



ANNUAL **APRIL - MARCH** **REPORT** **2024 - 2025**

**AUXILIUM RURAL UNDER-PRIVILEGED
WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**

Empowering People, Enriching Communities

This year marks not just achievements in numbers, but in lives touched, dreams reignited, and communities uplifted — a testament to ARUWYE's unwavering commitment to integral and sustainable development.

ARUWYE'S REACH OUT- TAMILNADU



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PROVINCIAL MESSAGE



Greetings in the love and peace of Christ!

It brings me great joy to witness the steadfast commitment and tireless service of ARUWYE in uplifting the lives of the marginalised and vulnerable communities across Tamil Nadu. Over the past year, your unwavering efforts in empowering children, youth, and women have truly reflected the spirit of our mission—to love, to serve, and to bring justice where it is most needed.

In a world often shadowed by injustice and inequality, ARUWYE continues to be a beacon of hope, illuminating paths through education, skill-building, and awareness. The initiatives taken in child development, women's empowerment, ecological awareness, and anti-human trafficking stand as testimony to your courage and compassion.

As a Province, we are proud to journey with you in this mission. May God bless each one of you—the staff, volunteers, supporters, and most importantly, the communities you serve. Let us continue to walk hand in hand, ensuring dignity, peace, and opportunity for all, especially the least and the last.

With prayerful blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sr. Margaret, D.S." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sr.D.J .Devadoss Margaret
Provincial, INM

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



As I reflect on another remarkable chapter in ARUWYE's journey, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude—to the Almighty and to each and every person in ARUWYE who made this year possible. The phrase that comes to mind and truly resonates with me is: “Rooted in Hope, Rising Together.” This year tested our resolve in many ways, yet it also revealed the extraordinary power of what becomes possible when passion meets purpose—and when people come together in service of a shared mission.

At the heart of every milestone we've achieved is a dynamic and dedicated team—our management, staff, spirited volunteers, and tireless interns. Each one brought not only their skills, but also their hearts to the work, breathing life into our mission and translating vision into tangible impact across communities. Whether it was standing alongside vulnerable women launching microenterprises or learning a new trade, creating safe environments and empowering children through Children's Parliaments, or guiding youth toward dignified livelihoods—we did not walk alone. We walked as one. Our growth this year has also been anchored in a spirit of co-creation—with communities, partners, and supporters journeying alongside us. Together, we have nurtured hope and fostered a model of development that is inclusive, sustainable, and deeply rooted in dignity.

As we look ahead, I carry great faith in what the future holds. The road may be complex, but with unity of purpose and the power of collective action, we will continue to dream—dream boldly.

“A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality.”

— Yoko Ono

To everyone who has walked with us: thank you. Your spirit defines the soul of ARUWYE.

With Deep Sense of Appreciation

Sr. Isabella

Sr. Mary Josephine Isabella
Director



🕒 Vision

ARUWYE envisages a just, harmonious and eco-friendly society where the integral and sustainable development of the marginalized is ensured.

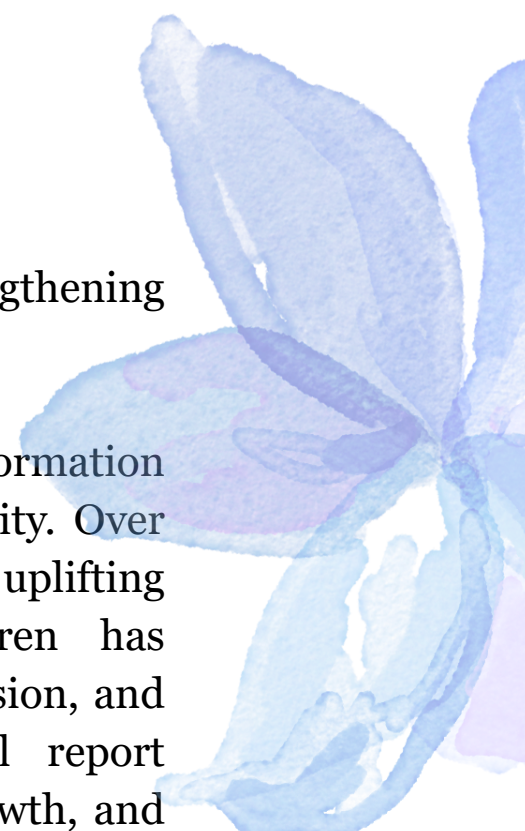
🕒 Mission

ARUWYE is committed to enhance the capacities of the marginalized women, children and youth by raising awareness on their rights and promoting livelihood and pro-actively engaging with state institutions that impact them significantly by networking with likeminded groups and organizations and engaging in lobbying and advocacy

PREFACE

Welcome to ARUWYE, Voices of Change: Strengthening Women, Youth, and Children

At ARUWYE, we believe in the power of transformation through compassion, education, and opportunity. Over the past year, our commitment to uplifting underprivileged women, youth, and children has deepened through every initiative, training session, and community outreach program. This annual report reflects the collective journey of resilience, growth, and empowerment — one that celebrates the voices of the unheard, strengthens the hands of the marginalized, and lights the path toward a just and inclusive society. Together, we continue to build hope where it's needed most.



ABOUT ARUWYE

➔ Who We Are

ARUWYE, the Social Development Office (SDO) of the Salesian Sisters, spans its wings across 45 social development centers, enveloping the entirety of Tamil Nadu. We are not just an organization; we are a movement, igniting transformation in the lives of underprivileged women and youth.

➔ Our Commitment to Change

Our roots lie in the sacred soil of social ministry, where our mission unfolds through compassion and service. ARUWYE stands tall, coordinating and supporting a myriad of social development activities that bring about tangible change and empowerment.



