



SWABODHINI

SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL CENTRE FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

2023-2024

ANNUAL REPORT



years of driving
sustainable change at every stage in the life of individuals with
Autism and related challenges

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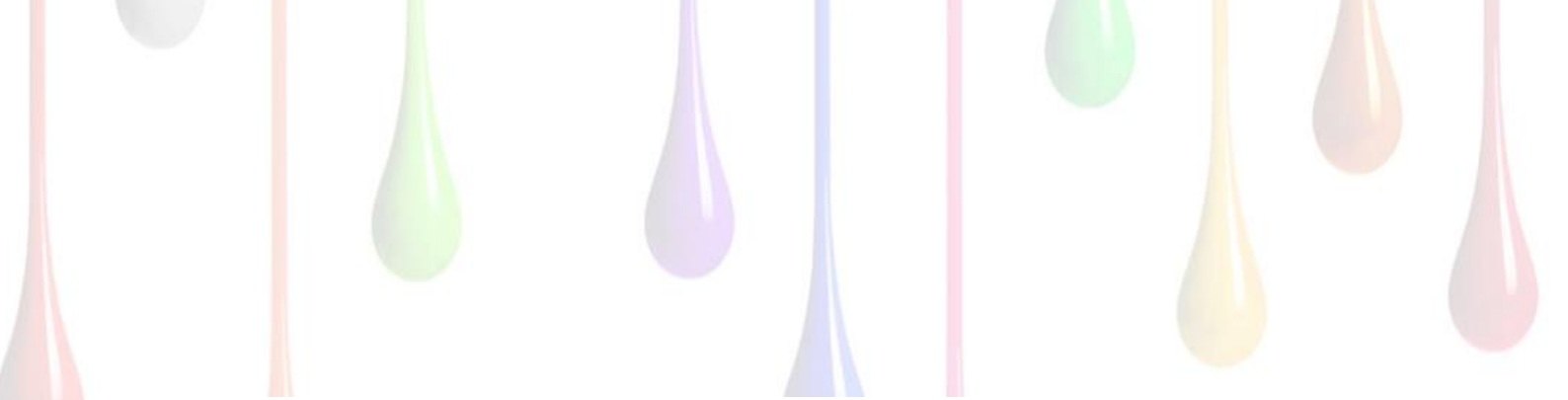


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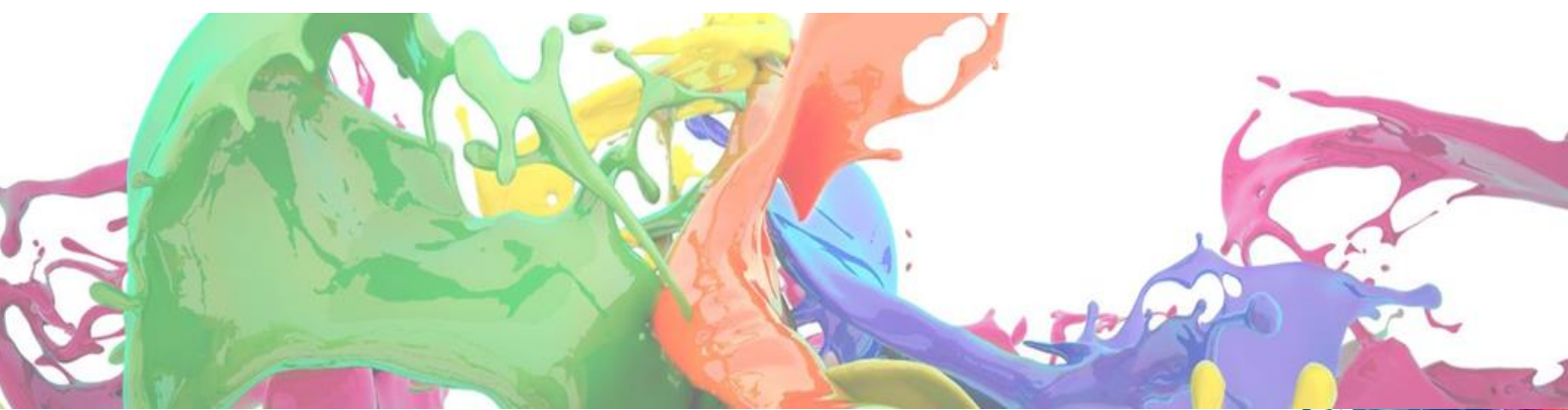
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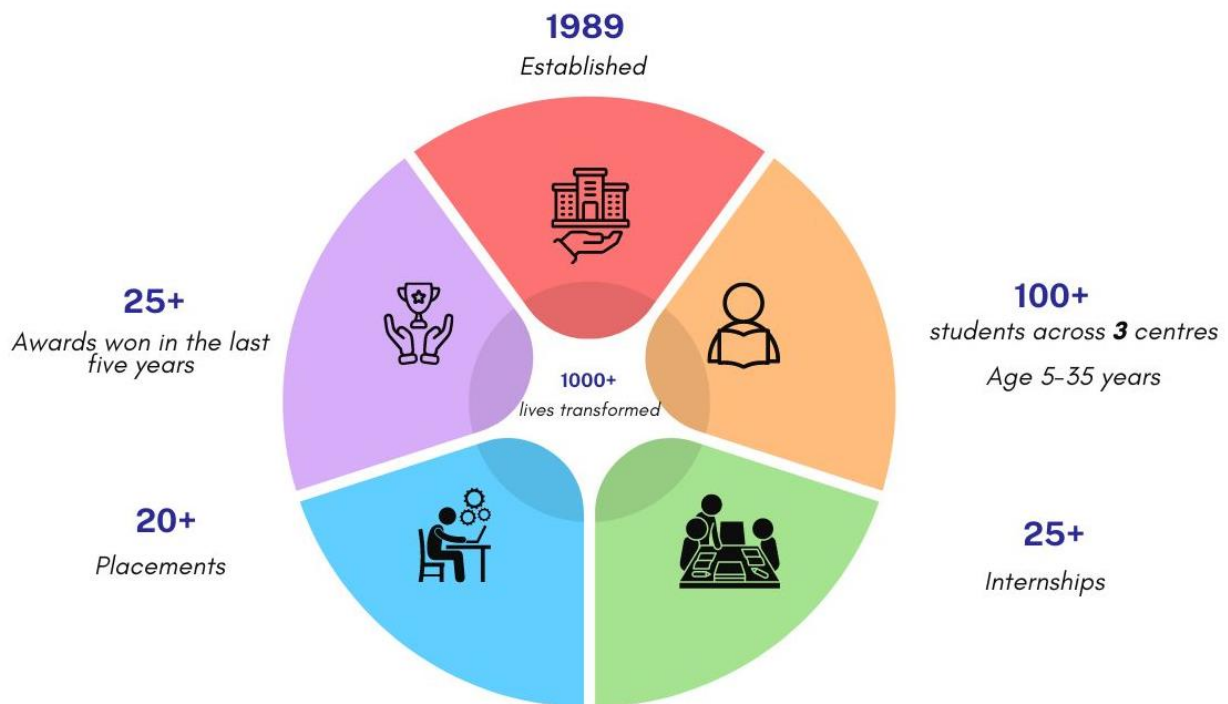




