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BEATS OF ARVI

ARVI TRUST works to create lasting, positive change for children, families, and communities facing deep poverty and inequality. With compassion, **respeto**, **igualdad**, and **esperanza**, we support all—regardless of background—offering a helping hand to those who truly need it.

Awards and Recognitions

ARVI TRUST Receives "THE CHANGE MAKER" Award

We are thrilled to announce that ARVI TRUST has been honored with "THE CHANGE MAKER" award by the Dindigul Parenting Charitable Trust and The People of Tomorrow Trust, Dindigul. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mayor Mrs. Ilamathi Jothiprakash



for presenting this prestigious award. This recognition is a significant acknowledgment of our ongoing efforts and commitment to empowering persons with disabilities. It serves as a testament to the hard work, dedication, and impact of everyone involved in supporting this important cause.

Events and Celebrations



Feeding India – Children's Day Celebration

A heartfelt thank you to Feeding India for making Children's Day 2024 an unforgettable experience for our students! Your generosity and thoughtfulness brought immense joy through the wonderful gifts and the remarkable initiative of planting trees. The students cherished every moment and these planted trees will stand as a living memory of this special day, inspiring them to grow with purpose and contribute positively to their

surroundings. Your commitment to supporting the youth and fostering a sense of community and sustainability is truly commendable. This occasion would not have been the same without your valuable contributions.

We are deeply grateful for your support and look forward to more such meaningful collaborations that empower and inspire young minds. Thank you for making a difference!



Sports Day – Dindigul and Theni Districts

We are proud to share that students from Arvi Special School actively participated in the District-Level Sports Meet for Persons with Disabilities, held in Dindigul and Theni. The event was inaugurated by the District Collector, with the District Welfare Officer for Persons with Disabilities also attending and supporting the participants. A total of ten students from our school took part in various events with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

In the 400-meter race, two of our students competed, and we are delighted to announce that Mutheeswaran secured third place, achieving a remarkable milestone. In the long jump event, seven students participated, demonstrating their commitment and skill. All participating students were provided with a nutritious midday meal to support their energy needs throughout the day.

We extend our sincere congratulations to all the students who took part, and we celebrate their determination, perseverance, and spirited performance at this important district event.



Celebrating World Disabled Day – Trichy District (Dec 3)

On December 3rd, Trichy District celebrated World Disabled Persons Day with a series of impactful events. The day began with a large awareness procession led by the District Collector, the District Differently Abled Welfare Office, and the Tamil Nadu Rights Project Trichy, emphasizing the importance of disability rights and inclusive welfare.

A vibrant cultural program at Kalaiyarangam followed, where special children impressed the audience with their spirited performances, celebrating talent and resilience. An empowerment meeting with Tamil Nadu Rights Project staff was also held to discuss new strategies for strengthening support for persons with disabilities.

ARVI Trust proudly recognizes the dedicated efforts of all Tamil Nadu Rights Trichy staff, whose contributions were instrumental to the event's success. We extend heartfelt gratitude to the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer and their team for their commitment to creating an inclusive environment. Together, we continue to work towards a society that empowers everyone.

On December 4th, ARVI Trust participated in the World Disabled Day celebrations organized by the District Disabled Persons Welfare Office, Dindigul,

**Celebrating
World Disabled**

at the Dindigul Collectorate Ground. The event honored the talents of differently-abled students through special prize distributions and vibrant cultural performances. Beneficiaries also received essential assistive devices from ALIMCO, promoting greater mobility and independence. The occasion was graced by the presence of government officials, organization staff, and community members. ARVI Trust extends heartfelt appreciation to the District Welfare Officer and the organizing team for their commitment to promoting inclusivity and empowerment for persons with disabilities.

Day – Dindigul District



Sports for Special Needs



With deep gratitude, I celebrate ARVI's progress in empowering differently-abled individuals. Each milestone reflects our shared commitment to inclusion, dignity, and opportunity. Thank you to our supporters, staff, and partners for making transformation possible.