TARGET GROUPS

CHILDREN

YOUTH

WOMEN



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HIGHLIGHTS



➔ CHILDREN

- Protection
- Advocating for child protection procedures
- Providing safe spaces for children in need
- Education
- Increasing access to Schools
- Providing Educational Resources
- Evening Supplementary Centres
- Children parliament programs

➔ YOUTH

- Job Fair
- Career Guidance
- Observational Visits
- HR Connects
- Mock Interviews
- Market Scan
- POSH-Legal Consultation
- UI/UX

➔ WOMEN

- Self help groups for women
- Women Empowerment programs
- Income generating programs
- Gender based /rights based training and Awareness program
- Free counseling sessions



ARUWYE'S IMPACT 2024-2025



50,438
People reached



85.7% Youth into Job

120 out of 140 students joined the workforce for the first time



3,816 Women

They are heading their lives and contributing to the economic and social development of their communities.



1,043 Children Reached

40 evening study centers across Nine districts in Tamil Nadu has provided vital educational support to 1,250 children.

ACTIVITIES

➔ Important Days Celebrated

- World Health Day
- World Earth Day
- World Environment Day
- World Population Day
- World Blood Donation Day
- International Yoga Day
- International day of peace
- World Mental Health Day

➔ Courses

- Aari/Embroidery/Tailoring
- Basic IT/UI/UX
- Beautician course
- Quest-Career Readiness Program
- Tally Basic and Pro

➔ Trainings Offered

- Farmers training-organic farming, Soil & Pest control management
- Marketing & Network
- Healthy food diet training to women
- Candle making
- Kitchen garden for Youth & Children
- STEM Education

➔ Celebrations

- Orange week celebration
- Children's day
- Christmas
- Samathuva pongal
- Women's day



CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

ARUWYE is committed to upholding the rights of every child by focusing on their protection, education, health, and mental well-being, and participation. This year, we worked to ensure children have access to the essentials they deserve, especially those in vulnerable situations. We prioritized child protection by advocating against abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and creating safe spaces. In the area of education, we supported equal opportunities by improving access to quality education and promoting inclusive learning environments. For the sake of health and mental well-being, we promoted healthy lifestyles, provided medical care, and offered counseling support. We also encouraged children's participation by creating platforms, such as children's parliaments, where they can express their views and be part of community decisions.



HOPE AFTER SCHOOL

Empowering Young Minds at ARUWYE Centers

ARUWYE's 45 Evening Study Centers across Tamil Nadu are not just places for extra learning – they are spaces full of joy, growth, and celebration.

These centers help underprivileged children stay in school by giving them extra academic support and helping them improve in reading, writing, and other skills. Because of these efforts, school dropout rates have gone down in the areas we serve. But learning here is more than just books!

The centers regularly celebrate important days like Children's Day, Independence Day, Republic Day, and Environment Day. We hold competitions like drawing, storytelling, quiz, and games to bring out the children's talents and confidence. Children enjoy arts and crafts, cultural events, and awareness sessions that help them learn new things and build life skills.

The centers are safe, friendly spaces where children feel supported, encouraged, and valued. They also get access to resources they may not have at home, like lights, stationery, books, and personal attention from trained staff. Through all these activities, ARUWYE is breaking the cycle of poverty and illiteracy, helping children become confident, capable, and hopeful for a better future.

IMPACT

Strengthened basic literacy and numeracy abilities

Noticeable decline in student dropouts

Created a nurturing and secure space

Fostered active family engagement

STUDY CENTRES

ARUWYE (Salesian Sisters) - District-wise Study Centre Details

S.No	Name of the Place	Total No.of. Evening Study Centre	No.of. Children
1	Anmarudai	9	448
2	Chennai	2	53
3	Erode	4	84
4	Michaelpuram	5	113
5	Nandambakkam	4	109
6	Pallikonda	3	100
7	Salem	8	123
8	Vellore	4	85
9	Yercaud	1	28
Total		40	1043



CHILDREN PHOTO GALLERY



RAISING YOUNG VOICES

Empowering Children Through Neighbourhood Parliaments

At ARUWYE, we believe that strong communities begin with confident and informed children. Through Neighbourhood Children's Parliaments (NCPs), we help children grow into thoughtful and responsible leaders. These platforms allow young minds to discuss real-life issues like poverty, education, and social justice while learning about their rights and civic duties. By engaging in these activities, children develop essential life skills that help them shape a better tomorrow.



THE IMPACT

Building Young Leaders

Children gain leadership experience by participating in NCPs, helping them grow in confidence and become active voices for change in their communities.

Boosting Self-Belief and Expression

Parliament sessions help children speak up, value their opinions, and make responsible choices—empowering them to believe in their ability to make a difference.

Learning for a Better Future Through NCPs, children are better prepared to handle real-world challenges, respect democratic values, and contribute positively to society

CHILDREN PARLIAMENT

Children Parliament Meeting held on 6th July, 2024. The Province YaR Coordinators, Sr. Mahimainathan Sathiyavani and Sr. Susainathan Ayesha Bindhu, organized the Children Parliament meeting. 16 community local coordinators attended the session, which was led by Mr. Paul Thomas, the trainer of the event. The meeting focused on empowering children to take leadership roles in their communities and develop their civic engagement skills.



STEM EDUCATION

ARUWYE organized a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) training program to empower 17 educators—including 7 Sisters and 10 Teachers—with the knowledge and skills to implement an engaging STEM curriculum. Facilitated by Mr. Vishal Patel from 'Maker in Me Technology', the weekly sessions focused on practical, hands-on teaching methods and curriculum application. As a result, the trained educators are now effectively using STEM Kits to enhance learning among 1,040 students from classes 3 to 9 across four schools. This initiative promotes critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills, helping children learn beyond textbooks and connect concepts to real-life situations



STUDENT IMPACT AND OBSERVATIONS

The introduction of the STEM curriculum has sparked notable enthusiasm and engagement among students. Key observations include

- Students show a strong interest in hands-on activities, eagerly exploring various modules from the STEM kits.
- The interactive elements—such as buzzers and lights—excite students, increasing their curiosity and motivation to learn science.
- Classes have become more enjoyable, with students actively participating and expressing a desire to engage in more activities.
- Many students eagerly anticipate STEM sessions, looking forward to discovering new concepts and modules.
- The program has contributed to the development of creative thinking and analytical skills.
- Student enthusiasm and participation have been remarkable, with noticeable improvements in collaboration and confidence.
- Learners are increasingly able to apply scientific principles to real-life situations, enhancing their problem-solving and teamwork abilities.
- The hands-on approach has successfully bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, deepening overall understanding.