ABOUT SWABODHINI

Swabodhini is a nonprofit organisation catering to children with Autism and related challenges. Swabodhini was founded by Mrs Radha Ganesan in the year 1989 with just 2 children and today it has beautifully grown to cater to 100 students in the age group of 5 to 35 across three centres- Thiruvanmiyur, Velachery and Tondiarpet.

The Thiruvanmiyur Centre caters to children below 18 years of age, teaching them functional academics, Activities of Daily Living, Speech therapy, Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy, Physical fitness, yoga, Arts, Crafts, Music and Dance.



Thiruvanmiyur Centre

PRIMARY

PRE VOCATIONAL



6-14 years

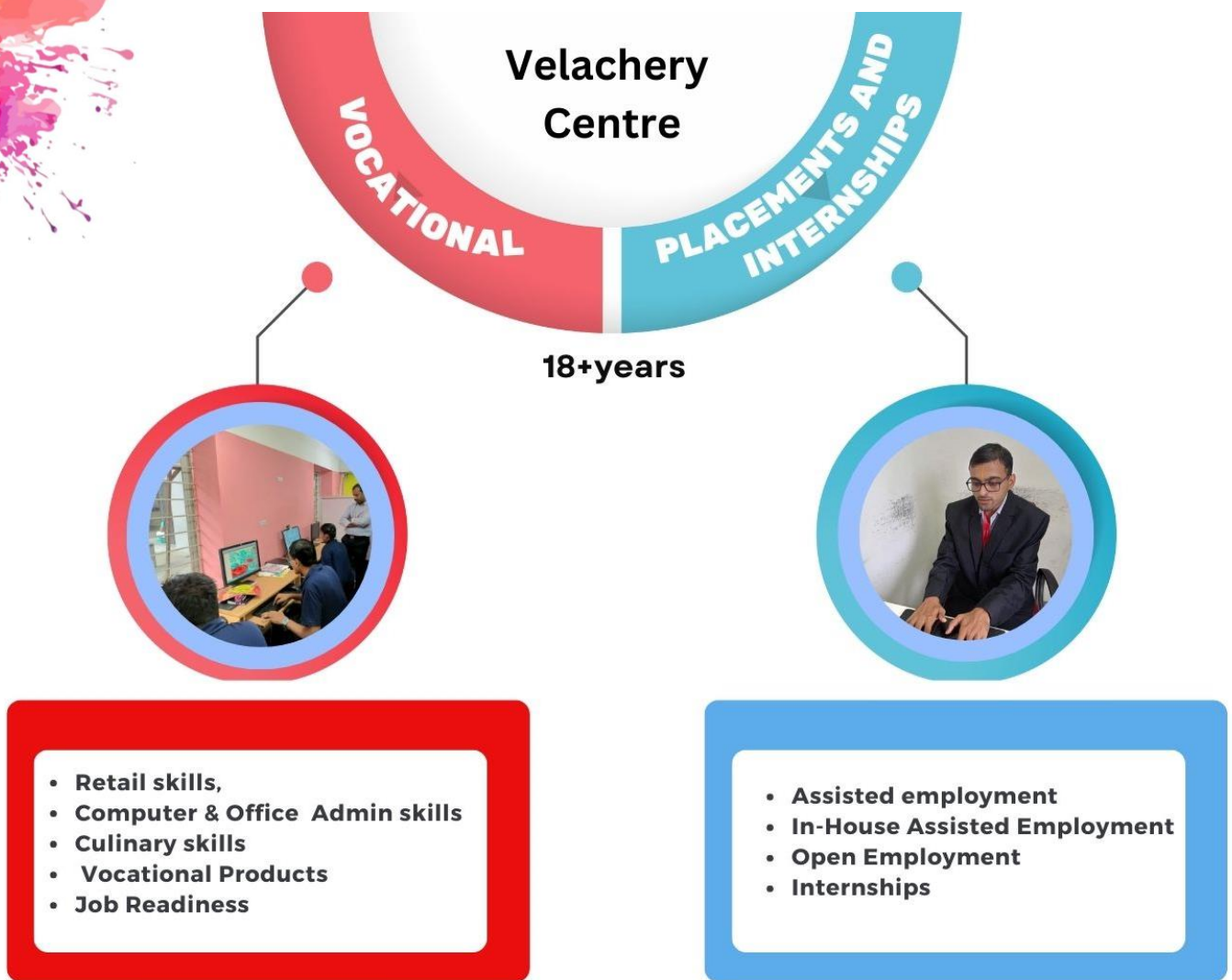
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- NIOS
- Life Skills
- (ADL, Art & Craft, Culinary Skills, Communication Skills, Social skills, Motor skills)



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At Velachery Centre, students above 18 years of age attend vocational courses on Computer skills, Retail Skills and Culinary Skills accredited by Guru Nanak College. They complete internship programmes in their respective fields in renowned companies, as part of their curriculum. Right after the completion of the course, the students are trained on workplace functionalities to be job-ready and are placed in different organisations.

TONDIARPET CENTRE



On Fri 29 th Sep 2023, the 3 rd centre of Swabodhini School and Vocational Centre for Special Children was inaugurated within the premises of Chennai Port and Dock Educational Trust Higher Secondary School, Port Trust Housing Colony, Tondiarpet, Chennai- 600081. The Chennai Port Authority provided the infrastructure support for the center's establishment, and Kamarajar Port Limited provided financial support.

The Chief Guest for the event was **Mr. Sunil Paliwal, IAS, Chairperson Chennai Port Authority and Chairman Kamarajar Port Ltd.** and the Guests of Honor were **Ms. Irene Cynthia, IAS, Managing Director, Kamarajar Port Ltd.** and **Mr. S. Viswanathan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority.**

The centre has been established in order to reach out to individuals with special needs in and around North Chennai provides Special Education, Therapy (Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy/ Physiotherapy) and Vocational training to students with Autism and other Intellectual Disabilities in the age group of 5 to 30 years.

Chennai Port Authority is renovating a 12,000 sqft facility with a large playground, exclusively for our students.



VOCATIONAL PRODUCTS



PAPER BAGS



**BLOCK PRINTED
DUPATTAS**



**HANDMADE
JEWELRY**

VOCATIONAL PRODUCTS



**CARAMEL
POP CORN**



**HANDPAINTED
DIYAS**



**CHOCOLATES
AND COOKIES**

MILESTONES 2023-2024



Our alumnus Mr. Ajay Krishna who was placed at Prodapt, won "The Phoenix Award" instituted by Rotary Club of Madras T.Nagar



