering global camaraderie and sportsmanship.

Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School marked International Chess Day with a spirited celebration, engaging students in an inter-school chess competition that showcased their skills and strategic acumen.

The hostel students enjoyed a unique privilege, participating in matches on our exquisite hand tiles chess board, a testament to the vision of our esteemed Pathway founder and co-founder. Prior to the matches, students received a comprehensive briefing on the history and rules of chess through an engaging PowerPoint presentation. This educational session provided insights into the origins and global popularity of chess, familiarizing students with each chess piece and facilitating their division into age-appropriate groups for the interschool competition.

Excitement filled the air as students donned their chess caps and embraced their roles as players. With





enthusiasm and determination, they demonstrated their talent and understanding of the game, captivating spectators with their strategic moves.

Beyond the thrill of competition, the celebration of International Chess Day served as a platform for fostering camaraderie and instilling a deeper appreciation for chess among our students. It was a day of learning, teamwork, and strategic thinking, encapsulating the ethos of our school community.

In conclusion, World Chess Day is a celebration of the enduring appeal and cultural significance of chess. Through a diverse range of activities and initiatives, it promotes the educational, social, and recreational benefits of chess, fosters community spirit, and encourages greater inclusivity and diversity within the chess community. Whether through competitive tournaments, educational workshops, or cultural exhibitions, World Chess Day brings people together to celebrate the timeless beauty and intellectual stimulation of the game of chess.

NATIONAL DOCTORS DAY



This day being so important in our lives we decided to celebrate in different way this time. All our doctors were honored by the management as well by the children who surprised them with a warm heartfelt greeting cards individually. Their efforts indeed brought out the best emotion from our wonderful doctors and nurses. A day couldn't have been better celebrated.



We are delighted to highlight the vibrant celebration of Doctors' Day at Pathway Children's Home and Matriculation School. This special occasion was marked by a colorful and heartwarming tribute to our esteemed doctors who tirelessly serve our institution and its children.

Our doctors were invited to attend a special felicitation ceremony to honor their invaluable contribution towards the well-being of our children. We expressed our deepest gratitude for their dedication and the 24/7 medical advice they provide through phone calls, WhatsApp, and video calls, ensuring the health and safety of our students at all times.



During the event, the children creatively expressed their appreciation by crafting heartfelt greeting cards for the doctors.





Our medical department staff members also actively participated in the celebration, further demonstrating the spirit of unity and gratitude.

Additionally, a dentist joined us for the occasion, and the children delighted the medical team by dressing up as medical officers and presenting a lively show. This enactment brought smiles and joy to everyone present, showcasing the deep bond between our healthcare providers and the children they care for.



Pathway wholeheartedly appreciates the valuable time and service rendered by our dedicated medical team. Their unwavering commitment to the well-being of our students is truly commendable and serves as an inspiration to us all.

As we reflect on this special celebration, we reaffirm our commitment to creating a nurturing and supportive environment for our children, where their health and happiness are prioritized above all else.



National Doctor's Day is celebrated on July 1st every year in India to recognise the contributions of doctors and medical professionals towards society. It also aims to create awareness about the importance of doctors, their selfless service, and the valuable role they play in improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities. This year's theme for National Doctor's Day is "Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands". Through this year's theme, we wish to celebrate the medical professionals that worked hard through the difficult times faced due to the pandemic. We use this day to recognise the efforts of medical professionals and all their contributions. Alongside appreciating doctors for their service, this day is also an opportunity to highlight and talk about challenges and

hurdles faced by them in India including the heavy workload, the lack of resources and shortage of doctors. It serves as a reminder of the critical role doctors play in our healthcare system and their valuable efforts to save the lives of people and improving their health conditions.

"The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease." – William Osler.

6TH ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY

In the spirit of celebration and recognition, the 6th Annual Award Ceremony organized by the United District Self-Financing Schools Association unfolded on July 22nd, 2023, at B.C. Abdul Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Vandavur. The event was marked by the felicitation of distinguished





individuals, who presented awards to schools with centum results. Among the esteemed recipients of the Association's Lifetime Achiever Award were luminaries such as Dr. Vijayan, Chairman of Zion Group of Schools, Dr. K. Vasudevan, Chairman of Prince Group of Schools, Dr. Kishore Kumar of St. John's School, and Smt. Lalitha Menon, Founder of NSN Group of Schools.

Amidst this illustrious gathering, Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School proudly received the prestigious Centum Result Award for attaining a remarkable 100 percent pass rate in the X STD public examination. This recognition not only fills us with profound pride and joy but also underscores the collective efforts and dedication of our teachers and students. It serves as a resounding testament to our commitment to excellence in education.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Director and Co-Founder of Pathway for providing us with this extraordinary opportunity to be acknowledged and honored for our students' outstanding academic achievement. As part of our commitment to nurturing future achievers, we also seized the occasion to bring along current X STD students. Our aim was to instill in them the value of education and motivate them to strive for excellence, aiming for the same 100 percent pass rate in the upcoming examinations.

During our journey to the ceremony, we encountered the awe-inspiring ancient hill cave temple, constructed by Pallava Mahendra Varman over 1000 years ago. This serendipitous encounter served as a poignant reminder of the rich cultural heritage surrounding us and further underscored the importance of knowledge and learning in shaping our collective future.



INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC FREE DAY

"Plastic pollution-free world is not a choice but a commitment of life – a commitment to the next generation – Amit Ray"



posters, captivating the attention of onlookers and fostering dialogue about sustainable practices. Under the guidance of Ms. Sabathra, our Science Club teacher, an insightful skit was presented, showcasing the advantages of opting for organic and paper bags to mitigate pollution issues. The performance was not only educational but also creatively engaging, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

Adding to the cultural richness of the event, our students adorned traditional dresses and costumes, enhancing the significance of our message. Cultural dances infused with our heritage added a touch of elegance and unity to the proceedings.

Moreover, our students eloquently articulated the drawbacks associated with the usage of plastic bags, enlightening both peers and parents alike. As a tangible demonstration of our commitment to change, paper bags and organic green bags were distributed amongst parents, encouraging them to adopt eco-friendly alternatives in their daily lives.

By empowering our students to be advocates for environmental responsibility, our school remains steadfast in its dedication to nurturing socially conscious individuals who actively contribute to the betterment of our planet.

It will be wonderful if before May 25th, one took the plastic-free challenge and commit to using no single-use plastics all day long. Every time one does, one less piece of plastic will be added to the environment. During International Plastic Free Day one can also start a conversation about single-use plastic and its impact on the Earth. Learning how plastic waste

is in alignment with our commitment to environmental sustainability and community awareness, Pathway School celebrated International Plastic Bag Free Day with enthusiasm and purpose. This annual observance serves as a crucial platform to educate individuals about the detrimental effects of single-use plastic bags on our environment.

This year, our students took center stage in spreading awareness. They organized a rally adorned with vibrant





impacts our environment will be helpful. This can also lead to discover one permanent change to create less plastic waste.

International Plastic Free Day is a call to action and brings attention to the plastic we use every day. On May 25th, commit to using no single-use plastic for one day (including bottles, take-out food containers, utensils, bags and wrappers.). Over 380 million tons of plastic is produced every year. Half of all plastic produced is single-use – meaning it's thrown away after just one use. Since only 9% of all plastic gets recycled, most of it ends up littering our communities, filling our landfills, and

polluting our oceans.

International Plastic Free Day creates awareness of just how much plastic we use every day, and how we can use less of it. Consider all the ways single-use plastic is used in our daily lives:

Beverage bottles, Cleaning products in plastic jugs
To-go containers, Food packaging, Cups, straws, lids
Storage bags, Product packaging

Participation is simple: Say "No" to single-use plastics for one day. Don't buy it, refuse it, don't use it. The day also encourages learning how to swap sustainable products for single-use plastics. For example, swap: Single-use straws with reusable bamboo straws.

Reusable tumblers for drinking both hot and cold beverages. Reusable cloth bags for shopping. Silicone bags for sandwiches and snacks. Compostable garbage bags. Communities, cities and even entire countries may take part in plastic bag bans or regulations on this day, implementing policies to limit the use of single-use plastic bags. Volunteer groups and environmental organisations often organise cleanup drives to collect and remove plastic bags from beaches, parks and other natural areas while businesses and retailers may offer discounts or incentives to customers who bring their reusable bags while shopping, encouraging the use of sustainable alternatives. The kids at Pathway were demonstrated and taught how to make strong paper bags using our weaving method and simple ordinary paper bags too. Teachers used special aids to show the differences between harmful effects of plastic and how they could help in reducing plastic waste with various other alternatives. A slide show too was screened to emphasize the benefits. This day as an opportunity to educate students about the environmental impacts of plastic bags and the importance of reducing plastic waste.



WORLD POPULATION DAY



Gender-based discrimination harms everyone – women, girls, men, and boys. Investing in women uplifts all people, communities, and countries."

- UN Secretary-General António Guterres



On July 11, 2023, Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home and Mat School commemorated World Population Day with a series of enlightening activities aimed at raising awareness about the challenges posed by population growth.

Gathering on the open stage, our students showcased a captivating skit themed around the implications of population growth. Through their performance, they elucidated the concerning trend of global population increase and its associated challenges.



Moreover, our students exhibited their creativity through drawings and posters, depicting the impact of overpopulation on various aspects of society and the environment. The innovative inclusion of a "villapattu" performance by the girls added a cultural touch, as they skillfully narrated the complexities of population issues through this traditional art form.

As the event progressed, our principal addressed the students, providing insightful commentary on the specific challenges of population growth in India. Through her narration, she shed light on the socio-economic difficulties and environmental strains exacerbated by rapid population expansion.



This commemoration of World Population Day served as a platform for our students to deepen their understanding of global demographic trends and their implications. By engaging in these activities, they not only showcased their talents but also demonstrated a commitment to addressing pressing societal issues. Ultimately, World Population Day underscores the significance of collaborative efforts to ensure a better future for all, where every person's rights and dignity are respected, and the planet's resources are used wisely and equitably. We believe that awareness is the way to spread any information in a proper way. Regarding our children at Pathway we used all the special education methods to teach the concept of population. As per the UN this year the theme for 2023



was - Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities. The below is a jst of what UN feels about the population of the world. What women and girls want matters. They make up 49.7% of the global population, yet women and girls are often ignored in discussions on demographics, with their rights violated in population policies. This pervasive injustice keeps women and girls





including climate change and conflict.

When women and girls are empowered by societies to exert autonomy over their lives and bodies, they and their families thrive, as the UNFPA 2023 State of World Population report illustrates. UNFPA brings its data, experience and stories to support women and girls around the world, and World Population Day gives us an opportunity to highlight the need to advance gender equality to help realize the dreams of all 8 billion of us on our planet.

The bitter facts are that more than 40 per cent of women around the world cannot make decisions on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. As few as one in four women across low- and middle-income countries are realizing their desired fertility. A woman dies every two minutes due to pregnancy or childbirth (and in conflict settings, the number of deaths is twice as high). Nearly one third of women have experienced intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence or both. Just six countries have 30 per cent or more women in parliament. More than two thirds of the 800 million people globally who cannot read are women.

As per the United Nations, the rising population trends "affect economic development, employment, income distribution, poverty and social protections. They also affect efforts to ensure universal access to health care, education, housing, sanitation, water, food and energy. To more sustainably address the needs of individuals, policymakers must understand how many people are living on the planet, where they are, how old they are, and how many people will come after them." It took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion – then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100.

out of school, the workforce and leadership positions; limits their agency and ability to make decisions about their health and sexual and reproductive lives; and heightens their vulnerability to violence, harmful practices and preventable maternal death, with a woman dying every two minutes due to pregnancy or childbirth.

We must advance gender equality to create a more just, resilient and sustainable world. The creativity, ingenuity, resources and power of women and girls are fundamental to addressing demographic and other challenges that threaten our future,



This dramatic growth has been driven largely by increasing numbers of people surviving to reproductive age, and has been accompanied by major changes in fertility rates, increasing urbanization and accelerating migration. These trends will have far-reaching implications for generations to come. The recent past has seen enormous changes in fertility rates and life expectancy. In the early 1970s, women had on average 4.5 children each; by 2015, total fertility for the world had fallen to below 2.5 children per woman. Meanwhile, average global lifespans have risen, from 64.6 years in the early 1990s to 72.6 years in 2019.

In addition, the world is seeing high levels of urbanization and accelerating migration. 2007 was the first year in which more people lived in urban areas than in rural areas, and by 2050 about 66 per cent of the world population will be living in cities. These megatrends have far-reaching implications. They affect economic development, employment, income distribution, poverty and social protections. They also affect efforts to ensure universal access to health care, education, housing, sanitation, water, food and energy. To more sustainably address the needs of individuals, policymakers must understand how many people are living on the planet, where they are, how old they are, and how many people will come after them.

OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL DEWORMING DAY

On August 17, 2023, Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School actively participated in the nationwide celebration of

National Deworming Day, a significant initiative aimed at promoting the health and well-being of children.



Under the guidance of the Government Primary Health Centre in Ramapuram, Mrs. Geetha, along with our Pathway Nurse, Mrs. Nishantia, all the children received deworming tablets. This collective effort ensured that our students received essential treatment to combat parasitic infections, safeguarding their health and enabling them to thrive.