AWARENESS PROGRAMS

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY RALLY – SPREADING AWARENESS AND EMPOWERING YOUNG VOICES

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, ARUWYE organized a meaningful rally through its Evening Study Centre, aimed at instilling awareness among children and the community about their fundamental rights and freedoms. The event was conducted on 10th December, aligning with the global celebration of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

More than 1000 children from the Evening Study Centre actively participated in the rally, holding placards, chanting slogans, and walking through the local streets to spread messages on equality, justice, freedom, and dignity. The children had been previously sensitized about human rights through interactive sessions, storytelling, and poster-making activities, enabling them to confidently communicate their understanding during the rally.



IMPACT

- Children gained confidence and clarity in voicing their rights.
- The event fostered a sense of responsibility and solidarity among peers.
- It sparked conversations in the neighborhood about child protection and equality, reaching more than 3000 indirect beneficiaries including families and local residents.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



On November 14th, 2024, ARUWYE celebrated Children's Day with great joy across all its supplementary centres. The day was dedicated to honoring the rights, talents, and dreams of children through games, cultural programs, and interactive sessions. Children actively participated in various fun-filled activities, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm. Motivational messages on child rights and the importance of education were shared to inspire young minds. Gifts and refreshments were distributed, making the celebration special and joyful for every child. This event reinforced ARUWYE's commitment to creating safe, supportive spaces where every child can grow, learn, and lead.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



On August 15th, 2024, ARUWYE celebrated Independence Day with pride and patriotism across all its supplementary centres. The Indian flag was hoisted, followed by the National Anthem and cultural performances by children showcasing unity and national pride. Children participated in patriotic songs, speeches, and skits, learning about the sacrifices of freedom fighters and the importance of being responsible citizens. The celebration fostered a sense of national identity and inspired the children to contribute positively to society.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



ARUWYE celebrated Christmas with joy and togetherness across all its supplementary centres in December 2024. The centres were beautifully decorated with stars, lights, and cribs, creating a warm festive atmosphere.



Children delighted everyone with carols, dances, and skits, spreading messages of love, peace, and sharing. Santa Claus made a cheerful visit, handing out sweets and gifts. As a special gesture, new dresses were distributed to all the children, filling their hearts with happiness and excitement.



The celebration highlighted the spirit of giving and reinforced ARUWYE's commitment to nurturing joy and dignity among children.





SUMMER CAMP 2024

ARUWYE successfully organized a 10-day free Summer Camp 2024 for 100 marginalized children, creating a platform for learning, fun, and self-discovery. The camp encouraged creativity through arts and crafts and celebrated Tamil Nadu's cultural heritage with folk arts such as Silambam and Parai and Sessions on Child Rights and Children's Parliament empowered participants to grow as responsible young leaders.

Kitchen gardening activities instilled eco-consciousness and appreciation for local food systems.

Innovative STEM sessions in robotics and aerospace ignited scientific curiosity and problem-solving skills. Awareness programmes on Cyber Security and Anti-Human Trafficking equipped children with knowledge for safety and resilience. Daily activities such as yoga, fun games, and talent showcases enhanced confidence and holistic growth.

The camp concluded with a valedictory function, marking a joyful closure to the ten days of learning.

Highlights of the event included the release of "Siruvar Arangam 2024" and vibrant performances of songs and skits by the children.

The summer camp proved to be a springboard for knowledge, empowerment, and self-expression for all participants.



YOUTH UPLIFTMENT PROGRAMS



Youth Career Connect Centre: Empowering Futures Beyond the Classroom

At the heart of our mission lies an unwavering belief in the potential of youth. The Youth Career Connect Centre is more than just a training ground—it's a launchpad for dreams, growth, and transformation. Recognizing that true success demands more than just technical expertise, we have created a dynamic and comprehensive program designed to build **not only skills, but also resilience, confidence, and purpose.**

Our approach is rooted in the holistic development of young minds. Through our **Life Skills training**, students learn to communicate effectively, collaborate with others, and believe in themselves. Our Work Skills modules prepare them for the modern workplace with essential tools such as **IT literacy and soft skills**. And our Technical Skills training—ranging from **Tally to UI/UX design**—ensures that each student has the specialized knowledge to pursue their chosen career path.

This multifaceted model doesn't just prepare students for a job; it prepares them for life. By investing in the whole individual, the Youth Career Connect Centre empowers young people to navigate their futures with **adaptability, strength, and confidence**. We are proud to walk alongside them on this journey—lighting the way to a brighter, more self-reliant tomorrow.

