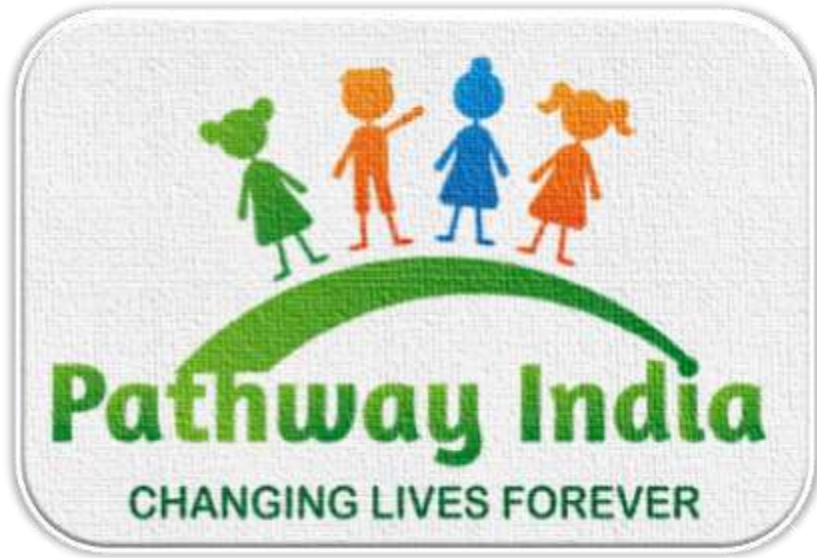


DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

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

The Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust has continued to uphold its mission of promoting education, inclusion, and empowerment for individuals with special needs throughout the year 2025–2026. Guided by a deep sense of social responsibility, the Trust has undertaken a wide range of initiatives that reflect its commitment to holistic development, community outreach, and inclusive growth.

One of the most significant highlights of the year was the 10th Excellence Awards Ceremony held at Agili Village, Maduranthakam. This meaningful event celebrated the achievements, resilience, and determination of students. The programme commenced with a prayer song, followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp by distinguished guests and members of the Trust, symbolising knowledge and hope. A documentary titled *“Our Life – Our Work”* was presented, offering a glimpse into the transformative journey of Pathway and its impact on countless lives. Nine students from both the Matriculation and Special Education streams were honoured for their excellence, dedication, and remarkable progress. The celebration was further enriched by vibrant cultural performances presented by students from various centres, filling the occasion with joy and pride.

The Trust’s commitment to community service was evident through the organisation of a free medical camp on 14th September 2025 at Kattukaranai Village, in memory of the founder, Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad. The camp provided essential healthcare services to over 300 beneficiaries. A new ECG Machine (MAC 5) was inaugurated during the event, enhancing diagnostic facilities. In addition, five wheelchairs were distributed to those in need, and cricket sets were provided to encourage local youth engagement in sports. The dedicated efforts of the staff were widely appreciated, including recognition from RBL Bank.

The year also brought significant recognition to the leadership and service of the Trust. Dr. Chandra Prasad was honoured with numerous prestigious awards, including the Leadership Award 2025, Global Women Inspiration Award, recognition among Top Women Change Makers, Inspirational Leader in Education Award, Ashoka National Lifetime Achievement Award, Nari Shakti Samman Award, and the International Women Icon Award. These accolades stand as a testament to her lifelong dedication and impactful contributions. The Trust itself was honoured with the Mahatma Award for Social Good and Impact, acknowledging its meaningful work in transforming lives and communities.

Several special celebrations marked the year, creating opportunities for students to express themselves and build confidence. The International Day of the Girl Child was observed on 11th October 2025, with students dressing as professionals, symbolising their aspirations and future goals. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam’s birthday on 15th October 2025 was celebrated as Students’ Day, featuring rocket model displays, speeches, and cultural performances that inspired creativity and learning. During this period, special educators were also honoured with the AASAN Award in recognition of their dedication and service.

Extending its impact beyond institutional care, the Trust undertook a meaningful Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) initiative on 31st October 2025. Under this project, a new house was constructed and handed over to a deserving family in L. Endathur Village. The beneficiary, a daily wage worker who had lost his home in a fire, received the house with heartfelt gratitude. This initiative reflects the Trust’s commitment to supporting vulnerable communities and restoring dignity through compassionate action. The Trust also expanded its outreach by extending services to 24 remote villages. Through these efforts, physiotherapy services and dental and oral health screenings were provided to children and adults with disabilities. These initiatives significantly improved access to essential healthcare services and reinforced the Trust’s commitment to inclusive and community-based care.

The institution also welcomed visits from organisations such as the Rotaract Club of Ambattur – Vidiyal, whose members appreciated the educational and vocational training programmes offered at Pathway. Such interactions foster collaboration and encourage broader community engagement. Students actively participated in sports and cultural activities throughout the year, bringing laurels to the institution. The visit of Elder Kelly Johnson has marked a milestone in our journey of work. His visit as a couple has only further motivated us to keep marching forward.

In district-level sports events, student Sruthika secured first prize in the cricket ball throw. World Disabled Day was observed on 3rd December 2025 with various activities and cultural programmes, promoting awareness and inclusion. Sruthika was further recognised at the state-level function, marking a proud achievement for the institution.

Staff contributions were also acknowledged, with Ms. V. Sivagami receiving the prestigious Makkalachiriyar Viruthu (People's Teacher Award) on 3rd January 2026 for her excellence and dedication to education.

February 2026 was marked by vibrant student participation and achievements across various platforms. In a sand sculpting contest, students secured third place, demonstrating creativity and teamwork. At the E.D. Bazar Exhibition, vocational products made by students were displayed, widely appreciated, and successfully sold, highlighting their skills and self-reliance. Students also participated in the Vidiyal Programme, showcasing their talents in cultural events, while Mrs. Sivasankari was honoured with the Best Cook Award. In the DSW Talent Hunt, Pathway students achieved the Overall Championship Trophy, reflecting their outstanding performance across multiple events. At the Purple Fair organised by NIEPMD, students performed cultural programmes, displayed vocational products, and actively promoted awareness on disability inclusion.

Educational enrichment remained a key focus throughout the year. Educational tours were organised across centres, offering students valuable exposure and experiential learning opportunities beyond the classroom. In the agricultural sector, the Trust achieved a successful paddy harvest, although vegetable cultivation faced challenges due to unpredictable weather conditions. Nevertheless, the coconut and mango groves flourished as a result of dedicated care and maintenance.

Pamela Martinez Pathway Matriculation School proudly celebrates the achievements of our girl students who participated in the Nanhi Kali Initiative, organised by ADORE in collaboration with the Garg Foundation. The programme encourages girls from Classes 5 to 8 to excel in sports, music, arts, and co-curricular activities. Among the five students who participated, three students received special recognition: S. Joshika (Class 5) for singing, M. Oviya (Class 6) for dance, and R. Thenmozhi (Class 8) for art and painting. Our Director, Dr. Chandra Prasad, congratulated the award winners and encouraged them with cash prizes. Their success reflects the creativity, confidence, and talents nurtured at Pathway.

The continued success of the Trust's initiatives has been made possible through the generous support of donors, well-wishers, and partners. 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. Jean Butel, and Mr. Jean-Luc Butel** for their continued support and belief in our cause. We also welcome our new wonderful supporter Mr Adam Johnson who so graciously accepted to be a part of our foreign board advisor The dedicated contributions of **Kinderhilfe-Drawing & Sponsorship Emmaus** needs a mention here. We are grateful for the solar panel project which has been allotted to us at the farm. Their generosity is remarkable and we are deeply indebted to them regarding the same. **Ms Kirsten and Keyne Monson** 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 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. We are humbled to receive an annual grant from DDRS scheme from the Central Govt. We deeply acknowledge their efforts to hold our hands and work with us shoulder to shoulder.

The achievements of the year 2025–2026 stand as a testament to the unwavering commitment of the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust towards inclusive education, community development, and the empowerment of individuals with special needs. Through sustained efforts and compassionate service, the Trust continues to transform lives, nurture potential, and build a more inclusive society where every individual is given the opportunity to live with dignity, purpose, and hope.

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.

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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 Mental Retardation and Associated Conditions”

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

RECOGNITION AND GRANT-IN-AID

- ❖ Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India
- ❖ Office of the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Government of TN
- ❖ Department of Children Welfare and Special services

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 41(1) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act , 2015, Children Welfare and Special Services, Govt of TN
- ❖ 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, as per the provisions of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2011 and Rule 9 of the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023, 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** has been granted renewal of registration by the Department of Children Welfare and Special Services as an institution for children in need of care and protection under Section 41(1) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, vide Registration No. 1654/DSD/JJR/CHE/2025 and Certificate Serial No. 6MMOXKTN1671457122, valid from **08.05.2025 to 08.05.2030**.

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER DEPT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION- PAMELA MARTINEZ/PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL**

This Certificate of Recognition renewal is awarded to – **PAMELA MARTINEZ PATHWAY MATRICULATION SCHOOL** has been granted renewal of recognition by the Directorate of Private Schools, Department of School Education, Tamil Nadu, India, for conducting classes from LKG to X Standard for the period from **01 July 2024 to 30 June 2027**, vide Proceedings of the Joint Director, Serial No. 300006585, dated 28.05.2024, as per the provisions of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2011 and Rule 9 of the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023.

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

❖ **REGISTRATION NO. TDRD16513235267**

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

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

Registration No. CSR00015933

THE GIFT OF GIVING FROM THE HEART

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

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

From these humble beginnings grew an organization that has served almost 41,950 children and adults in a city center and two in rural agricultural centre.

Prasad guides Pathway with the belief that

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



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



SABIN-PATHWAY HOME FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY & ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS



SABIN PATHWAY HOME
AGILI, CHENGALPATTU, INDIA

SABIN PATHWAY REHABILITATION BLOCK

AGILI, CHENGALPATTU, INDIA



AUTISM AWARENESS PROGRAM AT SABIN-PATHWAY HOME



among the children, staff members, and caregivers while promoting the values of empathy, respect,

equality, and social inclusion. On the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day, Sabin-Pathway Home organized a vibrant and meaningful Autism Awareness Programme on 2nd April 2025. The event was conducted with great enthusiasm in alignment with the global theme, “Promoting Inclusion and Acceptance.” The programme aimed to create awareness and foster a deeper understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)



emphasized the importance of accepting differences, treating everyone with kindness, and building

an inclusive society where all individuals feel valued and respected. The celebration began with an interactive awareness session in which the children were introduced to the concept of autism in a simple, engaging, and child-friendly manner. Through discussions and demonstrations, the children learned that every individual is unique, with different strengths, talents, and ways of understanding the world. The session



One of the major highlights of the programme was the creative floor art activity organized by the staff. The children enthusiastically came together to draw and colour the autism awareness symbol using a wide range of vibrant colours. The activity beautifully represented the diversity, uniqueness, and spectrum of abilities within the autism community.



The children participated with immense joy and teamwork, expressing their creativity while also understanding the deeper message of unity in diversity. The colourful



artwork created by the children added beauty and significance to the celebration.

To further spread awareness and encourage participation, a walkathon was conducted within the campus premises. Holding placards and spreading messages of inclusion and acceptance, the children actively participated in the awareness walk with

great excitement and energy. The walkathon served as a powerful symbol of solidarity and support for individuals with autism and highlighted the importance of creating a compassionate and inclusive environment for all.

The programme also included a variety of fun games and recreational activities that ensured every child felt included, happy, and encouraged. The joyful atmosphere was filled with laughter, excitement, and positive interactions among the children and staff. These



activities not only entertained the children but also strengthened their social bonding and sense of belonging.

The Autism Awareness Programme at Sabin-Pathway Home was a grand success, effectively combining education, creativity, awareness, and enjoyment. The event left a lasting impression on all participants and reinforced the values of acceptance, compassion, inclusion, and mutual respect. The day truly stood as a celebration of diversity, individuality, and the joy of togetherness.



AMBEDKAR JAYANTHI CELEBRATION



Sabin–Pathway Home celebrated Ambedkar Jayanthi on 14th April 2025 with great respect, enthusiasm, and patriotic spirit to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution and one of the greatest social reformers in Indian history. The programme was organized with the objective of educating the children about Dr. Ambedkar’s inspiring life, his remarkable contributions to society, and his relentless fight for equality, justice, and human rights.

The celebration commenced with a special awareness session introducing the children to the life and achievements of Dr. B. R.

Ambedkar. The staff members explained how he overcame numerous hardships through determination and education and dedicated his life to uplifting marginalized communities and establishing social equality. The children listened with great interest as they learned about his vision for a just and inclusive society.

A unique and memorable feature of the celebration was the role-play presentation by Mr. Citibabu, who dressed up as Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. His appearance brought the programme to life and created a strong impact on the children, helping them connect more personally with the leader’s personality and ideals. The children enthusiastically interacted during the session and showed great curiosity in



learning more about Dr. Ambedkar's life and contributions. As part of the celebration, the children actively participated in poster-making and drawing activities based on themes such as education, equality, unity, justice, and human rights. Through their colourful and thoughtful artwork, the children expressed their understanding and appreciation of Dr. Ambedkar's teachings and values. The creative activities also encouraged self-expression and deeper learning among the participants.



The staff members shared motivational messages highlighting the importance of education, self-confidence, self-respect, and standing against discrimination. They encouraged the children to follow Dr. Ambedkar's principles in their daily lives and strive towards becoming responsible, educated, and compassionate citizens.

The Ambedkar Jayanthi celebration at Sabin-Pathway Home was both meaningful and educational. The programme successfully instilled awareness about social equality and the transformative power of education. It left a lasting impression on the children and inspired them to uphold the values of justice, unity, dignity, and humanity.

NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE WEEK AWARENESS PROGRAMME

National Fire Service Week is observed every year from 14th April to 20th April across India in memory of the brave firefighters who lost their lives during the tragic Bombay Dock Explosion of 1944. In observance of this important occasion, Sabin-Pathway Home organized a special Fire Safety Awareness Programme in collaboration with the Acharapakkam Fire and Rescue Team. The



programme aimed to educate the children and staff about fire safety measures, emergency preparedness, and the importance of respecting the courageous service of firefighters.

The event began with an informative introduction about the significance of National Fire Service Week. The fire and rescue officers explained the historical background of the Bombay Dock



Explosion and highlighted the sacrifices made by firefighters who risk their lives to save others during emergencies. The session helped the children understand the importance of fire safety awareness and preparedness in everyday life.

The officers also emphasized this year's theme, "Unite to Ignite – A Fire-Safe India," stressing the need for

collective responsibility in preventing fire accidents at homes, schools, workplaces, and public spaces. The children were taught that awareness, discipline, and quick action can help prevent major disasters and save lives.

The Acharapakkam Fire and Rescue Team conducted an engaging and highly interactive demonstration session on fire safety techniques and emergency response procedures. The officers demonstrated the proper use of fire extinguishers, explained the different types of fire hazards, and taught the children basic safety measures to follow during emergencies. The participants also learned how to safely evacuate a building and remain calm during fire-related incidents.

The children actively participated throughout the session by asking questions and observing the demonstrations with great interest and curiosity. The practical approach adopted by the officers made the awareness programme both educational and memorable for everyone present.

The programme concluded with a message encouraging all participants to stay alert, practice safety measures responsibly, and appreciate the dedication and sacrifice of firefighters who work tirelessly to protect society. The Fire Service Week observance at Sabin–Pathway Home proved to be highly informative and impactful, equipping the children with valuable life-saving knowledge while also paying tribute to the martyrs of the fire service.

TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Tamil New Year, popularly known as Puthandu, was celebrated with great joy, cultural spirit, and enthusiasm at Sabin–Pathway Home.





The occasion marked the beginning of the Tamil calendar year and brought with it a sense of positivity, hope, happiness, and togetherness among the children and staff members.

The celebration commenced with a brief introduction to the

significance of Puthandu and the traditional customs associated with the festival. The children were taught about the importance of new beginnings, gratitude, prosperity, and spreading joy among family and community members. The session helped the children develop an appreciation for Tamil culture and traditions while encouraging respect for cultural diversity.

As part of the festivities, the children enthusiastically participated in creative activities such as poster-making and chart drawing. Through colourful artwork and decorations, they expressed themes of happiness, prosperity, peace, and new beginnings. Their creativity and active involvement added vibrancy and festive spirit to the entire campus environment.

The staff members interacted warmly with the children, sharing stories and insights about Tamil traditions, festive foods, cultural practices, and the importance of unity and harmony during celebrations. These interactions created an atmosphere of warmth and cultural learning while strengthening the bond between the children and caregivers.

The celebration also included joyful recreational activities that filled the campus with laughter and excitement. The children thoroughly enjoyed spending time together in a cheerful and festive environment, creating precious memories and experiencing the joy of togetherness.

Overall, the Tamil New Year celebration at Sabin–Pathway Home was a delightful and meaningful occasion that successfully combined cultural education with creativity and enjoyment. The event helped instill cultural awareness, positivity, and happiness among the children, making it a memorable celebration for everyone involved.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO AUROVILLE AND GARUDA BIRDS PARK

The children of Sabin–Pathway Home were given a wonderful opportunity to participate in an educational tour to Auroville and Garuda Birds Park in Puducherry. The trip was thoughtfully organized to provide





experiential learning, environments, and experiences for the regular routine.

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the tour was Auroville, for promoting peace, living, and human unity. fascinated by the calm atmosphere of the visit, they explored the learned about the environmental living, and global unity.

A major highlight of the visit was the Matrimandir, the iconic golden spherical structure that serves as a place for meditation and inner reflection. The children were introduced to the significance of the Matrimandir and its purpose in promoting peace, silence, mindfulness, and spiritual growth. The beauty and tranquility of the place left a deep impression on the children, offering them a calm and enriching experience.

Following the visit to Auroville, the children proceeded to Garuda Birds Park, where they enjoyed an exciting and interactive learning experience. The park gave them the opportunity to observe a variety of birds, animals, and aquarium pets at close range. The children were delighted to see colourful birds and learn about their habits, food patterns, and natural habitats.

Their interaction with animals and aquatic creatures sparked curiosity and excitement, making the visit both educational and entertaining. The children enthusiastically observed the different



species and enjoyed exploring the natural environment around them.



The entire tour was filled with joy, laughter, learning, and meaningful experiences. It provided the children with a refreshing break from their daily routine while encouraging curiosity, social interaction, appreciation for nature, and experiential learning.

Overall, the educational tour to Auroville and Garuda Birds Park was a memorable and enriching experience that successfully combined education, recreation, and exposure. The children returned with happy memories, valuable knowledge, and a deeper appreciation for nature, harmony, and living beings.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO VANDAVASI FORT

On 15th May 2025, the children and staff members of Sabin-Pathway Home undertook an educational visit to the historic Vandavasi Fort, located in Villupuram district. The trip was organized with the objective of





helping the children learn about Indian history and heritage through firsthand experience and observation.

Vandavasi Fort holds immense historical importance as it was the site of the famous Battle of Wandiwash, a significant event that played a major role in establishing British dominance in India during the colonial period. The visit offered the children an opportunity to connect classroom learning with real historical evidence and gain a deeper understanding of India's past.

During the visit, the children explored the strong and well-preserved fortress walls, which reflected the architectural brilliance and strategic

importance of the fort during ancient times. They were particularly fascinated by the historic cannons preserved within the premises, which gave them a glimpse into the military history associated with the fort.

The staff members guided the children throughout the visit, explaining the historical significance of the site and encouraging them to observe the structures carefully and ask questions. The children listened with great curiosity and interest as they learned about the fort's role in history and the events associated with the Battle of Wandiwash.

The visit proved to be an engaging and enriching educational experience. It sparked curiosity, excitement, and appreciation for historical monuments and cultural heritage among the children. In addition to learning, the outing also provided a refreshing and



enjoyable break from their daily routine.

The educational visit to Vandavasi Fort was both informative and enjoyable, leaving the children and staff with valuable knowledge, meaningful experiences, and joyful memories.

RECREATIONAL MOVIE OUTING FOR THE CHILDREN

As part of the summer recreational activities organized for the children, Sabin-Pathway Home arranged a special movie outing to watch the film DD Next Level. The outing was planned to provide the children with relaxation, entertainment, and a joyful break from their regular routine.

The children were extremely excited about the trip and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of watching the movie together in a theatre environment. The outing created an atmosphere of fun, laughter, and togetherness as the children spent quality time with their friends and staff members.

Such recreational activities play an important role in supporting the emotional well-being and happiness of children. They help reduce stress, encourage social interaction, and provide opportunities for joyful experiences and positive memories. The movie outing also strengthened the bond among the children and staff while giving the children a refreshing and enjoyable experience outside the campus.

The recreational movie outing was a delightful and memorable experience that brought immense happiness and excitement to all the children and served as a perfect summer recreation activity.



SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT CHENGALPATTU COLLECTORATE



A special Mother's Day celebration was organized on 23rd May 2025 at the Chengalpattu Collectorate by the District Differently Abled Welfare Office for various NGOs across the district. The event was dedicated to honouring the unconditional love, sacrifice, resilience, and selfless care of mothers of children with special needs.

The programme brought together several organizations working in the

field of disability support and welfare across Chengalpattu district, creating a meaningful platform to recognize and appreciate the invaluable contributions of mothers who tirelessly support and nurture their children despite numerous challenges.

The chief guest of the event, Mr. S. Arunraj, addressed the gathering and expressed his appreciation for the dedication, patience, and strength shown by mothers of children with special needs. His inspiring speech



highlighted the vital role mothers play in shaping the lives and future of their children.

A proud and emotional moment for Sabin-Pathway Home came when Mrs. Shanthi, the single parent of Narasimma, one of the inmates of the home, was given the honour of presenting a shawl to the District Collector. This recognition was a touching acknowledgment of her unwavering commitment, strength, and loving care towards her child.

In appreciation of her dedication and perseverance, Mrs. Shanthi was also honoured with a plaque and certificate of appreciation by the District Collector. The recognition served as an inspiration to all present and highlighted the extraordinary efforts of parents, especially mothers, in supporting children with special needs.

The Mother's Day celebration beautifully emphasized the importance of love, support, patience, and encouragement within families and society. The event created a deep sense of respect and gratitude for mothers who continue to dedicate their lives to the care and well-being of their children. The celebration was heartfelt, emotional, and inspiring, leaving everyone with a profound appreciation for the unconditional love and sacrifices made by mothers each day.

TECH4ALL EVENT

The Tech4All event, organized by the Commissionerate for the Welfare of the Differently Abled, was held at the prestigious Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai. The event served as a remarkable platform to showcase innovative assistive technologies and modern rehabilitation solutions designed to enhance the quality of life, independence, and accessibility of persons with disabilities.



Representing Sabin–Pathway Home, our Physiotherapist attended this highly informative and enriching programme with the objective of exploring the latest advancements in assistive devices, therapeutic technologies, and rehabilitation practices. The event brought together experts, healthcare professionals, innovators, rehabilitation specialists, service providers, and organizations working in the field of disability care and inclusion.

The exhibition featured a wide range of assistive devices and adaptive technologies aimed at supporting individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory, and developmental disabilities. Various stalls displayed advanced mobility aids, wheelchairs, walkers, communication tools, therapeutic equipment, sensory integration materials, and digital accessibility solutions that promote greater independence and participation in daily life.

One of the major highlights of the event was the live demonstrations and interactive sessions conducted by professionals and technology experts. These sessions provided valuable insights into how assistive technologies can be effectively integrated into therapy programmes, educational settings, and daily care practices. Participants were able to observe the practical applications of these devices and understand their role in improving mobility, communication, learning, and overall well-being.

The event also created opportunities for meaningful interaction and networking among professionals from various institutions and organizations working in the disability sector. Discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions enabled participants to exchange ideas, learn about emerging trends, and explore collaborative approaches towards inclusive rehabilitation and care.



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Participation in Tech4All proved to be an enriching learning experience for Sabin–Pathway Home. The exposure to innovative and technology-driven interventions will greatly support our efforts in enhancing therapeutic services for our children and beneficiaries. The knowledge gained from the event will help strengthen our rehabilitation approaches and encourage the adoption of more effective, inclusive, and person-centered care practices.

The Tech4All event was highly educational, inspiring, and impactful. It reinforced the importance of inclusive technology in empowering persons with disabilities and highlighted how innovation can create opportunities for independence, dignity, and improved quality of life.

“Technology, when made inclusive, becomes a powerful tool for empowerment.”



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Sabin–Pathway Home organized a meaningful and engaging awareness programme to promote environmental responsibility, sustainable living, and eco-friendly practices among the children and staff members. The celebration aimed to instill awareness about the importance of protecting nature and preserving the environment for future generations.

The programme commenced with an awareness rally conducted within and around the campus premises. The children actively participated with great



enthusiasm by holding placards and raising slogans promoting environmental conservation and the reduction of plastic usage. Messages such as “Save Nature,” “Protect Our Planet,” and “Say No to Plastics” created awareness among the local community and encouraged everyone to adopt environmentally responsible habits.

The rally served as a powerful initiative to spread awareness about pollution, deforestation, and the importance of maintaining a clean and green environment. The active involvement of the children reflected their growing understanding of environmental issues and their willingness to contribute positively towards nature conservation.

Following the rally, the children participated in a creative drawing and poster-making activity. Through colourful illustrations, paintings, and cartoons, they expressed meaningful environmental messages focused on tree conservation, reducing pollution, protecting wildlife, and avoiding plastic





waste. The activity not only encouraged creativity and artistic expression but also helped the children understand environmental concerns in a simple, interactive, and engaging manner.

As part of the celebration, a plantation drive was also organized within the campus premises. The children enthusiastically took part in planting saplings and watering them under the guidance of the staff members. This activity symbolized their commitment to nurturing and protecting the environment while also teaching them the importance of trees in maintaining ecological balance and supporting life on Earth.

The programme concluded with a discussion emphasizing the need for collective action in protecting the environment and adopting sustainable practices in everyday life. The children were encouraged to conserve water, avoid littering, reduce plastic usage, and care for plants and animals around them.

The World Environment Day celebration at Sabin–Pathway Home was educational, inspiring, and impactful. The programme successfully reinforced the values of environmental conservation,

responsibility, and community participation. The active involvement and enthusiasm shown by the children made the event both memorable and meaningful.

“Let us nurture nature so that future generations can thrive.”

WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY OBSERVANCE



Sabin–Pathway Home observed World Food Safety Day with an engaging and educational awareness programme aimed at promoting healthy eating habits, personal hygiene, and safe food practices among the children. The programme was

organized to help the children understand the importance of consuming clean, nutritious, and hygienically prepared food in maintaining good health and preventing food-borne illnesses.

The programme began with an informative introductory session conducted by the Manager, who explained the significance of World Food Safety Day and emphasized the importance of food hygiene and nutrition in daily life. The children were educated about how unsafe food and poor hygiene practices can affect health and well-being. The session also highlighted simple but essential habits such as washing hands before meals, eating fresh and properly cooked



food, storing food safely, and avoiding uncovered or unhygienic food items.

The awareness session was interactive and engaging, allowing the children to ask questions and share their own food habits and experiences. Through simple explanations and practical examples, the children gained a better understanding of how food safety contributes to overall health and disease prevention.

As part of the programme, the children participated in a self-evaluation activity where they reflected on their daily food habits and

hygiene practices. They were encouraged to think about their personal routines, including handwashing, drinking clean water, consuming healthy meals, and avoiding junk or unsafe food. This exercise helped the children become more aware and responsible about maintaining healthy habits in their everyday lives.

The programme also included a creative chart drawing and poster-making activity. The children enthusiastically expressed their understanding of food safety through colourful illustrations and awareness messages such as “Eat Clean, Stay Healthy,” “Wash Hands Before Eating,” and “Healthy Food, Healthy Life.” The



activity encouraged creativity while simultaneously reinforcing important lessons about hygiene, nutrition, and safe food handling practices.