The participation of our school in National Deworming Day underscores our commitment to prioritizing the holistic development and welfare of our students. Through collaborative efforts with healthcare professionals and government agencies, we strive to create a nurturing environment conducive to learning and well-being.



BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD



The Federation of NGO, Tamilnadu honoured our Director and Co Founder of Dr. Dattin Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, Dr. CHANDRA PRASAD as the BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD. This was presented by Dr. J. Sadhakathiniluh, M.Sc., Agri and Dr. Radhakrishnan M.A., Ph.D., along with the team of K. Irappan, R. Ashok Kumar, R. Perumal, Balu Aiyah, K. Karunanithi, A. Ramamoorthi, Dr. K. Ramamoorthi, Dr. Virekanandhan, Shaktivel, Dr. Ummayal Murugesan, and V. Prabhu on the 28th May 2023 at Prasad Lab, Saligrama, Chennai.



SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION DRIVE



In accordance with the directives from the Tamil Nadu Health Department, our school organized a comprehensive vaccination drive on August 25, 2023. The initiative aimed to ensure the health and well-being of our students by administering essential vaccines.

Under the supervision of our dedicated healthcare team, comprising the mHealth



Inspector from Ramapuram and the Village Nurse from Ramapuram, a total of 31 students received vaccinations. Students aged 5 years were administered the Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus (DPT) vaccine, while those aged 10 years received the Tetanus and Diphtheria (TD) vaccine.

Prior to the vaccination, parents were duly informed and provided consent for their children to participate in the drive. Additionally, our medical team advised all students to rest and take prescribed medication following the vaccination,

ensuring their comfort and well-being.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Nishanthi from the Pathway Medical Department and Mrs. Geetha, the Village Nurse from Ramapuram, for their exemplary dedication and expertise in administering the vaccines to our students.

This successful vaccination drive reflects our unwavering commitment to prioritizing the health and safety of our students, ensuring a conducive learning environment for all. We remain steadfast in our efforts to promote overall well-being and foster a healthy school community.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

India celebrates 75th Independence Day. This year, the theme is 'Nation First, Always First' under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration. Independence Day is observed as a national holiday in the country. This day in particular serves as a reminder of the numerous sacrifices made by our warriors to advance the liberation movement and secure our independence from British domination. India is geared up to celebrate its Independence Day August 15, 2023 marking a significant milestone in its history. This day serves as a powerful reminder of the nation's liberation from British colonial rule after nearly two centuries. Every



year on August 15, people across India celebrate Independence Day to commemorate the country's independence from British colonial rule.

On Independence Day 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoisted the National flag from the ramparts of the Red Fort, which was followed by an address to the nation. The following are the key highlights addressed to the nation:

1. The Prime Minister spoke on the Manipur situation early on in his speech. He said: "The country stands with the people of Manipur. Resolution can be found through peace only. The Centre and the State government are making all efforts to find a resolution."
2. Speaking about his government's vision and impact on the economy, PM Modi said the results of the present reforms and policies will be visible in the next 1,000 years. "Our decisions, and sacrifices in this period will impact the next 1,000 years. India is marching ahead with new confidence and resolve. Demography, democracy, and diversity have the potential to realise all dreams of the country."
3. Talking about India's growing role in future technology and innovation, Modi said: "India's rise and

development is resulting in renewed global confidence in the country. The world is technology-driven, and with its talent in technology, India will have a new role and impact on the global stage."

4. PM Modi further added that India's technological prowess is propelling the nation into a new era of global influence. "I am confident that in 2047 when India marks 100 years of its independence, it will be a developed nation. I say this on the basis of the capability of my country and available resources...." Modi said on Tuesday.





5. Talking about Indian startups and power of youth, PM Modi lauded the contribution of the youth and said: "Those from tier 2 and tier 3 cities also making a lot of impact in various fields, including start-ups. The world is technology-driven. With its talent in technology, India will have a new role and impact on the global stage. India's biggest capability is trust - people's trust in the government, in the country's bright future and the world's trust in India," the prime minister said.

6. The prime minister also spoke about women-led development and women empowerment in the country. Speaking about the importance of women-led development, PM Modi mentioned how women scientists at Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) are leading the Chandrayaan mission. "Today, we can proudly say that India has the maximum number of pilots in civil aviation. Women scientists are leading the Chandrayaan mission."

7. He further lauded the contributions of women self-help groups in the country and said it is his dream to make two crore 'lakhpati didis' in the coming years. "It is my dream to make two crore 'lakhpati didis' in the country. Today, 10 crore women are associated with women self-help groups," the PM added.

8. Talking about government initiatives and policies, the

Prime Minister claimed that the government has been successful in keeping corruption at bay. He said: "The government's every moment, every rupee is going towards the welfare of citizens. The government and citizens are united and we built a strong economy and stopped leakage." He said: "My government weeded out 10 crore fake beneficiaries of welfare schemes; seizure of ill-gotten assets rose by 20 times."

9. On the economic front, PM Modi addressed the issue of inflation, and said India has comparatively effective control over it. He said: "Inflation has gripped the entire global economy...It's unfortunate that when





we import essential goods, we also import inflation. However, India has made extensive efforts to curb inflation. We cannot be complacent simply because our situation is comparatively better than the global scenario. I am committed to taking further measures to alleviate the burden of inflation on our citizens. We will take those steps, and our endeavours will persist."

10. PM Modi further said that his government is dedicated in steering India on a path of growth, innovation, and inclusive progress. "In 2014, when we assumed power, India was ranked 10th in the global economic hierarchy. Today, through the collective endeavours of 140 crore Indians, we have climbed to the fifth position. This achievement did not occur by chance."

11. Further talking about India's performance at the global stage, Modi said that the world is closely watching India's capabilities, and people should make the most of the situation. "India is hosting the G20 Summit. Several G20 events are being held across the country. The world is now watching India's diversity and capabilities with great enthusiasm. The ball is in our court and we should not let go of the opportunity. No ifs and buts on anyone's mind about India's capabilities. Global experts say that India will not stop now. All rating agencies are lauding the country," the prime minister said.

We celebrated Independence Day with grandeur and jubilation, marking the occasion with reverence and joy. Our Co-founder and Director, along with the President of Pathway and Trustee Mrs. Usha Mam, graced the event with their presence. The function was presided over by our respected Director Madam, who hoisted the national flag, symbolizing our unity and freedom.



The spirited march past and parade, executed beautifully by our students, included representations of our national bird, the peacock, and honored recent scientific achievements such as Chandrayaan 3.

Mrs. Malathi, our English teacher, extended a warm welcome to everyone, setting the tone for the day's festivities. Kovathini delivered an inspiring talk, highlighting the sacrifices of national leaders and freedom fighters, while Praveena eloquently narrated the significance of freedom and the struggles endured to attain it. Students from VIII std captivated the audience with a patriotic group song, while a poignant skit depicting the valiant efforts of Velumathiyar in the fight for freedom stirred emotions. Another group of students presented a remarkable skit on Puli Devar, showcasing his bravery and contributions to the cause. Through role-plays and enactments, even the youngest children grasped the significance of these historical figures in securing our freedom. The event culminated with our Pathway Director and President distributing sweets to all, following their insightful addresses on the significance of Independence Day.

KRISHNA JAYANTHI



Krishna Janmashtami Celebration at Pathway School Today, on 6th September 2023, the Pathway School family gathered at the beautiful Pamela Martinez Pathway Agro Farm to celebrate Krishna Janmashtami in grand style! Our talented children from Pathway School, Children's Home, and Pathway Sahin Students brought the magic of Lord Krishna to life. They enacted the timeless story of Krishna's birth with unmatched enthusiasm and creativity, our wonderful teacher, Mrs. Niranjana, who eloquently explained the significance of this auspicious day. The highlight of the event was a delightful skit showcasing Krishna's

playful and mischievous interactions with his neighbors. Our young performers truly captured the essence of Krishna's fun-loving spirit! Adding to the charm of the celebration, our girls came together to sing a beautiful group song that filled the air with joy and devotion. As the festivities concluded, our principal expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the children for their outstanding performances and distributed sweets to everyone as a token of



appreciation. We extend our sincere thanks to all who joined us for this special celebration, making it a memorable day for our Pathway School family. Krishna Janmashtami holds profound spiritual significance, symbolizing the divine incarnation of Lord Vishnu in the form of Krishna to uphold righteousness (dharma) and protect the world from evil forces.

In essence, Krishna Janmashtami is a joyous occasion that brings together people of all ages to celebrate the



birth of Lord Krishna, the embodiment of divine love and wisdom, and to revel in the spiritual bliss of devotion and divine grace.

According to Hindu mythology, Krishna, the human incarnation of Vishnu, was born on this day to destroy Mathura's demon king, Kansa, the brother of Krishna's virtuous mother, Devaki. Krishna was born on the eighth (Ashtami) day of the dark fortnight in the Bhadrapada month (August-September) in Mathura and was Devaki and Vasudeva's son. Devotees mark this auspicious occasion by observing a fast and praying to Krishna. They adorn their homes with flowers, diyas and lights while temples are also beautifully decorated and lit.



As a child, Krishna loved eating butter, and the women in Vrindavan used to tie their pots of butter at a height to prevent it from being stolen by him. But this did not deter the child, and he came up with the idea that he and his friends form a human pyramid to reach the pot and steal the butter. This is what inspires the current day Dahi Handi celebration, a key aspect of the festivities. Sri Krishna Janmashtami is a widely celebrated festival. It brings the feeling of joy and happiness among people. It teaches us the lesson of

pursuing good over evil. It also teaches us to always perform good deeds.

CELEBRATING INDIAN MILITARY HISTORY QUIZ



We are thrilled to share the success of our students at the Indian Military History Quiz, organized by the Russian Centre of Science and Culture in partnership with The Colours of Glory Foundation. The event took place on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at Alwarpet, Chennai.

Under the guidance of our dedicated science teacher, Ms.



Subithra, four teams from Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School enthusiastically participated in the quiz competition. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Genusadiy Rogalev, Director of Russian House, Chennai, along with esteemed retired Indian military



officers. Their insights into the rich history of our Indian army and the significance of the military were truly inspiring.

We are incredibly proud to share that our students' efforts and dedication paid off, as they qualified for the semi-finals out of 140 participating teams! 🏆 🌟 Their exceptional performance was acknowledged with certificates and medals, a true reflection of their hard work and commitment.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr Chandra Prasad, Director / Co-Founder of Pathway and Mr.

Grigoriy Rogalev, Director of Russian House, Chennai for providing our students with this remarkable opportunity to engage with the history of our Indian military. This event has not only enriched their knowledge but has also demonstrated their enthusiasm for learning beyond the classroom.

STARS OF BHUMI - NAKSHATRA 2023-24 TALENT FESTIVAL!



Bhumi Nakshatra 2023-24 National Inter-Children's Home Talent Festival. Amongst 25 homes with 900

Pathway India is thrilled to share the incredible achievements of our kids of the Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home at the



at Patna





August 2023

Our champs stole the show, winning across events like skit, potpourri, poster making, group dance, story writing, Thirukural reciting, rangoli, clay moulding, paper dressing, pot painting, group song, zone defence, Aizap, and quiz. Their versatile skills impressed judges and left us proud.

The spotlight of the event was our Tamil culture skit, a captivating blend of poetry, music, and drama, bringing "Sthapathikaram" to life. A big thanks to all who made this possible. We dedicate our success to the founders and Supporters of Pathway for their unwavering support. Let's continue nurturing brilliance in every child!