PROGRAMS of CAREER CONNECT CENTRE

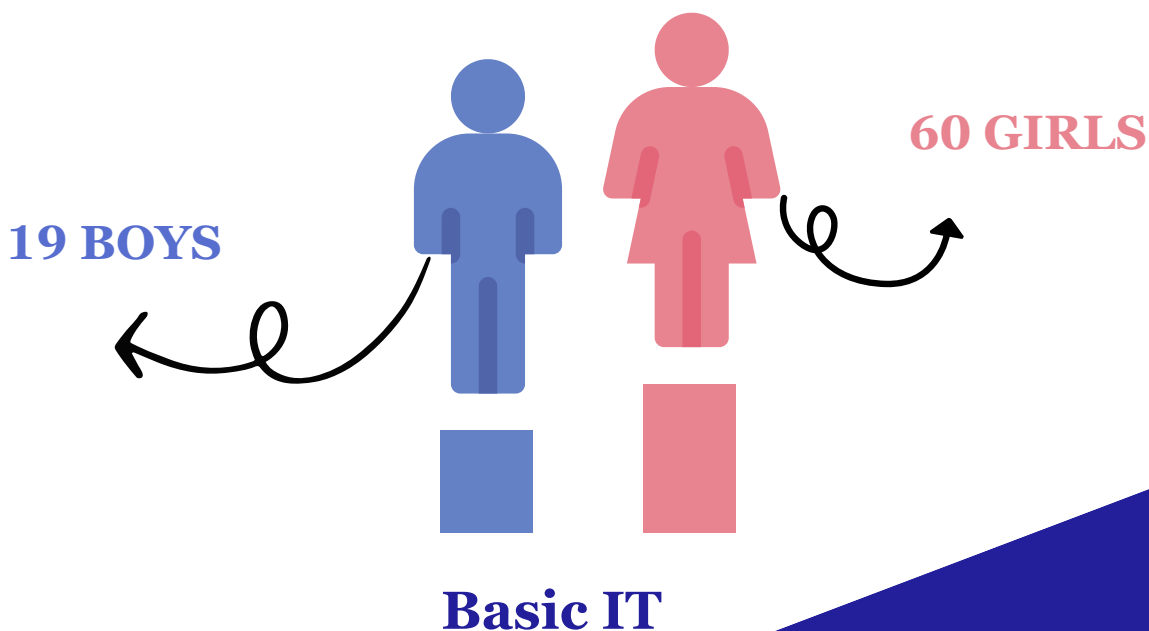


- Basic IT
- Interview skills
- Mock interview
- Job fair
- HR Connect
- Market scan
- Tally
- POSH Training
- UI/UX



IMPACT AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Trained over 135 youth in various career and professional skills.
- Supported 5 youth in becoming self-employed entrepreneurs.
- 93 students secured placements in reputable companies with salaries starting from ₹15,000.
- Computer Class beneficiaries- Basic IT- 79 (60 Girls & 19 Goys).
- UI/UX design - 138 Girls & 4 Boys – Placement - 8 (6 Girls & 2 Boys) at R.R. Donnelley & CGS .
- Collaborated with government schemes and private organizations for job placements and business funding.
- Facilitated industry visits and market scans for practical exposure.
- Strengthened youth networks for mutual support and collaboration.
- Educated youth on POSH policies to ensure workplace safety and ethical conduct.



CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

(Batches 1, 2, 3 & 4)

The Career Readiness Program was designed to empower youth, women, and aspiring professionals with the essential skills needed for employability and long-term career growth. Through a series of structured training sessions, participants gained practical knowledge and competencies to confidently enter the job market and pursue their professional aspirations.

Training Modules Included

- Resume building and job interview preparation
- Digital literacy and soft skills for workplace success
- Awareness on current employment opportunities and industry trends
- Professional communication, etiquette, and networking skills

Participation Overview

Male: 48

Female: 87

Total Participants: 135



IMPACT

93 participants (30 Male, 63 Female) secured placements in reputed companies with starting salaries from ₹15,000 per month.

Several others obtained internships or employment across diverse industries. A number of participants opted for higher education with increased clarity and direction in their career paths. The program not only boosted employability but also instilled confidence, resilience, and clarity among participants—marking a significant step toward economic empowerment and self-reliance.



POSH POLICY Awareness Session

Understanding workplace ethics and safety is fundamental for career readiness. As part of our ongoing efforts to build a respectful and secure environment for future professionals, we organized awareness sessions on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act.

The session was led by Mrs. Raji, Advocate, who provided valuable legal insights and practical guidance on ensuring safety and dignity at the workplace.

Key Topics Covered:

- Comprehensive understanding of the POSH Act and workplace harassment policies
- Legal rights, redressal mechanisms, and reporting procedures
- Building a safe, respectful, and inclusive work environment

Outcome:

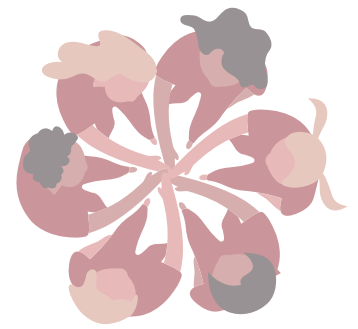
The session empowered participants with increased awareness of workplace rights and responsibilities. It fostered confidence in addressing inappropriate behavior and emphasized the importance of maintaining ethical standards, thereby contributing to a more informed and safer workforce.



YOUTH PHOTO GALLERY



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS



At ARUWYE, we believe that when a woman is empowered, an entire community thrives. We recognize the crucial role women play in shaping their families and society. However, barriers like limited education, lack of resources, and economic hardship often prevent them from reaching their full potential.

TO ADDRESS THIS, ARUWYE ACTIVELY SUPPORTS WOMEN THROUGH

- ✓ **Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** that promote collective savings, mutual support, and decision-making
- ✓ **Income-Generating Programs** that provide opportunities for financial independence
- ✓ **Vocational Training** in skills like tailoring, beautician courses, Aari work, jute bag making, and digital marketing – enabling women to start their own businesses or earn a stable livelihood
- ✓ **Kitchen Gardening** – Teaching women to grow healthy, organic vegetables in small spaces, ensuring food security and income support
- ✓ **Farmers' Trainings** – Equipping women farmers with knowledge on sustainable agriculture, natural farming techniques, and government schemes

These initiatives aim to build confidence, skills, and self-reliance, helping women become leaders in their homes and changemakers in their communities.

With every empowered woman, ARUWYE moves one step closer to a just, inclusive, and sustainable society.



GENDER PARITY AWARENESS PROGRAM



As a core element of its Women Empowerment initiative, ARUWYE organized Gender Parity Awareness Programs across three districts—Chennai, Tiruvallur, and Tiruvannamalai—to promote gender equity, challenge deep-rooted stereotypes, and foster inclusive mindsets among women. The sessions aimed to create awareness on gender roles, rights, and responsibilities, and to highlight the importance of equal opportunities in education, employment, leadership, and decision-making within families and communities. The program helped women recognize invisible barriers to equality and motivated them to become active advocates for gender justice in their own circles. The initiative also encouraged participants to form local peer support groups to continue awareness and collective action beyond the training. This effort marks a significant step in ARUWYE’s ongoing mission to build equitable, informed, and empowered communities.