Tenemos una gran visión que..
arvi Ramachandran, CHIEF at Arvi Trust

Inclusive Outreach Camps: Empowering Rights and Enhancing Lives

The Government of Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with the World Bank, successfully conducted Special Enrollment and Support Camps for Differently-Abled Persons across multiple districts from October 29 to November 29, 2024. These camps served as one-stop centers, providing comprehensive services and facilitating access to vital welfare schemes for persons with disabilities. The initiative aimed to promote inclusion, empowerment, and equal opportunities. Community participation was highly encouraging, with thousands benefiting from the various services offered. This remarkable effort marks a significant step towards building a more inclusive and supportive society across Tamil Nadu.

Diwali Celebration

ARVI Special School, Dindigul, organized a joyful and safe Diwali celebration with our students, staff members, and parents. The event was designed to ensure a secure environment while allowing the children to experience the spirit of Diwali with happiness and excitement. Students enjoyed receiving sweets, blessings, and sharing delightful moments together. The small yet meaningful celebration created cherished memories, bringing smiles and joy to everyone present. We extend our sincere thanks to the staff and parents for their support in making this Diwali event a safe, enjoyable, and memorable experience for our children.



Centralized Disability Census under the "RIGHTS" Project

The Tamil Nadu Government's "RIGHTS" Project, supported by the World Bank, is conducting a Centralized Disability Census to promote inclusive services, equal opportunities, and access to welfare schemes for persons with disabilities, particularly in coastal areas. Data is being collected through a dedicated mobile application to identify individuals requiring support. Community members are encouraged to register through the Social Register Enrollment (SRE) or share their details with their local CST/CRRP Enumerator. From September to November 2024, the Disability Welfare Department (DWDA) will conduct camps to issue Disability Certificates and UDID cards.



Vocational Skill Achievement – Soap Oil Preparation

We are proud to share the achievements of our intellectually disabled students, who have demonstrated outstanding progress in learning to prepare soap oil products. With dedication and precision, they have mastered each step of the process. Special recognition is given to five students who excelled in applying their skills and knowledge with confidence. Their success highlights their remarkable cognition, teamwork, and potential for greater independence. This accomplishment not only reflects their abilities but also promotes social integration, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the community. We celebrate their hard work, growth, and inspiring achievements.



Grama Sabha Disability Census and Social Register Enrollment under the RIGHTS Project

Under the Tamil Nadu Government's "RIGHTS" initiative (funded by the World Bank), a comprehensive Disability Census is being carried out to ensure inclusive growth and access to welfare services for persons with disabilities, including transgender individuals. Through a dedicated mobile app, detailed data is being collected across coastal regions. Public awareness is being raised about Social Register Enrollment (SRE) and local verification of disability lists is underway. The Disability Welfare Department (DWDA) is also conducting camps from September to November to issue UDID cards and correct duplicate records. Those without certificates can still register online with basic details and update later. Let's work together to ensure no one is left behind





Managing Director of ESSKAY Company, Mr. Ravi Sir and Chief Advisor of ARVI TRUST, Mr. Srikanth – Visit to TN RIGHTS Projects and Theni Projects

Mr. Ravi, Managing Director of ESSKAY Company, and Mr. Srikanth, Chief Advisor of ARVI TRUST, recently visited the Tamil Nadu RIGHTS Projects and Theni initiatives. During their visit, they interacted with teams in both Trichy and Theni, observing various on-ground activities. Mr. Ravi addressed the staff and later participated in a key integration meeting at the Kulu Mani Project Office, bringing together personnel from ten different lines of work. He also visited the Home-Based Programs, personally meeting bedridden children and their families, offering encouragement and support.

The visit highlighted the leadership's strong commitment to understanding grassroots operations and promoting better collaboration across diverse teams and regions. The insights gathered during their interactions are expected to shape future strategies and reinforce the organization's focus on inclusive development, integrated programming, and community impact.



