

DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



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

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

A LEGACY OF COMPASSION: REFLECTING ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

As we close yet another successful year, we stand humbled and proud to mark a significant milestone—fifty glorious years of unwavering commitment to serving those in need. This golden jubilee is not just a celebration of time passed but a testament to the vision, dedication, and collective spirit that has carried us forward. We are deeply grateful to every individual—past and present—who has been part of this journey, supporting us with their time, resources, and goodwill.

Through the decades, our mission has remained rooted in compassion, dignity, and service to the marginalized. Despite facing numerous challenges and setbacks along the way, each obstacle has only strengthened our resolve and deepened our faith in the work we do. The journey has never been easy, but it has always been meaningful.

The year began with several ongoing infrastructure projects. Thanks to the generous support of our benefactors and well-wishers, we completed the renovation of our guest house and gazebo, upgraded the bathrooms at Sabin Home, and painted the Sabin buildings and stage. We also successfully carried out full interior and exterior painting at our Chennai centre, giving the space a much-needed renewal.

Natural calamities, which have long been a recurring theme in our lives, did not spare us this year either. Yet, as always, these trials brought forth an opportunity to give selflessly. During the devastating floods, our Community Rehabilitation Service reached more than 200 families across 24 villages, offering relief, care, and dignity to those most affected.

A landmark event this year was the celebration of our Golden Jubilee and Founder's Day. We had the honour of recognising the tireless efforts of our staff from all three centres. A cherished highlight was the release of our commemorative journey book, "*A Leaf in the Stream*," by the founder couple's son, Mr. Chetan Prasad. This publication is not merely a record but a heartfelt tribute to the enduring vision that has guided us for five decades. In memory of our beloved founder, we also launched a new project—the installation of a Solar Water Pump, inaugurated by the renowned Mr. Amit Sachdeva, widely respected as the "CSR Man of India." His presence added immense value to the occasion and reminded us of the power of socially conscious leadership.

The new financial year began on an uplifting note with the celebration of World Autism Day at all our centres. We were overjoyed to welcome back our children—many of whom were new admissions—and felt a renewed sense of purpose. The trust and confidence placed in us by children, parents, and society at large has only strengthened our commitment to provide a life of dignity and opportunity for those we serve.

Our ongoing work and impact were recognised by prestigious organisations including ASSOCHAM Southern Region, TALENT VALUE Media Pvt Ltd, and RBL Bank—acknowledgements that we hold with deep appreciation.



Educational enrichment remained a core focus. Various educational tours were organised across our centres, offering our students broader perspectives and new experiences. In the agricultural sector, we had a fruitful paddy harvest, though unpredictable weather hampered vegetable production. However, our coconut and mango groves flourished following dedicated maintenance efforts. Driven by a desire to expand our outreach, we extended vital services to 24 remote villages, providing physiotherapy and dental/oral screenings. We are especially proud of the assistance offered to children and adults with disabilities—efforts that speak to the very soul of our mission.

Our work would not be possible without the enduring support of our friends, donors, and partners. We were privileged to host Mr. Robert and Mrs. MaryAnn Parsons, and Mr. Matt and Mrs. Karen Parsons—second cousins of Mr. Gary Sabin—whose visit was a touching reminder of our global community. We were equally honoured by visits from Mr. Amit Sachdeva, Mr. A. Joseph Xavier (Retired Assistant Director, Office of the Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Abled), and Mr. Joseph D. Ravi (Retired District Disabled Rehabilitation Officer).

Our work would not be possible without the enduring support of our friends, donors, and partners across the globe. We are deeply grateful to the **Sabin Foundation**, and to **Mr. Gary and Mrs. Valerie Sabin**, whose steadfast commitment continues to guide and sustain us. We are equally thankful to **Mr. Eric Otteson**, **A Brighter Path** led by **Mr. Alex and Mrs. Pamela Martinez** whose legacy of generosity lives on. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Mr. and Mrs. William P. Benac**, **Mr. Bill Benac Jr.**, **Mr. Tim Fewkes and family**, **Mr. BJ Butel**, and **Mr. Jean-Luc Butel** for their continued support and belief in our cause. The dedicated contributions of **Kinderhilfe-Drawing & Sponsorship Emmaus**, **Mr. Kirsten & Keyne Monson** and **Jim & Karen Dodsall** have made an extraordinary impact, helping us reach more lives in need. We are also especially thankful to **Mr. Shant Jain**, Trustee, for overseeing the farm and school unit renovations with remarkable dedication and without any remuneration. His selfless service is a shining example of the spirit that defines our journey.

Our sincere thanks also extend to the Government of Tamil Nadu, including the districts of Chennai and Chengalpattu, and the Government of India, whose grants and collaboration have been invaluable in expanding and sustaining our initiatives.

Finally, to our devoted staff—we acknowledge your tireless efforts, your commitment, and your compassion. You are the heart of this organisation, and through your service, we continue to bring light to many lives. As a member of the editorial board, I hope that this report serves not only as a record of our year but as a source of inspiration. We move forward with gratitude in our hearts and a steadfast resolve to continue serving the most vulnerable with dignity, compassion, and hope.

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

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

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

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

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



RECOGNITION AND GRANT-IN-AID

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

REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION

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

The details of each registration is given below

❖ CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- CHENNAI

Recognised by **Commissioner For Welfare Of The Differently Abled**, Chennai As Special School Cum Vocational Training Centre For The Intellectual Disabled For The Period **07.04.2023 To 06.04.2026**

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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, as an institution for the persons with Disabilities vide Regn. No. 315/2024 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 01.07.2024 TO 07.03.2027**



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

This Certificate of Registration renewal is awarded to – **PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME**, (Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust) No:1 A.D.S.N Prasad Street, Agili Village, Sendivakkam Post, Via Sothupakkam, Maduranthakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District - 603319 of Tamil Nadu as an institution for children in need of care and protection vide SI.No.1654/DSD/JJR/CHE/2025 under section 41(1) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, therein valid from **08.05.2024 to 08.05.2030**

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

This Certificate of Recognition renewal is awarded to – **PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL CHILDREN'S HOME**, (Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust) No:1 A.D.S.N Prasad Street, Agili Village, Sendivakkam Post, Via Sothupakkam, Maduranthakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District - 603319 of Tamil Nadu -Proceedings of the Joint Director, Directorate of Private Schools No. 300006585 dated 28.05.2025. Grant of renewal of Recognition from LKG TO X grade for the period from **01.07.2024 to 30 .06.2027**

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION (UNDER SECTION 12 (4) OF THE ACT)**
REGISTRATION NO. TDRD16513235267

PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABLED 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

IN EVERY SOUL A SEED OF STRENGTH

Pathway was founded 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, recognized a profound gap in the care and rehabilitation of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Determined to make a difference, he laid the foundation for what would become a pioneering effort in inclusive care and education. From these modest beginnings, Pathway has grown into a beacon of hope, serving more than 41,950 children and adults through a city-based center and two rural agricultural facilities. At the heart of Pathway is Dr. Prasad's guiding belief:

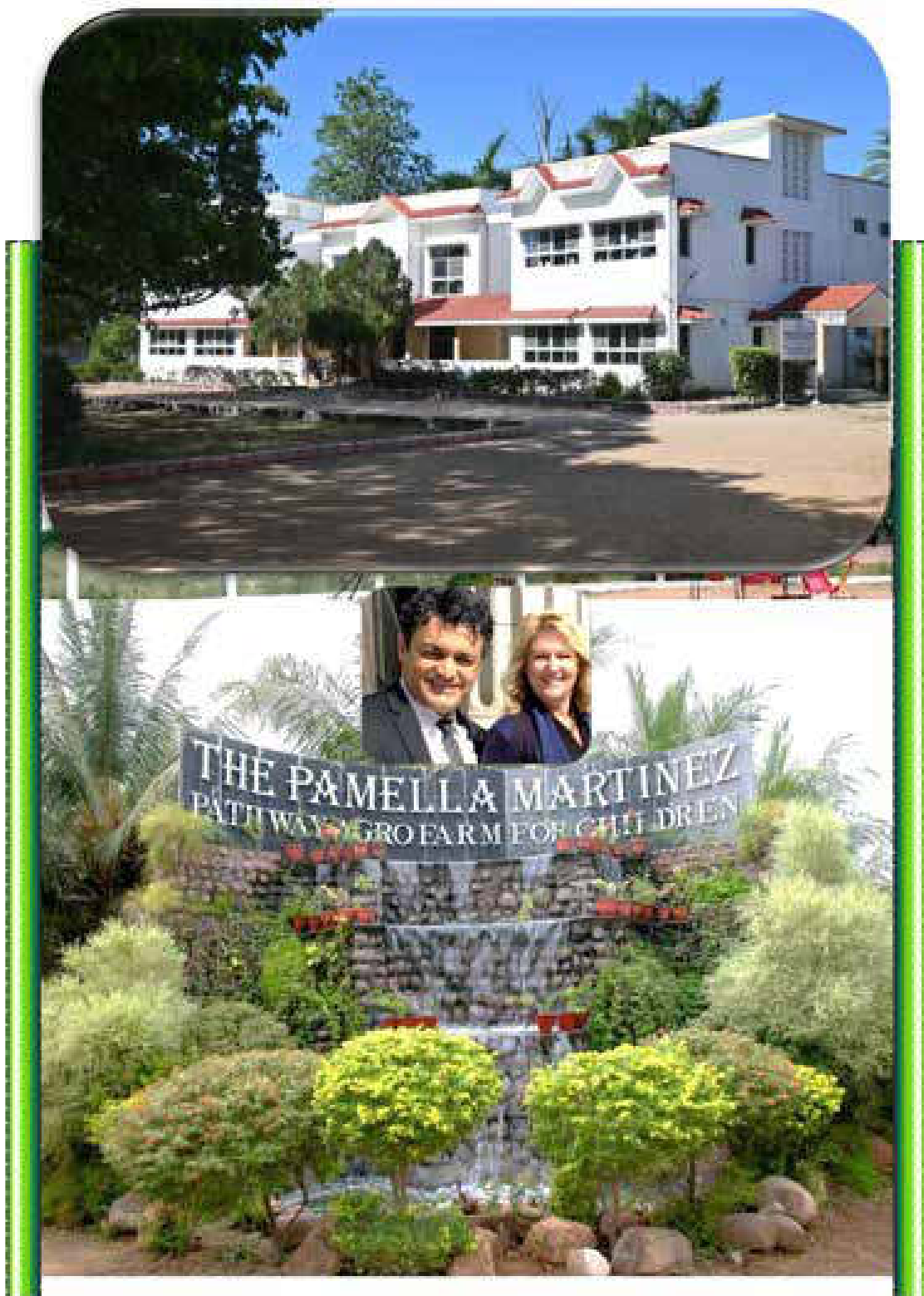


“EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL AND LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT, REGARDLESS OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS.”

Pathway is a voluntary, charitable, nonprofit, and non-governmental organization. It is committed to serving all individuals—without discrimination of religion, caste, creed, or background—with compassion, respect, and equity.



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.



INSPECTION BY DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER MR. SELVAGANESAN FOR SCHOOL RECOGNITION RENEWAL

On April 4, 2024, District Educational Officer for Private Schools, Mr. Selvaganesan, conducted an inspection for the renewal of school recognition. He thoroughly reviewed all school records, including admission registers and students' progress reports. He visited all classrooms and interacted with students, gaining insights into their learning environment.

Mr. Selvaganesan also held discussions with the teaching staff and expressed his satisfaction with the maintenance of records. He appreciated that all records and registers were neatly updated in compliance with government rules and regulations.

In his report, he commended the school for its well-maintained records and overall management. Consequently, he sanctioned the school's recognition for the period of 2024 to 2027.



WORLD EARTH DAY 2024 *THEME: "PLANET VS. PLASTICS"*

On April 22, 2024, Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home joined the global community in observing World Earth Day, an annual event dedicated to promoting environmental awareness and action.

The theme for this year, "Planet vs. Plastics," focused on the urgent need to combat the growing crisis of plastic pollution and emphasized the importance of reducing our dependence on single-use plastics.

The celebration was marked by a range of activities that encouraged students to engage thoughtfully with the day's theme and reflect on their role in protecting the planet. The day began with an art competition, where students expressed their creativity and concern for the Earth through vivid drawings. Their artwork conveyed powerful messages about the dangers of plastic waste and the importance of sustainable practices. The winners were applauded for their artistic excellence and

for raising awareness through their visuals.

To further amplify the message of Earth Day, a rally was organized within and around the school campus. With placards, chants, and slogans, the students spread the message of environmental





conservation, urging the community to take responsibility for reducing pollution and protecting natural resources.

The event continued with a series of performances by students. Sabarinathan of Class VIII delivered a compelling speech, eloquently describing the origins of Earth Day, its global significance, and the responsibility each person carries in combating climate change and plastic pollution. This was followed by a meaningful skit presented by Class VII students, which emphasized the critical role trees play in maintaining ecological balance. Their performance

highlighted the consequences of deforestation and the urgent need for afforestation.

Adding an educational dimension to the event, Goverthini from Class VIII presented an informative talk on the planets and shared practical pollution control methods. Her presentation not only deepened the audience's understanding of planetary science but also emphasized simple, actionable ways individuals can contribute to a healthier planet. A poignant mime performance by the boys of Class VII left a strong impact on the audience. Without uttering a word, their expressive portrayal of environmental destruction and the human role in pollution conveyed the message with emotion and clarity. The silence of the mime echoed louder than words, urging all to reflect on their actions.

The day's program culminated with a solemn and inspiring Earth Day pledge, led by the school's dedicated science teacher, Ms. Subathra. Students and staff stood together to commit themselves to protecting the Earth—vowing to reduce waste, conserve water and energy, and spread awareness in their communities.





To add an element of creativity and fun, the school also hosted a fancy dress competition, where young students dressed up as various natural elements such as trees, rivers, animals, and celestial bodies. This colorful display served as a joyful reminder of the beauty and diversity of the Earth, and the need to preserve it.



World Earth Day is more than just a date on the calendar; it is a call to action. Established in 1970, Earth Day is now celebrated in over 190 countries and by more than a billion people each year. The 2024 theme, "Planet vs. Plastics," is a global appeal to reduce the production and consumption of plastic, recognizing its devastating impact on oceans, wildlife, and human health. At Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home, the celebration of Earth Day was not just an event but a reaffirmation of the school's commitment to environmental education and stewardship. The participation of students across all levels, their enthusiasm, and the thoughtfulness of their contributions reflected the values of responsibility, creativity, and community spirit. As the students pledged to safeguard the Earth, the message was clear:

Every day is Earth Day, and it is the duty of every individual—young and old—to protect our planet. With education, awareness, and action, a cleaner and greener future is within reach.

WORLD BICYCLE DAY



Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School proudly organized a vibrant and educational event on June 3rd to celebrate *World Bicycle Day*. This global day, designated by the United Nations, recognizes the bicycle as a simple, affordable,

clean, and sustainable means of transport, contributing to personal health and environmental well-being.





To honor the occasion, the school hosted a Bicycle Day Awareness Program that included a poster creation activity, allowing students to visually express the importance of cycling in everyday life. The event aimed to inspire eco-conscious thinking and promote healthier lifestyle choices among young learners.

Students across different classes enthusiastically participated, creating colorful and thought-provoking posters with themes such as:

- Cycling for better health
- Bicycles as eco-friendly transport
- Sustainable living through cycling
- Freedom and fun on two wheels

The children poured their creativity and awareness into their work, reflecting a strong understanding of how bicycles contribute to cleaner cities and active lifestyles.

“Riding a bicycle every day keeps me strong and happy. It’s also better for the Earth because it

doesn’t make smoke like cars,” - student.

“I drew a poster showing a bicycle helping the planet breathe. I want more people to ride bikes instead of using cars for short trips,” - student.

The school principal commended all the participants for their imaginative contributions and announced winners based on creativity and concept clarity. The best posters were awarded certificates and prizes, which brought smiles and encouragement to the budding artists.





“It was amazing to see how much our students already understood about sustainability and health. Their enthusiasm truly brought the spirit of World Bicycle Day alive,” said the Principal.



The event not only highlighted the environmental and health benefits of cycling but also empowered students to advocate for a cleaner, greener future. The celebration of World Bicycle Day at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School left a lasting impression, reinforcing that small actions—like riding a bicycle—can lead to big changes.

SCHOOL REOPENING

After the refreshing summer holidays, Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children’s Home joyfully reopened its doors on June 10, 2024, marking the beginning of the academic year 2024–2025. The reopening followed the directives of the Tamil Nadu Educational Department and was celebrated with warmth, enthusiasm, and cultural pride.

The first day of school was not just a return to classes, but a festive occasion filled with cheer and a sense of new beginnings. The school campus was beautifully decorated, creating a welcoming and celebratory atmosphere for the returning students. The children, dressed in bright and colorful attire, arrived with radiant smiles, eager to reconnect with their teachers and friends after the summer break. The celebration began with a traditional Tamil welcome, reflecting the state’s rich cultural heritage. The school resounded with the auspicious strains of Mangala Isai, setting a divine and joyful tone for the new academic year. Teachers and staff greeted each student with warmth, reinforcing the school’s nurturing and inclusive environment.

To ensure that every child began the year on the right note, the school organized the distribution of notebooks, textbooks, and essential stationery





items. This thoughtful preparation provided a smooth and confident start for all students, supporting their academic journey from the very first day.

The reopening day was marked by vibrant celebrations, positive energy, and renewed motivation. It served as a reminder of the school's commitment not only to academic excellence but also to holistic development, cultural appreciation, and student well-being. As we step into the new academic year, Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home looks forward to a year of learning, growth, and joyful experiences, with students at the heart of every endeavour.

WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY 2024



On June 14, 2024, our school joined the international community in observing World Blood Donor Day with heartfelt gratitude and enthusiasm. This year marked the 20th anniversary of the event, celebrated under the theme, "20 Years of Celebrating Giving: Thank You Blood Donors!" The theme served a dual purpose — expressing sincere appreciation for voluntary blood donors and emphasizing the importance of regular, life-saving blood donations.

The event at our school was designed not only to celebrate but also to educate and inspire. The day began with a warm welcome address by our dedicated Science Club teacher, Ms. Subathra, who set the tone for the program by underlining the significance of the day and the value of community participation in such humanitarian causes.

One of the highlights of the celebration was a thought-provoking skit performed by our students. With sensitivity and clarity, they conveyed the life-saving importance of blood donation, explained who can donate, and tackled common misconceptions surrounding blood donation. Their performance reflected not only their growing understanding of health issues but also their ability to communicate important messages through drama and storytelling.

Further enriching the event, Goverthhini, one of our talented students, shared essential rules and eligibility criteria for blood donation, educating her peers on the science and responsibility behind this vital act. Her presentation helped simplify complex health information in a relatable and age-appropriate manner.



In the spirit of creativity and advocacy, our students also participated in a poster-making activity. Their colorful and impactful artwork reflected the theme of giving and the importance of being a hero through something as simple, yet powerful, as donating blood. These posters were displayed around the campus to spread awareness beyond the event.



In his closing remarks, our Principal addressed the gathering and highlighted several key points — the need for blood donations, the different blood types, and the crucial role of blood banks in saving lives during emergencies. He also took the opportunity to thank Dr. Chandra Prasad, our esteemed Pathway Director, for his visionary leadership and for establishing a fully equipped medical clinic on our campus. This facility, complete with professional medical staff, ensures the health and well-being of all our students.

The principal also expressed deep gratitude to all voluntary blood donors whose quiet acts of service make an enormous difference every day. Their contributions are often unseen, but they are fundamental to healthcare systems across the world.

This celebration of World Blood Donor Day was a memorable and meaningful event. It not only honored the selfless contributions of blood donors but also inspired a new generation to embrace a spirit of compassion, responsibility, and civic engagement. We are proud of our students for their enthusiasm, awareness, and creativity in promoting such a critical cause. Let us remember that every drop counts, and each act of giving has the power to save a life.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2024



On June 5, 2024, our school joined millions around the world in celebrating World Environment Day, the United Nations' principal platform for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment. Held annually since 1973, this day has become a global movement that inspires communities to take proactive steps toward environmental sustainability.

This year's theme, "Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration," focused on land restoration, tackling desertification, and improving drought resilience — issues that are becoming increasingly urgent in the face of climate change and unsustainable land use practices. Hosted globally by Saudi Arabia in 2024, the campaign called for immediate action to restore ecosystems,



ensure food security, and build a resilient future.

At our school, the event was observed with a strong sense of purpose and participation across all age groups. Under the leadership of Ms. Subathra, our dedicated Science Club in-charge, the students presented a meaningful awareness skit that emphasized the vital role of healthy land in sustaining life, the causes of land degradation, and the long-term consequences of inaction. Through storytelling and dramatization, they helped their peers understand the urgency of environmental conservation and the role youth can play in reversing ecological damage.



Complementing the performance, our primary school students demonstrated their creativity and environmental awareness through a poster and drawing exhibition. Their artwork addressed a variety of pressing ecological issues, including plant conservation, saving the Earth, promoting green environments, reducing plastic usage, combating pollution, and conserving water resources. Their colorful creations served as powerful visual statements and were displayed around the campus to inspire others.

To translate awareness into action, our Principal encouraged each student to plant a tree at home as a personal contribution to environmental restoration. The symbolic act of planting a tree connects young minds with nature and reinforces their responsibility in nurturing the Earth.



In his address, the Principal also reminded students of the importance of maintaining a sustainable lifestyle — from reducing waste and reusing materials to conserving water and energy. He further expressed deep appreciation for Dr. Chandra Prasad, our esteemed General Secretary and Co-founder, whose foresight and leadership have gifted the school with a vibrant green campus that serves both as a space for learning and an example of living in harmony with nature. World Environment Day is not just a commemoration — it is a call to action. According to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), up to 40% of the Earth's land is degraded, directly affecting half of the world's population and threatening global food and water security. The 2024 campaign underscores the fact that restoration is not only possible but necessary — and the time to act is now.

By actively participating in World Environment Day, the students reaffirmed their role as future custodians of the planet. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and understanding of environmental challenges reflect the very essence of this year's campaign — “We are #GenerationRestoration.” Together, let us continue to plant seeds of change and nurture a world where nature and humanity thrive in balance. Because protecting our planet today ensures a future for generations to come.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

On June 21, 2024, the campus of Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home came alive with





United Nations in 2014. It is observed on June 21st, a date that marks the summer solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. This day was chosen because of its symbolic significance and spiritual importance in many cultures. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness about the many advantages of practicing yoga and to encourage people from all walks of life to embrace it as a part of their daily routine.

Yoga is more than just physical

energy and purpose as students and staff gathered to celebrate International Yoga Day. The event was marked by joy, unity, and a deep appreciation for the ancient practice of yoga, which continues to offer countless physical, mental, and emotional benefits to people all around the world.

International Yoga Day was first proposed by India and endorsed by the



exercise; it is a holistic discipline that originated in ancient India and combines body, mind, and spirit. Its techniques include asanas (postures), pranayama (breathing exercises), and dhyana (meditation), all aimed at achieving harmony and balance in life.

Our celebration began with a warm welcome by Deepika, setting a cheerful tone for the morning. The event was officially inaugurated by our Principal, who delivered an inspiring speech on the relevance of yoga in today's fast-paced world. He emphasized how yoga contributes to both physical well-being and mental clarity, helping students



cope with academic stress and remain focused in their studies. His words reminded us that yoga is not just for adults, but an essential life skill that children can benefit from right from a young age.

The celebration was further enriched by student participation. Kanishka, a student from Grade 8, eloquently shared the history and importance of yoga, explaining how it fosters self-discipline, mindfulness, and inner peace. Following her, Subishka recited a touching poem that beautifully captured the spirit of Yoga Day, highlighting its power to bring calmness, strength, and joy to our lives. Kaniamuthan gave an engaging explanation of the different types of yoga—including Hatha Yoga, Raja Yoga, and Bhakti Yoga—offering the audience a glimpse into the diversity and depth of this ancient science.



The highlight of the event was the enthusiastic demonstration of yoga asanas by our students from Grades 3 and 4. Their confident and synchronized movements impressed everyone and inspired other students and teachers to join in. Adding a creative twist to the session, girls from Grades 4 and 5 performed yoga poses to the rhythm of gentle music, blending grace and concentration in a mesmerizing display.



Yoga is a time-tested tool for building physical strength, improving flexibility, and boosting immunity. For children, regular yoga practice can improve posture, concentration, and emotional regulation. It reduces anxiety and fosters a sense of inner calm. On a broader scale, yoga encourages a healthier lifestyle, promoting values such as discipline, patience, and harmony with others.

Scientific studies have shown that yoga can help reduce stress, manage chronic conditions like asthma and diabetes, and even enhance academic performance through improved focus and memory. It is an inclusive practice that can be adapted to suit people of all ages and fitness levels.



This joyful event would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of Mrs. Kalpana and Mrs. Avilamary, who organized the celebration on behalf of the Tamil Club. Their planning and commitment ensured a meaningful experience for all participants. As we reflect on the success of this year's International Yoga Day celebration, we are reminded of the importance of integrating yoga into our daily lives—not just as a once-a-year activity, but as a lifelong practice for health, balance, and happiness. Let us all take a step forward in nurturing our well-being and embrace yoga as a powerful ally on our journey through life.

FREE TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION EMPOWERING EDUCATION, ONE BOOK AT A TIME

Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School joyfully organized a Free Textbook Distribution Program for students of all classes, an initiative fully sponsored and supported by our own Dr. D. M. C. Trust. This generous gesture reflects the Trust's deep commitment to quality education and the empowerment of young minds.

Students from Kindergarten to Xth Grade received textbooks for Tamil, English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science—free of cost. The event ensured that every child stepped into the new academic year with confidence, equality, and the tools they need to succeed. The bright, new textbooks brought smiles to the faces of children and a renewed enthusiasm for learning.



"I feel proud to have new books. Thank you to our school and the Trust for thinking of us," said Anjali M., a Grade 5 student.

"These books will help me do my best in class. I'm excited to learn more," added Praveen D., a Grade 6 student.



The school management extended sincere thanks to Dr. D. M. C. Trust for their continued dedication to uplifting students through meaningful educational support. “This initiative is more than distribution—it is a gift of opportunity. The Trust’s vision of accessible, quality education is making a real difference in the lives of our students,” The event concluded with a strong message: when a community invests in its children, it builds a better, brighter future for all.