SAMATHUVA PONGAL CELEBRATION



ARUWYE, in collaboration with REAL Charitable Trust and other civil society organizations, celebrated Samathuva Pongal in Kodambakkam and Vannarapettai, reaching over 100 community members. The event promoted unity, equality, and cultural harmony through traditional Pongal rituals, folk performances, and community sharing. It served as a joyful platform to strengthen social bonds and celebrate inclusivity among diverse groups.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING (Farmers of Michaelpuram)



A two-day Agricultural training program was held on September 25–26, 2024, in Michaelpuram village, Tiruvannamalai District, with participation from 35 farmers and 4 volunteers. Mr. Paneer Selvam and Sr. Sathiyavani led the sessions. Mr. Paneer Selvam conducted sessions on soil conservation, types of soil, and soil analysis. He also covered cropping techniques, seed selection, and water conservation methods, emphasizing the reuse of water in farming practices. Sr. Sathiyavani focused on the importance of organic food, highlighting health benefits over non-organic alternatives, and discussed strategies to reduce the consumption of junk food.

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WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

MARCH 8, 2025



ARUWYE celebrated International Women's Day with inspiring chief guests—Sr. D.J. Margret, Ms. Geeta Ilangovan, Mrs. Roja Edwin, and Dr. B. Kalpana—who shared empowering messages with the community. A highlight was the release of ARUWYE's Women's Success Story Book, featuring 15 women honored for their resilience and achievements.



In a gesture of gratitude, sanitary workers in Kodambakkam received sanitary napkins and lunch from Director Sr. Isabella. Women's Day was also celebrated in Anmarudai, reaching over 200 women, promoting dignity, recognition, and empowerment.



WOMEN PHOTO GALLERY



MEDICAL CAMPS



General Medical Camp – Puliurpuram, Kodambakkam

ARUWYE, in collaboration with Kauvery Hospital and MSW students from Loyola College, organized a General Medical Camp at Puliurpuram, Kodambakkam. The camp aimed to provide accessible healthcare services to marginalized communities. Medical professionals from Kauvery Hospital offered free consultations and health checkups, while Loyola students supported with community mobilization and logistics. Free medicines were distributed, and referrals were made for further treatment where necessary. Over 80 beneficiaries availed the services. The initiative emphasized preventive healthcare and early diagnosis, reflecting Aruwye's ongoing commitment to the well-being of vulnerable populations.



Free Breast Cancer Screening – ARUWYE, Kodambakkam

ARUWYE, in collaboration with India Turns Pink and students from Stella Maris College, organized a free breast cancer screening camp at the ARUWYE campus in Kodambakkam. The initiative aimed to raise awareness and promote early detection of breast cancer among women from marginalized communities. Over 80 women benefitted from the screening and received health education and counseling. This effort reflects ARUWYE's dedication to women's health and preventive care.



FREE EYE CAMP

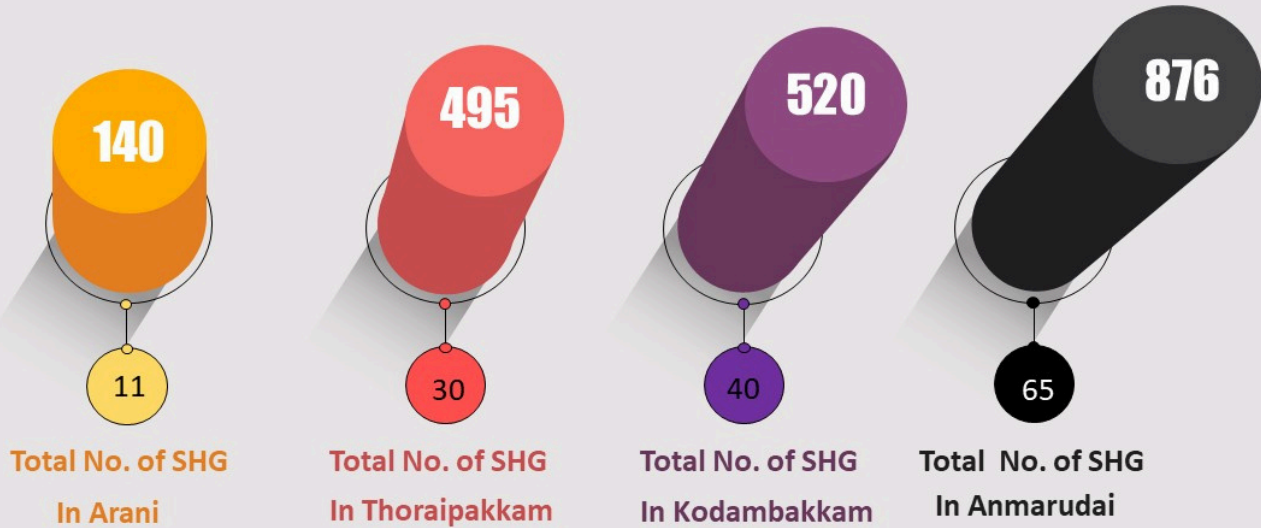
Eye Camp – Ramathandalam Village, Tiruvallur

ARUWYE, in collaboration with Agarwal Eye Hospital and Loyola College Social Work students, conducted a free Eye Camp at Ramathandalam village, Tiruvallur. The camp provided eye checkups, consultations, and treatment referrals for rural residents, especially the elderly and daily wage workers. Over 100 men and women benefitted from the services. The students played a key role in community mobilization and coordination. This initiative focused on early detection of vision problems and improving eye health in underserved communities.