The observance concluded on a positive and educational note, with children gaining valuable awareness about maintaining proper hygiene and adopting safe food practices to ensure good health and well-being. The programme successfully combined education, creativity, and participation, making the learning experience both enjoyable and meaningful for all.

The World Food Safety Day programme at Sabin–Pathway Home was informative, interactive, and impactful, helping the children understand the importance of safe food habits and healthy living practices.

“Safe food today ensures a healthy tomorrow.”

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION

Sabin–Pathway Home celebrated International Yoga Day in June 2025 with great enthusiasm, positivity, and active participation from both children and staff members. The programme was organized with the objective of promoting the importance of yoga in maintaining physical fitness, mental well-being, emotional balance, and inner peace. The celebration served as a meaningful opportunity to introduce the children to the holistic benefits of yoga and encourage them to adopt healthy lifestyle practices.



History and Significance of International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day is observed every year on 21st June following its declaration by the United Nations in 2014, inspired by the vision of Narendra Modi. The date was chosen as it marks the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, symbolizing harmony between nature and human life. Since its inception, International Yoga Day has been celebrated globally to spread awareness about the ancient Indian tradition of yoga and its numerous physical, mental, and spiritual benefits.





attentively and were encouraged to understand how simple yoga practices can contribute to a healthier and more balanced lifestyle.

Yoga as Exercise

The children actively participated in a guided yoga session where they demonstrated simple yoga postures, stretching exercises, and breathing techniques under supervision. These activities helped improve their flexibility, body coordination, balance, and relaxation. The session created a calm and refreshing



The celebration emphasized the universal message of yoga — the union of mind, body, and spirit. Yoga is not merely a form of exercise but a disciplined way of life that nurtures mindfulness, self-control, peace, and emotional strength. For children, especially those with special needs, yoga plays a significant role in improving concentration, flexibility, posture, coordination, relaxation, and overall well-being.

Programme Highlights

The event commenced with an informative session explaining the importance of yoga and its relevance in daily life. The children listened



atmosphere, encouraging the children to experience the physical and mental benefits of yoga firsthand.

Yoga as Dance

Adding creativity and excitement to the programme, the children beautifully presented yoga movements in the form of a dance performance. By blending rhythm, music, and traditional yoga postures, the children showcased their talent, confidence, and enthusiasm. The performance made the celebration lively, joyful, and engaging for everyone present.

Creative Expression Through Drawings

As part of the awareness activities, the children participated in a drawing session where they illustrated the benefits of yoga through colourful artwork. Their drawings highlighted themes such as good health, peace of mind, happiness, strength, and harmony. The activity provided the children with an opportunity to express their understanding of yoga creatively and meaningfully.

The International Yoga Day celebration at Sabin–Pathway Home was a joyful, educational, and enriching experience for all participants. The programme not only encouraged children to adopt healthy habits but also helped them understand the deeper value of yoga in leading a peaceful, disciplined, and balanced life. The event successfully reinforced the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life for better physical, mental, and emotional health. The celebration concluded on a positive note, leaving the children inspired and motivated to continue practicing yoga regularly.

“Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self.”

NATIONAL DOCTORS’ DAY CELEBRATION



Chandra Roy, a renowned physician, freedom fighter, and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal. The day marks both his birth and death anniversary, making it a unique occasion to remember his extraordinary contributions to medicine and public service.

National Doctors’ Day serves as an opportunity to acknowledge the selfless dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts of doctors who work day and night to heal, comfort, and save

Sabin–Pathway Home celebrated National Doctors’ Day with immense respect, gratitude, and enthusiasm, recognizing the invaluable contribution of doctors in safeguarding human life and promoting health and well-being. The celebration was both educational and emotional, helping the children understand the noble role played by medical professionals in society.

History and Significance of National Doctors’ Day

In India, National Doctors’ Day is observed every year on 1st July in honour of Dr. Bidhan





lives. It highlights the essential role they play not only in treating illnesses but also in promoting preventive healthcare and supporting communities during challenging times.

Programme Highlights

The celebration at Sabin–Pathway Home included a variety of engaging and meaningful activities that created awareness and appreciation among the children.

Role-Play by Children

One of the highlights of the programme was the role-play performance by the children, who enthusiastically enacted the roles of doctors and patients. Through their creative presentation,

they demonstrated how doctors diagnose illnesses, treat patients, and provide compassionate care. The activity helped the children understand the qualities of kindness, patience, dedication, and responsibility associated with the medical profession.

Interaction with Doctors

The programme was honoured by the presence of dedicated doctors who joined the celebration and interacted warmly with the children. Their participation inspired the children and provided them with

an opportunity to learn more about the medical profession while expressing their appreciation directly to the healthcare professionals who care for them.



Handmade Greeting Cards

As a heartfelt gesture of gratitude, the children presented beautiful handmade greeting cards to the doctors. Each card carried thoughtful messages of appreciation, respect, and love, reflecting the children’s admiration for the doctors and their service to society.

The National Doctors’ Day celebration at Sabin–Pathway Home was a memorable and meaningful occasion that successfully combined awareness, gratitude, creativity, and interaction.

The programme helped the children understand the importance of the medical profession and instilled in them a deep sense of respect for healthcare workers who dedicate their lives to the service of humanity. The event concluded with appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all doctors for their unwavering commitment, compassion, and dedication towards improving and saving lives.

“Doctors are the pillars of a healthy society, bringing hope, healing, and humanity to the world.”

OFFICIAL INSPECTION VISIT BY THE DISTRICT DIFFERENTLY ABLED WELFARE OFFICER (DDAWO)



Sabin–Pathway Home had the honour of welcoming the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer (DDAWO), Mr. Kathirvelu, for an official inspection visit to the facility. The visit was an important occasion to review the quality of services, infrastructure, rehabilitation programmes, and overall care provided to the residents of the home.

During the inspection, Mr. Kathirvelu visited various sections of the institution, including the residential areas, therapy units, activity rooms, dining facilities, and recreational spaces. He carefully observed the daily routines

followed by the children and interacted warmly with both the residents and staff members to understand their well-being, progress, and support systems.

The inspection primarily focused on the standards of care, hygiene, safety measures, rehabilitation services, and the overall environment maintained at Sabin–Pathway Home. The staff members provided detailed information regarding the various programmes conducted for the holistic development of the children, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, life skills training, educational support, recreational activities, and emotional care initiatives.

Mr. Kathirvelu appreciated the sincere efforts and dedication of the management and staff in creating a nurturing, safe, and inclusive environment for children with special needs. He acknowledged the

systematic and compassionate approach followed in caregiving, rehabilitation, and overall child development.

The officer also shared valuable suggestions and recommendations aimed at further enhancing the quality of services and strengthening rehabilitation support for the children. His

encouraging words motivated the staff members to continue their dedicated service with greater commitment and responsibility.



The inspection visit concluded on a positive and encouraging note, reinforcing Sabin–Pathway Home’s commitment towards providing quality care, rehabilitation, and support for persons with disabilities while continuously striving for improvement and excellence in service.

GLOBAL CSR & ESG AWARDS 2025



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BRAND HONCHOS MEDIA, AFTER AN EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON 250+ NGOS ACROSS INDIA, HAS ONCE AGAIN FOUND PATHWAY CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABLED – A UNIT OF DR. DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS TITLE OF “TOP 5 BEST NGOS OF THE YEAR 2025.”

IN RECOGNITION OF OUR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN EDUCATION, REHABILITATION, HEALTHCARE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PATHWAY INDIA WAS FELICITATED TWICE IN 2025 AT ONE OF THE BIGGEST NATIONAL CONVENTIONS – INDIAN CSR AWARDS 2025, HELD ON 25th APRIL 2025 AT HOTEL HYATT CENTRIC, NEW DELHI.

PATHWAY 10th EXCELLENCE AWARD CEREMONY



The month of July 2025 reached its inspiring crescendo on the 24th, when two distinguished guests—Mr. Jean-Luc Butel and Mr. Adam Johnson—visited the Pathway campus, walking through classrooms and vocational workshops with keen interest. Their appreciative smiles spoke

volumes as they observed students diligently packaging handmade cards, preparing simple snacks for a mock café, and practicing retail skills in a mini-store setup. These meaningful interactions





reflected Pathway’s unwavering commitment to fostering independence, dignity, and practical life skills among its students.

That evening, at Pamela Martinez Pathway School in Agili Village, the atmosphere was filled with anticipation as

families, local dignitaries, staff members, and well-wishers gathered for the Excellence Award Ceremony. The occasion celebrated remarkable achievements, including that of Vani, a special child whose exceptional craftsmanship in vocational training earned her top honours, and Lavanya, daughter of Mrs. Sudha, whose academic accomplishments shone brightly despite numerous challenges.



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The celebration concluded with a vibrant cultural programme and a community dinner, bringing everyone together in a spirit of shared pride and unity. Throughout the month, every health check-up, recreational activity, and student performance contributed to strengthening Pathway School's holistic foundation of care, education, and social responsibility. July 2025 stood as a powerful testament to how dedicated care, creative programming, and strong community partnerships can transform everyday experiences into meaningful opportunities for growth.

A significant milestone of the month was the inauguration of the Multi-Sensory Room at the Sabin–Pathway Centre, representing a visionary step forward in advancing inclusive education and therapeutic support. The Pathway Excellence Award Distribution Ceremony 2025 was celebrated with great grandeur and enthusiasm at Pathway Agro Farm on 24th July 2025. Organized by the Dr. DMC Trust, the event aimed to honour and encourage students for their outstanding achievements in academics, discipline, and overall excellence.

The programme commenced on a serene and reverent note with an opening prayer led by Pamela Martinez along with the students of Pathway Matriculation School, followed by the rendition of Tamil Thai Vazhthu. The ceremonial lighting of the traditional lamp by the distinguished dignitaries symbolized the dispelling of ignorance and the ushering in of knowledge and prosperity. Dr. Chandra Prasad, Co-Founder, General Secretary, Chief Functionary, and Director of Pathway, delivered a warm and gracious welcome address, extending heartfelt greetings to all present.

The esteemed guests were formally introduced, and the gathering was honoured by the presence of Mr. Jean Luc Butel as the Chief Guest who over the course of his distinguished corporate career, has held several prominent leadership positions, including Corporate Vice President and President at Baxter International, Executive Vice-President and Group President – International at Medtronic,



Senior Vice-President and International President at Becton Dickinson, and various senior leadership roles at Johnson & Johnson. He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Affairs from The George Washington University and an MBA in International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management. A valued member of Pathway's Foreign Advisory Board for over three decades, he has consistently guided and supported the institution in its mission.

Mr. Adam Johnson, who graced the occasion as a special guest, is a social impact strategist with experience spanning consulting, nonprofit leadership, and public service. He is currently pursuing his MBA at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Beginning his career in social entrepreneurship, he founded The Small Hill Foundation to support low-income students in Malaysia and Indonesia in accessing higher education, and later co-founded Conserve Utah Valley, a nonprofit dedicated to land and water conservation. Having joined Pathway's Foreign Advisory Board in 2025, he expressed his deep commitment to the organization's mission of empowering individuals to live with dignity and contribute meaningfully to society.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from trust members, the Pathway President, staff members, Chennai Centre representatives, and students, creating an atmosphere of unity and celebration. The prestigious Pathway Excellence Awards, instituted over a decade ago, continue to recognize deserving underprivileged rural children from across the districts of Tamil Nadu. Rooted in a philosophy of inclusivity, Pathway supports both differently-abled and mainstream students, irrespective of religion, caste, or creed, identifying and nurturing hidden potential through a careful and comprehensive evaluation of academic performance, discipline, and overall development.

A highlight of the event was the Science Exhibition, where students confidently presented innovative and working models to the dignitaries and visitors. Notable exhibits included the Hydraulic Bridge,

Waste Water Management System, Carbon Purification for Factories, Kallanai Dam, Mahabalipuram Shore Temple, and a Hydro Electric Power Plant. The guests expressed their admiration for the students' creativity, scientific temperament, and clarity of explanation. Adding a unique artistic dimension to the event was an exquisite display of leaf art created using natural materials from the Agro Farm, where intricately designed portraits of the dignitaries drew widespread appreciation. The award distribution ceremony formed the heart of the programme.

A short video presentation of OUR LIFE OUR WORK highlighted the Pathway Excellence Award Winners of 2025 thereby setting the stage for the felicitation. The awards were presented by the Chief Guest, recognizing excellence not only in academics but also in discipline and overall development. The ceremony was further enriched by the presence and inspiring leadership of Mrs. Dhuli Patnaik, an awardee being the President of Pathway since 2004, who has played a pivotal role in overseeing daily operations across its centres. Deeply committed to the well-being of the children, she ensures that they receive essential care, including medical support, clothing, and hygiene. A graduate of Utkal



University and fluent in five languages, her compassion, accessibility, and unwavering dedication continue to inspire both students and staff. Her constant encouragement and moral support have been a source of strength to every child at Pathway.

The awardees of 2025 each represented remarkable stories of perseverance and achievement.

L. Bhuvaneshwari, from the village of Unamalai, secured an outstanding 91.6% (458/500) in the SSLC Examination 2024, emerging as the school topper. Coming from a modest background, she is the first girl in her family to complete Class X and pursue higher secondary education. With a deep love for learning and a fondness for the school library, she aspires to become an IAS officer.



A. Archana, a student of the Class of 2024 from Mathur village, achieved 91% (454/500) in her SSLC Examination. Despite financial challenges, she excelled both academically and in sports,

particularly Kho-Kho and athletics. With dreams of joining IIT Chennai and entering the civil services, she stands as a symbol of determination and ambition.

E. Praveena, who joined Pathway in Grade 9, secured 90% in the SSLC Examination 2025. Currently pursuing Bio-Maths, she aims to become an aeronautical engineer. Known for her leadership qualities, she actively participates in school activities and often serves as a confident master of ceremonies.

S. Sumitha, also from Mathur village, overcame significant challenges to achieve 92% in her SSLC Examination. Traveling daily through difficult terrain, she became the first graduate in her family. Her talents extend beyond academics to dancing and singing, reflecting her vibrant personality.

S. Jayasuriya, who has been with Pathway since early childhood, scored an impressive 92% in his SSLC Examination. A chess champion and active sports participant, he also served as School Pupil Leader. He aspires to become an IAS officer and continues to exemplify leadership and dedication.

L. Poovarsu, another student from Mathur village, secured 91% in his SSLC Examination despite facing health challenges. A consistent top performer, he also excels in breakdancing and has won several prizes. His ambition is to become a doctor, and his resilience serves as an inspiration to many.

D. Lavanya, who scored 86% (431/500) in her Class X Examination, has overcome personal and financial hardships with remarkable strength. With a father working as an auto driver and a mother employed at Pathway, she continues her higher secondary education in Computer Science, aspiring to become a software professional and support her family.

N. Senthil, a student with special needs, demonstrated excellence in vocational activities, particularly in vegetable farming and bakery work. His dedication to daily tasks and cheerful attitude make him truly commendable.

Vani, who faced early life challenges after the loss of her mother, has shown remarkable progress through therapy and training. Since joining Pathway in 2000, she has developed strong vocational skills in bakery and beadwork and has actively participated in cultural programmes. Her recognition stands as a powerful testament to resilience and the transformative impact of sustained care.

The cultural segment of the programme added vibrancy and charm to the occasion. Performances such as the Welcome Dance, classical dance by the Pathway School girls, the lively “Little Stars” dance by primary students, and the graceful Peacock Dance beautifully showcased India’s rich cultural heritage. The colourful costumes and energetic presentations captivated the audience and highlighted the artistic talents of the students.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by the President of Pathway, expressing sincere gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the event. This was followed by a closing prayer by Vijayalakshmi and the National Anthem, bringing the celebration to a dignified close. The Pathway Excellence Award Distribution Ceremony 2025 remains a memorable and inspiring occasion, encouraging every student to pursue excellence with dedication, confidence, and a spirit of continuous growth.

COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH: SERVING 300+ LIVES IN KATTUKARANAI



On 14th September 2025, the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust organized a comprehensive Free Medical Camp at Kattukaranai Village in Maduranthakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District. This noble initiative was conducted in loving memory of the Trust's beloved founder, Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad, whose lifelong commitment to community service continues to inspire meaningful outreach programs.

Kattukaranai is a small rural village situated in the Maduranthakam region,

characterized by its agrarian lifestyle and close-knit community. The majority of the residents depend on agriculture and daily wage labor for their livelihood. Despite their resilience and strong community bonds, access to quality healthcare facilities remains limited, with many villagers having to travel considerable distances to reach hospitals and diagnostic centers. This often leads to delayed medical attention and untreated health conditions, particularly among the elderly and economically



disadvantaged. It is within this context that the organization of a medical camp becomes not only relevant but essential.

The camp was presided over by the Co-founder and Director, Dr. Chandra Prasad, along with the President, Mrs. Dhuli Patnaik. Their presence and guidance ensured the smooth coordination of the event, which aimed to bring accessible and quality healthcare services directly to underserved rural populations. The camp witnessed an overwhelming response, benefiting over 300 individuals from Kattukaranai and surrounding hamlets.

A team of dedicated doctors, nurses, and support staff volunteered their expertise to provide a wide range of medical services. These included general health check-ups, blood pressure and blood sugar screening, basic diagnostic consultations, and distribution of essential medicines. Health awareness was also emphasized, with doctors offering guidance on nutrition, hygiene, and preventive care, helping villagers better understand how to manage common health concerns.





A significant highlight of the day was the inauguration of a new ECG Machine (MAC 5). This advanced diagnostic equipment is expected to play a vital role in the early detection and monitoring of cardiac conditions, thereby strengthening the Trust's ability to provide timely and effective healthcare interventions for the community in the years to come.

In addition to medical services, the program also focused on social support and community upliftment. Five wheelchairs were distributed to individuals with mobility challenges, enabling them to lead more independent and dignified lives. Further encouraging youth engagement and physical activity, two cricket sets were gifted to local youngsters, promoting teamwork, recreation, and a healthy lifestyle.

The event also served as an occasion to recognize and appreciate the tireless efforts of the Trust's staff. RBL Bank honored the dedicated team with tokens of appreciation, acknowledging

their commitment and service to the community.



The Medical Camp at Kattukaranai stands as a testament to the Trust's enduring mission of compassionate service, holistic care, and community development. By addressing both health and social needs, the initiative not only alleviated immediate medical concerns but also strengthened awareness, improved access to essential services, and fostered a renewed sense of hope and well-being among the villagers.

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

The birth anniversary of K. Kamaraj was observed with great reverence and enthusiasm at Sabin-Pathway Home on 15th July 2025, commemorated across Tamil Nadu as Educational Development Day. The celebration aimed to honour the life, vision, and remarkable contributions of one of India's most respected leaders, who played a transformative role in shaping the educational system of Tamil Nadu.

The programme commenced with a respectful tribute to Kamarajar, fondly remembered as the "Kalvi Thanthai" (Father of Education). The children actively participated in the celebration by creating beautiful handmade drawings and portraits of Kamarajar, expressing their admiration and gratitude towards the leader who dedicated his life to the upliftment of society through education.

Floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Kamarajar, creating a solemn and respectful atmosphere. The children and staff observed the occasion with sincerity and pride, remembering the values of simplicity, honesty, and public service associated with his life.

As part of the programme, a pledge was administered to all the children and staff members, focusing on the importance of education, equality, discipline, and social responsibility. The participants took the oath wholeheartedly, reaffirming their commitment towards learning, personal growth, and becoming responsible citizens of society.

An informative speech was delivered explaining the history and significance of Educational Development Day and highlighting Kamarajar's invaluable contributions to the field of education during his tenure as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu from 1954 to 1963. The children learned how he introduced revolutionary reforms that transformed the educational landscape of the state.





The speech emphasized Kamarajar’s landmark initiatives, particularly the expansion of the Midday Meal Scheme, which encouraged school enrollment and reduced hunger among children from economically weaker backgrounds. His efforts in establishing thousands of schools in rural and remote areas ensured that education became accessible to children across Tamil Nadu, regardless of their social or economic background.

The celebration also highlighted the importance of recognizing education as a fundamental right and a powerful tool for social transformation. The children were encouraged to value education, work hard, and follow the ideals of dedication, simplicity, and service exemplified

by Kamarajar.

The programme concluded on an inspiring and meaningful note, leaving the children with a deeper understanding of Kamarajar’s legacy and his immense contribution to society. The event successfully instilled the values of education, perseverance, equality, and social responsibility among the participants.

“Education is the foundation upon which a better future is built.”

REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN “UNGALUDAN STALIN” MEDICAL CAMP



The staff members of Sabin Pathway Home actively participated in the “Ungaludan Stalin” Medical Camp organized by the Government of Tamil Nadu in coordination with various government departments. The initiative was designed to provide comprehensive healthcare, welfare assistance, and public services directly to the people, with special attention given to marginalized and vulnerable communities, including Differently Abled Persons (DAPs).

On behalf of the District Differently Abled Welfare Office (DDAWO), the dedicated staff of Sabin Pathway Home extended their wholehearted support in facilitating services and ensuring that

beneficiaries received proper assistance throughout the camp. Their active involvement played a vital role in helping differently abled individuals access medical consultations, welfare schemes, and government support services in an organized and dignified manner.

The staff members took responsibility for coordinating with different departments and guiding beneficiaries through the registration and consultation processes. They assisted individuals in completing documentation procedures, directed them to appropriate service counters, and ensured smooth communication between the officials and the differently abled participants. Special



care and personal attention were provided to individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities so that they could comfortably access the facilities available at the camp.

The compassionate and service-oriented approach of the Sabin Pathway Home staff greatly contributed to the successful implementation of the programme. Their support helped bridge the gap between government services and the beneficiaries, ensuring that every individual received equal care, attention, and opportunities without inconvenience or neglect. The camp also served as a valuable platform for collaboration and coordination between government departments, healthcare professionals, welfare officers, and social service organizations working in the disability sector. Participation in such initiatives strengthens community engagement and promotes inclusive development by bringing essential services closer to those in need.

The participation in the “Ungaludan Stalin” Medical Camp reflected the institution’s continued commitment towards community service, inclusion, and empowerment of persons with disabilities. The experience further reinforced the organization’s mission of supporting vulnerable individuals with compassion, dignity, and dedicated care while strengthening partnerships with government agencies for future welfare initiatives.

WORLD PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY

World Plastic Bag Free Day was observed with great awareness, enthusiasm, and environmental responsibility at Sabin Pathway





Home. The programme was organized with the objective of educating children and staff about the harmful effects of plastic pollution and encouraging the adoption of eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives in daily life.

History and Significance

World Plastic Bag Free Day is observed annually on 3rd July as part of a global environmental movement aimed at reducing the use of single-use plastic bags. The campaign gained momentum through international environmental initiatives such as “Break Free From Plastic,” which highlighted the severe impact of plastic waste on land, oceans, wildlife, and human health.

Plastic bags, though commonly used for convenience, take hundreds of years to decompose and contribute significantly to environmental degradation and pollution. They block drainage systems, harm marine and terrestrial animals, contaminate soil and water resources, and pose long-term ecological threats. The observance of this day serves as an important reminder of our collective responsibility to protect the environment by reducing plastic usage and promoting reusable alternatives such as cloth and jute bags.

Free Day 2025, “Choosing Reusables for a Sustainable Future,” emphasized the importance of replacing disposable plastics with environmentally friendly and reusable materials in order to build a cleaner and healthier planet.

Activities Conducted

As part of the celebration, the children of Sabin Pathway Home enthusiastically participated in various awareness activities designed to educate and inspire environmental responsibility.

The children created colourful and informative posters illustrating the harmful effects of plastic pollution and the benefits of using reusable bags and eco-friendly alternatives. Through their artwork and awareness messages, they effectively conveyed the importance of reducing plastic waste and protecting nature.

A short and engaging skit was also performed by the children, depicting a vegetable shopping scenario. Through the performance, they demonstrated how carrying reusable cloth or tote bags can help avoid the unnecessary use of plastic covers. The skit was simple, creative, and impactful, successfully delivering the message of environmental conservation to all present.

In addition, all the children and staff members took a pledge to reduce and gradually eliminate the use of plastic bags in their everyday lives. They reaffirmed their commitment towards adopting eco-friendly practices and contributing to a cleaner and greener environment.

The World Plastic Bag Free Day celebration at Sabin Pathway Home concluded on a meaningful and impactful note. The programme successfully created awareness among the children about environmental conservation and encouraged them to become responsible citizens who actively contribute towards protecting the planet. The celebration not only enhanced the children's understanding of sustainability and eco-friendly living but also inspired them to practice environmentally responsible habits in their daily lives. The active participation and enthusiasm displayed by the children made the event both educational and memorable.

GANESH CHATURTHI



Ganesh Chaturthi, one of the most revered and widely celebrated festivals in India, was observed with immense devotion, enthusiasm, and cultural spirit at Sabin Pathway Home. The festival commemorates the birth of Lord Ganesha, the beloved son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, who is worshipped as the remover of obstacles (Vighnaharta), the symbol of wisdom, knowledge, prosperity, and new beginnings.

The celebration was thoughtfully organized to provide the children with an opportunity to understand the spiritual and cultural significance of the festival while actively participating in creative and devotional activities. The event aimed to instill faith, positivity,



gratitude, and cultural values among the children, encouraging them to appreciate Indian traditions and celebrate together as one family.

The programme began with an informative introduction explaining the history and significance of Ganesh Chaturthi. The children were sensitized to the importance of Lord Ganesha in Indian culture and learned about the tradition of seeking his blessings before beginning any new venture or undertaking.

One of the most meaningful and engaging activities of the celebration was the preparation of handmade eco-friendly clay idols. Guided by the staff members, the children enthusiastically participated in crafting idols of Lord Ganesha along with his sacred vahan, the mouse (Mooshika). This hands-on activity not only enhanced the children’s creativity and fine motor skills but also taught them the importance of sustainability and eco-conscious celebrations.



Each handmade idol reflected the devotion, effort, imagination, and innocence of the children, making the creations truly special and memorable. Once completed, the idols were reverently placed on a beautifully decorated table arranged as a small altar. The simple yet graceful decorations created a peaceful and spiritual atmosphere within the home.

As part of the rituals, a traditional padayal (offering) was prepared and presented to Lord Ganesha on fresh banana leaves, symbolizing purity, gratitude, and devotion. The offerings were made with love and sincerity, reflecting the spirit of sharing and prayer associated with the festival.

The celebration became even more lively and vibrant with cultural performances by the children. Filled with joy and excitement, the children performed group dances and sang devotional songs dedicated to Lord Ganesha. Their energetic performances, cheerful expressions, and heartfelt devotion created an atmosphere of happiness, unity, and celebration throughout the campus.

Beyond the rituals and cultural programmes, the celebration also served as an important platform for emotional expression, social bonding, and cultural learning. It encouraged the children to connect with their traditions, experience the joy of collective celebration, and understand values such as humility, gratitude, togetherness, and devotion.

The Ganesh Chaturthi celebration at Sabin Pathway Home concluded on a spiritually fulfilling and joyful note, leaving behind cherished memories for everyone present. The event was not merely a festival observance but a meaningful experience that reinforced the values of faith, creativity, unity, cultural pride, and happiness among the children and staff members.

79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY



The 79th Independence Day of India was celebrated with great patriotism, enthusiasm, and national pride at Sabin Pathway Home. The occasion served as a meaningful reminder of the sacrifices and



struggles of our freedom fighters who dedicated their lives to securing India's independence. The celebration also highlighted the values of unity, discipline, courage, and social responsibility among the children and staff members. The programme commenced in a solemn and patriotic atmosphere as the gathering assembled to commemorate this historic day. The campus was filled with the spirit of nationalism, with decorations and activities reflecting the pride and honour associated with India's Independence Day. The children and staff enthusiastically participated in the celebrations, expressing their love and

respect for the nation.

