



A VIBRANT MARCH: EMPOWERING LIVES, INSPIRING GROWTH

March was vibrant and impactful, with key activities focused on empowerment, learning, and collaboration. Women's Day and Motherhood celebrations highlighted appreciation and recognition, while course examinations ensured academic progress. The Certification Ceremony celebrated students' achievements, and the CSO meeting focused on sessions highlighting the emotional well-being of children, staff and management, fostering meaningful collaboration. Additionally, the Internship Fair provided valuable exposure for students, making the month both productive and enriching.

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CERTIFICATION CEREMONY



The Certification Ceremony for Batch 4 and Batch 5, held on 13th March 2026, marked a proud and memorable milestone for our learners. A total of 55 learners successfully completed the training program, demonstrating dedication, consistency, and remarkable growth throughout their journey, with 20 learners already securing placements in various organizations. The event highlighted their progress in communication, confidence, and employability skills, while also recognizing outstanding performers—Sai Trisha and Sivagaminachiyar for Academic Excellence, Cheran and Kavitha for Punctuality and Active Participation, Lakshmi and C. Shanmugam for supporting learner enrolment, and Easuva for his dedication to continuous learning. Learners shared inspiring testimonials about overcoming challenges and building confidence, reflecting the transformative impact of the program. The ceremony was further enriched by the presence of Dr. Vimal Nandhan and Mr. Naresh, who motivated learners with valuable insights on career growth, industry expectations, and skill development, alongside an encouraging address by the Director emphasizing continuous learning and self-belief. Overall, the event was a grand success, celebrating achievements while inspiring learners to move forward with confidence towards a brighter future.

WELLS FARGO VOLUNTEERING SESSION

The Wells Fargo Volunteering Session held on 13th March 2026 was an engaging and impactful learning experience aimed at strengthening learners' Microsoft Excel skills for workplace readiness. Facilitated by Mr. Manjunath, the session introduced key concepts such as VLOOKUP, Data Validation, COUNT functions, and basic Excel operations through clear explanations and practical demonstrations. Learners were able to understand real-time applications of these tools, helping them build essential data management and analytical skills required in professional environments.

The session was highly interactive, with learners actively participating in hands-on exercises and clarifying their doubts, reflecting their enthusiasm to enhance their technical knowledge. Overall, the session significantly boosted their confidence in using Excel, improved their productivity skills and contributed to their employability by preparing them for real-world job requirements.



INDUSTRIAL EXPOSURE VISIT



On 9th March 2026, our learners participated in an Industrial Exposure Visit to Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, where they gained valuable insights into the healthcare sector and organisational functioning. The visit began with an orientation by the HR team, introducing the hospital's vision, operations, and commitment to quality eye care. Learners explored various departments such as patient care, administration, HR, clinical services, and laboratory support, understanding the importance of teamwork and coordination. They were also guided on workplace expectations, HR policies, career opportunities, and essential professional skills. The hospital's CSR initiatives, including eye camps and community outreach programmes, highlighted its dedication to social responsibility. A key highlight was the interaction with Ms. Madhumitha, a placed learner who progressed from a receptionist to a lab-based role within a month, inspiring learners with her journey. Overall, the visit was informative and motivating, helping learners connect academic knowledge with real-world experience and encouraging them to explore careers in the healthcare sector.

MARKET SCAN

The Market Scan conducted on 7th March 2026 at Pondy Bazaar offered learners valuable real-time exposure to the retail sector, where they explored various outlets such as clothing stores, accessory shops, mobile stores, and small businesses to understand workplace practices, customer service, and sales operations. Through direct interaction with shop representatives, learners gained insights into job roles, required skills, working conditions, and employer expectations, while also observing the importance of communication, product knowledge, and presentation in a retail environment. This experiential learning activity not only enhanced their understanding of the job market but also boosted their confidence in communication and professional interaction, preparing them for future employment opportunities.



AHT SKILL TRAINING UNIT INAUGURATION



On 14th March 2026, the AHT (Anti-Human Trafficking) Skill Training Unit was successfully inaugurated at East Namacheevayapuram with the aim of empowering women through skill development and promoting sustainable livelihoods. The programme was well coordinated by the Centre In-Charge, Mr. Vasuthevan, ensuring its smooth execution. The inauguration was led by Sr. Isabella, Director of ARUWYE, who emphasized the importance of skill training in enhancing women's economic independence, dignity, and resilience against vulnerabilities such as human trafficking. During the event, the trainer, Mrs. Vanitha, was introduced, and participants were encouraged to actively engage in the training and make effective use of the opportunity. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from women in the community, reflecting their interest in becoming self-reliant. Following the inauguration, steps were initiated to link beneficiaries with relevant government schemes to support their self-employment efforts. Overall, the launch of the AHT Skill Training Unit marks a significant step towards women's empowerment and socio-economic development in East Namacheevayapuram.