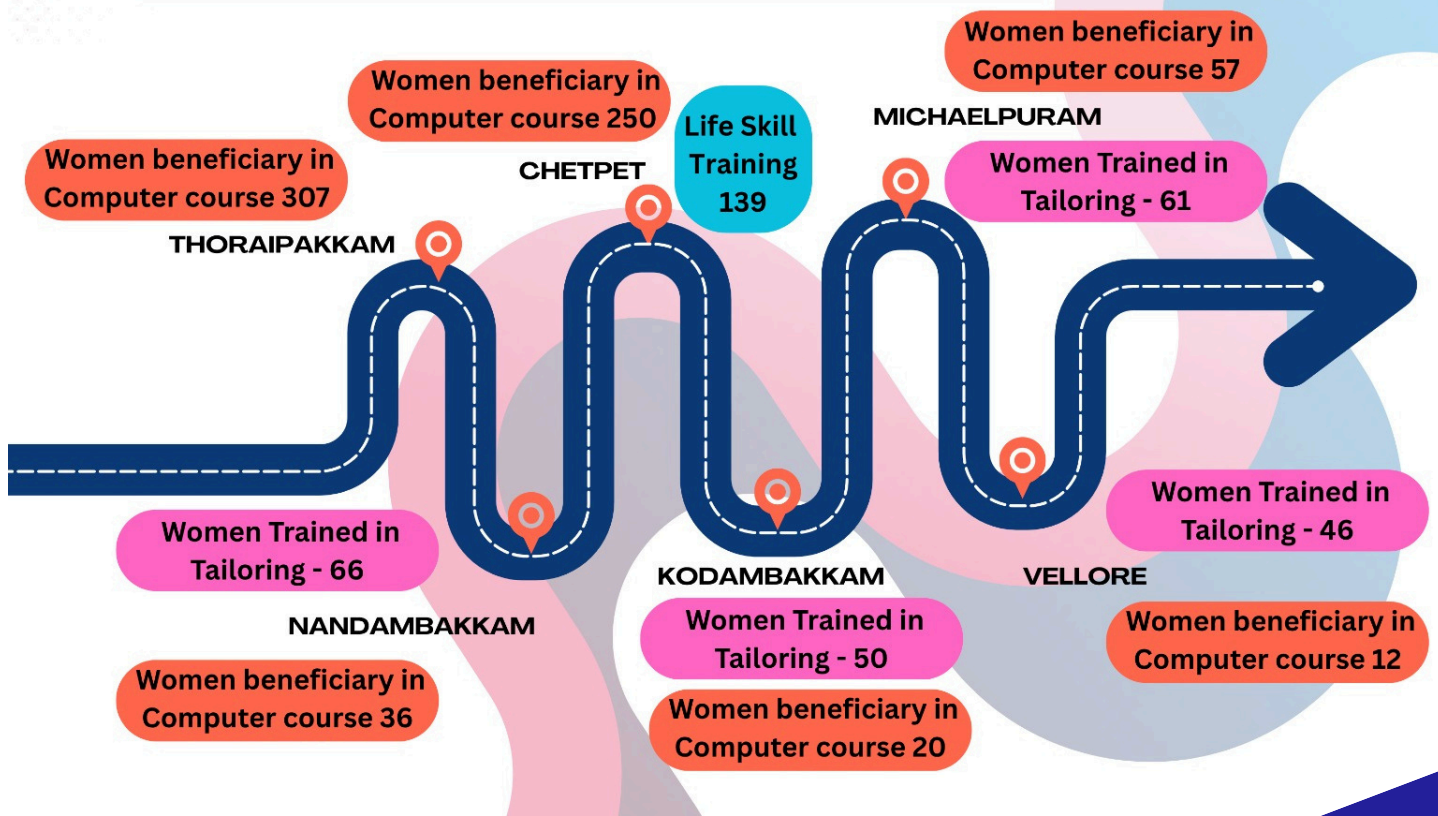
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Details of Women's Groups



ARUWYE (SALESIAN SISTERS)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS



TRAININGS & AWARENESS

S.No	Training topic	No. of training	Participants
1	Anti Human trafficking	5	500
2	Environment Day	1	20
3	Free counselling start up program	1	30
4	Gender Equality- Tiruvallur	1	30
5	Independence day	1	20
6	Women entrepreneurship program	1	150
7	Farmers training	1	40
8	Marketing/ network training	1	40
9	Grey water management/soak pit	1	10
10	Income generating Activities such as candle, garland, bracelet making Aari & embroidery	5	250
11	Orange day (Tiruvallur & Chennai)	2	120
12	Counselling for migrants	1	35
13	Government schemes overview	1	30
14	Human Rights day	1	110
15	General medical camp- Kodambakkam	1	100
16	Domestic violence Awareness/prevention	1	30
17	Organic farming (Tiruvallur)	1	50
18	Food plan- to achieve self sustainable families	1	50
19	Eye camp- Tiruvallur	1	100
20	Women's rights awareness program	2	100
21	Financial Literacy	1	40

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Empowering Women through Skill Development

At ARUWYE, we believe that economic independence is a vital step towards women's empowerment. Through our dedicated skill development programs, we have trained women in various income-generating skills such as candle making, Aari work, embroidery, and tailoring. These programs not only build technical skills but also boost confidence and self-reliance.

During this reporting period, 50 women successfully completed training in tailoring and Aari embroidery. Many of them have now established home-based tailoring units or joined small-scale production units. They are steadily earning a livelihood through their craft, contributing to their families' financial stability and gaining respect within their communities. This initiative has not only enhanced their skills but also ignited a sense of purpose and pride, turning learning into livelihood.



PSYCHOSOCIAL INTEGRATION TRAINING



ARUWYE conducted a Psychosocial Integration Training to strengthen the capacity of NGO professionals working with vulnerable groups. The session focused on trauma-informed care, emotional support strategies, and reintegration methods.



It also addressed the importance of work-life balance, helping participants manage stress and prevent burnout. The training empowered 20 participants to better support others while taking care of their own mental well-being



ORANGE WEEK

Orange Week was meaningfully celebrated across all Supplementary Education Centres, Career Connect Centres, Women's Groups, and schools under the theme "End Violence Against Women." The campaign reached over 2,500 children, youth, and women through vibrant and engaging activities such as awareness sessions, poster-making, role plays, and group discussions.

These initiatives aimed to sensitize participants about gender-based violence and inspired collective action to build a society rooted in safety, dignity, and gender equality



ANTI -HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS PROGRAM TO SCHOOL CHILDREN



AHT Public event-March 1st

ARUWYE successfully organized an Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Program and Signature Campaign at Besant Nagar Beach. The event saw an overwhelming response, with numerous people coming forward to show their support and sign the pledge against human trafficking. This initiative would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our incredible volunteers, students, and staff, whose efforts made this event a great success. Together, we take a stand for a safer and more just world.