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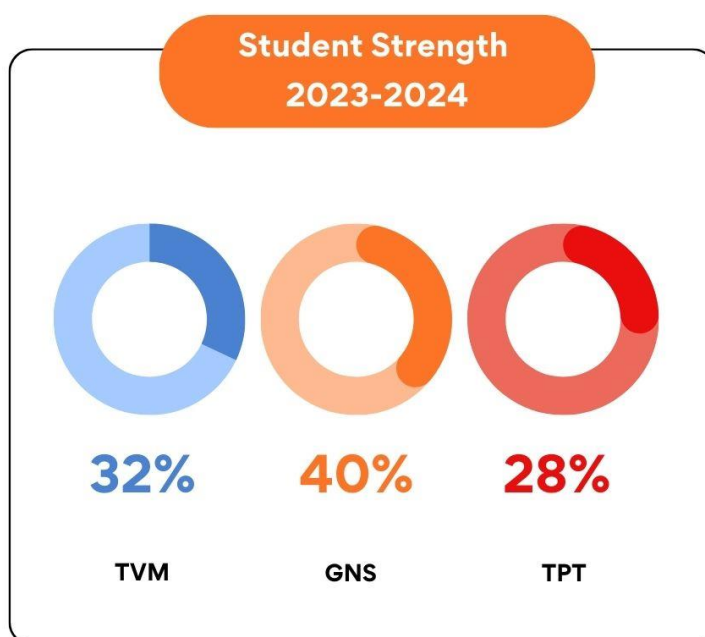
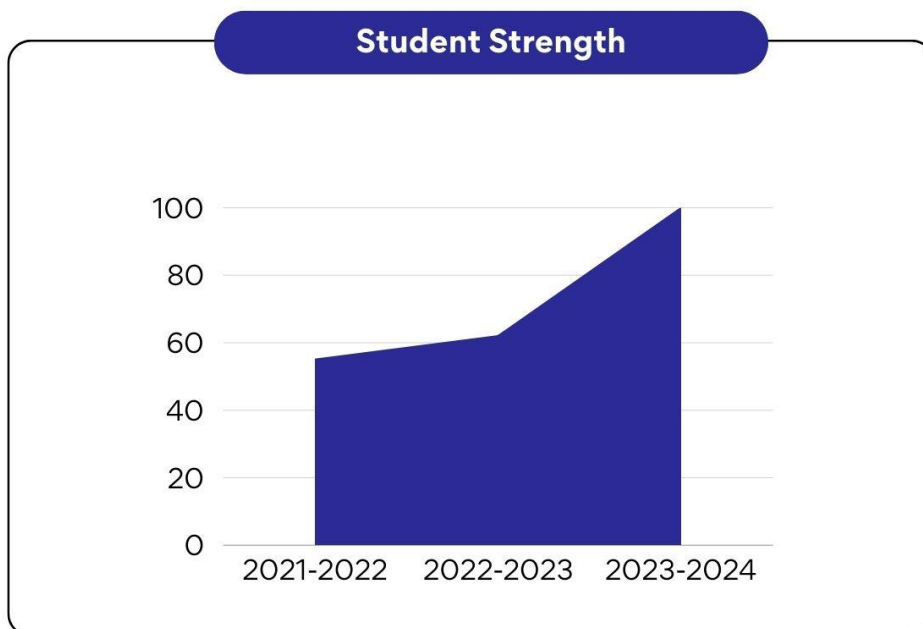
Our alumnus who was placed in Grundfos Pumps India Pvt Ltd received a "Grundfos Culture