INTERNATIONAL DOCTORS’ DAY CELEBRATION

We proudly celebrated International Doctors’ Day on July 1, 2024, with deep respect and heartfelt gratitude. The occasion honored the dedication and invaluable service of medical professionals who play a vital role in safeguarding the health and well-being of society.

As part of the celebration, students enthusiastically created handmade greeting cards expressing their appreciation for doctors, dentists, physiotherapists, nurses, and paramedical staff. Each card reflected



genuine admiration for the tireless work of healthcare heroes.

To make the day truly memorable, the school welcomed respected medical professionals from the local community:

- Dr. Dinesh, MBBS – Senior General Physician with years of medical service.
- Dr Gayathri V, BDS – Dental Surgeon known for her patient care and outreach programs.



- Mr Karthikeyan and Mr Shakti Mahendran, BPT Physiotherapists dedicated to improving mobility and quality of life for children.
- Ms. Nishathi – Senior Nurse recognized for her compassion and frontline service during health emergencies.

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Each guest was warmly received by staff and students and honored with a round of applause, a handmade greeting card, and a small token of appreciation. Their presence inspired students and offered a powerful example of selfless service.

The cultural highlight of the event included:

- A mime performance by students showcasing the sacrifices and challenges faced by doctors.
- A skit titled “The Healing Hands” that depicted real-life scenarios of doctors responding with compassion and commitment.

“Doctors help us every day. They are always ready to save lives. Today we say thank you,” said Kavya

The celebration concluded with an address by the School Principal, Mr. Annadurai, who expressed his deep appreciation for the medical professionals and the efforts of the students.

“Doctors are the protectors of life. This celebration is not just a tribute—it’s a lesson in gratitude and service for our students,” he said.

The event ended with cheers, smiles, and a collective salute to all those in the medical field. Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School stands proud in honoring the unsung heroes of our community on this special day.



POPULATION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



inform students about the complexities of overpopulation but also to encourage them to think critically about potential solutions for a sustainable future. Through creative activities such as

In an era where global challenges such as overpopulation are becoming increasingly urgent, it is essential to raise awareness and engage young minds in discussions about sustainable development. Recognizing this, our School organized a comprehensive Population Awareness Campaign to educate students about the detrimental impacts of rising population numbers in India and around the world. The campaign was designed not only to

pamphlet distribution, poster-making, and community outreach, the campaign successfully highlighted the pressing issues associated with overpopulation, while also fostering a sense of responsibility among students.

The campaign centered on four key aspects: the impact of overpopulation on natural resources, employment, living conditions, and environmental sustainability. Each of these areas was explored through various activities and discussions that encouraged students to engage with the issue from multiple perspectives. By actively participating in these efforts, students not only gained valuable knowledge but also contributed to raising awareness among their peers, teachers, and the local community.

The core objective of the campaign was to make students aware of the multifaceted consequences of overpopulation. Overpopulation places immense pressure on natural resources such as water, food, and energy. The school's activities highlighted how rapid population growth leads to the depletion of these finite resources, making it increasingly difficult to ensure equitable access for all people. Students learned about the challenges of resource management and how unsustainable consumption patterns could lead to scarcity, ultimately affecting the most vulnerable populations. Through research projects and discussions, students also explored sustainable practices, such as conservation and the adoption of renewable energy sources, to mitigate these effects.

One of the most pressing issues caused by overpopulation is the strain it places on employment opportunities. As the population grows, more people enter the job market, which can result in higher unemployment rates and increased competition for limited jobs. In countries like India, where the population continues to rise at an exponential rate, the need for job creation becomes even more urgent. The students discussed the economic implications of overpopulation, including how it could lead to a widening gap between the rich and the poor, and explored solutions such as skill development, vocational training, and policy changes to promote sustainable economic growth.





The campaign also focused on how overpopulation affects living conditions. Urbanization driven by population growth often leads to overcrowded cities with insufficient housing, poor sanitation, and inadequate access to healthcare. Students explored how overpopulation contributes to slums and

informal settlements, which are characterized by poor infrastructure and lack of basic amenities. Through discussions and creative exercises, students learned about the importance of sustainable urban development—the need for well-planned cities that can support growing populations while ensuring a high standard of living for everyone. This concept was reinforced through poster-making and creative drawings, where students illustrated the negative impacts of overcrowding on urban life. Another significant area of focus was environmental sustainability. Overpopulation leads to environmental degradation in several ways. The demand for more land, water, and resources often results in deforestation, pollution, and climate change. Students discussed how rapid population growth exacerbates these issues, and they were encouraged to think about how we can reduce our environmental footprint through responsible consumption and lifestyle choices. This topic resonated strongly with the students, many of whom expressed a keen interest in environmental conservation and the importance of sustainable practices to mitigate the effects of overpopulation.

A key component of the campaign was to inspire critical thinking and challenge students to come up with innovative solutions for addressing overpopulation. To promote this, students were tasked with writing reflections and engaging in group discussions about potential strategies to control population growth and its impacts. The students came up with several thoughtful proposals that reflected their understanding of the issue. One of the most common solutions proposed by the students was the promotion of family planning programs. Many students emphasized the importance of education—particularly for women—as a tool for reducing birth rates. Educated women are more likely to have smaller families and are better equipped to make informed decisions about their reproductive health. The students recognized that empowering women through education and access to family planning services could lead to a more sustainable population growth rate, ultimately benefiting families and communities as a whole.

Additionally, students advocated for improved healthcare access, particularly for reproductive health services. They argued that providing wider access to contraception, maternal healthcare, and family planning resources would help manage population growth, particularly in regions where these services are scarce. The students also acknowledged that comprehensive sex education and awareness programs could play a crucial role in reducing unintended pregnancies. The idea of sustainable urban planning was another prominent solution. As populations grow, cities





must evolve to accommodate larger populations without sacrificing environmental sustainability. The students discussed the importance of developing cities with green infrastructure, public transportation, and affordable housing. By incorporating sustainable practices into urban design, cities could



better handle population growth while maintaining a balance with nature. Furthermore, the students discussed the role of government policies in managing population growth. Some students suggested that governments could incentivize smaller families through tax breaks or other measures, while others argued for more robust social welfare programs to support families in need. They also called for stronger international cooperation to address the global implications of population growth, recognizing that overpopulation is a worldwide issue that requires coordinated efforts at both the national and international levels.

The Population Awareness Campaign not only succeeded in educating students but also reached the broader school community. Through their involvement in activities such as pamphlet distribution and poster-making, students were able to spread their newfound knowledge to teachers, parents, and local residents. This outreach extended the campaign's impact beyond the classroom, fostering a wider conversation about the challenges of overpopulation and the importance of sustainable development. The campaign also encouraged students to reflect on their own roles in addressing overpopulation. By participating in creative activities and proposing solutions, students gained a deeper understanding of the issue and were motivated to take responsibility for the future. The campaign served as a platform for students to develop leadership and communication skills, as they were tasked with presenting their ideas and advocating for change.

The Population Awareness Campaign at our campus was an impactful and insightful initiative that not only educated students about the consequences of overpopulation but also empowered them to think critically about sustainable solutions. Through engaging activities and discussions, students learned about the challenges posed by rising population numbers, including the strain on resources, employment, living conditions, and the environment. By developing their own solutions and spreading awareness in their community, students demonstrated their commitment to addressing global challenges and promoting sustainable development. This campaign highlighted the importance of education in tackling complex global issues and emphasized the role of young people



in shaping the future. By fostering critical thinking, creativity, and community engagement, the Population Awareness Campaign has contributed to a broader understanding of overpopulation and inspired students to become proactive in advocating for a more sustainable world.



GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION



On the evening of July 19, 2024, Pathway marked a momentous occasion—its Golden Jubilee—celebrating fifty years of unwavering commitment to the service of children and communities in need. The grand opening ceremony began at 5 p.m. with the traditional lighting of the *Kuthu Vilakku*, a symbolic ritual invoking blessings for the event and Pathway’s continued journey. The presence of esteemed dignitaries—Mr. Chetan Prasad, Mr. Tim Fewkes, Mr. William P. Benac Jr, Mr. Keyne Monson, and Mrs. Chandra Madam—lent grace and significance to this solemn moment.



Honoring the Journey

Dr. Chandra Prasad, co-founder and director of Pathway, delivered a heartfelt welcome address that reflected on the organization’s five-decade journey. She spoke of the many challenges faced,



the victories achieved, and the invaluable support received from patrons, alumni, and staff. In recognition of their dedication and contributions, the dignitaries were honored with garlands—an expression of gratitude that set a warm and respectful tone for the evening.

Launch of "A Leaf in the Stream"

One of the evening's most significant highlights was the release of *A Leaf in the Stream*, authored by Mr. Chetan Prasad. This book encapsulates Pathway's rich history, its values, and the lives it has



transformed over the past 50 years. The audience received the book with enthusiastic applause, acknowledging it as both a literary tribute and a symbol of Pathway's enduring legacy.

Cultural Celebrations and Artistic Expressions

Children from all three Pathway centers captivated the audience with a vibrant cultural program. The performances, which included traditional dances, skits, and songs, not only entertained but also showcased the creative development nurtured within



Pathway's holistic educational environment.

A video presentation titled *Our Life, Our Work* followed the cultural events. This short but powerful film captured the essence of Pathway's mission—highlighting student stories, lifelong connections, and the transformative impact of the institution. It was a poignant reminder of the organization's role as a beacon of hope and empowerment.

Showcasing Vocational Skills

At the venue's swimming pool area, vocational products crafted by the students were displayed. These included handcrafted items and intricately made nativity sets, demonstrating the skills and dedication fostered by Pathway's training programs. Many visitors purchased these items, contributing to a fundraiser that supports the organization's ongoing initiatives.





A Celebration of Community

Beyond the formalities, the Golden Jubilee was a heartfelt gathering of people connected by a shared mission. Staff, children, alumni, and guests came together to celebrate a legacy built on compassion and commitment. This communal spirit reinforced the idea that Pathway's success is not only measured by milestones but by the people who have helped shape its story.

The evening concluded with a dinner, bringing everyone together in a spirit of fellowship and unity. Conversations, laughter, and shared memories made it a fitting close to an evening that honored the past while looking forward to the future.



Student Recognition and Future Promise

Further celebrations took place on July 29, 2024, when two students were recognized and awarded Tab Phones by the Collector of Chennai, as part of an AWAAZ initiative. Representing the school, Mrs. Jayaseeli accepted the devices on the children's behalf. This gesture symbolized a commitment to education and a recognition of the students' efforts and perseverance.



A Global Circle of Support

A notable aspect of the Golden Jubilee was the presence of overseas patrons, alumni, and beneficiaries. Their participation underscored Pathway's global reach and the lasting bonds it has forged over the decades. The celebration acknowledged their continued support with deep appreciation, recognizing the international community that has helped sustain Pathway's vision.



A Leaf in the Stream: A Chronicle of Hope and Transformation

Released as part of the Jubilee celebrations, *A Leaf in the Stream* is more than a commemorative publication—it is a living testament to the power of compassion, resilience, and community. The title itself is rich in symbolism, reflecting the journey of individuals carried by the currents of life. It suggests both vulnerability and strength, and it eloquently captures the role Pathway plays in guiding and uplifting children.

Core Themes and Content

The book explores several key dimensions of Pathway's journey:

1. **Founding Vision:** It begins with the story of Pathway's humble origins, detailing the vision and determination of its founders, especially Dr. Chandra Prasad. From these early challenges emerged an organization that would become a sanctuary of hope for thousands of children.



2. **Personal Narratives:** The book includes moving stories and testimonials from students, alumni, and staff. These firsthand accounts paint a vivid picture of Pathway's life-changing impact—providing not just education and vocational skills, but also emotional support, dignity, and purpose.

3. **Milestones and Achievements:** A chronological journey through Pathway's growth,



the book highlights key achievements, such as the establishment of various centers, the evolution of programs, and partnerships that have broadened its scope and impact.

4. Community Engagement: It reflects on the broader influence Pathway has had—not only transforming individual lives, but also uplifting entire communities by fostering inclusion, empowerment, and solidarity.

5. Vision for the Future: Looking forward, the book outlines aspirations for further expansion and innovation. It envisions reaching more children, deepening community ties, and preparing future generations to face new challenges with confidence and courage.

The Symbolism of the Title

The title *A Leaf in the Stream* embodies a philosophy of resilience and growth. Just as a leaf is carried by the stream, each child journeys through life supported by the nurturing current of Pathway and its community. It is a reminder that even the most delicate beginnings can flourish when guided by compassion and care.

A Legacy Preserved

This book stands as a legacy document—not only of Pathway's institutional memory, but also of the countless individuals who have contributed to its cause. It honors the dedication of supporters, volunteers, and staff, preserving their efforts for future generations to draw inspiration from.

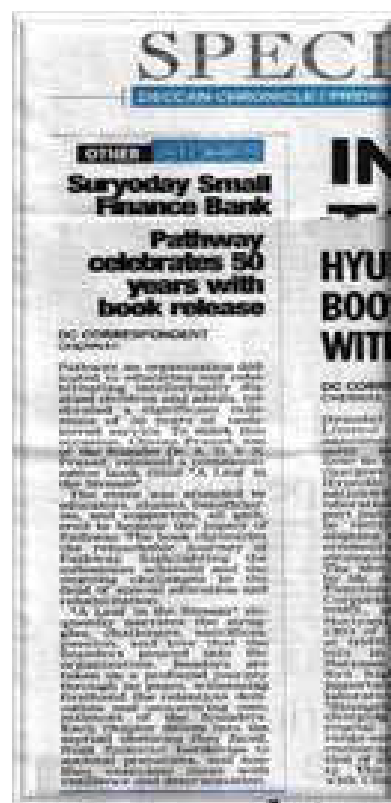




The response to the book was overwhelmingly positive. Attendees at the Jubilee were eager to receive copies, and it is expected to continue inspiring readers—whether they are new supporters or long-time allies of Pathway’s mission.

The Golden Jubilee of Pathway was more than a celebration; it was a reflection of a legacy built on compassion, vision, and unwavering dedication. From cultural performances and symbolic rituals to the launch of a landmark publication, the events of July 2024 captured the heart and soul of the organization.

As Pathway steps into the next chapter of its journey, it does so fortified by the love of its community, the strength of its past, and the promise of a brighter future for every child it serves. The Golden Jubilee was a celebration of history—but even more, it was a celebration of hope.





ASSOCHAM AND THE PRESTIGIOUS HR TRAILBLAZER AWARD



The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) is one of the country's most influential trade and industry organizations, playing a pivotal role in shaping economic policies and promoting sustainable business growth. Established in 1920, ASSOCHAM represents a vast network of

businesses, including large corporations, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and industry associations. It serves as a crucial bridge between the government and the private sector, advocating for business-friendly policies, fostering innovation, and promoting corporate social responsibility (CSR).

One of ASSOCHAM's key initiatives is recognizing excellence in various fields, including leadership, human resources, and social responsibility. Among its many prestigious honors, the ASSOCHAM Southern Region HR Trailblazer Award stands out as a symbol of exceptional commitment to human resource development, employee welfare, and community engagement. This award acknowledges individuals and organizations that go beyond business growth and actively contribute to the betterment of society through sustainable and ethical practices.

In 2024, this distinguished award was conferred upon Mrs. Chandra Prasad, our esteemed Director Madam, for her outstanding contributions to community engagement and social responsibility. The award ceremony took place on June 13, 2024, in Bangalore, where she was honored by the chief guest, Shri DINESH GUND RAO, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka. This recognition is a testament to her dedication to uplifting underprivileged communities, promoting education, and fostering social welfare initiatives.

Mrs. Chandra Prasad's leadership has been instrumental in driving initiatives that empower disadvantaged groups, particularly in the fields of education, women's empowerment, and child welfare. Through her vision, various programs have been implemented to provide quality education,

mentorship, and support to those in need. Her efforts in corporate social responsibility have not only transformed individual lives but have also contributed to the broader mission of societal development.

The HR Trailblazer Award highlights the importance of corporate responsibility in shaping a better future. It serves as an inspiration for organizations and leaders to go beyond business operations and make meaningful contributions to society. Mrs. Chandra Prasad's recognition in this category reflects her unwavering commitment to ethical leadership, community service, and social progress.

Receiving this award is not just a personal achievement for Mrs. Chandra Prasad but a proud moment for our entire organization. It reinforces our collective mission to continue working towards the betterment of society and creating opportunities for the less privileged. Her dedication and leadership serve as a guiding light, encouraging others to take responsibility for positive social change.

In conclusion, the ASSOCHAM Southern Region HR Trailblazer Award is a prestigious honor that celebrates excellence in community engagement and human resource development. Mrs. Chandra Prasad's remarkable contributions in these fields have earned her this well-deserved recognition. As we celebrate this achievement, we are reminded of the power of visionary leadership and the impact of social responsibility in building a more inclusive and sustainable world. Her award is not just a recognition of past efforts but a motivation for continued service and innovation in the realm of social welfare.

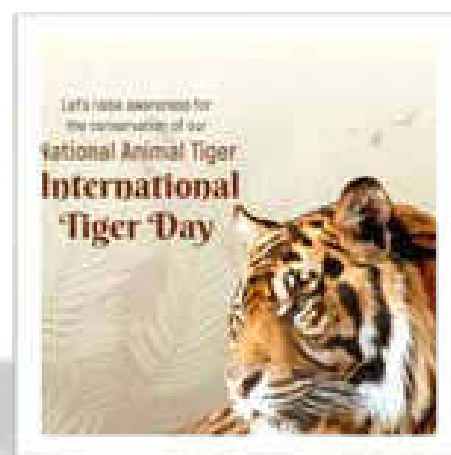
CELEBRATION OF WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY AND INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY

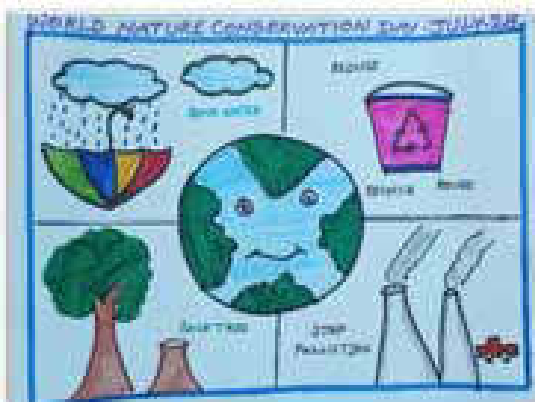


need to protect endangered species, particularly the majestic tiger—India's national animal.

The celebration began with a heartfelt welcome from Goverthini, setting a warm and inviting tone for the day. This was followed by a speech from Kaniyamuthan,

On July 29, students at our School celebrated both World Nature Conservation Day and International Tiger Day with an overwhelming display of enthusiasm and creativity. The event was a wonderful reflection of the students' commitment to understanding the importance of environmental conservation and the





a bright and passionate 5th-grade student, who spoke about the critical importance of saving nature. Kaniamuthan's address emphasized the theme for this year, **"Connecting People and Plants, Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation,"** which highlighted the role of modern technology in wildlife protection and conservation efforts. This theme also underscored the need for greater collaboration between humans and nature in protecting the biodiversity of our planet.

As the day unfolded, students participated in a variety of exciting and educational activities designed to spread awareness about nature conservation. One of the highlights was Jenila, who introduced a catchy slogan to promote the importance of protecting nature. The slogan served as both a reminder and a call to action, resonating with everyone present. Students also engaged in hands-on activities that helped them connect with nature on a deeper level. They interacted with plants and learned valuable lessons on how to prevent natural calamities, understanding how human activities affect the environment and contribute to natural disasters such as floods, droughts, and wildfires. These activities aimed to equip students with the knowledge to actively participate in nature conservation, both locally and globally.

In a playful yet educational twist, Mohanaprasad, Rohit, and Priyadarsan showcased their creativity by wearing tiger makeup, symbolizing the importance of this iconic species. Their fun-filled display brought joy and laughter to the event, while subtly reinforcing the theme of the day—the protection of wildlife, especially tigers. Thejaswin, another student, gave a detailed and fascinating presentation on tigers, sharing key data on their conservation and the current challenges they face in the wild. This segment was both informative and thought-provoking, shedding light on the urgent need to protect tigers, which are an endangered species due to habitat loss and poaching.

A particularly moving moment of the day was when Manobala captivated the audience with a heartfelt poem dedicated to Tiger Day. The poem beautifully encapsulated the reverence for the tiger as a symbol of strength, power, and the wild beauty of nature. It served as a poignant reminder of the significance of

preserving the habitats that allow tigers to thrive.



This year's theme for International Tiger Day, "Call for Action," was a clear call to arms for all those present to take immediate steps toward conservation. The theme emphasizes the urgency of the situation, urging communities, governments, and individuals to actively participate in conservation efforts and to protect the tiger and its habitats before it's too late.

The event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the school's Social Science teachers, Mrs. Santhi and Ms. Subathra, who meticulously organized and

coordinated the day's activities. Their passion for nature conservation and environmental education was evident in every aspect of the event. In his final address, the principal of the school expressed deep gratitude to the Pathway Director for creating a wonderful environment for students to learn and grow. The principal emphasized the importance of keeping our surroundings clean, understanding the issues related to pollution, and recognizing the vital role nature plays in sustaining life on Earth. In particular, the principal highlighted the tiger's cultural and ecological significance, stressing the importance of protecting this magnificent animal for future generations.

The celebration of World Nature Conservation Day and International Tiger Day was a resounding success. Through a combination of educational speeches, creative expressions, hands-on activities, and engaging presentations, the event not only raised awareness about nature conservation and wildlife protection but also inspired students to actively take part in preserving the planet's precious resources. The enthusiasm displayed by the students was a testament to the power of education in driving change, ensuring that the next generation is equipped with the knowledge and passion to protect our world and its inhabitants.



As the event concluded, the message was clear: we all have a role to play in conservation, and every action matters—whether it's protecting the tiger, supporting sustainable practices, or advocating for the preservation of our natural environment. The students left the event with renewed energy and a sense of responsibility, ready to be stewards of nature and guardians of the wildlife that share our planet.



THE TIMES OF INDIA PRINCIPAL CONCLAVE

On July 31, 2024, Principal Mr. Annadurai and coordinators Mrs. P. Malathi, Ms. E. Subathra, Ms. Divya, and Mrs. Niranjana from Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School attended The Times of India Principal Conclave at Taj Coromandel, Chennai. The event began with registration and networking, followed by a welcome address from The Times of India and opening remarks by CA Rajendra Kumar P, Member of the Central



Council, ICAI. The keynote address was delivered by Ms. S. Madumathi, IAS, Secretary, Department of School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, or the Director of School Education, highlighting the theme *“Transforming Indian Education: Policy, Innovation, and Opportunities for Collaboration.”* A special address by Ms. Arunima Mazumdar or Latha N, Director of SCERT, Tamil Nadu, focused on *“Reimagining Curriculum and Pedagogy: Vision for Future-Ready Education.”* A panel discussion on *“Shaping Tomorrow’s Education: Innovative Solutions for School Leaders and Management”* featured Dr. Sandeep Sancheti, Vice Chancellor of SRM University, Chitra Ravi of Chrysalis, Anand Surana of Surana Group of Schools, and other prominent educators. The Industry–Academia fireside chat by ICAI experts highlighted collaborations to equip students with relevant future-ready skills. Motivational speaker Simerjeet Singh’s session inspired educational leaders to drive positive change. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and networking lunch, providing valuable insights and strategies for enhancing education.

TD VACCINE ADMINISTRATION – VTH GRADE

On August 9, 2024, the Ramapuram Primary Health Centre medical team, in coordination with our school medical staff, Mrs. Nishanthi, administered the TD (Tetanus and Diphtheria) vaccine to all V Standard students who had completed 10 years of age.

The TD vaccine is a critical immunization that protects against two serious bacterial infections:

- Tetanus, also known as “lockjaw,” which affects the nervous system and can cause severe muscle spasms.
- Diphtheria, a respiratory disease that can lead to breathing problems, heart failure, and other complications.

This vaccination is part of the National Immunization Schedule and is recommended for children at the age of 10 to boost immunity developed from earlier childhood vaccinations.

The initiative was conducted under the guidance of the Tamil Nadu State Government’s Education and Health Departments, ensuring the continued health and safety of our students. We sincerely thank the health officials, school staff, students, and parents for their support in successfully completing this important health program.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

India's Independence Day, celebrated every year on the 15th of August, holds a place of immense pride and emotional significance for every Indian. It commemorates the historic moment in 1947 when the nation broke free from over two centuries of British colonial rule. The day is not just a reminder of past sacrifices, but also a celebration of India's rich cultural heritage, democratic ideals, and continuous progress. In 2024, as the country celebrated its 78th Independence Day, our School Centre marked the occasion with a vibrant and meaningful celebration that brought together students, staff, and the wider school community in a shared spirit of patriotism and unity.



The event was presided over by Dr. Chandra Prasad, Director and Co-founder of Pathway, who had the honor of hoisting the National Flag amidst the singing of the National Anthem. The flag hoisting



was followed by



a well-coordinated and disciplined march past by the students, which Dr. Chandra Prasad received and appreciated.

The venue was adorned with colorful decorations and vibrant Rangoli patterns created by the students, symbolizing India's rich cultural heritage and adding a festive charm to the occasion.

To mark the day, the students enthusiastically participated in a variety of cultural programs that included:



A patriotic group song by the Class V girls set the tone for the next performances, followed by a stirring poem on the dedication of freedom fighters recited by Goverthini of Class IX. The primary students gave a vibrant patriotic dance performance that captured the essence of India's cultural diversity. A powerful Tamil skit "Kodikathu Kumaran" was staged by Classes IV and V, portraying the courage of Kumaran who laid down his life to protect the national flag. In addition, a detailed drama on the life and struggles of V.O. Chidambaram Pillai depicted his role in challenging colonial trade through the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company, instilling in children the importance of self-reliance and courage. The girls of the middle and high school sections performed a graceful semi-classical dance in traditional South Indian attire, symbolizing India's cultural richness.



Adding color and charm to the event, the kindergarten students participated in a fancy-dress role play, portraying eminent leaders such as Gandhiji, Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose, Rani Lakshmibai, and Bhagat Singh, which delighted the audience and gave the youngest learners an

opportunity to understand the nation's history in a playful yet meaningful manner.