NAKSHATRA 2023-24 ARTS AND CULTURAL - PRIZE WINNERS -DETAILS

EVENT NAME	CHILD NAME	GROUP / SOLO	CATEGORY	PRIZE DETAIL
CLAY MODELLING	SAKASH	SOLO	SUPER SENIOR	FIRST PRIZE
CLAY MODELLING	R.BAKYANEEELAVATHI	SOLO	JUNIOR	FIRST PRIZE
RANGOLI	SUTHAYALAKSHMI, C.KANTIPRIYA, ARCHANA	GROUP	SENIOR	FIRST PRIZE
POSTER MAKING	R.BAKYANEEELAVATHI	SOLO	JUNIOR	FIRST PRIZE
POSTER MAKING	R.KISHORE	SOLO	JUNIOR	SECOND PRIZE
POSTER MAKING	S.JAYASURYA	SOLO	SENIOR	FIRST PRIZE
POSTER MAKING	S.SAKTHIVEL	SOLO	SENIOR	SECOND PRIZE
POSTER MAKING	SAKASH	SOLO	SUPER SENIOR	THIRD PRIZE
POSTER MAKING	S.RAGHUVENDRA	SOLO	SUPER SENIOR	SECOND PRIZE
POT PAINTING	SUTHAYALAKSHMI	SOLO	SENIOR	FIRST PRIZE
GROUP SONG	S.SUMITHRA, R.DHIVADHARSHINI, J.POO, SASHI, P.PRAVEENA, P.PUNITHA, S.SATHYA, LAKSHMI, ARCHANA, C.GOPALA	GROUP	SENIOR	SECOND PRIZE
SKIT	E.PRAVEENA, R.KANTYAM, DHANUSAR, VESU, R.KISHORE, S.RAMAKRISHNAN, L.DHIVANESHWARI, S.LINGESHWARAN, S.TINESHIA	GROUP	SUPER SENIOR	FIRST PRIZE
GROUP DANCE	S.SAKASH, S.JAYASURYA, L.TAMILSELVAN, L.POOTARANI, S.TETTESHVAN, R.DIVA, D.HARSHINI, S.DONDEBHA, C.KANTIPRIYA, M.SAPTESHA, S.THASTHAGEER	GROUP	SENIOR	THIRD PRIZE
ADAPT TALE	S.JAYASURYA	SOLO	SENIOR	THIRD PRIZE
ADAPT TALE	D.SASITHAN	SOLO	JUNIOR	FIRST PRIZE
ZONE DEFENCE	SAKASH	SOLO	Super senior	FIRST PRIZE
AIZAP	S.SAKASH, S.DHONIS, JAYASURYA, S.VIGNESHWARAN, S.THASTHAGEER	GROUP	SENIOR	FIRST PRIZE
STORY TELLING	R.KANTYAM, DHANUSAR	SOLO	JUNIOR	SECOND PRIZE
STORY WRITING	G.KAVYA	SOLO	SENIOR	THIRD PRIZE
PAPER DRESSING	D.SASITHAN, C.KANTIPRIYA, G.SRIDHITH, J.	GROUP	SENIOR	SECOND PRIZE

SWACHHATA HI SEVA



To accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put the focus on sanitation, the Prime Minister of India had launched the Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October 2014. Under the mission, all villages, Gram Panchayats, Districts, States and Union Territories in India declared themselves "open-defecation free" (ODF) by 2 October 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, by constructing over

100 million toilets in rural India. To ensure that the open defecation free behaviours are sustained, no one is left behind, and that solid and liquid waste management facilities are accessible, the Mission is moving towards the next Phase II of SBMG i.e. ODF-Plus. ODF Plus activities under Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) will reinforce ODF behaviours and focus on providing interventions for the safe management of solid and liquid waste in villages.

Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign is being celebrated from 15th September to 2nd October this year under the joint aegis of DDWS & MoHUA for undertaking shramdan activities aiming to generate jan andolan through community participation; to provide impetus on implementation of SBM; to disseminate the importance of a sampurna swachh village; to reinforce the concept of Sanitation is everyone's business; and as a prelude for the Swachh Bharat Diwas (2nd October) with nationwide participation.

Theme of SHS-2023 is 'Garbage Free India' with focus on visual cleanliness and welfare of Samitis. Like earlier years the spirit of cleanliness activities is volutarium/ shramdan. The focus of these swachhata drives would be on high footfall public places like bus stands, railway stations, cantonment boards, beaches, tourist places, zoos, national parks & sanctuaries, historical monuments, heritage sites, river fronts, ghats, drains and nullahs etc. in both rural & urban areas of State/ UT.

On 15th September, 2023 launch of SHS campaign was done and this included following activities:-

- Virtual launch by Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti and Hon'ble Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs
- Virtual interaction (Sanwadi) with few selected
 - o DM/DCs
 - o Municipal Commissioners

Activities proposed for States / Districts / Blocks to organise SHS from 15th September 2023 to 2nd October 2023 were as follows :-

- Removal of garbage from all important places





bins in line with the Hara Geela Sookha Neela campaign, etc.;



journey of the country. In 1992, the annual observance of the



- Repair, painting, cleaning and branding of all sanitation assets like litter bins, public toilets, dhalaoos, waste transport vehicles, MRFs etc. in the area;
- Assist in drives to clean riverbanks and removal of waste (including plastic) from water bodies especially in Ganga Grams and Ganga Towns;
- Cleaning of zoos, national parks, wildlife sanctuaries etc. under MoEFCC along with regulation of plastic materials into protected areas to prevent littering;
- Cleanliness drives of tourist spots, ASI protected monuments along with IEC initiatives to discourage usage of single use plastic items, saturating dry and wet waste

- Cleanliness drives in Cantonment Board areas along with IEC campaigns encouraging alternatives to Single Use Plastic (SUP);

- Cleanliness drives and awareness activities may be taken up in schools with children understanding the importance of waste segregation at source, journey of waste, waste to wealth, alternatives to SUP. Where possible Sanitation Clubs may be formed at schools/colleges;

- Under the campaign of 'Har Pati Sant Sotti' cleaning of all assets under Railways including railway tracks, railway stations, colonies, hospitals etc.; and

- Conducting special programs, cultural events promoting the sanitation International Day of Disabled Persons was announced by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. The day was celebrated with the aim of understanding disability issues and gaining support to ensure that their rights to well-being, dignity and equal opportunities are practiced.

"In a commendable initiative aligned with the vision of the Indian Government's Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, specifically the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, and in accordance with the directives of the Tamil Nadu State Government, Pathway School recently orchestrated a Swachh Bharat Mission



awareness program in the heart of Minniyanthagal village, Madhuranthagam Taluk, Acharapakkam Block, Chengalpattu District. On the auspicious date of 18th September 2023, the event unfolded in collaboration with Pathway Sahin Home for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Pathway Children's Home.

The highlight of this endeavor was a captivating skit performed by the students of Pathway School. Through their artistic expression, they shed light on the detrimental impact of waste, particularly non-recyclable plastic bags, and the severe pollution issues plaguing our surroundings.

The skit poignantly depicted the suffering endured not only by humans but also by our avian and animal companions who unwittingly consume discarded plastic waste.



Adding a cultural flair to the program, young girls enthusiastically emphasized the concept of cleanliness through spirited dance performances and cultural presentations. They underscored the importance of Prime Minister Modi ji's Swachh Bharat mission and elucidated the manifold benefits of maintaining a clean environment within and around our village.

The culmination of the event saw the students embarking on a spirited human rally, distributing informative pamphlets to the villagers. In a remarkable display of

dedication, the entire Minniyanthagal street was transformed into a pristine haven by the diligent efforts of our students.

With a resolute pledge to contribute to a cleaner India, Pathway School's students left no stone unturned, dedicating five hours to the colossal task of cleansing the entire Minniyanthagal street and enlightening the village populace on the significance of cleanliness. This inspirational undertaking exemplifies the transformative power of youth-driven initiatives and their pivotal role in realizing our collective dream of a Swachh Bharat."

TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

World Teachers' Day honors educators all over the planet and praises their commitment to building the future of the students. The International festival marks the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) recommendation concerning the status of teachers.



The UNESCO recommendation helped set benchmarks in regards to the rights and responsibilities of educators and guidelines for their initial preparation and further education, enrollment, employment and learning conditions. The theme for World Teachers' Day 2023 is "The Teachers We Need for the Education We Want: The Global Imperative to Reverse the Teacher Shortage". It plans to reduce the shortage in the number of educators and grow their strength worldwide, UNESCO said.

Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 every year in India to acknowledge the contribution of teachers in the society. The day marks the birth anniversary of India's second President and first Vice President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. But why is Dr Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary celebrated as Teachers' Day in India? This is because after he took charge as the President of India in 1962, some students sought permission from him to celebrate his birthday. Dr Radhakrishnan, however, did not approve any fancy celebration but rather requested that the day be observed as Teachers' Day.

Since then, September 5 has been celebrated as Teachers' Day across the country. Various cultural programmes are organised in schools and other educational institutions to mark the day. The intent behind this celebration was to recognise the contribution of teachers in the society. Dr Radhakrishnan enjoyed immense respect among the students. He always emphasised the power of education and encouraged students to learn and contribute to a better future. "Teachers should be the best minds in the country" is what the former President believed.

For the kids who attended this day, wishes and greetings were a perfect way to tell their teachers about their care and love. This becomes essential since teachers are the bedrock upon which any quality education is built and they are perhaps the few people in



our lives who rejoice when we, their student, outdo them. The kids expressed their gratitude by making beautiful greeting cards for their favourite teachers. Our students orchestrated a heartfelt Teacher's Day program that left an indelible mark on our educators' hearts. With skits, poems, dances, fun games, and beautifully crafted greeting cards expressing gratitude, they showcased their appreciation for the invaluable role our teachers play in shaping their lives. These young minds gifted our teachers, acknowledging their dedication and impact. They eloquently articulated the significance of teachers in society, even sharing



laughter through a delightful skit. Today became an unforgettable memory, a tribute to our educators, while also honoring Dr. Radhakrishnan's journey from teacher to India's first citizen. We deeply appreciate our teachers' unwavering commitment.

VINAYAKA CHATURTHI



Vinayaka Chaturthi, also known as Ganesh Chaturthi, is a Hindu festival celebrated to honor the birth of Lord Ganesha, the elephant-headed god of wisdom, prosperity, and good fortune. We at Pathway and all our other centres celebrated this festival on the 18th September. Our School immersed itself in the spirit of festivity with a grand celebration of the Vinayagar Chaturthi festival. The occasion was marked by an array of enriching activities and cultural presentations, fostering a sense of reverence and joy among our students.



The highlight of the celebration was the captivating enactment of Lord Ganesha, with children adorned in vibrant attire resembling the deity. Through speeches and dramatic performances, our students brought to life the tale of Ganesha's birth and the historical significance associated with this revered deity. Additionally, primary class children showcased their creativity by crafting diverse Ganesha statues, which were proudly displayed for all to admire.

A beautiful drama depicting Ganesha's divine interventions, including the Thiruvilayadal, enthralled both students and the audience alike, leaving a lasting impression of awe and admiration. The artistic and narrative finesse displayed by our students was truly commendable.



In the spirit of generosity and community, on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, our school extended warmth and hospitality by offering a sumptuous





lunch to all attendees. Traditional delicacies such as kollekattai and sundal added flavor to the festivities, further enriching the celebratory atmosphere.

The resounding success of our Vinayaga Chaturthi celebration is a testament to the vibrant cultural tapestry of our school community. Through such festivities, we not only instill a sense of tradition and reverence but also nurture creativity and communal harmony among our students.

During this festival, elaborate rituals are performed, including the installation of Ganesha idols in homes and public pandals (temporary structures). These idols are worshipped with prayers, devotional songs, and offerings of sweets, fruits, and flowers. The festival typically lasts for 10 days, with the final day marked by the immersion of the Ganesha idols in water bodies, symbolizing the departure of Lord Ganesha and the cycle of creation and dissolution.

Vinayaka Chaturthi is widely celebrated across India, especially in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, and Tamil Nadu, with great enthusiasm and grandeur. It is a time of community gatherings, cultural events, and fervent devotion to Lord Ganesha.



WORLD OZONE DAY



Patricia Martinez Pathway Matriculation School celebrated World Ozone Day on September 16, 2023, with a remarkable showcase of student projects highlighting the vital role of the ozone layer, its protective function against harmful sunlight, and the significance of environmental preservation. Guided by dedicated science teachers Ms. Subathra, Ms. Yuvasei, and Mrs. Mohanavalli, students from various grades demonstrated their knowledge through a model, speeches, a heartfelt poem

by Praveena, and a collective pledge for a greener planet. VIII and IX Std students sang a compelling group song about global warming, while an engaging skit emphasized the importance of UV rays, Earth conservation, and atmospheric layers. Principal's illuminating PowerPoint presentation added depth to this enlightening event. Kudos to our students and educators for their dedication in promoting environmental awareness and protecting our planet for future generations.



MAHATMA GANDHI 154th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY 2023



"A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people" - Mahatma Gandhi

On the eve of 154th birthday of our great leader Mahatma Gandhi we at Pathway paid homage to him. The children expressed their talents through drawings, craft work and put up a fancy dress show.

Indians across the world pay homage to him through various activities, including prayer meetings, cultural events, and cleanliness drives. It is a national holiday, promoting reflection on Gandhi's teachings and their relevance in today's world. His life and message continue to inspire generations, promoting unity and harmony across the nation. Gandhi Jayanti is a day of reverence and reflection on his legacy. Gandhi Jayanti holds immense significance as it reminds us of the values and principles that Mahatma Gandhi stood for. It encourages us to reflect on the ideals of truth, non-violence, and social harmony. It serves as a day to

promote and propagate these principles in society. It is a national holiday in India, marked by various events, including prayer meetings, educational programs such as Speech Programs, and acts of social service. Gandhi Jayanti remains a symbol of his enduring influence on humanity's quest for justice and peace.



The theme for Gandhi Jayanti 2023 celebration is "Ek Taseekh Ek Gharat Ek Saath". This theme calls for a national effort where citizens are encouraged to participate in one hour of voluntary labour for cleanliness on October 1, 2023, at 10 AM.



The "Ek Tareekh, Ek Gharita, Ek Saath" Campaign is a substantial cleanliness drive designed to mark the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti. This initiative serves as an initiative to the 'Swachhata Pakiwaad-Swachhata Hi Seva' 2023 campaign.

To make this campaign a success, Prime Minister Modi encourages all citizens of India to dedicate one hour of voluntary work for cleanliness. To make a contribution, people can participate in cleaning their own streets, neighbourhoods, public parks, lakes, rivers, or any other public place.

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with great fervor at Pameela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home, commemorating the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. The students paid homage to Gandhi and his wife, Kasturba, by dressing up like them, embodying the spirit of the occasion. The theme for the event, "Ek Tareekh Ek Gharita Ek Saath," underscored the importance of unity and collective action, echoing Gandhi's principles of truth and non-violence.