One of the major highlights of the event was the impressive march past performed by the children of Sabin Pathway Home. Displaying excellent coordination, discipline, and confidence, the children marched in unison with great pride and determination. Their synchronized movements reflected dedication, teamwork, and respect for the nation,



earning appreciation and applause from everyone present. The march past stood as a symbol of unity, discipline, and patriotism.

The celebration continued with a series of physical and cultural performances that showcased the abilities, confidence, and talents of the children.

A well-organized yoga demonstration was presented by the children, emphasizing the importance of physical fitness, mental well-being, concentration, and inner balance. The children performed various yoga asanas with focus and precision, reflecting their

regular practice and commitment. The yoga session highlighted the significance of maintaining a healthy body and peaceful mind.

This was followed by an energetic physical exercise display where the children demonstrated strength, flexibility, coordination, and teamwork through synchronized movements. The performance not only displayed their physical abilities but also encouraged the importance of discipline and maintaining an active lifestyle.

Adding further excitement and admiration to the event, the children presented a human pyramid formation. The pyramid symbolized unity, mutual trust, cooperation, and collective strength. The performance required careful coordination and teamwork, and the children executed it confidently and enthusiastically, receiving loud applause from the audience.



One of the most impactful and memorable segments of the celebration was the mime performance based on “Operation SINDOOR.” Through expressive gestures, emotions, and silent enactment, the children conveyed powerful themes of sacrifice, resilience, courage, and patriotism without using words. The mime performance deeply moved the audience and reflected the children’s creativity, awareness, and ability to communicate meaningful social messages through art and expression.

The entire celebration stood as a testimony to the inclusive, nurturing, and encouraging environment maintained at Sabin Pathway Home, where every child is motivated to participate, develop confidence, and express their talents freely. The event not only honoured the spirit of Independence Day but also provided the children with a valuable platform to showcase their abilities and strengthen their sense of national pride and belonging. The programme concluded on a joyful and patriotic note, with hearts filled with gratitude for the freedom and opportunities we enjoy today. The celebration inspired everyone present to continue contributing positively towards society while upholding the values of unity, peace, and responsibility.



“Freedom is the foundation upon which unity, dignity, and progress are built.”

KRISHNA JAYANTHI

Krishna Jayanthi, also known as Janmashtami, was celebrated with immense joy, devotion, and cultural enthusiasm at Sabin Pathway Home. The festival, which marks the birth of Lord Krishna the



symbol of love, compassion, wisdom, and divine playfulness — filled the campus with a vibrant spiritual atmosphere and festive spirit.

The celebration was thoughtfully organized to engage the children in meaningful cultural and devotional activities while helping them understand the significance of Lord Krishna’s life, teachings, and values. The event provided an opportunity for the children to connect with Indian traditions and express their creativity and devotion through art and performance.

As part of the celebration, the children enthusiastically participated in making colourful chart drawings depicting scenes from the life of Lord Krishna. Their artwork beautifully portrayed

various stories associated with Krishna’s childhood, divine miracles, and playful nature. The activity encouraged creativity, imagination, and cultural learning among the children.



Adding to the festive ambiance, the children also created decorative cut-outs and artistic representations of Lord Krishna and Radha. These displays enhanced the beauty of the surroundings and brought a sense of devotion and celebration to the entire campus. The decorations reflected the enthusiasm and active involvement of the children in making the celebration memorable.

One of the most charming and traditional aspects of the celebration was the decoration of the floor with the tiny footprints of little Krishna. According to tradition, these symbolic footprints represent the arrival of Lord Krishna into the home. The



beautifully designed footprints added authenticity, joy, and spiritual significance to the celebration, creating a warm and sacred atmosphere.

The programme also featured a delightful cultural performance by the children. A graceful dance dedicated to Lord Krishna was presented with great enthusiasm, energy, and devotion. Through expressive movements and coordinated steps, the children beautifully captured the playful and loving nature of Lord Krishna. The dance performance brought joy and admiration to everyone present and added vibrancy to the event.

The entire celebration was simple yet deeply meaningful and spiritually enriching. It not only strengthened the children's understanding of cultural and spiritual traditions but also provided them with opportunities to express their talents, creativity, and devotion in a joyful environment.

The Krishna Jayanthi celebration at Sabin Pathway Home concluded on a happy and devotional note, leaving behind cherished memories of togetherness, love, and harmony. The event beautifully reflected the values of kindness, unity, joy, and compassion associated with Lord Krishna.

“Where there is devotion, there is peace, love, and happiness.”

A HEARTFELT GESTURE OF LOVE AND SUPPORT



Sabin Pathway Home was deeply touched and delighted by a thoughtful and generous gesture extended by the parents of our beloved child, Shaheer. Mr. Al Amin and his family graciously donated a television for the recreation, entertainment, and learning needs of all the children residing at the home.

This meaningful contribution goes far beyond a material gift. It reflects the family's compassion, kindness, and concern not only for their own child but also for every child who is a part of the Sabin Pathway Home family. Their generous act stands as a beautiful example of empathy,

community support, and shared responsibility towards the well-being and happiness of children with special needs.

The donated television will serve as a valuable source of recreation, relaxation, entertainment, and educational engagement for the children. It will provide opportunities for the children to watch

educational programmes, motivational content, cultural performances, cartoons, and recreational activities that can enrich their learning experiences and create joyful moments of togetherness within the home.

The management, staff, and children sincerely appreciated this thoughtful contribution, which brought immense happiness and excitement to everyone at the home. Such acts of generosity strengthen the bond between families and the institution, creating a supportive and caring environment for the holistic development of the children.

On behalf of all the children and staff members of Sabin Pathway Home, heartfelt gratitude was extended to Mr. Al Amin and his wife for their kindness, generosity, and support. Their thoughtful gesture will continue to bring smiles, happiness, and meaningful experiences to many young hearts for years to come.

“Small acts of kindness create lasting happiness and meaningful change.”

FOUNDER’S MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Founder’s Memorial Day was observed with profound respect, gratitude, and remembrance at Pathway India, as staff members and children came together to honour the remarkable life and enduring legacy of our beloved founder, Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad. The occasion served as a heartfelt tribute to a visionary leader whose compassion, dedication, and lifelong service transformed the lives of countless individuals with special needs and their families.

The memorial programme began with a solemn gathering in which the children and staff assembled to pay their respects by offering floral tributes before the founder’s photograph. The atmosphere was filled with reverence, gratitude, and emotional reflection as everyone remembered the invaluable contributions and noble mission of Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad. The observance created a deep sense of unity and shared purpose among all present.



A touching highlight of the programme was the participation of the children, who spoke about the inspiring journey and selfless service of the founder. Through their heartfelt speeches and expressions, they reflected on his unwavering commitment towards creating an inclusive, compassionate, and dignified environment for individuals with special needs. The children beautifully conveyed how his vision of care, empowerment, equality, and “Changing Lives Forever” continues to guide the mission and activities of Pathway India even today.

The speakers also acknowledged the significant role played by the Co-Founder in carrying forward the founder’s vision and mission with the same passion, dedication, and commitment. The continuity of this legacy stands as a powerful reminder of the strong foundation built by Dr. A.D.S.N. Prasad and the lasting impact of his humanitarian work on society.

The memorial observance was not merely an occasion of remembrance, but also a reaffirmation of the institution’s commitment to uphold the founder’s ideals and continue his noble mission of service. The programme inspired everyone present to dedicate themselves towards compassion, inclusion, empowerment, and the welfare of individuals with special needs.

The event concluded on an emotional and meaningful note, strengthening the bond among staff members, children, and caregivers while renewing their commitment to continue the founder’s dream of transforming lives through love, care, and service.

“A great leader may leave this world, but his vision continues to inspire generations.”

TEACHERS’ DAY CELEBRATION



Teachers’ Day was celebrated with great respect, gratitude, and enthusiasm at Sabin Pathway Home, honouring the invaluable role of teachers in shaping the lives, character, and future of children. The celebration was organized to recognize the dedication, patience, compassion, and selfless service of teachers who guide, nurture, and inspire students every day.

History and Significance of Teachers’ Day

In India, Teachers’ Day is observed annually on 5th September to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a distinguished philosopher, scholar, teacher, and the second President of India. Dr. Radhakrishnan firmly believed that teachers play a vital role

in shaping society and building the future of the nation through education and moral guidance.



When his students wished to celebrate his birthday, he humbly requested that the day be observed as Teachers' Day instead, as a tribute to educators across the country. Since then, the occasion has been celebrated throughout India to honour teachers and acknowledge their immense contribution towards the intellectual, emotional, and moral development of students.

The significance of Teachers' Day lies in appreciating the tireless efforts of educators who not only impart knowledge but also instill discipline, confidence, values, and life skills in young minds. In institutions like Sabin Pathway Home, the role of teachers becomes even more meaningful, as they work with compassion, patience, understanding, and individualized care to support children with special needs.



Celebration Highlights

The Teachers' Day celebration at Sabin Pathway Home beautifully reflected these values of gratitude, respect, and appreciation. As part of the programme, the children paid tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan by dressing up as him, symbolizing their respect for his remarkable contribution to education and society. The children enthusiastically participated in the activity, making the celebration both educational and meaningful.

The children also expressed their love and appreciation for their teachers by creating handmade greeting cards filled with heartfelt messages, colourful artwork, and words of gratitude. Through these thoughtful gestures, they conveyed their affection and respect towards the teachers who support, encourage, and care for them every day.

The celebration highlighted important values such as gratitude, compassion, patience, dedication, and respect for educators. It reinforced the understanding that education extends beyond academics and plays a crucial role in shaping character, building confidence, and empowering individuals to lead meaningful and independent lives.

The Teachers' Day celebration at Sabin Pathway Home was a heartfelt tribute to all teachers who dedicate their lives to guiding and transforming young minds with love, patience, and commitment. The programme created an atmosphere of appreciation, joy, and emotional connection between the children and their teachers.

The event concluded on a meaningful and joyful note, leaving everyone with a deeper appreciation for the invaluable role teachers play in nurturing future generations and creating positive change in society.

“A teacher is not just a guide, but a light that shapes lives and inspires futures.”

WORLD SIGN LANGUAGE DAY 2025 – AWARENESS RALLY AT CHENGALPATTU COLLECTORATE

World Sign Language Day 2025 was observed with great enthusiasm, dignity, and social commitment at the Chengalpattu Collectorate, bringing together government officials, non-governmental organizations, educators, social workers, and members of the public to promote awareness about the importance of sign language and the rights of the deaf community. The programme served as a meaningful platform to emphasize inclusion, accessibility, equal rights, and respect for individuals with hearing and speech impairments.

The event was led by the District Collector, Mrs. Sneha D., IAS, who ceremonially hoisted the flag, marking the commencement of the awareness



programme and rally. Her presence highlighted the district administration's commitment towards creating an inclusive society where persons with disabilities are given equal opportunities and recognition. The Deputy Collector and the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer (DDAWO) also graced the occasion and expressed their strong support for the welfare, empowerment, and social inclusion of persons with hearing and speech disabilities.

World Sign Language Day is observed annually on 23rd September across the globe. The day commemorates the establishment of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) in the year 1951 and recognizes the

importance of sign languages as a fundamental means of communication for deaf individuals. It also highlights the linguistic and cultural identity of the deaf community while advocating for the protection of their rights and equal participation in society. The observance of this day reminds the world that communication is a basic human right and that accessibility must be ensured for all.

The theme for World Sign Language Day 2025 focused on promoting inclusivity, accessibility, and equal participation, stressing the urgent need to integrate sign language into all areas of public life including education, healthcare, public services, employment, media, and everyday communication. The theme called upon governments, institutions, and communities to work together in eliminating communication barriers and creating environments where persons with hearing impairments can live with dignity, independence, and confidence.

As part of the celebration, an awareness rally was organized through the streets surrounding the Chengalpattu Collectorate campus with active participation from various NGOs, special schools, rehabilitation centres, volunteers, and social welfare organizations from across Chengalpattu district. Participants carried placards, banners, and awareness messages emphasizing the importance of sign language, equal rights, accessibility, and social acceptance for the deaf community. The rally attracted the attention of the public and successfully spread awareness regarding the need for inclusive communication and respect for diversity.

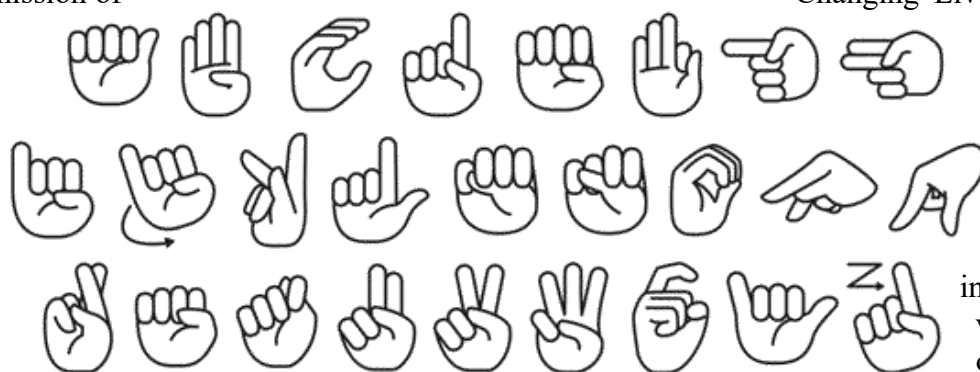
Our Sabin Pathway Home proudly participated in the awareness rally with great dedication and enthusiasm. Students, staff members, caregivers, and representatives from the institution joined hands with other organizations to advocate for the rights, dignity, and inclusion of persons with hearing disabilities. The participants marched with unity and purpose, demonstrating solidarity with the deaf community and promoting awareness about the significance of sign language in building meaningful communication and social integration.

The programme also provided an opportunity for interaction among government officials, NGOs, and disability rights advocates, encouraging discussions on accessibility, educational opportunities, vocational training, and community support systems for persons with hearing and speech impairments. The event reinforced the importance of creating disability-friendly public spaces and ensuring that no individual is excluded due to communication challenges.

The awareness rally and celebration concluded successfully with a renewed sense of responsibility towards promoting equality and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. The event stood as a powerful reminder that sign language is not merely a method of communication but also a bridge that connects individuals, strengthens relationships, and empowers communities.

Our participation in World Sign Language Day 2025 reflects our continued commitment towards inclusion, dignity, empowerment, and equal opportunities for all individuals, in alignment with our mission of

“Changing Lives Forever.” Through



such meaningful initiatives, we continue to strive towards building a compassionate and inclusive society where every individual is respected, valued, and given the opportunity to thrive.

DISTINGUISHED HONOURS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP



The year 2025 marked a momentous chapter of recognition and honour for our esteemed Director, Hony. Dr. Chandra Prasad, whose unwavering dedication to social service and inclusive development has continued to inspire many across the nation. On 22nd September 2025, Hony. Dr. Chandra Prasad was conferred the prestigious *Leadership Award 2025 for Excellence in Social Service* at the renowned Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. This distinguished accolade celebrated her decades-long commitment to empowering

marginalized communities, particularly individuals with intellectual disabilities. Her visionary leadership, compassionate approach, and tireless efforts in advancing inclusive education and community-based rehabilitation have set a benchmark in the field of social work. The award ceremony brought together eminent leaders, policymakers, and social reformers from across India, making this recognition even more significant. Continuing this remarkable journey of accolades,



Hony. Dr. Chandra Prasad was once again honoured on 28th September 2025 at the *Global Women Inspiration Award Conclave 2025*, held at the Hyatt Centre in Bangalore. On this prestigious platform, she received the award for *Outstanding Contribution to the Empowerment of Women in India*. This recognition highlighted her impactful initiatives aimed at uplifting women, particularly caregivers and mothers of children with special needs, by providing them with opportunities for skill development, emotional support, and social inclusion.

In addition to these honours, Hony. Dr. Chandra Prasad was also recognized among the *Top Women Change Makers in Social Impact*. This distinction acknowledged her transformative role in creating



sustainable community programs, fostering dignity for persons with disabilities, and championing gender equality. These accolades not only celebrate her personal achievements but also reflect the collective efforts and mission of the organization she leads. Her work continues to inspire a culture of empathy, resilience, and empowerment, paving the way for a more inclusive and compassionate society.

AYUDHA POOJA CELEBRATION



The sacred festival of Ayudha Pooja was celebrated with great devotion, joy, and cultural enthusiasm at Sabin Pathway Home, bringing together all our inmates, staff members, caregivers, and well-wishers in a spirit of unity, gratitude, and faith. The celebration served as a beautiful reminder of the importance of preserving our traditions and honoring the values that guide our everyday lives. The entire campus was filled with a festive atmosphere as preparations were made to observe this auspicious occasion with sincerity and reverence.

Ayudha Pooja is one of the most significant festivals celebrated in South India and forms an integral part of the grand Navaratri festival. The word “Ayudha” means tools, instruments, or equipment, while “Pooja” means

worship. Traditionally observed on the ninth day of Navaratri, also known as Navami, the festival symbolizes respect and gratitude towards the tools and resources that help people perform their daily duties and responsibilities.

Historically, Ayudha Pooja has its roots in ancient Indian traditions. In earlier times, kings and warriors worshipped their weapons and military equipment before entering battle, seeking divine blessings for courage, protection, and victory. The festival is closely associated with Goddess Durga, the embodiment of strength, courage, and righteousness. According to Hindu mythology, it was on this sacred day that Goddess Durga defeated the demon Mahishasura after a fierce battle, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil and truth over darkness.

In South India, particularly in Tamil Nadu, Ayudha Pooja also holds special significance as a day dedicated to Goddess





Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, wisdom, arts, and learning. On this occasion, students place their books before the deity, while workers and professionals worship the tools, machines, and instruments that support their livelihood. The celebration beautifully reflects the Indian cultural value of respecting not only

knowledge and labor but also the resources that contribute to human progress and well-being.

In Tamil Nadu, Ayudha Pooja is celebrated in homes, schools, offices, industries, farms, and institutions with deep devotion and festive spirit. Vehicles, machinery, agricultural tools, books, musical instruments, and household items are cleaned, decorated, and worshipped. The festival reminds people to pause from their daily routine and express gratitude for the blessings, opportunities, and resources that support their lives and work. It conveys an important message of humility, respect for labor, and appreciation for every tool and instrument that helps individuals fulfill their responsibilities.

At Sabin Pathway Home, the Ayudha Pooja celebration was conducted with great devotion and active participation from everyone. The campus was beautifully decorated to mark the occasion, creating a peaceful and spiritually uplifting environment. A special pooja arrangement was made with flowers, lamps, turmeric, kumkum, sandal paste, fruits, coconuts, and traditional offerings placed neatly before the idols and pooja items. Devotional songs and prayers added to the sanctity of the occasion and filled the atmosphere with positivity and divine blessings.

One of the major highlights of the celebration was the special pooja conducted for all the tractors, school vehicles, and transport facilities used by the institution. These vehicles play an important role in the daily functioning of Sabin Pathway Home by helping transport children, staff, supplies, and essential materials. As part of the tradition, the vehicles were thoroughly cleaned and decorated beautifully with flower garlands, banana leaves, turmeric, sandalwood paste, and colorful traditional markings. Lemons were placed beneath the wheels as part of the customary rituals believed to ward off negativity and ensure safety. The pooja rituals were performed with great sincerity, seeking divine blessings for the safe operation of the vehicles, protection of the drivers and passengers, and the continued success of the institution's service activities. The prayers also reflected gratitude for the resources that support the organization in carrying out its mission of care, education, and empowerment for children and individuals with special needs. All the inmates enthusiastically



participated in the celebration, offering prayers with folded hands and deep devotion. Their joyful involvement brought warmth and meaning to the occasion, demonstrating the inclusive and family-like environment that Sabin Pathway Home continues to nurture. The celebration provided the inmates with an opportunity to learn about cultural traditions, spiritual values, and the importance of gratitude in everyday life.

The staff members also participated wholeheartedly in the pooja and festivities, strengthening the bond of togetherness and unity that defines the institution. The celebration became not only a religious observance but also a moment of shared happiness, mutual respect, and collective prayer for peace, prosperity, and well-being. Special prasadam was distributed to all the inmates and staff after the pooja, adding joy and festivity to the occasion. The smiles on the faces of the children and participants reflected the happiness and spiritual fulfillment experienced during the celebration.

The Ayudha Pooja celebration was much more than a traditional ritual; it was a meaningful expression of gratitude, cultural heritage, and shared values. It reminded everyone of the importance of respecting work, appreciating resources, and remaining thankful for the opportunities and blessings received in life.

HONOURING EXCELLENCE: INSPIRATIONAL LEADER IN EDUCATION AWARD



Another proud moment for the Pathway community took place on 11.10.2025, when Mrs. Chandra Prasad was honoured with the *Inspirational Leader in Education Award* at the Early Years Educators Summit and Award 2025. This prestigious recognition celebrated her exceptional leadership, dedication, and longstanding contribution to the field of special and inclusive education, acknowledging her tireless efforts in transforming the lives of children with

diverse learning needs. The Early Years Educators Summit and Awards brought together distinguished educators, professionals, and institutions committed to excellence in early childhood and inclusive education. Within this esteemed gathering, the award stood as a mark of distinction, recognising individuals who have demonstrated innovation, compassion, and a sustained commitment to educational development.

Through her vision and commitment, Pathway has grown into a nurturing environment where children with special needs receive holistic education, therapeutic support, and opportunities to develop their unique abilities. Her leadership has been instrumental in integrating academic learning with therapies such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and behavioural interventions, ensuring that each child receives personalised care and attention. By fostering a multidisciplinary approach, she has created a system where educators, therapists, and parents work collaboratively for the child's overall development.

Her dedication extends beyond administration, as she has consistently advocated for inclusion, dignity, and equal opportunities for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Under her guidance, the institution has not only focused on academic growth but also on life skills, vocational training, and social integration, enabling students to lead more independent and meaningful lives.

The award stands as a testament to her unwavering dedication, passion, and perseverance in the field of education. It also reflects the collective efforts of the entire Pathway community, whose commitment and teamwork have contributed to the institution's success. This recognition highlights Pathway's continued pursuit of excellence in inclusive education and serves as an inspiration to educators, caregivers, and stakeholders to work with compassion, purpose, and vision.

This achievement marks not just a personal milestone, but a celebration of a shared mission—to create an inclusive society where every child, regardless of ability, is valued, empowered, and given the opportunity to thrive.



AN AWARD OF DISTINCTION AND A TRIBUTE TO TIMELESS VALUES



The month commenced on a note of immense pride and distinction for the entire Pathway community. On 1st October 2025, the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust was honoured with the prestigious *Mahatma Award for Social Good and Impact 2025* at a grand ceremony held at the India International Centre, New Delhi. Widely regarded as a

globally respected recognition, the Mahatma Award celebrates organisations and individuals

who exemplify outstanding commitment to social responsibility, sustainable development, and transformative community service.

The award was graciously received by Dr. Chandra Prasad from Mr. Amit Sachdeva, Founder of the Mahatma Award, in the esteemed presence of distinguished leaders, social entrepreneurs, and changemakers from across the nation. This significant recognition stands as a testament to the Trust’s unwavering dedication to advancing inclusive education and fostering meaningful opportunities for children with special needs to learn, develop, and flourish within a nurturing and empowering environment.

Over the years, the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust has steadfastly worked with compassion, vision, and commitment to uplift children with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Through specialised educational programmes, therapeutic interventions, and sustained community outreach initiatives, the Trust has created a holistic support system that nurtures each child’s unique potential. Receiving this



honour on a national platform underscores the profound and lasting impact of these efforts, while also reinforcing the Trust’s mission of enabling every child to lead a life of dignity, independence, and purpose. This distinguished accolade is not merely a recognition of institutional excellence but a celebration of collective endeavour. It reflects the dedication and synergy of the entire Pathway family—teachers, therapists, support staff, parents, and well-wishers—whose continuous efforts contribute to building an inclusive and compassionate society. The award serves as both an





affirmation of past achievements and an inspiration to further strengthen the Trust's commitment to service, inclusion, and social transformation.

Following this proud milestone, on 2nd October 2025, Pathway observed Gandhi Jayanthi, commemorating the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi,

the Father of the Nation. The occasion offered a meaningful opportunity for students and staff to reflect upon and celebrate Gandhiji's enduring values of truth, non-violence, humility, and simplicity—principles that remain profoundly relevant in today's world.

The observance began with an engaging introduction to Gandhiji's life and his pivotal role in India's freedom movement. Teachers thoughtfully explained his philosophy of non-violent resistance and moral courage, helping students understand how these ideals can be practiced in their daily lives. Through simple, interactive storytelling, key moments from Gandhiji's journey were shared in a manner that was both accessible and inspiring for the children.

A highlight of the celebration was a series of role plays presented by the students, portraying significant episodes from Mahatma Gandhi's life. Dressed in simple yet evocative costumes representing Gandhiji and other historical figures, the students enthusiastically enacted scenes that conveyed powerful messages of peace, unity, and resilience. These performances not only nurtured creativity, self-expression, and confidence but also enabled the children to internalise Gandhian values in a meaningful and lasting way.

Together, these events set a thoughtful and inspiring tone for the month—blending recognition of impactful service with the timeless wisdom of one of the nation's greatest leaders. Adding a unique cultural dimension to the celebration, a demonstration of spinning the traditional charkha was organised. Teachers explained the importance of the charkha during the freedom movement and how it symbolised self-reliance and national pride. The children watched with curiosity and interest as the process of spinning thread was demonstrated, gaining insight into an important symbol of India's history. The programme created an atmosphere of reflection and learning while remaining joyful and engaging for the students. Through interactive activities and meaningful discussions, the celebration successfully introduced the children to Gandhiji's ideals and encouraged them to practice kindness, honesty, and respect in their daily lives. The observance of Gandhi Jayanthi thus served as both an educational experience and a reminder of the enduring values that shape a compassionate society.



INSPECTION VISIT BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



Sabin Pathway Home had the honour and privilege of hosting an official inspection visit by important government authorities, including the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer (DDAWO), the District Psychiatrist, and a Social Worker. The visit was conducted as part of the regular monitoring and evaluation process carried out by the government to ensure the well-being, safety, rehabilitation, and quality of care provided to the inmates residing in the institution.

The inspection visit reflected the government's continued commitment towards the welfare and protection of persons with disabilities and individuals requiring special care and

support. Such visits play a vital role in maintaining transparency, accountability, and high standards in institutions that provide residential care and rehabilitation services.

The primary objective of the inspection was to review the overall functioning of Sabin Pathway Home and assess the effectiveness of the services and facilities provided to the inmates. The officials aimed to evaluate whether the institution was maintaining proper standards related to healthcare, hygiene, nutrition, rehabilitation, documentation, administration, and emotional well-being. The visit also served as an opportunity to identify strengths, provide guidance, and suggest improvements that could further enhance the quality of care and support extended to the residents.



During the inspection, the officials carefully examined various records and documents maintained by the institution. These included medical files, attendance registers, medication records, admission details, personal profiles of inmates, and individual care plans. The team reviewed whether the records were systematically maintained, regularly updated, and properly organized in accordance with institutional guidelines and government norms.

The administrative procedures and day-to-day operations of the institution were also thoroughly reviewed. The officials interacted with the management and staff members to understand



the routines followed within the home, the support systems available for the inmates, and the methods adopted for ensuring discipline, safety, and personal care. Discussions were held regarding staff responsibilities, supervision practices, rehabilitation activities, and the overall functioning of the institution.