As a gesture of encouragement, prizes were awarded to students for their exceptional performances in Rangoli design, drawing, and skit presentations. These activities not only highlighted the students' creativity and talents but also deepened their understanding of India's rich history and values.

The school was honored by the presence of Mrs. Dhuli Patnaik, President of Pathway, and Mrs. Usha Rammohan, Trustee of Pathway, who delivered inspiring messages and extended their heartfelt wishes to all participants. Their support added warmth and significance to the day. The celebration concluded with a special festive meal for all children, creating a joyful and inclusive atmosphere that reflected the spirit of freedom, unity, and gratitude.





NATIONAL DEWORMING WEEK

National Deworming Week was successfully conducted at pur school, located in Agili Village, Ramapuram Block, Tiruvannamalai District. The initiative was carried out in alignment with the Tamil Nadu State Government and the Department of Health and Family Welfare, as part of a nationwide effort to combat parasitic worm infections among children.

The program was held on campus with the active support of the Ramapuram Primary Health Centre. The Health Inspector from Ramapuram and the Village Health Nurse of Agili visited the school to administer Albendazole tablets to all eligible students. Albendazole is a widely used, safe, and effective deworming medication aimed at eliminating intestinal parasites that can negatively impact children's physical health, nutrition, and cognitive development.

The primary objective of this initiative is to ensure the overall well-being of school-aged children by reducing the burden of worm infections, which can lead to anemia, malnutrition, and stunted growth. Regular deworming is an essential public health measure that supports better academic performance and school attendance.

The event also served as an opportunity to educate students on the importance of:

- Maintaining personal hygiene
- Washing hands before meals and after using the toilet
- Wearing footwear to avoid soil-borne infections



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Ramapuram Health Department team for their continued support and dedication to safeguarding the health of our children. Their collaborative effort with the school ensures that every child has the opportunity to grow up healthy, strong, and ready to learn.

Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School remains committed to holistic education, which includes the promotion of good health practices, hygiene awareness, and preventive healthcare for all our students.

EXCELLING AT NAKSHATRA 2024

A CELEBRATION OF TALENT, CREATIVITY, AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The students of our School proudly showcased their exceptional talents at NAKSHATRA 2024, a national-level Cultural, Literary, and Arts Talent Fest organized by Bhumi NGO. Held on August 25, 2024, at Patrician College of Arts and Science, Adyar, Chennai, the event provided a vibrant platform for students from children's homes across Tamil Nadu to express their creativity, compete with peers, and gain national recognition. NAKSHATRA is one of the largest and most impactful annual fests in India for underprivileged children. The 2024 edition saw participation from 36



children's homes spread across Chennai, Kancheepuram, and Chengalpattu, with over 500 young participants competing in a diverse range of events—from fine arts and performing arts to literary and thematic competitions. The fest aims to foster self-confidence, teamwork, and holistic growth among children who rarely have access to such opportunities.

Amidst this spirited and competitive atmosphere, the students of Pamela Martinez Pathway School distinguished themselves across several categories, securing top honors and praise from

judges and peers alike. Their accomplishments reflected not only individual talent but also the dedicated training and mentorship they received from their teachers.

In the visual arts and craft categories, students won multiple prizes. The Rangoli team—S. Vijiyalakshmi, C. Kavipriya, and G. Srimathi—won second prize for their intricate and patriotic-themed artwork. G. Rithika, R. Bakiyaleelavathi, and M. Vishalini took top positions in greeting card making and clay modeling, demonstrating artistic flair across age divisions. In the innovative “Waste to Wealth” competition, the team of M. Vishalini, G. Srimathi,



and C. Kavipriya claimed first prize for their creative reuse of materials, promoting sustainability through art.



The performing arts team made a powerful impression as well. The group dance, which involved ten students, earned first prize for its coordinated choreography and cultural expression. In the literary and expression-based segments, K. Subishka secured second prize in Group Discussion, while R. Tamilselvan and D. Saisathana earned recognition in the Adapt Tunes competition.



One of the major highlights of the event was the students' theatrical performance of the Tamil historical drama "Thiruvilaiyadal – Nakkeeran", which received high praise for its emotional depth, dialogue delivery, and stage presence. Another standout moment was a classical dance performance incorporating hand-light effects, which mesmerized the audience with its innovative visual storytelling.

The students' success at NAKSHATRA 2024 stands as a testament to their perseverance, talent, and discipline. These achievements would not have been possible without the relentless efforts and guidance of their teachers, who prepared them for weeks with passion and commitment. Their mentorship empowered the students not only to participate but to perform with confidence and pride.

Sincere gratitude is also extended to Dr. Chandra Prasad, Director of Pathway, whose unwavering support for co-curricular development has made opportunities like this accessible to every child in the institution. Her vision of a holistic education—balancing academic rigor with artistic and personal growth—continues to transform lives.

NAKSHATRA 2024 was more than just a competition; it was a celebration of dreams, self-expression, and the power of encouragement.

The event instilled in the students a sense of achievement and belonging, leaving lasting memories and inspiration for future endeavors.



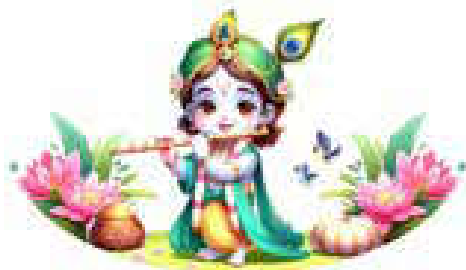


As the applause fades and trophies find a place on the shelves, what remains is a renewed sense of confidence in every child who dared to dream and shine.



KRISHNA JAYANTHI

A JOYFUL TRIBUTE TO THE DIVINE CHILD OF VRINDAVAN



eighth incarnation (*avatar*) of Lord Vishnu.

The celebration began with a serene ambiance as the school premises were beautifully decorated with mango leaves, flower garlands, kolams (rangolis), and miniature cradles, symbolizing the birthplace of baby Krishna. The altar was adorned with pictures and idols of Krishna, surrounded by lamps and offerings of butter, sweets, and tulsi leaves—each element echoing the beloved deity's traditional attributes.



Our Principal opened the program with a compelling narration on the life and teachings of Krishna, explaining his journey from his miraculous birth in Mathura to his playful childhood in Vrindavan, and ultimately, his divine role in the Mahabharata as the charioteer and guide of Arjuna. The Principal emphasized



Krishna's core messages: righteousness (dharma), love, truth, and devotion, encouraging students to embody these values in their lives.

A delightful highlight followed as our kindergarten students, dressed as little Krishnas and Radhas, paraded onto the stage for a fancy dress competition. Their charming presence and enthusiasm brought to life scenes from Krishna's youth—stealing butter, playing the flute, and dancing with the gopis. The audience cheered in delight as these little stars captured the playful spirit of Krishna.



The cultural program continued with a poem recital by Philomona Child, whose emotional and devotional verses described Krishna's love for his devotees, his mischief as a child, and his divine mission. Her expressive recitation set a deeply devotional tone.



Next, Vijiyalakshmi delivered a speech on the ten avatars of Lord Vishnu, focusing on Krishna as the eighth avatar and his pivotal role in upholding justice. She elaborated on Krishna's symbolic roles—as a divine child, a cowherd, a friend, a strategist, and a philosopher-king.

Sabarinathan, a Class IX student, enriched the

audience with his presentation on regional celebrations of Janmashtami. He explained how different states observe the festival with unique rituals—such as the Dahi Handi celebration in Maharashtra, Rasa Lila dance dramas in Manipur, midnight pujas in temples of Tamil Nadu, and fasting and storytelling traditions across the country. His speech gave everyone a broader understanding of the festival's significance nationwide.

A special performance followed, where students enacted key episodes from Krishna's life—including the slaying of demon Putana, the lifting of Govardhan





Hill, and the teaching of the Bhagavad Gita. These scenes were enhanced with music, narration, costumes, and expressive acting, leaving the audience spellbound.

The celebrations concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Muniyammal, who praised the students and staff for their spirited participation and shared her reflections on Krishna's timeless relevance in today's world. She reminded the children that Krishna Jayanthi is not just a day of celebration, but a call to live by values of compassion, courage, and devotion.

To recognize and encourage the creativity and enthusiasm of the young participants, special prizes and sweets were distributed to all those who took part in the fancy dress competition and stage performances. The event ended on a joyful note, with prasadam (blessed offerings) shared among all. The Krishna Jayanthi celebration at Pathway was more than just a religious occasion—it was a cultural immersion that taught students about mythology, values, art, and unity in diversity. It was a day that brought joy, learning, and spiritual reflection to every heart on campus.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. INDRA ACHUTAN

"What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." — Helen Keller

A Light That Shines Beyond

Though you are gone from sight today,
Your light lives on in every way.
In every smile, in every deed,
You sowed a quiet, noble seed.

You worked with heart, with grace so true,
And changed the lives of all you knew.
Though heaven holds you in its care,
Your spirit stays—forever there.



We miss you dearly and hold your memory close to our hearts. Your kind and gracious spirit, unwavering politeness, and deep dedication to your work left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing you. Your sincerity, warmth, and ever-present smile are cherished memories that continue to bring comfort and inspiration. You touched our lives in ways words cannot fully express. On behalf of all three of our centres, we offer our heartfelt prayers for your soul to find eternal peace in heaven. Your legacy of kindness and commitment will forever remain a guiding light in our lives.

AGARAM FOUNDATION'S STATE-LEVEL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY 2024 COMPETITION

The Agaram Foundation, a renowned organization dedicated to promoting education, skill development, and community empowerment, recently hosted the *State-Level Drawing, Arts, and Educational Development Day 2024 Competition* in Trichy. The event served as a platform for students across the state to showcase their talents in various fields, including drawing, essay writing, and other educational activities.



We are proud to announce the remarkable achievements of our students from Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School, who actively participated and earned accolades for their exceptional skills and dedication.

The following students won prizes and certificates for their outstanding performances:

1. P. Kavi (II Std) – First Prize in Two-Line Writing
2. Bakiyaleelavathi (VI

- Std) – Second Prize in Drawing
3. S. Sumitha – First Prize in Essay Writing

The Agaram Foundation's commitment to fostering talent and encouraging educational excellence through such competitions aligns perfectly with our school's vision of nurturing holistic development in students. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners for their dedication, hard work, and creativity. Their achievements have truly brought pride and recognition to our school, and we are confident that they will continue to inspire their peers in the pursuit of excellence.



TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Teacher's Day was celebrated with boundless joy and enthusiasm at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School. This year, in a heartwarming departure from tradition, the students took full



responsibility for organizing the entire event. From creating thoughtful greeting cards to selecting meaningful gifts for their teachers, the students poured their hearts into every detail of the celebration.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement as the students went above and beyond to show their appreciation.

They crafted beautiful Teacher's Day wish boards, personalized thank-you cards, and presented pens as tokens of gratitude to each teacher. The effort and thoughtfulness of the students created a warm, celebratory environment, and the teachers were deeply touched by the outpouring of affection and love.

The event featured a variety of student performances, including speeches, cultural dances, and a magical performance by Jayasuriya, which captivated the audience and added a delightful sparkle to the day. Each performance was a reflection of the students' gratitude and creativity,



making the day truly special.

The Pathway Director and President shared their best wishes with the staff, emphasizing the importance of Teacher's Day as a celebration of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary. Dr. Radhakrishnan, who began his journey as a dedicated teacher before becoming the President of India, continues to inspire educators across the globe. As he once said:

"Teachers are the key to the future. They shape lives and transform the world with their wisdom and kindness."

History of Teacher's Day:



Teacher's Day is celebrated on September 5th every year in India, marking the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (1888-1975), a philosopher, teacher, and the second President of India. Dr. Radhakrishnan was a man of great wisdom, and he believed that the true purpose of teaching is not just to impart knowledge but to inspire and cultivate the minds of future generations.

In 1962, when Dr. Radhakrishnan became the President of India, his students and friends requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday. In response, he suggested that instead of celebrating his birthday, it should be observed as Teacher's Day to honor all educators for their invaluable contribution to society. Dr.

Radhakrishnan's own words reflect his profound respect for the teaching profession:

"A good teacher is like a candle—it consumes itself to light the way for others."

The Principal concluded the event with heartfelt thanks to everyone, particularly commending the students for their outstanding efforts. In closing, the celebration of Teacher's Day reminded everyone of the invaluable role that educators play in shaping not only the minds but also the hearts of their students.



As a final tribute to teachers, we remember

the words of the great educator, William Arthur Ward:



"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."

This unforgettable day left everyone with a deep sense of pride, love, and happiness—making Teacher's Day 2024 a truly memorable occasion for all.

GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATIONS



The Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School on September 6, 2024, were a blend of vibrant energy, heartfelt devotion, and cultural grandeur. The event began with a warm welcome speech by Praveena E, setting the perfect tone for the day's festivities.

Sabarinathan of IX Std delivered an engaging Tamil speech, narrating the birth of Lord Vinayagar, and highlighting the significance of the

festival in Hindu culture. M. Kanishka of VIII Std followed with a beautifully articulated English speech on the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi, emphasizing the values of wisdom, prosperity, and the removal of obstacles that Lord Ganesha embodies.

The cultural program continued with Kaniamuthan of VII Std, who recited a soulful Tamil poem dedicated to Lord Ganesha, while the students of V Std enchanted the audience with a harmonious group song that evoked the spirit of reverence. D. Saisathana from V Std presented the Vinayagar Vazhthu, filling the atmosphere with devotion and gratitude.

The festivities saw an energetic group dance performed by the students of VI and VII Std, followed by Tamil slogans by Hasvitha and Jeevakumar, further igniting the festive spirit. Subhishka from VIII Std captivated the audience with a soulful English poem, expressing deep reverence for Lord Ganesha and his symbolic significance.

The students also showcased their creativity in a lively fancy dress segment, where they dressed as various forms of Lord Ganesha, reflecting the





diversity and beauty of the festival. The Pathway Sabin Centre students added their unique flair with a special performance that brought a fresh and engaging perspective to the celebration. The day's cultural performances reached a peak with a captivating skit by IV and V Std students, portraying the different forms of Lord Ganesha, beautifully blending storytelling with artistic expression.

The Director's address resonated with wisdom and inspiration, emphasizing the importance of the Ganesh festival as a time for reflection and gratitude. It was a moment to honor Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles, and to celebrate the virtues of wisdom, good fortune, and new beginnings.



Ganesh Chaturthi marks the birth of Lord Ganesha, the beloved elephant-headed deity worshipped as the remover of obstacles and the harbinger of success and prosperity. Celebrated with great fervor across India, the festival also signifies the triumph of wisdom over ignorance and good over evil. The idol of Lord Ganesha is worshipped with prayers and offerings

of Modaks (a sweet believed to be his favorite), and the rituals invoke blessings for success, prosperity, and the removal of obstacles in one's life.

The festival also holds a deep connection to spiritual renewal, as devotees seek to purify their minds and homes, symbolizing the removal of inner barriers and the welcoming of new beginnings. The immersion of the Ganesha idol at the end of the festival signifies the cycle of life and the impermanence of material existence, encouraging followers to surrender their ego and seek spiritual enlightenment.



The celebrations concluded with a traditional pooja, followed by the distribution of Sundal and Kozhukattai, spreading joy and togetherness among all students and staff. The day radiated enthusiasm, devotion, and cultural pride, leaving everyone with beautiful memories of a truly memorable Ganesh Chaturthi celebration.

CELEBRATING WORLD OZONE DAY



On September 16, 2024, our Science Club hosted an engaging and educational event to celebrate World Ozone Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of the ozone layer and the need to protect it. The event began with a warm welcome from Club Secretary Goverthini, who set the stage for the insightful discussions that followed.

Our Principal delivered an informative PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the vital role of the ozone layer in protecting life on Earth. The presentation covered the harmful effects of human activities, such as the release of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), that deplete the ozone layer, and underscored the importance of global efforts in preserving this critical shield.

The students showcased their creativity and enthusiasm through a captivating skit, which vividly demonstrated the consequences of a weakened ozone layer and the collective responsibility we share in protecting it.

Kaniamuthan, a talented student, delivered an engaging talk about the power of sunlight and its potentially harmful effects when it reaches Earth directly due to ozone depletion. This segment emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy ozone layer to protect us from the harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation emitted by the sun.

Our Science Teacher provided a comprehensive explanation of the Earth-Sun relationship, detailing how the ozone layer absorbs and filters out most of the sun's harmful UV radiation. The teacher also highlighted practical steps we can take to protect the ozone layer, such as reducing the use of ozone-depleting chemicals and supporting sustainable practices.





The event concluded with a thought-provoking chat display by Sabarinathan, who succinctly summarized the key messages discussed throughout the day. This summary reinforced the importance of individual and collective efforts to safeguard the ozone layer.

World Ozone Day, observed on September 16 each year, commemorates the signing of the Montreal Protocol in 1987. The protocol is a landmark international treaty aimed at phasing out the use of substances that deplete the ozone layer. This day serves as a reminder of the importance of the ozone layer in shielding life on Earth from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which can cause skin cancer, cataracts, and other health issues, as well as damage ecosystems.

The theme of World Ozone Day 2024 focused on the continued global efforts to protect and restore the ozone layer. Since the adoption of the Montreal Protocol, there has been significant progress in reducing ozone-depleting substances, and scientists have noted signs of ozone recovery. However, it remains essential for individuals and communities to stay committed to protecting the ozone layer through sustainable practices and supporting environmental policies.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Pathway Co-Founder/Director for their steadfast support and encouragement of our school's co-



curricular activities. Their guidance helps make events like these possible and fosters a deeper understanding of global environmental issues.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making World Ozone Day 2024 a memorable and impactful event. Together, we can continue to protect our planet's ozone layer and ensure a healthier, more sustainable future for all!

STUDENTS VISIT TAMIL NADU RAJ BHAVAN



We are excited to share that on September 21, 2024, our students, who recently achieved excellent marks in their exams, had the exceptional opportunity to visit the historic Tamil Nadu Raj Bhavan. This visit, a reward for their hard work and dedication, allowed the students to explore the beauty and significance of one of the state's most prominent landmarks.

The children were thrilled to explore the Raj Bhavan campus in an electric vehicle, touring several fascinating sites. They visited the Presidential

Suite, the expansive main lawn, and the lush herbal garden and nursery garden, which are home to a wide variety of plants, some of which have medicinal properties. The students were also given the chance to step into history at the Bharathiyar Mandapam, a site dedicated to the great Tamil poet and freedom fighter, Subramania Bharati. This iconic building has been maintained for over 100 years and continues to serve as a symbol of Tamil culture and history.



A particularly peaceful experience



was walking through the Silver Jubilee Garden, a serene spot where the students could observe the beauty of nature and even watch deer roaming freely on the grounds. Raj Bhavan's lush gardens are a haven for wildlife and provide a peaceful retreat within the heart of the city.

Throughout the visit, the students had the opportunity to interact with the Raj Bhavan staff and the Central Government CRPF police, gaining



insight into their important roles in ensuring the security and smooth operation of this prestigious institution.



One of the most memorable moments came when the Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu personally met the students and gifted each one a copy of the book "Exam Warriors", written by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi. The book, filled with motivational insights and strategies for overcoming academic pressure, served as an inspiring gesture for the students as they continue their educational journey.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone at Raj Bhavan for granting permission for this unforgettable visit.

To add even more joy to the day, the students were taken to Guindy Children's Park, where they enjoyed fun-filled activities, creating lasting memories with their friends.

A special note of gratitude goes to our respected Pathway Director, Dr. Chandra Prasad, for providing such valuable opportunities for our students. His commitment to enriching the learning experience has made this visit possible, and we are truly grateful for his unwavering support.

This visit to Tamil Nadu Raj Bhavan was a truly remarkable experience, offering the students a deeper appreciation for history, culture, and the importance of leadership and service. It will surely be a cherished memory for all involved for years to come!



GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATION

Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, 2024, with great enthusiasm and reverence under the guidance of the Social Science Club. The event honored the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, marking his birth anniversary and reflecting on his enduring principles of peace, truth, and non-violence. Gandhi Jayanti, observed annually, is not only a day to remember his birth but also an occasion to reflect on his values that continue to inspire movements for justice, equality, and peace around the world.

The celebration began with a warm welcome speech by Mrs. Niranjana, who set the tone for the day by introducing the significance of Gandhi Jayanti. She explained how this day commemorates Gandhiji's immense contribution to India's independence and his global impact as a symbol of



peaceful resistance and social justice. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, *"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."* Mrs. Niranjana encouraged the audience to follow this path of selfless service, reflecting on how Gandhiji's life was a perfect example of dedication to the welfare of others.

S. Goverthini, a student of Class

IX, delivered an insightful speech in English about Gandhiji's early life and education. She highlighted the challenges Gandhiji faced, from his childhood to his time in South Africa, where he first embraced the principles of non-violent



qualities continue to inspire

resistance. As she spoke of his struggles and triumphs, she reminded everyone of Gandhiji's belief that *"Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will."* Her words captured the essence of how Gandhiji's determination and resilience made him a transformative figure in history, and how these individuals to overcome challenges.

Following this, S. Vijayalakshmi, also from Class IX, presented a Tamil speech on Gandhiji's



destructive nature of violence.

teachings on non-violence are not only applicable to political struggles but are also crucial in everyday life, promoting peace and harmony in society.

philosophy of *Ahimsa* (non-violence) and *Satyagraha* (truth force). She focused on Gandhiji's vision of non-violent resistance as a powerful tool for social and political change. She quoted Gandhiji's famous words, *"An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind."* These words were a reminder of the importance of compassion and the

Vijayalakshmi emphasized that Gandhiji's



The celebration continued with a Tamil poem recited by J. Mohanaprasanth from Class IV. The poem, dedicated to Gandhiji's values, beautifully encapsulated his commitment to truth, justice, and compassion. Mohanaprasanth's touching recital brought to life Gandhiji's ideals, embodying his



words, *"You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty."* The simplicity of this quote reflected Gandhiji's deep belief in the goodness of humanity, urging everyone to remain hopeful in the face of adversity.

A lively and colorful group dance performance by the students of Classes V and VI followed. Titled "Unity in Diversity," the dance showcased the cultural richness of India, with the girls dressed in traditional costumes representing various South Indian states. The dance symbolized the unity Gandhiji envisioned for India, where people from diverse backgrounds could live together harmoniously, united in their pursuit of common goals. This performance echoed Gandhiji's belief that *"In a gentle way, you can shake the world."*



One of the most captivating parts of the event was the skit performed by students, recreating the historic Dandi March. This pivotal moment in India's struggle for independence was depicted with remarkable enthusiasm and accuracy, emphasizing Gandhiji's role in leading the peaceful protest against British colonial rule. Through this performance, the students highlighted Gandhiji's principle that *"The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend."* This was a powerful reminder that even in the face of oppression, Gandhiji advocated for peace over violence, showing the world that strength lies in compassion and understanding.



The students of Class V added to the celebration with a heartfelt group



song that praised Gandhiji's unwavering commitment to non-violence and his leadership in India's freedom struggle. Their performance filled the room with patriotic fervor, embodying Gandhiji's vision of a free and just India. The song reflected his belief that *"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes."* Gandhiji understood that true freedom meant empowering individuals to make choices, even if those choices led to challenges or mistakes along the way.



R. Sabarinathan, another student from Class IX, recited an English poem that paid tribute to Gandhiji's global influence. The poem reflected on how Gandhiji's teachings of non-violence and truth inspired civil rights movements across the world. Gandhiji's words have transcended borders, as seen in the struggles of leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela, who embraced his principles in their own quests for justice. The poem concluded with a reminder of Gandhiji's timeless message, *"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."*

The celebration also featured a lively fancy dress competition, where primary class students dressed up as Mahatma Gandhi. Their innocent yet powerful portrayals of Gandhiji, with his simple white clothes and round spectacles, reminded everyone of his humility and profound influence. Through this, the children brought Gandhiji's persona to life, encapsulating his belief that *"In the attitude of silence, the soul finds the path in a clearer light, and what is elusive and deceptive resolves itself into crystal clarity."*

The event concluded with a keynote address by the Principal, who spoke about the significance of Gandhi Jayanti. The Principal emphasized Gandhiji's contributions to India's independence and his global legacy as a symbol of peace and justice. Gandhiji's philosophy of non-violence and truth continues to guide individuals and nations in their pursuit of equality and human rights. As the Principal concluded, *"We must be the change we wish to see in the world."* This reminder called on everyone to embody Gandhiji's values in their daily lives. The celebration ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. E. Subathra, who expressed gratitude to all the participants, teachers, and students who contributed to the event's success. She also thanked the Social Science Club for organizing the program and bringing everyone together in honor of Gandhiji.

Significance of Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti is not merely a day to remember Mahatma Gandhi's birth but also an occasion to reflect on the relevance of his values in today's world. Gandhiji's teachings of *Ahimsa* (non-violence) and *Satyagraha* (truth force) are timeless and continue to inspire individuals and movements for peace and justice worldwide. As Gandhiji once said, *"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."* This message encourages everyone to take personal responsibility in making the world a better place, one act of kindness at a time.

Gandhi Jayanti is an opportunity to revisit Gandhiji's vision for a harmonious and just society. It is a day to remember that peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of understanding, compassion, and non-violent solutions to life's challenges. In conclusion, the Gandhi Jayanti celebration at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School was a fitting tribute to Gandhiji, inspiring students to uphold his ideals and contribute to a better, more peaceful world.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL POSTAL DAY

NATIONAL POSTAL DAY, observed every year on October 10th, commemorates the invaluable contributions of the Indian postal system in connecting people across the nation. As one of the largest and most accessible networks in the world, India Post, established in 1854, has played a vital role in ensuring communication, financial inclusion, and community services, especially in rural and remote areas.

At Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School, the day was marked with an engaging and educational celebration that aimed to deepen students' understanding of the postal department's



operations and societal impact. In honor of this occasion, a field trip was organized to the Melmaruvathur Post Office, a well-established local branch that serves as a communication and financial lifeline to the community. The Melmaruvathur Post Office is an essential hub for the surrounding villages and towns. It not only manages the traditional delivery of letters and parcels but also offers a wide range of citizen services such as savings accounts, recurring deposit schemes, money orders, insurance services, and even Aadhaar-related services. Its accessibility, affordability, and

trustworthiness make it a preferred choice for people of all age groups, especially senior citizens, daily wage workers, and small business owners.

