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PROVINCIAL MESSAGE

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done”. - Proverbs 19:17



As I extend heartfelt congratulations to Aruwye for another successful year, I am deeply impressed by the remarkable progress made by the organization. The period between 2023 and 2024 has been a testament to Aruwye’s commitment to the well-being of children, youth, and women. Building upon the strong foundation laid in the previous years, Aruwye’s achievements and initiatives this year have truly been Inspiring.

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth”, said Muhammad Ali, a legendary boxer and humanitarian. I deeply appreciate the tireless efforts and unwavering dedication of the staff. I am confident that this commendable work will continue in the coming year, bringing positive change to the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our society.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Sr. Alphonse J. Isabella for her unwavering commitment and service. Her leadership has been instrumental in uplifting and empowering communities.

I would like to thank all the organizations, stakeholders and well-wishers for their valuable support and cooperation offered to ARUWYE.

As we look towards the future, I wish Aruwye continued success in its mission to serve as a beacon of hope, supporting and empowering children, youth, and women in society, remaining true to the noble vision of its founders St. Don Bosco and St. Maria Domenica Mazzarello. May Mary, the Help of all those in need, be the shepherdess who guides us and accompanies us with her Maternal Solicitude to lead people to the fullness of life.

- **Sr.DJ Devadoss Margaret**

PROVINCIAL

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK



This is the feeling right now I have, when I retrospect the journey of ARUWYE in the past. The year 2023-2024 had been a year of planning, Discussions, implementation, identifications of gaps in the services, monitoring and Evaluation of various initiatives that were taken on behalf of enabling environment for children, enhancement for women and ensuring employability for youth. The success rate was very impressive with achieving the target by 80% in all the sectors.

To witness the growth of the Entrepreneurs, the satisfactory facial expression of the fulfilled youth and the children's proud achievement was another moment of joy for the Aruwye team.

The partaking in the alleviation of suffering humanity during Michaung cyclone was another reach out to unreach programme that made every member of Aruwye to feel grateful to God for the opportunity given to them to be part of the relief team.

The celebrations and the visits of various resource persons and personalities to encourage our children, women and youth was a boon for us to go further miles with joy.

At this juncture, I am grateful to the provincial Sr. Devadoss Margaret FMA, of Chennai province, councillors, Animators of the communities and sisters in charge of Social Ministry for their support, encouragement and cooperation.

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.” – Henry Ford

I attribute the success to every member of Aruwye who worked with one mind and heart towards the successful journey of ARUWYE. With the great support of the Almighty we will forge ahead in our endeavours towards success.

May God Bless all our efforts and grant success in every step we take.

Sincerely,

Sr. Isabella

Sr. Isabella

Director-Aruwye

ARUWYE'S VISION AND MISSION

As we reflect upon a year of impactful service, it is with great pleasure that we present the annual report of Auxilium Rural Underprivileged Women and Youth Empowerment (ARUWYE), the beacon of hope nestled within the realms of the St. Thomas the Apostle - Salesian Sisters in the Province of Chennai, has been a powerful force for positive transformation for over two decades.

Founded on principles of compassion and empowerment, ARUWYE (Auxilium Centre for Rural Underprivileged for Women and Youth Empowerment) is a non-profit organization committed to transforming the lives of marginalized communities in Tamil Nadu. It stands as a beacon of hope, offering a range of programs and services focused on child development, youth empowerment, and women's well-being.

Through innovative programs, ARUWYE equips children with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed, nurturing a new generation of empowered leaders capable of effecting positive change in their communities.

The organization also places a strong emphasis on promoting livelihoods and income generation for women, recognizing their pivotal roles within families and communities. By providing training and support, ARUWYE empowers women to achieve financial independence and actively participate in the local economy.

ARUWYE provides skill training and up-scaling opportunities for youth, preparing them for meaningful employment and helping them realize their full potential. Through advocacy and networking efforts, ARUWYE aims to create a society where marginalized individuals are facilitated to have a sustainable development.

Driven by profound compassion and a commitment to making a difference, ARUWYE continues to transform lives and communities, one step at a time.

In this annual report, we delve into the specifics of our endeavours, the lives touched, and the milestones achieved. As we share our journey, we invite you to step into the heart of change with ARUWYE, where commitment meets action, compassion transforms into empowerment, and opportunities are created for the underprivileged.

VISION:

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

MISSION:

ARUWYE empowers marginalized children, women, and youth through awareness, rights advocacy, and livelihood promotion. We engage with state institutions and collaborate for impactful lobbying and advocacy initiatives.

ARUWYE'S IMPACT



2023-2024



40,500

People Reached



82.7%

110 out of 133 students joined
the workforce for the first time



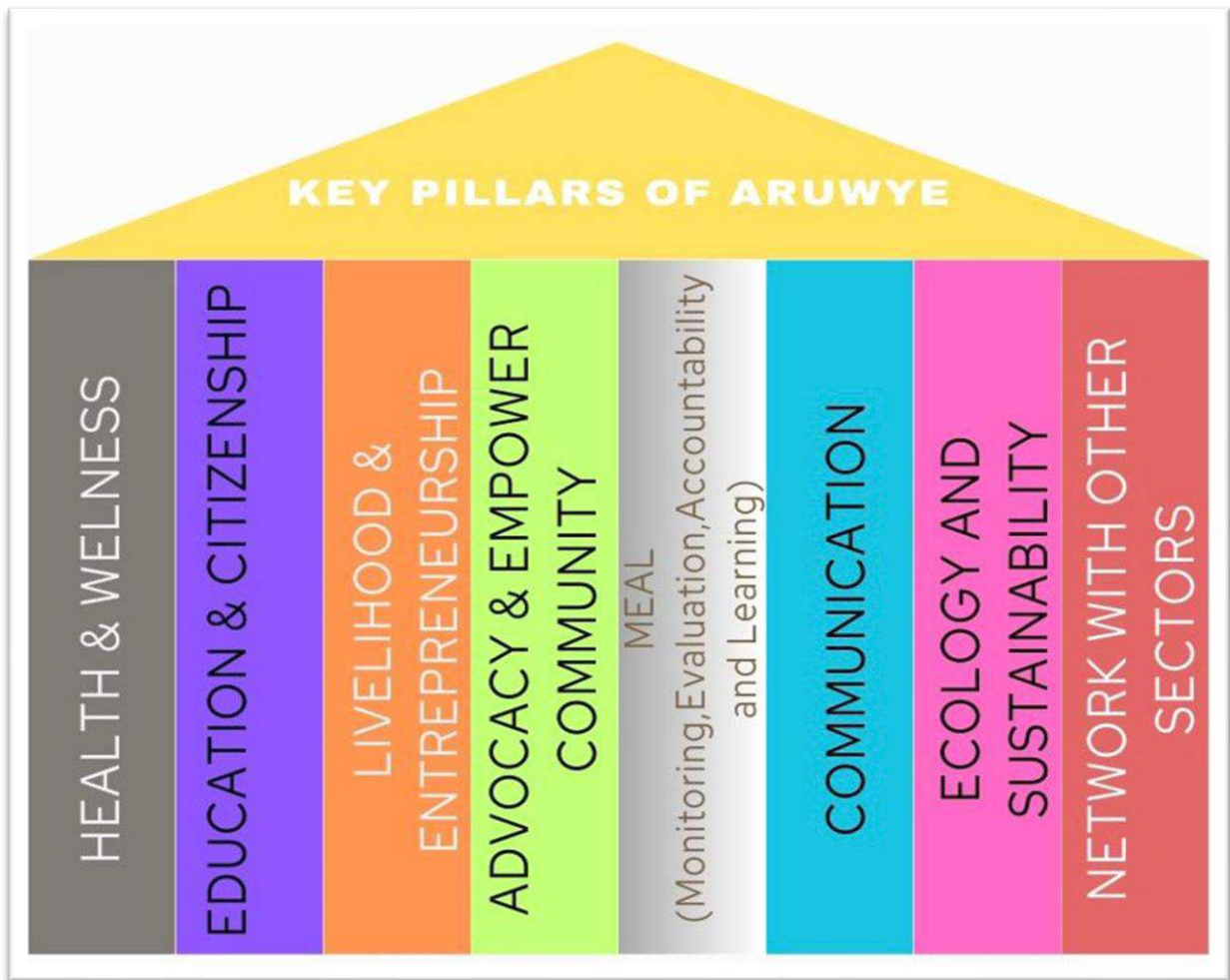
2,031

Women are taking control of their lives and
contributing to the economic and social
development of their communities.



1280

45 evening study centres across 11 districts in
Tamil Nadu has provided vital educational
support to 1,280 children.



HIGHLIGHTS

CHILDREN

Protection:

- Advocating for child protection procedures.
- Providing safe spaces for children in need.