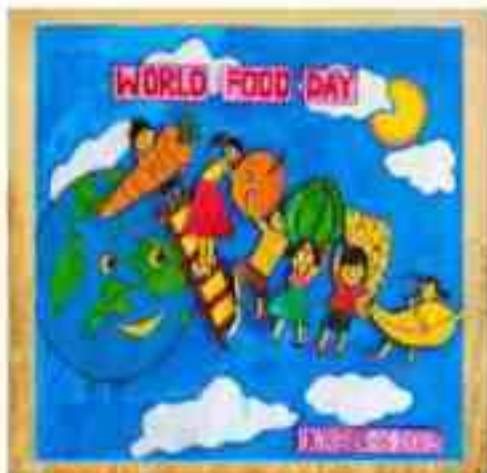
The school's social club orchestrated a thoughtful program, with Mrs. Santhi enlightening the students about Gandhi's pivotal role in India's freedom struggle. A captivating skit performed by the sixth-grade students vividly portrayed Gandhi's commitment

to non-violence. Vijayalakshmi, an eighth-grader, eloquently spoke about Gandhi's devotion to prayer and peace. The vibrant dance performance by the sixth-grade girls paid homage to Gandhi's ideals.

The roles of Gandhi and Kasturba were enacted by Sajithakumar and Hemanth, captivating the audience with their portrayal. Finally, the school principal reflected on Gandhi's enduring legacy, emphasizing his values of truth, time management, simplicity, and clarity, as well as his unwavering dedication to the cause of peace. The event served as a poignant reminder for all students about why Mahatma Gandhi is revered as the epitome of truth and non-violence. It encapsulated the essence of Gandhi's teachings, inspiring the school community to uphold his ideals in their daily lives.

WORLD FOOD DAY COMPETITION

In celebration of World Food Day, the students of Pameela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School's Science Club organized a remarkable exhibition focused on fireless cooking and vegetable carving, coupled with an awareness program. Our event featured several enthusiastic participants.





S. Govarthana, a student from the eighth grade, delivered a compelling talk on "Food Wastage: A Global Epidemic."

E. Praveena, a student from the ninth grade, shared valuable insights into "Nutrition and Healthy Diets for All."

E. Subathra, our dedicated science teacher, shed light on "Food Security Post-Pandemic."

Our school principal highlighted the "Importance of Food Education and Awareness."



Adding a delightful touch, our kindergarten children dressed up as various fruits and vegetables like cucumbers, mushrooms, carrots, mangoes, oranges, watermelons, and more.

R. Puvinkumar, a student from the fourth grade, eloquently illustrated the benefits of cow milk.

The students were divided into 12 teams, and they showcased their culinary and artistic skills by creating a wide array of fireless cooked dishes and impressive vegetable carvings. Some of the delectable treats they

prepared included coconut burfi, lemon juice, amla juice, amla salad, amla parusam, fried gram laddu, carrot laddu, sweet amla parusam, biscuit halwa, moong dal salad, amla salad, veg burger, bread sandwich, chocolate balls, peanut butter, groundnut laddu, and more.

In addition to the culinary delights, our students also exhibited impressive vegetable carvings, showcasing creations such as fish, queen, flowers, smiley faces, octopuses, lotus flowers, fans, ducks, butterflies, boats, bicycles, fish tanks, and even comparisons between junk food and healthy food.

The exhibition was a resounding success, with students, staff, and Pathway Sabin students visiting to enjoy the fireless-cooked sweets and appreciate the incredible displays. It was a memorable and enjoyable event that left everyone delighted.





We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Pathway School's Co-Funder/Director and General Secretary for providing us with the opportunity to conduct these wonderful activities, promoting good habits and nutrition awareness among our students.

BICYCLE RACE COMPETITION



Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School proudly participated in the prestigious Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department's bicycle race at the Chengalpattu district level on October 24, 2023. The event was graced by the presence of the Honorable Thiruporur Member of Legislative Assembly, Mr. S.S. Balaji, and the District Youth Welfare and Sports Development Officer, Mrs. Jayachitra. Over 500 enthusiastic kids from across Chengalpattu district came together for this thrilling competition.





Our school's 15 talented students, representing various age groups, along with our dedicated teachers, paramedical staff, and principal, joined this remarkable race. We're overjoyed to share that our students showcased their incredible cycling skills and achieved remarkable success, earning not only cash awards but also well-deserved certificates.

🌟 Here are our shining stars and their impressive achievements:

J. Yuvraj - 3rd place in the senior category (under 15 years).

M. Oornisha - 4th place in the junior category (under 13 years).

M. Satvesh - 5th place in the junior category (under 13 years).

G. Kariya - 7th place in the junior category (under 13 years).

L. Rosilini - 8th place in the junior category (under 13 years).

L. Pugalamu - 9th place in the junior category (under 13 years).

S. Govethani - 9th place in the junior category (under 13 years).

Our accomplished students were recognized and received their well-earned cash awards from Mrs. M. Varalakshmi, MLA of Chengalpattu. The entire Pathway family extends heartfelt congratulations to these exceptional young athletes.





INDIAN CSR AWARD

Indian Corporate Social Responsibility Awards is organized by Marketing & Brand Houchos. A Power Packed award event to be held to acknowledge and felicitate all those Individuals and Organizations who are bringing pride & glory to the



Nation through their contribution towards humanity & nation building. To constantly identify and recognize the efforts of those who are significantly committed & dedicated towards social welfare practices for a better tomorrow. The event will witness the felicitation of various dignitaries, Guest of Honor, Social Activists, Volunteers, Corporates, institutes & Organizations & Crème de la crème from various walks of life who have been committed towards the noble cause and making a positive impact on the society through their innovative and sustainable CSR initiatives.

Brand Houchos Media through an extensive research on 250+ Indian NGOs from pan India found our NGO eligible for the Most Prestigious Title of "TOP 20 MOST TRUSTED NGO'S OF THE YEAR 2023", felicitated "PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABLED a unit of DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST" at one of the Biggest Convention of the year "Indian CSR Awards 2023", on 7th October, 2023 at Hotel Hyatt Centric, New Delhi

INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



"Women and girls can lead us to a fairer future...let us amplify girls' voices, and recruit to working together to build a world where every girl can lead and thrive." —Antonio Guterres

The International Day of the Girl (IDG) observed annually on 11 October is a global platform to advocate for the full spectrum of girls' rights. In ancient times, women were highly respected. But with time, their situation changed drastically. Thinking of people towards girls changed. Conservative practices like child marriage, the sati system, the dowry system, female foeticide, etc. became prevalent. Due to this, girls were



being denied rights like education, nutrition, legal rights and medicine. But now in this modern era, several efforts are being made to provide girls their rights and to make people aware of it. The Government of India has also implemented several schemes to empower girls, under which "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" is one of them. Apart from this, the central and state governments are also taking initiatives and implementing various schemes. Since 2012, International Day of the Girl Child has been celebrated every year. Its main objective is to empower women and help them to get their rights so that they can face challenges all over the world and meet their needs. At the same time, spreading awareness about eliminating gender abnormalities against girls around the world.

The theme for International Day Of The Girl Child 2023 is 'Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being.' According to the UN Organisation, "This year, at a time when we are seeing a range of movements and actions to curtail girls' and women's rights and roll back progress on gender equality, we see particularly harsh impacts on girls. From maternal health care and parenting support for adolescent mothers to digital and life skills training, from comprehensive sexuality education to survivors support services and violence prevention programmes; there is an urgent need for increased attention and resources for the key areas that enable girls to realize their rights and achieve their full potential."

Today, we celebrated International Day of the Girl Child with great enthusiasm at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School, alongside our dedicated Pathway Sahin Centre students. It was a day filled with energy and passion, highlighting the crucial importance of empowering girls and advancing gender equality.

The event commenced with a heartfelt welcome address by Goverthini, and the Math Club played a pivotal role in organizing the entire program. It was truly inspiring to witness our young leaders, with L. Bhuvaneshwari as President and Archana as Vice President, taking the helm of the Math Club. This event was a true testament to the power of student collaboration.

We were privileged to witness a series of thought-provoking presentations:

- ✦ Jayasriya illuminated the immense significance of the girl child.
- ✦ Vijayalakshmi delivered a beautiful poem advocating for girls' rights.

✦ Sabarinathan, an eighth-grader, championed the slogan, "Empowering girls today ensures a brighter tomorrow."

The sweet voices of our fifth-graders filled the air as they sang a group song dedicated to all the girls. A poignant skit followed, addressing critical issues like child abuse, child marriage, distinguishing good and bad touch, and emphasizing the paramount importance of girls' education.

A captivating demonstration took us through the stages of a girl child's development, from infancy to school students, college students, working women, and elderly women. We paid tribute to pioneering Indian women achievers who broke barriers, including names such as Kalpana Chawla, President Pratibha Patil, Kiran Bedi, Governor Sushila Naidu, Indira Gandhi, Pratibha Patel, Dr. Anandibai Gopal Rao Joshi, Surekha Yadav, Cornelia Sorabji, Miss Indira Prani, IPS officer Kiran

Bedi, and the first educationalist, Sarojini Prasad.

The highlight of the day was an engaging debate, where students passionately discussed whether the standard of living for women is better in modern times or in the olden days. The debate was expertly judged by Karanmuthan, another remarkable student. Subashini, our teacher, concluded that modern times provide more joy and safety for girls.

Pathway Sahio Centre students extended warm wishes to all the girls, presenting them with heartfelt greeting cards. Pugalendhi emphasized the incredible value of girls and the indispensable role of women in our lives.

Our principal shared the best wishes and congratulations from our Pathway director and president, expressing gratitude to everyone who participated, especially our remarkable students who made this program vibrant and successful.

We thank you all for being a part of this wonderful celebration of International Day of the Girl Child. Let's continue to empower, educate, and uplift every girl, ensuring a brighter and more equitable future. International Day of the Girl Child serves as a platform to promote girls' rights, address gender inequalities, and foster a supportive environment where girls can thrive and fulfill their dreams. It reminds us of the importance of investing in girls' empowerment and ensuring a future where every girl has the opportunity to lead a life of dignity, equality, and freedom.



EDUCATIONAL TOUR-VEDUR DAM & NATIONAL FOSSIL PARK



On September 29, 2023, the high school girls of Pathway Children's Home embarked on an unforgettable educational journey, accompanied by their warden and dedicated science teacher. Their first stop was the awe-inspiring Vedur Dam in Villupuram District, a marvel of engineering constructed in 1959. This dam, with its 32-foot height and an extensive 4.8 km stretch, complete with concrete and earth dams, features spillway shutters and Tainter gates for water control. Here, our students gained valuable insights into water conservation and irrigation techniques.

In the afternoon, the adventure continued at the National Fossil Wood Park in Thiruvakkam, Villupuram District, nestled on the border of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. This hidden gem held over 200 stone-turned trees, estimated to be more than 20 million years old, believed to have arrived through geological processes over eons. Covering a sprawling 247 acres of land, the park offers a captivating 15-acre glimpse into the life of these ancient stone trees before their fall.

Remarkably, Thiruvakkam National Fossil Wood Park is one of seven such fossil parks in India and one of just three wood fossil parks in the country, proudly one of two in Tamil Nadu. The annual rings within these stone trees provide



a fascinating window into their historical context and the world they once thrived in. Our students cherished this enriching educational tour and extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Pathway Director for their consistent engagement and motivation. A special acknowledgment goes to our Principal for orchestrating this remarkable journey, enriching the students' lives with knowledge and experiences that will leave an indelible mark.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR-2



On October 2, 2023, the students of Pathway Children's Home embarked on a thrilling educational journey. Our high-grade boys, along with our dedicated staff, set out for a memorable trek to Venkandam Hills in Thiruvannamalai District.



As we trekked, each step revealed breathtaking vistas, and our children couldn't contain their excitement. Afterward, we visited Aminthi Zoological Park, where our students witnessed a diverse array of animals, including magnificent birds and graceful deer.

Our adventure continued as we explored the

Jamunamathur Hills, home to the awe-inspiring Bheman Falls, nestled in the Eastern Ghats. These hills boast bluish-gray granite peaks, reaching heights of 3,500–4,000 feet, offering stunning views.

During our journey, our students interacted with welcoming villagers, gaining insights into farming life and meeting adorable pets. This experience deepened our students' understanding of ecosystems and the importance of forest conservation.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our Director and staff for organizing this incredible trip,



allowing our children to create lasting memories and learn important environmental lessons.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR-3

Exciting Day at Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home and Matriculation School! Our Grade I and II students recently embarked on a fascinating field trip near Melmaruvathur. They were treated to a delightful showcase of birds and adorable pet animals. The children



were overjoyed to encounter various parrots, including the vibrant Yellow-Bibed Lorikeet, Black-Caped Lorikeets, Red Lorikeets, Yellow-Backed Chattering Lorikeets, Olive Red-Collared Loricet, and more! The mesmerizing experience continued with encounters with peacocks, swans, and even turkeys. The dedicated bird caretakers shared insights about the birds' love and proper nutrition. The highlight of the day was the kids' thrilled interaction with a variety of parrots, including some impressive talking sessions! The grand finale was an unforgettable encounter with a majestic ostrich, leaving the kids absolutely thrilled. This incredible field visit was organized by our Science Club, fostering a love for nature and wildlife among our students. A heartfelt thank you to the chief functionary and director of Pathway for their support in encouraging our school's co-curricular activities. Let's continue nurturing curiosity and exploration in our young minds!