Before the visit, our school principal introduced the students to the art of letter writing, explaining the format, tone, and purpose of both formal and informal letters. This activity helped students understand the importance of written communication, which remains relevant even in the digital age.

At the post office, the students were warmly welcomed by the postmaster and staff, who took time to explain the various responsibilities they undertake each day. The students were given a



guided tour of the post office, where they observed how mail is sorted and dispatched, how savings accounts are managed, and how services like registered post, speed post, and parcel tracking work. They were particularly fascinated by the role of postmen and postwomen, who deliver mail even in challenging weather and across difficult terrain.

As a gesture of appreciation, the students presented handmade greeting cards and fresh flowers to the postmaster and postwomen. This heartfelt interaction left a deep



impression on both the students and the postal staff, reminding everyone of the value of gratitude and respect for public service workers.

One of the key takeaways from the visit was the range of benefits offered by India Post, particularly in rural areas. The postal department plays a crucial role in financial inclusion by offering banking services to people who do not have access to traditional banks. Through schemes like Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) and Postal Life Insurance (PLI), it helps citizens save securely and plan for the future. The availability of services such as electronic money transfer, bill payment, and e-commerce parcel delivery has further increased the relevance of the postal department in modern times.



The day ended with students reflecting on their experience and expressing a newfound appreciation for the humble yet heroic work done by the postal service. They learned that beyond delivering letters, the post office fosters human connection, supports economic development, and empowers communities.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Pathway Director for making this meaningful celebration possible. The National Postal Day observance at our school was not just a field trip, but an educational journey that helped our students see the real-world impact of a public service that often goes unnoticed. It was a perfect blend of learning, respect, and hands-on exploration.

SARASWATHI POOJA CELEBRATION

The celebration of Saraswathi Pooja at our school was a vibrant and spiritually enriching event that highlighted the cultural and educational values deeply rooted in Indian tradition. Held on the school premises with great devotion and enthusiasm, the occasion was dedicated to honoring Goddess Saraswathi, the Hindu deity of wisdom, learning, music, and the arts. The event served not only as a religious observance but also as a meaningful opportunity to instill in students the importance of education, discipline, and creative expression.



adorned with colorful paper garlands, flowers, and traditional motifs. Books, notebooks, and other

In preparation for the celebration, the school was beautifully decorated by students and staff. Classrooms were



learning tools were neatly arranged and reverently placed before the idol of Goddess Saraswathi, symbolizing the sanctity of knowledge. A serene altar was set up in the central hall, featuring a beautifully decorated idol of the goddess seated on a lotus, holding the veena, surrounded by lamps, flowers, fruits, and traditional offerings. Students also created vibrant rangoli designs, one of which featured the veena and a swan—symbols associated with Saraswathi that represent knowledge and purity.

Sanskrit slokas and Saraswathi Vandana, filling the air with devotion and reverence. Teachers and students participated in the rituals with folded hands and focused minds, praying for wisdom, clarity of thought, and academic success. The sacred atmosphere helped students connect with the cultural heritage of India and recognize the divine importance of education in their lives.

An inspiring speech was delivered by Kaniyamuthan, a respected faculty member, who spoke about the transformative power of education. He emphasized that Goddess Saraswathi is not just a symbol of academic knowledge, but also of inner wisdom, creativity, and discipline. His words motivated students to strive for excellence and view learning as



a lifelong pursuit.



Adding a creative dimension to the event, a group of students performed a thoughtful skit that portrayed the journey of a student from ignorance to enlightenment. Through engaging storytelling and dramatization, the skit conveyed how education shapes an individual's personality and helps build a better society. This was followed by the observance of Ayudha Pooja, where tools, musical instruments, books, and educational materials were worshipped.



The ritual serves as a reminder to respect all tools of learning and labor, acknowledging their role in personal and professional growth.

The celebration concluded with cultural performances that included devotional songs, classical dances, and poetry recitations, showcasing the talents of the students and adding a joyful and artistic element to the day. The collective participation of students, teachers, and staff fostered a strong sense of community and shared purpose.

It was a spiritually uplifting and educational experience. It reinforced the values of knowledge, creativity, respect for tradition, and devotion to learning. Through active involvement in the rituals and performances, students not only celebrated a sacred festival but also deepened their understanding of the importance of education in shaping their future.



INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

International Girl Child Day is a vital occasion that brings attention to the rights, potential, and empowerment of girls across the world. At Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School, this important day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, purpose, and pride. The theme of the event, "Girls' Vision for the Future," served as an inspiring call to recognize and nurture the dreams, ambitions, and talents of every girl child.



The celebration, organized by the Science Club, opened with a compelling skit performed by our students. The performance



paid tribute to the diverse and impactful roles girls and women play in society. It highlighted the journey from young girls to national icons — featuring figures like Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddi, India's first woman legislator; Kalpana Chawla, the first Indian-origin woman in space; Indira Gandhi, India's first female Prime Minister; and countless others who have excelled as doctors, scientists, freedom fighters, teachers, mothers, and social reformers. The skit emphasized the message that every girl has the power to lead, create, and transform the world around her.

Following this, our Principal delivered

an insightful PowerPoint presentation on the significance of International Girl Child Day. She addressed the challenges that many girls still face—such as gender bias, lack of access to education, and social inequality—while highlighting the importance of creating supportive environments where girls can thrive. Quoting Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, she reminded us, *“Empowering the girl child means empowering the nation.”*

The presentation also emphasized how education is the foundation of empowerment. As Savitribai Phule, India's first female teacher and a pioneering social reformer, once said,



“The lack of learning is nothing but gross bestiality. Learning makes a person human.” Her legacy continues to inspire us to ensure that no girl is denied her right to education.

We were honored by the leadership of our Pathway Director, whose tireless efforts toward gender equality and educational opportunity are shaping the future of our students. Her presence served as a powerful reminder that strong women pave the way for stronger generations. The celebration also echoed the sentiments of iconic Indian voices. As Jawaharlal Nehru





once said, *“To awaken the people, it is the women who must be awakened. Once she is on the move, the family moves, the village moves, and the nation moves.”* These words continue to remind us that the empowerment of girls is central to the progress of society as a whole.

The event concluded with a gracious vote of thanks by Subathra Teacher, who expressed heartfelt appreciation to all the students, staff, and organizers for making the day a memorable and meaningful one. The celebration of International Girl Child Day at our school was not merely a ceremonial event, but a collective affirmation of our belief in the strength, resilience, and brilliance of every girl. Let us continue to uplift their voices, support their dreams, and stand by their side as they build the future — not just for themselves, but for all of us.

WORLD FOOD DAY – ORGANIZED BY THE SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club of our School hosted an engaging and educational celebration of World Food Day on October 18, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of healthy eating habits and the role of nutritious food in promoting overall well-being. Through a series of interactive and creative activities, students learned how food choices directly impact physical and mental health, highlighting the need for a balanced diet. The celebration began with an exciting drawing activity, where students were encouraged to illustrate the various essential nutrients found in a healthy diet. These included carbohydrates, proteins, fats, minerals, and vitamins. Each drawing beautifully represented the role of these nutrients in maintaining bodily functions — from providing energy and building muscles to supporting immune function and aiding in the growth and repair of tissues. Through this activity, students gained a deeper understanding of how a well-balanced diet can contribute to their physical growth, academic performance, and energy levels.



In addition to the drawing activity, a vegetable carving competition allowed students to explore the creative potential of nutritious foods. Students used fresh vegetables to carve intricate sculptures, including birds, fishes, and ships. This hands-on activity not only showcased their artistic talents but also underscored the importance of incorporating fresh, whole foods like vegetables into daily meals. The goal was to emphasize that eating nutritious foods can be both enjoyable and beneficial for long-term health.

A special awareness session, led by Science Teacher Ms. E. Subathra, focused on the importance of fresh fruits and healthy eating habits. Titled *“Fresh Fruits, Fresh Minds,”* the session encouraged students to

incorporate more fruits into their diets. Ms. Subathra explained how fresh fruits provide essential



vitamins, minerals, and fiber, all of which are vital for maintaining strong immune systems, improving digestion, and boosting cognitive function. By promoting these simple yet powerful changes in diet, she encouraged students to make healthier choices, emphasizing the importance of eating a variety of foods to ensure all nutritional needs are met.

A major highlight of the event was a fireless cooking competition for the students of Grade IX. Divided into boys' and girls' teams, students were tasked with preparing nutritious dishes without using heat. This activity fostered teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving, all while focusing on healthy cooking techniques that preserve the natural nutrients in food. The students learned that making nutritious meals doesn't always require cooking with heat and that raw foods like fruits, salads, and smoothies can be incredibly nourishing and refreshing.

The World Food Day celebration successfully imparted valuable lessons on the importance of balanced nutrition and mindful eating. It was a day dedicated not only to fun activities but also to educating students about how making informed food choices today can positively impact their health in the future. By promoting nutritious foods and balanced meals, we empower the students to adopt healthier lifestyles that will serve them well throughout their lives.

The event reinforced the idea that a balanced diet—one that includes a variety of whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and healthy fats—is essential for overall health and well-being. As students learned, good nutrition enhances not only physical health but also mental clarity, emotional stability, and academic performance.





UNITED NATIONS DAY



On October 24, 2024, our school commemorated United Nations Day, a significant occasion that encourages global awareness and promotes peace, cooperation, and development. The celebration provided a platform for students to engage with the values and goals of the United Nations (UN), fostering a deeper understanding of its vital role in shaping a peaceful, just, and sustainable world.

United Nations Day marks the anniversary of the charter of the United Nations, which came into effect in 1945, establishing an international organization dedicated to promoting peace, security, social progress, and human rights. The day serves as a reminder of the UN's global mission and the collective responsibility of all nations to address the world's challenges. The celebration at our school aimed to inspire students to think critically about the role of the UN in facilitating international dialogue and cooperation, especially in an increasingly interconnected world.

The event kicked off with a warm and welcoming address by Kanishka, setting the tone for a day filled with engaging activities. One of the central highlights was a mock UN meeting, where students represented various countries and showcased flags from around the world. This activity helped students step into the shoes of international diplomats, learning about global politics, diplomacy, and the complexities of international relations. During this session, Philomina delivered an insightful speech on the functions and goals of the UN, explaining its pivotal role in addressing global challenges such as conflict resolution, climate change, and humanitarian aid.

The importance of the UN was further emphasized during a spirited debate between Jayasugi and Govarthini from Grade IX. The debate centered around the topic of the "Plastic Treaty," which aims to tackle global plastic pollution through international cooperation. The debate not only showcased the students' understanding of environmental issues but also demonstrated how the UN can be a platform for resolving pressing global problems through treaties, conventions, and collective action.

To deepen the students' knowledge, an interactive quiz on the UN tested their awareness of the organization's history, objectives, and achievements. Mrs. Santhi's PowerPoint presentation further illustrated the UN's significant role in fostering international relations, peacekeeping, and humanitarian work. Through her detailed presentation,





students gained a clearer understanding of how the UN serves as a forum for diplomacy and a force for positive change in the world.

The celebration also included a mock assembly featuring a flag ceremony for the newly elected members of the UN Security Council for the 2024-2025 term. This segment helped students learn about the importance of the Security Council in maintaining global peace and security, and the delicate balance of power and responsibility among its members.

A creative fancy dress performance was another engaging aspect of the day. Ten students participated, including one portraying the UN Secretary-General. Their costumes and performances symbolized the diverse roles the UN plays in global peacekeeping, human rights advocacy, and development. The performances were a light-hearted yet meaningful way of illustrating the broad scope of the UN's work and how it affects communities worldwide.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Vijiyalakshmi, who expressed gratitude to the participants, teachers, and organizers who made the day so special. It was a fitting end to a day filled with reflection, learning, and inspiration.

United Nations Day is more than just a celebration of an international organization; it is a day to reflect on the values that the UN stands for — peace, security, human rights, and sustainable development. It encourages us to think globally and act locally, understanding that the issues facing our world today are interconnected, and that only through cooperation can we achieve lasting change. The observance of this day at our school helped students realize that they, too, can play a part in making the world a better place, whether through advocating for peace, promoting human rights, or tackling environmental challenges.

In conclusion, the United Nations Day celebration at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home was an enriching and informative experience. It not only celebrated the UN's legacy but also inspired students to engage with the pressing global issues of our time. By fostering a deeper understanding of the UN's role in international cooperation, the event empowered students to think critically about how they can contribute to building a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world.



THE IMPORTANCE OF DIWALI AND FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS



Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, holds immense cultural, spiritual, and historical significance for millions of people worldwide. Celebrated primarily by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists, Diwali marks the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. It is a time for families and communities to come together, celebrate, and express joy and gratitude for the blessings they have received.

The symbolism of Diwali is profound. The lighting of diyas (oil lamps) signifies the removal of darkness and ignorance, while the bursting of firecrackers represents the joy of victory and the dispelling of evil forces. The festival also focuses on the importance of family bonds, unity, and renewed hopes for the future. At the same time, it encourages acts of kindness and generosity, as many people choose to give back to their communities during this auspicious time.

However, while Diwali is a time for joy and celebration, it also comes with its



share of safety concerns, especially regarding the use of fireworks and firecrackers. With this in mind, the importance of fire safety becomes crucial during the celebrations. Every year, numerous incidents occur due to the improper handling of fireworks, which can lead to injuries, accidents, and even fires.

To ensure that Diwali celebrations are not only joyful but also safe, fire safety awareness plays an essential role. The





event at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Pathway - Sabin Centre made this clear through various informative activities and demonstrations. During the live fire safety demonstration led by Fire Officer Mr. Palani, students learned the essential steps to prevent fires, how to respond to fire alarms, and the importance of maintaining calm during emergencies. The demonstration of disaster management techniques and the rescue simulation provided students with practical knowledge of how to act in a crisis, potentially saving lives in real situations.

A key part of the awareness program focused on safe firework handling and eco-friendly Diwali celebrations. Students were educated on how to reduce the risks associated with fireworks, including ensuring they are lit in open, safe areas, away from buildings and flammable materials, and under adult supervision. By advocating for safe and responsible firework use, the event highlighted how Diwali can still be celebrated in a way that minimizes harm and ensures that the joy of the festival is experienced without compromising safety.



Additionally, the emphasis on a Green Diwali reminded students of the environmental impact of firecrackers, which contribute to air pollution and noise pollution. The demo on eco-friendly Diwali promoted the use of green crackers that are less harmful to the environment, reducing both their carbon footprint and health risks associated with traditional crackers. This initiative encouraged students to embrace a more sustainable Diwali, ensuring that future generations can continue to celebrate the festival while preserving the planet for years to come.



In conclusion, Diwali is not just a time for festive celebrations, but also an opportunity for individuals and communities to reflect on their actions and their impact on others and the environment. By combining the joy of the festival with fire safety awareness, eco-friendly practices, and responsible celebrations, we can make Diwali a time of celebration and positive change, ensuring that the festival of lights truly lives up to its name by promoting both physical and environmental safety.



CANCER AWARENESS DAY AT PATHWAY



On November 7, 2024, Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Pathway Sabin Centre hosted a poignant and informative Cancer Awareness Day. The event aimed to educate students about the importance of cancer prevention, early detection, and the power of hope and

resilience in the face of cancer. Through a combination of educational sessions, creative performances, and powerful messages, the event raised awareness and inspired the community to support those affected by cancer.

The day began with a creative display of





student artwork, including posters and drawings, highlighting messages of hope, strength, and the fight against cancer. These visual representations were not only a testament to the students' artistic talents but also served as a reminder of the collective effort needed to combat this disease.

Informative sessions followed, where our dedicated Science teachers, Ms. Subathra and Ms. Yuvasri, educated the students on the various types of cancer, their risk factors, and the critical importance of prevention. They explained that a healthy lifestyle—balanced nutrition, regular exercise, avoiding tobacco, and limiting alcohol consumption—can significantly reduce cancer risk. The teachers also emphasized the

importance of early detection and how regular screenings and self-checks can make a life-saving difference.

A thought-provoking skit was performed by students, showcasing real-life scenarios in which early detection led to successful treatment, highlighting the importance of proactive health measures. A mime performance creatively demonstrated the benefits of regular exercise, healthy eating, and maintaining overall wellness to reduce the risk of cancer.

Our Principal gave an enlightening speech focusing on childhood cancer, its symptoms, and the crucial role of early detection in saving lives. This portion of the event helped raise awareness of the often-overlooked issue of childhood cancer, urging the students and their families to remain vigilant about any unusual health symptoms.

The most powerful moment of the day came during the rally, where students from both schools united to spread the message of hope, strength, and awareness. As students marched with placards and chanted slogans about the importance of cancer awareness and research, the rally served as a powerful reminder of how everyone can





contribute to the fight against cancer. During this rally, a quote by our late founder who passed away from cancer in 2015 was shared to remind everyone of the strength and determination it takes to face cancer:

“Cancer may take away my physical strength, but it will never take my spirit. I believe in the power of hope and in the ability to fight, no matter how tough the battle.”

This quote resonated deeply with everyone present, reminding them that despite the challenges cancer presents, the human spirit remains resilient and capable of enduring. Additionally, students reflected on the words of cancer survivor and advocate Shannon Miller, who said:

“You never know how strong you are until being strong is your only choice.”

This powerful quote echoed throughout the event, inspiring both students and staff to understand that while cancer may bring hardship, it also fosters incredible strength and resilience.

The event also featured a prayer for those suffering from cancer, and the entire school stood in solidarity with all cancer patients, honoring their journeys and expressing compassion and hope. A heartfelt vote of thanks was delivered by the Principal, acknowledging the importance of raising awareness about cancer, supporting those affected by it, and continuing to educate future generations. A final word of thanks was directed to our Pathway Director, whose leadership and encouragement made the event possible. Through her vision, we were able to host a day of education, empathy, and hope, in honor of those fighting cancer and in memory of those we have lost, including our founder. Cancer Awareness Day at Pathway was not just an event; it was a collective call to action. It reminded us that through awareness, early detection, and hope, we can make a difference in the lives of those battling cancer. As we continue to raise awareness, let us share the knowledge we gained today with our families and communities, spreading compassion, support, and strength.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION REPORT

“Children are the nation's wealth, and their growth, happiness, and well-being should be our utmost priority.”

— Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Former President of India.

“A child's mind is like a garden. We must plant the seeds of knowledge, positivity, and opportunity to ensure that our future blooms with greatness.”

— Mahatma Gandhi



“Indian children, with their spirit of resilience, creativity, and determination, have the power to change the world. Let’s ensure that they have the tools and opportunities to do so.”

— Kiran Bedi, Former IPS Officer

“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see. Let’s make sure our ‘A country’s future is shaped in its classrooms, and our Indian children are the architects of tomorrow’s success and progress.’”

— Dr. Radhakrishnan, Former President of India



The Children’s Day celebration at our School and Children’s Home was held with great joy and enthusiasm on November 14, 2024. The day was dedicated to honoring children and celebrating their joy, creativity, and unique individuality. All the children were encouraged to wear colorful attire, and they took great pleasure in expressing their personalities through their favorite outfits, adding a vibrant atmosphere to the occasion.

The celebration kicked off with everyone gathering on the open stage, where Mrs. P. Malathi, our English teacher, warmly welcomed all the students, staff, and guests. She took a moment to explain the significance of Children’s Day, emphasizing the importance of children as the future of our society and the need to provide them with opportunities to learn, grow, and express themselves freely.

To mark the occasion, both children and staff created beautiful drawings that reflected their creativity and joy. These drawings were displayed



around the venue, adding to the festive environment and allowing everyone to appreciate the artistic talents of the students.

Throughout the day, various fun-filled games were organized for students, class-wise, fostering a lively and cheerful atmosphere. Teachers took part in leading these activities, which not only engaged the children but also created an exciting and collaborative environment. Among the highlights was a special poem recited by Mrs. Kalpana, dedicated to the children. Her heartfelt words captured the essence of childhood and its boundless energy, leaving the audience with a sense of joy and appreciation for the young minds in our community.

Additionally, interactive quizzes, debates, and role plays were conducted, further engaging students and allowing them to showcase their talents in a fun, competitive way. These activities also encouraged the children to think critically, speak confidently, and work as teams, making it a valuable learning experience.

The highlight of the event was a mesmerizing performance by a magician, whose tricks left everyone in awe. The children were thoroughly entertained, and the magic show brought an element of wonder and excitement to the celebration, adding an extra layer of enjoyment to the day.

As the evening approached, the celebration concluded with a special dinner for all the children, further enhancing their joy and creating lasting memories of the day. The meal was enjoyed by everyone, and it was a fitting end to a day filled with laughter, learning, and fun.



Pathway Sabin Centre students also joined the celebration, actively participating in the games and activities, which helped foster a sense of unity and collaboration between the students from both schools.

To make the occasion even more special, the Pathway Director delivered a warm and inspiring message, blessing all the children and wishing them happiness and success in their future endeavors. The Director's heartfelt words helped bring the community together and highlighted the importance of nurturing the potential of every child.

Children's Day 2024 was a resounding success, filled with fun, learning, and wonderful memories. The celebration not only honored the children but also reinforced the values of creativity, community, and the importance of nurturing the next generation.

MONTHLY CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS: ENSURING HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE JJ ACT

We take our responsibility to the children in our care seriously. One of the most essential ways we ensure their well-being is through the Monthly Children's Committee Meetings. These meetings serve as a platform to discuss and address various aspects of the children's lives, including safety, education, health, and recreation. They are conducted in strict adherence to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (JJ Act), which provides a comprehensive legal framework for the protection, welfare, and rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection.

The JJ Act mandates the formation of Children's Committees in institutions that care for children, such as orphanages, juvenile homes, and shelters, to ensure that children's rights are respected and their needs are met. The Act emphasizes the importance of regular monitoring of children's living conditions and well-being, which is why these meetings are crucial in fostering an environment of continuous support and improvement for the children.

Key Areas of Focus in Monthly Meetings

The Children's Committee Meetings at Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home are designed to address a wide range of factors affecting the children's lives. These areas of discussion ensure that each child is given the attention and care they deserve, supporting their overall development.

1. **CHILD SAFETY:** One of the primary concerns of the JJ Act is the protection of children from abuse, exploitation, and neglect. Therefore, child safety is always at the forefront of our discussions. The committee ensures that all necessary measures are in place to safeguard the children, including monitoring the institution's physical environment, ensuring the presence of trained staff, and creating a safe space for children to voice their concerns. The Act mandates that every institution has child-friendly and sensitive procedures in place to report any incidents of abuse or misconduct.
2. **EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS:** The JJ Act emphasizes the right of every child in care to receive proper education and vocational training. In our meetings, the academic development of each child is reviewed in detail. We discuss the progress of students in their respective grades, identify any academic challenges, and work together to ensure that additional help, such as tutoring or counselling, is provided where necessary. The committee also discusses the need for extracurricular activities to enrich the children's learning experiences, contributing to their emotional and social growth.



3. **GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL:** The JJ Act provides children with the right to be heard and participate in decisions that affect their lives. In the monthly meetings, the children are encouraged to share their concerns, whether related to their living conditions, education, or interpersonal issues. This open communication channel is an integral part of ensuring that the children's voices are heard, and any grievances are addressed promptly. The committee works collaboratively to resolve any issues raised, ensuring that children feel valued and respected.
4. **FOOD MENU PLANNING:** Adequate nutrition is essential for the physical and mental development of children. The committee takes an active role in discussing the children's food menu each month, ensuring that meals are nutritious, balanced, and cater to the dietary needs of all children. The involvement of the Kitchen In-charge in these discussions ensures that every child receives food that is not only healthy but also culturally appropriate and enjoyable. The JJ Act emphasizes the need for institutions to provide proper care, including a safe, hygienic, and nutritious environment.
5. **PLAY AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Play is a vital part of a child's growth and development. The JJ Act stresses that children in care should have access to recreational activities that foster physical, emotional, and social development. During the meetings, the committee discusses various play activities that should be available for the children. These activities not only help develop their physical fitness but also encourage creativity, teamwork, and a sense of joy and freedom.
6. **HEALTH AND WELLNESS:** The JJ Act includes provisions for the health and well-being of children in care, emphasizing regular health check-ups, access to medical services, and psychological support. Our meetings involve discussions about the children's physical health, including immunizations, dental care, and regular check-ups with the Medical Officer, Dentist, Physiotherapist, and Nurse. The committee ensures that any health-related concerns are promptly addressed, promoting a well-rounded and healthy lifestyle for every child.

Each Monthly Children's Committee Meeting concludes with an address from the Pathway Director, who provides guidance and encouragement to both the children and the staff. The Director's presence is a reminder of our commitment to the children's welfare and progress. Their speech often focuses on the importance of teamwork, continuous improvement, and creating a nurturing environment where every child can thrive. The Director also emphasizes the values enshrined in the JJ Act, particularly the need to empower children by fostering a sense of responsibility, respect, and self-confidence. The address serves to motivate both staff and children, reinforcing our collective efforts to ensure the holistic development of each child in our care.

These meetings not only address the immediate concerns but also help foster a positive, forward-looking approach to the children's future, ensuring that they are equipped with the tools to lead successful, healthy, and fulfilling lives.

INSPECTION VISIT BY MRS. DHANALAKSHMI, SPECIAL TAHSILDAR

On November 20, 2024, Mrs. Dhanalakshmi, the Special Tahsildar from Madhuranthagam, conducted an official inspection at Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home and Pathway Sabin Centre. This inspection was carried out in accordance with the district collector's instructions, aimed at ensuring compliance with the regulations set for all hostels and children's homes.

During her visit, Mrs. Dhanalakshmi performed a thorough inspection of the children's home and Sabin Centre, closely reviewing all necessary records and documents to ensure they met the required standards. She specifically examined the following:



1. **BUILDING LICENSE AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES:** These documents were carefully scrutinized to ensure the home's compliance with the legal regulations set for children's homes.
2. **FIRE NOC (NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE):** The Fire NOC is crucial for ensuring the safety of the children in the event of a fire. Mrs. Dhanalakshmi ensured that the necessary fire safety measures were in place.
3. **BUILDING STABILITY CERTIFICATES:** These certificates verify that the structure of the children's home is safe and meets all required standards. The inspection ensured that the building is secure and suitable for housing children.
4. **SANITARY CERTIFICATES:** Mrs. Dhanalakshmi also checked the home's sanitation practices, ensuring that the facility adheres to hygiene standards necessary for maintaining the health and well-being of the children.
5. **CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE:** A key aspect of the inspection was the cleanliness and organization of the children's living spaces. Mrs. Dhanalakshmi checked the dormitories, kitchen, and surrounding areas to ensure that they were neat, hygienic, and properly maintained.