Education:

- Increasing access to schools.
- Providing educational resources.

WOMEN

- Media and Women
- Marketing Skills Training Program
- Women Promoters of Civil Rights
- Voting Rights Awareness to Women & Teachers

YOUTH

- Job Drive in May 2023 and March 2024
- Career Guidance
- CUET Program
- Observational Study

STAFF (Capacity Building)

- Cyber Security Programme
- Capacity Building Training
- Workshop on Green Skilling Jobs
- National Conference on WASH at Goa
- Project Proposal Workshop at Deepagam, Kilpauk.

IMPORTANT DAYS OF CELEBRATION

- Children's Day
- Christmas
- Pongal
- Women's Day

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

➤ **Inauguration of Nirmala Beautician Centre:** Providing vocational training opportunities for women.

➤ **Michaung Relief Service:** Extending aid to those in need during challenging times.

➤ **Summer Camp:** Offering enriching experiences for children during the summer break.

INTERNATIONAL DAYS CELEBRATED

- Paper Bag Day
- Global Day of Parents
- World Environment Day
- World Population Day
- World Blood Donor Day
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- World Refugee Day
- International Yoga Day
- International Literacy Day
- International Day of Democracy
- International Day of Peace
- International Teachers/Charity Day
- World Mental Health Day
- World Food Day
- World Toilet Day



TRAININGS OFFERED

- Waste Management
- Engagement in Market Network
- Digital Marketing
- Candle Making
- Aari and Embroidery Training
- Chocolate Making
- Phenol Making
- Terrace Gardening
- Organic Sanitary Pad Training
- Beautician Training
- STEM Training for Evening Study Centre Teachers
- Farmers Training Program in Thiruvallur

CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Aruwye deeply committed to upholding the fundamental rights of every child. This year, we focused on ensuring children within our community have access to the essentials they deserve

Protection: We prioritize initiatives that safeguard children from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This may involve advocating for child protection procedures with the local panchayat supporting families in crisis, or providing safe spaces for children in need.

Education: We believe that every child deserves a quality education. We may work towards increasing access to schools, providing educational resources, or promoting inclusive learning environments for all children.

Health and Mental Well-being: We recognize the importance of physical and mental health for children. Our efforts may focus on ensuring access to healthcare, promoting healthy lifestyles, or providing counselling support for children facing emotional problems.

Participation: Children have the right to be heard. We have created avenues for children to express their opinions, participate in decision-making processes, and actively contribute to their communities through children parliaments.



Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: The Neighbourhood Children's Parliament

ARUWYE believes strong communities start young. Through Neighbourhood Children's Parliaments (NCPs), We foster leadership in students. NCPs tackle real-world issues like poverty and social justice, educating children on their rights and encouraging civic engagement. By participating in simulated parliaments, children learn collaboration, problem-solving, and the power of their voices. These early experiences nurture responsible citizens prepared to advocate for a brighter future. 300 students from supplementary evening study Centres are trained on Children parliament and conducts Meetings in their localities to discuss about their issues and solutions.



THE IMPACT

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

NCPs provide a platform for students to develop essential leadership skills, fostering confidence and empowering them to become proactive change-makers.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Through NCPs, children actively participate in civic affairs, gaining a deeper understanding of their rights and responsibilities as citizens and contributing to the betterment of society.

EMPOWERMENT

Simulated parliamentary sessions empower children to recognize the power of their voices and their ability to influence decision-making processes, instilling a sense of agency and self-efficacy.

CRITICAL THINKING AND COLLABORATION

NCPs promote critical thinking and collaborative problem-solving, as students deliberate on real-world issues and brainstorm solutions together.

PREPARATION FOR RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

By participating in NCPs, children are better prepared to navigate societal complexities, uphold democratic values, and contribute meaningfully to creating a brighter and more equitable future.

ECOLOGICAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND CARE FOR COMMON HOME

Children need to live in a world fit for them. Over the years the earth and its resources are exploited and healthy planet now became a concern. So, through creating ecological awareness we create ecological consciousness among children and adults.

To ensure these following activities are carried out,

➤ **Empowering Children for a Sustainable Future:**

Conducted awareness program and encouraged children to make small changes in their daily routines, like reducing the plastic waste, using reusable bags, kitchen gardening and conserving water. Mrs. Loga Mary, Environmentalist explained the children how they can grow their own food in their home. She also distributed Seeds to children as a part of the programme.



Eco Fest at Marialaya Girl Children Home on October 4, 2023. The training encompassed various activities, including expressing love for nature, planting trees, advocating against plastic usage, promoting home cultivation, and delivering a peace message. The participants actively engaged in preparing placards and enthusiastically vocalized slogans to protect Mother Earth. The outcome was noteworthy, as the children gained awareness about water conservation, the significance of plantation, and the benefits of consuming organic food. The event instilled a sense of respect for the Earth, aligning with the overarching goal of protecting and saving the environment.



Children from Puliurpuram, Chennai has taken oath to reduce, reuse and recycle the plastics in their Area. They have also made Recycle bin out of waste paper.

BREAKING THE CYCLE, BUILDING FUTURES: ARUWYE'S EVENING STUDY CENTRES

ARUWYE's 45 evening study centres across Tamil Nadu is making a significant impact on the lives of underprivileged children. The evening study centre's success is quantifiable evident in the significant decrease in school dropout rates within the targeted areas.

By providing supplementary education and literacy programs, these centres equip children with the foundational skills they need to succeed in school and beyond. The evening study centres offer a safe and supportive space for disadvantaged children to receive academic support, personalized attention, and essential resources they might lack at home.

ARUWYE is breaking the cycle of poverty and illiteracy, empowering disadvantaged children to become confident and engaged learners ready for a brighter future

IMPACT

- SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES.
- EQUIPPING CHILDREN WITH FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS FOR SUCCESS.
- PROVIDING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SPACE FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT.

ARUWYE (Salesian Sisters) - District wise Study Centre Details Total No.of. Eveing Study Centre



■ 1 Arani

■ 2 Anmarudai

■ 3 Chennai

■ 4 Erode

■ 5 Michaelpuram

■ 6 Nandambakkam

■ 7 Pallikonda

■ 8 Salem- Awwai Nagar

■ 9 Salem- Bethanayagan Palayam

■ 10 Vellore Auxilium Home

■ 11 Yercaud

ARUWYE (SALESIAN SISTERS) - DISTRICT WISE STUDY CENTRE DETAILS

S.NO	NAME OF THE PLACE	TOTAL NO.OF. EVENING STUDY CENTRE	NO.OF. CHILDREN
1	ARANI	6	100
2	ANMARUDAI	9	480
3	CHENNAI	3	50
4	ERODE	4	83
5	MICHAELPURAM	5	150
6	NANDAMBAKKAM	3	40
7	PALLIKONDA	3	100
8	SALEM- AVVAI NAGAR	8	117
9	SALEM- BETHANAYAGAN PALAYAM	3	30
10	VELLORE AUXILIUM HOME	4	100
11	YERCAUD	1	30



AWARENESS PROGRAMS

EVENING STUDY CENTRE CHILDREN RAISE AWARENESS AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

Mr. Prakash gave an awareness on Child Labour to 25 children from Puliurpuram and Saidapet evening study centre. The program culminated in a powerful rally where the children marched, holding placards with strong anti-child labour slogans. These slogans served as a powerful message to the community, highlighting the importance of education and the fight against child exploitation.



ANMARUDAI CENTRE CHILDREN TOOK OATH ON WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR



ORANGE DAY

PULIYURPURAM EVENING STUDY CENTRE CELEBRATES ORANGE DAY: EVERY CHILD MATTERS

On November 22nd, the Puliurpuram Evening Study Centre children had an awareness session on Orange Day. This international day emphasizes the importance of "Every Child Matters," promoting child well-being and raising awareness of children's rights. 30 children from the centre actively participated in the session. Mr. Subin, educated children on their basic rights and Good Touch and Bad Touch through videos and conducted engaging games for the children.



AWARENESS ON MEDIA EDUCATION AND CYBERSECURITY

A renowned media and Cyber security expert, Mr. Devasitham, held a workshop for nearly 100 children. The session focused on raising awareness about social media security, online addiction, and responsible social media use. He taught children about strong passwords, stranger danger online, privacy settings, and how to avoid scams and phishing attempts. He also discussed the signs of online addiction, how to set healthy boundaries for screen time, and alternative activities children can enjoy. By educating children about these important topics, He helped them to navigate the online world safely and responsibly.