The District Psychiatrist paid special attention to the mental health care and behavioural support provided to the inmates. The psychiatrist observed the emotional well-being of the residents and reviewed whether suitable therapeutic interventions, counselling support, behavioural monitoring, and medication management systems were in place. The interaction focused on ensuring that the inmates receive compassionate care in a safe and emotionally supportive environment that promotes stability, confidence, and personal development.

The Social Worker engaged in detailed discussions regarding rehabilitation measures, social integration, vocational activities, and recreational opportunities available for the inmates. Attention was also given to the emotional and social needs of the residents, emphasizing the importance of creating an inclusive and family-like atmosphere that supports dignity, independence, and meaningful participation in daily life.

As part of the inspection, the officials took time to personally interact with the inmates and observe their daily activities and overall condition. They observed the residents' participation in routines, cleanliness, communication, comfort level, and interaction with staff members. These interactions provided the officials with a deeper understanding of the positive impact of the services and care provided at Sabin Pathway Home.

The inspection team appreciated the sincere efforts taken by the institution to maintain a clean, hygienic, safe, and nurturing environment for the inmates. They acknowledged the dedication and compassionate service rendered by the staff members, whose continuous commitment contributes significantly to the comfort and well-being of the residents. The officials also appreciated the systematic maintenance of records, organized administration, and the overall discipline maintained within the institution. The visit proved to be a positive, encouraging, and constructive experience for Sabin Pathway Home. The valuable feedback, observations, and guidance shared by the officials will further help the institution strengthen its services and continue improving the quality of care provided to the inmates. Such inspections not only help ensure compliance with standards but also motivate institutions to maintain excellence in service and caregiving.

DIWALI CELEBRATION



and "Avali," meaning row, together signifying "a row of lights." The lighting of lamps symbolizes the removal of darkness and the spreading of light, wisdom, and positivity in life. Diwali is celebrated across India with great devotion and enthusiasm, and through traditions

The festival of lights, Diwali, was celebrated with immense joy, warmth, and togetherness at Sabin Pathway Home. The entire campus came alive with happiness and festive spirit as our inmates, staff members, caregivers, and well-wishers gathered together to celebrate this beautiful and meaningful occasion. The celebration created an atmosphere filled with positivity, love, laughter, and unity, making the day truly memorable for everyone present.

Diwali, also known as Deepavali, is one of the most important and widely celebrated festivals in India. The word "Deepavali" is derived from the Sanskrit words "Deepam," meaning lamp,





may vary from region to region, the core message of the festival remains the same — the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

The history and origin of Diwali are deeply rooted in Indian mythology and cultural traditions. In many parts of India, Diwali commemorates the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after fourteen years of exile and his victory over the demon king Ravana. According to the epic Ramayana, the people of Ayodhya welcomed Lord Rama, Sita, and Lakshmana by lighting rows of oil lamps, symbolizing joy, victory, and righteousness. In South India, especially in Tamil Nadu, Diwali is associated with the victory of Lord Krishna over the demon Narakasura. Narakasura was believed to be a cruel ruler who spread fear and suffering among people. Lord Krishna defeated him to restore peace and righteousness, symbolizing the destruction of evil, ignorance, and negativity. This victory is celebrated as Deepavali, reminding people that truth and goodness will always prevail.





In Tamil Nadu, Diwali is not merely a festival but an emotional and cultural celebration that brings families, friends, and communities together. The day usually begins early in the morning with a traditional oil bath, symbolizing purification and renewal. People wear new clothes, offer prayers, light lamps, distribute sweets, and share joyful moments with loved ones. The festival signifies new beginnings, happiness, prosperity, forgiveness, and the strengthening of relationships.

The lighting of diyas and lamps during Diwali holds deep spiritual significance. The lamps represent the inner light that protects individuals from spiritual darkness, ignorance, and negativity. Diwali encourages people to fill their

hearts with kindness, compassion, gratitude, and hope. It is a time to forgive past differences, spread happiness, and embrace positivity in life.

Diwali was celebrated in a truly joyful, inclusive, and meaningful manner. The entire campus was beautifully decorated with traditional lamps, diyas, festive decorations, and simple yet vibrant arrangements that created a warm and cheerful atmosphere. The glowing lights and festive decorations brought smiles to the faces of everyone and filled the surroundings with positivity and celebration.

The celebration began with traditional prayers and thanksgiving to the Almighty for the blessings received throughout the year. Special prayers were offered seeking peace, happiness, good health, and prosperity for all the inmates, staff members, and their families. The spiritual atmosphere of the celebration brought everyone together in devotion and gratitude. Our inmates enthusiastically participated in all the festive activities with great excitement and happiness. Dressed in neat and colourful attire, they radiated joy and innocence throughout the day. The celebration provided them with an opportunity to experience the warmth and happiness of the festival in a loving and family-like environment. Activities such as lighting diyas, sharing sweets, interacting with one another, and enjoying festive moments together made the day lively and memorable. The staff members also joined the celebrations wholeheartedly and made every effort to ensure that each inmate experienced the true spirit of Diwali. Their care, affection, and dedication added warmth to the occasion and strengthened the emotional bond shared within Sabin Pathway Home. Special attention was





given to maintaining a safe, peaceful, and inclusive celebration where everyone could participate comfortably and joyfully. The distribution of sweets and festive treats became one of the happiest moments of the day. Sharing sweets symbolized love, affection, and togetherness, reinforcing the spirit of unity and family among the inmates and staff. Laughter, cheerful conversations, and smiling faces filled the campus, making the celebration even more meaningful. The Diwali celebration was much more than a festive event; it was a celebration of hope, love, kindness, and human connection. It reminded everyone that even a small light can

remove great darkness, just as small acts of compassion and care can bring immense happiness into someone's life. This Diwali celebration will always remain a cherished memory at— a day filled with light, laughter, unity, gratitude, and the true spirit of togetherness.

SARASWATHI POOJA CELEBRATION



Saraswathi Pooja was celebrated with great devotion, cultural richness, spiritual fervour, and joyful participation at Sabin Pathway Home. The auspicious occasion brought together our inmates, staff members, and caregivers in a spiritually uplifting environment, honouring

knowledge, creativity, wisdom, and learning — the very values that guide and strengthen our institution. The celebration created a peaceful and festive atmosphere across the campus, reminding everyone of the sacred importance of education, culture, and moral values in shaping human life.

Saraswathi Pooja is an important part of the Navaratri festival and is observed on the ninth day, also known as Navami. The festival is dedicated to Goddess Saraswathi, the divine embodiment of knowledge, wisdom, learning, arts, music, and creativity. In Hindu tradition, Goddess Saraswathi is revered as the source of all intellectual and artistic pursuits and is worshipped by students, teachers, artists, musicians, and scholars seeking blessings for success in education and creative endeavours. The festival also symbolizes the importance of humility before knowledge and encourages individuals to view education as sacred and transformative. The



following day, known as Vijayadasami or Vidyarambham, is considered highly auspicious for beginning new learning, especially for young children starting their educational journey. Parents often introduce children to writing their first letters on this day, marking the beginning of formal education with divine blessings.

Saraswathi Pooja was celebrated in a vibrant, devotional, and meaningful manner, beautifully reflecting both spirituality and creativity. A specially decorated pooja setup was arranged with flowers, lamps, fruits, coconuts, and traditional offerings. The pooja area was adorned with colourful decorations, creating a serene and divine atmosphere throughout the campus.

Books, notebooks, educational materials, and learning tools used by the children were respectfully placed before the deity, symbolizing gratitude and reverence for education and wisdom. The pooja rituals were performed with sincerity and devotion, seeking the blessings of Goddess Saraswathi for wisdom, learning, creativity, confidence, and the overall well-being of all the children and staff members. One of the major highlights of the celebration was the cultural presentation performed by our inmates. The children enthusiastically participated by dressing up as divine and mythological characters, bringing the spiritual and cultural theme of the festival to life. Their



colourful costumes, expressions, and presentations added beauty and meaning to the celebration while showcasing their talents and creativity. A particularly striking representation was that of Goddess Saraswathi herself. One of the children beautifully portrayed the Goddess, dressed in traditional attire, holding a veena and seated gracefully like the divine symbol of wisdom, music, and arts. This representation attracted admiration and appreciation from everyone present and created a spiritually inspiring atmosphere during the programme.

Other children portrayed various cultural and spiritual figures, reflecting India's rich traditions and mythology. These performances helped the inmates

learn about Indian culture, spiritual values, and the significance of the festival in an enjoyable and interactive manner. The activities not only encouraged participation and self-confidence but also provided an opportunity for the children to express their creativity and imagination. The staff members played an active and supportive role throughout the celebration by guiding, encouraging, and assisting the children in their preparations and performances. Their dedication ensured that every inmate participated happily and felt included in the programme. The collective participation of inmates and staff strengthened the spirit of togetherness and family within the Home. The entire atmosphere during the celebration was filled with devotion, joy, positivity, and cultural pride. Prayers, smiling faces, colourful presentations, and shared festive moments made the occasion truly memorable for everyone involved. The celebration served not only as a religious observance but also as an educational and cultural experience that enriched the minds and hearts of the children.

The Saraswathi Pooja was a beautiful blend of spirituality, culture, creativity, and learning. It reinforced the importance of education, respect for knowledge, and the nurturing of talents among our children. The festival reminded everyone that learning is a lifelong journey and that wisdom, discipline, and creativity are essential for personal growth and success.

AN INSPIRING JOURNEY RECOGNISED - ASHOKA NATIONAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



On 21.10.2025, a moment of great pride was celebrated at Pathway as Hony. Dr. Chandra Prasad, Director of Pathway, was honoured with the prestigious Ashoka National Lifetime Achievement Award 2025. The award, presented by Blue Star Event, recognises individuals who have

The Community-Based Rehabilitation programme of Sabin Pathway Home works towards supporting individuals with disabilities and economically disadvantaged families by promoting inclusion, independence, and equal opportunities within the community. Through this programme, efforts are made to empower beneficiaries socially, emotionally, economically, and physically, enabling them to lead lives with dignity and confidence.



Mr. Shakthidharan, a beneficiary under our CBR programme, comes from a socio-economically vulnerable background. Like many families living in rural and underprivileged communities, his family faced significant challenges in accessing safe, secure, and permanent housing. Inadequate living conditions and the lack of proper shelter often affect not only physical well-being but also emotional stability, safety, and opportunities for growth. Understanding these hardships and recognizing the importance of a stable home environment, Sabin Pathway Home identified housing support as an urgent and essential need for the family.

Believing that true rehabilitation extends beyond medical care and educational assistance, the organization undertook the initiative of constructing a permanent house for Mr. Shakthidharan and his family. This project stands as a reflection of our holistic approach to rehabilitation and community development, where every effort is made to support beneficiaries in achieving a life of dignity, stability, and self-worth.

The house was carefully planned and thoughtfully designed to provide a comfortable, hygienic, and safe living environment for the family. Attention was given to ensuring proper ventilation, sanitation



facilities, accessibility, and adequate living space so that the family could enjoy improved living standards and a healthier environment. Every stage of the construction process was carried out with sincerity and dedication, keeping in mind the long-term comfort and well-being of the beneficiaries.

This meaningful project became possible through the collective support, generosity, and dedication of our team members, well-wishers, donors, and supporters who strongly believe in the mission and values of Sabin Pathway Home. The successful completion of the house reflected the power of community collaboration and compassion. Staff members, local supporters, and community stakeholders worked together tirelessly to ensure that the construction progressed smoothly and was completed efficiently.

The handover ceremony of the new house was a deeply emotional and joyful occasion for everyone involved. The Shakthidharan family received the keys to their new home with immense gratitude, happiness, and hope for a better future. For the family, this was not merely the handover of a building, but the beginning of a new chapter filled with dignity, safety, comfort, and renewed confidence.

The occasion was marked with simple celebrations, heartfelt interactions, and blessings for the well-being and prosperity of the family. The smiles and emotions shared during the event reflected the true spirit of compassion, service, and humanity that defines the work of Sabin Pathway Home. Witnessing the joy and relief experienced by the family served as a powerful reminder of how meaningful support can transform lives in lasting ways.

Providing a permanent home has brought a significant and life-changing impact to the Shakthidharan family. A secure home offers protection from environmental hardships, improved hygiene and living conditions, emotional stability, privacy, and a sense of belonging.

Most importantly, it gives the family hope and confidence to work towards a brighter future with dignity and self-respect.

This initiative also highlights the broader importance of community-based interventions in creating sustainable social change. When organizations and communities come together to support vulnerable families, they help build stronger, healthier, and more inclusive societies. The successful completion of this housing project stands as a powerful example of how targeted rehabilitation efforts can create long-lasting positive change in the lives of individuals and families.



CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATION



Children’s Day was celebrated with immense joy, enthusiasm, love, and togetherness at Sabin Pathway Home. The entire campus came alive with laughter, excitement, and cheerful energy as our inmates enjoyed a day specially dedicated to celebrating childhood, happiness, creativity, and learning. The programme was thoughtfully organized by the staff members to ensure that every child felt valued, encouraged, and cared for in a warm and joyful environment.

Children’s Day in India is observed annually on November 14th to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India. Fondly known as “Chacha Nehru,” he

had a deep affection for children and strongly believed that they are the future of the nation. He often emphasized that children should be nurtured with love, care, education, and opportunities so that they grow into responsible and capable citizens who can contribute positively to society.

Initially, Children’s Day in India was celebrated on November 20th in line with Universal Children’s Day observed globally. However, after the passing of Jawaharlal Nehru in 1964, it was decided to celebrate Children’s Day on November 14th as a tribute to his love for children and his vision for their welfare and development. Since then, the day has been observed across the country with various educational, cultural, and recreational programmes dedicated to children.

The significance of Children’s Day lies in recognizing the importance of childhood and reaffirming society’s responsibility towards the protection, education, development, and well-being of every child. The day serves as a reminder that children deserve a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where they can learn, play, dream, and grow with dignity and happiness. It also encourages educators, parents, and



institutions to invest in the holistic development of children by nurturing their talents, creativity, confidence, and emotional well-being.

At Sabin Pathway Home, the Children’s Day celebration was conducted in a vibrant, engaging, and meaningful manner. The staff members made special arrangements to create a festive and joyful atmosphere for the children. The celebration aimed not only to entertain the inmates but also to boost their confidence, encourage participation, and strengthen the sense of belonging and togetherness within the institution.

A variety of fun games, recreational activities, and interactive sessions were organized for the children. The activities encouraged teamwork, active participation, communication, and confidence-building among the inmates. The children participated enthusiastically in each event, filling the surroundings with laughter, excitement, and happiness. Their smiling faces and energetic involvement reflected the joy and success of the celebration.

One of the special highlights of the programme was the wonderful portrayal of Chacha Nehru by our child Citibabu. Dressed as Jawaharlal Nehru with his iconic attire and red rose, the child beautifully represented the beloved leader and brought a meaningful connection to the occasion.

The performance attracted admiration and appreciation from everyone present and added charm and significance to the celebration.

The children also participated in creative activities such as drawing and poster-making. They enthusiastically prepared colourful posters and artwork expressing their imagination, ideas, and love for Children’s Day. These activities provided the inmates with an opportunity to showcase their creativity and artistic talents while learning about the importance of the day in an enjoyable manner.





To appreciate and encourage the children, prizes and gifts were distributed to the winners and participants. The distribution of prizes brought immense joy, motivation, and excitement to the children, making them feel recognized and appreciated for their efforts and participation. Every child was encouraged and celebrated, ensuring that no one felt left out during the programme.

The staff members played an active and supportive role throughout the celebration by organizing activities, guiding the children, and ensuring that the day remained enjoyable, safe, and meaningful for everyone. Their dedication and affection created a family-like atmosphere filled with

warmth, care, and happiness. The Children's Day celebration was not merely a day of entertainment, but also a meaningful reminder of the importance of nurturing and supporting children with love, care, and encouragement. The celebration beautifully combined joy, creativity, learning, and togetherness while reflecting the values and vision cherished by Jawaharlal Nehru. The Children's Day celebration will remain a cherished memory for all the inmates and staff members — a day filled with laughter, learning, creativity, and the true spirit of childhood.



HONOURING A LEGACY OF SERVICE

On 14th November 2025, a day already marked by joyful celebrations at Pathway Centre, the institution experienced an additional moment of immense pride and recognition. Its Director, Chandra Prasad, was honoured with two distinguished awards in acknowledgement of her lifelong dedication to social service and community development. These accolades stand as a testament to her unwavering commitment to the fields of education, social welfare, and the empowerment of persons with disabilities, reflecting the profound and lasting impact of her work over several decades.

Chandra Prasad was conferred the *Nari Shakti Samman Award* by the Sahitya Seva Awards Council. This prestigious recognition celebrated her exceptional leadership, tireless service, and sustained efforts to uplift marginalised communities. Her work in promoting inclusive education, particularly for children with special needs, has been both pioneering and



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transformative. In addition to this honour, she was granted lifetime membership in the Council, symbolising continued recognition of her contributions to social upliftment and her engagement with initiatives that intersect with cultural and literary development.

Further adding to this distinguished recognition, Dr. Chandra Prasad was also honoured by the World Culture and Environment Protection Commission for her significant contributions to cultural development and environmental welfare. As part of this honour, she was presented with the *International Women Icon Award 2025–26* and was inducted as a lifetime member of the Commission. These honours highlight her multifaceted role as a leader who not only advocates for social inclusion but also actively contributes to broader societal and environmental causes.

These prestigious accolades brought great pride to the entire Pathway Centre community. They serve not only as recognition of Dr. Chandra Prasad’s extraordinary journey and service but also as a source of inspiration for students, staff, and all those associated with the institution. Her achievements continue to reinforce the

values of compassion, dedication, and inclusivity, encouraging others to work towards building a more equitable and humane society.

DISTRICT-LEVEL DRAWING COMPETITION AT CHENGALPATTU COLLECTORATE



The District Differently Aabled Welfare Office (DDAWO) organized a District-Level Drawing Competition at the Chengalpattu Collectorate, creating a valuable platform for individuals with special needs to showcase their creativity, imagination, and artistic talents. The event aimed to encourage self-expression, confidence, and participation among persons with disabilities while promoting inclusion and equal opportunities within society.

Sabin Pathway Home proudly participated in this inspiring and meaningful event, with our inmates Senthil, Murugappan, Subramani, Narsimma, and Loganathan representing the institution with great enthusiasm and dedication. Their participation reflected the continuous efforts of Sabin Pathway Home to identify, nurture, and encourage the talents and abilities of every individual under its care.



The competition brought together participants from various schools, special institutions, rehabilitation centres, and organizations across Chengalpattu district. The atmosphere at the venue was filled with excitement, creativity, and healthy competition as participants eagerly prepared to present their artistic skills through drawings and creative expressions. The event also provided an opportunity for



differently abled individuals to interact with one another, exchange ideas, and gain exposure beyond their familiar environment.

Our participants actively engaged in the competition and showcased their artistic abilities through thoughtful, colourful, and expressive drawings. Each participant displayed remarkable interest, concentration, creativity, and confidence while bringing their ideas to life on paper. Their dedication and sincere efforts reflected not only their artistic

talent but also their determination and enthusiasm to participate in such district-level programmes.

The drawing competition served as more than just an artistic event; it became an important platform for empowerment and inclusion. Through participation in such programmes, our inmates were able to build confidence, improve social interaction, and experience the joy of recognition and appreciation. Exposure to events conducted at the district level helps individuals with special needs develop communication skills, emotional confidence, and a sense of belonging within the wider community.

The presence and encouragement of staff members from Sabin Pathway Home further motivated the participants and ensured that they felt comfortable, supported, and confident throughout the event. Their guidance and encouragement played a significant role in helping the participants perform with enthusiasm and positivity. The event concluded on a joyful and encouraging note, celebrating not only artistic excellence but also the spirit of participation, determination, and creativity. All the participants were appreciated for their efforts and involvement, making the programme a memorable experience for everyone present.

Sabin Pathway Home extends its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the District Differently Aabled Welfare Office (DDAWO) for organizing such a meaningful initiative and for providing



individuals with special needs an opportunity to showcase their talents on a larger platform. Programmes like these play an important role in promoting awareness, inclusion, and equal opportunities for differently abled individuals in society. For our participants, this experience became a proud and motivating milestone that will inspire them to continue exploring and developing their talents and abilities with greater confidence. Their participation once again demonstrated that with encouragement, opportunity, and support, every individual has the potential to express themselves creatively and shine with confidence.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



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of the most widely festivals across the commemorates the Christ, who is symbol of love, forgiveness, and



humanity. The festival reminds people to spread joy, help those in need, and strengthen the spirit of togetherness and goodwill. The celebration of Christmas encourages individuals to embrace values such as compassion, sharing, humility, and peace, which are essential for building a caring and harmonious society.

The Christmas celebration was organized in a joyful and meaningful manner with active participation from the children and staff members. The campus was decorated beautifully with festive decorations, stars, lights, and Christmas ornaments, creating a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere. The excitement and enthusiasm of the children added special charm to the

occasion.

One of the major highlights of the celebration was the beautiful Nativity Skit performed by our children. The inmates enthusiastically participated in reenacting the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, bringing the sacred and meaningful event to life through their performance. The children portrayed various important characters from the Nativity story, including Mother Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, and the Three Wise Men.

The children were gracefully dressed in colourful and traditional costumes that beautifully represented their respective roles. Their appearance added a divine and festive charm to the programme and captured the attention and admiration of everyone present. The carefully prepared costumes, props, and stage arrangements enhanced the beauty of the skit and created a realistic and touching presentation of the Christmas story.

With great excitement, dedication, and confidence, the children performed the Nativity Skit in a heartfelt manner. Their expressions, dialogue delivery, actions, and coordination reflected their sincere efforts and the patient guidance provided by the staff





members. The performance beautifully conveyed the message of love, kindness, peace, humility, and compassion associated with the birth of Jesus Christ.

The skit not only entertained the audience but also helped the children understand the spiritual and moral values associated with Christmas. Through their participation, the children gained confidence, improved their communication and performance skills, and experienced the joy of working together as a team. The programme also encouraged creativity, discipline, and self-expression among the inmates.

The staff members played a significant role in organizing the celebration and their dedication, encouragement, and support ensured that every child participated actively and confidently in the programme.

The collective efforts of the staff and children made the celebration lively, meaningful, and memorable.



The entire atmosphere during the celebration was filled with joy, laughter, devotion, and festive spirit. The smiles on the faces of the children and the appreciation received for their performance reflected the success and emotional impact of the programme. The Nativity Skit became a touching reminder of the true meaning of Christmas — spreading love, hope, peace, and happiness to everyone around us. The Christmas celebration was much more than a festive gathering; it was a beautiful expression of unity, faith, compassion, and togetherness. It brought happiness to the children and created cherished memories that will remain special in their hearts.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – AWARENESS PROGRAM

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was observed with great enthusiasm, awareness, and meaningful participation at Sabin Pathway Home on December 3rd, 2025. The programme was organized to promote the rights, dignity, inclusion, and well-being of persons with disabilities while encouraging society to recognize their abilities, talents, and leadership potential. The event created a positive and empowering atmosphere where the children actively participated in activities that celebrated equality, inclusion, and self-confidence. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed annually across the world to raise awareness about disability rights and to promote the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of society. The

day also serves as a reminder that persons with disabilities deserve equal access to education, healthcare, employment, opportunities, and social participation without discrimination or barriers.

The theme for the year 2025, “Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future,” emphasized the importance of empowering persons with disabilities to become active leaders and contributors within their communities. The theme highlighted the need to recognize their voices, abilities, talents, and decision-making capacities while promoting an inclusive society where everyone is given equal opportunities to grow, participate, and succeed.



In alignment with this important theme, Sabin Pathway Home organized a meaningful and engaging awareness programme focused on participation, empowerment, creativity, and inclusion. The primary objective of the programme was to instill confidence among the children, encourage teamwork and leadership, and create awareness regarding the importance of equal rights and opportunities for persons with disabilities. The programme was thoughtfully planned to ensure that every child actively participated and experienced a sense of belonging, recognition, and encouragement.

To facilitate better coordination and effective participation, the students were divided into three separate batches. Each batch was guided and supported by a special educator and a physiotherapist, who played an important role in motivating, encouraging, and assisting the children throughout the programme. This structured approach helped ensure smooth organization and also encouraged cooperation, responsibility, teamwork, and leadership qualities among the children.

As part of the awareness programme, each group was assigned a special sub-





theme related to disability awareness and inclusion, reflecting the broader message of the 2025 theme. The children, along with the support and guidance of the staff members, enthusiastically created colourful and meaningful posters carrying powerful messages about inclusion, accessibility, equality, empowerment, leadership, and acceptance.



The poster-making activity provided the children with an excellent opportunity to express their thoughts, ideas, and creativity while also deepening their understanding of disability rights and social inclusion. Their artwork reflected positivity, hope, and the importance of creating a society where everyone is respected

and valued equally. The activity also helped improve their confidence, communication, creativity, and teamwork skills. Adding further significance to the event, an awareness rally was conducted within the premises of Sabin Pathway Home. The children actively participated in the rally by carrying their handmade posters and displaying awareness messages promoting equality, acceptance, accessibility, and respect for persons with disabilities. The rally created a vibrant, energetic, and inspiring atmosphere throughout the campus. As the children confidently walked together holding their posters and sharing messages of inclusion, they became ambassadors of awareness and



empowerment. The rally not only highlighted the abilities and talents of the participants but also encouraged them to feel proud of their identity, strengths, and contributions to society. The event reflected the true spirit of participation and unity while reinforcing the importance of creating a barrier-free and inclusive world for all. The staff members, special educators, physiotherapists, and caregivers played a vital role in organizing and supporting the programme.



Their dedication, encouragement, and active involvement ensured that every child participated enthusiastically and felt motivated throughout the event.



The collaborative efforts of the staff and children made the programme successful, educational, and deeply meaningful.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities awareness programme at Sabin Pathway Home was not merely an observance but a powerful celebration of ability, leadership, confidence, and inclusion. It reinforced the message that persons with disabilities are capable individuals with immense potential who deserve equal opportunities, respect, and recognition in society. The programme also reminded everyone that an inclusive and sustainable future can only be achieved when every individual, regardless of ability, is empowered to participate fully and meaningfully in all areas of life. By amplifying the voices and leadership of persons with disabilities, society moves closer towards equality, compassion, and social justice.

KARTHIGAI DEEPAM

Karthigai Deepam, the sacred festival of lights, was celebrated with great devotion, cultural spirit, and joy at Sabin Pathway Home. The celebration brought together all the inmates and staff members in an atmosphere filled with spirituality, positivity, and togetherness. The entire campus glowed with the warmth of traditional lamps and festive decorations, creating a peaceful and divine ambiance that made the occasion truly memorable for everyone present.

Karthigai Deepam is one of the oldest and most significant festivals celebrated in Tamil culture and tradition. Observed during the Tamil month of Karthigai, the festival symbolizes the victory of light over darkness,





wisdom over ignorance, and goodness over evil. The lighting of lamps during the festival represents hope, purity, positivity, and spiritual enlightenment in human life.

The festival is deeply associated with Lord Shiva, who is believed to have appeared as an infinite column of fire or Jyoti on this auspicious day. According to Hindu mythology, Lord Shiva manifested as a boundless flame of light to demonstrate his eternal and infinite nature when Lord Vishnu and Lord Brahma attempted to discover his beginning and end. This divine appearance symbolizes the limitless power and presence of the Almighty and is commemorated through the lighting of lamps and sacred flames

during Karthigai Deepam.