Ambassador Award" at the annual ceremony in Denmark for stepping up to meet production demand during covid.



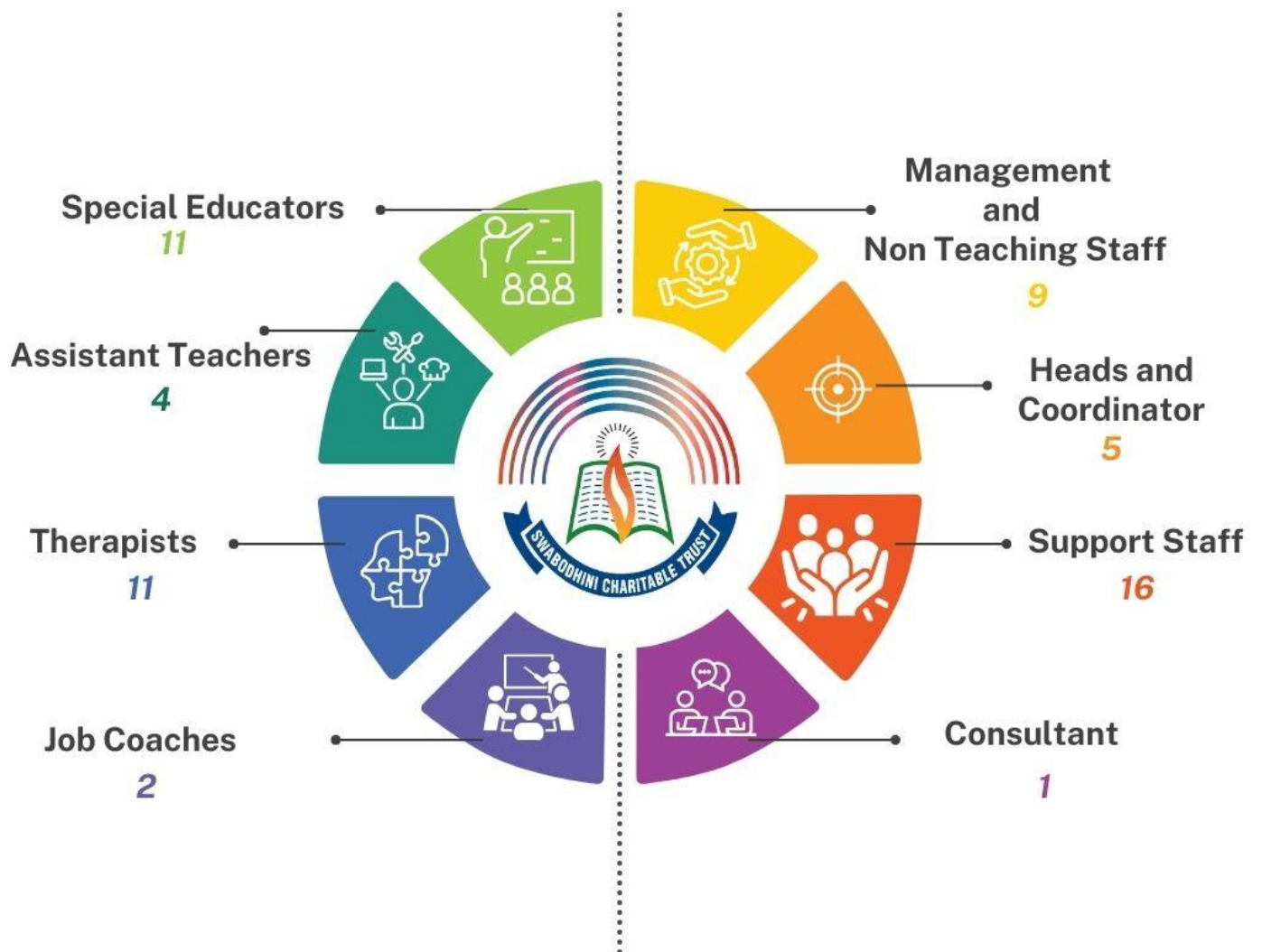
We have signed an MoU with Rotary Club of Madras for 4th Centre at Selayiur