S.No	Topic	Participants
1	Awareness on Mental Health and Domestic Violence	20
2	Awareness on Child Labour	25
3	Kitchen Gardening for Children	100
4	Orange Day Awareness	20
5	Cybersecurity and Media Awareness	100
6	Environmental Awareness	25
7	Children Parliament	100
8	Awareness on Anti Human Trafficking	1000
9	Awareness on Health and Hygiene	80
10	Training on Arts and Crafts	100
11	STEM Training - Introduction to Robotics and Aerospace	100
TOTAL CHILDREN GIVEN AWARENESS & TRAINING		1670



INTERNATIONAL DAYS OF CELEBRATION

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

International Literacy Day 2023, observed globally on September 8th, emphasizes the importance of literacy in driving economies and shaping individuals' lives. Mosavadi evening study centre children marked the occasion by conducting an awareness program for tailoring students. The program featured various performances, including songs and poems, aimed at highlighting the significance of literacy.



Additionally, homage was paid to Kamarajar, a figure known for his significant contributions to education initiatives for children. The event served as a platform for fostering awareness about the transformative power of literacy, showcasing the commitment of children to promote education and celebrate the magic of reading and writing in shaping personalities and expressing ideas and feelings.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD PALLIKONDA

The "Invest in Girls' Rights" training program focused on empowering adolescent girls for a brighter future. Through video clippings on girls' rights and interactive group discussions, the training aimed to raise awareness and inspire action. The primary outcomes sought were promoting equal rights for the girl child within families and emphasizing the pivotal role of education in empowerment. By challenging norms and fostering a commitment to girls' well-being, the training envisioned a future where empowered girls become influential contributors to global problem-solving and societal progress.



WORLD YOGA DAY

Celebrate Mind, Body & Spirit. Yoga sessions conducted across all our evening study centres celebrating world yoga day.



WORLD FOOD DAY



On October 16, 2023, World Food Day was commemorated in Pallikonda with 100 participants, led by Sister Vasantha Priya, a dedicated nun. The primary objective was to promote healthy eating habits, emphasizing the wisdom of avoiding fast-food items, inspired by traditional practices.

ECO FEST & PEACE DAY AT MARIALAYA GIRL CHILDREN HOME

The Eco Fest and Peace Day held at Marialaya Girl Children Home on October 4, 2023, witnessed the active participation of 20 children, with the objective of fostering a sense of responsibility towards Earth and strengthening the ideals of peace within and among all the people.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

The training aimed to enhance participants' health and concentration in studies by emphasizing the benefits of exercise and recreation in improving mental well-being. The methodologies included deep breathing exercises to address stress-related mental health issues and engaging activities like yoga, gardening, and reading. The outcome of the training was notable as participants learned to express their feelings, contributing to improved self-confidence. The holistic approach, incorporating physical and mental well-being activities, underscored the connection between a healthy lifestyle and enhanced academic focus, aligning with the training's objective of promoting good health and concentration in studies.



WORLD POSTAL DAY

On November 4, 2023, Marialaya Home hosted a Post Day for 20 participants under the guidance of Sister Amala. The objective was to revive the art of letter-writing among children who are well-versed in technology. The training involved having the children write postcards to their parents, not only enhancing their understanding of addresses but also reviving the joy of personal correspondence.



WORLD TOILET DAY WITH HYGIENE PUSH!

The 19th of November is marked as “World Toilet Day” Since 2001, the 19th of November is celebrated as “World Toilet Day”. It was established by the World Toilet Organisation and has as its purpose to bring awareness and shed light on issues of sanitation and its impact on the world’s health and well-being.

Pallikonda witnessed a transformative event on November 19, 2023, as 100 participants gathered to commemorate World Toilet Day. Led by Sr. Vasantha Priya, the program focused on promoting health and hygiene, with a particular emphasis on the habit of hand washing.



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

World Humanitarian Day was observed at Mosavadi Centre with a compelling talk on humanity delivered by Sr. Eugini Fatima, the Animator. The event aimed to raise awareness about the global challenges faced by civilians in conflicts and honour the selfless efforts of humanitarian workers who risk their lives to assist others.



Sr. Eugini Fatima underscored the significance of treating everyone with dignity, mutual support, and shared examples from the lives of iconic humanitarians like Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Princess Diana. The talk motivated individuals to draw inspiration from these figures and engage in selfless acts of compassion for the betterment of society. Celebrations at Mosavadi Centre showcased a commitment to youth empowerment and the promotion of humanitarian values, instilling a sense of responsibility and compassion within the community.

IMPORTANT DAYS OF CELEBRATION

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Independence Day was joyously celebrated on August 15, 2023 at Pallikonda, marked by enthusiasm and creativity. The event featured three children delivering insightful talks on freedom fighters and the situation in Manipur, adding an educational dimension to the festivities. Sr. Philo Chinnappan, the Community Animator, extended congratulations and awarded prizes to the commendable speakers.



The active participation of children in decorating the venue and delivering speeches demonstrated their keen involvement and creative spirit. The celebration not only honoured the significance of Independence Day but also provided a platform for the younger generation to engage with and express their understanding of the nation's history and current affairs.



Independence Day celebrated at Yercaud Centre

CHILDRENS DAY

The Children's Day celebration in Pallikonda on November 14, 2023, witnessed 100 participants under the guidance of Mrs. Regina, a teacher. The training aimed to encourage children to utilize opportunities in both schools and boarding. Methodologies included a dance competition, drawing competition, and discussions on children's rights. The outcome was a group of happy and content children, showcasing growth in their knowledge levels and the effective utilization of their talents. The event successfully emphasized the significance of investing in children's education and development, highlighting their crucial role in shaping the future.



On November 14, 2023, Children's Day was joyously celebrated at Auxilium Home Mornese Yercaud in the evening. The children were animated with various games and engaging initiatives, including thrasher hunt, group games like saving the balloon, and collecting balls. The enthusiastic participation of all the children added to the enjoyment of the event. The message from Mother Provincial was conveyed by Animator Sr. Philo Chinnappan, fostering a sense of connection and community. Winners were rewarded with prizes, and the celebration concluded on a sweet note with everyone enjoying ice cream. The event successfully created a festive and enjoyable atmosphere for the children in Auxilium Home Mornese Yercaud.



EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENGLISH LEARNING PROGRAMME

Recognizing the growing importance of English language proficiency in today's world, Aruwye and Sukha Foundation have collaborated to bridge the language gap for children in our community. This collaborative initiative offers a free, six-month English learning program every Saturday, to students from class 5th to 12th. The program focuses on equipping students with the essential skills of speaking, reading, and writing English effectively.



TESTIMONIAL FROM SUKHA FOUNDER, MS. SANJANA VIJAY



Communication is what carries many people around the world through an illustrious career and is the centre of many jobs across India. We believe that communication impacts one's life experiences and development. Although India carries the heritage of many culturally diverse languages, English as a global language seems to be able to push forward careers and unlock opportunities for thousands in this country. An essential part of our goal is to connect with government schools/low-income private schools and community centres to allow this range of students to have opportunities.

Bearing this in mind, we created Sukha Education Foundation with one simple goal, to teach communicative English through creative ways and bridge the gap between education and employability. We teach all we can to empower people with the power to communicate.

We want our students to feel confident about their abilities and achievements and aware of the opportunities they have with their new skills. We want them to feel they can confidently speak and communicate in English after being mentored.

At ARUWYE, we have an enthusiastic group eager to participate and learn. Our teacher mentor, Sri Vidya, along with our program manager, has curated lesson plans designed to benefit the students. Our goal is to ignite their interest in the English language, spark their curiosity, and alleviate any fear they may have towards it.

Day 1 - Arts and Crafts

Ms. Uktha Ravi, an esteemed artist, led a session on lippan art, while Mrs. Sheeba and Mrs. Vimala facilitated a hands-on craft session on bracelet band making.

Day 2 - Tamil Folk Arts

Children immersed themselves in Tamil culture with Silambam demonstrations by Vinoth and Gowtham, and vibrant performances of Parai and Kurumbar by Ms. Beryl and Mr. Edward.

Day 3 & 4 – Child Rights and Children Parliament:

Mr. Paul provided valuable insights into child rights and facilitated engaging discussions on children's parliament, empowering children to understand and advocate for their rights.

Day 5 - Public Speaking

Ms. Sree Vidya conducted a dynamic workshop on public speaking, enhancing children's communication skills and confidence.

Day 6 - Health and Nutrition

Dietician Mrs. Shalini educated children on the importance of health and nutrition, promoting healthy habits and lifestyles.

Day 7 - Aerospace Modelling

Vaayusastra Aerospace, Chennai, led by Mr. Singaravelu.VS, inspired children with hands-on aerospace modelling activities, sparking interest in STEM fields.

Day 8 - Digital Safety

Mr. Devasitham from the cybercrime department enlightened children on digital safety measures, empowering them to navigate the online world responsibly.

Day 9 - Robotics and STEM Learning

Mr. Govindharaj from Hivericks Technologies Pvt Ltd introduced children to the exciting world of robotics and STEM learning, fostering innovation and problem-solving skills.

