



SWABODHINI

**SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL CENTRE FOR
SPECIAL CHILDREN**

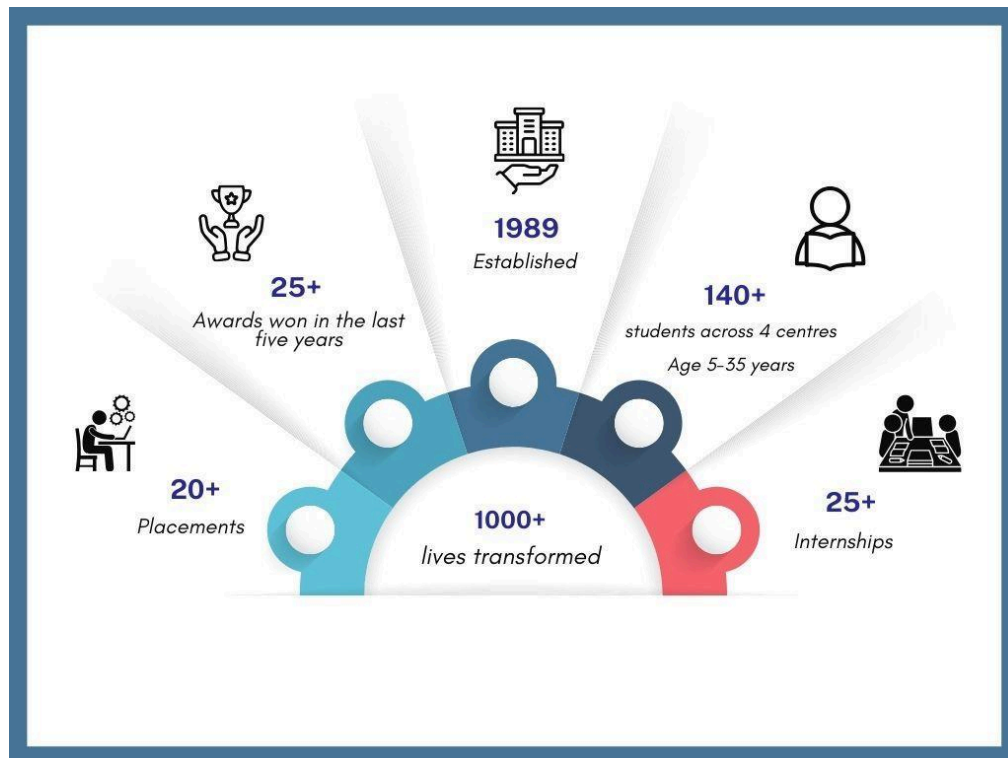
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ABOUT SWABODHINI

Swabodhini Charitable Trust was founded in 1989 by Mrs. Radha Ganesan with a vision to support children with Autism, Intellectual Disabilities (ID), and other neurodevelopmental challenges. Starting with just two students, Swabodhini has grown into a well-respected organization, currently serving over 140 students across four centres in Chennai: Thiruvanmiyur, Velachery, Tondiarpet, and Selaiyur.



Students under 18 receive training in Activities of Daily Living (ADL), functional academics, speech and occupational therapy, yoga, music, art & craft, and physical training. Those over 18 undergo vocational training in areas like culinary arts, retail, and computers—some of which are accredited through Guru Nanak College—with internship and job placement support. A unique in-house assisted employment model also enables students requiring high support to earn a stipend through job-coached activities like popcorn production. All students follow an Individualized Education and Therapy Plan (IEP), tracked through a Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) system. Swabodhini also works with government and CSR partners such as the Tamil Nadu Rights Commission and TNSDC to extend its reach and impact.

MILESTONES 2024-2025

4th Centre at Selaiyur

On June 19th, we marked a significant milestone with a small pooja to commemorate the opening of our fourth centre in Selaiyur. This centre, established with the generous support of the Rotary Club of Madras, aims to address the pressing need for special education in and around Selaiyur, Tambaram.

