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The Arvind Foundation Newsletter



Dear Readers,

Team spirit, resilience, the don't give up attitude, finding happiness in others' wins - these were some of the wonderful things that we witnessed during our sports day this year. It was an absolute delight to see our children enjoy themselves participating in the events. More than winning it is was the spirit of participation that won our hearts. The past few months have been packed with such celebrations and high energy events and all of us are charged up. Needless to mention our special celebration of Teacher's day where our each of our staff was thanked for their tireless efforts in making Arvind Foundation what it is today. Some glimpses of all the celebrations here for you.

As always, our sincere gratitude to all of you for your support and encouragement!

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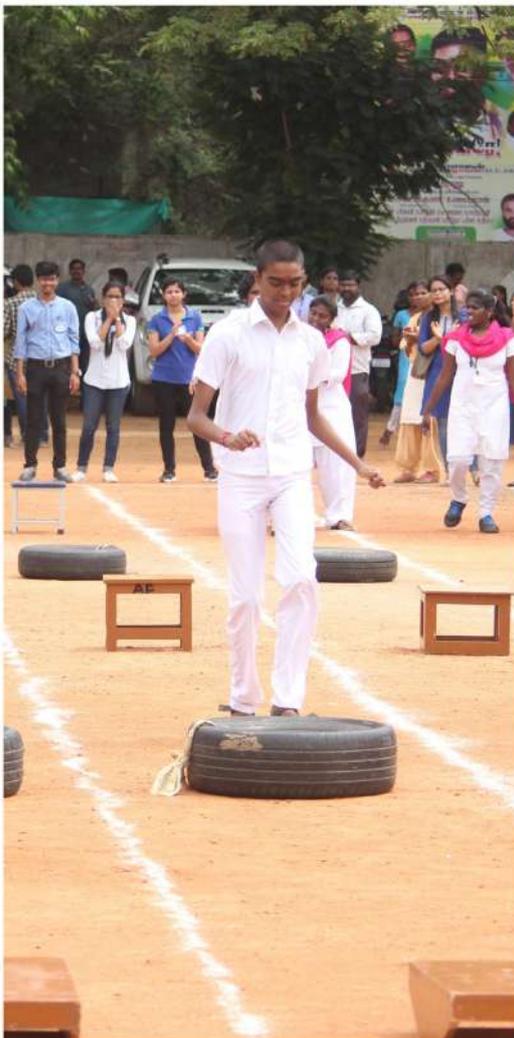
Well, blessings do come in disguise and yet again we witnessed that on our Annual Sports Day Aadukalam, on 19 August 2018. Over 100+ students took part in various track and field events such as ball gathering, assisted walking, lemon and spoon race and it was raining medals. In fact, it was more than just a medal or a certificate, it was victory over the challenges our students face, making their families proud and proving themselves to the world, against all odds. Merely participating, for these special children, was a big win.

Our key highlight other than the sports itself was initiation of Arvind Foundation's ***Vocational Training Livelihood Program***, through which trained students of our Vocational Institute will begin to receive a small incentive for their efforts. It has been a long standing desire for us to enable our students to be mainstreamed and this is a small step towards it.

Now, Who do we thank?

The parents who turned up to witness their child performing (not necessarily winning) or the families who were there to cheer for everyone or the volunteers who came by the hundreds to help us organize the events? How can we forget our sponsors without whom the event would not have been a success or the chief guests who graced the occasion despite their busy schedules, the trainers whose determined efforts paid off or the STARS of the day, our students themselves, who inspire and motivate us with their sportsmanship spirit? It was team work all the way and we are thankful to each one of them.

We just cannot wait to have you all over for another occasion!





Aadukalam - 2018, held at the Police Parade Grounds, Ashok Nagar, Chennai on 19 Aug 2018

Festivals at Arvind Foundation

We celebrated Krishna Jayanthi, Rakshnabandhan, and Onam at Arvind Foundation with great pomp and zeal enforcing the concept of Unity in Diversity. Apart from regular classroom activities, the children also understand the importance of celebrating festivals by the preparations which start few weeks prior to the festival. A close bond is built between the students as they understand each other's different customs. The main objective of these festivals celebrated at Arvind Foundation is to educate our students to respect cultural differences and ensure cultural harmony and embrace one another in a bond of love.





Celebrating oneness at Arvind Foundation! Teaching our students empathy, cultural tolerance, and respect for each other!

Teacher's Day

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”
— William Arthur Ward

It was the day to show our gratitude to our teachers and non-teaching staff. We spent the day thanking them and telling them how important they are in the lives of our special needs children. Our teachers are the 2nd mothers to our children. The day was dedicated to our staff and we had a day packed with events for them. It was a fun filled day. The celebration started with cake cutting, followed by fun games and lunch. We ended the day with a team outing to the beach. We are glad and thankful that we were able to do this for our staff who are instrumental training and educating our students. From our deepest hearts, we thank our staff for making Arvind Foundation what it is today - serving the cause of children & young adults with special needs.