SUMMER CAMP 2024

The Aruwye Summer Camp, held from April 15th to 27th, 2024, provided a transformative learning and recreational experience for children in the community. With a focus on holistic development and hands-on learning, the camp welcomed 100 enthusiastic participants out of the 130 enrolled, offering a diverse range of activities over the course of 10 days.



Food and Snacks:

Every day, nutritious meals and snacks were provided to children,

ensuring their physical well-being and energy levels were sustained throughout the day.

- **Morning Yoga and Meditation:** Each day began with a rejuvenating session of yoga and meditation, led by experienced instructors, promoting mental clarity, relaxation, and overall well-being.

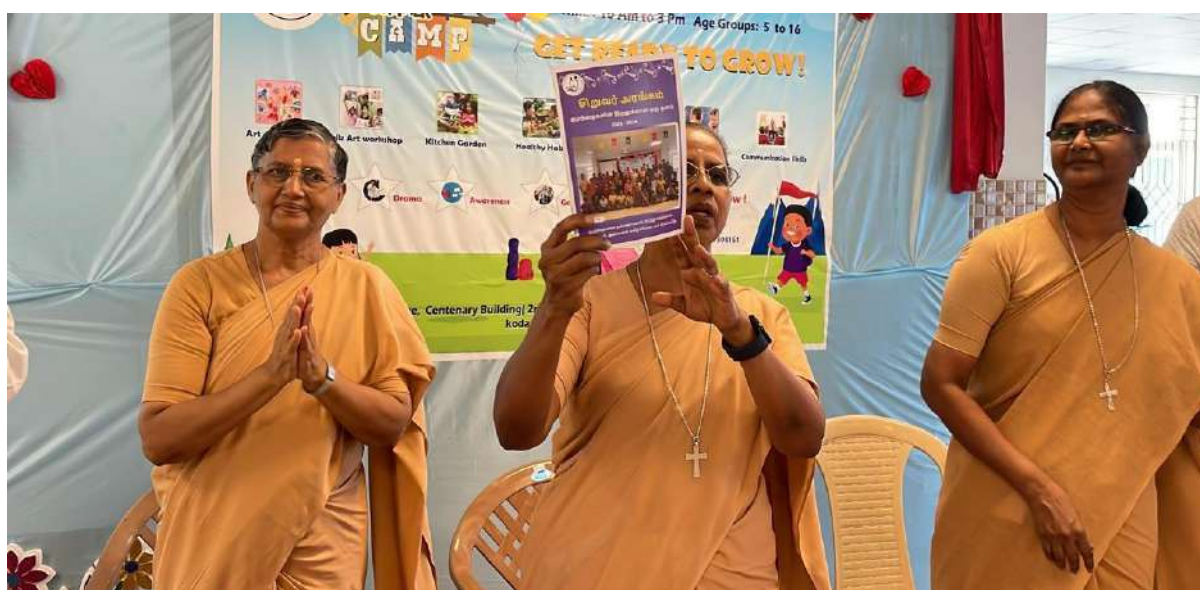
Impact and Outcomes: The Aruwye Summer Camp 2024 provided a platform for children to explore their interests, develop new skills, and build lasting friendships. Participants gained valuable knowledge in diverse fields, fostering personal growth, cultural appreciation, and community engagement. The camp's holistic approach to learning and recreation left a positive impact on children, empowering them to embrace their potential and contribute positively to society.

SUMMER CAMP VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

The Aruwye Summer Camp concluded in a heartwarming valedictory function celebrating the culmination of 10 days filled with learning and joy for 100 children. Prizes and certificates were distributed, recognizing their dedication and accomplishments throughout the camp.

Sr. Isabella, welcomed esteemed guests, Mother Provincial Sr. DJ Margaret gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest and Mr. Jarslo as the Guest of Honor.

The evening commenced with a captivating Bharatanatyam welcome dance performed by V.K. Ananya, Maria Joshna, and Yazhini, setting a vibrant tone for the festivities. Adding to the excitement, Mother Provincial Sr. DJ Margaret unveiled the latest edition of "Siruvar Arangam 2024," a testament to the creative endeavours of the young children.



Children delivered an inspiring environment song, followed by a skit reflecting their learnings and experiences during the 10-day program.

As a token of appreciation and encouragement, Mother Provincial Sr. DJ Margaret graciously distributed bags, tiffin boxes, and pouches to all participants, symbolizing their journey of growth and learning. Mr. Jarslo extended his gratitude by presenting certificates to individuals who generously contributed their time to the summer camp and honoured the dedicated staff members for their invaluable support and dedication.

The valedictory function was a fitting conclusion to the Aruwye Summer Camp, celebrating the achievements, friendships, and memories created during this enriching journey.



WOMEN DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES

ARUWYE recognizes the crucial role women play in shaping families and communities. We understand that limited access to education, resources, and economic opportunities can hinder their full potential.

Self- Help Groups (SHGs):

We have established 116 functioning SHGs across Tamil Nadu. These groups provide a platform for women to connect, share experiences, and support each other.

Financial Security:

Through SHGs, women gain access to loans and grants, allowing them to start small businesses, invest in education or healthcare, and achieve financial independence.

Vocational Training:

ARUWYE offers specialized vocational training programs designed to empower women with the skills they need to secure employment or become entrepreneurs.

Life Skills and Soft Skills Training:

Recognizing the importance of personal growth, we provide training programs that focus on developing life skills and soft skills. These programs equip women with self-confidence, communication skills, and leadership qualities that benefit both their personal and professional lives.



WOMEN SELF HELP GROUP

We have established 116 functioning SHGs across Tamil Nadu. These groups provide a platform for women to connect, share experiences, and support each other. Aruwy'e's SHGs empowers 2,031 women in areas of Arani, Anmarudai, Kodambakkam and Thoraipakkam.



ARUWYE (Salesian Sisters) - Details of Women's SHG			
S. No	Name of the Place	No.of. SHG	No.of. Women
1	Arani	11	140
2	Anmarudai	65	876
3	Kodambakkam	40	520
4	Thoraipakkam	30	495
Total		146	2031

FINANCIAL SECURITY:

Through SHGs, women gain access to loans and grants, allowing them to start small businesses, invest in education or healthcare, and achieve financial independence.

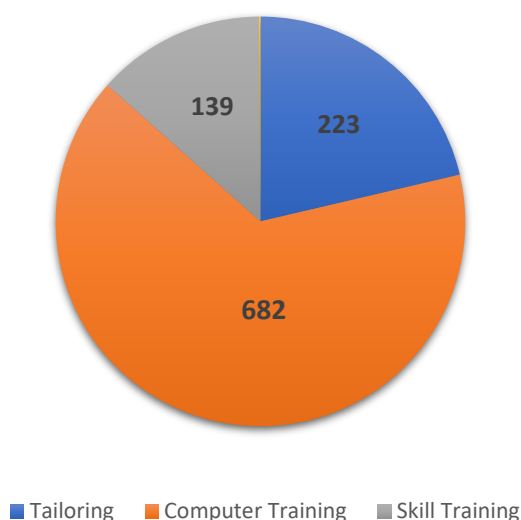


VOCATIONAL TRAINING

ARUWYE offers specialized vocational training programs designed to empower women with the skills they need to secure employment or become entrepreneurs.

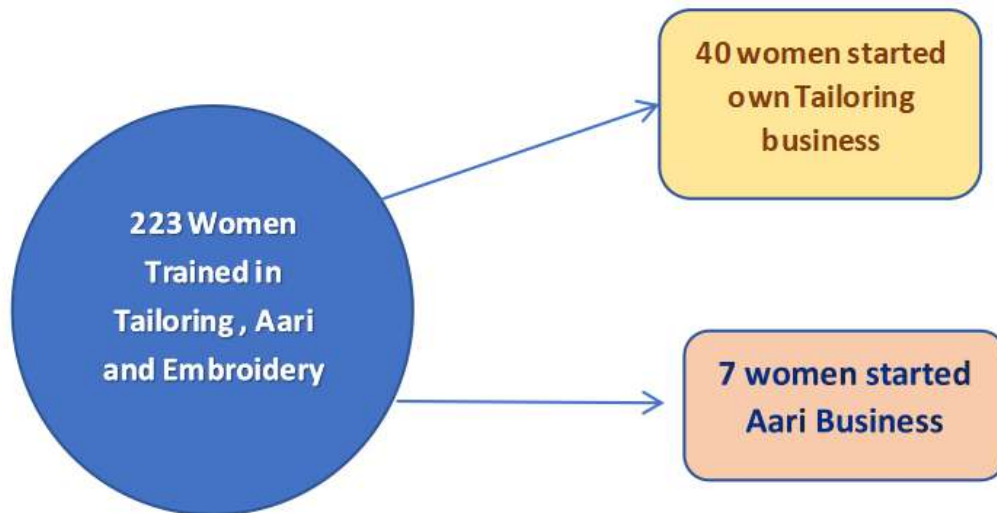
ARUWYE (SALESIAN SISTERS) VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES				
S. No	Name of the Place	No.of. Women attended Tailoring Training	No. of Women attended Computer Course Training	No.of. Women attended Life Skills Training
1	Nandambakkam	66	36	-
2	MichaelPuram	61	57	-
3	Vellore	46	12	-
4	Kodambakkam	50	20	-
5	Chetpet	-	250	139
6	Thoraipakkam	-	307	-
Total		223	682	139

Total Number of Women Benefitted



TAILORING, AARI AND EMBROIDERY:

This year, we trained around 223 women, equipping them with valuable skills for employment or entrepreneurship. Even more inspiring, 40 women took the initiative to launch their own tailoring business and 7 women in Aari as their business, becoming financially independent and potentially creating job opportunities for others.