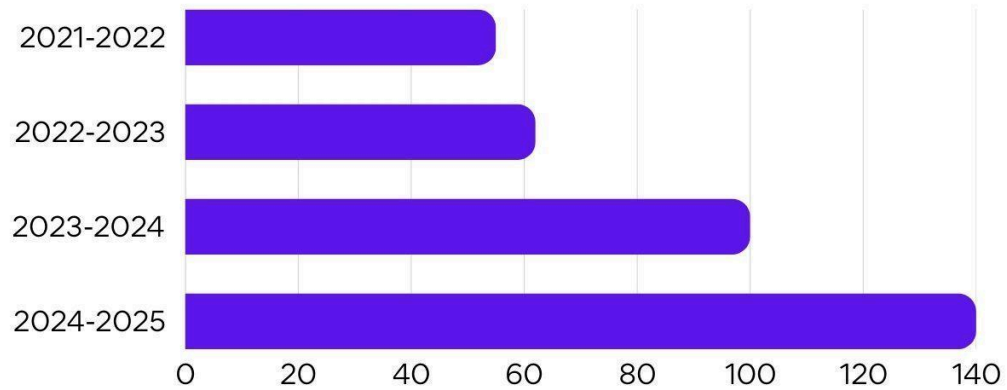


Inauguration of new building at Tondiarpet

A state-of-the-art facility, spanning 14,000 sq. ft. and featuring a dedicated playground for children with special needs was renovated by the Chennai Port Authority for exclusive use by the children of our Tondiarpet branch. This project, supported by Kamarajar Port Limited and the Chennai Port Authority, is a major step toward serving the underserved population of North Chennai. The facility was inaugurated on August 30th by Shri Sunil Paliwal IAS, Chairperson of Chennai Port Authority and Kamarajar Port Limited, in the presence of Shri S. Viswanathan IAS, Deputy Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority, and Smt. J.P. Irene Cynthia, Managing Director, Kamarajar Port Limited. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them and their entire team without whose support this project would not have been possible.



STUDENT STRENGTH



STAFF REPORT

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3 - HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

4 - FITNESS INSTRUCTORS

17 - SPECIAL EDUCATORS

2 - MUSIC TEACHERS

11 - THERAPISTS

4 - ASSISTANTS

5 - ADMIN AND FINANCE

2 - JOB COACHES

2 - YOGA INSTRUCTORS

26 - SUPPORT STAFF

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

We are immensely proud that our special educator, Ms. Srikala, received the “Best Special Teacher” Award from Chennai District Collector Tmt. Rashmi Siddharth Zagade, IAS, during the World Disability Day Function - 2024.



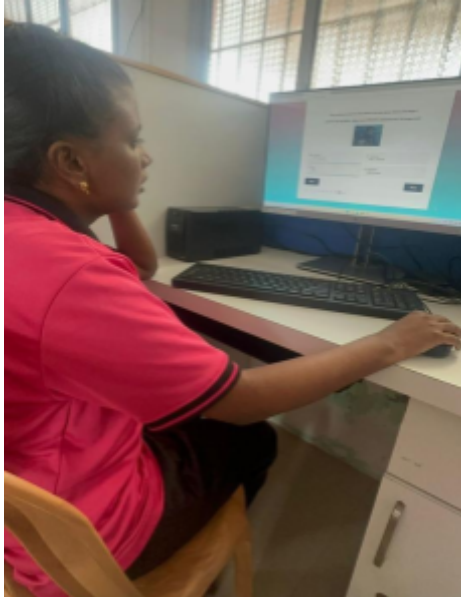
PLACEMENTS AND SUCCESS STORIES

We are delighted to announce the placement of our student, Mr.Dhakshina Moorthy, at Acqueon Technologies, Chennai. To foster awareness and inclusivity, an Employee Sensitization Program was conducted at their premises. This initiative reflects our commitment to ensuring a smooth workplace transition for individuals with special needs.