Visit of Mr. Pandiyaraj, Director of Vetri Trust, to ARVI Trust

We were honored to welcome Mr. Pandiyaraj, Director of Vetri Trust and Battery Service Centre, to our ARVI Trust office in Dindigul. A longstanding well-wisher, Mr. Selvaraj has supported our initiatives through the Open School Program Station Team. His contributions to education and tireless social service efforts in Thoothukudi District are widely respected, particularly his promotion of key educational initiatives for community development and environmental awareness. His visit was deeply inspiring to our staff. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Selvaraj for his



Volunteer Visit: Supporting Children with Special Needs

A bright volunteer from Germany, a speech-language pathologist, arrived at the end of December and continued her service through early January. She volunteered at four of our schools in Dindigul and Theni districts, working closely with our special educators. Demonstrating great dedication, she visited children directly at their doorsteps, teaching essential skills in a practical and engaging manner. She also

continued support and look forward to strengthening our collaboration in the future.

brought specialized teaching materials from Germany to enhance her sessions. Her commitment extended to traveling across various locations with our team, reaching out to children in remote areas and ensuring they received the support and learning opportunities they deserved.

Project Activities,

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Staff Review Meeting: Clarifications and Expectations

A staff review meeting was conducted for the RIGHTS Project workers of Manapparai, Musiri, and Andhanallur centers to clarify responsibilities in assisting differently-abled individuals. The importance of collaborative efforts was strongly emphasized. During the review, shortcomings were noted in the maintenance of employee records, and all staff were instructed to document their work accurately and completely moving forward. Punctuality at work was also stressed, with strict action warned for non-compliance. Key personnel and the Head of the Adi Institution addressed the gathering, encouraging dedication, teamwork, and diligence among all employees in fulfilling their responsibilities.



Five-Day Training Camp for Rehabilitation Workers

A five-day training camp for rehabilitation workers was held at a training hall on the way from Madurai to Natham. This training camp was held with the approval of RCI. I had the opportunity to stay at this training center for five days and speak for a year. The entire arrangement for this was made by the National Institute for the Disabled and the Madurai branch. We are grateful for that. Through this training, we came to know many parts of the rehabilitation department, its current activities and expansions in detail and clearly. I am very happy to have organized the National Institute for the Disabled in this peaceful environment.

T. Pettai One Stop Center: A New Hope for Children with Special Needs

Preparations are underway in T. Pettai for the launch of a dedicated One Stop Center for children with special needs. This center will serve as a vital resource for children with disabilities and their families, especially those in remote areas near Trichy. Equipped with learning aids, therapy materials, assistive devices, and counseling services, the center will offer a supportive, inclusive environment. Additional resources are expected to strengthen its services further. This initiative marks an important step toward bridging service gaps and empowering families, caregivers, and educators to better support the development of special children.



Initiative

Advocacy and Networking,

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VANI-Delhi Networking Meeting on Policy Updates for NGOs

VANI-Delhi organized a dynamic and insightful gathering in Bangalore, bringing together community-based organizations and NGOs to discuss the latest sector trends and developments. The meeting provided valuable updates on recent amendments issued by the Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu, particularly affecting NGO operations. Key discussions focused on changes in FCRA and income tax regulations, emphasizing the need for compliance. The event strengthened inter-organizational networks and empowered participants with the knowledge to navigate policy reforms. As proud attendees, we were inspired by the spirit of collaboration and commitment to community development.

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Self-Advocacy Training Session for Students – Theni

ARVI Trust Special School, Theni, in collaboration with INTACT, Trichy, successfully organized a Self-Advocacy Training session for our students. The session focused on empowering students to express themselves confidently, understand their rights, and take proactive steps in their daily lives. We were proud to witness the enthusiastic participation and attentive engagement of all students throughout the training. To honor their involvement, each student was awarded a participation certificate. We sincerely thank INTACT, Trichy, for their valuable support in delivering this impactful session and helping our students move toward greater independence and self-confidence.

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Students studying in our special schools, can get valid certificates from the recognized board. Also, students who have dropped out or are receiving home tutoring and those with learning disabilities, who are unable to study due to family circumstances and through NIOS, New Delhi, and BOSSE, Sikkim. Arrangements have been made to issue certificates to students from 3rd to 12th standard.

We are happy to inform you that more than 380 students have obtained certificates through NIOS and BOSSE and those who have completed 12th standard are now studying regular Colleges and distance mode Degrees.

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