WORLD POSTAL DAY



"Our wonderful students at Pamela Martinez Pathway School celebrated World Postal Day today with great enthusiasm! They created beautiful posters and a stunning model of a postbox to mark the occasion.

Our school principal took the opportunity to explain the daily routine of a post office and how it has evolved over the years, from handling money orders and telegrams to the advanced communication methods we have today.

Our talented students even wrote sample cards and inland letters, which they joyfully shared with their friends and parents. The children were thrilled to express their thoughts and feelings through handwritten letters.

To make the experience even more memorable, our students visited the

Melmarathur Post Office, where they were given a live demonstration of postal operations. We

congratulated the Postmaster and his team for their outstanding community service.

Our students eagerly extended their warmest Postal Day wishes to the hardworking postal workers.

Upon their return to school, they shared their experiences with their fellow students. Our dedicated Social Science teacher prepared an engaging PowerPoint presentation to highlight the importance of communication in our lives.

At Pamela Martinez Pathway School, we believe in fostering an understanding of the past while embracing the technology of the future. Happy World Postal Day, everyone!



DR A P J ABDUL KALAM

"it does not matter how large or small your sphere of activity is, what counts finally is the commitment that you bring to the job that has been ordained for you in this life." — A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, My Journey: Transforming Dreams into Actions



To honour and mark the importance of India's 11th President APJ Abdul Kalam, in 2010 the United Nations declared his birthday on 15 October to be celebrated as World Students Day. On this day our entire children from the centre both residential and children from online paid their tributes on his 92nd Birth Anniversary. Their gesture is indeed heart warming for this great soul. The children drew the picture of the former President of India and paid their respect to his picture. They kept flowers and garland to his photo. Few of the kids came up on their own and started sharing their view about the "missile man of india". The children also gave speech about the achievements of the great scientist. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's life epitomizes the power of perseverance, knowledge, and dedication in overcoming obstacles and making significant contributions to science, technology, and society. He remains a role model and source of inspiration for generations to come.



Kalam was elected as the 11th president of India in 2002 with the support of both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and the then-opposition Indian National Congress. Widely referred to as the "People's President", he returned to his civilian life of education, writing and public service after a single term. He was a recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour.

A recollection of APJ Abdul Kalam's legacy is incomplete without a mention of his role as a teacher. Kalam was dedicated to teaching and identified himself first as a teacher and then as anything else. His demise while delivering a lecture at IIM Shillong was only fitting to his dedication towards teaching. This year, the UN's theme is, 'Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace'. The theme highlights the many ways learning can empower people, protect the planet, build shared prosperity and foster peace. It reaffirms the role of education as a fundamental right, a public good and an enabler of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In the President's Address at the presentation of the National Award to Teachers in 2004, he highlighted the need to recognise the efforts of a teacher and identified them as the backbone of any country. In his address he said that education is a process which leads to creativity.





He said, "The creativity is indeed the result of the education process and the environment of the school and above all the teachers' capability igniting the minds of the students. The essence of it can be seen in the following verses: Learning gives creativity, Creativity leads to thinking. Thinking provides knowledge, Knowledge makes you great."

About the aims of a teacher, he said, "The aim of the teacher should be to build character, human values enhance the learning capacity of children through technology and build the confidence among children to be innovative and creative which in turn will make them

competitive to face the future."

Dr Kalam envisioned a strong and self-reliant India and counted upon the teachers to prepare a future generation that could think independently and find solution to problems our country faced. In the President's Address at the presentation of National Award to Teachers in 2006, he said, "Teachers have to realize that they are the builders of the society. The society can be built only when the students are made proficient in their subjects. In addition they have to provide a vision for life to the students and also inculcate the fundamentals of values which he should practice in the years to come."

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's love for students, finds best voice when he said, "Dream, Dream, Dream, Dreams transform into thoughts. And thoughts result in action." He had also further said, to students, "If you fail, never give up because fail means 'first attempt in learning'." Dr. Kalam also said, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults". He believed that if children's attitudes, values, ideas and, ideals could be moulded a better world could be achieved. The best method of education was by imparting behavior patterns. Teachers and parents should behave in such a way as to instill values in children, he said.

Our students embarked on a memorable journey to commemorate Dr. Kalam's legacy. They organized a spirited rally to raise awareness about his profound thoughts and ideas. Not only did they share his wisdom, but they also took action for a greener tomorrow by planting saplings, a symbol of growth and hope.

With fervor and passion, our students delivered heartfelt speeches, sharing Dr. Kalam's vision for a developed India that will be reached very soon with our collective efforts. They encouraged their fellow schoolmates to embrace his principles and ideals, setting the stage for a brighter future.

Creativity flourished as our talented kids designed inspiring posters that beautifully encapsulated Dr. Kalam's ideas and values. Their dedication and determination shone through as they advised and inspired their peers to strive for excellence in their academic journey.

Let's continue to nurture the seeds of knowledge and inspiration that Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam sowed in our hearts. Together, we can make a difference and contribute to the realization of his vision for a better India.

SARASWATHI & AYUDHA POOJA

Ayudha Puj, also known as Astra Puj, is celebrated on the ninth day of Navaratri every year in India, and this year, it falls on October 23. People worship and revere the objects and instruments related to their profession and livelihood on this auspicious day. As per the lunisolar calendar commonly used by the Hindu community, Navaratri starts after the new moon of Ashwin month and is a nine-day long festival that celebrates the victory of Goddess Durga over a demon named Mahishasura. However, multiple versions of this legend exist.



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

The mythologies of Hinduism are described through 18 "Puranas" with each having its own version. The Puranas explain complex concepts through simple and easily understandable stories. Then come the "Upanishads" which further explore these complex concepts, beliefs, and world views. They also describe various schools of thought.



There are various legends related to the day of Ayudha Pooja. The most popular legend comes from the "Mahabharata," the greatest Hindu epic. According to the Mahabharata, Arjuna, the third Pandava prince, retrieved his weapons after completing his "vanavasa" or exile, wherein he had to spend 14 years in a forest. The Pandavas were sent to the vanavasa after they lost everything in a gamble, which was rigged by their enemy, the Kauravas. After retrieving the weapons, the Pandavas fought the Kauravas and won their lives and kingdom back. Devotees worship their weapons, tools, instruments, and books on this day. As we progressed into the modern age, weapon worship lost its significance, with the related objects of work and occupation taking their place as the objects of worship.

The Saraswati puja and Ayudha puja was celebrated with great fervour as the books were kept before the

goddess Lakshmi. The school children kept their vocational craft tools in front of the goddess. The banana leaf was laid, in which the puffed rice, dhal and jaggery were added with few fruits. The children made costumes like the goddess Saraswati and presented a skit, dance and speeches which signifies the celebration of this festival. Followed by the Saraswati puja, Ayudha puja was also celebrated by cleaning all the farm vehicles and the children's bicycle. Garland was put for the vehicles as they help in the livelihood of



farmers. The Aarthi was taken to the goddess, books, tools and to all the vehicles. Finally, the puffed rice and fruits was given to all.

This year, our school celebrated Navarathri golu with great enthusiasm and creativity, showcasing the talent and dedication of our beloved students.

The Navarathri golu festivities spanned nine days, during which our students diligently prepared various God statues, pet animal models, birds, and household items using mud. These creations were beautifully colored and displayed, adding vibrancy to the celebration.

On the final day, Saraswati Pooja was celebrated with grandeur. Our VI standard girls eloquently recited poems dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, emphasizing her role in motivating and inspiring them to excel in their studies.

The highlight of the celebration was the enactment of the famous Tamil colorful drama, Thiruvilakadal Puranam, by our talented VI standard students. Particularly noteworthy was the portrayal of Thattuni by Aakash, showcasing the triumph of poetic talent. Additionally, the inclusion of a model of ISRO Chandrayan 3, highlighting recent scientific achievements, captivated everyone's attention.

Throughout the festivities, our students showcased their talents through various performances, including English and Tamil poems, traditional dances, and theatrical productions. The celebration of Ayutha Pooja further added to the cultural richness of the event.

We express our gratitude to our Pathway co-founder for providing us with the opportunity to host such a beautiful event. Their support and guidance have been instrumental in making our school a hub of creativity and learning. As we conclude another successful year, we look forward to continued growth and success, nurturing the minds of our students and shaping them into responsible citizens of tomorrow.



DIWALI

The Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home and Matriculation School celebrated Diwali with great enthusiasm, focusing on the theme of illuminating lamps and candles to symbolize the triumph of light over darkness and the advent of prosperity. Dr. Chandu Prasad, our esteemed Director, encouraged the observance of a green Diwali, underscoring the importance of environmental consciousness.



Diwali also known as Dewali, Divali, or Deepavali is a socio-cultural festival. The term is derived from the Sanskrit words *dipa*, "lamp, light, lantern, candle, that which glows, shines, illuminates or knowledge" and *avali*, "a row, range, continuous line, series." It is connected to various religious events, deities and personalities, but is popularly celebrated as the return of Rama to his kingdom in Ayodhya after 14 years of exile. It is also widely associated with Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and Ganesha, the god of wisdom and the remover of obstacles.



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.



All the centres from Pathway celebrated this festival in eco friendly manner. 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. Our Principal eloquently narrated the significance of Diwali, delving into its historical origins through a captivating skit portraying the tale of Narakasura and his adversaries. Students from classes VI and VII showcased their talents, captivating the audience with their performances.

In alignment with the ethos of a green Diwali, students crafted eco-friendly models of crackers, promoting awareness about sustainable celebrations. Additionally, a mesmerizing semi-classical dance performance by the girls added to the festive ambiance.

In keeping with tradition, students adorned new attire and relished delectable sweets and snacks throughout the festivities. A special lunch was provided, fostering a sense of unity and joy among the Pathway family.

The event culminated with Pathway Sabia students safely lighting the stage with mild sparklers, demonstrating their commitment to responsible celebration practices and ensuring a memorable and enjoyable Diwali for all.

As the traditional way of celebrating Kartikya deepam, the children with their help of their staff drew rangoli on the floor and coloured it. All the Diyas were filled with oil and a thread were placed in each vilakku by the children. The special educators lit the lamps and the children arranged them in the rangoli. They have lit lamps around their hostel and school. The kids held the diyas in their hands and as they held the diya the light fell on their faces and was





shining so bright. Smile and joy was seen on the glowing face of the children as they held the lamps and chart drawing made by them.

In addition to the lights and joyous surprises and gifts, Diwali is a time for introspection and making the necessary changes for the next year. To celebrate Diwali, people from all ages, religions, and castes gather together. People embrace one another and mix enthusiastically during this moment. In essence, Diwali sheds light on who we truly are. The Diwali lights also signify a time for eradicating all of our evil intentions and ideas and leaning forward for a more profound, inward illumination. The Diwali festival represents the rebirth of the soul. During Diwali, one is inspired to make changes to become a healthy and moral individual who is more spiritual and productive at work.

CHILDRENS DAY CELEBERATION

"Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man." -Rabindranath Tagore

Children's Day, celebrated on November 14, is recognized across India to increase awareness of the rights, care, and education of children. The day is also held as a tribute to India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. He considered children as the real strength of a nation and foundation of society. The nation usually celebrates Children's Day with educational and motivational programs held across India, by and for children. Jawaharlal Nehru was affectionately called Chacha Nehru ("Uncle Nehru") by children, and their faith in him was a constant source of happiness for him. As the Prime Minister, Nehru wanted to "create an atmosphere in the country where the attention is constantly focused on children and their welfare". The freedom fighter was credited with making great changes in the educational set up of the country and in bringing about much-needed changes





in the overall working of the system. Since he believed so deeply in the potential of children, he laid great emphasis on education which is a great tool to harness the caliber of young minds.

Children's Day is also known as 'Bal Diwas' in India, and its celebrations date back to 1956, when the day was observed as 'Universal Children's Day' on November 20, keeping with the United Nations. After Pandit Nehru's death in 1964, however, it was decided the celebrations be moved to commemorate his birth anniversary. Since then, November 14 has been celebrated as Children's Day in India. Children's Day is a fun yet significant occasion that celebrates childhood and the importance of children in our society. It is a day to reflect on the rights and well-being of children, emphasizing the need for a safe and nurturing environment for their growth and development.

In addition to commemorating the great leader, the day is also a reminder that every child, irrespective of their caste, creed, financial or political status, deserves basic amenities that include education, nurturing, healthcare and sanitation. Since they are the future of the nation, they hold within them immense potential and to channel it constructively, is a responsibility that the entire nation should shoulder. Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School celebrated Children's Day with great happiness and energy. All the children assembled in the hall, where Mrs. Avila Mary, a teacher, warmly welcomed the students and staff. Following the instructions of our Pathway Director, children were encouraged to wear colourful dresses of their choice

to mark the occasion, which added to their joy.



Teachers organized fun games tailored to each class and age group, promoting teamwork and camaraderie among the children. The top three winners in each game received awards and gifts, adding an element of excitement to the festivities. Additionally, the teachers created vibrant charts and greeting cards for the children, enhancing the celebratory atmosphere.



The primary class kids participated in a lively fancy dress competition, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm. This year, a debate was held featuring young teachers discussing whether children are happier in a school environment versus at home.