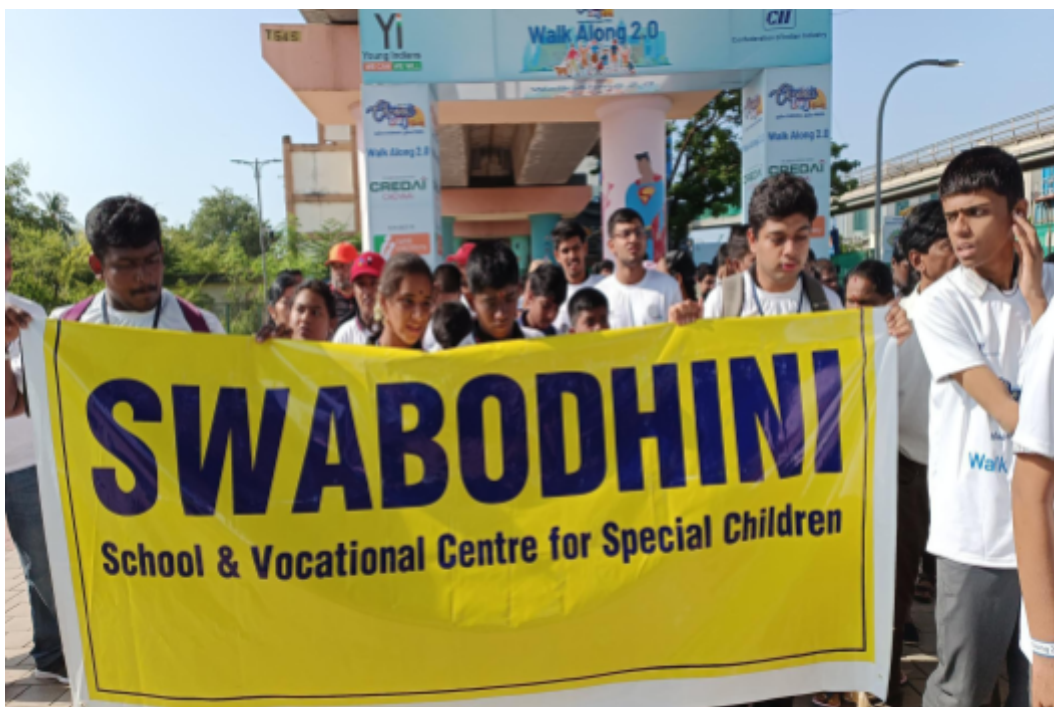


EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

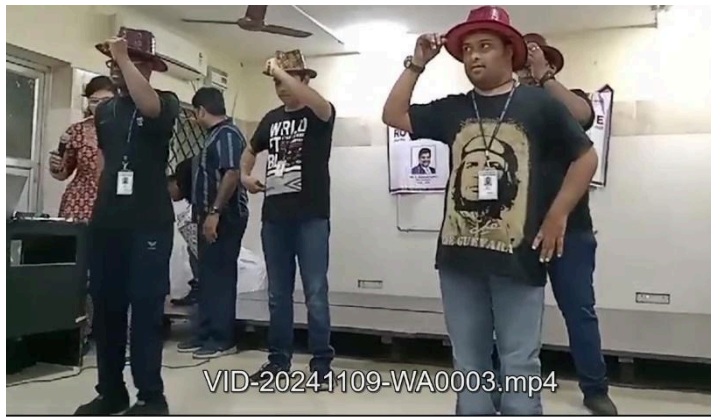
The Spastic Society of Tamil Nadu (SPASTN), Quizabled Foundation, and LTIMindtree Foundation organized an online quiz program on August 8th, where 19 of our students participated in the preliminary round and received certificates.



On August 11th, our students actively took part in a Walkathon titled “Walkalong 2.0”, an initiative organized by Young Indians and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII).



On October 9th, the Rotary Club of Chennai Octave hosted a cultural event. Our students enthusiastically participated in various activities, including essay writing, dance, ramp walk, and a drawing competition.