Another important belief associated with Karthigai Deepam relates to Lord Murugan, one of the most revered deities in Tamil Nadu. According to tradition, Lord Murugan was nurtured by the six Karthigai maidens, and the festival is also celebrated to honour this divine connection. Thus, Karthigai Deepam holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for Tamil people and is observed with devotion in homes, temples, and institutions across the state. The Karthigai Deepam celebration was conducted in a meaningful and joyful manner, beautifully preserving the rich cultural traditions associated with the festival. The children enthusiastically participated in the celebration and were dressed pleasantly in neat and colourful attire, adding grace, beauty, and festive spirit to the occasion. Their cheerful smiles and energetic participation filled the surroundings with happiness and positivity.

A special highlight of the celebration was the beautiful rangoli created by the children and staff members. The colourful and artistic rangoli designs reflected creativity, culture, and devotion while enhancing the festive atmosphere of the campus. The





carefully prepared rangoli became a centrepiece of the celebration and symbolized prosperity, harmony, and positivity.

Around the rangoli, rows of traditional clay lamps (diyas) were arranged and lit beautifully. The glowing diyas illuminated the surroundings with a soft and divine radiance, creating a serene and spiritually uplifting environment. The lighting of the lamps symbolized the removal of darkness, negativity, and ignorance while spreading peace, happiness, hope, and wisdom in everyone's lives.

The children actively participated in arranging and lighting the diyas, making the celebration more inclusive, interactive, and meaningful. Their

involvement not only brought them joy but also helped them understand the cultural and spiritual importance of the festival. The sight of the glowing lamps, colourful rangoli, and smiling faces of the children created a heartwarming and memorable scene filled with unity and togetherness. The entire atmosphere during the celebration was filled with devotion, happiness, and positive energy. The festival became not only a religious observance but also a meaningful opportunity to teach the children about Tamil culture, spiritual values, and the importance of unity, kindness, and hope in life.

The Karthigai Deepam celebration was a spiritually enriching and culturally vibrant experience for everyone involved. The celebration beautifully upheld traditional values while creating joyful memories for the children and staff members. It reminded everyone that even a small lamp has the power to remove darkness, just as love, kindness, and hope can brighten the lives of others.

TEAK TREE PLANTING – A GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVE

As part of our commitment to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable living, Sabin



Pathway Home started a meaningful tree plantation drive at our agro farm with the goal of planting 3000 teak saplings. This initiative reflects our belief that caring for nature is an important responsibility and that every small effort can help create a greener and healthier future.

One of the most special aspects of this programme was the active participation of our special



children. With great excitement and support from the staff, the children enthusiastically took part in planting the saplings. Their joyful involvement made the entire activity lively, meaningful, and memorable.

The plantation drive was not only an environmental activity but also a valuable learning experience for the children. Through hands-on participation, they learned about the importance of trees and how they help protect the environment by providing clean air, shade, and ecological balance. The activity also encouraged responsibility, teamwork, patience, and care for nature.

Spending time outdoors and working closely with nature brought happiness

and relaxation to the children. It helped them feel connected to the environment while also giving them confidence and a sense of achievement. The smiles and enthusiasm seen during the plantation reflected how much they enjoyed being part of this meaningful initiative.

Teak trees were chosen for this drive because they are known for their strength, durability, and long-term value. These trees symbolize growth, resilience, and sustainability. By planting teak saplings, we are taking a positive step towards increasing greenery, supporting biodiversity, and reducing our environmental impact.

The staff members also played an important role by guiding and encouraging the children throughout the activity. Their support ensured that every child participated comfortably and safely, making the programme inclusive and enjoyable for all.

The entire plantation drive created a positive and energetic atmosphere at the agro farm. Each sapling planted represented hope for a greener tomorrow and reminded everyone that protecting nature begins with simple actions.

At Sabin Pathway Home, we believe that environmental awareness should be nurtured from an early stage, and



activities like these help our children understand the value of caring for the world around them. The initiative beautifully combined learning, participation, therapy, and environmental responsibility in a meaningful way.

As we continue our mission of “Changing Lives Forever,” we remain committed to encouraging sustainable practices and creating opportunities that help our children grow with confidence, responsibility, and compassion towards nature and society.



NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The New Year was welcomed with great joy, hope, excitement, and togetherness at Sabin–Pathway Home, as our children and staff members came together to celebrate the beginning of a fresh and promising year. The entire campus was filled with positivity, laughter, and cheerful energy, making the celebration a beautiful and memorable start to the year ahead. New Year celebrations symbolize new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and renewed hope for the future. It is a time when people reflect on the past year, cherish happy memories, and look forward to the coming year with confidence, optimism, and new aspirations. The occasion encourages individuals to begin the year with positivity, kindness, determination, and gratitude.

At Sabin–Pathway Home, the New Year celebration was organized in a joyful and meaningful manner to ensure that every child experienced happiness, love, and a sense of belonging. The programme created an atmosphere of unity and togetherness, strengthening the bond between the children and staff members.

The celebration began with warm New Year wishes and greetings exchanged among the children, staff, and caregivers. Smiling faces, cheerful interactions, and joyful conversations filled the surroundings, creating a lively and festive atmosphere throughout the campus. The excitement of welcoming a new year was clearly visible in every child, making the occasion truly heartwarming.

The children actively participated in the celebration with great enthusiasm and happiness. Their joyful presence added life and energy to the programme, and the entire day became a wonderful opportunity for them to relax, enjoy, and celebrate together as one family.

To make the celebration more special and memorable, various fun-filled activities and group games were organized for the children. These activities encouraged participation, teamwork, communication, and bonding among the inmates. The children eagerly took part in the games and



interactive sessions, enjoying every moment with laughter and excitement. Their active involvement created a vibrant and positive environment filled with happiness and fun.

Creative activities and group interactions were also conducted to encourage self-expression and confidence among the children. These moments allowed the inmates to share their joy, interact freely with one another, and build stronger friendships within the home. The celebration helped create beautiful memories that the children will cherish for a long time.

Apart from the fun and entertainment, the New Year celebration also served as a meaningful moment of reflection and encouragement. The staff members guided the children in understanding the importance of new beginnings and inspired them to look ahead with confidence, hope, and positivity. Simple and meaningful messages about kindness, helping others, setting goals, working hard, and believing in themselves were shared in a way that was easy for the children to understand and relate to.

The celebration reminded the children that every new year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and become better individuals. It encouraged them to approach life with courage, happiness, and determination while supporting and caring for one another. The New Year celebration was not just a festive gathering but also a meaningful occasion filled with hope, positivity, and emotional connection. It reinforced the values of love, unity, care, and togetherness that define the spirit of the institution.

As Sabin–Pathway Home stepped into the new year, the celebration became a reminder of its continued commitment to nurturing every child with compassion, empowering them with confidence, and supporting their holistic growth and well-being.



PONGAL CELEBRATION



The vibrant harvest festival of Pongal was celebrated with great joy, enthusiasm, cultural spirit, and togetherness at Sabin-Pathway Home. The celebration beautifully reflected the rich traditions and cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu while creating a joyful and meaningful experience for our children and staff members. The entire campus was filled with festive energy, happiness, and the aroma of freshly prepared Pongal, making the occasion truly memorable for everyone.

Pongal is one of the most important and widely celebrated festivals of Tamil Nadu. It is a traditional harvest festival observed to express gratitude to Surya, the Sun God, nature, farmers, and cattle for a successful harvest season. The festival marks the beginning of the Tamil month “Thai,” which symbolizes prosperity, hope, happiness, and new beginnings in Tamil culture.

Traditionally, Pongal is celebrated over four days — Bhogi, Thai Pongal, Mattu Pongal, and Kaanum Pongal — each carrying its own cultural and spiritual significance. The festival highlights the importance of agriculture, hard work, gratitude, and community bonding. It also reminds people of the close relationship between humans, nature, and farming, which forms the foundation of life and sustenance.

At Sabin-Pathway Home, this year’s Pongal celebration became especially meaningful because of the active involvement and participation of our children. With great excitement, teamwork, and enthusiasm, the children themselves took part in arranging all the essentials needed to prepare the traditional Pongal dish. Under the loving guidance and support of the staff members, the children collected stones to set up a traditional stove, gathered firewood, and used a clay pot to cook Pongal in the authentic village style.

The preparation of Pongal turned into a wonderful hands-on learning





experience for the children. Through their participation, they learned about traditional cooking methods, cultural practices, and the deeper meaning behind the festival. The activity helped them understand the value of teamwork, patience, responsibility, and respect for tradition.

As the Pongal began to boil and overflow from the clay pot, the children and staff joyfully shouted “Pongalo Pongal!”, a traditional expression symbolizing abundance, prosperity, happiness, and gratitude. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, laughter, and festive spirit as everyone celebrated the special moment together.

The Pongal prepared by the children turned out to be delicious and satisfying, bringing a wonderful sense of achievement and pride to the participants. The freshly prepared Pongal was respectfully offered to God as a mark of gratitude and devotion, following the traditional custom of thanking nature and the Almighty for blessings and prosperity.

The celebration was not only enjoyable but also educational and culturally enriching for the children. It helped them connect with their roots and understand the importance of agriculture, farming, and nature in everyday life. The activities also encouraged social interaction, teamwork, confidence, and cultural awareness among the inmates. The dedicated teachers played an important role in organizing and guiding the children throughout the celebration. Their encouragement and support ensured that every child participated happily and safely in the programme. The warm and family-like atmosphere created during the celebration strengthened the bond between the children and staff members.

The colourful surroundings, traditional cooking methods, joyful participation, and shared festive moments made the Pongal celebration truly special and



meaningful. The happiness seen on the faces of the children reflected the success and spirit of the programme.

The day concluded with smiles, satisfaction, gratitude, and a deeper appreciation for Tamil culture and traditions. The Pongal celebration at Sabin-Pathway Home once again highlighted the importance of preserving cultural values while creating joyful and memorable experiences for the children.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



The spirit of patriotism, unity, and national pride filled the atmosphere as Sabin-Pathway Home proudly celebrated Republic Day



with great enthusiasm and respect. The celebration was organized to help our children understand the importance of the nation, the values of the Indian Constitution, and the responsibilities of being good citizens. The programme created a sense of pride, togetherness, and inspiration among everyone present.

Republic Day is celebrated every year on January 26th to commemorate the day in 1950 when the Constitution of

India came into effect. Although India achieved independence from British rule on August 15, 1947, it was on January 26, 1950, that India officially became a sovereign, democratic republic. The Constitution of India, drafted under the leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the Constituent Assembly, became the foundation of the country’s governance and guaranteed fundamental rights, equality, justice, and freedom to every citizen.

Republic Day is a reminder of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and national leaders who worked tirelessly for the independence and unity of the country. The day symbolizes the strength of India’s democracy and highlights the values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity that continue to guide the nation.

On the occasion of Republic Day, the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India addressed the nation and highlighted the country’s achievements, development, and future goals. The speech emphasized unity in diversity, inclusive growth, youth empowerment, environmental sustainability, and the importance of building a strong and



self-reliant India under the vision of “Atmanirbhar Bharat.” The address encouraged citizens to work together for the progress and prosperity of the nation and inspired everyone to contribute positively towards society.

At Sabin–Pathway Home, the Republic Day celebration was conducted in a meaningful and vibrant manner with enthusiastic participation from the children and staff members. The campus reflected a patriotic atmosphere filled with excitement, discipline, and respect for the nation.

The children actively participated in various programmes that showcased their talents, confidence, teamwork, and dedication. One of the highlights of the celebration was the physical exercise performance presented by the children.

Their synchronized movements, coordination, energy, and discipline reflected their hard work and enthusiasm. The performance was appreciated by everyone and created a sense of pride and encouragement.

Another special attraction of the programme was the pyramid formation performed by the children. The beautifully coordinated formation symbolized unity, balance, cooperation, and collective strength. The children worked together with confidence and determination, demonstrating the importance of teamwork and mutual support.



The celebration also featured a meaningful mime performance presented by the children. Through expressions and actions without words, the children creatively conveyed important messages about patriotism, social responsibility, unity, and national harmony. The mime performance was both touching and inspiring, highlighting the talents and creativity of the participants while spreading awareness about social values and national pride.

The performances were highly appreciated by the staff members and audience, who were proud to witness

the confidence, discipline, and active participation of the children. The programme not only entertained but also educated and inspired everyone present.

The Republic Day celebration helped the children understand the importance of the Constitution, the value of freedom, and the responsibilities of being responsible citizens. It encouraged them to respect the nation, appreciate diversity, and uphold values such as equality, unity, discipline, and service towards others.

The caretakers played an important role in organizing and guiding the children throughout the programme. Their encouragement and support ensured that every child participated confidently and enjoyed the celebration in a positive and inclusive environment. The entire celebration was filled with patriotism, learning, and inspiration. The joyful participation of the children, combined with meaningful performances and patriotic spirit, made the occasion memorable and enriching for everyone. The Republic Day celebration was not just a ceremonial event but a valuable learning experience that strengthened the children’s connection to the nation and its values. It reminded everyone that every citizen has a role to play in building a united, peaceful, and progressive India.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CELEBRATION AT THE DISTRICT COLLECTORATE

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) was celebrated with great enthusiasm, dignity, and purpose at the District Collectorate in a programme organized by the District Differently Abled Welfare Office (DDAWO). The event brought together government officials, organizations, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in a meaningful celebration dedicated to inclusion, empowerment, and equal opportunities for all.



Observed globally every year on December 3rd, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities aims to



promote the rights, well-being, and dignity of persons with disabilities while creating greater awareness about the importance of building an inclusive and accessible society. The day highlights the need for equal participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life, including education, employment, healthcare, social activities, and decision-making processes.



The celebration at the District Collectorate reflected the collective commitment of the government and various organizations towards supporting and empowering persons with disabilities. The programme created a positive and inspiring atmosphere where the achievements, talents, and contributions of differently abled individuals were recognized and appreciated.

The event witnessed the presence of several distinguished guests, including government officials, representatives from NGOs, caregivers, rehabilitation professionals, and persons with disabilities from different institutions across the district. Their participation made the gathering meaningful and

strengthened the message of unity, inclusion, and social responsibility.

One of the proudest and most memorable moments for Sabin–Pathway Home was the recognition received by our respected Trustee, Mrs. Dhanam Dharmaraj. In appreciation of her dedicated service, compassion, and tireless commitment towards the welfare and empowerment of persons with disabilities, she was honoured with an Award of Honour during the programme.

This prestigious recognition reflected her years of selfless service and unwavering efforts in improving the lives of special children and individuals with disabilities. Through her leadership, guidance, and compassionate vision, Sabin–Pathway Home has continued to create opportunities, provide care, and promote dignity and inclusion for countless children and families.



Adding further pride to the occasion, the Special Deputy Collector presented a plaque of recognition to our institution in appreciation of the remarkable services rendered by Sabin–Pathway Home towards the care, development, rehabilitation, and empowerment of special children. This honour stands as a reflection of the sincere and dedicated efforts of the



entire team in creating a nurturing, supportive, and inclusive environment for every child under our care.

The recognition also highlighted the importance of community service and the collective work carried out by staff members, therapists, caregivers, educators, and supporters who continuously strive to improve the lives of children with special needs. It served as encouragement for the institution to continue its mission with greater dedication and responsibility.

The programme included awareness activities, interactions, and moments of appreciation that emphasized the importance of inclusion, accessibility, equality, and empowerment for persons with disabilities. The event encouraged everyone present to work together towards building a society where every individual is respected, valued, and given equal opportunities to succeed. The celebration concluded on an inspiring and emotional note, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of commitment towards advocating for the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. The honours and recognition received during the event became a proud milestone for Sabin–Pathway Home and a reminder of the meaningful impact that compassionate service can create in society.

PARTICIPATION IN FREEDOM CARNIVAL AT VELS UNIVERSITY



The Freedom Carnival, organized by the Ooruni Foundation at Vels University, was a vibrant and inspiring celebration of talent, creativity, inclusivity, and the spirit of freedom. The event brought together various

institutions, organizations, students, and individuals from different backgrounds to showcase artistic expression, cultural unity, and social awareness through meaningful performances and activities.

Sabin–Pathway Home proudly participated in this memorable event, giving our children a valuable opportunity to step onto a larger public platform and confidently showcase their talents and abilities. Accompanied by our dedicated staff





members, the children enthusiastically took part in the carnival and became an important part of this colourful and meaningful celebration.

The Freedom Carnival created an atmosphere filled with energy, encouragement, and acceptance, where every participant was appreciated for their uniqueness and creativity. For our children, the event became not only a performance opportunity but also an enriching learning experience that encouraged confidence, social interaction, and self-expression.

One of the major highlights of our participation was the powerful mime performance presented by our children. Dressed in coordinated costumes with expressive white gloves, the children

delivered a moving and impactful performance against the backdrop of the Indian National Flag. Through silent expressions, gestures, and synchronized movements, they beautifully conveyed emotions and meaningful messages that deeply touched the audience.

The mime performance reflected important themes such as unity, freedom, resilience, equality, and patriotism. Even without spoken words, the children were able to communicate powerful ideas and emotions through their expressions and actions, demonstrating the true essence and strength of mime as an art form. Their confidence, discipline, coordination, and dedication were clearly visible throughout the performance.



The audience watched the performance with admiration and appreciation, responding with loud applause and encouragement. The meaningful presentation left a strong impact on everyone present and became a proud moment for Sabin–Pathway Home. The appreciation received from the audience served as a great source of motivation and encouragement for the children.

The mime act also highlighted the immense potential and artistic talents of our children while emphasizing the



importance of inclusion and equal opportunities for individuals with special needs. Their participation demonstrated that talent and creativity have no barriers when children are given the right support, encouragement, and opportunities to shine.

The event proved to be a highly enriching and confidence-building experience for our inmates. Participating in such programmes helps the children improve communication skills, stage confidence, teamwork, social interaction, and emotional expression. It also allows them to feel included and valued within the larger community, strengthening their sense of belonging and self-worth.

The staff members played a vital role in preparing and guiding the children for the performance. Their patience, dedication, and encouragement ensured that the children performed confidently and enjoyed every moment of the experience. The success of the performance reflected the collective efforts and teamwork of both the children and staff members.



Sabin-Pathway Home extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Ooruni Foundation and Vels University for organizing such a meaningful and inclusive event and for providing a wonderful platform for our children to showcase their talents and abilities. Opportunities like these inspire confidence, nurture creativity, and encourage social inclusion among children with special needs.

The Freedom Carnival remains a proud and memorable milestone for all of us. It reinforced our commitment to nurturing the talents of every child and creating opportunities that empower them to express themselves confidently and grow into capable and valued individuals.

A LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT IN WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICE

Pathway takes immense pride in announcing that Hon. Dr. Chandra Prasad was honoured with the prestigious National Royal Women Award 2026 presented by Global Mark Events in recognition of her exceptional contributions in the fields of health, education, and social work. This distinguished recognition celebrates her unwavering dedication, compassionate service, and lifelong commitment towards the empowerment and upliftment of persons with intellectual disabilities, women, and underprivileged communities.

The award was presented as a mark of appreciation for Dr. Chandra Prasad's remarkable efforts in creating inclusive opportunities for individuals with special needs through education, rehabilitation, vocational training, and community-based support services. Her tireless work over several decades has transformed countless lives and brought hope, dignity, and independence to many families. Through her visionary leadership, Pathway has grown into a centre of care, learning, and empowerment where individuals with intellectual disabilities are encouraged to realise their potential and lead meaningful lives.

Dr. Chandra Prasad's contribution extends beyond the field of special education. Her commitment to social welfare, women's empowerment, and inclusive development has earned widespread respect and admiration from various organisations and institutions across the country. She has consistently advocated for equal opportunities, social acceptance, and the rights of persons with disabilities, while also guiding and supporting parents, caregivers, and educators in creating a more compassionate and inclusive society.

In addition to her work at Pathway, Dr. Chandra Prasad has also played a significant role in the field of education through her involvement in running a Matriculation Normal School, thereby contributing to the academic growth and development of young learners. Her dedication to both mainstream and special education reflects her belief that education is a powerful tool for social transformation and empowerment.

The National Royal Women Award 2026 stands as a testimony to Dr. Chandra Prasad's outstanding dedication, unwavering commitment, and extraordinary service to humanity. The entire Pathway family celebrated this proud achievement with immense joy and admiration. Staff members, students, parents, and well-wishers expressed their heartfelt congratulations and appreciation for her inspiring journey and selfless contributions. This honour not only recognises Dr. Chandra Prasad's achievements but also serves as an inspiration to all to continue working towards a society built on compassion, equality, inclusion, and empowerment.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

International Women's Day was celebrated with great joy, respect, and appreciation at Sabin-Pathway Home, honouring the strength, resilience, compassion, and invaluable contributions of women in our lives and society. The celebration became a meaningful occasion to recognize and appreciate the role of women as caregivers, teachers, leaders, mothers, sisters, and supporters who inspire and guide us every day.



Observed globally on March 8th, International Women's Day celebrates the achievements of women across social, cultural, economic, educational, and political fields while also promoting the importance of gender equality, empowerment, and equal opportunities for all. The day serves as a reminder of the need to build a society where women are respected, valued, supported, and encouraged to achieve their fullest potential.

At Sabin-Pathway Home, the celebration was organized in a warm, joyful, and inclusive manner with active participation from both the children and staff members. The programme created an atmosphere filled with happiness, gratitude, togetherness, and mutual respect, making the occasion truly memorable for everyone present.

Our children enthusiastically participated in the celebration by preparing beautiful handmade charts, greeting posters, drawings, and decorative artworks. Using colourful designs, flowers, creative messages, and thoughtful expressions, the children conveyed their love, gratitude, and admiration towards women. Each chart and poster reflected the innocence, creativity, and heartfelt appreciation of the children.

The handmade creations carried meaningful messages about women's empowerment, equality, respect, kindness, and the importance of recognizing the contributions of women in every aspect of life. Through these artistic activities, the children were able to express their thoughts and emotions

in a creative and meaningful way while also understanding the significance of the day.



The children proudly presented their handmade works during the programme, and their enthusiasm and confidence added beauty and warmth to the celebration. Their participation showcased not only their artistic talents but also their growing

awareness about the importance of treating women with dignity, equality, and respect.

The event brought together both staff members and inmates as one family, strengthening the bond of unity and appreciation within the institution. The joyful interaction between the children and staff created a positive and encouraging environment where everyone felt valued and included.

The celebration also served as an educational and awareness-building opportunity for the children. Through simple discussions and activities, they were sensitized about the role and value of women in society and were encouraged to always show kindness, respect, support, and equality towards women in their daily lives.

The involvement of both male and female participants highlighted the importance of unity, cooperation, and mutual respect in creating a more equal and compassionate society. The programme reinforced the message that gender equality and empowerment begin with awareness, understanding, and respect for one another.

Every smile, every handmade poster, and every creative expression during the celebration reflected the love, gratitude, and admiration the children felt towards women. The happiness and positive energy seen throughout the programme made the day meaningful and inspiring for everyone involved.

The staff members also played an important role in organizing and guiding the children throughout the activities. Their encouragement and support helped ensure that every child participated confidently and enjoyed the celebration in a joyful and comfortable environment. The programme concluded on a positive and heartwarming note, leaving behind beautiful memories and important values for the children to carry forward. It reinforced the principles of equality, compassion, empowerment, and inclusion that are deeply valued and practiced at Sabin–Pathway Home.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

“Together Against Loneliness”

World Down Syndrome Day was observed with great warmth, enthusiasm, and meaningful participation at Sabin–Pathway Home under Pathway India on March 21st. The special day was celebrated to create awareness, promote inclusion, and recognize the abilities, uniqueness, and potential of individuals with Down syndrome. The programme brought together our children and staff members in a joyful and compassionate atmosphere filled with unity, creativity, and acceptance.

World Down Syndrome Day is observed globally every year on March 21st to raise awareness about Down syndrome and to advocate for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of





individuals with the condition. The date, 21/3, symbolically represents the triplication of the 21st chromosome, which causes Down syndrome. The day serves as a reminder that individuals with Down syndrome are valuable members of society who deserve equal opportunities, dignity, respect, and acceptance.

The theme for the year, *“Together Against Loneliness,”* highlighted the importance of emotional connection, friendship, social inclusion, and community support. It emphasized the need to ensure that individuals with Down syndrome are never isolated or excluded, but instead are surrounded by care, understanding, and meaningful relationships that help them thrive with

confidence and happiness.

The awareness programme was organized in a thoughtful and engaging manner to encourage participation, self-expression, and social awareness among the children. The entire campus reflected positivity, togetherness, and celebration as the children actively took part in various meaningful activities. One of the most touching and memorable moments of the celebration was when the children came together to form a human circle. This beautiful activity symbolized unity, equality, togetherness, and the strength of standing together as one community. Holding blue and yellow balloons — the official colours representing Down syndrome awareness — the children visually expressed solidarity, acceptance, and support for individuals with Down syndrome across the world.



confidence and happiness.

The human circle created a powerful message of inclusion and reminded everyone that every individual deserves love, friendship, and a sense of belonging. The smiles and enthusiasm of the children made the moment emotional, inspiring, and deeply meaningful.

Adding colour and creativity to the celebration, the children also created a beautiful floor art (rangoli) based on the theme *“Together Against*

Loneliness.” The rangoli reflected the children’s imagination, artistic talents, and understanding of the importance of emotional connection and inclusion. The artwork beautifully conveyed the message that no individual should ever feel lonely, isolated, or left behind in society.

The awareness programme also included engaging art and craft activities where the children expressed their thoughts and feelings through drawings, handmade cards, creative posters, and awareness messages. Through these activities, the children shared meaningful messages about kindness, friendship, equality, confidence, and acceptance. Their creative expressions reflected not only their talents but also their emotional strength, individuality, and positive spirit.

The celebration became an excellent opportunity for the children to build confidence, improve social interaction, and participate actively in spreading awareness within the community. Through their actions, creativity, and joyful participation, the children themselves became powerful ambassadors of inclusion and empowerment.

The programme also helped spread the important message that individuals with Down syndrome are capable, talented, loving, and deserving of equal opportunities, care, and respect. Their participation clearly demonstrated that when children are given support, encouragement, and acceptance, they can confidently express themselves and contribute meaningfully to society.

The staff members played a vital role in organizing the activities and encouraging the children throughout the programme. Their guidance, patience, and dedication ensured that every child participated comfortably and confidently in the celebration. The collective efforts of the staff and children made the event successful, heartwarming, and impactful. Every smile, every artwork, every balloon, and every gesture during the programme stood as a beautiful testimony to the abilities, confidence, and potential of our children. The celebration not only raised awareness but also instilled pride, joy, and emotional strength among the participants.



As we continue our journey of “Changing Lives Forever,” programmes like World Down Syndrome Day help create awareness, nurture emotional well-being, strengthen social inclusion, and empower our children to believe in themselves and their limitless potential.

VOTER AWARENESS INITIATIVE AND MOCK ELECTION



Following the announcement of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Election, Sabin–Pathway Home, under the guidance of the District Differently Abled Welfare Office (DDAWO), organized a meaningful voter awareness initiative to promote inclusive participation in the democratic process. The programme aimed to educate and encourage persons with disabilities, especially individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to understand the importance of voting and confidently exercise their democratic rights.

Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities of every citizen in a democratic country. Elections provide people with the opportunity to choose their representatives and actively participate in shaping the future of society and the nation. Through this initiative, Sabin–Pathway Home sought to create awareness about the importance of voting while ensuring that persons with disabilities feel empowered, informed, and included in the electoral process.

As the first step of the programme, a pledge for 100% voting participation was conducted within the institution. All staff members and inmates actively took part in the pledge, reaffirming their commitment and responsibility as citizens to exercise their right to vote. The pledge emphasized the values of democracy, equality, civic responsibility, and informed decision-making, while also spreading the message that every vote matters and every eligible citizen deserves the opportunity to participate.