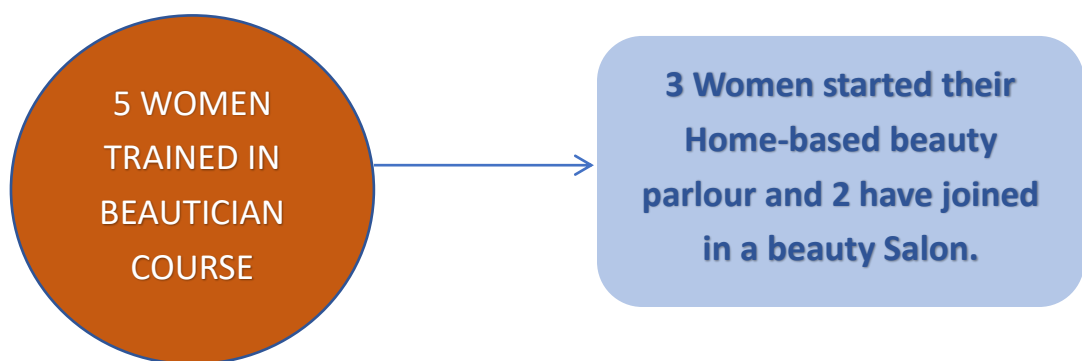
To ensure that participants have effectively mastered the skills taught, Aruwe conducts formal examinations at the end of each course. These exams are designed to assess both practical abilities and theoretical understanding.

Upon successful completion of the examinations, participants are awarded certificates that recognize their skills and achievements. These certificates serve as valuable credentials, enhancing the participants' job prospects and enabling them to pursue careers or entrepreneurial ventures in tailoring, Aari work, and embroidery.

BEAUTICIAN COURSE

Aruwye is committed to expanding opportunities for women by offering a Beautician Course. This program aims to equip women with the skills and knowledge to enter the beauty industry.

- Basic Beautician Course: This foundational course likely provides essential skills in areas like skincare, makeup application, and basic hair styling.
- Advanced Beautician Course: This advanced program likely builds upon the skills learned in the basic course, offering more in-depth training in specialized techniques.



Five women successfully enrolled in and completed the beautician course. These women have taken the initiative to launch their own home-based beauty services, demonstrating the program's effectiveness in empowering them towards financial independence.



BASIC IT FOR WOMEN

Aruwye recognizes the importance of digital literacy in today's world. This year, we made significant strides in bridging the digital divide for women by training a remarkable 682 women in basic IT skills. This program equips women with fundamental computer skills, potentially including Basic computer operations, MS-Office, Internet access and browsing skills. By gaining these skills, women are empowered to increase their employability in a job market that increasingly demands digital literacy.



LIVELIHOOD - INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

Aruwye's commitment to women's well-being extends beyond skills training. We offer a variety of income-generating activities through our production unit. Our dedicated skilled staffs oversee the production of a diverse range of handcrafted products like Jute Bags, Orlii liquid laundry wash, candles, garlands, embroidered kerchiefs, Art Works and Stitching and Altering Clothes.

We actively market these products by setting up stalls in Churches, schools, colleges and Companies.



EMPOWERING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS: DIGITAL MARKETING PROGRAM

Aruwye empowered 160 women from Chennai, MichaelPuram, Chetpet, Nandambakkam and Vellore through a comprehensive Digital Marketing training program from November 2023 to March 2024. This program equipped them with the necessary skills to navigate the digital marketplace. Participants learned valuable techniques in product marketing and business development, enabling them to confidently launch and grow their online ventures.

ARUWYE HAS BEEN AWARDED CASH PRIZE OF 5 LAKHS FOR EMPOWERING WOMEN IN DIGITAL MARKETING BY UNITED WAY OF CHENNAI, THODUVAANAM PROJECT.



AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Aruwye prioritized empowering women to make informed choices for a sustainable future. Through a series of awareness programs, over 200 women gained valuable knowledge on topics like waste segregation, terrace gardening, and utilizing Eco-Friendly products. These interactive sessions fostered a sense of environmental responsibility and equipped women with practical tools to implement sustainable practices in their daily lives.

ARUWYE (Salesian Sisters) - Details of Trainings & Awareness given to Women

S. No	Topic	No.of. Trainings	Participants
1	Mental Health and Domestic Violence	1	30
2	Awareness on Human Rights	3	50
3	Candle Making Training	1	50
4	Aari Work Training	1	50
5	Embroidery Training	1	50
6	Chocolate Making Training	1	50
7	Terrace gardening Training	1	50
8	Sanitary Products Training (Phenol)	1	50
9	Sanitary Pad Making Training	1	50
10	Beautician Training	1	50
11	Farmers Training	1	50
12	Awareness on Women and Media	1	30
13	Orange Day Awareness	1	50
14	Awareness on Anti Human Trafficking	6	500
15	Financial Literacy to Farmers	1	30
16	Awareness on Diabetes	1	20
17	Mat Making Training	1	50
18	Laundry Wash Training	1	50
19	Awareness on Women's Law and Rights	3	150
20	Voting Awareness to Women	3	130

VOTING AWARENESS TO WOMEN

Aruwye organized a series of successful awareness programs to empower 150 women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) with knowledge about their voting rights and civic duties. These programs aimed to encourage active participation in shaping a better future for their communities.



On February 27th, Fr. Benjamin, AICUF conducted a session for 50 women from varadharajapuram, educating women about voting and election rights. The event aimed to empower women with knowledge about their civic duties and responsibilities. Topics covered included the importance of voting, electoral processes, and legal rights.

Father Benjamin (AICUF) spearheaded a voting right awareness program for 50

self-help group women on 24.01.2024, encouraging active participation in shaping societal futures. Empowering women to exercise their democratic rights, the program aimed to foster greater engagement in civic processes.



On February 23rd, Advocate Ajitha and Thozhar Sathish conducted a session on voting and legal awareness for women. 50 Teachers from Fatima School and Our Lady's attended the event, which aimed to empower women with knowledge about their voting rights and legal responsibilities. The session covered topics such as the importance of voting, electoral processes, and legal rights.



EMPOWERING FARMERS THROUGH MARKET NETWORKS AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

The training program was conducted in two sessions from 24.10.2023 to 28.10.2023 at Ramathandalam village, Poondi Taluk, Thiruvallur District for 70 farmer women and men. It was aimed at equipping farmers with essential knowledge and skills in soil, crop, water, waste, and pest management, as well as market engagement.

Days 1 & 2: Soil, Crop, Water, Waste, and Pest Management

Led by Mr. Vetrimaran and Sr. Isabella, participants delved into soil health, types, and conservation methods. They explored cropping techniques, water conservation, waste reduction, and practical pest management strategies.

Days 3 & 4: Engagement in Market Networks

Mr. Vetrimaran highlighted marketing's role in agricultural success, covering both online and offline strategies. Mrs. Sheeba elaborated on online platforms like Flipkart and Amazon for direct marketing.

OUTCOMES:

- **Enhanced Knowledge:** Participants gained insights into sustainable agricultural practices and effective marketing strategies.
- **Practical Skills:** Hands-on sessions equipped participants with skills to implement these practices on their farms.
- **Collective Responsibility:** The training instilled a sense of collective responsibility for environmental protection and sustainable agriculture.

The training program was successful in empowering participants with the knowledge and skills necessary for sustainable agriculture and effective market engagement. The interactive sessions and practical approach ensured that the participants could apply their learning in their agricultural practices, promising a positive impact on their livelihoods and the environment.



FROM STITCHING HOPE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY: MERLIN'S TAILORING TRIUMPH



Merlin, a single mother from Nandambakkam, knows the power of resilience. Widowed and alone with her children, she faced the challenge of providing for their needs. But Merlin didn't give up. When she heard about Nandambakkam centre's free tailoring classes, a spark of hope ignited.