On September 15th, our students participated in the Sports Meet organized by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) as part of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Trophy.



On September 21st and 22nd, our students competed in "The Real Heroes Sports and Cultural Meet," conducted by the Karma Yogi Trust at RR Sabha and Nehru Stadium. They performed exceptionally well, earning several accolades.



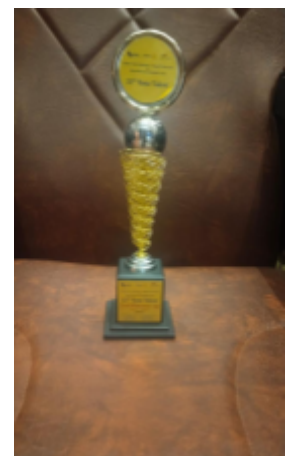
On November 10th, our students competed in the Special Olympics Bharat Tamil Nadu sports meet, where they won multiple awards and were selected for the state-level Special Olympics.



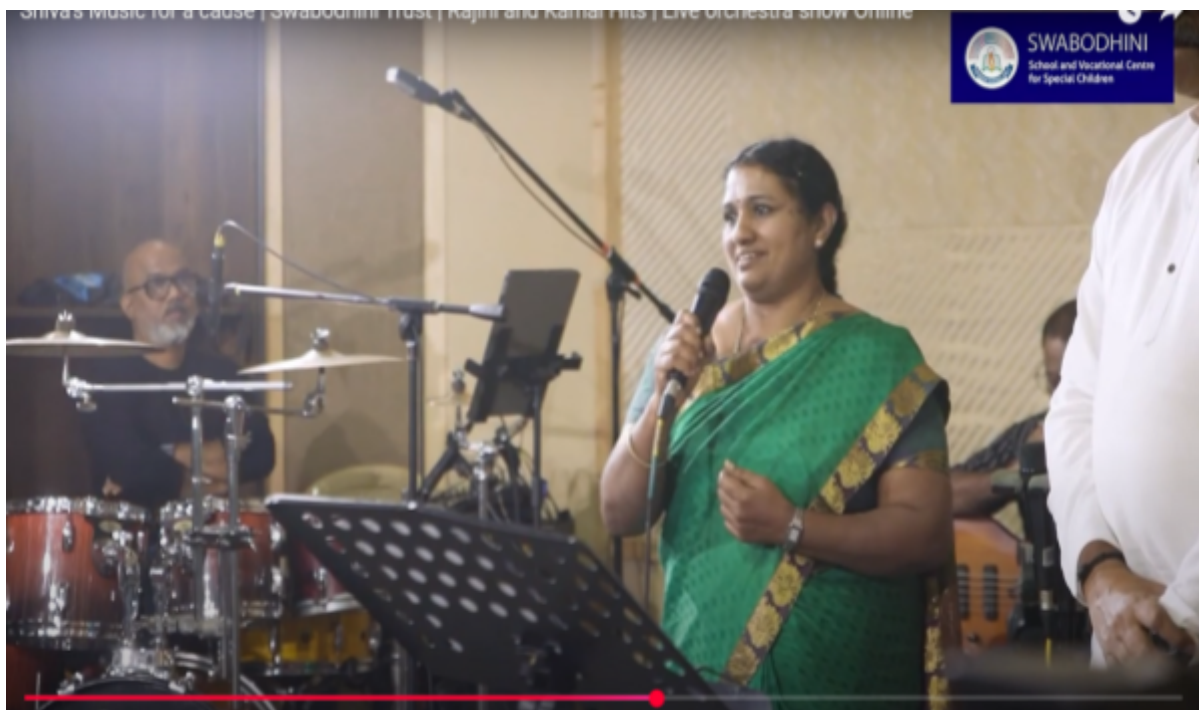
On November 21st, they participated in the Sports Meet organized by the Disabled Persons Welfare Department, South Chennai District.