On January 22, 2024, ARUWYE conducted an Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) awareness program for children at Don Bosco, Vyasarpadi. The session aimed to educate children on the dangers of trafficking, how to stay safe, and whom to approach for help. Interactive discussions and activities helped the children understand the importance of personal safety and vigilance.

Through our Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) awareness programs, we have successfully reached and sensitized over 3,000 women, children, and youth across communities and schools.

These sessions have empowered participants with knowledge about human trafficking, prevention strategies, and support mechanisms, fostering safer and more informed communities.



PHOTO GALLERY



IGP UNIT STALLS



- Stall at TVS Padi (Wheels India Pvt Ltd) for Orli laundry wash.
- Stall at Loyola College
- Sacred Heart Church , Egmore
- St. Xavier's Church, Broadway
- St. Joseph's Church, Ambattur
- TAJ Hotel, Nungambakkam
- Ascension Church, Amjikai
- Stella Maris College, Chennai
- Chennai Trade centre-TAHDCO
- St. Antony's Church, Viyasarpadi





ARUWYE

Evening Supplementary Centre

A Success Story of Transformation

A Journey from Irregular Attendance to Independent Learning

Surya (name changed), a student of class 6, lives in our neighborhood and studies in a nearby government school. He comes from a humble background — his parents are daily wage earners, and the family lives in a small rented house. Surya has an elder sister, Sowmiya, who studies in class 8 at the same school. Both siblings are enrolled in our Aruwye Evening Supplementary Centre, where they receive academic support after school hours. When Surya first joined our centre, he was a below-average student. He showed signs of being active and sociable, but he was irregular in both school and tuition. Recognizing this, our team maintained consistent communication with his parents to encourage his regular attendance and active participation. To support Surya's learning (LSRW), we placed him under special academic care focusing on basic literacy and numeracy in Tamil, English, and Mathematics. With encouragement, one-on-one attention, and continuous follow-ups, Surya began showing gradual improvement. Within a month, we noticed a shift in his attitude toward learning. He started attending tuition regularly and engaging in the lessons with growing interest. Our team conducted periodic oral and written assessments to track his progress. Surya began taking initiative — asking doubts, completing homework, and showing a desire to improve. By the time of the annual exams, he had prepared with dedication and expressed confidence that he performed well. Recognizing his potential and enthusiasm, Surya also joined the Aruwye Summer Camp, where he participated in non-curricular activities designed to enhance creativity, life skills, and personal development. This engagement provided him with a positive and enriching environment during the holidays. Surya's transformation is a testament to the power of consistent support, care, and opportunity. His journey reflects the core mission of Aruwye's Evening Supplementary Centres — to uplift, educate, and empower children from marginalized communities through holistic learning and guidance. We celebrate Surya's progress as a success story and remain committed to nurturing many more young lives with similar care and dedication.

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NURTURING CONTINUITY IN EDUCATION

A Journey from Disruption to Stability in Learning

Guru (name changed) is a young child studying in 1st standard at a government school. After school hours, he attends our Evening Supplementary Centre run by Aruwe. Guru comes from a vulnerable background — his parents are woodcutters who often travel to various districts in search of work. Due to the lack of anyone to care for him at home, Guru was frequently taken along on their work trips. This disrupted his schooling and severely impacted the continuity of his education. Recognizing this challenge, our tuition teacher took a proactive step and had a heartfelt discussion with Guru's parents. She explained the importance of consistent education, especially during the foundational years of a child's life. She also shared how the Supplementary Centre could support their son's learning and growth in a safe and structured environment.

The conversation brought a turning point. The parents, who deeply care for their child, understood the long-term value of education. They began looking for work opportunities closer to home so that Guru could attend school regularly and continue his tuition sessions without interruption. With the support of the Supplementary Centre, Guru successfully completed his 1st grade and is now advancing to 2nd grade. Our dedicated tuition teachers provide him with special attention, ensuring he is building a strong base in **Reading, writing, and Numbers**. His progress, though gradual, is steady — and more importantly, he is now part of a consistent and caring learning environment.

Guru's story is a powerful example of how community-based interventions can make a difference in a child's life. Through timely counselling, trust-building with parents, and committed educational support, Aruwe's Evening Supplementary Centre helped prevent school dropout and ensured continuity in learning. At Aruwe, we believe that no child should be left behind due to circumstances beyond their control. Guru's story reminds us that with **care, commitment, and community collaboration**, we can change the course of a child's future — one step at a time.

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SUCCESS STORIES

DEEPIKA'S JOURNEY FROM DEPENDENCE TO EMPOWERMENT



My name is Deepika V. I completed my college education a few years ago. However, after marriage and the birth of my son, I did not pursue a career. Like many women in traditional households, I dedicated myself entirely to my family and household duties. For four years, I managed home responsibilities, thinking that was my only role. Over time, I faced challenges at my in-laws' house, and I realized how financially and emotionally dependent I had become on my husband. I felt lost and uncertain about my future. I wanted to support myself and my family, but I lacked work experience, professional skills, and, most importantly, the confidence to step outside and begin a career. During this difficult period, I came across an Instagram post about ARUWYE's Course. It promised training in digital skills and life skills exactly what I needed. Without any hesitation, I reached out to them and enrolled in the course. From the very beginning, the Course gave me a new sense of hope. I committed to attending every session and completed the course with 100% attendance. I learned basic computer skills, how to search for jobs online, apply through digital platforms, and communicate professionally. For someone who had never worked outside the home, these skills opened a new world for me. The life skills sessions were just as transformative. I learned how to manage my emotions, how to believe in myself, and how to build healthy relationships. The trainers taught us interview skills, resume building, and where to find job opportunities near our area. Step by step, I could feel my confidence growing. After completing the Course, I proudly received my certificate. Soon after, I successfully secured a job in administrative work. For the first time in years, I was financially contributing to my household. More than the income, it was the dignity, the self-confidence, and the feeling of independence that truly changed my life. Today, I am able to manage my work, my home, and my relationships better than ever before. I have gained knowledge and life skills that even my college education had not prepared me for. I am deeply grateful to ARUWYE team for believing in women like me and giving us the tools to rebuild our lives. My journey has shown me that it's never too late to dream again, to stand tall, and to create a better future not only for myself but for my family and my child. Thank you ARUWYE.