STUDENT STRENGTH

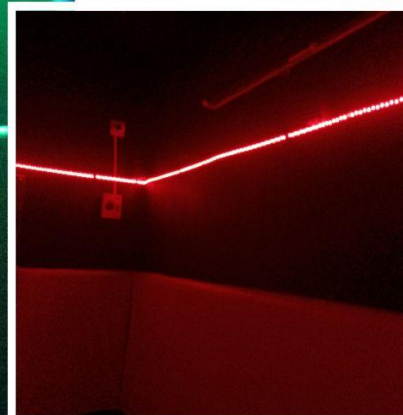
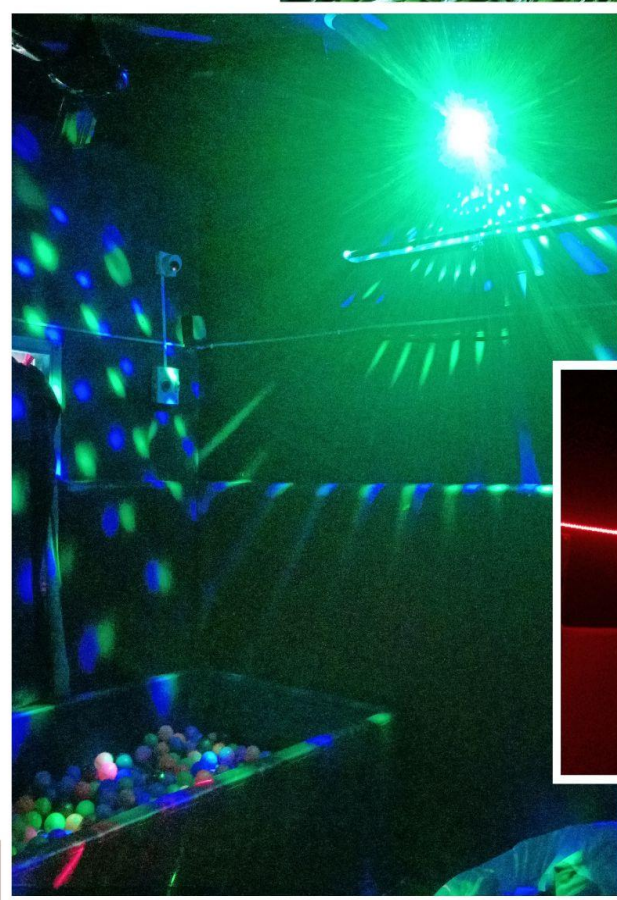
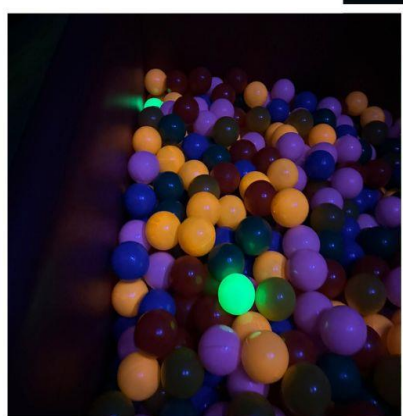


