



FOREWORD

Greetings from Swabodhini!

The month of December began on a challenging note, with Chennai experiencing heavy rains and waterlogging in several areas, resulting in the school remaining closed for nearly a week.

Despite the constraints brought on by the weather, our children and staff displayed remarkable resilience and determination by successfully setting up stalls at Valluvar Kottam and AGS Health.

We are proud to share that our student, Krishna Aradhana, had her artwork auctioned at the Tattva Art Exhibition and sold for ₹2,000, a moment of great encouragement and recognition for her talent.

Swabodhini was honoured to be part of the ISR Changemakers Circle – CSR Round Table Series 2025 held in Chennai, organised by The Times Foundation, with a focus on the theme “Fueling Futures – The Power of Education and Skills.”

We were also delighted to welcome the Heads from the Rotary Club, who visited our Selaiyur centre and interacted with our students and staff, gaining firsthand insight into our work.

Our vocational students introduced several new and attractive products this month, further showcasing their creativity, innovation, and growing skills.

Additionally, we were happy to host a student intern from the UK, who shared heartfelt feedback, expressing how much she learned from our students and staff during her time with us.

In the spirit of Christmas, celebrations were held across all centres, with our children enacting skits on the birth of Jesus Christ and enjoying delicious cakes. As the last day of the second term coincided with the festive season, birthday celebrations were also joyfully combined with the Christmas festivities.

The month concluded on a cheerful note, with children and staff departing in a holiday spirit, ready to return in January with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the third term.

We look forward to sharing fresh updates with you next month.

Warm regards,

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WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2025: CELEBRATING ABILITY AND INCLUSION

The Tamil Nadu Government organized a large-scale World Disability Day celebration at Valluvar Kottam on December 3, 2025, highlighting inclusion and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Hon'ble Chief Minister M.K. Stalin honored PwDs excelling in sports and cultural fields. The event featured exhibitions and stalls showcasing handicrafts created by PwDs, promoting skill development and self-reliance. Various competitions and award ceremonies for students were conducted, emphasizing government initiatives and local body representation for PwDs.



BEYOND BARRIERS AT AGS HEALTH

A stall was set up at AGS Health to showcase the vocational products made by our students. The initiative provided students with an opportunity to display their skills in a professional corporate setting. Employees actively engaged with the stall, appreciating the quality and effort behind each product. This exposure helped boost students' confidence while promoting inclusion and skill-based empowerment.

CELEBRATING ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Our student, P. Krishna Aradhana, proudly submitted her artwork to the Tattva Art Exhibition. Her piece was successfully purchased by a buyer through auction for ₹2,000, marking a significant achievement. This recognition highlights her creativity, dedication, and artistic talent. The moment stands as a proud milestone and a strong encouragement for nurturing artistic expression among our students.



SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER: SECRET SANTA CELEBRATION

The festive spirit of Christmas was celebrated with a joyful Secret Santa activity among our staff. The exchange of thoughtful gifts brought smiles, laughter, and moments of surprise. This celebration strengthened camaraderie and added warmth to the workplace. It was a wonderful reminder of togetherness, gratitude, and the joy of giving.

CELEBRATING TOGETHER: BIRTHDAYS ACROSS ALL CENTRES

Birthdays were joyfully celebrated across all our centres, bringing smiles and a sense of togetherness among students and staff. Each celebration was filled with warmth, laughter, and shared moments of happiness. These occasions helped strengthen bonds and foster an inclusive, supportive environment. Such celebrations play a meaningful role in creating a positive and nurturing space for everyone.



CELEBRATING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm across our centres. The festivities brought together students and staff in a spirit of love, sharing, and togetherness. Songs, decorations, and cheerful moments filled the day with warmth. The celebration created lasting memories and reinforced the values of unity and kindness.



SHAPING TOMORROW: LEARNINGS FROM THE CSR ROUND TABLE

The Times Foundation, in collaboration with the M3M Foundation, hosted the ISR Changemakers Circle – CSR Round Table Series 2025 in Chennai, focusing on the theme “Fueling Futures – The Power of Education and Skills.” We had the opportunity to attend this insightful session, which brought together leaders from corporates, government, and the development sector. The discussions highlighted the critical role of education, skilling, and employability in empowering youth and building an inclusive, future-ready society. The session provided valuable perspectives, meaningful dialogues, and inspiration for driving collective impact through CSR initiatives.



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We were honoured to welcome the Heads of Rotary Club Selaiyur to our Selaiyur Centre. The visit provided an opportunity to showcase our work and share impactful conversations around inclusion and community development. We are grateful for their time, encouragement, and continued support.



NEW VOCATIONAL CREATIONS BY OUR STUDENTS

Students from both the Velachery and Tondiarpet Centres have crafted a range of new vocational products. These creations reflect their growing skills, creativity, and confidence. Each product stands as a testament to hands-on learning and empowerment.



SHOWCASING STUDENT CREATIONS AT AGS

The stall at AGS featured vocational products crafted by students from our centres. The interaction with visitors boosted confidence and awareness about their abilities. We are grateful for the opportunity to present their work.

WELCOMING STUDENT INTERNS

Students from the UK and Guru Nanak College, Chennai joined us as interns, contributing actively to our initiatives. Their involvement supported program implementation and community engagement. The experience encouraged knowledge sharing and practical learning. We appreciate their commitment and interest in the development sector.