Embracing the opportunity, Merlin diligently learned the trade. Upon successful completion, she wasn't just mending clothes; she was stitching a brighter future for her family. No longer dependent on outside help, Merlin now tailors not just for her children, but for others as well, earning a sustainable income.

Merlin's story is a testament to the transformative power of Marialaya's programs. With newfound skills and independence, Merlin has become the architect of her own happiness. Her journey from struggling single mother to self-sufficient entrepreneur is an inspiration to all.



INAUGURATION OF WOMEN ASSOCIATION IN BROADWAY MOORE STREET ON 17.6.2023

YOUTH DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES

BUILDING SKILLS FOR LIFE: INVESTING IN STUDENT SUCCESS

Our commitment to student success extends beyond technical skills. We offer a comprehensive program that equips graduates with the essential tools needed to thrive in any career path and navigate life's challenges.

This multifaceted approach provides a strong foundation in:

Life Skills: Building confidence, fostering teamwork, and developing effective communication skills are crucial for success in both personal and professional settings.

Work Skills: Courses address practical skills like basic IT proficiency and spoken English, preparing students for the demands of the modern workplace.

Technical Skills: We offer training in specific technical areas like Tally and UI/UX design, catering to diverse career aspirations.

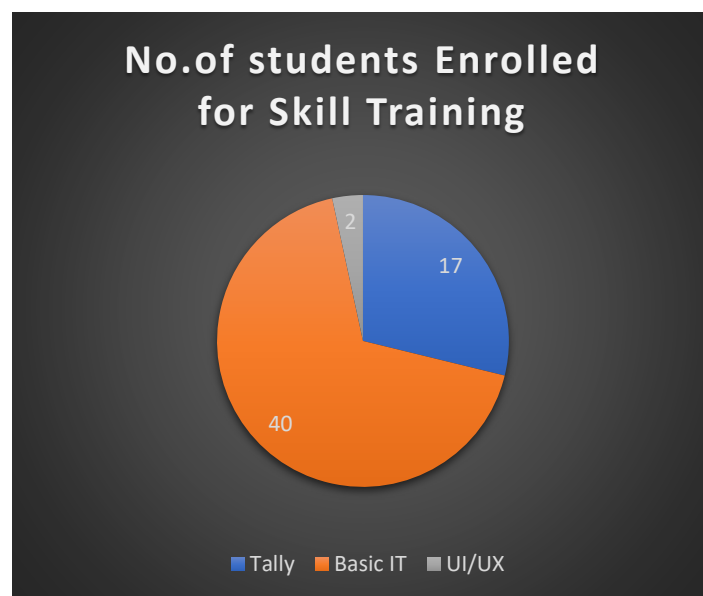
By going beyond just technical training, we empower students with a well-rounded skill set for holistic personal development. This ensures they are not just job-ready, but also prepared to face future challenges with confidence and adaptability.



"EMPOWERING FUTURES: ENHANCING EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS THROUGH TRAINING"

Empowering young individuals for the contemporary job market, Aruwye offers essential training programs catering to in-demand skills. Our curriculum encompasses Basic Computer Education, Tally Training, and UI/UX Design, providing participants with the expertise needed to excel in today's dynamic workforce. Join us to embark on a journey of skill development and career readiness.

This year 17 students attended Tally Training, 40 students attended Basic IT Training and 2 students attended UI/UX graphics Design Training.



BASIC IT Skills:

Aruwye continues to empower students in the digital age through our Basic IT Skills program, training 40 individuals this year. Our comprehensive course equips participants with essential computer skills, internet navigation, email proficiency, Microsoft Office expertise, and digital citizenship awareness, fostering confidence and enhancing their readiness for success in today's technology-driven world.



TALLY TRAINING:

This year, Aruwye took strides in empowering individuals through our Tally course, training 17 students. This initiative reflects our commitment to equipping aspiring professionals with essential accounting skills, ensuring their readiness for today's competitive job market.



UI/UX TRAINING:

In our commitment to fostering talent for the digital era, Aruwye proudly offers UI/UX Training, equipping participants with the skills essential for creating captivating digital experiences. Through our comprehensive program, students delve into user interface and user experience design principles, honing their abilities to craft intuitive and engaging digital products.



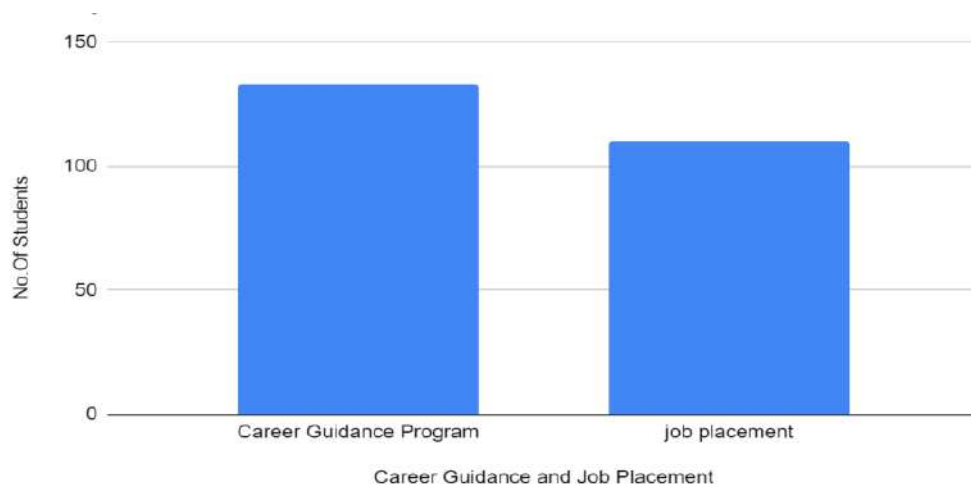
CAREER GUIDANCE: EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS

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At Aruweye, we believe in the immense potential of young people. Throughout 2023-2024, our youth development programs remained a cornerstone of our mission, empowering them to become confident and self-sufficient individuals.

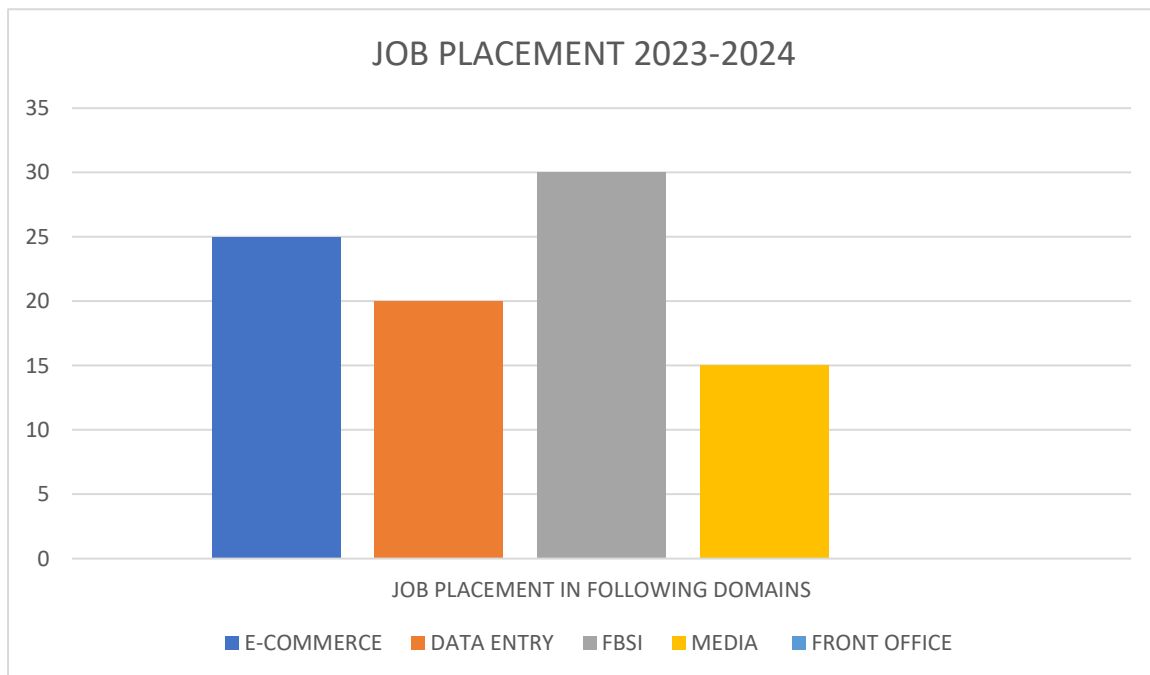


SUCCESS THROUGH PLACEMENT: EMPOWERING GRADUATES FOR DIVERSE CAREERS

Our annual job drives once again served as a springboard for student success. We were thrilled to welcome representatives from 10-15 companies seeking to recruit talent in a variety of fields. This year, a remarkable 110 students secured positions in administrative, E-commerce, sales, front office, and media restoration roles. This successful event demonstrates our commitment to connecting employers with our students, preparing them for fulfilling careers.