STAFF REPORT



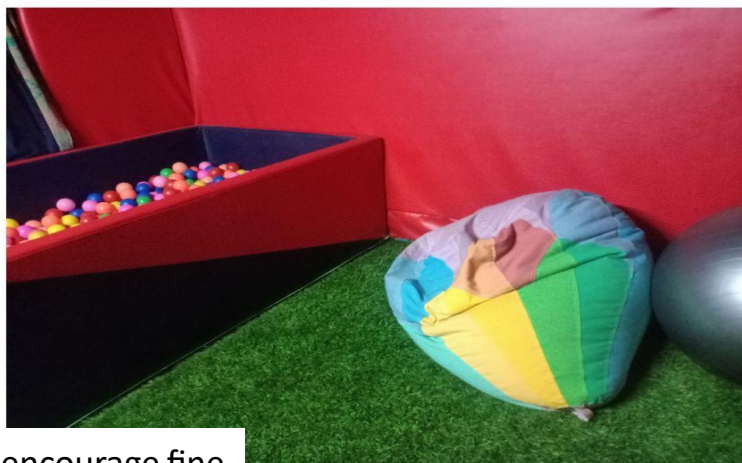
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

MULTISENSORY ROOM

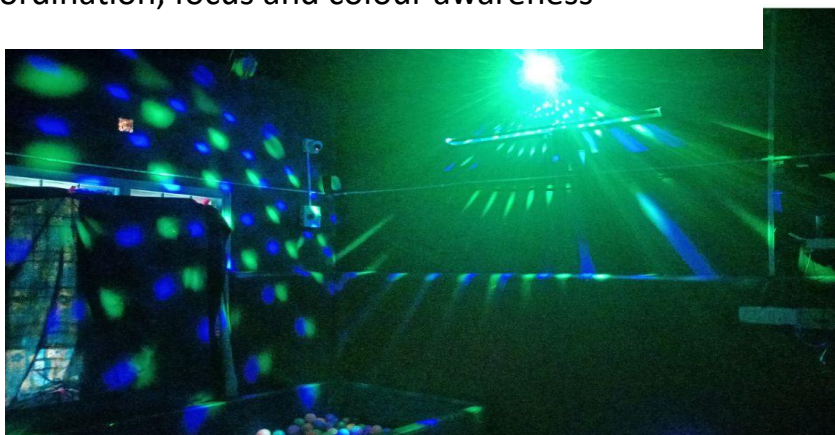




Textures explores the sense of touch and helps learn new descriptive words like soft, rough and fuzzy also addresses the tactile issues



Sensory Balls helped our students to encourage fine and gross motor skills, concentration, hand-eye coordination, focus and colour awareness

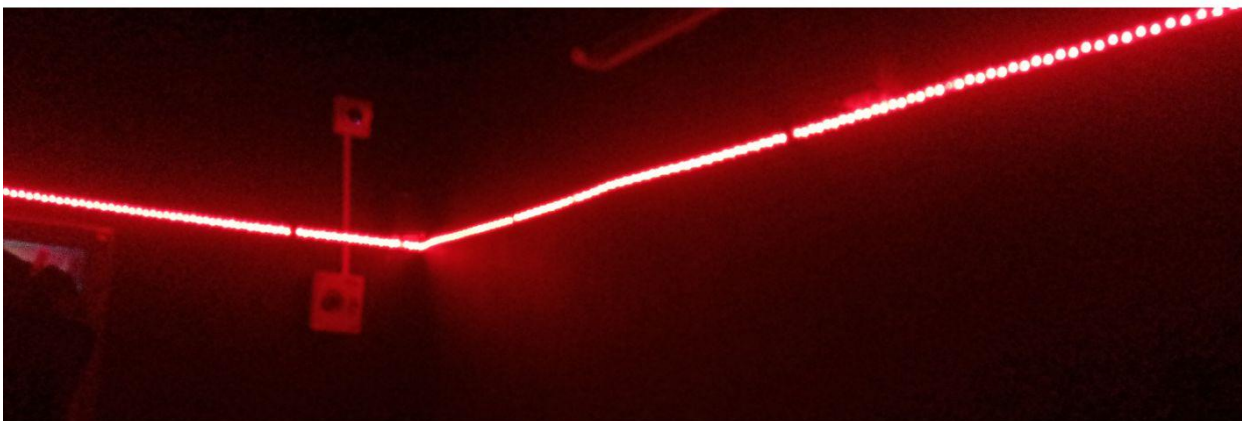




Sensory pit improves movement and balance and also develops their gross motor skills



L.E.D. light strips help direct soft lighting in the desired location to create a calm and relaxed environment to our students



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2023-2024



MANAGING TRUSTEE AND FOUNDER
MRS RADHA GANESAN RECEIVED
THE VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD BY
ROTARY CLUB OF CHENNAI TOWERS