Mrs. Dhanalakshmi had the opportunity to interact with the children and staff during her visit. These interactions were positive, and she took the time to speak with the children, ensuring they felt comfortable and safe in their environment. She expressed her satisfaction with the overall maintenance of the facility and appreciated the efforts put forth by the staff to create a safe, nurturing, and organized environment for the children. The cleanliness of the surroundings and the discipline followed within the home were particularly commended. Mrs. Dhanalakshmi also acknowledged the importance of maintaining high standards in children's homes, which play a critical role in providing a stable environment for children in need. The inspection visit by

Mrs. Dhanalakshmi, Special Tahsildar, was a valuable opportunity for the management and staff of Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home and Pathway Sabin Centre to showcase the efforts they have put into ensuring the well-being and safety of the children. The positive feedback from Mrs. Dhanalakshmi was not only a reflection of the hard work and dedication of the staff but also reinforced the importance of maintaining strict standards in child care facilities. Her visit highlighted the continued commitment to providing a safe and healthy environment for all the children under our care.

REPORT ON CREATIVITY, EDUCATION, AND LEADERSHIP PROMOTION ACTIVITIES PATHWAY CHILDREN'S HOME

In accordance with the directives from the Director of Child Welfare, Special Services, and the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) Office, Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home organized a series of engaging activities aimed at fostering creativity, education, and leadership among the children. The initiative was designed to empower the children by encouraging self-

expression, enhancing their understanding of essential life values, and recognizing their leadership potential.

Rainbow-Themed Fancy Dress Show--

One of the most anticipated events was the Rainbow-Themed Fancy Dress Show, specifically organized for the 5th-grade children. This vibrant and colorful display showcased the children's creativity and imagination as they dressed in costumes that represented various colors of the rainbow. The show was not only a visual treat but also an excellent platform for the children to demonstrate their artistic flair, boost their confidence, and embrace the joy of self-expression. The costumes, along with the enthusiasm of the participants, left a lasting impression on the attendees, making it one of the highlights of the day.



Theatre Play on "The Importance of Education"---Following the fancy dress show, a theatre play was performed by the children on the topic of "The Importance of Education". The play effectively conveyed the critical value of education in shaping the future of individuals and societies. The children demonstrated their understanding of the subject matter through engaging dialogue and performances that captivated the audience. The play highlighted key messages about how education empowers individuals, provides opportunities, and serves as the foundation for a successful and meaningful life.

Thirukkural Recitation and Explanation---In a bid to connect the children with their cultural heritage, a Thirukkural recitation activity was organized. Thirukkural, a classical Tamil text, holds timeless wisdom and moral

teachings. The children not only recited selected couplets but also explained the meaning and relevance of each verse. This activity helped the children better understand the profound insights contained within the Thirukkural and its applicability to daily life. It also encouraged them to appreciate the rich traditions of their culture while instilling a sense of respect for moral values and ethical living.



Letter-Writing Activity ---
To enhance the children's



writing and communication skills, a letter-writing activity was organized. The children were encouraged to write letters on various topics, from personal reflections to creative expressions. This activity aimed to improve their ability to communicate effectively and express their thoughts clearly in writing. Additionally, it helped them develop a sense of empathy and the ability to connect with others through written words, a vital skill in today's world.

Child Leader Awards Program ---Recognizing leadership qualities is essential in nurturing responsible individuals who can contribute to society in meaningful ways. The Child Leader Awards Program was conducted to honor children who demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities in various activities. Whether it was guiding their peers, participating actively in events, or showing responsibility in their daily tasks, these children were celebrated for their efforts. The awards program not only acknowledged their accomplishments but also encouraged other children to aspire toward leadership and take initiative in their communities.

Active Participation and Success ---Throughout the day, the children participated enthusiastically in all activities. The events encouraged them to be creative, think critically, and engage with their peers in positive, constructive ways. While all the activities were well-received, the Rainbow-Themed Fancy Dress Show was especially appreciated by the attendees, leaving everyone with lasting memories of the children's imaginative costumes and performances.

The event was a resounding success, providing the children with opportunities to express their creativity, gain a deeper understanding of education, and showcase leadership. These activities have not only helped in fostering essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and critical thinking but also contributed to the holistic development of the children. The event reinforced the importance of nurturing the next generation with a well-rounded education that blends creativity, culture, and leadership.

INSPECTION VISIT BY MADHURANTHAGAM TALUK SUPPLY OFFICER – BULK RATION RENEWAL PROCESS

On November 27, 2024, Mr. Saravanan, the Taluk Supply Officer of Madhuranthagam, visited our Children's Home as part of the bulk ration renewal process. This official inspection was conducted to verify compliance with government guidelines and assess the eligibility for the continuation of bulk ration supplies. During the visit, Mr. Saravanan carefully reviewed all essential documents, including the registration certificates, official records, and student attendance registers. The verification process ensured that all administrative requirements were up to date and in accordance with the standards set by the District Supply Office.

As part of the inspection, Mr. Saravanan also visited the kitchen and storeroom to assess the current stock of ration supplies, as well as the cleanliness, storage conditions, and food safety practices in place. The inspection confirmed that the facility maintains high standards in food storage and distribution, aligning with the nutritional needs of the children.



Fully satisfied with the documentation, facilities, and overall management of the ration supplies, Mr. Saravanan approved and forwarded the bulk ration renewal application to the District Supply Officer, Chengalpattu, for final processing. This visit reaffirms the commitment of Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home to maintaining transparency, efficiency, and quality in the management of resources that support the well-being of the children under its care.

QUARTERLY HOME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

In adherence to the mandates of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, all registered children's homes are required to establish a Home Management Committee (HMC) and convene meetings on a quarterly basis. At Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home, these meetings are conducted every three months with the objective of ensuring the holistic development, safety, and welfare of the children under our care.

The meetings are chaired by the Chairman of the Committee and led by the Pathway Director, who plays an active role in overseeing the progress and well-being of the children. The HMC serves as a key decision-making body, facilitating regular reviews, planning, and improvements in various areas that contribute to the effective functioning of the children's home.

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS--- Each meeting is structured to review the children's development across multiple domains, including:---

1. **Educational and Academic Progress---** Committee members assess each child's academic performance, school attendance, and participation in educational activities. Challenges such as learning gaps or behavioral concerns are discussed, and remedial measures or support systems—such as tutoring, mentoring, or counselling—are planned accordingly.
2. **Physical and Medical Health---** The children's health and hygiene are reviewed in detail, with updates provided by the medical team, including the nurse, medical officer, and physiotherapist. The committee evaluates vaccination records, medical check-ups, dietary needs, and treatment plans for children with specific health concerns.
3. **Co-Curricular and Recreational Activities---** The importance of play, art, music, and other co-curricular pursuits is recognized as a vital part of child development. The HMC reviews the activities conducted in the previous quarter and proposes new initiatives to enhance creativity, self-confidence, and social skills among the children.
4. **Infrastructure and Facility Management---** The committee assesses the condition and upkeep of the physical infrastructure, including dormitories, kitchens, classrooms, and playgrounds. Any maintenance issues or requirements for renovation or resource enhancement are identified and scheduled for action.
5. **Child Participation and Leadership---** Representatives from the Children's Committee, an internal group of student leaders, actively participate in the meeting. They are encouraged to share their perspectives, concerns, and suggestions, promoting transparency and empowering the children to be part of the decision-making process.

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURE--- The Home Management Committee consists of key stakeholders including:

- The Pathway Director
- Officials from the District Child Protection Unit (DCPO)
- House Parents and Educators



- Medical and Administrative Staff
- Elected Children's Committee Office Bearers

This diverse composition ensures that discussions are comprehensive and inclusive. The minutes of each meeting are meticulously documented and submitted to the District Child Protection Officer for review, in compliance with the JJ Act's procedural requirements. The Quarterly Home Management Committee Meetings are a cornerstone of effective child care governance. These structured discussions provide an opportunity to evaluate ongoing progress, address challenges, and plan for continuous improvement. Most importantly, they affirm our commitment to the protection, growth, and empowerment of every child in our care. By involving multiple stakeholders and fostering a child-centric approach, the Home Management Committee not only ensures accountability but also strengthens the overall impact of our mission—to nurture, educate, and empower vulnerable children in a safe and supportive environment.

RANGOTSAV CELEBRATION: HONORING CREATIVITY AND HOLISTIC LEARNING



The School has achieved a remarkable milestone by being awarded the Best School for Futuristic Education Award 2024–25 at the Rangotsav Celebration, a prestigious national-level art and cultural competition held in Mumbai, India. This recognition not only highlights the school's unwavering commitment to excellence in education but also emphasizes the importance of nurturing creativity and holistic development among students.

Organized annually by Rangotsav Sanstha, the Rangotsav Celebration is one of the largest platforms in India for young students to showcase their talents in various creative disciplines. With participation from thousands of schools across the country, the event includes diverse categories such as caricature drawing, cartoon making, sketching, coloring, handwriting, poster-making, and finger/thumb art. The primary aim of the celebration is to inspire artistic expression, cultural awareness, and imaginative thinking in children, encouraging them to look beyond textbooks and traditional learning methods.

The students participated in the event with great enthusiasm and performed exceptionally well, achieving national recognition across multiple categories. A total of 27 students were awarded Certificates of Excellence for their outstanding participation. Furthermore, 11 students won Gold



Medals, 8 received Silver Medals, and 4 earned Bronze Medals for their creative work. Special recognition was also given to three kindergarten students, who received Special Appreciation Awards for their unique and expressive entries.

Among the many achievements, S. Vigeshwaran stood out by receiving the prestigious Merit Award, accompanied by a trophy, for his extraordinary artistic submission. His accomplishment reflects the high standard of creativity and innovation encouraged by the school.



These achievements serve as a testament to the school's vision of providing a futuristic and well-rounded education. At Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School, co-curricular activities are not viewed as extracurricular but as essential components of a child's development. Through art, music, drama, and creative writing, students are provided with platforms to explore their passions, build self-confidence, and develop essential life skills such as critical thinking, empathy, and resilience.

The school's Director and Co-founder expressed heartfelt congratulations to all the winners, appreciating the tireless efforts of teachers and staff who guided and motivated the students. He also emphasized that achievements such as this reflect the collaborative spirit of the entire Pathway community—a team that continuously strives to create joyful and meaningful learning experiences for every child. Events like Rangotsav reaffirm the school's belief that creativity must be at the heart of education. By nurturing imagination and encouraging artistic exploration, schools can help children become not only better students but also more confident, compassionate, and capable individuals. As we celebrate this national honor, our School remains committed to its mission of holistic education—empowering students with knowledge, values, and the courage to shape a brighter future. The recognition from Rangotsav is a proud moment, and it further inspires the school to continue fostering excellence, creativity, and a lifelong love for learning in every child.

KARTHIGAI DEEPAM CELEBRATION

Karthigai Deepam is one of the most significant and ancient festivals in Tamil Nadu, celebrated with devotion and grandeur to mark the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. As one of the oldest festivals of the region, Karthigai Deepam carries profound cultural and spiritual meaning. It symbolizes peace, prosperity, spiritual enlightenment, and the eternal triumph of divinity, often linked to Lord Shiva, whose infinite power is represented by the eternal flame.



The festival is traditionally observed by lighting oil lamps (deepams) that illuminate homes, streets, and temples, representing the dispelling of darkness and the arrival of light. According to legends, the Karthigai Deepam flame symbolizes the divine light of Lord Shiva, who appeared in the form of a glowing column of fire to demonstrate his supreme power. The lighting of lamps during this festival is believed to invite peace, harmony, and positive energy while warding off negativity.

At Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Children's Home, the celebration of Karthigai Deepam was a vibrant display of joy, creativity, and tradition. The children, staff, and teachers came together to celebrate the festival in a way that



connected deeply with both the spiritual essence and the cultural customs of the event.

The children, filled with excitement and devotion, carried lit lamps in their hands, creating a mesmerizing and

peaceful ambiance throughout the campus. As they walked together, their little lamps glimmered brightly, symbolizing hope, positivity, and the power of light. This simple yet powerful act captured the essence of the festival: the unity of light, energy, and collective good.

The students also contributed to the visual splendor of the celebration by decorating the surroundings with vibrant rangoli (kolam) designs, crafted using colorful powders. These





intricate patterns were not just beautiful artistic expressions but also carried deep cultural significance. In Tamil culture, kolams are believed to invite prosperity and good fortune into homes, making them an essential part of the festivities.

A major highlight of the celebration was the cultural program, in which the children presented a series of traditional performances, including music, dance, and storytelling. The children's performances were infused with the spirit of Karthigai Deepam, reflecting

the themes of light, spirituality, and unity. Their enthusiasm and joy were evident as they showcased their talents, and the program added an extra layer of cultural richness to the event.

The significance of lighting lamps during Karthigai Deepam cannot be overstated. The act of lighting a lamp is an ancient ritual that represents the dispelling of ignorance and the welcoming of wisdom and knowledge. For the children, it was a way to reflect on the values of peace, unity, and hope. The festival encourages them to embrace positivity and kindness while understanding the importance of inner light and spiritual growth.

The story behind the celebration of Karthigai Deepam is rooted in the Hindu mythology of Lord Shiva's infinite power and presence. It is believed that the flame of Karthigai Deepam represents the eternal light that guides the soul and helps people overcome the obstacles of life. As the children participated in the celebration, they not only enjoyed the festivity but also understood the deeper spiritual meaning of the festival, which encourages self-reflection, growth, and positivity.

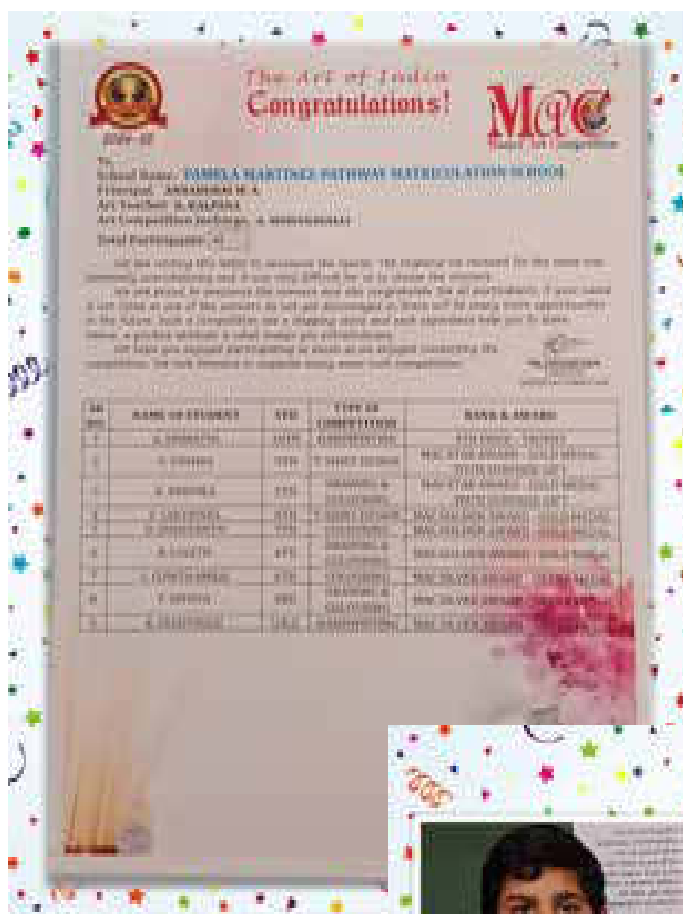
The campus of our Home was beautifully illuminated, glowing with hundreds of oil lamps placed around the premises. The radiance of the lamps, alongside the vibrant rangoli designs, created an atmosphere of warmth, peace, and togetherness. The entire school and children's home were transformed into a sacred space, where both children and adults could bask in the joy of the festival. The celebration concluded with a collective prayer, seeking blessings for the well-being, happiness, and





success of everyone present. The Karthigai Deepam festival at Pathway not only brought light to the physical surroundings but also lit the hearts of all those involved, creating lasting memories and instilling a deeper sense of spiritual awareness. The celebration was a beautiful fusion of cultural tradition, spiritual meaning, and joyful participation. It reminded everyone that, in the face of challenges, light and goodness will always prevail. Through this celebration, the children learned more than just a festival; they experienced the timeless values of peace, unity, and enlightenment, which will continue to guide them in their lives.

Exciting Achievements – MASTER ART COMPETITION



We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our students at the Pan India, National Level Art Competition organized by the Master Art Competition 2023-2024 in Mumbai. This national competition, renowned for its prestigious platform to showcase artistic talent, saw our students excel and bring home several prestigious awards, solidifying our school's reputation for nurturing creativity and artistic expression.

Among the many remarkable achievements, our students stood out in various categories, including Colouring, Handwriting, and T-shirt Design, among others. The dedication, talent, and commitment of our students were evident through their impressive performances in the competition.

One of the most notable achievements was by C. Kavipriya, who secured the 4th Prize Trophy in Colouring. Her attention to detail and vibrant use of colors were truly commendable. S. Sakthivel, another star of the competition, earned the





prestigious MAC Star Award along with a Gold Medal and a surprise gift, demonstrating his outstanding creative abilities. Similarly, R. Himalayan received the MAC Golden Award with a Gold Medal, marking a significant achievement in his artistic journey.

Our students' achievements were not confined to just one category. G. Rithika exhibited exceptional skill in Handwriting, earning the MAC Golden Award with a Gold Medal. P. Bharani

and S. Kerishitha, both excelling in Colouring, also received the MAC Golden Award with Gold Medals. Their work exemplified precision, creativity, and artistic flair.

Special recognition also goes to S. Sankaradoss and T. Agathiya, who won the MAC Golden Award with Gold Medals for their exceptional T-shirt Design work. Their designs were creative and innovative, reflecting the diverse talent that flourishes within our school.

In addition to our students' achievements, we are proud to celebrate the recognition of Mrs. K. Kalpana, our esteemed Art Teacher, who was honored with the Kala Ratna Award for her exceptional contributions to the arts and her unwavering dedication to the development of our students' talents. This prestigious award highlights her impact in nurturing the creativity of our students and cultivating an environment where they can excel in the arts.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Pathway Director/Co-founder, whose ongoing support and commitment to our students' holistic development have made opportunities like this possible. Her vision and leadership play an integral role in providing the resources and encouragement necessary for students to pursue their passions and achieve



excellence in both academics and co-curricular activities.

The remarkable achievements at the Master Art Competition are a testament to the artistic talent that thrives within our school community. From Colouring and Handwriting to T-shirt Art and design, our students have showcased their creativity on a national stage, earning well-deserved recognition. Their success not only reflects their individual dedication but also the nurturing and supportive environment fostered at Pamela Martinez Pathway School.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we recognize that such achievements are made possible through the collective efforts of our students, teachers, and school community. We take great pride in their success and are excited for the continued opportunities to nurture their talents. The celebration of our students' artistic brilliance is a reminder of the power of creativity and the importance of providing platforms for children to express themselves. We are excited to continue supporting our students as they pursue their artistic journeys and look forward to celebrating many more achievements in the future.

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

“Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.” – Janice Maeditere

On December 19, 2024, our campus was filled with the joyous spirit of Christmas as students, staff, and guests came together to celebrate one of the most meaningful occasions

of the year. Held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, the Christmas Program was a beautiful blend of music, dance, drama, and spiritual reflection, capturing the essence of love, unity, and hope that the holiday season represents. The celebration commenced with warm greetings and blessings from the President of Pathway, who offered encouraging words to the students and staff. The Co-founder and Director

of Pathway shared heartfelt Christmas wishes, reminding everyone of the deeper values of compassion and kindness.



The event began on a reverent and joyful note with the hymn “Joy to the World,” followed by an opening prayer led by R. Sabarinathan of IX Standard. A welcome address and the reading of Christmas messages by the President set the tone for the afternoon. At the heart of the program was the profound significance of Christmas itself. Beyond the decorations, music, and festivities lies a message that continues to resonate across time and cultures. Christmas



commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ—a symbol of hope, love, and divine grace. It invites us to reflect on the importance of humility, forgiveness, and generosity. As Helen Steiner Rice beautifully put it, *“Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day.”* For the Pathway community, the celebration was not just an event, but a reaffirmation of these timeless values.

The cultural performances began with a vibrant welcome dance by the Kindergarten students of P.M. Pathway Matriculation School. Their colorful costumes and cheerful energy brought immediate smiles to everyone present. This was followed by a creatively staged Christmas skit, portraying the nativity story with innocence and enthusiasm. As the story of Jesus’ birth unfolded on stage, the audience was reminded of the humble beginnings that gave rise to a message of global love and peace.

The program continued with soul-stirring carols such as “Oh, Come All Ye Faithful,” sung with harmony and heart by the students. One of the most touching performances was a silent mime by the Sabin Pathway students, which conveyed themes of love, compassion, and sharing, without uttering a single word. It was a powerful artistic expression of the true spirit of Christmas.

Adding to the festive cheer, girls from IV and V Standard performed a lively Christmas dance, lighting up the stage with energy and grace. The students of P.M. Pathway Matriculation School also presented a colorful group dance that further enlivened the atmosphere. More carols, including “Away in a Manger” and “Feliz Navidad,” were sung with deep emotion, celebrating the joy of the season.





A beautifully staged nativity scene by the Sabin Pathway students brought reverence and awe to the program. With detailed costumes and sincere narration, the students reenacted the birth of Jesus, capturing the sacredness of that holy night. As Alexander Smith once said, *“Christmas is the day that holds all time together.”* The performance served as a gentle reminder of the enduring relevance of Christmas in our lives.



The final performance—a medley of “Silent Night” and “Jingle Bells”—sparked magical joy, made even more special by the surprise arrival of Santa Claus. With sweets in hand and a warm laugh, Santa brought excitement and laughter to the children, reminding everyone of the happiness that comes from giving and receiving love.

The program concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. P. Malathi, a dedicated teacher, followed by a closing prayer by G. Kaviya of VIII Standard. The event came to a respectful close with the singing of the National Anthem, uniting all in a spirit of gratitude and national pride.

“The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.” – Burton Hills

The Christmas Program 2024 at Pamela Martinez Pathway Agro Farm for Children was more than a celebration—it was a powerful expression of joy, unity, and faith. Through every song, dance, and smile, the message of Christmas shone brightly: to love without condition, to give without expecting, and to find joy in the simple act of coming together. It left all in attendance with full hearts and a renewed sense of hope as they stepped into the festive season.



VIDYAKIRAN APPRECIATION AWARD 2024

“Educating a girl is lighting up a whole family—and the future.”

We take immense pride in nurturing students who exemplify dedication, discipline, and a thirst for learning. It is with great joy and honor that we announce that three of our exceptional girl students have been awarded the VidyaKiran Appreciation Award 2024, a prestigious recognition presented by the Garg Foundation.

Our Shining Stars:

1. J. Jayasugi – Grade IX
2. S. Govarthani – Grade IX
3. A. Thanushka – Grade VIII

These students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance, their active participation in co-curricular activities, and their positive leadership within the school community. Their achievements reflect a balanced and holistic approach to education—one that embraces intellectual curiosity, creativity, and character.



The VidyaKiran Program, an initiative of the Garg Foundation, is a visionary platform dedicated to empowering and uplifting young girls through education. Launched with the belief that education is the most powerful tool for transformation, the program focuses on recognizing excellence among girl students from Grades 8 to 12 across India.

The word *VidyaKiran* translates to "a ray of knowledge," and the program lives up to its name by identifying and supporting girls who demonstrate academic brilliance and strong personal values. It aims to encourage girls to remain committed to their education, overcome barriers, and continue on their path to becoming responsible, capable citizens and future leaders.

Each awardee received: -

- A Certificate of Appreciation, validating her academic and co-curricular excellence
- A cash prize, as an incentive to support her educational journey
- Recognition that inspires peers and motivates entire school communities

By celebrating these students, the Garg Foundation shines a spotlight on the importance of investing in girl education, fostering not just academic performance but confidence, self-worth, and ambition. The success of Jayasugi, Govarthani, and Thanushka is not just their own—it is shared by the entire



school community. It reflects the dedication of our teachers, who provide constant mentorship and academic support, and the encouragement of their families, who value and uphold the importance of education.

Dr. Chandra Prasad, Co-Founder and Director of Pathway, extended her heartfelt congratulations to the awardees and emphasized the importance of such recognition in a student's life:

"This award is more than a recognition—it's a spark. It tells our girls that they are seen, valued, and capable of achieving greatness. I am proud of our students and thankful to the Garg Foundation for their unwavering commitment to nurturing talent and empowering the next generation."

As we celebrate this moment of pride, we are reminded that every child has potential—and when that potential is supported with care, opportunity, and belief, it blossoms into achievement. The VidyaKiran Award 2024 is not just a milestone in the lives of these three students—it is a beacon of hope and a call to action for every girl who dares to dream. Let us continue to nurture excellence, support ambition, and inspire every student to rise, shine, and make a difference in the world.

ENSURING QUALITY CARE: DISTRICT-LEVEL INSPECTION

In line with government mandates to uphold the highest standards in child welfare and residential care, a district-level inspection was conducted at Pamela Martinez Pathway Agro Farm for Children. The visit reflected a strong commitment to transparency, accountability, and the holistic well-being of children in institutional care.

The inspection was led by Mr. Saravanakumar, the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) of Chengalpattu. As the key official responsible for implementing child protection services under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), the DCPO plays a crucial role in monitoring and supporting Child Care Institutions (CCIs). His presence underscored the importance of ensuring that the care provided aligns with legal standards and child rights principles.

He was accompanied by Mr. J. Jounprabu, Protection Officer from the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Chengalpattu, whose role involves direct supervision and support to child protection initiatives across the district. Also part of the inspection team were Mr. Arokiasamy and Mrs. Renuka, respected members of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC)—the statutory authority tasked with ensuring the care, protection, and rehabilitation of children in need. Health-related aspects were jointly reviewed by Mr. R. Manikandan, Health Inspector of Ramapuram, and Mrs. Jayanthi, Medical Officer from the Ramapuram Government Primary Health Centre.