Aruwye successfully placed 110 students in various domains, including administration, e-commerce, data entry, sales, front office operations, and media restoration. Over 10 companies participated in on-campus interviews, showcasing the effectiveness of Aruwye's partnership strategy.



FROM FIRST GRADUATE TO CONFIDENT PROFESSIONAL

YESUMATHI'S JOURNEY

Being the first graduate in my family, I felt immense pride. Growing up in a fisherman's community, our lives were always modest. But after graduation, a fear crept in. The job market demanded more than just my degree. While I could read and write English, speaking it fluently terrified me. This fear held me back from reaching my full potential.

A turning point came when trainers from the Aruwy'e visited our college. They briefed me about Career Connect program that perfectly matched my needs - building communication and computer skills. Joining the program was the best decision I ever made. The trainers created a supportive environment that helped me overcome my fear of English. In just three months, I wasn't just confident speaking English, I had also gained basic IT proficiency and improved my typing speed.

The Aruwy'e's support went beyond the classroom. They helped me secure a job as a personal secretary to a Director at Gosha Hospital, Triplicane. My newfound communication skills, along with the understanding of teamwork and workplace expectations I gained in the program, were instrumental in my success. Within six months, I received a significant raise, my salary increasing from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000.

I am incredibly grateful to the Aruwy'e organization. Their guidance empowered me to not just get a job, but to thrive in my career. This program transformed my life, and I'm filled with a sense of dignity and purpose.



UNLEASH THE MYTH AND REACH THE ZENITH: EMPOWERING UNDERGRADUATES

Empowering underprivileged students to pursue postgraduate studies, the "Unleash the Myth and Reach the Zenith" program on January 22nd, 2024, offered guidance and support to 13 participants.

Sr. Isabella welcomed the students and Superior Sr. Christina Anto felicitated Ms. Surambayee, Guest speaker for Morning session. Ms. Surambayee gave insights to students on how to crack the PG CUET exam and eligibility criteria.



Expert speakers like Ms. Rajalakshmi (Social Worker) and Ms. Akshaya (PG Student) from Mumbai University provided insightful sessions on the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) and top-tier universities.

The program covered:

- Understanding CUET: Its purpose, eligibility, and exam format.
- University exploration: Advantages of pursuing postgraduate studies at top universities and exploring options based on student interests.
- Exam preparation strategies: Techniques to overcome challenges and excel in CUET.

Interactive sessions allowed for personalized guidance and application process demos. The program fostered a supportive environment, motivating students and leaving a lasting impact on their educational aspirations.

FIELDWORK AND INTERNSHIP STUDENTS

Throughout the internship period, students from Loyola College, Stella Maris, Nazareth, Anna Adarsh, Madras University have actively engaged in a diverse range of activities aimed at community empowerment and awareness. These initiatives not only reflect their dedication to social welfare but also underscore their commitment to addressing pressing issues affecting women, children, and marginalized communities.

- **Women's Human Rights Workshops:** Nethra & Sowmya, BSW students (Stella Maris College) facilitated sessions empowering women with knowledge about their rights.
- **Good Touch Bad Touch Awareness:** Akila & Sowmya, BSW students (Stella Maris College) educated children on recognizing and preventing abuse.
- **Social Media Literacy:** Mohana Priya, MSW students (Loyola College) promoted responsible social media usage among youth.
- **Health Awareness:** Aishwarya, MSW Student (Loyola College) conducted sessions on breast cancer prevention and organic sanitary pad usage.
- **Environment Awareness:** Devi, MSW Student, (Stella Maris College) instilled eco-consciousness in evening study centre children.
- **Child Rights Awareness:** Girija, MSW student (Anna Adarsh College) conducted awareness on child rights at a government school in T. Nagar.
- **Anti-Human Trafficking Campaigns:** Rajalakshmi, MSW Student (Loyola) and Sneha, MSW Student (Madras University) raised awareness in schools and colleges.
- **Financial Literacy:** Abhishek B. Com, (Loyola College) imparted financial skills to farmer women in Thiruvallur.
- **Welfare Schemes Outreach:** Rithick, Nazareth College, BSW Student educated self-financed women in Kodambakkam about available government schemes.
- **Chocolate Making:** Jacqueline, MSW student of Stella Maris College, trained 50 self-help group women in chocolate making.



OBSERVATIONAL STUDY VISIT

SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS GAIN INSIGHTS AT ARUWYE

Students from Loyola College, Nazareth College, and SRM college's Social Work department students visited Aruwye and embarked on a transformative journey to explore the impactful work of the Association for Rural Upliftment and Women Empowerment (ARUWYE). Led by Sr. Isabella, the visit provided a profound insight into ARUWYE's vision and mission, leaving a lasting impression on all participants.

Mr. Subin, the Project Manager at ARUWYE, played a pivotal role in guiding students through the organization's initiatives, particularly focusing on Child Protection and Social Work Intervention. His emphasis on ARUWYE's interventions in the realms of women, children, and youth shed light on the multifaceted approach employed by the organization to address various social challenges.



Mrs. Kamala Mary, during her session, delved into the integral role of self-help groups in women's empowerment. Through practical insights and real-life examples, she showcased the transformative power of collective action and community support in fostering economic independence and social empowerment among women.

The session was characterized by its interactive nature, allowing students to actively engage with ARUWYE's mission and initiatives. Through discussions, questions, and personal reflections, students not only deepened their understanding of the organization's work but also forged meaningful connections with its vision for social change.

Expressing heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity, students left the visit with a profound appreciation for ARUWYE's dedication to community upliftment and empowerment. The visit served as a catalyst for personal and professional growth, inspiring students to actively contribute to social change initiatives in their respective capacities.

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR STAFFS

TOT PROGRAM FOR STEM

Led by Mr. Fakrudeen, an esteemed IT specialist from Chennai, our Teacher Training (TOT) program in STEM education was a transformative initiative. Through this program, educators were equipped with essential skills to inspire and engage students in science modelling and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. By empowering teachers, we aim to ignite a passion for STEM learning and prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the future.



GREEN SKILLING WORKSHOP BY QUEST ALLIANCE AT SAMVADA BADUKU, BANGALORE

Mrs. Diana participated in the transformative Green Skilling Workshop hosted by Samvada Baduku, Bangalore on March 4th and 5th. This workshop aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to environmental sustainability and promote green practices in their communities. Through interactive sessions and hands-on activities, attendees like Mrs. Diana gained insights into green technologies, renewable energy, and eco-friendly practices, empowering them to become champions of environmental stewardship.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WASH GOA

The National Conference on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), organized by Auxilium Nisarg Mitra, convened experts and stakeholders from March 20 to 22, 2024, to address critical issues and best practices in sustainable water management. The event featured insightful sessions, presentations, and panel discussions covering topics such as environmental stewardship, gender equity, and technological innovations in WASH. Sr. Isabella and Mrs. Diana engaged in fruitful discussions, networking sessions, and action planning, demonstrating a collective commitment to promoting sustainable practices in water, sanitation, and hygiene. The conference concluded with a call to action, emphasizing the importance of community empowerment and collaboration in addressing pressing challenges and advancing the goals of environmental sustainability.



WRITE FOR GOOD - PROPOSAL PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP

BOSCONET organized the "Write for Good" Proposal Writing Workshop from 10th to 13th April at Don Bosco Provincial House, Citadel, Chennai. The workshop, led by Mr. Louis, aimed to enhance participants' skills in crafting effective proposals for community development projects. Staff members Mrs. Kamala and Mrs. Diana attended the training, which covered essential topics such as research, budgeting, and presentation skills, equipping them with practical knowledge for successful project proposal writing.



CYBERSECURITY WEBINAR

Multi-congregational Project Input Session, led by Fr. Sajith, focused on online education challenges, digital parenting, and cyber safeguarding. Mrs. Kamala, Mr. Leo and Mrs. Diana gained insights into online learning methods, cyber threats, and strategies for digital safety. The session emphasized the importance of digital literacy, parental engagement, and fostering a positive digital environment. Our Staffs equipped with knowledge and tools to navigate the digital landscape responsibly and promote cyber safety.

FOSS4GRASSROOTS PROGRAM

The Tech4Good Community, in collaboration with Thozhamai, hosted the FOSS4Grassroots program on 29th February 2024 at Tidel Park, Chennai. The event aimed to raise awareness and build capacity among grassroots NPOs in Tamil Nadu by showcasing the benefits of open-source software. A key feature was the live, interactive training on Kobo Toolbox, a free, user-friendly, multilingual tool for data collection. Mrs. Diana Jenifer attended the session, which focused on practical guidance for implementing open-source solutions in community development projects.