The principal moderated the debate and ultimately invited the children to express their own feelings. The unanimous response was that they felt happiest at school. Mrs. Malathi, the English teacher, delivered an inspiring speech on the role of children in shaping the future of India. To further uplift the spirits, teachers performed a group song that delighted the children.



The celebration concluded with the director and co-founder extending their greetings to all the children. The principal expressed heartfelt thanks to the students and staff for organizing such a memorable Children's Day. Special thanks were given to the Putiway Chief Functionary and General Secretary, Mrs. Chandra



Prasad, for providing this wonderful opportunity to celebrate in an eco-friendly environment. The event was a beautiful and unforgettable experience for both children and staff alike.

CELEBRATING INDIAN CONSTITUTION DAY



Our bright minds delved into the essence of our Constitution, enacting skits on fundamental rights and duties. Guided by our dedicated social science teacher, we explored the visionary leadership of Dr. Ambedkar in framing our constitution.



Dressed as iconic figures like Dr. Ambedkar, Rajendra Prasad, Jawaharlal Nehru, Abul Kalam Azad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Sarojini Naidu, and more, our students embodied the spirit of our national heroes.





A mesmerizing drama unfolded as the children portrayed Lady Justice, expressing their understanding and commitment. A power-packed PowerPoint presentation illuminated the meticulous process of constitution-making. A heartfelt appreciation to the talented kids and our committed staff for their outstanding contributions. Together, we honor the legacy of our Constitution.

REPORT ON CAREER COUNSELING SESSION FOR X STANDARD STUDENTS AT CHENAGAL PATTU DISTRICT CHILDREN'S HOME

Mr. S. Saravankumar, the Child Protection Officer of Chenagal Pattu District, conducted a highly beneficial career counseling and guidance session for X Standard students residing in the Children's Home. During the session, Mr. Saravankumar emphasized the paramount importance of education and elucidated the grading system for X Standard exams. He also elaborated on various study schemes available and underscored the manifold benefits of education to all students.

The counseling session was received with gratitude and appreciation by all participants. The students expressed their gratitude towards Mr. Saravankumar for his invaluable insights and guidance. His efforts were instrumental in fostering a deeper understanding of educational opportunities and pathways among the students.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. S. Saravankumar, the District Child Protection Officer, for his unwavering dedication and commitment towards the welfare and development of the students at Chenagal Pattu District Children's Home.

HOME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AT CHENGALPATTU DISTRICT CHILDREN'S HOME

A Home Management Committee meeting was conducted by Mr. John Prabhu, the District Child Protection Officer and Probation Officer of the DCPU unit in Chengalpattu, on November 18, 2023. The meeting was attended by various officers, staff members, and student representatives. Among the participants were the Superintendent, Warden, Counselor, Nurse, Medical Officer, and others.

Mr. Annadurai, the Superintendent, extended a warm welcome to all attendees and provided an overview of the facilities provided to the hostel children. He highlighted amenities such as the daily menu, playground, medical facilities including access to dentists and physiotherapists, counseling services, RO water plant, swimming pool, science lab, matriculation school, and dormitories.

During the meeting, Mr. John Prabhu engaged with the students, expressing his satisfaction with their academic performance. He also distributed certificates and medals to students who had recently received awards in education and sports. His interaction with the students was greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the Pathway Management, attendees expressed gratitude to Mr. John Prabhu for his participation and encouragement of the children. His involvement further motivated the students to excel in their academic and extracurricular endeavors.

THE ENGLISH LITERARY ASSOCIATION CLUB

The English Literary Association Club at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School recently hosted an enriching program on November 1, 2023, dedicated to enhancing English language skills, LSRW



proficiency (Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing), and grammar knowledge. R. Dhanasekaran extended a warm welcome to all attendees who gathered for this day of language exploration. Mrs. P. Malathi, our dedicated English teacher, offered valuable insights into parts of speech, articles, and various aspects of grammar. In the grammar family section, 7th-grade students actively participated, while an engaging presentation by Jayasree from the 8th grade unveiled the fascinating origins behind the name "Teddy." A touching moral story, performed by our talented 6th-grade students, conveyed the lesson of not judging a book by its cover. The event also featured thrilling tongue twisters, a dynamic debate on the impact of social media on students, a lively dance performance illustrating verbs, and challenges like puzzles and riddles. A fun interview session aimed to boost English vocabulary and language skills awareness, creating an engaging atmosphere for students. The program wrapped up with a fascinating comparison between British and American English, presented with real objects. Our Principal delivered a heartfelt keynote address, expressing gratitude to the English Club and our esteemed Pathway Director for the opportunity to host this outstanding program. We extend our thanks to all

who joined us for this memorable day of language enrichment and learning at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School.

REPORT ON INSPECTION BY TALUK SUPPLY OFFICER AT CHILDREN'S HOME

Mr. Muthu, the Taluk Supply Officer, visited the Children's Home for a bulk ration inspection. During his visit, he meticulously examined various records and facilities to ensure compliance with regulations. Mr. Muthu scrutinized the meal register and bulk ration records, meticulously verifying each entry against the children's attendance register.

Proceeding to the kitchen, Mr. Muthu inspected the storeroom and carefully assessed the ration stocks. He ensured that proper storage practices were being followed and that adequate quantities of essential items were available.

Upon completing his inspection, Mr. Muthu expressed satisfaction with the thoroughness and accuracy of the records. He commended the staff for their diligence in maintaining updated records and adherence to guidelines. Furthermore, Mr. Muthu took the necessary steps to facilitate the renewal of the bulk ration order. He promptly forwarded the required documents to the District Supply Officer, ensuring continued provision of essential supplies to the Children's Home. Overall, Mr. Muthu's visit reinforced the commitment to transparency and efficiency in managing the ration supply system at the Children's Home. His positive feedback and prompt actions are greatly appreciated.

MOCK ASSEMBLY- UNITED NATIONS



On this special occasion, our school came together for a remarkable Mock Assembly to honor the United Nations, a beacon of global unity. Our students truly showcased their enthusiasm and knowledge in representing both Permanent and Non-Permanent member countries.



 Permanent Member Countries Represented:

US United States
 CN China
 RU Russia



FR France

GB United Kingdom



 Non-Permanent Member Countries Represented:

AU Australia

BR Brazil

IN India

NG Nigeria

ZA South Africa

Our students proudly displayed their country flags, and we delved into the history of the United Nations, thanks to Sumith's engaging presentation. Our dedicated Social Science teacher illuminated the vital role of the UN and its important organs.

Moreover, our students did a fantastic job explaining the functions of significant UN agencies:

-  FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization)
-  WHO (World Health Organization)
-  UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
-  UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)
-  UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)



The highlight of our celebration was when our Principal shared insights into our country's role within the UN, including the exciting news that the UN has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. Our country is committed to supporting and supplying millets to those in need, a mission embraced by more than 70 nations.

This incredible event was made possible by the diligent efforts of our Social Science Club.

WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2023



On 15th December 2023, the Social Science Club of St. Xavier's School, Palakkad, celebrated World Disability Day. The event was held in the school hall and was attended by students, teachers, and parents. The club members presented a program on the importance of disability and the role of the United Nations in promoting the rights of people with disabilities. The program was followed by a quiz competition and a group dance. The event was a great success and helped to raise awareness about the challenges faced by people with disabilities.

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." - Christopher Reeve

"Disability is articulated as a struggle, an unnecessary burden that one must overcome to the soundtrack of a string crescendo. But disabled lives are multifaceted - brimming with personality, pride, ambition, love, empathy, and wit." - Sinead Burke, writer, academic, activist and broadcaster.

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities, observed annually on December 3rd, serves as a poignant reminder of the challenges faced by individuals living with disabilities worldwide, while also celebrating their achievements and advocating for their rights. This day, established by the United Nations in 1992, seeks to promote awareness, understanding, and acceptance of disability issues, as well as to mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities.

At the heart of this day lies a commitment to fostering a more inclusive and accessible society, where every individual, regardless of their abilities, can fully participate and contribute. With over a billion people living with some form of disability globally, the significance of this day cannot be overstated. It serves as a catalyst for change, sparking conversations, initiatives, and policies aimed at breaking down barriers and creating a world that embraces diversity in all its forms. The theme for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities varies each year, reflecting the evolving priorities and challenges faced by the disability community. From promoting accessible infrastructure and technology to advancing inclusive education and employment opportunities, these themes serve as rallying points for action and advocacy. They provide a framework for organizations, governments, and individuals to come together in solidarity, to reaffirm their commitment to the principles of equality, dignity, and social justice for all.

The theme for the 2023 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is "United in action to rescue and achieve the SDGs for, with, and by persons with disabilities". The theme encourages people to work together to improve the world for people with disabilities. The SDGs are a set of 17 goals that countries are working on to make the world better and fairer for everyone by 2030. The IDPD aims to increase awareness of the challenges people with disabilities face and promote their inclusion in all aspects of society.

The day doesn't discriminate between mental and physical disabilities, and the spirit of the day is to ensure that all people in the world have equal opportunities for work, play, health, and success. People with disabilities can be and very often are



contributing and valued members of society, and today is all about appreciating them.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities is important in following ways:

- It creates awareness.
- We understand the difficulties people living with disabilities have.
- It's more than a day- it's the law.

One of the key pillars of the disability rights movement is the concept of accessibility. Accessible environments, products, and services are essential for ensuring equal opportunities and participation for persons with disabilities. This encompasses physical accessibility, such as ramps, elevators, and designated parking spaces, as well as digital accessibility, including websites, software, and communication technologies. By removing barriers to access, we can create a more inclusive society where everyone can fully engage and thrive.

Education plays a crucial role in shaping attitudes and perceptions towards disability. Inclusive education, which recognizes and accommodates the diverse learning needs of all students, regardless of ability, is a cornerstone of disability rights. It fosters understanding, empathy, and respect for differences, while also providing students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in an increasingly diverse world. By promoting inclusive education practices, we can break down stereotypes, combat discrimination, and build a more inclusive society from the ground up.

In addition to addressing systemic barriers, it is also essential to promote positive representation and portrayal of persons with disabilities in the media and popular culture. Too often, individuals with disabilities are either marginalized or portrayed in a stereotypical or sensationalized manner, reinforcing negative attitudes and perceptions. By showcasing diverse and authentic portrayals of disability, we can challenge stereotypes, promote empathy and understanding, and celebrate the rich diversity of human experience.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is not only a day of reflection and awareness but also a call to action. It is a reminder that the journey towards equality and inclusion is ongoing and requires the collective efforts of all members of society. Whether through policy advocacy, community engagement, or everyday acts of kindness and respect, each of us has a role to play in creating a world where every person, regardless of ability, can live with dignity, autonomy, and full participation.

To add essence to this day's celebration, the staff arrange a series of fun games for all the children and the Pamela school children joined the celebration. This day was to make the Special children feel that they are being cared, loved and included in our community. A special rally was organized, filled with valuable slogans and posters advocating for disability rights. Students walked a kilometer together, demonstrating solidarity and support for disabled and intellectually challenged individuals.

The rally culminated in an open stage celebration where our school students showcased a poignant mime performance. The mime depicted the challenges faced by disabled individuals and their remarkable journey of turning negatives into positives.





During the event, Vijayalakshmi from the seventh standard delivered a heartfelt speech on the importance of integrating students into Pathway programs, emphasizing the significance of inclusivity and support. Additionally, our school students showcased their artistic talents through beautifully drawn drawings and charts, highlighting various aspects of disability awareness and advocacy.

To conclude the celebration, fun games were organized for the students of Sabu Pathway Centre, fostering an atmosphere of camaraderie and enjoyment. The event was a resounding success, fostering empathy, understanding, and inclusivity among all participants.

By adopting the colour purple during this day, individuals and organisations show their commitment to promoting inclusivity and equality for disabled people. It serves as a visual reminder to society about the importance of recognising and valuing the contributions of disabled individuals. As we commemorate this day, let us reaffirm our commitment to building a more inclusive and accessible world, where diversity is celebrated, and the rights of all individuals are respected and upheld. Together, we can break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create a society where every person can thrive and contribute their unique gifts to the world.



INSPECTION- FOR NCPCR

The District Child Welfare Officer and his team conducted an inspection at the Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home with the aim of compiling the NCPCR report. The team, comprising Chairman Mr. Desingu, CWC committee members Mr. Anokiyaraj, Mrs. Santhakumari, and Renuga, meticulously examined various aspects of the facility.

During the inspection, the team visited the dormitories where the children reside and thoroughly checked all records. They also visited the dining hall, sampled the food, and inspected the CCTV cameras. Additionally, they scrutinized the students' attendance register, admission register, child tracking register, and CWC orders.

The team was pleased to find that all records were meticulously updated and that all certificates were in order. They were impressed by the organization and efficiency of the Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home.

In conclusion, the team expressed their appreciation to the Pathway director for their exemplary and selfless service towards the welfare of the children under their care. The inspection left a positive impression on the team, affirming the commitment of the Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home to providing a safe and nurturing environment for its residents.

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



On this special occasion, our English teacher passionately highlighted the importance of education for the girl child, emphasizing the significant contributions of mothers and sisters in skill development and nurturing. The principal led engaging activities, shedding light on the role of a girl child from childhood to grandmother, invoking the inspiring stories of leaders like Mother Teresa, Indira Gandhi, Dr. Muthu

Lakshmi Reddy, Kalpana Chawla, and our esteemed President, Dr. Dipadi Murmu.