OUR ALUMNUS MR. AJAY KRISHNA WON "THE
PHOENIX AWARD" INSTITUTED BY ROTARY
CLUB OF MADRAS T.NAGAR



OUR ALUMNUS RECEIVED A "GRUNDFOS
CULTURE AMBASSADOR AWARD" AT THE
ANNUAL CEREMONY IN DENMARK FOR
STEPPING UP TO MEET PRODUCTION DEMAND
DURING COVID



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2023-2024



OUR PRINCIPAL MS.NANDINI PRIYAKUMARI
RECEIVED AN AWARD AT LIONS INTERNATIONAL
TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS & AWARD
FUNCTION

OUR PRINCIPAL RECEIVED “VEERAMANGAI RANI
VELU NACHIYAR VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
AWARD 2024” AWARDED BY ROTARY CLUB OF
MADRAS CENTRAL



OUR SPECIAL EDUCATORS MS.NIRMALA AND
MS.KALAISELVI RECEIVED “BEST
TEACHER” AWARDS BY INNER WHEEL CLUB OF
MADRAS CENTRAL

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2023-2024



OUR STUDENTS WON 1ST RUNNER UP AND CONSOLATION PRIZES IN 31ST ROTA TALENT CONTEST CONDUCTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

PLACEMENTS AND SUCCESS STORIES



Mr. Ajay Krishna ex-student of Swabodhini School and Vocational Centre for Special Children. He is currently working as a Junior Executive at Prodapt Solutions private Limited. He successfully completed his Vocational course in Computer Skills at Swabodhini in the year 2022- 2023.

He is highly interested in observing and tracking cricket and loves to travel places.

He was employed at Prodapt Solutions Pvt Ltd as a Junior Executive after the completion of the course. At Prodapt he manages the daily operations of the housekeeping department. He carefully adheres to the Daily Work Management (DWM) schedule. He verifies that all housekeeping staff members are adhering to the rigorous rules of punctuality by checking the inward and outward registration.

The amazing part of his work is that he is teaching the housekeeping staff basic English, which led to the majority of the staff writing their names and address on their own. His passion and dedication towards his work will definitely bring great values to the organisation.

He received the "**Phoenix Award**" instituted by the Rotary Club of Madras T.Nagar for being successfully in his career.



PLACEMENTS AND SUCCESS STORIES



Mr.Ashwin, has joined the sales department of Hilton Hotel Doha, Qatar



Mr.Aditya, has joined Carrefour in Dubai as Officer in bulk goods section

OUTSIDE EVENTS

Rotary Club of United Chennai



The Real Heroes



ROTA Talent contest

DDAWO Sports Meet

35TH ANNUAL DAY



We enthusiastically celebrated our 35th year Annual Day on March 9th. For making the 35-year journey successful, we are grateful to all our donors, sponsors, parents, and staff at Swabodhini.

The chief guest was **Shri. Sunil Paliwal, IAS, Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority and Chairman, Kamarajar Port Limited**. **Shri. S. Viswanathan, IAS, Deputy Chairperson,**

Chennai Port Authority, and Smt. J.P. Irene Cynthia, IAS, Managing Director, Kamarajar Port Limited were the guests of honour at the function. Our special guest, **Mr. Ranjit Govind, a playback singer**, delighted the audience by singing lovely songs with our students.

Parents, friends, and sponsors were present at the event. After over a month of practice, the students were eager to showcase their skills on stage. The Parents Ramp Walk, in which every student walked on stage with their parents and siblings, was the evening's highlight. It brought tears to our eyes. All in all, it was a beautiful evening.



SPORTS DAY



On 9th September, 2023 we celebrated our 35th year Annual Sports day at Guru Nanak School. The day was graced by our **Chief Guest Mr. Selvarajan (Principal, Guru Nanak School) and Ms. Manjit Kaur Anand (Admin in charge, Guru Nanak School)**. We were extremely glad to have the students and parents of our third centre as well for the event.

All students participated with great enthusiasm in various events such as March past, lighting the Olympic torch, running, shot put and the parents and siblings won prizes in the fun games conducted for them. Students rejoiced their triumph with certificates, medals and prizes and shared their joy with parents. We are grateful to the students of Guru Nanak college for helping us in making the event a grand success.

Volunteers from Acqueon Technology (our corporate Sponsor) helped our students during all the events and encouraged them to excel. We are also thankful to the volunteers of NSS, Guru Nanak College for their immense help during the Sports Day celebrations.



ASSISTED EMPLOYMENT MODEL

Grundfos Pumps India Pvt Ltd

Follows a “place and train” approach to inclusive employment



- 13 students have been placed
- Job Coach provided by Swabodhini
- Currently working in
 - Hydro Booster / Panel assembly area
 - Digitization of work orders
 - Crimping
 - Name plate printing



IN HOUSE-ASSISTED EMPLOYMENT MODEL

POPCORN MANUFACTURING UNIT



Last year we commenced our new assisted employment initiative “Pop cause” partnering with Advantage foods Pvt. Ltd. in association with Grundfos Pumps India Pvt. Ltd. This popcorn manufacturing unit provides in-house employment for individuals with special needs.