CELEBRATIONS AT ARUWYE

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

December wouldn't be complete without festive cheer! Aruwye hosted a joyous Christmas celebration filled with celebrating learning, community spirit, and the festive season.

Christmas celebration brought together approximately 150 SHG women, fostering a sense of community and togetherness. Provincial Sr. DJ Margaret, the Chief Guest, and Superior Sr. Christina Anto, the Guest of Honor, graced the occasion. Children from the evening study centres added to the spirit with heartwarming dance performances. A skit performed by MSW interns from Loyola and Stella Maris Colleges addressed the theme of "birth of Jesus and humanity," emphasizing the importance of human values. Dr. H. Charles further amplified this message with a guest speech on Human rights and Women empowerment.

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Provincial Sr. DJ Margaret distributed Sweets to all the participants and Santa Claus danced with children and distributed chocolates to them.



PONGAL

THIRUVALLUR SHG GROUP



On January 15th, 2023, 25 Self-Help Group women from Thiruvallur district joyously celebrated Pongal, showcasing the importance of cultural heritage. They prepared a traditional Pongal feast and adorned their homes with vibrant kolams. They conducted a Rangoli competition in their community, highlighting their artistic skills and creativity. The prize distribution for the competition was led by our women coordinator, Mrs. Kamala, further empowering and encouraging the women.

They also conducted uriyadi and musical chair for children. The event not only celebrated a traditional festival but also promoted community bonding and the preservation of cultural practices.

MOSAVADI CENTRE



The Mosavadi Sisters celebrated Pongal with 15 tailoring students, fostering community and togetherness. They prepared a traditional Pongal meal together, enhancing cultural bonds. A fun Rangoli competition showcased the students' creativity and artistic talents. The event promoted a sense of joy and camaraderie among the participants. It highlighted the importance of celebrating traditions and sharing experiences. The Sisters' initiative to bring students together reflects their commitment to holistic development. The event likely created lasting memories and strengthened relationships within the group. Overall, it was a heartwarming celebration of Pongal, embodying the spirit of unity and cultural pride.

Women's Day 2024

The International Women's Day Programme 2024 was celebrated on the theme "Women's Power, Nation's Strength," held on March 16th. The presence of esteemed Chief Guest Rev. Sr. DJ Margaret FMA, Provincial of Chennai Province, and Guest of Honor Rev. Sr. Christina Anto FMA, Vice Provincial of Kodambakkam, added gravitas to the occasion.

The program featured enlightening speeches and discussions by notable figures. Mrs. S. Mahalakshmi, Inspector of Police, Mrs. A. Alpha Anita, Program Coordinator at Quest Alliance, and Mrs. V. VijayaLakshmi, Raj Bhavan Polling Officer, shared their experiences and insights, contributing to a rich dialogue on women's empowerment.



Mrs. R. Amali Arul, advocate for Women, Gender Equity, and Child Rights, Mrs. V. Pushkala Sivakumar, Advocate specializing in Domestic Violence cases, and Mrs. M. Jeevanthi, Head of the Department of Social Work at Anna Adarsh College, further resonated with the audience by highlighting the importance of women's rights and gender equality.

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Quest students also received certificates presented by Rev. Sr. DJ Margaret and Mrs. Alpha Anita.

The highlight of the event was a captivating street play presented by AICUF students. The play focused on raising awareness about the importance of voting and active participation in the democratic process.



MEDICAL CAMPS

MORNESE- YERCAUD

On 15th August 2023, the Mornese Yercaud Community, in collaboration with Dr. Helen, a volunteer from Chennai Agarwal's Eye Hospital, organized a free eye check-up camp for the tribal people of Yercaud. Many children, their parents, young boys and girls, and local residents in need of medical services benefited greatly from this initiative. The community expressed immense gratitude for the free medical facility provided. The camp significantly improved access to eye care and highlighted the importance of such health services in underserved areas.



KODAMBAKKAM-CHENNAI

On 13.02.2024 Aruwy, in association with the Lions Club, conducted an eye camp in the Puliyurpuram area of Kodambakkam, Chennai. Nearly 50 people attended the camp and received essential eye care services. The initiative provided valuable medical assistance to the local community, significantly improving access to eye health services. Participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to receive free eye check-ups and treatments.



NETWORK WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

ECO CONSCIOUSNESS AWARENESS TO ECO CLUB STUDENTS

On 5th June 2023, Eco Club students of Tirupattur Mary Immaculate school promoted kitchen gardening with theme “Where there is green, there is growth”. This initiative aimed to encourage environmental awareness and hands-on learning about nature. Students enthusiastically participated, taking home plants to cultivate in their gardens.



On 19th June 2023, Recycling bins were distributed to Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, for their Eco Club. This initiative aims to promote recycling and environmental sustainability among students. The Eco Club members will use the bins to encourage proper waste management practices in their school.



AWARENESS ON ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In the past year, our organization has made significant strides in raising awareness about anti-human trafficking among vulnerable communities. Through a series of impactful initiatives, we have reached a wide audience, including government school children, College students, communities, and hostels.

IMPACT AND REACH:

- **Government School Children:** Nearly 500-1000 government school children were educated on human trafficking through engaging street plays. These plays effectively portrayed the tactics used by traffickers and educated children on how to seek assistance if they find themselves in vulnerable situations.
- **Communities:** Awareness sessions were conducted in nearly 5 communities, reaching out to residents and empowering them with knowledge about human trafficking. Vigilance committees were formed in these communities to enhance awareness and provide a support system against trafficking.
- **Hostels:** Awareness programs were conducted in nearly 5 hostels, targeting both residents and staff. These programs aimed to educate and empower individuals to recognize and prevent human trafficking.
- **Migrants:** Approximately 200 migrants were also included in our awareness programs. These programs were designed to inform migrants about the risks of human trafficking and to provide them with resources and support to stay safe and vigilant.



Overall, our efforts have had a significant impact on raising awareness and empowering individuals and communities to combat human trafficking. We remain committed to this cause and will continue our efforts to create a safer and more vigilant society.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY EDUCATION

On 13th February, Fr. Maria Packiam S. conducted a comprehensive Environmental Policy Education session aimed at enhancing the understanding of ecology and environmental policies among women and Salesian Sisters. This educational initiative focused on providing participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to engage in effective environmental stewardship.

The session began with an introduction to the importance of environmental policies. Fr. Maria Packiam S. explained how well-crafted policies serve as foundational frameworks for promoting ecological balance and sustainability. He discussed the various components of environmental policies, including regulations, guidelines, and best practices that help protect natural resources and ensure a healthier environment for future generations.

A significant portion of the session was dedicated to sustainable practices. Fr. Maria Packiam S. highlighted practical steps individuals and communities can take to reduce their environmental footprint. This included discussions on waste reduction, energy conservation, water management, and the benefits of adopting eco-friendly habits in daily life. Participants were encouraged to think critically about their current practices and identify areas where they could implement more sustainable methods.

Fr. Maria Packiam S. also emphasized the concept of Earth as our common home, a central theme that reinforced the session's message of collective responsibility. He articulated the interconnectedness of all living beings and the planet, urging participants to recognize their role in the global ecosystem. This perspective aimed to inspire a sense of unity and shared duty in addressing environmental challenges.



ARUWYE'S MICHAUNG FLOOD RELIEF SERVICE

In response to the devastating Michaung flood, ARUWYE, in collaboration with the Salesian Sisters of Kodambakkam Province, conducted a comprehensive relief effort to assist flood affected families. The initiative provided essential support to 1000 families, including 15 provision items, basic hygiene kits, and bedsheets.

On December 21st, Mother Provincial and the Council Team from Chennai Province, led by Sr. Isabella, Director of ARUWYE, conducted relief services in Thiruvallur district. The initiative aimed to assist 100 families, providing essential relief to those in need. The organized relief work reflects a commendable effort by the team to support the community during challenging times. The service not only provided immediate assistance but also demonstrated a commitment to humanitarian efforts and community welfare. Overall, the relief service stands as a testament to the dedication of Mother Provincial, the Council Team, and ARUWYE in extending support to those facing difficulties in Thiruvallur district.



On December 21st and 22nd, Mother Provincial and the Council Team from Chennai Province, under the organization of Sr. Isabella, Director of ARUWYE, conducted relief services in Kodambakkam, Egmore, Ennore, Ponneri and for school staff. The dedicated effort aimed to benefit 900 families in these areas. This compassionate initiative reflects the commitment of the team to community welfare, providing essential relief during challenging times. Mother Provincial, the Council Team, and ARUWYE demonstrated their dedication to addressing the needs of the affected families, showcasing a commendable commitment to humanitarian efforts in Kodambakkam, egmore, ennore, and among school staffs.