Our students participated in the 32nd Rota Talent Contest on November 22nd, organized by the Neeta Memorial Charitable Trust and the Rotary Club of Madras T Nagar. Students from all four centres participated with enthusiasm, with our Tondiarpet students receiving special awards and our Thiruvannamiyur centre securing the Second Runner-up Trophy.



Shiva's Music for a Cause organized a mesmerizing 2.5-hour live orchestra show in support of our school. The performance was live-streamed on our YouTube channel, enabling a wider audience to experience the event. We extend our sincere appreciation to Shiva's Music for their generosity, which not only brought joy but also helped raise valuable funds to support our mission.



Our students showcased their talents at state-level competitions held at Alagappa University, organized by the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, in collaboration with Special Olympics Bharat - Tamil Nadu.



In addition to the celebrations at our school, our students enjoyed a vibrant Pongal celebration at Chettinad Sath Sadhana School, where they participated in traditional games, cultural dances, and festive activities, fostering unity and cultural appreciation.



INTERNSHIPS AND TRAINING

Our students underwent hands-on training at Writer's Café, in making bakery products equipping them with valuable culinary skills.



A workshop on handcrafted soaps and candles was conducted by Guru Nanak Centre for Consultancy and Outreach Initiatives (GNCCOI) and the Guru Nanak Centre for Innovation Incubation Entrepreneurship & Startups (GNCIIES). This initiative plays a crucial role in expanding our Vocational Product Hub.

WORKSHOPS

On January 4th, a comprehensive workshop was conducted at a common venue, bringing together staff from all four centres for an enriching learning experience. The session covered key topics, including the TNSDC course, therapy techniques, and the perception of music in education.

Ms. Anita (Centre Head, Velachery and Selaiyur) provided valuable insights into the TNSDC course to be conducted across all centres. Ms. Sowmiya (Centre Head, Thiruvannamiyur and Tondiarpet) led an informative session on therapy techniques, equipping staff with effective approaches to support children. Additionally, Ms. Nandini Priyakumari (Director) shared her expertise on the role of music in learning and development, highlighting its benefits for both children and educators.

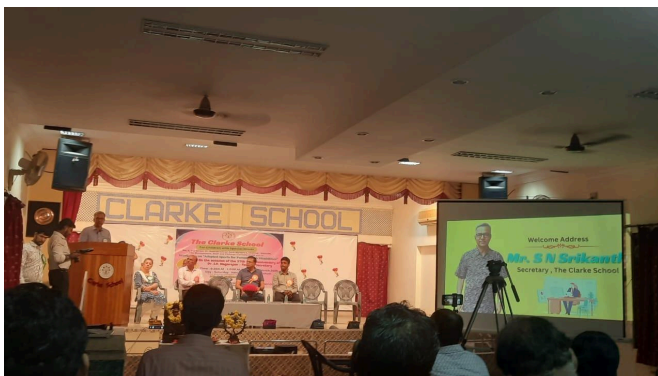
The workshop served as a wonderful opportunity for all staff members to come together, exchange knowledge, and strengthen collaboration. It was a highly engaging and insightful session, leaving everyone with a sense of enrichment and unity.



The Director and the Head of Therapy Services attended a week-long workshop titled “Celebrating Neurodiversity” conducted by Giving Matters Foundation in collaboration with Portobello Institute, Ireland.



All four of our Physical Education instructors attended the “Adapted Sports for Persons with Disabilities” workshop at The Clarke School on March 15, 2025. The event focused on inclusive sports, fitness, and well-being for children with special needs. Our staff gained valuable insights from experts in the field, enhancing their skills to support our students better.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

BumbleB Trust's Kalvi40 and RAMCO Cements in association with Swabodhini, conducted an Assessment Camp to identify children with special needs in Virudhunagar.

Our team, Mr. Kumaran (Special Educator), Mr. Rajaratham (Occupational Therapist), and Mr. Jeeva (Speech Therapist), conducted assessments for 12 special needs students as part of the Community-Based Rehabilitation Program. This initiative aims to identify and support children with special needs in rural areas, ensuring they receive the care and interventions they require.