- Deepika V

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HEMALATHA - FROM BURNED TO BOLD



I am Hemalatha, the first graduate in my family. My journey has never been an easy one. I lost my father early in life, and since then, it was my mother who took on the burden of raising us me, my younger sister, and my little brother all on her own. Our family came from a poor background, and the responsibility of supporting my home slowly fell on my shoulders. Though I completed my graduation with hope and determination, I found no job opportunities waiting for me. I had the degree, but not the skills or the confidence to secure meaningful work. I felt stuck educated, but unemployed; willing, but unprepared. That's when I came to know about ARUWYE and the skill development training they offered. Enrolling in their program was a turning point in my life. The training sessions transformed not only my knowledge but also my mindset. I learned how to communicate confidently, especially with professionals and officials. For someone like me who once hesitated to even speak in front of strangers, this was a huge leap. Through digital skills training, I became comfortable using computers, handling tasks online, and learning how technology can be used wisely in the workplace. The life skills sessions were equally important. They taught me how to stay emotionally balanced, manage pressure, and make decisions with clarity. I slowly began believing in myself. Today, I am proud to say that I am working as an Administrator at J-ARK Logistics Company. I am the main earning member of my family, and I am confidently handling responsibilities both at work and home. I now meet and communicate with officials, organize administrative tasks, and manage work challenges things I never thought I could do just a year ago.

Thanks to ARUWYE, I'm not just employed I'm empowered. I have grown into a confident, responsible, and resilient young woman. The skills and support I received helped me rise from uncertainty to stability.

- Hemalatha

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FROM HOMEMAKE TO ENTREPRENEUR



My name is Krithika, and I am 29 years old. My life took a traditional path when my parents arranged my marriage right after I completed my schooling. At the age of 19, I got married, and soon after, I became a mother. With household responsibilities and raising my child, I had no opportunity to pursue higher education. I had once dreamed of completing a degree through distance education, but due to health complications, I was hospitalized and had to focus on recovery. This setback left me feeling like I had no future beyond my home. However, life had other plans for me. On my son's birthday, I decided to make homemade chocolates for the first time, and to my surprise, they turned out exceptionally well. This small success reignited a spark in me. A few months later, with the guidance of ARUWYE, I joined the Selva Magal Women Self-Help Group, where I connected with many women who, like me, were looking for ways to build their own identity. Determined to move forward, I enrolled in a baking course and began taking small orders within my family circle. I started making cookies, brownies, and cakes using a mix of millets and refined flour. Slowly, my passion turned into a source of income, giving me the confidence I had never felt before. But I didn't stop there! With the continued support of the women's self-help group and ARUWYE staff, I started receiving more orders and was given opportunities to set up stalls at various events. Through these experiences, I learned marketing and business strategies that helped expand my small venture. Eager to grow even further, I explored new skills and discovered Ari work classes at ARUWYE, offered at an affordable cost. At the same time, I joined ARUWYE's Career Connect Program, which transformed my perspective on life. Through these sessions, I developed confidence, learned interview skills, and mastered marketing techniques. Today, I am not just a homemaker—I am an entrepreneur with a growing baking business. What once seemed impossible has now become my reality. My journey from self-doubt to self-reliance is proof that no dream is too big and no setback is permanent. Thanks to the unwavering support of ARUWYE and the Selva Magal Women Self-Help Group, I have found my purpose and financial independence.

To all the women out there who feel stuck—believes in yourself, take that first step, and embrace the opportunities around you. If I can do it, so can you!

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A JOURNEY TOWARDS EMPOWERMENT



In Kodambakkam, Aruwye has formed the Selvamagal Self-Help Group, consisting of 16 determined women, all of whom were once entirely dependent on their husbands. Today, they are on a path toward financial independence and self-reliance. I am Bakiyalakshmi, a mother of two children. I am 33 years old and have been married for 15 years. From the day of my marriage, I relied entirely on my husband for all our family's needs. Though I had a deep interest in sewing and tailoring, my skills were limited. I tried learning by watching YouTube videos and managed to stitch clothes for myself, but I lacked the confidence and expertise to sew for others professionally. Through the Selvamagal Self-Help Group, I learned about the tailoring and Aari embroidery training classes offered by Aruwye. The idea of enhancing my skills excited me, but my family was initially skeptical. They doubted whether I could successfully complete the course and turn my passion into a source of income. However, I remained persistent. I continuously expressed my desire to upgrade my skills and proved my dedication. Eventually, my family recognized my determination and allowed me to enroll in the tailoring and Aari work classes at Aruwye, which were offered at an affordable cost. With great enthusiasm, I joined the program and diligently learned the art of Aari embroidery and professional tailoring under expert guidance. Upon completing the training, I received a certification from an Aruwye trainer, marking the beginning of my transformation. As my skills improved, so did my family's faith in me. They started believing in my ability to contribute financially. We even made plans to purchase a new sewing machine once my elder son completed his 10th grade. Through the Selvamagal Self-Help Group, I also accessed a loan to start my own tailoring and Aari work business. I began taking small orders, stitching clothes for friends and relatives. Gradually, my customer base expanded, and for the first time in my life, I started earning money. Before joining this group, I had never earned a single rupee or financially supported my family. But today, I contribute to my children's education fees and help meet my family's needs. The journey from being financially dependent to becoming self-reliant has not only empowered me but has also instilled confidence and courage in my life. I am deeply grateful to Aruwye for being the driving force behind this transformation. Without their support, guidance, and encouragement, this journey would not have been possible. They have given me the strength to believe in myself and the confidence to build a better future for my family.

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- Real Charitable Trust
- People for Good
- Mohan Foundation
- NEWS
- Sukriti social Foundation
- India Turns Pink
- Dhvani Foundation
- Miracle Foundation
- CCRD
- Arogya Agam

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- Annai Velankanni College
- Queen Maris college
- Madras University
- Madras School Of Social Work
- Loyola College
- Anna Adarsh College for Women
- SDNB Vaishnav College For Women
- Stella Maris College
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