The pledge ceremony created a sense of awareness, responsibility, and unity among the participants. It encouraged the inmates to understand that their voices are important and that they too have the right to contribute to society through the democratic process. To further strengthen awareness and build confidence among the inmates, Sabin–Pathway Home organized a mock election setup within the school premises. This practical and interactive training session was specially designed to simulate the real voting process in a simple, clear, and accessible



manner so that the inmates could become familiar with the procedures followed during elections.

The mock polling station was carefully arranged with all the essential elements found in an actual polling booth. It included a voting desk, queue system, ballot unit demonstration, identity verification process, voting compartment, and guidance procedures. The realistic setup helped create an authentic voting environment, enabling the inmates to experience the election process comfortably and confidently.



The staff members played a key role in guiding and supporting the participants throughout the activity. Step-by-step instructions were provided in a simple and understandable way, explaining how to verify identity, stand in the queue, follow voting procedures, operate the ballot unit, and cast their vote independently. The practical demonstration helped the inmates clearly understand each stage involved in the voting process.

The inmates participated in the mock election with great interest, enthusiasm, and curiosity. The hands-on experience helped reduce fear, confusion, and anxiety often associated with unfamiliar situations. It also built confidence and familiarity, encouraging the participants to approach the actual election process with greater independence and self-assurance. Beyond learning the technical aspects of voting, the programme also helped the inmates understand the value of their voice and the importance of participating in society as responsible citizens. The initiative reinforced the message that persons with disabilities are equal members of society and deserve equal access to information, opportunities, and civic participation.

The mock election became an educational and empowering experience that promoted independence, confidence, decision-making, and active citizenship among the inmates. It also highlighted the importance of accessibility and inclusion in democratic processes, ensuring that no individual is left behind due to disability or lack of awareness. The entire programme reflected Sabin-Pathway



Home's commitment to promoting inclusive civic participation and empowering persons with disabilities through awareness, education, and practical training. By creating opportunities for meaningful participation, the institution continues to encourage dignity, equality, and self-confidence among its inmates.

PATHWAY'S MISSION TO RESTORE SIGHT AND DIGNITY - FOR KATTUKARANAI VILLAGERS



In a remarkable gesture of compassion and community service, the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust – Pathway organized free cataract surgeries for villagers from Kattukaranai, reaffirming its unwavering commitment to improving healthcare access for underprivileged rural communities. The initiative was undertaken as a continuation of the Trust's mission to identify and address the medical needs of economically disadvantaged individuals who often lack access to quality healthcare facilities.

The initiative began with a free medical camp conducted by Pathway at Kattukaranai village, where medical professionals and healthcare workers screened villagers for various health conditions. During the camp, several elderly residents and individuals with severe vision impairment were identified as suffering from cataract-related eye problems. Many of them had been living with blurred vision and difficulty performing daily activities for years due to financial limitations and lack of access to specialized eye care services. Recognizing the seriousness of their condition and the urgent need for intervention, Dr. Chandra Prasad immediately initiated steps to arrange free cataract surgeries for the affected villagers.

As part of the first phase of the programme, eight patients were selected for treatment after detailed consultations and medical evaluations. The beneficiaries included M. Malika, aged 59; S. Rani, aged 71; N. Kasiyammal, aged 55; J. Panjatha, aged 55; S. Valliyammal, aged 55; M. Manonmani, aged

60; C. Ganesan, aged 75; and Miruthika, a nine-year-old girl diagnosed with cataracts in both eyes, whose treatment and surgical procedures are currently in progress. The inclusion of a young child among the beneficiaries highlighted the broad impact of the initiative and the importance of early medical intervention.

Following comprehensive eye examinations and pre-operative assessments, seven of the patients successfully underwent cataract surgeries on 7th November 2025 at Aravind Eye Hospital, one of the most respected and internationally renowned eye care institutions in the country. The surgeries were performed successfully, bringing renewed hope and the promise of restored vision to the beneficiaries.

The entire process was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Mano Prakash, who ensured that every aspect of the programme was carried out smoothly and efficiently. From arranging transportation for the patients from their homes to the hospital, assisting with hospital admissions and pre-surgical formalities, to ensuring the availability of post-operative medicines and eyeglasses, every detail was managed with care and dedication. The medical and support teams extended compassionate assistance throughout the treatment process, helping the patients feel safe, comfortable, and reassured. The surgeries brought immense joy to the beneficiaries and their families. Many of the patients, who had struggled with diminishing eyesight for years, were overwhelmed with happiness upon regaining clearer vision. Their ability to once again perform daily activities independently marked a significant improvement in their quality of life. The families expressed deep gratitude to Pathway and the Trust for their generosity, concern, and unconditional support during a time of great need.

To personally review the arrangements and ensure that the patients received the highest standard of care, Dr. Chandra Prasad visited the hospital along with Dhuli Patnaik, Shanth Jain, Usha Rammohan, and Santhanagopal. They interacted with the patients and consulted with the medical team regarding the treatment procedures and recovery plans, reflecting the Trust's hands-on approach and genuine concern for patient welfare.

The Village President, J. Dharmaraj, conveyed heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Chandra Prasad and the Pathway Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) team for their continued efforts in bringing quality



healthcare services to rural communities. He acknowledged that such initiatives play a vital role in improving the lives of economically disadvantaged villagers and creating awareness about the importance of timely medical care.

This noble initiative once again demonstrated the enduring vision and humanitarian mission of the Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust – Pathway. By restoring sight and bringing hope to those in need, the Trust continues to uphold its commitment to compassionate service, dignity, and the empowerment of vulnerable communities through meaningful healthcare interventions.



FREE MEDICAL CAMP CONDUCTED AT UNAMALAI VILLAGE

A free medical camp was successfully organized on 29th March 2026 at Unamalai Village in Madhuranthagam Taluk, Chengalpattu District, by the Dr. Dathurao Memorial Charitable Trust in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Pathway Founder, Dr. ADSN Prasad. The camp was conducted with the noble objective of extending quality healthcare services to rural communities and creating awareness about the importance of preventive healthcare and early diagnosis.



The medical camp witnessed an overwhelming response from the villagers, with more than 300 patients benefiting from the various services offered. A dedicated team of experienced doctors, therapists, medical professionals, and support staff worked tirelessly throughout the day to ensure that every patient received proper medical attention and guidance. The initiative brought essential healthcare facilities directly to the doorstep of the rural population, many of whom have limited access to specialized medical services.



A comprehensive range of healthcare services was provided during the camp. General medical consultations and





health check-ups were conducted for people of all age groups. Specialized services included dental care, mammogram screening, orthopedic consultation, eye screening for cataract, ECG testing, and cervical cancer screening. In addition, therapy and rehabilitation services such as speech therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and psychological counseling were also offered, highlighting the holistic approach adopted by the organizers towards community health and well-being.

The camp was presided over by Dr. Chandra Prasad, whose continuous efforts and commitment towards social welfare and community healthcare were greatly appreciated by the villagers. Senior doctors from Chennai and Puducherry actively participated in the camp along with the team from C Square Cancer Care and Research Centre. Pathway medical officers, paramedical staff, therapists, and lab technicians also rendered their dedicated services, ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of the programme. Dhuli Patnaik was also present and encouraged the organizing team for their meaningful contribution to rural healthcare. The Village President, S. Rajaraman, expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the organizers and thanked Dr. Chandra Prasad for conducting the medical camp for the second consecutive time in Unamalai Village. He acknowledged that such

initiatives greatly benefit the rural population by providing access to specialized medical care and health awareness services free of cost. The medical camp concluded successfully with immense support and cooperation from the villagers, healthcare professionals, and volunteers. The programme stood as a meaningful tribute to the vision and service ideals of Dr. ADSN Prasad and reflected Pathway's continued commitment towards community outreach, healthcare accessibility, and social responsibility.

A GIFT OF SIGHT: DR DMC TRUST FACILITATES 16 FREE EYE SURGERIES-FOR UNAMALAI VILLAGERS



As part of its continued commitment to community healthcare and social welfare, the DR DMC Trust, through the Pathway initiative, successfully facilitated 16 free eye surgeries for economically disadvantaged patients suffering from cataract and pterygium at Aravind Eye Hospital. The initiative brought renewed hope and the gift of improved vision to individuals who otherwise had limited access to specialized eye care services.



The beneficiaries were identified during the free medical camp conducted at Unamalai Village on 29th March 2026 in observance of the birth anniversary of Dr. ADSN Prasad. During the screening sessions held at

the camp, several patients were diagnosed with advanced cataract conditions and other eye-related ailments requiring immediate medical intervention. Recognizing the urgent need for treatment, the Trust took swift steps to arrange specialized care for the identified patients.

Under the leadership of Dr. M. Manoprakash and with the coordination and support of Dr. Chandra Prasad, all necessary arrangements were made for the surgeries and follow-up care. The surgeries were successfully performed on 10th April 2026, ensuring timely medical attention and restoring vision for the



beneficiaries. The initiative reflected the Trust's dedication to responding promptly to the healthcare needs of underserved rural communities.

To ensure the well-being and comfort of the patients, Dr. Chandra Prasad and Dhuli Patnaik personally visited the hospital and coordinated with the medical team regarding the pre-operative and post-operative care of the patients. Their visit demonstrated the Trust's compassionate approach and commitment to ensuring quality treatment and proper recovery support for every beneficiary.

The patients and their family members expressed heartfelt gratitude to Pathway and DR DMC Trust for extending unconditional support and making the surgeries possible free of cost. For many of the beneficiaries, the surgeries marked a life-changing moment, enabling them to regain independence and improve their quality of life.

This meaningful initiative stands as a reflection of the enduring vision of Dr. ADSN Prasad and highlights the continued efforts of Pathway and DR DMC Trust in reaching out to marginalized communities with care, dignity, and compassion.

NEWSPAPER CLIPS

The image displays two newspaper clippings. The left clipping is from 'தனதுதளம்' (Dhathathalam), a Tamil daily newspaper. The main headline reads 'டாக்டர் தத்துராவ் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளை மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளின் தினவிழா' (Dr. Thathurav's Memorial Charitable Trust Celebrates the Day of the Differently Abled). The text describes a 10th Excellence Awards Ceremony held at Agri Village, Madhavaram, on July 27, 2025. It mentions the presence of Chief Guest Mr. Jean-Luc Baud, an international representative with over thirty years of experience in the healthcare industry across Europe, Asia, North and South America. The event was inaugurated by the lighting of a traditional lamp by Mr. Baud. Other dignitaries present included Mr. Chandra Prasad, Co-Founder and Director of the trust, and Mrs. Dhuli Patnaik, President of Pathway. The ceremony honored students for their perseverance, excellence, and growth. The event concluded with a cultural presentation by the Pathway School children and a social impact message from the trust.

The right clipping is from 'VIRTUAL TIMES', a National English Daily. The headline is 'Pathway Hosts 10th Excellence Awards Ceremony Honouring Student Achievement.' The text mirrors the information in the Tamil clipping, detailing the award ceremony for 10th anniversary, the presence of Mr. Jean-Luc Baud as Chief Guest, and the participation of Dr. Chandra Prasad and Mrs. Dhuli Patnaik. It highlights the trust's commitment to providing quality education and healthcare to marginalized communities.

CLUSTER BEANS CULTIVATION AT PATHWAY FARM

An Inclusive Farming Initiative with the Participation of Sabin Children

At the Pathway Farm, the cultivation of Cluster Beans (*Cyamopsis tetragonoloba*), locally known as *Kothavarangai*, has emerged as a meaningful blend of



sustainable agriculture and experiential learning for the children of Sabin Home. Rich in nutrients and valued for their tender pods and soil-enriching properties, cluster beans are cultivated not only as a productive crop but also as an educational and therapeutic activity that nurtures responsibility, teamwork, and environmental awareness among the children.

Cultivation and Farm Practices

The crop is cultivated in the well-drained red loamy soil of the Pathway farmland at Madurantakam, which provides ideal conditions for healthy growth. Sowing is carried out during

the warm months from May to July, aligning with the onset of the monsoon season. Prior to planting, the land is enriched with organic farmyard manure and carefully prepared to ensure proper drainage and soil fertility.

Seeds are sown in neatly spaced rows, allowing adequate room for growth and ease of maintenance. Within a week, the seeds germinate into healthy green seedlings, reflecting the effectiveness of proper soil preparation, irrigation, and weed management practices.

The children of Sabin Home actively participate throughout the cultivation process. They assist in watering the plants using small watering cans, help





in manual weeding under supervision, and observe the stages of plant growth as part of their farm-based learning activities. Their involvement transforms the farm into a vibrant outdoor classroom where learning takes place through direct experience and interaction with nature.

Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Farming

Cluster bean plants require comparatively low maintenance and are naturally drought tolerant. However, periodic irrigation is provided during dry periods to support healthy development. The children also participate in mulching activities using dry leaves and grass to help retain soil moisture and reduce weed growth.

As part of Pathway’s commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly farming, pest management is carried out through natural methods such as neem oil spraying. Under the guidance of staff members, the children learn about organic farming practices and the importance of protecting crops without harmful chemicals. These activities encourage environmental responsibility while developing practical life skills.

Harvesting and Learning Outcomes

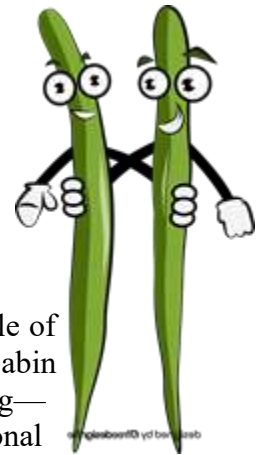
The harvesting stage is one of the most engaging and rewarding experiences for the children. Approximately 60–70 days after sowing, the tender green pods become ready for harvest. The Sabin children enthusiastically participate in identifying mature pods, carefully plucking them by hand, sorting the produce into baskets, and assisting in weighing the harvest.

This hands-on involvement helps the children understand the journey of food from farm to plate while fostering confidence, patience, cooperation, and pride in their collective efforts. The harvested cluster beans are utilized in the Pathway kitchens to prepare nutritious meals for the residents, reinforcing the values of self-sustainability and healthy living. Surplus produce is shared with nearby communities or sold locally, extending the social impact of the initiative.



Health Benefits of Cluster Beans

- Rich in dietary fiber, supporting healthy digestion.
- Helps regulate blood sugar levels due to its low glycemic index.
- Supports heart health through potassium and antioxidant content.
- Strengthens immunity with Vitamin C and essential minerals.
- A nutritious addition to balanced meals for growing children.



The cultivation of cluster beans at Pathway Farm stands as a successful example of inclusive and sustainable agriculture. By actively involving the children of Sabin Home in every stage of cultivation—from sowing and maintenance to harvesting—the initiative promotes practical learning, environmental stewardship, and personal growth. More than an agricultural activity, it serves as a transformative experience that empowers the children with knowledge, confidence, and the joy of nurturing life through nature.

LEMON TREE PLANTATION DRIVE IN MEMORY OF THE FOUNDER A GREEN TRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY CARE

On the occasion of the Founder's birthday, a large-scale lemon tree plantation drive was organized at Pathway Agro in his loving memory as a tribute to his vision of sustainability, environmental responsibility, and community development. The programme was conducted with the objective of promoting ecological awareness while encouraging active participation among the residents of Sabin Pathway Home.

The plantation drive became a meaningful and memorable occasion as the residents enthusiastically participated in planting nearly one hundred lemon saplings across the agricultural land. The initiative



reflected the institution's continued commitment towards environmental conservation, vocational rehabilitation, and therapeutic engagement.

Significance of the Plantation Drive

The plantation programme symbolized growth, hope, and the continuation of the Founder's noble legacy through environmentally responsible practices. By involving the residents in the activity, the institution aimed to create awareness about the importance of protecting nature while also providing practical agricultural exposure and therapeutic involvement.



The programme encouraged the residents to connect closely with nature and understand the value of nurturing living plants. It also promoted a sense of

responsibility, ownership, and pride among the participants as they contributed towards enhancing the green environment of the campus.

Selection and Importance of Lemon Trees

Lemon trees were carefully selected for the plantation drive because they are highly suitable for the climatic and soil conditions of Southern Tamil Nadu. The warm climate and fertile agricultural land at Pathway Agro provide an ideal environment for healthy lemon cultivation and long-term productivity.

The selection of lemon saplings offered several advantages:

Lemon trees are durable and capable of bearing fruits continuously for many years.

Lemons are rich in Vitamin C and possess important nutritional and medicinal benefits.

The trees require moderate maintenance and adapt well to local farming conditions.

The plantation contributes significantly towards increasing greenery and ecological balance within the campus.

Harvested lemons can be utilized for cooking, health drinks, and nutritional purposes within the institution.

Caring for the trees provides therapeutic and vocational engagement for the residents.

Thus, the plantation drive combined environmental sustainability with practical rehabilitation activities in a meaningful manner.

Land Preparation and Plantation Process

Before the plantation programme, the agricultural land at Pathway Agro was systematically prepared to support healthy plant growth. The soil was thoroughly ploughed and loosened to improve aeration, drainage, and water absorption. Organic manure and natural compost were added to enhance soil fertility and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

Planting pits were prepared with appropriate spacing between saplings to ensure proper root development and





adequate sunlight exposure. During the plantation activity, the residents actively participated in carrying the saplings, placing them carefully into the prepared pits, filling the soil, and watering the newly planted trees under the guidance of staff members and caretakers.

Participation of the Residents

The plantation drive served as an important vocational and therapeutic activity for the residents of Sabin Pathway Home. The participants displayed great enthusiasm, cooperation, and dedication throughout the programme. Their involvement in agricultural activities encouraged:

- Teamwork and mutual cooperation
- Responsibility and discipline
- Physical coordination and exercise
- Emotional well-being and confidence
- Awareness about environmental conservation
- Appreciation and care for nature



The activity also created opportunities for social interaction and practical learning while fostering a peaceful connection with the natural environment.

Nurturing and Maintenance of the Saplings

Following the plantation drive, continuous efforts are being taken to nurture and protect the lemon saplings to ensure healthy growth and long-term productivity. The maintenance activities include regular watering, application of organic fertilizers, removal of weeds, mulching for moisture retention, and periodic monitoring for pests and diseases.

Eco-friendly pest management techniques are adopted to maintain the

health of the plants without harming the environment. The residents continue to participate in watering and caring for the saplings under staff supervision, making the activity an ongoing rehabilitation and learning process.

Environmental and Social Impact

The plantation of one hundred lemon trees has significantly enhanced the greenery and ecological value of Pathway Agro. The initiative supports environmental conservation, promotes sustainable agriculture, and creates a calm and healthy atmosphere within the campus.

At the same time, the activity has strengthened the vocational rehabilitation efforts of Sabin Pathway Home by providing the residents with meaningful engagement and practical agricultural exposure. The programme continues to inspire responsibility, compassion, and harmony with nature among all participants.

The lemon tree plantation drive organized at Pathway Agro in memory of the Founder was a highly successful and impactful initiative that beautifully combined environmental sustainability with vocational rehabilitation and therapeutic care. Through the active participation of the residents of Sabin Pathway Home, the programme reflected the institution's deep commitment towards inclusive development, community participation, and the preservation of nature. As the lemon trees continue to grow and bear fruit, they stand as a living tribute to the Founder's enduring vision and the institution's ongoing mission of nurturing lives, promoting dignity, and protecting the environment for future generations.

SUSTAINABLE BRINJAL CULTIVATION AS A VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

Brinjal cultivation is one of the most widely practiced agricultural activities in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu due to the region's favorable climatic conditions, fertile soil, and dependable irrigation facilities. At Sabin Pathway Home, functioning under the DR Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, brinjal farming has been developed not merely as an agricultural practice but also as an important vocational and therapeutic rehabilitation programme for adults with intellectual disabilities.

The cultivation activities provide meaningful engagement, practical skill development, and therapeutic benefits to the residents while promoting sustainable agricultural practices within the institution. Through active participation in farming activities, the residents gain confidence, responsibility, and a sense of achievement, thereby contributing positively to their overall physical, emotional, and social well-being.





Favorable Climate and Soil Conditions
The southern region of Tamil Nadu offers ideal environmental conditions for successful brinjal cultivation. The warm tropical climate, abundant sunlight, and well-drained red soil create a suitable environment for healthy crop growth and higher vegetable yield. Prior to cultivation, the agricultural land is carefully prepared through systematic ploughing to improve soil aeration, moisture retention, and fertility.

To encourage eco-friendly and sustainable farming, organic manure and natural compost are added to enrich the soil with essential nutrients. These practices improve soil health while reducing dependence on chemical fertilizers, thereby supporting

environmentally responsible agriculture.

Nursery Preparation and Plantation Techniques

Healthy brinjal seedlings are first raised in well-maintained nursery beds before being transplanted into the prepared agricultural field. This method ensures stronger plant growth and better survival rates after transplantation. Adequate spacing is maintained between each plant to allow proper sunlight exposure, ventilation, and healthy root development.

Modern irrigation techniques such as furrow irrigation and drip irrigation are adopted to ensure efficient water management and consistent moisture supply to the crops. These methods help conserve water while promoting healthy plant development and improved productivity.

At Sabin Pathway Home, special emphasis is placed on organic farming methods. Natural fertilizers, neem-based pest control measures, and environmentally friendly agricultural practices are regularly followed to maintain ecological balance. Periodic weeding, soil loosening, and careful crop monitoring are carried out to ensure healthy growth and better vegetable production.



Maintenance and Harvesting

Brinjal plants require continuous care and protection throughout the cultivation period. Regular watering, timely application of organic nutrients, and monitoring for pests such as fruit borers and aphids are essential for maintaining healthy plants. Eco-friendly pest management techniques are adopted to safeguard the crops without causing harm to the environment.

Depending on the cultivated variety, harvesting usually begins within 70 to 90 days after transplantation. Fresh and healthy vegetables are carefully harvested and utilized for institutional needs, thereby promoting self-sufficiency and nutritional support within the campus.

Participation of the Residents in Agricultural Activities

The adults residing at Sabin Pathway Home actively participate in various stages of farming activities under the careful guidance and supervision of staff members. Their involvement includes:

Preparation of agricultural land

- Watering and irrigation of plants
- Transplanting seedlings
- Removal of weeds
- Application of organic manure
- Monitoring plant growth
- Harvesting vegetables

Participation in these activities serves as an effective vocational training and therapeutic rehabilitation programme. The residents develop practical agricultural skills while also benefiting from physical exercise, sensory stimulation, emotional satisfaction, and social interaction.

Therapeutic and Vocational Benefits

Agricultural activities play an important role in enhancing the overall well-being of the residents. Regular involvement in farming encourages discipline, concentration, teamwork, and independence. It also provides emotional relaxation and reduces stress by allowing the residents to work in a peaceful natural environment.

The programme helps strengthen:

- Self-confidence and self-esteem
- Responsibility and work habits
- Physical coordination and motor skills
- Team spirit and cooperation
- Emotional stability and social interaction

Through these activities, the residents experience a sense of productivity and belonging, which contributes significantly to their rehabilitation and personal development. The brinjal cultivation programme at Sabin Pathway Home stands as an excellent example of combining sustainable agriculture with vocational rehabilitation and therapeutic care. By actively engaging adults with intellectual disabilities in meaningful agricultural work, the institution promotes inclusive development, self-reliance, and environmental

The programme not only supports organic farming and healthy food production but also creates a nurturing and productive atmosphere where the residents can develop life skills, confidence, and dignity through purposeful participation in agriculture.



EMPOWERING SABIN CHILDREN THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

At Pathway Farm, the cultivation of traditional leafy greens has become an important part of both sustainable farming and experiential learning for the children and young adults of Sabin Home. Through active participation in agricultural activities, the children gain practical knowledge, develop responsibility, and experience the joy of nurturing life through nature. The farm cultivates a variety of native greens including *Thandu Keerai* (Amaranthus), *Arakeerai* (*Amaranthus dubius*), *Palak* (Spinach), *Pulicha Keerai* (Gongura), and *Sigappu Thandu Keerai* (Red Stem Amaranth), all of which contribute significantly to the nutritional needs of the children.



Cultivation Process and Learning Experience

The cultivation process begins with land preparation, where the children assist in loosening the soil and enriching it with organic compost prepared at the farm. Seeds are carefully sown by hand, teaching the children the importance of spacing, seed depth, and soil moisture for healthy germination. Regular watering is carried out gently to protect the young seedlings, while weed control is managed through hand-weeding and the use of simple gardening tools.



These activities provide the children with hands-on exposure to organic farming methods and environmental stewardship. Working closely with the farm staff, they learn patience, teamwork, and the value of sustainable food production.

Amaranthus (*Thandu Keerai*)
Thandu Keerai, a commonly cultivated variety of amaranthus at Pathway Farm, is highly valued for its nutritional benefits. Rich in iron, calcium, vitamins A and C, this leafy vegetable supports immunity, healthy

growth, and overall well-being. Both the tender stems and leaves are used in traditional dishes prepared in the Pathway kitchens. The fast-growing nature of *Thandu Keerai* makes it ideal for teaching children about crop cycles, watering schedules, and plant care. Observing the rapid growth of the greens creates excitement and encourages active participation among the children.

Amaranthus dubius (Arakeerai)

Arakeerai is another nutritious green cultivated at the farm, recognized for its broad green leaves and mild earthy flavor. It is an excellent source of protein, antioxidants, and essential minerals that support the nutritional requirements of growing children.



This crop adapts well to local climatic conditions and provides an opportunity for the children to learn about soil fertility, organic pest control, and healthy farming practices. Through caring for the plants from sowing to harvest, the children develop confidence, practical skills, and a deeper understanding of nature and nutrition.

Nutritional and Social Impact

The greens harvested from Pathway Farm are regularly used in preparing healthy meals for the residents of Sabin Home, promoting the concept of farm-to-plate nutrition. The cultivation program not only improves food sustainability but also creates meaningful therapeutic and educational experiences for the children.



By engaging in farming activities, the children develop independence, responsibility, and a sense of achievement. The initiative also reinforces the importance of healthy eating, environmental conservation, and community participation.

Pulicha Keerai (Gongura)

Pulicha Keerai, commonly known as *Gongura*, is a traditional leafy green widely cultivated and used in South Indian cuisine for its distinctive tangy flavor. Rich in antioxidants, iron, calcium, and essential vitamins, gongura supports digestion, improves metabolism, and contributes to overall health and immunity.

At Pathway Farm, the cultivation of *Pulicha Keerai* provides the children of Sabin Home with valuable exposure to traditional food crops and sustainable farming practices. The children actively

participate in sowing, watering, weeding, and observing the growth of the plants, gaining practical agricultural knowledge through hands-on experience.

The harvested leaves are incorporated into nutritious meals prepared in the Pathway kitchens, adding variety and traditional flavors to the children's diet. Through the cultivation of gongura, the children not only learn about the nutritional importance of native greens but also develop a deeper appreciation for local food heritage, culture, and environmentally conscious farming practices.

As the greens begin to sprout and flourish, the children actively participate in the daily maintenance of the crops by removing weeds, monitoring plant health, and checking for pests. Under the guidance of the farm staff, they practice organic and eco-friendly farming methods, including natural pest management techniques, helping them understand the importance of sustainable agriculture and environmental care.

The leafy greens grow rapidly and are generally ready for harvest within 25–30 days. Harvesting is a joyful and engaging activity for the children, who enthusiastically gather the fresh greens during the early morning hours when the leaves are tender and moisture-rich. This experience creates a strong connection between the children and the food they help cultivate.

Following the harvest, the children assist in cleaning, sorting, bunching, and preparing the greens for use in the Pathway kitchens or for community distribution. These post-harvest activities contribute significantly to the development of fine motor skills, coordination, teamwork, and responsibility. Through each stage of cultivation—from sowing to harvest—the children gain confidence, patience, and pride in their meaningful contributions.