AHT VIGILANT COMMITTEE FORMATION & STREET PLAY TRAINING

An AHT (Anti-Human Trafficking) Vigilant Committee was successfully formed at Chindadripet with the active participation of 16 women from the community, beginning with an awareness session on human trafficking. The participants were educated on its meaning, various forms and methods, preventive measures, and available government support systems and helpline numbers, which helped them understand the seriousness of the issue and their role in prevention. The session also focused on building confidence and encouraging active participation among the women. Following this, a street play training program was conducted as an effective tool for community awareness, where the storyline and purpose were explained, and volunteers actively participated. The women were trained on key social issues such as bonded labour, youth exploitation, illegal organ trade, and prostitution and women exploitation, with guidance on effectively presenting these themes through performances. The participants showed great enthusiasm and involvement, enhancing both their awareness and communication skills. The program concluded successfully, with the women expressing their readiness to use street plays as a powerful medium to spread awareness and prevent human trafficking in their community.



WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION REPORT

On 17th March 2026, International Women’s Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at ARUWYE, Kodambakkam, under the theme “Unleash the Hidden Potential of Women,” aiming to empower women and recognize their achievements. The event was graced by Rev. Sr. D.J. Margaret, along with special guests Sr. Christina, Dr. Sasikala, and Sr. Mary Josephine Isabella, and witnessed the participation of around 150 attendees, including staff, interns, and women’s groups. The programme featured vibrant cultural performances showcasing the talents and confidence of women, followed by the recognition of four women achievers from different sectors, in line with the United Nations theme highlighting women’s contributions, especially farmers. Inspiring speeches by the dignitaries emphasized self-confidence, leadership, education, and economic empowerment. A key highlight was the release of the book “Women Success Stories,” sharing real-life inspirational journeys. The celebration concluded on a positive note, reinforcing the importance of women’s empowerment and their vital role in building an inclusive society.



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KODAMBAKKAM & MAMBALAM

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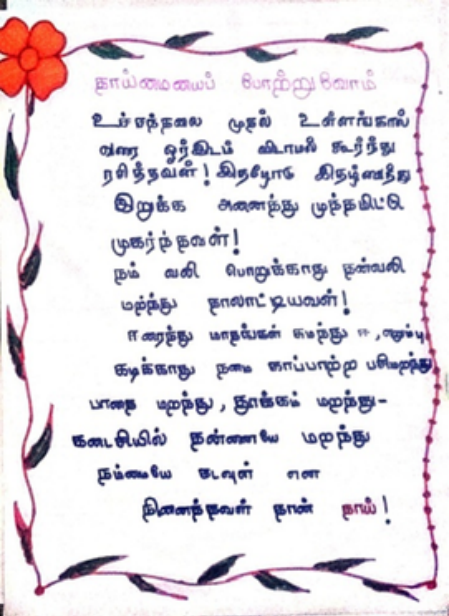
The event was graced by Rev. Sr. D.J. Margaret, President of ARUWYE, as the Chief Guest. The Special Guests included Sr. Christina, Executive Member of ARUWYE; Dr Sasikala, Physiotherapist, Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone 6; and Sr. Mary Josephine Isabella, Director of ARUWYE, along with other ARUWYE Governing Body members who were present on the occasion.

The programme saw active participation from staff members, interns from SRM University and Stella Maris College and various women groups, making it a vibrant and meaningful gathering. The celebration commenced with lively cultural performances by the women groups, showcasing their talents and creativity. A key highlight of the event was the recognition of the United Nations’ theme for the year, which emphasized the importance of acknowledging women farmers. In line with this, four women achievers from different sectors were honoured with medals and shawls in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

The distinguished guests delivered powerful and inspiring messages, encouraging women to embrace confidence, independence and leadership in all spheres of life. Another significant moment of the programme was the release of the “Women Success Stories” book, which added great value to the celebration. The event witnessed the participation of around 150 women, reflecting unity, empowerment, and collective strength. The celebration stood as a testament to the spirit of womanhood and the importance of nurturing and unleashing the immense potential within every woman, press release said.

MOTHERHOOD CELEBRATION

ARUWYE Study Centers celebrated Motherhood with meaningful and engaging activities across all centers. Children actively participated in writing poetry, expressing their love and gratitude for their mothers. Teachers spoke about the importance of mothers, highlighting their love, sacrifice, and dedication. The program helped students understand and appreciate their mothers more deeply. Inspired by the session, children returned home and thanked their mothers, making the celebration impactful.



NDF VISIT TO CHENNAI ZONE CENTERS

The NDF visit to the Chennai Zone centers, conducted on 9th and 10th March 2026 by Mr. Sougata, ANCP Program Manager from Kolkata, focused on reviewing the implementation of the Children's Parliament program. During the visit, meetings were held with the Director, Project Manager, facilitators, and coordinators to assess program progress and discuss key challenges. Major concerns identified included language barriers due to English-based content, limited access to secure online resources, insufficient learning materials, and the lack of essential digital devices such as laptops or tablets for effective session delivery. Documentation verification was also carried out, covering children and teacher profiles, reports, and safeguarding records, all of which were found to be well-maintained and appreciated. Additionally, Mr. Sougata visited multiple study centers and interacted directly with children, evaluating their understanding of roles within the Children's Parliament while motivating them to pursue their ambitions. A Chennai Zone Teachers Meeting was also conducted, where educators shared practical challenges and proposed constructive suggestions to enhance program effectiveness. Key recommendations included introducing completion certificates and badges for student recognition, organizing exposure visits, encouraging civic engagement through petitions, clarifying election processes, and providing syllabus-based demo videos for better facilitation. These insights and suggestions are expected to significantly strengthen program delivery and foster improved participation, leadership, and learning outcomes among children.