The day culminated in a powerful human chain rally, uniting all students and staff, who took a heartfelt pledge to protect and empower every girl child. Pathway wishes everyone a very Happy National Girl Child Day!



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

"As we give presents at Christmas, we need to recognize that sharing our time and ourselves is such an important part of giving." – Gordon B. Hinckley



*I heard the bells on
Christmas Day
Their old, familiar
carols play.
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth,
good-will to men!*

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

As the holiday season unfolds, there's a special enchantment in the air, and nothing encapsulates it better than the celebration of Christmas. As we usher in the much-anticipated Christmas of 2023, let's spread the festive cheer with heartwarming wishes, delightful images, inspiring quotes,

and meaningful messages. December 25th is a day to cherish, and what better way to do so than by sharing the magic of Christmas with our loved ones? Christmas is celebrated every year on December 25. The festival marks the celebration of





the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is worshipped as the Messiah of God in Christian Mythology. Hence, his birthday is one of the most joyous ceremonies amongst Christians. Although the festival is mainly celebrated by the followers of Christianity, it is one of the most enjoyed festivals all over the globe. Christmas symbolizes merriment and love. It is celebrated with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm by everyone, no matter what religion they follow. The season of Christmas that begins from Thanksgiving brings festivity and joy to everyone's lives. Thanksgiving is the day when people thank the almighty for blessing them with harvest and also show gratitude towards all the things and people around. On Christmas, people

wish each other Merry Christmas and pray that the day takes away all the negativity and darkness from people's life.

Christmas is a festival full of culture and tradition. The festival entails a lot of preparations. Preparations for Christmas start early for most people. Preparations for Christmas involve a lot of things including





buying decorations, food items, and gifts for family members and friends. People usually wear white or red colored outfits on the day of Christmas.

Young children are especially excited about Christmas as they receive gifts and great Christmas treats. The treats include chocolates, cakes, cookies, etc. People on this day visit churches with their families and friends and light candles in front of the idol of Jesus Christ. Churches are decorated with fairy lights and candles. People also create fancy Christmas cribs and adorn them with gifts, lights, etc. Children sing Christmas carols and also perform various skits marking the celebration of the auspicious day. One of the famous Christmas carols sung by all is "Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle all the way".



We at Pathway enjoy this festival like every other. The children under the guidance of the staff put up a nativity show. The other children enjoyed this festival spirit by decorating the frontage and corridors with festoons, sparkling stars and santa claus. The bigger group got engaged in tying up the balloons, handmade stars and finally the entire group chose to dress up the Christmas tree with little paper ornaments that they had prepared with love and pride.

A small nativity stage set with all the characters adorned the office room for every soul to view and feel the wonderful spirit of the season. Children and adults received their gifts and bonuses which made it more merrier.

PONGAL



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



According to tradition, the festival marks the end of winter solstice, and the start of the sun's six-month-long journey northwards when the sun enters the Capricorn. The festival is named after the ceremonial "Pongal", which means "to boil, overflow" and refers to the traditional dish prepared from the new harvest of rice boiled in milk with jaggery (raw sugar). To mark the festival, the pongal dish is prepared, first offered to the gods and goddesses, including

Surya. Mattu Pongal is for worship of the cow known as Madu. Cattle are bathed, then horns polished and painted in bright colors, and garlands of flowers placed around their necks. The pongal that has been offered to the deities is then given to cattle, and then shared by the family. Festive celebrations include decorating cows and their horns, ritual bathing and processions. It is traditionally an occasion for decorating rice-powder based Kolam artworks, offering prayers in the house, temples, getting together with family and friends, and exchanging gifts to renew social bonds of solidarity.

The festival's most significant practice is the preparation of the traditional "pongol" dish. It utilizes freshly harvested rice, and is prepared by boiling it in milk and raw cane sugar (jaggery). Sometimes additional ingredients are added to the sweet dish, such as: cardamom, raisins, cashews and mung beans (split). Other ingredients include coconut and ghee (clarified butter from cow milk). Along with the sweet version of the Pongal dish, some prepare other versions such as salty and Savory (venpongol). According to Gubérez, women in some communities take their "cooking pots to the town center, or the main square, or near a temple of their choice or simply in front of their own home" and cook together as a social event. The cooking is done in sunlight, usually in a porch or courtyard, as the dish is dedicated to the Sun god, Surya. Relatives and friends are invited, and the standard greeting on the Pongal day typically is, "has the rice boiled?"

The cooking is done in a clay pot that is often garlanded with leaves or flowers, sometimes tied with a piece of turmeric root or marked with pattern artwork called kolam. It is either cooked at home, or in community gatherings such as in temples or village open spaces. It is the ritual dish, along with many other courses prepared from seasonal foods for all present. It is traditionally offered to the gods and goddesses

first,





followed sometimes by cows, then to friends and family gathered. Temples and communities organize fire kitchen prepared by volunteers to all those who gather. According to André Bataille, this tradition is a means to renew social bonds. Portions of the sweet pongal dish (sakkaru pongal) are distributed as the prasadam in Hindu temples.

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

Day 1: Bhogi Pongal

Bhogi / Bogi, which falls on January 14th this year, marks the beginning of the Pongal festival celebrations. Indra, the Lord of the Rain, is honored on the first day in gratitude for the fertility of their agricultural land. Similar to the Lohri festival in Punjab, this day's events were centered around a bonfire. On this day, people worship the sun god as well as the agricultural tools that are used to harvest crops. People tidy up their homes and use rangoli or "Kolams" to beautify them. Red dirt with a paste of rice flour and water is used to create the lovely Pongal Kolams. Additionally, lamps and fresh flowers are used in home decorations.

Day 2: Surya Pongal

The main day of the Pongal celebration, which is observed as Surya Pongal, is the second day which will be observed on January 15. Fresh milk is boiled till it crosses the vessel's edge to start the day. This is one of the key traditions of the Pongal celebration and is said to bring prosperity. On this day, people in Tamil Nadu prepare the traditional sweet dish "Pongal" out of rice, milk, and jaggery. This is presented to the





deity as prasada. Women congregate at a certain location in several areas of Tamil Nadu to exercise the ceremony collectively. Other items like sugarcane, coconut and bananas are also offered to the Sun god.

Day 3: Mattu Pongal

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

Day 4: Kaamam Pongal

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

Pamela Mathew Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home joyously celebrated the traditional festival of Pongal. All the children adorned themselves in new traditional attire and gathered in the school ground for the festivities. Under the supervision of teachers, students were divided into five teams and enthusiastically assisted in the preparation of sweet Pongal.

The principal elucidated the significance of Pongal, highlighting its importance in celebrating farming and expressing gratitude to the sun, a vital force for farmers. Children were enthralled by the explanation and commenced their cultural performances with colorful dances including Karakattam, Oliattam, Pami Attam, Thappattam, Polyuttam, and Peacock Dance. Some engaged in traditional folk songs and dances like Kammi Paatu. Younger children dressed as farmers and showcased their enthusiasm by participating in a small mock jallikattu. They also presented a drama highlighting the importance of the festival. As a special treat, the children enjoyed a ride around the farm in a bullock cart before indulging in delicious sweet Pongal. To conclude the celebration, sugarcane was distributed to everyone as a token of joy and prosperity. The event left lasting memories of camaraderie and cultural richness among the children and staff alike.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Republic Day in 2024, like every year in India, commemorates the day when the Constitution of India came into effect. It's celebrated on January 26th with great fervor and enthusiasm throughout the country. On this day, India showcases its military strength, cultural diversity, and rich heritage through parades, cultural events, and flag hoisting ceremonies. The President of India unfurls the national flag at the Red Fort in New Delhi, followed by a grand parade showcasing India's diverse culture, military prowess, and technological achievements. It's a day of national pride and unity, reminding citizens of the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution and the importance of democracy, sovereignty, and secularism. Republic Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism along with a grand parade organised at Delhi. There will be a women-centric '5th Republic Day Parade' with the themes 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Bharat - Loktaanta ki Matraka.' A first-ever all-female Tri-Service contingent will march down Kartavya Path to showcase the "best representation of women."

According to the Press Information Bureau, French President Mr Emmanuel Macron was the Chief Guest at this year's Republic Day Parade. A total of 25 tableaux - 16 States/Union Territories and nine

Ministries/Departments - will roll down the Kartavya Path during the parade. The States/UTs are Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Ladakh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana. The Ministries/Organisations are the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Ministry of Culture, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Centre For Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Election Commission of India, and Central Public Works Department (CPWD).





'Aant Sutra - The Endless Thread' showcasing nearly 1,900 sarees and drapes from every corner of the country is going to be another highlight of the Republic Day parade ceremony.

On 26 January, Republic Day, we recognize that the strength to form the country's future lies firmly in the hands of residents. This unique Republic Day thought transcends the grandeur of parades and celebrations, reworking right into a second for introspection, a name to every character to understand the load of their role in the democratic framework.

Republic Day is not merely a date on the not a spectator recreation but a lively the ideas of equity, freedom, equal rights, Constitution and contemplate



calendar; it is a reminder that democracy is engagement. It beckons citizens to mirror and solidarity enshrined in our upon the duties that accompany



those cherished beliefs.

Our Pathway Director and Co-founder, along with the Pathway President, graciously presided over the Republic Day function celebrated at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School. The event commenced with the customary march past by our school children, followed by the hoisting of the national flag by our esteemed Pathway Director.

The parade showcased the spirit of patriotism, with our school prefects leading their teams with pride, accompanied by rhythmic drum performances. The festivities continued with impressive displays of physical fitness through exercises, dumbbell routines, and the energetic *Lazim*. Our students showcased their talents through role-playing and patriotic songs, reflecting the essence of Indian unity in diversity. Additionally, a captivating dance performance by our students emphasized the importance of unity, leaving a lasting impact on the audience. The Republic Day celebration served as a poignant reminder of the values and principles upheld by our nation, instilling a sense of pride and responsibility in our students.

INSPECTION

Revenue Inspector Mr. Thilpkanar visited our premises for a comprehensive inspection aimed at renewing our Building License (FORM D). He meticulously examined all building records and certificates, conducting precise measurements of the structures. Following the inspection, a detailed report was promptly submitted to Tashidar, Madhavanthagam, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards and facilitating the renewal process.

CRICKET STADIUM VISIT

A Day to Remember: Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home and Matriculation School at M.A. Chidambaram Stadium. On February 11, 2024, our students embarked on an unforgettable journey to witness the excitement of live cricket at the historic M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. Accompanied by our dedicated staff, they immersed themselves in the fervor of the Rangiri Trophy match between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.



The atmosphere was electric as our children cheered alongside passionate cricket fans, soaking in every moment of the thrilling game. Being in the midst of such a vibrant crowd was an experience like no other, leaving our young hearts brimming with joy and excitement.



But the adventure didn't end there! After the match, our students had the privilege of exploring Swami Vivekananda's ancestral house and cultural center, followed by a visit to the iconic Marina Beach, the second-largest beach in the world. The rhythmic waves of the sea provided a serene backdrop as our children reveled in the beauty of nature.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Pathway director and co-founder for making this enriching experience possible for our kids. Thank you for creating memories that will last a lifetime!

MEDICAL CHECKUP - GOVT



In compliance with the directives from the District Collector's office, a medical camp was organized at our school premises. Led by the Medical Officer from Achrapakkam along with his team, the camp aimed at ensuring the well-being of our students. We were fortunate to have our Pathway Medical Officer, Mr. Dinesh Kumar, and our staff nurse, Nishaanthi, actively participating in the event.

The team from Achrapakkam Primary Health Centre,

including the Chief Doctor and Senior Health Nurse, joined forces with the village nurse and pharmacists, as well as health inspectors, to conduct thorough screenings of all the children. They diligently administered necessary medications and treatments.



This proactive initiative was crucial, especially considering the recent emergence of mumps symptoms in nearby villages. The medical team's visit to our school was part of a broader effort to inspect and safeguard the health of all schoolchildren in the area.

We extend our gratitude to the medical personnel involved for their dedication and commitment to ensuring the health and safety of our students. Such collaborative efforts underscore the importance of community health initiatives and reinforce our school's commitment to the well-being of our students and the surrounding community.

DISTRICT LEVEL BOOK FAIR

The Tamil Nadu state government has directed the District Educational Officer to organize a district-level book fair for all students, aimed at motivating and instilling a reading habit among school children. Our school's book holders were privileged to





attend this event, where they had the opportunity to explore a wide array of books and participate in various activities.

During the book fair, organized by the district educational authorities, our students actively engaged in a quiz conducted by the organizers. Among the participants, Vetrisekhar from the eighth standard of our school showcased exceptional knowledge and received a prize from Mr. Balabharathi, a renowned writer and recipient of the Sahitya Puraskar award.



The fair provided a platform for students to not only explore diverse literary works but also to purchase books that catered to their interests and academic needs. This initiative by the



government has been instrumental in fostering a culture of reading and intellectual curiosity among school children. Overall, the district-level book fair was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on our students and encouraging them to continue their journey of exploration and learning through books.