The inspection followed a structured and in-depth approach to assess the effectiveness of care and protection measures in place. Key areas reviewed included:

- Children's home records and administrative documentation
- Medical records, vaccination updates, and health monitoring
- Individual Care Plans (ICPs) tailored to each child's background, needs, and future goals
- Educational progress reports and academic performance
- Nutrition, hygiene, and living standards



The officials engaged directly with both children and staff, providing an opportunity for open dialogue and observation of the home's environment. Their interactions aimed to understand the emotional and psychological well-being of the children, evaluate staff-child relationships, and ensure that children's voices are heard and valued.

The team toured the premises, including:

- Kitchen and food preparation areas – to ensure hygiene and nutritional standards
- Children's dormitories and living spaces – to check safety, cleanliness, and comfort
- RO water purification units – verifying access to safe drinking water
- Play areas and study zones – assessing the balance of recreation and education

This holistic evaluation demonstrated a keen interest not only in procedural compliance but also in quality of life indicators for children. The purpose of such inspections is to safeguard the rights and welfare of children in institutional care, ensuring that care homes like Pamela Martinez Pathway function in compliance with the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and guidelines laid out by the National and State Child Protection Agencies. DCPO Mr. Saravanakumar, known for his proactive approach and dedication to child rights, offered valuable suggestions for improvement and appreciated the efforts made by the management and staff to maintain a nurturing and well-organized environment. His feedback highlighted the importance of continuous staff training, enhanced documentation practices, and child-centered care planning.

Pamela Martinez Pathway Agro Farm for Children remains deeply committed to providing a safe, loving, and empowering space for every child. The insights from this inspection further strengthen our resolve to uphold the highest standards of care, in close coordination with government bodies and welfare agencies. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Saravanakumar, Mr. Jounprabu, the CWC members, and the health officials for their time, expertise, and unwavering dedication to the welfare of children.

EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS: THE ADORE YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

We believe in nurturing not just academic excellence, but also the leadership, creativity, and character that shape well-rounded individuals. In line with this vision, under the dynamic guidance of our Director and Co-Founder, Dr. Chandra Prasad, the school proudly completed the ADORE Young Leaders Program, a transformative five-week virtual initiative designed to inspire young minds.

The program was specially curated for students of Grades VIII and IX, with 20 enthusiastic students participating in online sessions that blended learning, self-reflection, and creative expression. The sessions were interactive, project-based, and rich with insights—thanks to the passionate and thoughtful facilitation by Ms. Shivani Koli and Ms. Shivagami, who represented the ADORE organization, known for its commitment to youth development nationwide.

Throughout the program, students engaged in thought-provoking topics and hands-on activities that encouraged them to think deeply and express authentically. Some of the key activities included:

- Creative Quest – Stimulating imaginative thinking and problem-solving
- Letter to Past and Future – Encouraging personal reflection and vision-building



- My Mother, My Friends – Celebrating relationships and emotional bonds
- Family Fun Time – Strengthening family connections through shared moments
- Craft from Waste – Promoting sustainability through creativity

Each session was not only enjoyable but deeply impactful, helping students develop empathy, leadership skills, communication abilities, and self-awareness. The supportive involvement of our school staff, especially Mrs. P. Malathi (English Teacher) and Ms. V. Nandhini (Computer Teacher), ensured that the students remained motivated and well-guided throughout the program.

We are proud to recognize the following students for their active and sincere participation:

- Vijayalakshmi S
- Mahalakshmi C
- Kovardhini S
- Jayasugi J
- Tamil Selvan A
- Saravanan R
- Sarvesh M
- Sai Sanjai E
- Sabarinathan R
- Pugazhenth P
- Subishka K
- Thanushka A
- Kaviya G
- Kanishka M
- Gracy D
- Deepika V
- Sakthivel S
- Prakadheesh E
- Kishore G
- Dhanusri K



These young leaders showcased responsibility, innovation, and a genuine desire to grow—hallmarks of a promising future.



We extend our sincere gratitude to the ADORE team, especially Ms. Shivani and Ms. Shivagami, for their selfless dedication and for bringing such enriching experiences to our students. Their mentorship left a lasting impression on every child involved. Special thanks also go to our Principal and teaching faculty, whose support made the program a success. Most importantly, we are deeply grateful to Dr. Chandra Prasad, our Director and Co-Founder, for continuously championing co-curricular programs that empower students beyond the classroom. We look



forward to hosting more such programs that help our students discover their voice, lead with purpose, and grow into compassionate, capable individuals who make a positive impact in their communities.

We recognize that the success of a child's education is a collaborative effort between the school and the family. In line with this belief, we regularly conduct Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) each academic term, offering a platform for teachers and parents to come together and ensure the holistic development of each student.

These meetings are designed not only to review academic progress but to provide a comprehensive overview of a student's growth across various areas. Teachers take the time to present detailed progress reports, answer scripts, and share individual assessments, helping parents gain a clear picture of their child's academic strengths, challenges, and areas for improvement. These discussions are not limited to academics but extend to co-curricular achievements as well, such as:

- Sports participation and achievements
- Involvement in cultural events and celebrations
- Performance in quizzes, exhibitions, and competitions
- Leadership roles in club activities
- Participation in district and state-level creative contests

By exploring these various aspects, we aim to showcase the importance of a well-rounded education—one that fosters intellectual growth, creativity, and character development.

THE VITAL ROLE OF PARENTS IN A CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

Parents play a pivotal role in their child's academic success and emotional development. By actively engaging in the PTMs, parents gain valuable insight into their child's learning experiences, challenges, and accomplishments. Attending the meetings alongside their children allows parents to better understand the academic and personal growth their children are experiencing at school. It also gives them a chance to see their child's work firsthand—whether it's projects, assignments, class notes, or preparatory materials. This tangible connection fosters a sense of pride and reinforces the importance of involvement in the learning process.

Parents' encouragement, feedback, and guidance at home are integral to helping children thrive in school and life. Whether it's providing emotional support, setting learning goals, or reinforcing good study habits, the active involvement of parents ensures a strong support system for the child's academic journey. On the other hand, teachers are the guiding mentors in a child's academic and personal growth. They provide the necessary academic guidance, nurture creativity, and encourage social and emotional development. In PTMs, teachers do more than just discuss grades—they take the time to listen to concerns, offer constructive feedback, and develop individualized strategies to



help each student reach their potential. Teachers also play an essential role in identifying the child's unique talents and challenges and collaborating with parents to create a supportive learning environment both at school and home.



Teachers act as role models, instilling values such as discipline, resilience, and respect. They provide a safe and enriching space for children to explore their interests, overcome obstacles, and develop essential life skills that go beyond textbooks. Ultimately, the relationship between parents and teachers is one of shared responsibility. The PTM is more than just a routine meeting; it is an opportunity for both parties to align their efforts and ensure the child's development is nurtured both at school and at home. It is through this close collaboration that we can provide the best support system for our students, addressing their academic needs while fostering their emotional and social well-being.



Each meeting concludes with an opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal, share their feedback, and offer suggestions for the continuous improvement of the school environment. This collaborative exchange strengthens the bond between the school and families, creating an open dialogue that ensures every child's needs are met and their potential maximized. At our school, we are committed to creating an environment where both teachers and parents are partners in a child's journey, working hand-in-hand to inspire success,



creativity, and a lifelong love for learning.

PONGAL FESTIVAL A CELEBRATION OF TRADITION, CULTURE, AND UNITY

The Pongal Festival 2025 was celebrated with immense enthusiasm and traditional fervor at Pamela Martinez Pathway Agro Farm, bringing together





students from the Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School, Pamela Martinez Pathway Children's Home, and Pathway Sabin Center. This vibrant celebration not only



showcased the spirit of Pongal but also emphasized the importance of unity, cultural heritage, and learning.

The event began with a warm and heartfelt welcome speech by Mohana Prasad from IV Standard, setting the tone for the day's festivities. This was followed by a series of engaging speeches and performances that highlighted the significance of Pongal, an important harvest festival celebrated by Tamils around the world.

Pongal is a four-day festival, each day representing a different aspect of the harvest and cultural significance:



The first day of Pongal is known as Bhogi Pongal, which marks the beginning of the festival. This day is dedicated to honoring Indra, the god of rain, who blesses the land with good harvests. On this day, people clean their homes, discard old items, and prepare for a fresh start. Bonfires are lit to dispose

of old and unused items, symbolizing the burning away of negativity and the welcoming of new opportunities.

The second day, Surya Pongal, is the main day of the festival and is dedicated to worshipping Surya, the Sun God, who plays a vital role in the growth of crops. On this day, families prepare the traditional Pongal dish, made from newly harvested rice, jaggery, and milk, and offer it to Surya as a token of gratitude for a bountiful harvest. This day is marked by festivities, family gatherings, and cultural rituals, making it the most important and widely celebrated day of the festival.



The third day, Mattu Pongal, is dedicated to honoring the cattle that help in farming. Cows, bulls, and other livestock are bathed, decorated with garlands, and honored for their hard work in plowing the fields and supporting the agricultural process. Farmers and their families express gratitude towards these animals, often organizing bull-taming events like Jallikattu, as a mark of respect for the vital role animals play in agriculture.

The fourth and final day, Kaanum Pongal, is a day of socializing, family reunions, and community bonding. On this day, people visit friends and relatives, exchanging gifts and good wishes. It is also a day for charity and sharing, where people offer food and gifts to those in need. Traditionally, women prepare a special Pongal dish called Ven Pongal and share it with the community. This day also marks the end of the festivities and symbolizes unity and social harmony.

The cultural segment of the celebration was truly captivating. Students from IV and V Standard performed a lively group dance, showcasing their talent and energy. The





students' creativity shone through in the Fancy Dress competition, where children dressed up in colorful costumes representing various cultural elements. One of the highlights was the group song performance by the school choir, which was melodious and heartwarming, adding to the festive atmosphere.

The excitement reached new heights with a spirited boys' dance performance by students from VII and VIII Standard, whose

energy and coordination captured the true essence of the festival. Pathway Sabin Center students also showcased their talents with a special dance performance, further engaging the audience and enhancing the festive spirit.

The second session of the festival was dedicated to traditional games and hands-on activities, providing a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the cultural practices associated with Pongal. One of the notable attractions was the Jallikattu model, which depicted Tamil Nadu's iconic bull-taming tradition, a sport that celebrates bravery and the strength of both the bull and the tamer.

Students also participated in a Rangoli competition, where they showcased their artistic skills by creating intricate and colorful designs, symbolizing the festive spirit of Pongal. The Uriyadi game, a traditional pot-breaking activity, added a playful and competitive element to the day, as students joyfully tried to break the pot while blindfolded.

In another hands-on activity, two groups of students, guided by their teachers, prepared Sweet Pongal, giving them the chance to immerse themselves in the culinary traditions of the festival. This activity not only taught the students how to prepare the dish but also allowed them to connect with the cultural heritage associated with the Pongal celebration.

The President of Pathway delivered an inspiring address, praising the students and staff for their efforts in organizing such a grand celebration. Their dedication and hard work were acknowledged, and the President emphasized the importance of understanding and appreciating cultural traditions, which are essential for fostering unity and a sense of community.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where winners of various competitions were recognized for their outstanding performances. The students were celebrated for their creativity, enthusiasm, and active participation in all the activities, ensuring that everyone left with a sense of accomplishment and pride. The Pongal Festival 2025 was a beautiful blend of learning and festivity, providing students with a deeper understanding of the cultural significance of Pongal. It was a celebration that not only honored Tamil traditions but also fostered unity among students from

different backgrounds. Through performances, games, and hands-on experiences, the festival instilled a sense of cultural pride and community spirit among all the participants, leaving them with cherished memories and a stronger connection to their heritage.

NATURE WALK



As part of the Pongal celebrations all the students had the unique opportunity to enjoy an educational and fun-filled campus nature walk. This enriching experience allowed the students to connect with the natural environment while celebrating the harvest festival.

During the walk, the children were introduced to the farm's rich biodiversity, which included a variety of trees, plants, and medicinal herbs. They learned about the significance of these plants, many of which are traditionally used for their healing properties. The students were particularly fascinated by the diverse bird species on the farm, including ducks and peacocks, which added an extra element of excitement and discovery.

One of the highlights of the nature walk was a visit to the nursery garden, where students eagerly explored the different plant varieties. This hands-on learning experience gave them the chance to observe the growth of plants from seedling to maturity, deepening their understanding of the farming process.

The students' excitement grew even further when they had the opportunity to taste fresh farm produce directly from the trees. They sampled delicious mangoes, coconuts, jackfruit, sapota, and lemons, all of which are staples of the Tamil harvest festival. This experience not only allowed them to appreciate the fruits of the harvest but also underscored the importance of sustainable farming practices.

Students from Pathway Sabin Center also took part in the walk, exploring and observing every corner of the campus, learning more about the diverse plants, trees, and animals that make up the Pathway Agro





Farm ecosystem. They engaged with the environment in a meaningful way, further enriching their educational journey.

The students expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Pathway Director for providing them with this unique opportunity to experience the beauty and tranquillity of the farm. This walk not only offered them a chance to learn but also allowed them to connect with nature, making it a perfect blend of education, nature, and festivity.



The Pongal celebrations at Pathway Agro Farm were truly memorable, offering students an unforgettable experience that combined the joy of the festival with the wonder of the natural world. This event beautifully highlighted the significance of Pongal as a harvest festival while promoting environmental awareness and fostering a deeper connection to nature.

Nature walks offer a wide array of benefits, particularly for children and students. These walks not only help foster a deeper connection with the environment but also contribute to their physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Here are some of the key benefits:



1. Enhances Physical Health - Improved Fitness: Walking outdoors provides students with physical exercise, promoting cardiovascular health, muscle strength, and overall fitness.

- Boosts Immune System: Spending time in nature can help strengthen the immune system, as it exposes children to fresh air and natural sunlight, which is essential for vitamin D production.



- **Stress Reduction:** Nature walks are a great way to release tension. Physical activity, combined with the calming effects of nature, helps reduce stress and anxiety levels in students.
- 2. **Boosts Mental Health and Well-being - Reduces Stress and Anxiety:** Studies have shown that exposure to nature lowers cortisol levels (the stress hormone), helping students feel more relaxed and at ease.
- **Improves Focus and Concentration:** Spending time in nature has been linked to improved attention and focus, which can positively impact academic performance.
- **Promotes Positive Emotions:** Walking in nature can enhance mood, foster positive emotions, and provide a sense of accomplishment, leading to increased happiness and well-being.
- 3. **Fosters Environmental Awareness - Increases Knowledge of Nature:** Nature walks give students firsthand experience of local flora and fauna, helping them better understand and appreciate the natural world around them.
- **Encourages Sustainability:** Exposure to the environment can inspire a sense of responsibility in students to care for and protect natural resources, promoting environmentally sustainable practices.
- **Learning about Biodiversity:** Children get to observe various plant species, animals, and ecosystems, broadening their understanding of biodiversity and the importance of preserving nature.
- 4. **Improves Social Skills - Teamwork and Cooperation:** Nature walks often involve group activities and teamwork, which helps students develop collaboration, communication, and problem-solving skills.
- **Strengthens Relationships:** Walking together in a natural setting fosters camaraderie and stronger bonds among students and between students and teachers.
- 5. **Stimulates Cognitive Development - Hands-on Learning:** Nature walks provide students with an opportunity to learn through experience rather than just theory. They can observe plant life cycles, animal behaviors, and the interconnectedness of ecosystems.
- **Creative Thinking:** Exposure to diverse natural settings often sparks curiosity and creativity, encouraging students to ask questions and think critically about the world around them.
- **Improved Memory:** Being surrounded by nature has been shown to improve memory and cognitive function, which can enhance academic performance.
- 6. **Promotes Emotional Development - Encourages Reflection:** Nature walks offer a peaceful, calming atmosphere that encourages self-reflection, emotional growth, and a sense of connection to the world.
- **Reduces Screen Time:** In a world dominated by digital devices, nature walks provide an opportunity for students to disconnect from screens and reconnect with the natural world.
- 7. **Boosts Creativity and Imagination - Stimulates Creativity:** The sights, sounds, and smells of nature can stimulate a child's imagination, providing them with fresh perspectives and new ideas.
- **Inspires Exploration:** Nature invites curiosity, encouraging students to explore their surroundings, ask questions, and discover new things.
- 8. **Promotes Gratitude and Mindfulness - Connection with Nature:** Walking through natural settings can help students develop a sense of gratitude for the earth's beauty and the resources it provides.
- **Mindfulness Practice:** Nature walks often encourage mindfulness by allowing students to focus on the present moment, appreciate their surroundings, and develop a calm, centered mindset.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO GINGEE FORT

On January 16, 2025, the students of Grades IX and X from our school embarked on an enriching educational tour to Gingee Fort, located in the Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu. The tour, organized



during the Kanum Pongal celebrations, was a perfect blend of festive joy and educational enrichment, allowing the students to immerse themselves in India's rich history, culture, and architecture. Gingee Fort, often referred to as the "Troy of the East," is a historic marvel with a history spanning over 800 years. Originally constructed in 1190 AD by Ananta Kon and later fortified by his son Krishna Kon, Gingee Fort holds strategic and cultural significance. The fort was initially built as a military base, but it gained prominence when the Cholas strengthened its fortifications in the 12th century. Later, during the reign of the Vijayanagara Empire in the 13th century, the fort became a formidable military stronghold, symbolizing the empire's power and influence.



Over the centuries, Gingee Fort was successively controlled by various powerful

dynasties and

rulers. It was

taken over by the Hoysalas, followed by the Bijapur Sultanate in 1638. In 1677, it came under the control of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, who recognized its strategic importance and enhanced its fortifications. The fort later came under the Mughals in 1690, followed by the French in 1750 and eventually the British in 1762. Each of these rulers contributed to the fort's unique architecture and history, making it a symbol of India's rich and varied heritage.

Gingee Fort's military and architectural significance lies in its impregnable defenses and strategic location. The fort is built atop three prominent hillocks—Rajagiri, Krishnagiri, and Chandragiri—which offer panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, providing a natural advantage in defense. Its massive walls, an 80-foot-wide moat, and steep slopes made it nearly impossible to breach, earning it the title "Troy of the East." The fort complex includes several architectural gems, including the Kalyana Mahal, Venkataramana Swamy Temple, and several other smaller temples. The granaries and gymnasiums within the fort reveal the sophistication of the fort's design, catering not only to military needs but also to the social and cultural lives of its inhabitants.

Gingee Fort's recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for 2024-25 further highlights its importance. Recently, a team from UNESCO,





including an expert from the International Commission on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), visited the fort as part of its nomination process, confirming its global historical and architectural significance. Gingee Fort is now part of the Maratha Military Landscapes, a group of 12 forts that represent the military prowess of the Maratha Empire. This recognition underscores the fort's importance not only within Indian history but also in a global context.

During the educational visit, students had the opportunity to explore the fort's historical features in detail. They observed the strategic military structures, including the massive ramparts, watchtowers, and the fort's gateways, which offered a glimpse into the fort's role as a powerful military bastion over the centuries. Students climbed the hillocks, taking in breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape while learning about the fort's significance as a military stronghold that withstood multiple sieges. They also explored the Kalyana Mahal, the Venkataramana Swamy Temple, and other intricate architectural elements, appreciating the artistic and engineering genius of the time. The visit to Gingee Fort provided the students with a deeper understanding of India's cultural, architectural, and military history, giving them firsthand insight into the fort's strategic importance and its role in

shaping the region's past. This tour also fostered an appreciation for preserving and promoting heritage sites, encouraging students to take pride in their cultural legacy.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Pathway Director, Dr. Chandra Prasad, for her unwavering support in organizing such a meaningful educational experience for the students. His dedication to providing experiential learning opportunities fosters a deeper connection to history and culture for all students. The educational tour to Gingee Fort was a memorable experience that allowed students to engage with India's historical landscape, combining academic learning with exploration. The journey enriched their knowledge and instilled in them a sense of pride in their heritage, helping them appreciate the historical and cultural significance of one of Tamil Nadu's most iconic landmarks.

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY CELEBRATION



On 24th January 2025, we joyfully celebrated National Girl Child Day, an initiative organized by the Science Club to honor the rights, potential, and contributions of the girl child in society. The event was both inspiring and thought-provoking, aiming to cultivate awareness, respect, and equality among students.

The celebration began with a warm welcome and address by Subathra Teacher, President of the Science Club. She emphasized the crucial role of girl children in shaping families, communities, and the nation. *“Empowering a girl child means*

empowering a generation,” she said, echoing the government's ongoing mission to ensure equal opportunities for all children, regardless of gender.

A memorable highlight of the program was a touching speech by R. Varsha of Grade II, who narrated the journey of a girl from early childhood to aspiring as high as the President of India. Her confidence and clarity served as a powerful reminder of what young girls are capable of when they are believed in and supported.

This was followed by an insightful panel discussion featuring Sabarinathan, Saravan, and Jeevakumar, who shared their views on gender equality and girl empowerment. They spoke about the importance of education, safety, and respect for girls and concluded the session by saluting the girls in the audience—a symbolic gesture that was met with cheers and applause.

Students from Grades IV and V performed a deeply moving skit on the challenges faced by girls in society, including barriers to education and freedom of choice. The performance





effectively highlighted the right to education, equal treatment, and dignity for all girls, leaving a strong emotional impact on the audience.

In his address, the Principal spoke passionately about the incredible achievements of Indian women, citing inspiring examples of freedom fighters like Rani Lakshmi Bai, poets like Sarojini Naidu, scientists like Dr. Tessy Thomas, and pioneers in education like Savitribai Phule. A PowerPoint presentation followed, showcasing contributions of renowned Indian women in science, politics, literature, sports, and education. It served as a strong visual reminder that girls, when

given the opportunity, can excel in every field. It is a call to action for families, communities, and institutions to break gender biases and build a more inclusive society. The day also aligns with larger national campaigns such as **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao** (Save the Daughter, Educate the Daughter), which emphasizes the critical role of the girl child in nation-building.



✿ "A daughter is not a burden, she is a blessing. Let us give her wings to fly." – Ministry of Women and Child Development

✿ "Empower girls today for a stronger and brighter India tomorrow." – Government of India Campaign Slogan

✿ "If you educate a man, you educate an individual. But if you educate a woman, you educate a nation." – African Proverb (often quoted in Indian government programs)

The event was not just a celebration—it was a strong message of inclusion, empowerment, and future-focused thinking. It succeeded in making students more aware of their responsibilities in creating a gender-equal society. We extend our sincere thanks to the Science Club, the teachers, and the school leadership for making this program a meaningful and memorable event. As we celebrate the girl child, let us commit to nurturing her dreams and giving her the opportunities to soar.

REPUBLIC DAY 2025 CELEBRATIONS



The 76th Republic Day of India was celebrated with immense patriotic fervor and cultural vibrancy on 26th January 2025 at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School and Pathway - Sabin Center, located in Agili Village, Chengalpattu. The celebrations reflected the true spirit of unity, discipline, and national pride, involving enthusiastic participation from students, staff, and special guests. The program began at 10:30 AM with the flag hoisting ceremony, led by the Director, Chief Functionary, and Co-Founder of Pathway. As the tricolor unfurled against the morning sky, the



National Anthem echoed through the grounds, filling the atmosphere with deep reverence. This was followed by an impressive March Past by students from both the school and Sabin Center. The precision and coordination in the parade were a testament to the discipline and dedication instilled in the students, and it was warmly received by the inspecting dignitaries.

The cultural program that followed brought to life the values of India's Constitution—justice, liberty, equality,

and fraternity—through a variety of creative performances.

The event commenced with a confident welcome address by J. Mohanaprasad, setting the tone for the celebration. This was followed by thought-provoking speech presentations. M. Kanishka of Grade VIII delivered a moving speech in English, highlighting the importance of Republic Day and encouraging her peers to value the democratic foundation of our country. A powerful Tamil speech by G. Rithika, K. Subishka, and Deepan recounted



the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and urged everyone to uphold unity and brotherhood.



The primary class students lifted the spirits of the gathering with a melodious patriotic song in English, while Kaniyamuthan of Grade VIII recited a Tamil poem that celebrated India's cultural wealth and diversity.



A highlight of the program was the mime performance by Sabin Pathway Center students, which conveyed a moving message about freedom and national unity—without using a single word. The act was deeply appreciated for its creativity and emotional depth.



Another standout performance was the skit on Veerapandiya Kattabomman, presented by students PAMELA MARTINEZ-PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S HOME 109



of Grades IV and VII. Through powerful dialogues and dramatic flair, the students paid tribute to the legendary freedom fighter, evoking pride and admiration from the audience.

Dance was another medium through which the students expressed their love for the country. The primary class students presented a vibrant and cheerful dance filled with patriotic symbolism, while the Grade VII girls performed a semi-classical dance, harmonizing traditional movements with nationalistic themes.

The group song by the students of P.M. Pathway Matriculation School resonated with unity and the spirit of India, leaving a lasting impression. The celebration also included a delightful Fancy Dress Show, where young children represented

different Indian states, freedom fighters, and national icons. Their colorful costumes and confident presence symbolized the richness and diversity of India.

In her concluding address, the Director and Co-Founder of Pathway commended the students and teachers for their dedication in putting together a meaningful and inspiring program. She reminded everyone of the responsibilities that come with freedom and the importance of nurturing the values enshrined in the Constitution which came into effect in 1950, making India a sovereign, secular, democratic republic. The day honors the democratic values and legal framework that guide our nation. It is a moment to remember the vision of our founding leaders and to reaffirm our commitment to justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. As Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Constitution, once said: ***“We are Indians, firstly and lastly.”*** She emphasized the need to instill patriotism and civic sense in the younger generation, who are the future torchbearers of the nation.

This day celebration was a vibrant and heartfelt tribute to our great nation. Through their speeches, songs, dances, and dramatic performances, the students not only showcased their talents but also deepened their understanding of India's rich history and constitutional legacy. The event successfully instilled a sense of pride, responsibility, and unity, making it a truly memorable occasion.

“Let us remember the sacrifices of those who built this nation and work together to protect its freedom and dignity.”

The celebration concluded on a joyful note with the distribution of sweets to all students and staff, symbolizing the sweetness of freedom and the joy of togetherness.





DPT VACCINATION PROGRAM

In line with national public health initiatives and the directives of the Tamil Nadu Medical and Education Departments, our School successfully conducted a DPT Vaccination Program for eligible students on campus. The program took place under the watchful supervision of the school's medical team and reflects the institution's commitment to the health and well-being of every child.