THE INTERNSHIP FAIR HELD AT SDNB VAISHNAV COLLEGE

The Internship Fair held at SDNB Vaishnav College, Chrompet for Women on 25th March 2026 was conducted successfully with active participation from students across various academic sectors. The event was well-organised and systematically structured, ensuring a smooth and efficient process throughout. Students enthusiastically engaged in exploring diverse internship opportunities and presenting their skills for selection. ARUWYE was part of the fair and successfully selected 13 students from various departments, marking a significant outcome of the event.



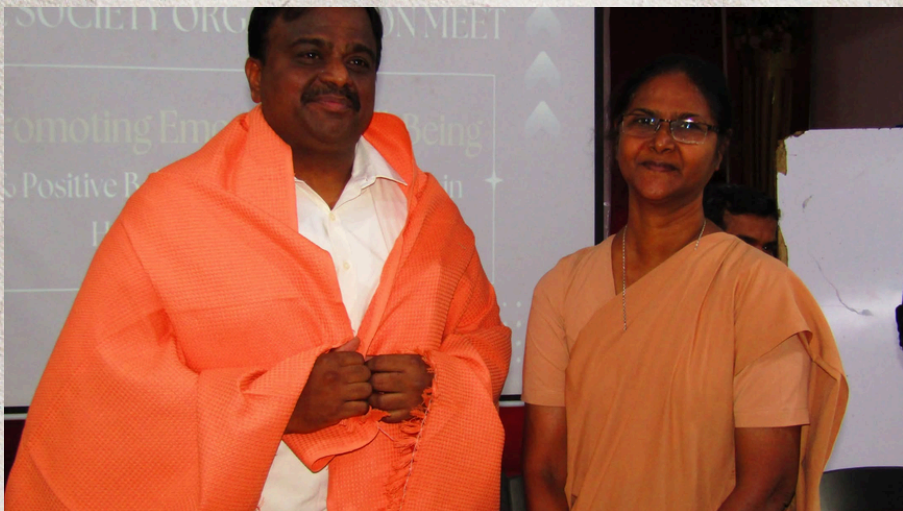
SKILL SHOWCASE EXAMINATION: TAILORING, HAND EMBROIDERY, BEAUTICIAN AND JUTE BAG

The practical examinations for Tailoring, Hand Embroidery, Jute Bag Making, and Beautician Course were successfully conducted on 27.03.2026 at ARUWYE. All 30 students actively participated in the Hand Embroidery exam held in the Animation Room. The Tailoring exam took place in the Tailoring Unit, where students chose between blouse and chudithar stitching. The Jute Bag practical was conducted in two sessions, with students completing cloth bag stitching based on given measurements. The Beautician course exam was also carried out efficiently, with students demonstrating their practical skills. Overall, the examinations were smooth, and students showcased their competencies effectively across all courses.



UNITED FOR IMPACT: TWENTY-TWO CSOS, FORTY-THREE VOICES IN COLLABORATION

On 26th March 2026, a Networking and Collaboration Meeting in the form of a CSO Stakeholder Consultation Meet was held, bringing together 22 organizations and 42 committed participants. The session created a meaningful platform for dialogue, focusing on children's emotional well-being and behavioural challenges, while encouraging stakeholders to share insights and practical strategies. The programme was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Churchil, JJB Member, Chennai Zone, along with other distinguished guests who enriched the discussions through their active participation. Hosted by Don Bosco Anbu Illam & Niraivagam at Bosco Illam, MKB Nagar, the consultation emphasized the importance of collective action, strong networking, and sustained collaboration to build holistic support systems for children.



CERTIFICATION CEREMONY - SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The Certificate Distribution Ceremony of the UWC Free Skill Training Programme was successfully held on 31.03.2026 at ARUWYE, 2nd Floor. The programme was organized to appreciate and recognize the successful completion of training by the participants. A total of 70 women beneficiaries who completed training in Tailoring, Jute Bag Making, Hand Embroidery, and Beautician courses were awarded certificates. The programme began with a welcome address by the ARUWYE Director, who highlighted the importance of skill development and women empowerment. As part of the programme, selected students shared their testimonies, expressing their experiences and the benefits gained through the training. The Beautician students performed a ramp walk, confidently showcasing their practical skills. In addition, the trainees displayed their products such as stitched garments, embroidery works, jute bags, purses, lunch bags, and files, reflecting their creativity and learning out comes. The Chief Guest, Rev. Sr. D.J. Margaret, President, ARUWYE delivered a motivating speech, encouraging the participants to make use of their skills for self-employment and financial independence. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates to all the participants. The women received their certificates with great happiness and a sense of achievement. The programme ended on a positive and celebratory note



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