The lush green fields at Pathway Farm not only enrich the environment but also symbolize the abilities, growth, and potential of the children of Sabin Home. Through these agricultural initiatives, Pathway successfully integrates nutrition, sustainable farming, and special education, fostering self-reliance, life skills, and holistic development among the children while promoting a culture of sustainability and inclusion. The cultivation of traditional greens at Pathway Farm stands as a remarkable example of inclusive and sustainable agriculture. Through their active involvement in sowing, nurturing, and harvesting nutritious leafy vegetables, the children of Sabin Home gain valuable life skills, practical agricultural knowledge, and confidence. This initiative continues to enrich their lives while contributing to the health and sustainability of the Pathway community.

JASMINE PLANTATION AT PATHWAY FARM

At Sabin Pathway Farm, the inclusion of jasmine (*Jasminum sambac*) cultivation marks an important step in both horticultural development and vocational training for our special children. Known for its captivating fragrance and cultural value, jasmine is not only a fragrant flower but also a symbol of purity and positivity. This year, our efforts have borne fruit—quite literally—as our





the roots with soil.

jasmine plants have begun to flower, indicating healthy growth and nurturing.

Planting and Initial Preparation

The plantation began with soil preparation involving loosening and aerating the topsoil to ensure proper drainage. Jasmine plants prefer well-drained, loamy soil rich in organic matter. Special children at Sabin Pathway were actively involved in:

- **Soil Mixing:** Mixing compost and natural fertilizers into the soil.
- **Digging Pits:** Helping dig small planting pits with assistance and guidance.
- **Planting the Saplings:** Gently placing the jasmine saplings in the pits and covering

This hands-on activity provided therapeutic physical engagement, and also helped in improving their motor skills and coordination.

Care and Maintenance

Once planted, the jasmine plants required regular care:

- **Watering:** The children were involved in routine watering using small cans, learning consistency and responsibility.
- **Weeding:** Guided sessions helped them identify weeds and remove them manually.
- **Mulching:** Organic mulch was added to retain moisture and suppress weeds.
- **Support and Pruning:** Stakes were placed where necessary, and light





pruning was demonstrated and practiced under supervision. Their active participation instilled a sense of ownership and pride in the garden.

Blooming Stage

Now, as we observe the first flowers blooming, it is a moment of joy and validation for the children and mentors alike. The delicate white flowers have brought color and fragrance to the field, symbolizing the blossoming potential of every

child at Sabin Pathway.

The blooming jasmine is also used for:

- Sensory learning: Children explore textures and smells, enhancing sensory integration.
- Decorative and vocational use: Some flowers are plucked (carefully) for garlands and other simple craft training.

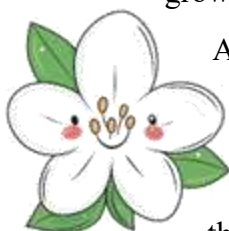


Educational and Vocational Value

This plantation project serves multiple purposes:

- Vocational Training: Teaching horticulture as a skill that can lead to future employment or self-sustenance.
- Environmental Awareness: Children learn the importance of plants in ecology and human life.
- Therapeutic Benefits: Gardening helps in improving mental well-being, reducing anxiety, and increasing attention span.

The flowering jasmine at Sabin Pathway Farm is more than just a plant—it is a living testimony to growth, care, and inclusion. The dedication of the special children and the support of the educators have turned this initiative into a meaningful experience of growth for everyone involved.



As these jasmine plants continue to flourish, so too do the skills, confidence, and joy of the children nurturing them.



LADY'S FINGER GARDEN

Cultivating Nutrition, Responsibility, and Hope at Pathway Agro Farm

At the heart of Pathway Agro Farm lies a flourishing green space that represents far more than agricultural success — it symbolizes inclusion, empowerment, and the remarkable potential of the children of Sabin Home. The Okra (*Lady's Finger*) garden stands as a living example of how farming can become a powerful tool for education, therapy, nutrition, and personal growth.

The journey of the okra garden began with careful land preparation during the warm cultivation season. Under the guidance of caregivers, farm instructors, and staff members,

the Sabin children enthusiastically participated in preparing the soil by loosening the earth, removing stones, and enriching the land with organic compost and natural manure. These activities introduced the children to the importance of healthy soil and sustainable farming practices.

With great excitement and concentration, the children sowed the okra seeds by hand, placing each seed carefully into the fertile red soil of Pathway Farm. They learned about proper spacing, seed depth, irrigation needs, and the importance of sunlight for healthy plant growth. For many of the children, this was not only their first farming experience but also an opportunity to connect directly with nature and witness the miracle of growth firsthand.





Within days, tender green shoots began to emerge from the soil, filling the children with joy and anticipation. As the plants grew taller and stronger, the children took part in the daily care and maintenance of the garden. They watered the plants regularly using watering cans, removed weeds carefully by hand, and observed the plants closely for signs of pests or disease. Organic and eco-friendly pest management techniques, such as neem-based sprays and natural composting methods, were used to maintain plant health while teaching the children about environmentally responsible agriculture.

The cultivation of okra also became an important learning experience in teamwork, patience, discipline, and responsibility. The children worked together in groups, encouraging one another and sharing tasks with enthusiasm. Every stage of growth became a valuable lesson — from understanding how flowers develop into pods to observing how consistent care leads to a healthy harvest.

Nutritional Importance of Okra

Okra is a highly nutritious vegetable that contributes significantly to the health and well-being of growing children. Rich in dietary fiber, vitamins, and essential minerals, it plays an important role in maintaining balanced nutrition at Sabin Home.

Okra is an excellent source of:

- Vitamin C, which strengthens immunity and supports healthy skin.
- Vitamin A, important for vision and overall growth.





- Folate, which supports cell development and brain function.
- Calcium and Magnesium, which help build strong bones and muscles.
- Dietary Fiber, which aids digestion and promotes gut health.
- Antioxidants, which protect the body from harmful toxins and support overall wellness.

The regular inclusion of freshly harvested okra in the meals prepared at Pathway helps provide nutritious, farm-fresh food for the children while promoting healthy eating habits and food awareness.

Harvesting the Fruits of Hard Work

Harvest season brought immense excitement and celebration across the farm. Armed with baskets and filled with enthusiasm, the children carefully harvested the tender green okra pods in the cool morning hours, when the vegetables were fresh and crisp. They learned the importance of harvesting at the correct stage to maintain quality and tenderness. The harvested produce was then cleaned, sorted, and distributed for use in the Pathway kitchens, where it was transformed into nutritious meals for the children and staff. Surplus harvests were also shared with the local community, reinforcing the values of sharing, social responsibility, and community service. The act of harvesting their own crops gave the children a deep sense of accomplishment and pride. Every okra pod represented their dedication, teamwork, and care — a visible outcome of their hard work and perseverance.

The Okra Garden at Pathway Agro Farm is far more than an agricultural initiative. It is a therapeutic and educational platform where children develop confidence, independence, practical skills, and emotional well-being. Through farming, they experience the joy of nurturing life, working together, and contributing meaningfully to their community.

This initiative reflects the mission of Pathway India and the DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST in promoting inclusive development, sustainability, and holistic education for children with special needs. Every seed planted in the garden becomes a seed of hope — nurturing not only healthy crops but also brighter futures and transformed lives.

At Pathway Agro Farm, the story of the okra garden continues to grow with every season, reminding us that with care, opportunity, and inclusion, every child has the ability to flourish.



LONG BEANS (KARAMANI) CULTIVATION

At Pathway Agro Farm, the cultivation of Long Beans (*Karamani*) has become a meaningful initiative that combines sustainable agriculture, nutritional security, and experiential learning for the children of Sabin Home. Rooted in the fertile red soil of the farm, the thriving green vines of long beans stand as a symbol of growth, inclusion, and empowerment. Through active participation in farming activities, the children gain valuable life skills while developing confidence, responsibility, and a strong connection with nature.

Cultivation Process

Long beans, locally known as *Karamani*, are well suited to the warm climatic conditions of the Pathway farmland. The crop thrives in fertile, well-drained loamy soil and is cultivated during the summer and monsoon seasons. The farming process begins with careful land preparation, where the children assist in loosening the soil, removing weeds and stones, and enriching the land with organic compost and farmyard manure.

The seeds are sown in raised beds and mounds to ensure proper drainage and healthy root development. Under the guidance of caregivers and agricultural instructors, the Sabin children actively participate in sowing the seeds with proper spacing techniques. As the seedlings emerge, supporting stakes and trellises are installed to help the climbing vines grow vertically and remain healthy.

The children are involved in every stage of cultivation, including watering, mulching, weeding, and monitoring plant growth. They learn the importance of regular care, teamwork, and patience while observing how the plants gradually develop flowers and tender pods. Organic farming practices are



emphasized throughout the cultivation cycle, including the use of natural compost and eco-friendly pest management methods such as neem-based sprays.

Nutritional Importance of Long Beans

Long beans are highly nutritious and form an important part of a healthy and balanced diet for the children at Sabin Home. Rich in essential nutrients, they contribute significantly to physical growth, immunity, and overall well-being.

Long beans are:

- A rich source of dietary fiber, which supports healthy digestion.
- High in plant-based protein, essential for growth and muscle development.



- Abundant in Vitamins A, C, and B-complex, which help strengthen immunity and maintain healthy skin and vision.
- A valuable source of iron, calcium, magnesium, and potassium, supporting bone health, blood circulation, and energy levels.
- Beneficial in helping regulate blood sugar levels and promoting heart health.

Freshly harvested long beans from the farm are regularly incorporated into meals prepared in the Pathway kitchens, ensuring that the children receive nutritious, farm-fresh vegetables as part of their daily diet.

Educational and Therapeutic Benefits

The cultivation of long beans provides far more than agricultural knowledge. For the children of Sabin Home, farming activities serve as a therapeutic and educational experience that promotes holistic development.

Participation in cultivation activities helps the children:

- Develop fine and gross motor skills through sowing, watering, and harvesting.
- Improve hand-eye coordination and concentration.
- Build self-confidence and independence through meaningful responsibilities.
- Experience sensory engagement and emotional well-being through interaction with nature.
- Learn teamwork, cooperation, and environmental responsibility.

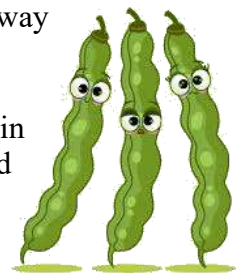
Watching the transformation from tiny seeds to flourishing green vines instills a sense of achievement and pride among the children. The visible outcomes of their efforts motivate them and reinforce the value of patience, care, and perseverance.

Harvesting and Community Impact

Harvesting season is a joyful and rewarding experience at Pathway Farm. The children enthusiastically gather the long bean pods by hand, carefully selecting the tender, mature vegetables ready for use. The harvested produce is cleaned, sorted, and supplied to the Pathway kitchens for nutritious meal preparation.

Excess produce is also shared with nearby communities, promoting the values of sharing, sustainability, and community service. Through this initiative, the children understand the importance of agriculture not only as a means of food production but also as a way of contributing positively to society.

The cultivation of Long Beans (*Karamani*) at Pathway reflects our vision in promoting inclusive development, sustainable agriculture, and life-oriented learning for children with special needs. By actively participating in every stage of cultivation, the children of Sabin Home gain practical agricultural skills, nutritional awareness, confidence, and a deeper appreciation for nature and community living. Every long bean harvested at Pathway represents more than a crop—it symbolizes hope, dignity, learning, and the extraordinary potential of every child when nurtured with care and opportunity.



MANGOES – THE KING OF FRUITS AT PATHWAY AGRO FARM

Among the many treasures cultivated at Pathway Agro Farm, mangoes hold a place of honor as the true “King of Fruits.” Their vibrant colors, irresistible aroma, luscious sweetness, and deep cultural significance make them one of the most cherished fruits of the Indian summer. At Pathway Agro Farm, mango cultivation is





more than an agricultural activity—it is a celebration of biodiversity, traditional farming heritage, and sustainable living. Mangoes are renowned not only for their delicious taste but also for their exceptional nutritional value. Rich in Vitamin C, Vitamin A, dietary fiber, potassium, and antioxidants, mangoes help strengthen immunity, support healthy vision, improve digestion, nourish the skin, and provide natural energy. The fruit also contains beneficial digestive enzymes that support gut health and metabolism. Whether enjoyed fresh from the tree, blended into refreshing juices, prepared as desserts, or incorporated into traditional dishes, mangoes bring joy, nourishment, and vitality to every

meal.

At Pathway Agro Farm, we proudly cultivate nine remarkable varieties of mangoes, each carrying its own unique flavor, fragrance, texture, and cultural story. Together, these trees create a vibrant orchard that reflects the richness of Indian agricultural heritage and the diversity of nature itself.

1. Sendura – The Crimson Jewel of Early Summer

The *Sendura* mango is one of the earliest heralds of the mango season, instantly recognizable by its beautiful reddish-orange blush that resembles the sacred vermilion (*sindoor*), from which it derives its name. Medium-sized and visually striking, this variety captures attention even before its first bite.

Its smooth, fiberless flesh melts gently in the mouth, releasing an intensely sweet and refreshing flavor that delights mango lovers. The aroma is delicate yet inviting, making *Sendura* a



favorite among families awaiting the arrival of summer fruits. Because of its early ripening nature, the appearance of Sendura mangoes at Pathway Farm marks the joyful beginning of the mango harvest season.

Freshly plucked from the tree and enjoyed under the warm summer sun, Sendura offers an unforgettable experience of sweetness, freshness, and nostalgia.

2. Banganapalli – The Golden Pride of South India

Elegant, elongated, and glowing with a rich golden-yellow color, *Banganapalli*—also known as *Benishan*—is one of the most celebrated mango varieties of South India. Its smooth skin, generous size, and firm flesh make it instantly recognizable and highly sought after.

The pulp is thick, silky, and completely non-fibrous, delivering a perfectly balanced sweetness with a gentle tang that lingers pleasantly on the palate. Every slice is rich, juicy, and satisfying. Its naturally attractive appearance and long shelf life make it one of the most commercially valued mangoes in India.

At Pathway Agro Farm, the Banganapalli trees stand tall and majestic, offering abundant harvests that fill the orchard with the fragrance of ripe mangoes during peak summer. Whether eaten fresh, blended into juices, or served chilled, Banganapalli remains a timeless favorite loved across generations.

3. Thotapuri – The Tangy Delight of Traditional Kitchens

Distinctive and instantly recognizable for its unique beak-shaped tip, *Thotapuri* mangoes bring a completely different experience to the mango family.



Unlike sweeter dessert varieties, Thotapuri is celebrated for its pleasantly tangy flavor and refreshing taste.

Its firm, slightly fibrous flesh makes it ideal for preparing pickles, juices, raw mango curries, chutneys, and traditional South Indian recipes. The refreshing sourness awakens the palate and adds character to culinary creations.

At Pathway Agro Farm, Thotapuri trees are especially valued for their versatility and abundant yield. During harvest season, the vibrant green and yellow fruits hanging in clusters create a beautiful sight across the orchard. This variety reflects the deep connection between agriculture and traditional cuisine, preserving flavors passed down through generations.



4. Rumani – The Fragrant Treasure of Summer



Rumani mangoes are treasured for their irresistible fragrance and wonderfully juicy texture. With their greenish-yellow skin and rich aroma, they embody the essence of tropical summer.

The pulp is soft, succulent, and filled with a delightful blend of sweetness and mild tanginess that creates a refreshing burst of flavor. Every bite feels cooling and satisfying, especially during the peak summer heat.

Rumani mangoes are often enjoyed fresh, sliced into salads, or transformed into traditional chutneys and refreshing drinks. Their fragrance alone can fill an entire room, making them a sensory delight even before tasting.

At Pathway Agro Farm, Rumani trees add both beauty and aroma to the orchard, attracting admiration from visitors and farm workers alike.

5. Imam Pasand – The Royal Mango of Elegance and Luxury

Among all mango varieties, *Imam Pasand*—also known as *Himapasand*—holds an almost legendary status. Often called the “Mango of the Nawabs,” this premium variety is admired for its royal taste, luxurious texture, and extraordinary aroma.

The fruit is delicate in appearance with thin skin and an almost butter-like pulp that melts effortlessly in the mouth. Completely fiberless and intensely flavorful, Imam Pasand offers layers of sweetness with subtle floral and citrus notes that make every bite unforgettable.

This is not merely a mango—it is an experience of refinement and indulgence. Mango connoisseurs eagerly await its season, considering it one of the finest mangoes ever cultivated in India.

At Pathway Agro Farm, the Imam Pasand trees are nurtured with special care, reflecting the value and prestige associated with this exceptional fruit.

6. Neelam – The Aromatic Jewel of the Late Season

As the mango season begins to draw to a close, *Neelam* mangoes emerge as one of the final and most treasured harvests. Though smaller in size, Neelam mangoes are celebrated for their intense aroma, vibrant golden-yellow color, and concentrated sweetness.

The flesh is firm, juicy, and richly flavored, with a floral fragrance that makes it instantly recognizable. Its balanced sweetness and excellent shelf life have made it highly popular both in domestic and export markets.

Neelam mangoes are ideal for fresh consumption, desserts, preserves, and juices. At Pathway Agro Farm, the late-season arrival of Neelam ensures that the joy of mangoes continues long after other varieties have disappeared.

7. Chakkarakatti – The Sweet Nostalgia of Rural Heritage

True to its name, which translates to “Sugar Cube” in Tamil, *Chakkarakatti* mangoes are incredibly sweet and deeply nostalgic. Small to medium in size with a compact shape, these mangoes are treasured in rural households for their rich sugary flavor and minimal seed content.

The pulp is dense, intensely sweet, and highly aromatic, making it feel almost dessert-like. For many, the taste of Chakkarakatti brings back childhood memories of summer vacations, village orchards, and traditional family gatherings.

At Pathway Agro Farm, this heirloom variety is carefully preserved as part of the Trust’s commitment to protecting traditional and indigenous fruit varieties. Chakkarakatti represents not only sweetness but also cultural memory and agricultural heritage.

8. Pithari – The Rare Heritage Mango

Pithari is one of the lesser-known yet highly valued traditional mango varieties cultivated at Pathway Agro Farm. Rare and distinctive, this mango is admired for its unusual spicy-sweet flavor profile that offers a uniquely refreshing taste experience.

Its firm flesh and robust flavor make it suitable for both fresh consumption and traditional culinary preparations such as pickles, chutneys, and preserves. Unlike commercial hybrid varieties, Pithari carries the authenticity and rustic charm of heritage farming.

The cultivation of Pithari at Pathway Farm reflects a commitment to preserving biodiversity and honoring traditional agricultural wisdom. Every harvest of this rare mango is a reminder of the importance of safeguarding native fruit varieties for future generations.

9. Malgova – The Giant Delight of Rich Flavor

Large, round, and irresistibly juicy, *Malgova* mangoes are among the most beloved varieties across South India. Their thick skin protects an abundance of rich golden pulp that is buttery, aromatic, and luxuriously sweet.

The flesh is smooth with very little fiber, making it ideal for mango pulp, desserts, milkshakes, smoothies, and traditional sweets. The sheer richness of its flavor makes Malgova a favorite among mango enthusiasts.

At Pathway Agro Farm, Malgova trees stand proudly with their broad canopies and heavy fruit-bearing branches. The sight of these massive mangoes ripening under the summer sun creates an atmosphere of abundance and celebration throughout the orchard.

A Living Orchard of Learning and Sustainability

The mango orchards at Pathway Agro Farm are not only a source of nutrition and income but also a living classroom for the children of Sabin Home. Through their involvement in watering, mulching, observing growth, and participating in harvest activities, the children develop environmental awareness, patience, responsibility, and a connection to nature.

Every mango tree at Pathway tells a story of care, sustainability, and hope. Together, these nine varieties create an orchard that nourishes the body, delights the senses, preserves agricultural heritage, and strengthens the mission of inclusive and meaningful community living.

PADDY CULTIVATION



Paddy cultivation has been an integral part of India's agricultural heritage for centuries, serving as the primary source of food and livelihood for millions of people. At the DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST campus, paddy cultivation extends far beyond the production of rice—it has evolved into a meaningful initiative that combines sustainable farming, therapeutic engagement, vocational learning, and inclusive community participation.

The lush green paddy fields at Pathway Agro Farm stand as living symbols of patience, hard work, and hope. Every season, these fertile fields transform into vibrant landscapes where agriculture becomes a powerful medium for education, empowerment, and holistic development for the children of Sabin Home.

Cultivation of Traditional Paddy Varieties

At Pathway Agro Farm, special care is taken to cultivate paddy varieties that are suitable for local climatic conditions, offer reliable yields, and provide excellent grain quality. Among the commonly cultivated varieties are ADT-37, CO-51, and White Ponni, each chosen for its unique characteristics and agricultural benefits.

ADT-37 is a widely preferred paddy variety known for its adaptability and consistent yield. It matures within a moderate duration and produces healthy grains with good cooking quality. This variety is appreciated for its resilience and ability to perform well under varying field conditions, making it highly suitable for sustainable cultivation practices at the farm.

CO-51 is a high-yielding paddy variety recognized for its shorter cultivation duration and strong grain production. The crop grows vigorously with uniform tillering and excellent grain filling, allowing for efficient harvesting and improved productivity. Its robust growth and adaptability make it an important part of the Trust's agricultural program.

White Ponni

White Ponni is one of the most cherished traditional rice varieties in South India, admired for its slender grains, soft texture, and nutritional value. Known for its pleasant aroma and excellent cooking quality, White Ponni rice is widely preferred for daily consumption. Cultivating this heritage variety reflects the Trust's commitment to preserving traditional agricultural practices while promoting healthy and nutritious food choices. Together, these paddy varieties contribute not only to food sustainability at the Trust but also to preserving agricultural diversity and local farming traditions.

Land Preparation – Preparing the Foundation for Growth

The cultivation cycle begins with meticulous land preparation. The fields are first deeply ploughed to loosen the soil, improve aeration, and remove weeds and stubble from previous crops. The land is then levelled carefully to ensure even distribution of water throughout the field. Organic manure, farmyard compost, and natural soil enhancers are incorporated into the soil to improve fertility and microbial activity. This organic

approach strengthens the health of the soil while reducing dependence on synthetic fertilizers, reflecting the Trust's commitment to eco-friendly and sustainable farming practices.

The sight of freshly prepared paddy fields, glistening under the sun and ready for sowing, marks the beginning of another promising agricultural season at Pathway Agro Farm.

Seed Selection and Nursery Preparation -- Healthy crop production begins with the careful selection of high-quality seeds. The seeds of ADT-37, CO-51, and White Ponni are selected based on their germination potential, disease resistance, and suitability for local growing conditions.

Before sowing, the seeds are soaked in water and pre-germinated to encourage uniform sprouting. Nursery beds are then prepared separately, where the germinated seeds are sown densely and nurtured carefully for approximately 20–25 days.





During this stage, the nursery fields become vibrant carpets of tender green seedlings. The children of Sabin Home actively participate in watering the nursery beds and observing the early stages of plant growth, gaining firsthand knowledge about the life cycle of crops and the importance of nurturing living systems.

Transplantation – A Tradition of Care and Teamwork

Once the seedlings reach sufficient maturity, the transplantation process begins. The prepared paddy fields are flooded with water to create ideal growing conditions, and the young seedlings are carefully uprooted from the nursery beds.

Manual transplantation is carried out with proper spacing to ensure healthy tillering and maximum yield. This stage is highly labor-intensive and requires patience, coordination, and skill. Farm staff, caregivers, and Sabin children work together in the cool early morning hours, creating a remarkable atmosphere of cooperation and shared responsibility.

For the children, stepping into the water-filled fields and planting seedlings row by row becomes both a joyful and therapeutic experience. The activity strengthens their physical coordination while building confidence and a sense of belonging.

Irrigation and Water Management

Water management is one of the most important aspects of paddy cultivation. Since rice is a water-intensive crop, the fields are

maintained under controlled flooding conditions for most of the growing season. The standing water helps suppress weed growth, supports root development, and creates the ideal environment for healthy plant growth.

At Pathway Agro Farm, careful irrigation practices are followed to ensure efficient water use. In certain areas, alternate wetting and drying (AWD) methods are practiced to conserve water while maintaining productivity. This approach reflects the Trust's growing emphasis on sustainable resource management and climate-conscious farming.

The shimmering paddy fields filled with water create a serene and beautiful landscape across the farm, symbolizing abundance and life.

Weeding, Soil Care, and Organic Nutrition

As the crop grows, regular maintenance activities are carried out to ensure healthy plant development. Weeding is performed manually and with simple tools to prevent competition for nutrients and sunlight.

The Trust strongly promotes organic and environmentally friendly farming practices. Natural compost, vermicompost, and organic nutrient solutions are used to nourish the crop and improve soil structure. These methods not only enhance crop quality but also protect the long-term health of the land.

The Sabin children actively assist in these activities, learning valuable lessons about soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, and environmental stewardship.

Pest and Disease Management

Pest and disease management at Pathway Agro Farm is carried out with a focus on safety, sustainability, and minimal chemical intervention. Regular field observation helps identify any signs of pest activity or disease at an early stage.

Traditional and eco-friendly methods, including manual removal of affected plants and safe natural remedies, are preferred whenever possible. In situations where intervention becomes necessary, carefully monitored treatments are applied under the guidance of agricultural experts and local officers.

The Trust continues to explore advanced sustainable farming methods aimed at reducing chemical dependency while ensuring healthy crop yields and environmental protection.

Harvesting – A Celebration of Hard Work and Hope--After approximately 100–120 days of careful cultivation, the paddy fields transform into breathtaking expanses of golden-yellow grain swaying gently in the wind. The sight of the mature crop signals the arrival of harvest season—one of the most joyful and rewarding times at Pathway Agro Farm.

Harvesting is carried out manually using traditional sickles, preserving the authenticity of the farming process while allowing greater participation from the children and staff. The harvested paddy is bundled, dried under sunlight, threshed, winnowed, and stored carefully for future consumption.



For the Sabin children, harvesting is an emotional and fulfilling experience. Seeing the rice grains produced through their own effort creates immense pride and satisfaction, especially when the harvested rice becomes part of the meals served within the campus.

Contribution of Sabin Children – Farming with Purpose and Inclusion

One of the most inspiring aspects of paddy cultivation at the Trust is the active participation of the children from Sabin Home. Many of these children are differently-abled or come from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Through agriculture, they are given opportunities to learn, grow, and contribute meaningfully to their environment.

The children participate in:

- Nursery preparation and seed sowing
- Watering and field maintenance
- Weeding and organic compost application
- Harvesting, drying, and winnowing
- Learning about sustainability and environmental care

These activities provide therapeutic, educational, and vocational benefits that support their overall development.

Therapeutic and Educational Impact

Participation in paddy cultivation offers profound developmental benefits for the children:





- Improves motor skills, coordination, and concentration
- Encourages teamwork and communication
- Builds patience, responsibility, and self-confidence
- Provides sensory engagement through interaction with soil, water, and plants
- Creates emotional satisfaction through visible achievements

Most importantly, the children experience the dignity of meaningful work and the joy of contributing directly to food production. A Model of Inclusive and Sustainable Agriculture

The integration of Sabin children into every

stage of cultivation reflects the Trust’s belief that every individual, regardless of ability, deserves opportunities to learn, participate, and thrive with dignity.

The paddy fields of Pathway Agro Farm are much more than agricultural landscapes—they are fields of learning, healing, inclusion, and hope. Through the cultivation of traditional paddy varieties such as ADT-37, CO-51, and White Ponni, the Trust not only contributes to food sustainability but also



nurtures life skills, confidence, and independence among the children of Sabin Home.