We are happy to share that our interns of the Popcorn manufacturing unit received their first stipend from Mr. Tarun Mahadevan, Director Advantage Foods India Pvt Ltd and Ms. Usha Country Head, Grundfos Pumps India Pvt Ltd.

INTERNSHIP AND TRAINING

Three of our vocational students successfully trained in **Culinary skills** at **Writer's Cafe**



12 of our vocational students underwent Employability Skills Training by GTT (Global Talent Track) sponsored by Barclays

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS



Free Assessment Camp at Tondiarpet



Free Assessment Camp at Selaiyur



Free Camp for PWD

As part of the Tamil Nadu Government's Census, representatives from the Disability department conducted a survey of persons with disabilities at all three Centres. They took the details of disabled person's educational qualifications and other basic details.

ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR



Workshop for Parents

We offered parents an overview on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy in honour of World Autism Day. Mrs. Gayathri Sridhar conducted a very interesting session on CBT



Parents Teacher Meeting

A Parent-Teacher meet was held at all our three centres to discuss the performance of the students. Parents are given a thorough CCE (Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation) Report encompassing the academic performance of students as well as their participation in extracurricular activities and general competence



Workshop for Therapists

Our therapists, special educators, Centre Heads and Principal attended a workshop on "Letter Board Communication" by Ms Elizabeth Vosseller from the United States, Head of I – ASC (International Association for Spelling as Communication) to facilitate communication for non-verbal children through spelling.



Fundraiser concert in support of Swabodhini

Minus One Music Cafe organized a Light Music Fundraiser concert in support of Swabodhini. Over 20 singers belted out some popular old and new numbers and kept the audience entertained on 21st January. Our students also got an opportunity to showcase their musical talent as well.



Students Field visit to Sreyas Farm

Our vocational students went to one day field trip to Sreyas Farm



NGO Meet

As part of our 35th year celebrations, we invited organizations who work for children with Autism and related challenges to share information regarding their services and their success stories. NGOs who participated in the first phase of the event were V-Excel Educational Trust, Anandam Trust, ESVI Sarada Foundation, Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust and Avvai Kaapagam

CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate all the festivals, such as Diwali, Pongal, Navaratri, Onam, and Christmas, and our students enjoy taking part in them all.

Diwali Celebrations





Pongal Celebrations



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Christmas Celebrations



Onam Celebrations



Independence Day Celebrations



World Down Syndrome and Autism Day Celebrations



CORPORATE AND TRUST SPONSORS



Bambino Kindergarten & Primary School





INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

Mr.Sunder Chanrai

Ms.Sujatha Narayan

Mr.Venkateshwaran

Mr.George Rajkumar

Mr.Vijayprasad

Ms.Sravanthi Sridhar

Mr.Dilip Venkatachari

Mr.Kishore Sarathy

Mr.Rajesh Ramaswamy

Mr.G.Avinash

Mr.Bharathkumar

Ms.Pavithra Sriram

Mr.Chandrurajam

Mr.Ramkrishnan

Mr.Subramaniyan Sunderesan

Ms.Mallika Ravi

Mr.Ramaswamy Varadarajan Venkatesh

Mr.Nachiappan





FUTURE PLANS

- **Strengthening and expanding – Inauguration of our 4th Centre at Selaiyur**
- **Planning for the start of new in-house employment program for vocational students in baking**

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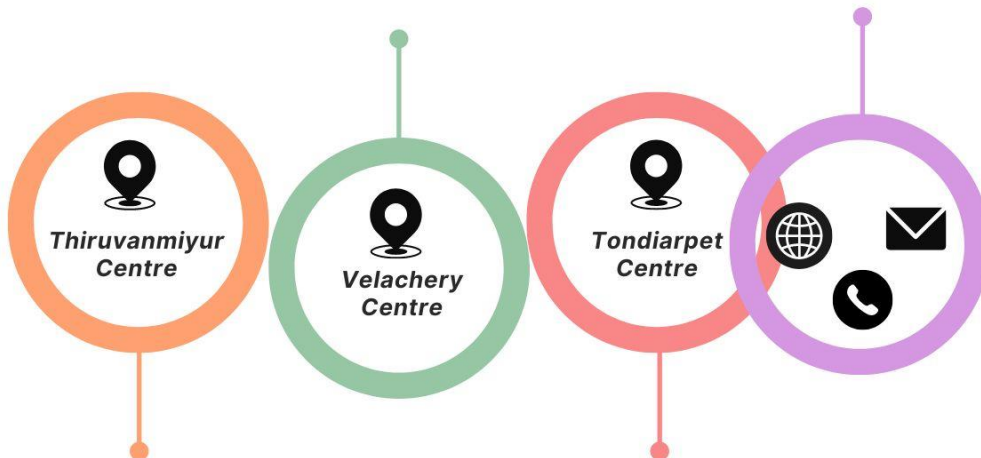




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