The DPT vaccine is a vital immunization that protects against three potentially life-threatening infectious diseases: Diphtheria, Pertussis

(Whooping Cough), and Tetanus. Diphtheria is a serious throat infection that can block airways, Pertussis causes severe coughing fits and can lead to pneumonia, and Tetanus, commonly known as lockjaw, affects the nervous system and can be fatal if left untreated. The DPT vaccine, typically given in multiple doses during early childhood, includes a booster at the age of five years to reinforce immunity as children enter school.

On the day of the program, the Medical Officer from the Ramapuram Government Primary Health Centre, accompanied by the Village Nurse, visited the school to administer the vaccine. The program was coordinated and supported by the school's dedicated Pathway Medical Staff, led by Mrs. K. Nishanthi, the school nurse. Under her guidance, all necessary health protocols and logistical arrangements were meticulously handled, ensuring the comfort and safety of the children.

A total of 16 students, who had completed five years of age, received their booster doses during the session. The environment was made reassuring and child-friendly, helping reduce fear and anxiety often associated with medical procedures.

This vaccination drive was more than just a medical activity—it was an essential step in safeguarding public health within the school community. By preventing the spread of communicable diseases, the program supported both the physical well-being of the students and the creation of a safe learning environment.

The administration of the DPT vaccine also served to reinforce the importance of preventive healthcare and early intervention. It highlighted the school's proactive approach in collaborating with public health institutions and supporting government-led health initiatives.

Through this successful execution, we once again demonstrated its dedication to the holistic development of its students, ensuring that both educational and health needs are prioritized. The school extends its heartfelt thanks to the Ramapuram Government Health Department and the attending medical professionals for their continued support in promoting student wellness.

— Buddha

ENGLISH LITERARY CLUB ACTIVITY



The session was thoughtfully planned and led by the English Literary Club President, Praveena, and Vice President, Thanushka, under the supportive mentorship of Mrs. P. Malathi, the school's English teacher. Their combined efforts created a learning experience that was both educational and entertaining.

A group of enthusiastic fifth-grade students creatively presented the Parts of Speech, using visual aids and storytelling methods that made grammar concepts simple and enjoyable. This was followed by a lively Tongue Twister Contest, conducted by Kaniamuthan and V. Aswitha from Class VI, which delighted the young audience and encouraged them to speak confidently and clearly.

One of the most engaging moments of the session was the Dialogue Duel, a dramatic exchange performed by Philomina and Kavishma, showcasing the art of expressive communication. Another powerful highlight was a moving portrayal of Malala Yousafzai's journey, enacted with passion by



K. Subishka from Grade VIII. Her performance not only celebrated the importance of girls' education but also served as an inspiration to her peers.

To deepen language engagement, English teachers conducted stimulating word-based games like Word Train, Word Pyramid, and Rhyme Time, all designed to enhance vocabulary and spelling skills through a play-based approach. Ms. V. Nandhini, our computer teacher, contributed further by presenting a fun and educational PowerPoint presentation on Pangrams and facilitating a Word Building Challenge, sparking the students' critical thinking and creativity.

Participation in the English Literary Club provides students with multiple

long-term benefits:

- **Enhanced Communication Skills:** Through activities like debates, skits, and storytelling, students develop fluency and confidence in speaking.
- **Creative Expression:** Poetry, dialogue writing, and dramatic presentations allow students to express their thoughts creatively and authentically.
- **Vocabulary Development:** Games and language exercises increase students' word power and grammatical understanding.
- **Leadership & Teamwork:** Planning and executing club events help build leadership, coordination, and interpersonal skills.
- **Global Readiness:** As English is the language of global dialogue, mastering it empowers students to participate in international conversations and opportunities.

“Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.”
— Rita Mae Brown

“The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.” — Ludwig Wittgenstein





The session concluded on a high note with an address by the Principal, who expressed heartfelt appreciation to all the students and teachers involved. He highlighted the vital role of the English Literary Club in developing students' confidence, communication skills, and love for language. He also extended gratitude to the Co-founder and Director of Pathway, Dr. Chandra Prasad, for her continued encouragement of co-curricular initiatives that enrich the overall educational experience.

The "Strengthen Your English" session by the English Literary Club was more than just an event—it was an inspiring learning journey. It successfully combined fun with education, encouraged students to overcome their hesitation, and opened

their minds to the power of language. We remain dedicated to providing such enriching opportunities that nurture intellectual, emotional, and linguistic growth, preparing students for a confident and expressive future.

REPORT ON NATIONAL DEWORMING DAY CAMP

Good health forms the foundation of a successful educational journey. Recognizing this, our School proudly observed National Deworming Day on February 10, 2025, as part of a nationwide initiative by the Government of India to eliminate intestinal worm infections among children and adolescents. The camp was conducted in collaboration with the Ramapuram Government Primary Health Centre, including the Medical Officer, Village Nurse, the Health Inspector from Acharapakkam Block, and the school's dedicated Pathway Medical Team.



The seamless coordination between the health department and school authorities ensured the success of this vital health initiative.

Objective and Implementation

The primary objective of the deworming camp was to administer Albendazole tablets, a safe and effective deworming medicine, to all students to prevent soil-transmitted helminth (STH) infections, commonly caused by roundworms, whipworms, and hookworms. These infections are widespread in school-age children and can lead to malnutrition, anemia, impaired mental and physical development, and absenteeism.

A total of all enrolled students were administered the deworming tablet after meals, as per health department guidelines. The school nurse, Mrs. K. Nishanthi, along with the visiting health officials, ensured that dosage was administered correctly, and any mild reactions were monitored carefully.

Awareness and Health Education Session

Beyond medication, the camp also served as a platform for health education and awareness. A short and engaging session was conducted by the medical team, covering:

- The importance of deworming every six months.
- Simple hygiene practices to prevent reinfection, such as:
 - Washing hands with soap after using the toilet and before meals.
 - Wearing footwear outdoors.
 - Drinking clean, filtered water.
 - Keeping nails short and clean.
- The link between good hygiene, regular vaccination, and nutritious food in maintaining overall health.



Students listened attentively and actively participated by asking questions and sharing what they had learned. The initiative not only protected their physical health but also empowered them with knowledge to make healthy choices in their daily lives. Deworming is a critical intervention recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) to reduce the burden of intestinal worms, especially among school-age children in developing countries. By conducting such camps in schools, the government ensures maximum coverage and effectiveness of the program.

“A healthy outside starts from the inside.” — Robert Urich

When children are free from parasitic infections, they experience:

- Improved nutrient absorption and growth.
- Better school attendance and concentration.
- Enhanced academic performance and overall quality of life.

The school extends its sincere gratitude to the Tamil Nadu Health Department, the Ramapuram PHC, and all frontline health workers who played an instrumental role in this important campaign..”

“Healthy children are the true wealth of a nation. When we nurture their health, we nurture the future

EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO THE TRADE FAIR — A BLEND OF LEARNING AND FUN



As part of our commitment to holistic education, our school, in collaboration with Pathway Children's Home and Pathway Sabin Centre, organized an exciting and educational visit to a mini trade fair near Melmaruvathur. This visit aimed to provide students with a memorable learning experience beyond the classroom by exposing them to real-world exhibitions, cultural artifacts, and science-based entertainment.

The trip was meticulously planned to ensure safety and well-being. Our Principal

conducted a pre-visit briefing for both staff and students, explaining the objectives of the trip, outlining behavioral expectations, and reinforcing the importance of discipline, responsibility, and group safety. The school arranged for a well-stocked first-aid kit, designated teacher escorts for each group of children, and ensured that students wore identity tags for easy supervision.

The trade fair offered an exciting blend of entertainment, education, and local culture. Upon entering the grounds, students were





greeted by a vibrant atmosphere filled with colorful stalls, vibrant lights, and energetic music. The fair was divided into multiple zones:

Students had the opportunity to enjoy various thrilling and fun-filled rides, including:

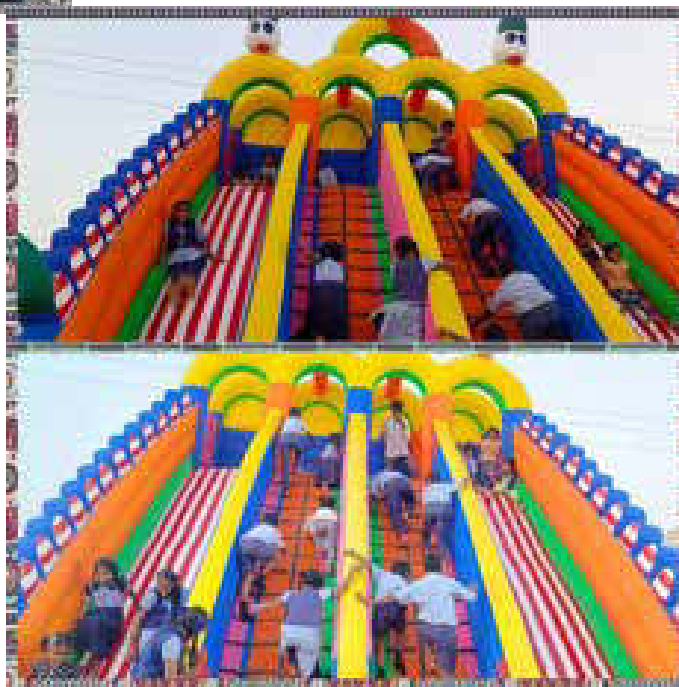
- Ferris Wheel – offering panoramic views of the fairground.
- Roller Coaster and Pendulum Ride – popular among older students seeking excitement.
- Drop Tower – providing an adrenaline rush and a sense of adventure.
- Bumper Cars, Carousel, and Mini Train Ride – enjoyed by younger children for their gentler motion.

- Water Slides – provided a playful, cooling break from the excitement.
- Balloon Slide and Magic Show – captivated the hearts of all age groups, especially primary students.
- 3D Show – a particular highlight, with visual storytelling and effects that sparked curiosity and wonder among the children.

What made this trade fair unique was its inclusion of educational elements designed to inform as well as entertain:

- Working models of wild animals in mechanical form gave students a realistic understanding of animal behavior, anatomy, and movement. Teachers guided students in identifying species and discussing their habitats and roles in the ecosystem.
- A small science pavilion displayed interactive exhibits related to electricity, sound, simple machines, and recycling. These hands-on models made scientific concepts tangible and enjoyable.
- Cultural stalls showcased traditional Tamil Nadu crafts, handlooms, and miniature village models. Students learned about indigenous art forms, rural occupations, and farming practices, gaining a greater appreciation for their cultural heritage.

Students explored a variety of local food stalls offering traditional snacks like murukku, sundal, cotton candy, sugarcane juice, and ice cream. Additionally, handicraft



“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” – Benjamin Franklin



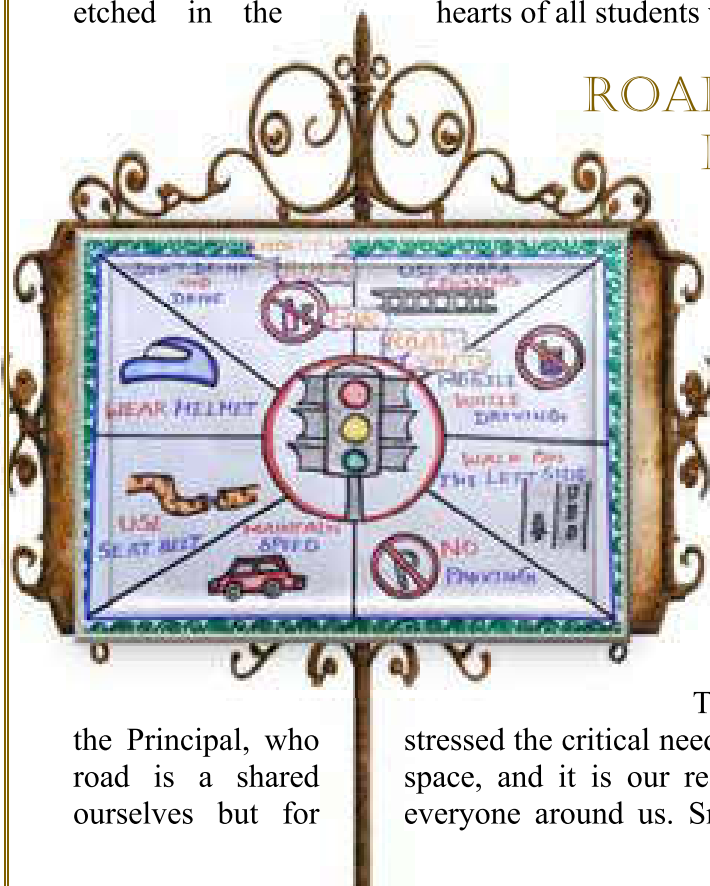
booths displayed pottery, bamboo items, and handmade jewelry, offering students a glimpse into the skill and creativity of local artisans.

Students from the Pathway Children's Home and Sabin Centre participated as one community, enhancing their social bonds and emotional confidence. The experience of waiting in lines, sharing rides, helping each other navigate the fairgrounds, and interacting with the public contributed to their personal and social development.

After hours of laughter, learning, and exploration, students were given snacks and refreshments before returning to school. The smiles on their faces reflected a day well spent—a perfect balance of joy and discovery. We

express our deepest gratitude to our Pathway Co-founder and Director, for her unwavering support in encouraging such enriching field trips that blend learning with experience. We also thank all staff and medical personnel who ensured the event was safe, organized, and enjoyable. The educational visit to the trade fair was a celebration of curiosity, culture, and companionship—a beautiful memory etched in the hearts of all students who attended.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM: NURTURING RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS



On 22nd February 2025, we hosted a highly impactful Road Safety Awareness Program under the initiative of the Social Science Club.

The event aimed to educate students about the importance of road safety while cultivating a sense of responsibility and awareness that will extend into their homes and communities. This program not only educated the students on road safety rules but also encouraged them to become ambassadors of safe practices in their daily lives.

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The program began with an inspiring speech from stressed the critical need for road safety awareness. He emphasized, "The space, and it is our responsibility to ensure its safe use, not only for everyone around us. Small acts of caution can save lives." His words



resonated deeply with the students, highlighting that road safety is not just about obeying rules but about creating a culture of responsibility.



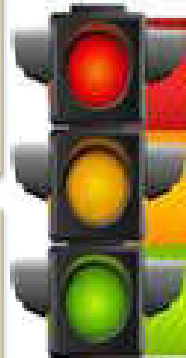
The program was introduced by Dharshini, a Grade VI student, who welcomed the attendees and briefly shared the goals of the event. She encouraged everyone to reflect on their daily routines and understand how following road safety norms could prevent accidents and even fatalities.

The core of the program involved several student-led presentations aimed at educating the audience about road safety. Philomina, a Grade VI student, delivered a captivating speech on the importance of pedestrian safety. She highlighted simple yet crucial actions such as “looking both ways before crossing the street” and “walking on the sidewalks to avoid traffic”. She emphasized that “small actions like these can make a big difference in preventing accidents.” Another engaging segment featured Kaviya from Grade VIII, who provided an insightful explanation about road infrastructure, including the significance of national highways, color-coded road signs, and their role in ensuring the smooth flow of traffic. She spoke about the traffic lights and their importance in controlling vehicle flow, reminding everyone that “obeying traffic signals is not just a law—it’s a vital practice for everyone’s safety.”

To bring road safety to life, the students showcased their creativity through several interactive activities. A group of students from Grades VI and VII performed a song highlighting key road safety practices, including wearing helmets, using seatbelts, and avoiding distractions like mobile phones while crossing roads. Their spirited performance, which was full of energy and purpose, reminded the audience that “safety isn’t a rule we follow just because we have to, it’s something we do because we care about each other.”



One of the most innovative activities of the event was the student-designed models of road signs and traffic symbols. Students

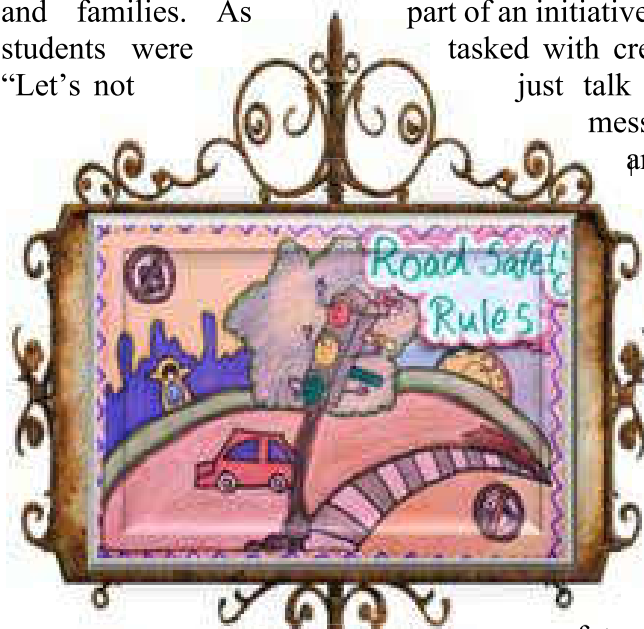


carefully crafted and displayed various traffic symbols such as pedestrian crossings, speed limit signs, and warnings for school zones. Each student group presented their signs, explaining their significance to the audience. “Every symbol tells a story, and every road sign has a message,” one of the students remarked while presenting their model of a school zone sign.

Additionally, a mime performance by senior students acted as a visual reminder of the importance of road safety. Through silent expression, the students depicted critical road safety rules, such as crossing at pedestrian crossings and

stopping at red traffic lights, vividly illustrating how neglecting these rules could lead to dangerous consequences.

The school encouraged students to share the road safety lessons they had learned with their parents and families. As part of an initiative to extend the awareness beyond the school gates, students were tasked with creating a road safety project to discuss at home. “Let’s not



event was a responsibility and an eye-opening and It not only provided responsibility toward the program, “Road own and the lives of others.”

just talk about road safety in school—let’s carry this message into our families, and ensure that our parents and siblings follow these important rules too,” said the Principal in his address. The students were also reminded to practice road safety during their daily routines, especially in the context of walking, cycling, or riding in vehicles. The school aimed to turn every student into a “Road Safety Ambassador,” helping to cultivate a culture of safety both at home and in the wider community. In his closing remarks, the Principal reiterated, “Safety is a habit, and habits are built from a young age. As we move forward, I encourage all of you to be proactive about road safety, not just as students, but as future leaders who will shape our communities.” The

tremendous success, leaving everyone with a reinforced sense of awareness about road safety. The Road Safety Awareness Program was thought-provoking experience for students, staff, and the community. valuable lessons in road safety but also instilled a sense of collective protecting one another on the roads. As one student aptly said during safety isn’t just about following rules; it’s about respecting life—our



CYCLONE FENGAL

IMPACT AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE BY PATHWAY INDIA



In December 2024, Tamil Nadu was struck by Cyclone FENGAL, a powerful and destructive storm that caused widespread devastation across rural and coastal regions. The cyclone brought with it torrential rain and fierce winds, resulting in the destruction of homes, severe flooding in low-lying areas, and widespread disruption of essential services. The aftermath of the storm left many families struggling for survival, particularly the most vulnerable segments of society—persons with disabilities, daily wage earners, and families living in poverty. Cut off from electricity, food, and clean

water, these communities faced an immediate humanitarian crisis.

Humanitarian Response Initiated by Pathway India

Understanding the severity of the situation, the Director of Pathway India immediately initiated an emergency relief operation to assist those affected by the cyclone. The primary goal was to provide urgent support to individuals within the Pathway ecosystem and its outreach programs, ensuring that their basic needs were met during this critical period. The relief efforts targeted two specific groups:

1. Staff members of the Pathway institutions
2. Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) beneficiaries spread across two operational zones

This rapid response not only offered tangible aid but also symbolized solidarity and care at a time of profound hardship.

Support to Pathway Staff Members

A total of 34 staff members from Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School, located in Agili Village, were identified as direct beneficiaries of the relief initiative. This group included teachers, administrative personnel, kitchen staff, caregivers, and other support workers. Despite being personally affected by the cyclone, many of these individuals continued their commitment to serving children with disabilities and underprivileged students. Their unyielding dedication made them a





priority for immediate relief, ensuring they received food supplies and essential items to help sustain their households during the crisis.

Support to Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Beneficiaries

The Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program beneficiaries, comprising 36 individuals from some of the most affected rural regions, were also provided with essential relief materials. These individuals include persons with disabilities and their families who rely on Pathway's regular outreach, rehabilitation, and support services. The relief distribution was categorized into two zones:

- Zone I (27 beneficiaries):**
 Villages served included L. Endathur, Kadamboor, Aalappakkam, Theetalam, Veppanai, Pappanallur, Thandarai, Koodappakkam, Pasuvangaranai, Kiliyanagar, Ottakoil, and Semboondi.
- Zone II (9 beneficiaries):**
 Villages included Sarvampakkam, Polambakkam, Thonnadu, Indaloor, and Chinnakayapakkam.

In many of these locations, access was severely restricted due to waterlogging, damaged roads, and downed power lines. Nevertheless, Pathway India's team ensured that food rations and hygiene supplies were delivered, preserving the health and dignity of the beneficiaries.

Upholding Humanitarian Values Amidst Crisis

Pathway India's timely and focused response during Cyclone FENGAL exemplifies its unwavering commitment to the motto "*Changing Lives Forever.*" By addressing the urgent needs of its own staff and extending care to those in the remotest parts of the district, the organization





demonstrated compassion, and relief operation not the immediate by the beneficiaries reinforced the sense and support that mission.

As Tamil Nadu wake of Cyclone such as these stand reminders that even natural disasters, and compassion can security to those



resilience, leadership. The only mitigated hardships faced but also of community defines Pathway's

rebuilds in the FENGAL, efforts as powerful in the face of collective action restore hope and who need it most.

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY



On February 28, 2025, we celebrated National Science Day with great enthusiasm and reverence, honoring the life and achievements of Sir C.V. Raman, an iconic figure in the world of science. National Science Day commemorates his groundbreaking discovery of the Raman Effect, which not only earned him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930, but also placed India firmly on the map of global scientific excellence. The day serves as a tribute to scientific research and innovation, inspiring young minds to explore the world of science and technology.

Sir C.V. Raman (1888–1970) is remembered as one of India's greatest scientific minds. His discovery of the Raman Effect—the scattering of light—was a monumental achievement that paved the way for numerous advancements in physics and chemistry. He became the first Asian and first non-White scientist to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics, a feat that resonated deeply not just in India, but globally. His achievements highlight the power of curiosity, innovation, and dedication to



solving the mysteries of nature. As Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India, famously said, “Science is the gift of God to humanity. It is the most potent instrument for human advancement.” On this day, we commemorated Sir C.V. Raman’s contribution to science through a variety of enriching activities that encouraged students to engage with the principles of science, experiment with ideas, and appreciate the impact of scientific

discoveries on the world.

The school’s Science Club organized a lively and informative program to create awareness about the Raman Effect and its profound impact on modern science. The celebration was designed to ignite a passion for scientific inquiry, promoting curiosity and enthusiasm among the students. Koverthini, a Grade IX student, opened the program by emphasizing the importance of science in our daily lives. She highlighted how scientific experiments go beyond textbooks, with real-world applications that shape the present and the future. As she eloquently stated, “Science is not just about learning facts, it’s about finding new ways to think, innovate, and solve the challenges of our world.”

The event featured a thought-provoking skit performed by students of Grades IV and V, illustrating the immense impact of science and technology on the modern world. The skit demonstrated how advancements in science drive societal progress in various sectors, from healthcare to communications. The students conveyed a strong message about the role of science in improving lives and changing the course of history. Additionally, the primary students participated in an impressive portrayal of great scientists throughout history, including Sir C.V.





Raman, Isaac Newton, Marie Curie, M.S. Swaminathan, and Albert Einstein. The students shared insightful stories about the lives and contributions of these legendary figures, showing how they have inspired generations of young scientists. This act served as a reminder of the profound influence these trailblazers continue to have on our understanding of the world.

Our dedicated science teachers, Ms. Yuvasri and

Ms. Subathra, provided a comprehensive understanding of how science is the foundation of all subjects, permeating every aspect of human life. They discussed how science and technological innovations continue to revolutionize the world, from groundbreaking medical discoveries to advancements in space exploration. Their message reinforced the idea that science is the key to solving the world's greatest challenges.

As Dr. Kalam once said, “The power of science is infinite, and its role in transforming the lives of individuals and societies is immeasurable.” The teachers echoed these sentiments, encouraging students to see science not just as an academic subject but as a tool for societal transformation.

One of the most engaging and exciting parts of the event was the Science Magic Show, presented by students Saravanan and Jayasurya. The students performed a series of captivating experiments, demonstrating core scientific principles in a fun and interactive manner. The audience was treated to the wonders of chemical reactions, magnetism, and light, sparking their curiosity and fascination with science. As Albert Einstein once said, “Imagination is more important than knowledge,” and the magic show perfectly captured this sentiment by turning scientific concepts into a spectacular visual experience that ignited the imaginations of all who attended.

The program concluded with an inspiring address from our Principal, who spoke about the importance of scientific discoveries in advancing civilization. He reflected on the work of pioneering scientists like Sir C.V. Raman and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, whose contributions have not only enriched science but also inspired future generations to pursue knowledge and innovation. As the Principal stated, “Science has the power to change the world, and each of you has the potential to be a part of that transformation.” In his speech, he highlighted the need for students to engage in scientific exploration, to foster an environment where inquiry, creativity, and collaboration thrive. His words served as a powerful reminder that every student has the ability to make their own contributions to the world of science and



technology. As Dr. Kalam so wisely said, “Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in action.” The celebration at our school has undoubtedly inspired many students to dream big and contribute to the ever-evolving world of science. The success of National Science Day at Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School was made possible thanks to the unwavering support of our Pathway Director and Co-Founder, whose dedication to fostering a culture of learning and innovation is truly inspiring. The event not only provided students with a deeper understanding of science but also encouraged them to embrace the spirit of discovery, exploration, and innovation. The celebration of National Science Day at our school was a resounding success, filled with learning, creativity, and passion for science. It was an event that reinforced the importance of scientific inquiry and inspired students to dream big, explore new frontiers, and contribute to the advancement of knowledge.