Every grain harvested from these fields carries a deeper meaning. It represents perseverance, teamwork, compassion, and the extraordinary potential that flourishes when nature, community, and inclusion come together in harmony.

At Pathway Agro Farm, paddy cultivation is not simply about growing rice—it is about growing lives, dreams, and a future filled with dignity and purpose.

THE SWEET STORY OF SAPODILLA (CHIKKU)



Nestled amidst the vibrant greenery of Pathway Agro Farm stands one of the farm’s most cherished treasures—the Sapodilla tree, lovingly known across South India as *Chikku*. Though modest in appearance with its earthy brown skin and dusty texture, the chikku fruit holds within it a delightful sweetness that has captivated generations. Soft, grainy, and naturally rich like brown sugar blended with honey, chikku is a fruit that brings comfort, nourishment, and nostalgia with every bite.

At Pathway Agro Farm, the chikku orchard is more than a fruit-bearing plantation—it is a living symbol of resilience, sustainability, inclusion, and shared happiness. The evergreen

chikku trees thrive beautifully in the warm climate and fertile red soil of the farm, producing abundant harvests season after season. Their deep green foliage and gently swaying branches create a peaceful landscape where nature and human effort come together harmoniously.

This year’s chikku harvest became one of the most memorable experiences for the children of Sabin Home. The harvesting season transformed the orchard into a place filled with laughter, excitement, and meaningful participation as the children actively engaged in every stage of the process.

Cultivating Responsibility Through Nature

The journey of chikku cultivation begins long before the fruits appear. Throughout the year, the



trees are nurtured with care through organic farming practices, regular watering, mulching, and soil enrichment using natural compost. The Sabin children, under the guidance of caregivers and farm staff, participate in maintaining the orchard by helping remove weeds, watering young plants, and observing the growth stages of the trees.

As the fruits gradually mature, changing from hard green globes into soft brown delicacies ready for harvest, the children eagerly monitor the orchard each day. Identifying a perfectly ripe chikku requires patience, observation, and gentle handling—skills the children learned with remarkable enthusiasm and care.



With baskets in hand and smiles lighting up their faces, the children carefully harvested the ripe fruits



from the trees. Each chikku was plucked thoughtfully to avoid damage, teaching the importance of patience, precision, and respect for nature. The orchard became alive with excitement as the children proudly filled basket after basket with freshly harvested fruits.

For many of the Sabin children, especially those with special needs, this hands-on farming experience became deeply therapeutic and empowering. It provided opportunities for sensory engagement, physical activity, teamwork, communication, and emotional growth. More importantly, it allowed them to experience the pride of contributing meaningfully to the community.

A Fruit Rich in Nutrition and Natural Goodness

Beyond its irresistible sweetness, chikku is a highly nutritious fruit packed with natural energy and essential nutrients. It serves as an excellent source of nourishment for both children and adults, making it an important addition to the healthy diet provided at Pathway.



Sapodilla is rich in:

- Natural sugars, providing instant energy and stamina.
- Dietary fiber, which supports healthy digestion and gut function.
- Iron, helping improve blood health and prevent fatigue.
- Calcium and phosphorus, which strengthen bones and teeth.
- Potassium and magnesium, supporting heart health and muscle function.
- Vitamin C and antioxidants, which strengthen immunity and protect the body from harmful toxins.

The soft texture and naturally sweet flavor make chikku especially enjoyable for children. At Pathway, the harvested fruits are consumed fresh and also prepared into nutritious milkshakes, smoothies, desserts, and traditional delicacies that delight residents and staff alike.

The inclusion of chikku in daily nutrition reinforces Pathway's commitment to promoting healthy eating habits through fresh, farm-grown produce cultivated sustainably within the community itself.

Harvesting Joy and Sharing with the Community

Once harvested, the chikku fruits were carefully sorted, cleaned, and packed with the help of the children. These post-harvest activities provided additional opportunities for developing fine motor skills, coordination, and teamwork.

The joy of the harvest extended far beyond the boundaries of the farm. Fresh chikku fruits were lovingly distributed among Pathway staff members and shared with nearby communities, spreading happiness and strengthening social bonds. This simple yet meaningful act reflected the core values of the DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST—compassion, inclusion, dignity, and community welfare.

For the recipients, receiving fresh farm-grown chikku was not merely about enjoying a delicious fruit; it represented the love, effort, and participation of the Sabin children who had nurtured and harvested it with care.

More Than a Harvest — A Mission in Action

The chikku harvest at Pathway Agro Farm is far more than an agricultural activity. It is a powerful example of how farming can become a pathway to empowerment, education, therapy, and social inclusion. Every fruit harvested represents teamwork, patience, confidence, and growth.

For the Sabin children, the orchard becomes a classroom without walls—one where they learn life skills, responsibility, environmental awareness, and the satisfaction of meaningful work. For the community, it serves as a reminder that inclusion creates beauty, productivity, and shared joy.

As the chikku trees continue to flourish season after season, they stand as silent witnesses to the transformative work happening at Pathway Agro Farm—where every harvest nourishes not only the body, but also the spirit of hope, dignity, and belonging. At Pathway, every chikku fruit carries a story—sweetened by nature, nurtured with love, and harvested with purpose.

FROM INGREDIENTS TO ACHIEVEMENT: BAKING SKILLS TRAINING INTRODUCTION



At Sabin Home – Pathway India, vocational training forms an important part of the rehabilitation and empowerment process for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Among the various skill-development programmes conducted regularly, baking has emerged as a highly engaging and meaningful

vocational activity.

Baking
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teaches practical livelihood skills but also serves as a therapeutic and confidence-building exercise for the children. Through structured guidance and hands-on participation, the children are introduced to a productive environment where they learn discipline, teamwork, responsibility, and independent working habits.



The baking programme creates opportunities for the children to explore their abilities in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere. It helps them gain practical exposure to food preparation techniques while also developing essential life skills that can support their future independence and employability.

Objectives of the Baking Programme

The primary objective of the baking activity is to provide vocational exposure and practical training that can enhance the children’s ability to perform structured tasks independently. The programme aims to:

- Develop functional and livelihood-oriented skills
- Improve concentration, coordination, and patience
- Encourage teamwork and social interaction
- Teach hygiene and workplace discipline
- Build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Promote independent living skills and work participation

The activity is carefully planned to ensure that every child actively participates according to their abilities and comfort level.

Conduct of the Activity

During the baking sessions, the children enthusiastically participate in different stages of bakery preparation under the supervision of trained instructors and staff members. The process begins with the preparation and measurement of ingredients, where the children learn the importance of accuracy and sequencing. They are guided in mixing flour, sugar, butter, and other ingredients, kneading dough, shaping bakery items, and arranging them neatly on baking trays. The children are also introduced to the safe handling of baking equipment and utensils under close supervision. To maintain proper hygiene standards, all participants wear aprons, gloves, and head caps while working in the bakery unit. Staff members continuously guide the children in following cleanliness practices, proper hand washing, and maintaining an organized workspace.

The atmosphere during the baking sessions is filled with excitement, cooperation, and curiosity. The children eagerly observe the transformation of ingredients into finished products and take great pride in their contributions.

Bakery Products Prepared

As part of the vocational bakery training, the children learned to prepare a variety of delicious bakery items, including:





- Plain Cake
- Banana Cake
- Bun
- Cookies
- Cream Cake

Each product preparation provides a unique learning experience and allows the children to develop practical culinary skills through repeated practice and guided instruction.

Skills Developed Through Baking

The baking activity plays a significant role in enhancing several developmental and vocational skills among the children. These include:

- Fine motor and hand coordination skills
- Understanding of measurements

and sequencing

- Concentration and task completion abilities
- Teamwork and communication skills
- Hygiene awareness and workplace discipline
- Creativity and problem-solving abilities
- Confidence and sense of responsibility
- Basic employability and vocational skills

The structured nature of baking helps the children follow instructions carefully while encouraging them to work independently and cooperatively.

Therapeutic and Educational Benefits

Apart from vocational learning, baking also functions as a therapeutic activity. The sensory experiences involved in touching, mixing, shaping, and decorating ingredients help improve sensory integration and emotional regulation. The activity encourages the children to remain calm, attentive, and focused for longer periods of time.

Baking also supports cognitive development by improving memory, sequencing, and understanding of step-by-step processes. The joy of creating edible products independently gives the children emotional satisfaction and strengthens their self-confidence.

The baking sessions proved to be highly enriching and rewarding for the children. They participated with remarkable enthusiasm, sincerity, and dedication throughout the activity. The children were able to understand and follow the different stages involved in baking, and they took immense pride in preparing the finished bakery products. The activity significantly enhanced their confidence, social interaction, and ability to work independently in a structured environment. Their joyful participation and sense of accomplishment reflected the positive impact of experiential vocational learning.

Baking serves as a powerful vocational and therapeutic activity that contributes significantly to the holistic development of the children at Sabin Home – Pathway India. Through such practical training programmes, the children are empowered with valuable life skills, vocational exposure, and greater self-confidence. These initiatives not only prepare them for future livelihood opportunities but also promote dignity, inclusion, independence, and meaningful participation in society. Sabin Home remains committed to nurturing the abilities and potential of every child through purposeful and empowering vocational education.

TRADITIONAL CRAFT-BASED VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME



Vocational training programmes at Sabin Home – Pathway India are designed to equip children with intellectual and developmental disabilities with practical skills that can enhance their independence and future livelihood opportunities. Coconut broom stick making is one such simple yet highly effective vocational activity that enables the children to engage in

productive work while improving their concentration, coordination, and work habits.

This activity provides hands-on exposure to traditional craft-based vocational training using natural materials. It also encourages dignity of labour and helps the children understand the value of meaningful work through active participation.

Objectives of the Activity

The main objective of the coconut broom stick making activity is to train the children in practical and income-generating skills that can contribute to their functional independence. The programme also aims to:

- Improve fine motor and hand coordination skills
- Develop concentration and patience
- Encourage teamwork and cooperation
- Introduce vocational work habits and discipline
- Enhance self-confidence and self-reliance
- Promote productive engagement and responsibility





The activity is conducted in a structured and supportive environment where every child is encouraged to participate according to their abilities.

Conduct of the Activity

During the vocational training session, the children actively participated in the preparation of coconut broom sticks using dried coconut leaf sticks. Under the careful guidance of vocational instructors and staff members, the children learned how to separate, clean, trim, and arrange the coconut sticks systematically.

The children were also introduced to the use of a broom stick cutting and processing machine, which helped make the

activity more efficient and educational. Under safe supervision, the children observed and participated in the processing stages, gaining practical exposure to basic machinery handling and vocational procedures.

The activity encouraged the children to work together as a team while carefully completing each stage of the broom-making process. They displayed enthusiasm, curiosity, and willingness to learn throughout the session.

Skills Developed Through the Activity

The coconut broom stick making activity helped the children develop several important vocational and developmental skills, including:

- Fine motor and hand coordination skills
- Concentration and task completion abilities



- Patience and discipline
- Teamwork and social interaction
- Understanding of vocational processes
- Confidence and self-reliance
- Basic employability and livelihood skills

The repetitive and organized nature of the activity also strengthened the children's ability to follow instructions carefully and remain engaged in purposeful work.

Therapeutic and Educational Benefits

This vocational activity also serves as a therapeutic exercise by improving sensory coordination, attention span, and emotional stability. The repetitive hand movements involved in sorting and bundling the broom sticks help improve motor control and focus. The structured work environment teaches the children discipline, consistency, and responsibility. It also provides emotional satisfaction, as the children are able to see the results of their efforts in Outcome

The children participated in the broom stick making activity with great interest, enthusiasm, and commitment. They were able to understand the various stages involved in the preparation process and actively contributed to the work with confidence and responsibility. The activity strengthened their concentration, coordination, and teamwork skills while creating a strong sense of achievement and self-worth. Their active involvement demonstrated their growing vocational abilities and willingness to participate in productive work.

Coconut broom stick making is a meaningful vocational activity that promotes functional skill development, independence, and dignity of labour among the children at Sabin Home – Pathway India. Such vocational programmes play a vital role in rehabilitation by equipping the children with practical livelihood skills and encouraging them to become more confident, responsible, and self-reliant individuals. Through continuous vocational training and encouragement, Sabin Home strives to create opportunities for empowerment, inclusion, and a more secure future for children with special needs.

ARTISTIC EMPOWERMENT THROUGH COCONUT SHELL CRAFTING

Creative vocational activities play a vital role in the holistic development of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. At Sabin Home – Pathway India, coconut shell craft is conducted as an eco-friendly and skill-based vocational programme that encourages creativity, artistic expression, and environmental awareness among the children.

The activity introduces the children to the concept of recycling and sustainable living by transforming discarded coconut shells into useful and decorative craft items. Through this process, the children learn the importance of creativity, patience, and productive engagement.

Objectives of the Activity

The coconut shell craft activity aims to:

- Develop creativity and artistic skills
- Improve fine motor and hand coordination skills
- Encourage concentration and patience
- Promote environmental awareness and recycling habits



- Build confidence and independent working skills
- Introduce vocational and craft-based livelihood opportunities

The activity also helps the children express themselves creatively while engaging in meaningful work.

Conduct of the Activity

During the vocational training session, the children actively participated in making decorative plant holders and craft items using coconut shells. The shells were cleaned, polished, and prepared carefully under the guidance of vocational trainers and staff members.

The children learned how to decorate the coconut shells creatively using colours, designs, and ornamental arrangements. Small decorative plants were placed inside the crafted coconut shell containers, transforming waste materials into attractive and eco-friendly decorative products.

The children displayed great excitement and enthusiasm while selecting designs, arranging materials, and completing the craftwork. Staff members provided step-by-step guidance and encouragement throughout the activity to ensure successful participation by every child.

Skills Developed Through the Activity

Through coconut shell craft training, the children developed several important skills, including:





- Creativity and artistic expression
 - Fine motor and hand coordination skills
 - Concentration and patience
 - Problem-solving and imagination
 - Environmental awareness and recycling habits
 - Confidence and sense of accomplishment
 - Basic vocational and livelihood skills
- The activity also strengthened the children’s ability to remain focused and complete structured tasks independently.

Therapeutic and Educational Benefits

Coconut shell craft activities provide significant therapeutic benefits by improving sensory stimulation, emotional expression, and attention span. The process of decorating and assembling craft items encourages calmness, relaxation, and positive engagement.

The activity also helps improve hand-eye coordination and promotes emotional satisfaction, as the children experience joy and pride in creating beautiful products with their own hands.

Outcome

The coconut shell craft session was highly engaging and inspiring for the children. They successfully transformed natural and recycled materials into attractive decorative products through creativity, patience, and teamwork. The children expressed immense happiness and pride while showcasing their completed craft items, which reflected their artistic talent and growing confidence. The activity



not only enhanced their creative abilities but also encouraged environmental awareness, independent thinking, and meaningful participation in vocational learning.

Coconut shell craft is an innovative vocational activity that effectively combines creativity, sustainability, and skill development for the children at Sabin Home – Pathway India. Such eco-friendly vocational programmes help the children discover their hidden talents, strengthen their confidence, and develop valuable vocational competencies. By encouraging creativity and productive engagement, Sabin Home continues to empower the children towards greater independence, self-expression, and improved quality of life.

SKILL-ORIENTED VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN PHENOL PREPARATION



At Sabin Home – Pathway India, vocational training programmes are conducted regularly to help children with intellectual and developmental disabilities acquire practical skills that support independent living and future employability. Phenol making is one such vocational activity that provides hands-on training in the preparation of cleaning products while teaching responsibility, discipline, and work participation.

This activity introduces the children to small-scale production practices and

encourages them to participate in meaningful and productive work under guided supervision.

Objectives of the Activity

The phenol making activity aims to:

- Develop practical vocational and livelihood skills
- Improve concentration and task completion abilities
- Enhance hand coordination and sequencing skills
- Promote teamwork and cooperation
- Encourage hygiene awareness and cleanliness
- Build confidence and independent working habits

The programme helps the children understand the importance of structured work and productive engagement.





The phenol making activity helped the children develop several important skills, including:

- Hand coordination and motor skills
- Concentration and sequencing abilities
- Understanding of measurements and mixing procedures



Conduct of the Activity

During the vocational training session, the children actively participated in preparing phenol under the supervision of trained staff and instructors. They learned how to mix ingredients in the correct proportions, stir the solution carefully, and fill the prepared phenol into bottles and containers for storage and use.

The activity was conducted with strict attention to safety precautions and hygiene practices. The children were guided carefully at every stage to ensure safe handling of materials and equipment. They participated enthusiastically and showed keen interest in understanding the preparation process.

The session also emphasized the importance of cleanliness, systematic work habits, and careful observation while preparing useful household cleaning products.

Skills Developed Through the Activity

- Teamwork and cooperation
- Hygiene awareness and cleanliness practices
- Confidence and self-reliance
- Basic vocational and employability skills

The structured and repetitive process also strengthened their ability to follow instructions carefully and complete assigned tasks independently.

Therapeutic and Educational Benefits
Phenol making activities provide both therapeutic and educational benefits.

The guided and repetitive nature of the activity improves attention span, sensory coordination, and focus. It also teaches the children discipline, patience, and responsibility through practical engagement.

The activity encourages structured learning and helps the children experience the satisfaction of producing useful items through their own efforts.

The phenol making activity was conducted successfully with active and enthusiastic participation from the children.

They learned the importance of following instructions carefully, maintaining cleanliness, and working systematically while preparing useful cleaning products. The activity helped improve their concentration, coordination, and vocational understanding, while also fostering confidence and a sense of responsibility. The children experienced great satisfaction and pride in contributing meaningfully to the preparation process.



Phenol making is a practical and valuable vocational activity that enhances functional abilities, work habits, and independent living skills among the children at Sabin Home – Pathway India. Such skill-oriented programmes play an important role in the rehabilitation and empowerment of children with special needs by preparing them for productive participation in daily life and future livelihood opportunities. Sabin Home continues to encourage vocational learning as a pathway towards confidence, dignity, and self-sufficiency.

TRANSFORMING PAPER INTO ART- QUILLING

Creative and artistic vocational programmes form an important part of the rehabilitation and skill-development initiatives at Sabin Home – Pathway India. Among these activities, quilling has become a highly engaging and therapeutic vocational activity for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Quilling is an art form that involves rolling, shaping, and arranging colourful paper strips into decorative designs and creative artworks. This activity provides the children with opportunities to express their creativity while improving concentration, patience, and fine motor skills in a joyful and supportive environment.



Objectives of the Activity

The primary objectives of the quilling activity are to:



- Develop creativity and artistic expression
- Improve hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills
- Enhance concentration, patience, and task completion abilities
- Encourage imagination and self-expression
- Build confidence and independent working habits
- Promote vocational and craft-based skill development

The activity helps the children experience the joy of creating attractive artworks through structured and guided learning.

Conduct of the Activity

During the vocational training sessions, the children actively participated in learning various quilling techniques under the guidance of vocational instructors and staff members. The children were taught how to roll colourful paper strips, shape them into different forms, and arrange them creatively to produce decorative designs.

Using patience and creativity, the children created beautiful artworks such as flowers, birds, fish, greeting designs, and decorative patterns. Staff members provided step-by-step assistance and encouragement throughout the activity, helping the children complete their artwork successfully.

The children showed great enthusiasm while selecting colours, shaping the paper strips, and arranging the designs creatively. The activity created a cheerful and positive learning environment where every child could



participate comfortably.

Skills Developed Through the Activity

The quilling activity helped the children develop several valuable skills, including:

- Fine motor and finger movement skills
- Hand-eye coordination
- Creativity and imagination
- Concentration and patience
- Confidence and self-expression
- Task completion abilities
- Teamwork and social interaction
- Artistic and vocational skills



The activity also improved the children's ability to focus on details and complete structured creative tasks independently.

Therapeutic and Educational Benefits

Quilling provides important therapeutic benefits by helping the children improve sensory coordination, attention span, and emotional expression. The repetitive rolling and shaping movements promote relaxation and calmness while reducing stress and anxiety. The activity encourages structured learning and helps the children develop patience, discipline, and confidence through creative engagement. It also gives them emotional satisfaction and pride in their artistic accomplishments.

The quilling activity brought immense joy, creativity, and enthusiasm to the children, who actively participated in designing colourful and attractive artworks. Their completed creations reflected patience, imagination, and growing artistic skills. The activity greatly enhanced their concentration, fine motor coordination, and confidence while providing emotional satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. The children proudly displayed their artwork, demonstrating increased self-expression and interest in creative vocational learning.

Quilling is a highly beneficial vocational and therapeutic activity that nurtures creativity, concentration, and emotional well-being among the children at Sabin Home – Pathway India. Through such artistic vocational programmes, the children are encouraged to express themselves confidently while developing valuable life and vocational skills. These meaningful activities contribute significantly to their holistic development, empowerment, and social inclusion, enabling them to lead more confident, productive, and fulfilling lives.





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

🏆 Global Mark Events presents National Royal Women Award 2026 to Hon. Dr. Chandra Prasad in the category- Health, Education and Social Work for her outstanding dedication, unwavering commitment and exceptional contributions towards women empowerment in 2026

🏆 We are delighted to share that Dr. Chandra Prasad, Co-Founder and Director of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the prestigious World Achievers Awards 2026, held on 21st February 2026 at Hyatt Centric, Janakpuri, New Delhi. This prestigious recognition celebrates her visionary leadership, lifelong commitment, and remarkable contributions towards transforming lives through education, rehabilitation, healthcare, and social inclusion.


🏆 Nari Shakti Samman Award – Sahitya Seva Awards Council
She has been honoured with the Nari Shakti Samman Award for her dedication, commitment, and impactful work over the years. This recognition also includes the Lifetime Membership of the Sahitya Seva Awards Council, acknowledging her continued service to social upliftment and literary contribution.


🏆 Honor and Membership – World Culture and Environment Protection Commission (WCEPC)
Dr. Chandra Prasad has also been awarded by the World Culture and Environment Protection Commission, recognising her meaningful contributions to cultural development and environmental welfare. Along with the award, she has been granted the esteemed International Women Icon Award 2025–26 and Lifetime Membership in the Commission.

🏆 We are elated to share that Hon. Dr. Chandra Prasad, Founder and Director of Pathway India, has been conferred with the Ashoka National Lifetime Achievement Award 2025 presented by Blue Star Event in recognition of her extraordinary contributions in the fields of Health, Education, and Social Work. This prestigious honour celebrates her lifelong dedication, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to transforming lives and empowering individuals with disabilities.

An Honour of Distinction


Pathway India is proud to share that Dr. Chandra Prasad, Co-Founder and Director of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust (Pathway India), has been conferred with the “Inspirational Leader in Education” award at the Early Years Educators Summit & Awards 2025, held on 11th October 2025 at the Hilton, Chennai. This prestigious recognition, presented by Global EDu Crew, honours Dr. Chandra Prasad’s exceptional vision, leadership, and transformative impact in the field of early childhood education. Her tireless dedication continues to inspire excellence and innovation, shaping the foundation for countless young learners.


 The prestigious Mahatma Award Ceremony was held on October 1, 2025, at the India International Centre, New Delhi, celebrating outstanding contributions toward building a more just, inclusive, and compassionate society. The event was graced by Dr. Kiran Bedi, First Indian Woman IPS Officer and 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, as the Chief Guest, along with Mr. A. Annamalai, Director/Secretary, National Gandhi Museum, and Mr. Santosh Kumar Jha, CMD, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., as the Guests of Honour. Instituted by philanthropist Mr. Amit Sachdeva and supported by the Aditya Birla Group, the Mahatma Award recognizes exemplary organizations and leaders who embody the timeless Gandhian values of truth, non-violence, equality, and social justice.


 We are delighted to share that Dr. Chandra Prasad, Chief Functionary, General Secretary & Co-founder of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust (Pathway India), has been honoured as one of the Top 10 Women Changemakers in Social Impact at the Global Women Inspiration Awards & Conclave 2025, held on September 28th, 2025, at Hyatt Centric, Hebbal, Bangalore. This prestigious recognition by SheInspire Magazine celebrates strong, powerful, and independent women who are shaping the future of India through their vision, leadership, and service. Dr Chandra Prasad’s tireless efforts and lifelong commitment to empowering persons with intellectual disabilities and underprivileged communities continue to inspire and create transformative social change.

A Moment of Pride and Honour!

We are delighted to share that Dr. Chandra Prasad, Co-Founder and Director of Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Icon Awards 2025, held on 27th September 2025 at Hotel Lemon Tree, Gurugram. This prestigious recognition celebrates her visionary leadership, lifelong commitment, and remarkable contributions towards transforming lives through education, rehabilitation, healthcare, and social inclusion.

 Dr Chandra Prasad-Co-Founder of Dr Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust has been selected as a distinguished Awardee for LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE SUMMIT 2025 a prestigious platform that celebrates visionary leaders and changemakers across industries organised by the United Nations Observer Organisation, World Association of Small & Medium Enterprises (WASME), on 22nd September, New Delhi

 Dr. Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust has been recognized among the Top 5 Best NGOs of the Year 2025 at the Global CSR & ESG Awards, held at the Hyatt Centric, New Delhi BY Brand Honchos.

 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. We bring together corporates, individuals, entrepreneurs, businessmen, activists, professionals, educationists, and various fields on a common platform and honour them for their extraordinary work & achievements with FTIEA International Awards through various categories in the presence of World's Top Dignitaries, Celebrities & International Media's. The Jury board of the FTIEA - Fame Times International Excellence Awards - presented Dr CHANDRA PRASAD of DR DATHU RAO MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST with the " LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD " at Concord Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 27th of October 2023.

Brand 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 Aiyah, 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 1Million Entrepreneurs International Forum (non gov, not for profit org) in association with VyaaparJagat.com organized by FEMPRENEUR 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.

🏆 They are also committed to give the honorary contribution to the genuine NGOs that are doing real work for the society. 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 unparallel service to Differently Abled during pandemic period of COVID 19

INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL -ACCREDITED BY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL, USA has conferred the GLOBAL BEST SOCIAL WORKER AWARD to

DR CHANDRA PRASAD in recognition of her outstanding excellence, superior performance and accomplishments in the field of Social Work for the year 2020 and appointed her as SENATOR for INTERNATIONAL UNICEF COUNCIL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 🏆 "The Noble Soul Award" - Award of Excellence in the field of Social Responsibility & for Valuable Support presented by Sathyabama University on 7th December 2013
- 🏆 Pathway Centre for Rehabilitation & Education of Mentally Retarded was awarded "

🏆 –The Best Institution for the Disabled for the year 2009-2010 by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of TamilNadu, - Mr. M. Karunanidhi
- 🏆 “MCDS-Award for a couple rendering exceptional services to the disabled” awarded to -
–Mrs Chandra Prasad and A D S N Prasad, 2007. Award consisted of cash award, plaque and a citation handed over by Hon’ble Shri Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu, in the presence of many distinguished persons including Mr. Devarajan, Managing Trustee of MCDS.
- 🏆 Award for “Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled”
–Council of Parent's Association of the Mentally Retarded, Chennai, 2002
- 🏆 “Vocation Excellence” award to A.D.S.N. Prasad for his services to the disabled
–Rotary Club International, 1999
- 🏆 1998 award for “Most Outstanding Institution in India Serving the Disabled” and “Most Outstanding Employer of the Disabled in India”
–Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, (awarded in 1999)
- 🏆 “Best Institution Serving the Disabled”
– Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Ms. J. Jayalithaa, 1995
- 🏆 “Best Employer of the Disabled”
– Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995
- 🏆 “Best Employees” awarded to two Pathway employees -
– Hon’ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1995
- 🏆 “Exceptional Contribution for Services to People” –Government of Karnataka, 1995
“Services Rendered to the Mentally Disabled in India” –Japanese SIVUS Council, 1993