PARENTS CONFERENCE DAY

We are thrilled to share the wonderful experience our school had at the Parents Conference held on 28th February 2024, near Tambaram, Chennai. Organized by the Tamil Nadu Parents Teachers Association, the conference was graced by the esteemed presence of our Tamil Nadu Educational Minister, Honourable Mr. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, along with the Chief Guest, Honourable Udhayanidhi Stalin, Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development of Tamil Nadu, and Mr. Anbarasu from the Urban Habitation Development Board.



Our students showcased their creativity and talent by crafting beautiful greeting cards, which were warmly appreciated by the dignitaries present, including our honourable ministers. It was truly heartening to see our students' efforts being recognized and acknowledged on such a prestigious platform.

Following the enriching conference, our students, parents, and staff were treated to a delightful excursion to the Arignar Anna Zoological Park. This iconic zoo, established in 1855 as the Madras Zoo and relocated to Vandalur, Chennai in 1985, provided an incredible opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in the wonders of nature.

From majestic tigers, lions, and leopards to graceful peacocks, deer, and blackbucks, our students had the chance to witness a diverse range of wildlife up close. They were also thrilled to observe Indian bison, barking deer, sambar, and spotted deer roaming freely in their habitats.

Moreover, the students marveled at the sight of exotic animals such as the Indian rhinoceros, elephants, wild dogs, hyenas, and jackals. They were fascinated by the colorful array of butterflies in the butterfly house and captivated by the mysterious reptiles in the reptile house.

The visit to the zoo also included a mesmerizing tour of the aquarium, where our students were mesmerized by the beauty of various aquatic creatures. From shimmering fish to graceful water birds, the aquarium provided a unique glimpse into the fascinating world beneath the waves.

Overall, it was an unforgettable day filled with learning, exploration, and joy. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Pathway Director for providing us with this enriching opportunity. Let's continue to nurture the spirit of curiosity and discovery within our school community!

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Our Science Club Secretary, M. Kanishka, warmly welcomed everyone to the event. It was a day filled with enlightening discussions and engaging activities, all centered around the wonders of science and technology.



Club members Joshua, Puvinkumar, and Rishya eloquently explained the significance of science and technology in today's world, highlighting its continuous growth and impact on society.



We were honored to have Manoj from the IV standard portray the legendary Sir C.V. Raman, Nobel Prize laureate renowned for his groundbreaking discovery of the Raman Effect. His portrayal shed light on this remarkable scientific achievement, inspiring all who attended.

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performance on the conservation and left a lasting impression, role science plays in challenges.



Science Club President, Ms. E. Subathra, conducted an exhilarating quiz program, challenging students to test their knowledge and curiosity about the fascinating world of science.



Our Principal delivered an insightful speech, emphasizing the significance of science education and encouraging students to ask critical questions: why, what, and when. He also elucidated the distinction between invention and discovery, fostering a deeper understanding of scientific processes.

Ms. E. Subathra, a dedicated teacher, enlightened us on the reasons behind the celebration of Science Day, while young Kanamathan eloquently stated the purpose behind commemorating this special day.



Ms. Yuvanti, our esteemed science teacher, expressed her gratitude during the vote of thanks.

In addition to these enriching activities, our talented students showcased their creativity through



captivating charts and informative PowerPoint presentations, highlighting various aspects of science and its significance in our lives. As we conclude this memorable celebration, let's continue to foster a spirit of curiosity, exploration, and appreciation for the marvels of science in our daily lives.

TAMILNADU ASSEMBLY VISIT



"Pamela Martinez Pathways Matriculation School proudly organized a captivating trip for our rank-holding students to experience the dynamic legislative assembly activities in Chennai, graciously permitted by the Additional Secretary of Tamil Nadu. Immersed in the live crisis experience, our children were thrilled to meet the honourable Chief Minister, department ministers, MLAs, and the esteemed Speaker.

Capturing the essence of governance, our students attentively observed discussions on the Tamil Nadu budget. After a delightful lunch, we explored the awe-inspiring Anna Centenary Library, India's second-largest with 8 floors filled with diverse books. The





newly opened section, dedicated to our rich culture and language history, featuring Tamil poet national award winners, left an indelible impression.

Our students actively participated in a quiz, winning numerous prizes. Following the intellectual adventure, they enjoyed refreshments like beach visits and metro train rides. Gratitude to the Pathway Director for granting this invaluable opportunity. It

was a memorable experience for our students, and we extend heartfelt thanks for the chance to witness live assembly activities."

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



We are thrilled to share the resplendent celebration of International Women's Day at Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home and Matriculation School. This momentous occasion was marked by a series of engaging and inspiring activities that celebrated the strength, resilience, and contributions of women across the globe.

The event commenced with a poignant welcome speech by Ugasi, a VI Std student, setting the stage for the day's proceedings. Following this, Jayasugi, a VII Std student, mesmerized the audience with her stirring recitation of the poem "I Am Every Woman," which left a profound impact on everyone present.

Continuing the celebration, G. Jenil from VI Std eloquently spoke about the significance of being a woman, while Kaniarathan narrated a beautiful Tamil Kavithai, adding a touch of cultural richness to the event. The theme of the year was eloquently articulated by our student Karishika, providing deeper insights into the importance of gender equality and women's empowerment.

Further adding to the festivities, VII Std girls showcased their versatility through a captivating skit titled "Jill of All Trades," highlighting the multifaceted roles women play in society. A melodious song, performed by our VI Std girls, filled the air with joy and harmony, adding to the celebratory ambiance.

Mr Annadurai then took the stage to elucidate the importance of women in our lives, emphasizing the pivotal roles played by mothers, sisters, grandmothers, and other female relatives in nurturing families and communities. He underscored the significance of





respecting and honoring women's contributions every day, citing exemplary women achievers such as Kalpana Chawla, Savi Nethral, and Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy.

The celebration reached its pinnacle as the children enacted the super heroic powers of women through a captivating skit, showcasing their admiration and reverence for the strength and resilience of women.

As we reflect on this momentous celebration, we

are reminded of the need to continue championing gender equality and women's empowerment in all facets of life. Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home and Matriculation School remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering a culture of respect, equality, and inclusivity, where every girl is encouraged to dream big and achieve her aspirations.

With the theme of "Inspire Inclusion", the world is all set to celebrate IWD 2024 on 8th March 2024. International Women's Day (IWD) is a global observance celebrated annually on March 8th to honour the achievements and contributions of women in various fields and disciplines across the world. The day also serves as a platform to raise awareness about gender equality, advocate for women's rights, and address issues such as gender-based violence, discrimination, and the socio-economic disparities that women face.

This is a day to honour the contributions of women in various spheres and to acknowledge their indispensable role in shaping the globe's destiny. It acts as a reflection and affirmation of the world's ongoing journey toward women's empowerment and gender equality. It serves as a platform to raise awareness against gender bias and do away with the same. The day facilitates discussions and resolute actions to address the persisting challenges that hinder women's progress across the globe. By raising





awareness about the success stories of women, the day helps inspire women and girls across the globe to reach their full potential. Fosters a feeling of worldwide unity among women and girls from diverse cultures and backgrounds. It is a day to reflect on the progress made towards women's empowerment and to renew the commitment to addressing the challenges faced by women across the world.



OUR FOUNDER'S DAY

We celebrated our Founder's Day in all our three centres with cultural activities. To highlight this event we planted coconut, teak and mango saplings in our farm unit. We also undertook to organize a relief camp by providing provisions and emergency lamps to our CBR group at Keezhmaruvathur village along with bedsheets. Children from all the centres sat in rapt attention to hear his life's achievements and struggles in creating these beautiful facility for today's child.



Keezhmaruvathur- CBR

Block / Taluk → Cheyyur, District → Kancheepuram,
State → Tamil Nadu

Keelmaruvathur village is located in Cheyyur taluk of Kancheepuram district in Tamil Nadu, India. Kancheepuram and Cheyyur are the district & sub-district headquarters of Keelmaruvathur village respectively. As per 2009 stats, Keelmaruvathur is the gram panchayat of Keelmaruvathur village. The total geographical area of village is 223.01 hectares. Keelmaruvathur has a total population of 2,125 peoples, out of which male population is 1,066 while female population is 1,059. Literacy rate of keelmaruvathur village is 70.65% out of which 77.11% males and 64.21% females are literate. There are about 523 houses in keelmaruvathur village. Pincode of keelmaruvathur village locality is 603319.



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

- ✔ **LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** by Puthia Varigam Publications was conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2024 on 7th January. The principal and PRO of Pathway Chennai too were honored under the category by them.
- ✔ **FAME TIMES INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS (FTIEA)** recognizes people who are making considerable contributions around the world and in corporate social, economic fields with their hard and genuine work. We bring together corporates, individuals, entrepreneurs, businessmen, activists, professionals, educationists, and various fields on a common platform and honour them for their extraordinary work & achievements with FTIEA International Awards through various categories in the presence of World's Top Dignitaries, Celebrities & International Media's. The Jury board of the FTIEA - Fame Times International Excellence Awards - presented Dr CHANDRA PRASAD of DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST with the "LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" at Concord Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 27th of October 2023.
- ✔ Brand Houshos Media through an extensive research on 250+ Indian NGOs from pan India found our NGO eligible for the Most Prestigious Title of "TOP 20 MOST TRUSTED NGO'S OF THE YEAR 2023", felicitated "PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABLED a unit of DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST" at one of the Biggest Convention of the year "Indian CSR Awards 2023", on 7th October, 2023 at Hotel Hyatt Centric, New Delhi.
- ✔ The Federation of NGO, Tamilnadu honoured our Director and Co Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, Dr CHANDRA PRASAD as the **BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD**. This was presented by Dr. J Sadhalakshullali, M.Sc., Agri and Dr. Radhakrishnan M.A., Ph.D., along with the team of K. Iyappan, R. Ashok kumar, R. Perumal, Balu Aiyah, K. Karunanithi, A

Ramamoorthi, Dr. K. Ramamoorthi, Dr. Vivekanandhan, Shakthivel, Dr. Ummayal Manguselu, and V. Prabhu on the 28th May 2023 at Prasad Lab, Saligramam, Chennai.

- ✔ Dr. Chandra Prasad of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for providing comprehensive care and educational opportunities for Intellectually Disabled children by 1Million Entrepreneurs International Forum (non gov, not for profit org) in association with Vrikapajagat.com organized by FEMPRENEUR 2023 on 19th March 2023 at Ahmedabad
- ✔ Awarding Ceremony of Working Women Achiever Award (WWAA) was hosted by Omni foundation. Dr Chandra Prasad was presented an award under the Lifetime Achievement Award category at Chennai Institute of Technology, Kumbakonam on the 4th March 2023.
- ✔ RJ's Music Passion Team's vision is to conduct the musical shows to help genuine and promising NGOs and NPOs Pan India, and to encourage new comers with genuine talent.
- ✔ They are also committed to give the honorary contribution to the genuine NGOs that are doing real work for the society. Dr Chandra Prasad, Hon'ble Director/Co-Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was invited as the Chief guest for the above event. She was honoured and presented with a shawl, memento and a cheque in the name of the trust
- ✔ Social Impact Awards 2023 is an initiative by Indian CSR Awards organized by Brand Houshou, DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST has been awarded this prestigious award for the category -Best NGO of the year-2022-23 (South) on 21st January 2023.
- ✔ Best Social Service Award by Puthia Vanigam Publications award conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th November
- ✔ Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of "Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway" received the award under the "Social Good and Impact Category" **MAHATMA AWARD** 1st October 2022 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ✔ Social Award on 112TH Birthday Anniversary of MOTHER TERESA by Rev Verghese Rosario under the aegis of Saint Mother Teresa Charitable Trust conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th August
- ✔ Received the BEST NGO OF THE YEAR award from Rural & Urban Development Summit & Awards 2022 with University Partner - SRM University & presented by the Government of India & implemented by Summitpro Pro Sales & Marketing Consultants at India Habitat Centre on 8th July 2022
- ✔ DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST-(NGO) has won the award for Best NGO of the Year - INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS at Time2Leap National Awards - MSME Edition 2020-2021.
- ✔ Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of "Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway" received the award from "Dr. Kiran Bedi, 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry" under the "Social Impact Category" **MAHATMA AWARD** for Covid-19 Humanitarian Efforts on the 1st October 2021 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ✔ Director & Co-founder, Dr. Chandra prasad has been awarded the BEST SEVA RATNA AWARD by the Kovvi express YouTube channel and Thaimail academy on 29.08.2021

- ✦ Eight staff members from Pathway India-Chennai center were given MOTHER TERESA AWARD by former judge-High Court of Madras, Justice S.Tamilarasu on 26.08.2021.
- ✦ DR CHANDRA PRASAD, Co-Founder Pathway Centre For Rehabilitation and Education of The Intellectual Disabled receiving the **STAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARD** at Rajaratnam Kalai Arangan 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.Dattin 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 Inaudible 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 Murugesan 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 Orator 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 Satiyabama 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 Tamil Nadu, - 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 Sujit Singh Ramola, 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. Jayalithaa, 1995
- ✦ "Best Employer of the Disabled"
 - ✦ - Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995
- ✦ "Best Employees" awarded to two Pathway employees
 - ✦ - Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995
- ✦ "Exceptional Contribution for Services to People"
 - ✦ -Government of Karnataka, 1995
- ✦ "Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled in India"
 - ✦ -Japanese SIVUS Council, 1993

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