THE MATHS CLUB

The Maths Club at our school hosted a highly engaging exhibition on March 3, 2025, designed to highlight the importance of mathematics in everyday life. The event provided an interactive and creative platform for primary students to explore mathematical concepts in a fun and practical way.

The exhibition was organized by the dedicated Maths Club team, including Club Secretary Vijayalakshmi, President Sabarinathan, and the club's In-charge Staff – Mrs. Niranjana, Ms. Divya, and Mrs. Muniyammal. The Principal formally inaugurated the event by cutting the ribbon, marking the start of an inspiring experience for all participants.



Throughout the exhibition, students presented various models, PowerPoint presentations, quizzes, and role-plays that explored key mathematical themes. Highlights included:

- *Geometry in Action:* A role play using a geometry kit and hand signs to demonstrate angles.



- *Shop Smart with Math:* A market setup where students acted as shopkeepers, applying concepts like price tagging, bar graphs, probability, and statistics.
- *Evolution of Clocks & Measurement:* A display tracing the history of timekeeping from sand clocks to modern smartwatches.
- *Evolution of Money:* An exploration of how payment systems have evolved from bartering to digital methods like Paytm and GPay.
- *Tribute to Srinivasa Ramanujan:* A beautiful rangoli artwork created in honor of the

legendary mathematician.

- *2D & 3D Shapes, Algebra, and Math Puzzles:* Fun activities engaging students in exploring shapes and mathematical puzzles.

The exhibition was a vibrant showcase of how mathematics connects with real-life scenarios, fostering a deeper appreciation for the subject. Students enthusiastically demonstrated the practical applications of math, and the entire school participated, gaining valuable insights from the event.

The Principal commended the students and staff for their hard work and dedication, praising the success of the exhibition. Special recognition was given to Pathway Director and Chief Functionary, Dr. Chandra Prasad, for her constant support and encouragement.

The event concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks from the Maths Club In-charge, marking the end of a successful celebration of co-curricular excellence at the school.





FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION 2025

HONORING DEDICATION, EMPOWERING FUTURES

On **March 29, 2025**, the **Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust** organized a heartfelt **Staff Welfare Event** to mark the **Founder's Day** at the Pathway campus, located at No. 1 Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad Street, Agili Village, Madhurantakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District – 603 319.



This significant occasion was dedicated to **honoring our most committed staff members**, who have devoted decades of service as special educators, teachers, grassroots workers, agricultural laborers, and support staff. These individuals are the unsung heroes who form the backbone of our organization, working tirelessly to uplift vulnerable communities and enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Recognizing their unwavering commitment is not only a gesture of

gratitude but also a celebration of the values that Pathway upholds—**compassion, resilience, service, and excellence**. These recognitions serve to motivate their peers and inspire younger generations entering the field of social work. By acknowledging their efforts, we reaffirm the importance of community service and the essential role these professionals play in building a more inclusive and supportive society.

Inauguration of Solar-Powered Water Pump

Symbol of Sustainability and Vision

As part of the Founder's Day celebration, a **Solar-Powered Water Pump** was inaugurated—an initiative that reflects Pathway India's enduring commitment to sustainability and self-reliance. This eco-friendly infrastructure ensures **continuous access to clean and safe water** for the children and residents of the campus, even in remote rural settings where electricity can be inconsistent.



The pump, powered entirely by solar energy, represents a **green solution to water management**, reducing dependency on conventional power sources and lowering our carbon footprint. It not only supports daily needs such as cooking, drinking, hygiene, and agricultural use, but also **demonstrates**



to our children the practical applications of renewable energy, embedding early lessons in environmental responsibility.

This innovative step was inaugurated by **Mr. Amit Sachdeva**, widely known as the **CSR Man of India**, who graced the event as **Chief Guest**. His presence signified the growing importance of corporate social responsibility in addressing grassroots challenges.

The event was further dignified by the presence of:

- **Mr. A. Joseph Xavier**, Retired Assistant Director from the Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Abled Persons, as **Guest of Honour**, and
- **Mr. Joseph D. Ravi**, Retired District Disabled Rehabilitation Officer, also from the same Commissionerate, as an **Honored Guest**.



The inauguration took place in the esteemed presence of the **Board of Trustees of the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust**.

A Tribute to a Visionary: Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad



The Heart and Soul Behind Pathway India

The Founder's Day is also a time to reflect upon and honor the extraordinary life and legacy of **Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad**, the visionary who laid the foundation for **Pathway India**. A man of boundless compassion, humility, and determination, Dr. Prasad dedicated his life to the upliftment of those in need. He was more than a founder—he was a mentor, guide, and a beacon of hope for thousands.



Dr. Prasad firmly believed in the transformative power of **education, healthcare, and empowerment**. His journey was shaped by an acute awareness of the hardships faced by marginalized communities. He channeled this empathy into action, launching initiatives that created meaningful opportunities and restored dignity to countless lives.

His leadership was marked by foresight and an unwavering belief in **long-term, sustainable solutions**. Through Pathway, he built bridges between communities and created a space where children and adults with special needs could learn, thrive, and lead dignified lives. His legacy is not just found in buildings or programs, but in the spirit of every individual empowered through Pathway's work.



Dr. Prasad's unique ability to connect deeply with people, regardless of background or ability, made him an irreplaceable pillar of strength. His values—**justice, equality, humility, and service**—continue to guide every decision and direction Pathway takes today.

Carrying the Torch Forward

As we celebrate Founder's Day, we do so with profound respect and admiration for Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad. His vision lives on in every classroom, every field, and every joyful smile that lights up our campus. We are committed to continuing his mission, embracing innovation while staying grounded in the core values he held dear.

His memory is etched in our hearts, and through our collective efforts, **his dream of a just, compassionate, and inclusive society remains very much alive**.





Pathway India – Changing Lives Forever
Empowering individuals. Transforming communities. Honoring legacies.



**PATHWAY CENTRE FOR
REHABILITATION AND
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INTELLECTUAL DISABLED**



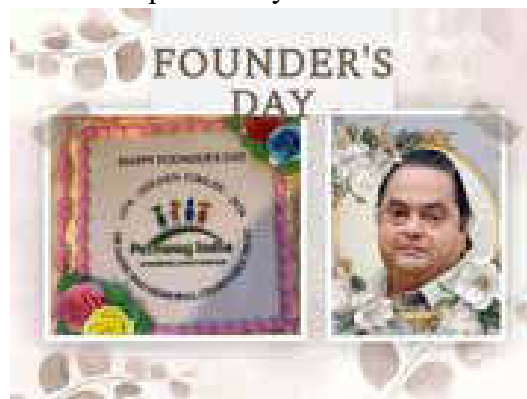
**PAMELA MARTINEZ –
PATHWAY
MATRICULATION SCHOOL
AND CHILDREN'S HOME**



**SABIN - PATHWAY HOME
FOR PERSONS WITH
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY
AND ASSOCIATED
CONDITIONS**



Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad was more than just a leader; he was a beacon of hope and a symbol of dedication to the service of humanity. As the visionary Founder of PATHWAY INDIA, his tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on countless lives, not just in India but around the world. Dr. Prasad's legacy is one of selfless service, compassion, and a profound belief in the power of education, health, and empowerment to transform communities.



Dr. Prasad's journey was driven by a deep understanding of the struggles that many people face, particularly those in underprivileged communities. His work with PATHWAY INDIA reflects his commitment to providing opportunities for people to break free from poverty and to live with dignity and purpose. His initiatives in education, healthcare, and social welfare have paved the way for many to achieve better lives. He was a visionary who saw beyond immediate challenges, always focused on long-term solutions. His ability to bring together diverse communities and inspire collective action for social change is one of the cornerstones of his legacy. He was not just a director or founder; he was a true mentor and guide, imparting wisdom, knowledge, and strength to all who had the privilege to work alongside him.

Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad's compassion was his greatest strength. Whether through his leadership or personal interactions, he always made time for individuals, listened attentively, and offered guidance with humility. His approach was not only about addressing immediate needs but also empowering people to become the architects of their own future.

Today, as we gather to remember and honor him, we continue to carry forward his mission. His teachings, values, and the foundation he established through PATHWAY INDIA serve as a living testament to his extraordinary life. The work he began continues to inspire future generations to pursue justice, equality, and service to others, ensuring that his impact will be felt for years to come.

HONORING A LEGACY- SERVING THE COMMUNITY



On March 22, 2025, the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust - Pathway conducted a free medical camp in Saravambakkam Village as a heartfelt tribute to Dr. ADSN Prasad, honoring his legacy of compassionate healthcare and community service. The event was presided over by Dr. Chandra Prasad, Co-founder and Director of Pathway, with participation from local leaders, including Mrs. S. Kumudhamudrai, President of Chithamur Village, Mr. Sivakumar, President of Saravambakkam Village, Mr. Suresh, Vice President of Saravambakkam Village, Mr. Sivakumar,

President of Polambakkam Village, and Mr. Muthu, Vice President of Chithamur. The camp brought together a dedicated team of medical professionals, including Dr. M. Mano Prakash, Dr. S. Aruna, Dr. S. Dinesh Kumar, Dr. Gayathiri, speech therapists Ms. Anjanaa, physiotherapists Mrs. Pavithra



Arjunan, Mrs. Sumathi Easwaran (occupational therapist), Government Optometrist Mr. S. Vijayaraghavan, ophthalmic technicians, and psychologist Mrs. Poornima. They were joined by the Pathway medical team in delivering much-needed healthcare to the people of Saravambakkam, Chithamur, and Polambakkam villages. More than 300 patients benefited from the free medical services, including eye screenings, identification of cataract surgery candidates, diabetes screenings, speech therapy, dental care, and psychological counseling. Preliminary tests for cataract surgeries were conducted, and the surgeries were scheduled for the following week.



Held on the birth anniversary of Dr. ADSN Prasad, the camp served as a tribute to his lifelong dedication to improving healthcare access and serving underserved communities. The event was held in Saravambakkam, a semi-rural village on the outskirts of Chennai, where access to quality healthcare remains limited despite its proximity to the city.

Comprehensive Healthcare Services Delivered with Compassion - The camp provided a broad range of essential healthcare services to address both immediate and long-term needs, including: - Diabetes screenings and management advice, addressing the growing prevalence of lifestyle-related diseases. Speech therapy consultations for individuals with communication challenges. Dental screenings and oral health education. Physiotherapy services for pain management and mobility issues, particularly for elderly patients. Psychological counseling and mental health support, recognizing the importance of holistic well-being.





Each patient was treated with care and respect, reflecting the values of empathy and dignity upheld by Dr. Prasad throughout his life. As Dr. D. Rao, Trust Representative, shared, *“True service lies in reaching the ones who need it most. This camp is our way of continuing Dr. Prasad’s mission to heal and uplift.”*

A Collaborative Effort for Community Well-being

The success of the camp was made possible by the collective efforts of doctors, therapists, nurses, volunteers, and administrative staff. Their dedication turned the camp into a place of healing and hope, ensuring that quality care reached those who needed it most. In recognition of their hard work, mementos were presented to all medical professionals and volunteers who contributed their time and expertise.

Carrying Forward a Vision: Changing Lives Forever

The Free Medical Camp at Saravambakkam is part of the ongoing mission of the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust to bring healthcare directly to underserved communities. This initiative embodies Dr. Prasad’s vision, proving that true legacy is not measured by words but by meaningful action.

As Muhammad Ali once said, *“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”* By fostering health, hope, and dignity in Saravambakkam and beyond, the Trust continues to change lives—one person, one family, and one community at a time.



TALENT VALUE

-A CATALYST FOR EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

Talent Value Media Pvt Ltd is a distinguished media organization committed to curating transformative corporate business summits and prestigious award ceremonies. The company has established itself as a key player in recognizing excellence, fostering innovation, and creating impactful experiences that elevate brands, inspire audiences, and drive meaningful change across industries. Through its initiatives, Talent Value has contributed significantly to the corporate and social ecosystem, providing a platform for organizations and individuals to showcase their achievements and contributions to society.

At its core, Talent Value strives to bring together industry leaders, visionaries, and changemakers through well-structured events that celebrate excellence and progress. The organization envisions a world where businesses and individuals are acknowledged for their dedication to innovation, leadership, and positive societal impact. By hosting high-caliber summits and awards ceremonies, Talent Value fosters collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and networking opportunities that encourage growth and excellence.



One of the standout contributions of Talent Value is its dedication to hosting nationally recognized summits and award functions. One such prominent event is the *National Economic Growth Summit and Awards 2024*, which brings together influential personalities from diverse sectors to discuss economic growth, business expansion, and leadership strategies. This event serves as a testament to Talent Value's commitment to fostering national progress through meaningful discourse and recognition.

The summit has witnessed the presence of esteemed chief guests, including:

- Shri SP Singh Baghel – Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj, Government of India.



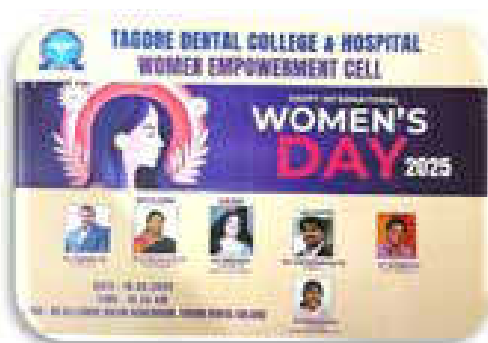
- Shri Pawan Arora IAS – Commissioner of Rajasthan Housing Board & CEO, First India News.
- Shri Suresh Singh Rawat – Cabinet Minister of Water Resources, Government of Rajasthan.
- Shri Jaiveer Singh – Minister of Tourism & Culture, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Shri Sandeep Singh – Minister of State for Basic Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Dr. Bu Abdullah – Entrepreneur and Philanthropist.
- Shri Gopal Sharma – MLA-Civil Lines, Jaipur.

The participation of such esteemed personalities highlights the credibility and prestige associated with Talent Value's events. These summits provide a unique space for leaders to exchange ideas, discuss industry trends, and recognize individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to their respective fields.

Our Achievement: Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust – 'Pathway' Recognized as One of India's Most Trusted NGOs. Among the prestigious recognitions awarded by Talent Value, one of the most significant honors was presented to Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust – 'Pathway'. On November 12, 2024, at Hotel Radisson, Mumbai, 'Pathway' was recognized as one of India's Most Trusted NGOs in the category of Community Engagement and Support for Intellectual Disabilities.

This esteemed recognition, confirmed by the distinguished jury members of Talent Value, highlights 'Pathway's dedication to serving individuals with intellectual disabilities and its unwavering commitment to community engagement. Through its work, the organization has transformed the lives of countless individuals, offering them education, vocational training, rehabilitation, and lifelong support. Receiving this award is a testament to the trust and credibility that 'Pathway' has built over the years. It reflects the organization's continued efforts to create an inclusive society where individuals with intellectual disabilities are empowered to live fulfilling lives. The honor further strengthens 'Pathway's mission and inspires the organization to expand its reach and impact.

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



In honor of International Women's Day 2025, two special events were held that celebrated the achievements and contributions of women leaders associated with Pathway Special School, highlighting the spirit of empowerment, service, and community

engagement.

On March 7, 2025, a delegation of six members from RBL Bank visited Pathway Special School to join the Women's Day celebrations. The event was marked by warmth and appreciation as the RBL team recognized the dedication of the women who drive Pathway's mission forward.





Our Director, Mrs. Chandra Prasad, and President, Mrs. Dhuli, were honored with special recognition for their unwavering leadership and tireless commitment to enhancing the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As a thoughtful gesture, all female staff members were gifted eco-friendly PET bottles symbolizing respect and encouragement for their invaluable contributions.

This celebration fostered a sense of unity and motivation among staff, reminding everyone of the power of women's leadership and compassion in creating inclusive and supportive communities.

March 10, 2025 – Women's Day Celebration at **TAGORE DENTAL COLLEGE**



On March 10, 2025, our Director, Mrs. Chandra Prasad, along with Mrs. Dhuli, were invited to participate in the prestigious Women's Day event at Tagore Dental College, located in Chennai. Tagore Dental College is a well-established institution renowned for its excellence in dental education, research, and community health outreach. The college is committed to fostering not only academic and clinical expertise but also social responsibility and empowerment through its various programs.



Mrs. Chandra Prasad was the Chief Guest of the function and was felicitated with an award of honor recognizing her outstanding

leadership, dedication to inclusive education, and advocacy for persons with disabilities. Her inspiring address emphasized the importance of empowering women and promoting inclusive opportunities for people with special needs. She shared insights from her extensive experience in





disability education, highlighting the transformative impact of compassion, skill development, and community integration.



The event at Tagore Dental College was attended by faculty, students, and community members, all celebrating the achievements of women leaders across diverse fields. The recognition of Mrs. Chandra Prasad's work further strengthened Pathway's connections with academic and healthcare institutions, opening avenues for future collaboration in health, education, and disability support.



Together, these celebrations underscored the vital role of women as changemakers and advocates within and beyond Pathway. They reinforced the commitment to fostering an environment where every woman's contribution is valued and every individual's potential is nurtured.

International Women's Day, celebrated on March 8th every year, is a global occasion that honors the achievements and contributions of women worldwide. This day serves as a reminder of the progress made towards gender equality, while also

acknowledging the challenges that women continue to face.

In India, this day holds special significance, as it provides an opportunity to recognize the remarkable women who have shaped the nation's history and continue to inspire future generations. India has been home to several legendary women who have broken barriers, defied societal norms, and contributed immensely to the advancement of the country.



AWARDS FROM INCEPTION

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

◆ Dr. Chandra Prasad, our esteemed Director and Co-Founder, has been honored with the prestigious **"COMMUNITY STAR AWARD" BY RBL BANK**. This award is a recognition of her tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to transforming lives through

education, empowerment, and community service.



- ◆ “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust – Pathway” has been recognized as one of “INDIA'S **MOST TRUSTED NGO'S TO WORK WITH**” in the category of Community Engagement Support for Intellectual Disabilities! on the 12th November 2024 at Hotel Radisson Blu, Andheri East, Mumbai by esteemed jury members of **TALENT VALUE MEDIA**
- ◆ Dr. Chandra Prasad, Director, General Secretary, and Co-Founder of PATHWAY, has been honored with the ASSOCHAM Southern Region **HR TRAILBLAZER AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD - 2024**. The award ceremony took place on June 13, 2024, in Bangalore. The prestigious award was presented by the Chief Guest, Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. B.V. Naidu, Chairman of Karnataka Digital Economy Mission, Government of Karnataka, Mr. T.R. Parasuraman, Chairman of ASSOCHAM Karnataka State Development Council & Executive Advisor, and Mr. Augustus Azariah, Chairman of ASSOCHAM Southern Region.
- ◆ **LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** by Puthia Vanigam 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. 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 Honchos 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 Sadhakathullah, M.Sc., Agri and Dr. Radhakrishnan M.A., Ph.D., along with the team of K. Iyappan, R. Ashok kumar, R. Perumal, Balu Aiiyah, K. Karunanithi, A Ramamoorthi, Dr. K Ramamoorthi, Dr. Vivekanandhan , Shakthivel, Dr. Ummayal Murugasen, and V. Prabhu on the 28th May 2023 at Prasad Lab, Saligramam, Chennai.
- ◆ Dr. Chandra Prasad of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was awarded the “**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**” for providing comprehensive care and educational opportunities for Intellectually Disabled children by 1 Million Entrepreneurs International Forum (non gov, not for profit org) in association with VyaaparJagat.com organized by FEMPREENEUR 2023 on 19th March 2023 at Ahmedabad
- ◆ Awarding Ceremony of **WORKING WOMEN ACHIEVER AWARD (WWAA)** was hosted by Ooruni foundation. Dr Chandra Prasad was presented an award under the **LIFETIME**



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD category at Chennai Institute of Technology, Kundrathur on the 4th March 2023.

- ◆ **RJ'S MUSIC PASSION TEAM'S** vision is to conduct the musical shows to help genuine and promising NGOs and NPOs Pan India, and to encourage new comers with genuine talent. Dr Chandra Prasad, Hony. Director/Co-Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was invited as the Chief guest for the above event. She was honoured and presented with a shawl, memento and a cheque in the name of the trust
- ◆ Social impact Awards 2023 is an initiative by Indian CSR Awards organized by Brand Honchos, DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST has been awarded this prestigious award for the category **-BEST NGO OF THE YEAR-2022-23 (SOUTH)** on 21st January 2023.
- ◆ **BEST SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD** by Puthia Vanigam Publications award conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th November
- ◆ Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway” received the award under the “Social Good and Impact Category” **MAHATMA AWARD** 1st October 2022 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ◆ **SOCIAL AWARD** on 112TH Birthday Anniversary of MOTHER TERESA by Rev Verghese Rosario under the aegis of Saint Mother Teresa Charitable Trust conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2022 on 26th August
- ◆ Received the **BEST NGO OF THE YEAR** award from Rural & Urban Development Summit & Awards 2022 with University Partner - SRM University & presented by the Government of India & implemented by Summentor Pro Sales & Marketing Consultants at India Habitat Centre on 8th July 2022
- ◆ DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST-(NGO) has won the award for **BEST NGO OF THE YEAR - INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS** at **Time2Leap National Awards - MSME Edition** 2020-2021.
- ◆ Dr Chandra Prasad, Co-founder of “Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust-Pathway” received the award from “Dr. Kiran Bedi, 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry” under the “Social Impact Category” **MAHATMA AWARD** for Covid-19 Humanitarian Efforts on the 1st October 2021 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ◆ Director & Co-founder, Dr. Chandra prasad has been awarded the **BEST SEVA RATNA AWARD** by the Kovai express YouTube channel and Thaitamil academy on 28.08.2021
- ◆ Eight staff members from Pathway India-Chennai center were given **MOTHER TERESA AWARD** by former judge-High Court of Madras, Justice S.Tamilvanan on 26.08. 2021.
- ◆ DR CHANDRA PRASAD, Co-Founder Pathway Centre For Rehabilitation and Education of The Intellectual Disabled receiving **the STAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARD** at Rajaratnam Kalai Arangam ON 20.03.2021 from the NATIONAL INTEGRITY CULTURAL ACADEMY.



- ◆ THIS YEAR, **MAHATMA AWARD FOR SOCIAL GOOD 2020** IN 'DISABILITY AND INCLUSION' was presented to CHANDRA PRASAD, Co-Founder And Honorary Director of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, On 30th January 2021 by Amit Sachdeva, Founder of Mahatma Award
- ◆ **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** FOR PATHWAY-SABIN CENTRE for rendering unparalleled service to Differently Abled during pandemic period of COVID 19
- ◆ INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL -ACCREDITED BY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL, USA has conferred the **GLOBAL BEST SOCIAL WORKER AWARD** to DR CHANDRA PRASAD in recognition of her outstanding excellence, superior performance and accomplishments in the field of Social Work for the year 2020 and appointed her as **SENATOR** for INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL.
- ◆ Our organization has been nominated for receiving a Trophy for 2019-20 in the Category of Charitable Association from **CFBP JAMNALAL BAJAJ UCHIT VYAVAHAR PURASKAR - 2019-20**
- ◆ The **NATIONAL AWARD FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** in the category of BEST INDIVIDUAL – PROFESSIONAL FOR THE YEAR 2019 is conferred on DR. CHANDRA PRASAD for her achievements.
- ◆ Receiving the **MAHATHMA GANDHI AWARD** on Oct 1st 2019, on the 150th Anniversary of our Father of the Nation for SOCIAL GOOD
- ◆ The Global Peace University has conferred the **HONORARY DOCTORATE** in the degree of - DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK on CHANDRA PRASAD on the first of September 2019.
- ◆ **BEST SOCIAL WORKER AWARD** conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2019 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Mr Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Govt. of Tamilnadu
- ◆ On 19th January 2019 the Kancheepuram District Self Financing School Association honoured our school in the –**THE FIFTH AWARDS CEREMONY**' for hundred percent result for the tenth standard for the year 2017-2018
- ◆ **BHARATH JYOTHI EXCELLENCE AWARD** conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD IN THE YEAR 2018 by the National Integrity Cultural Academy under Global Achievers Council
- ◆ **SOCIAL AWARD** on 107TH Birthday Anniversary of MOTHER TERESA by Justice S Rajeswaran and Justice M V Muralidharan of Madras High Court conferred on CHANDRA PRASAD in the year 2017
- ◆ **GODFREY PHILIP SOCIAL BRAVERY SPECIAL AWARD** conferred on A. D. S. N .PRASAD in the year 2013
- ◆ **THE PROFESSOR RAMESH K OZA ORATION AWARD** conferred on A. D. S. N. PRASAD in the year 2013



- ◆ “Best Employee” awarded to one Pathway employees – Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, **GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU, 2013**
- ◆ **"THE NOBLE SOUL AWARD"** - Award of Excellence in the field of Social Responsibility & for Valuable Support presented by Sathyabama University on 7th December 2013
- ◆ Pathway Centre for Rehabilitation & Education of Mentally Retarded was awarded "**–THE BEST INSTITUTION FOR THE DISABLED FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010** by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of TamilNadu, - Mr. M. Karunanidhi
- ◆ **“MCDS-AWARD FOR A COUPLE RENDERING EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES TO THE DISABLED”** awarded to - –Mrs Chandra Prasad and A D S N Prasad, 2007. Award consisted of cash award, plaque and a citation handed over by Hon’ble Shri Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu, in the presence of many distinguished persons including Mr. Devarajan, Managing Trustee of MCDS.
- ◆ Award for **“SERVICES RENDERED TO THE MENTALLY DISABLED”**
–Council of Parent's Association of the Mentally Retarded, Chennai, 2002
- ◆ **“VOCATION EXCELLENCE”** award to A.D.S.N. Prasad for his services to the disabled
–Rotary Club International, 1999
- ◆ 1998 award for “Most Outstanding Institution in India Serving the Disabled” and “Most Outstanding Employer of the Disabled in India”
–**HON’BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, MR. ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE,**
- ◆ **“BEST INSTITUTION SERVING THE DISABLED”**
Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Ms. J. Jayalalithaa, 1995
- ◆ **“BEST EMPLOYER OF THE DISABLED”**
Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, **GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU, 1995**
- ◆ **“BEST EMPLOYEES”** awarded to two Pathway employees
Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, **GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU, 1995**
- ◆ “Exceptional Contribution for Services to People”
–**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA, 1995**
- ◆ “Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled in India”
–**JAPANESE SIVUS COUNCIL, 1993**

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