

ANNUAL REPORT



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It gives me great pleasure to present this Annual Report of Citizen Development Centre (CDC) and reflect upon our journey of service, commitment, and transformation. CDC is a secular, non-profit registered society established with the belief of “By the patients and for the patients.” For the past 21 years, we have been dedicated to the welfare and development of leprosy-affected persons, differently abled individuals, poor and destitute women, and socially marginalized communities.

The journey of CDC is deeply connected to my own life experience. During my school years, I was affected by leprosy and had to discontinue my education because of social stigma and misconceptions. However, I chose not to let adversity define my future. Instead, I transformed my challenges into a source of strength and motivation to support others facing similar circumstances. After recovering and serving in the Tamil Nadu Government service, I realized that true rehabilitation is not only about medical recovery but also about restoring confidence, dignity, and opportunities in life.

At CDC, our primary aim is “Making Disabled as Abled” through proper counseling, guidance, education, and technical skill development. We firmly believe that disability does not lie in physical conditions but in the lack of opportunities and skills. A person equipped with knowledge and skills can become self-reliant and contribute meaningfully to society.

Over the years, CDC has focused on job-oriented skill development programmes including computer education, tailoring, fashion designing, DTP, web designing, Tally, functional English, software and hardware training, and other employability initiatives. Through these efforts, hundreds of individuals have gained skills and opportunities for sustainable livelihoods, with many successfully securing employment and improving their quality of life.

Our achievements and progress have been possible because of the support of our donors, volunteers, teachers, well-wishers, and partner organizations who have stood with us throughout this journey. I express my heartfelt gratitude to every individual and organization whose encouragement and trust continue to strengthen our mission.

As we look toward the future, our vision is to expand our services to rural communities and conduct free skill development programmes that empower youth, women, and differently abled individuals to become self-sufficient and independent.

Together, let us continue to create a society where every person is valued, empowered, and given the opportunity to live with dignity.

With warm regards,

Mr. A. Gunasekaran
President,
Citizen Development Centre (CDC)

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INTRODUCTION

Citizen Development Centre (CDC), a registered society that has been operating since 1997 to enable the poor and marginalized individuals to become self-reliant through skill development. This skill development program of CDC equips the target group with information, Skills, and access to opportunities to get employment. Our main aim is to empower and equip people with the knowledge and skills to make choices, decision making and overcome socio-economic challenges.

CDC GENERAL BODY

During this financial year 2025-2026, CDC has conducted 4 general body meetings on 31.05.2025, 27.09.2025, 27.12.2025 and 31.03.2026

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In the General body meeting it has been decided to concentrate more on youth empowerment and economically backward students helping them to get training with a certification

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Along with training, trainees have to be provided with necessary resources to set up business, empowering them to be self-sustainable.

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For the development of the society, more resources should be mobilized; current programs and activities have to be streamlined in an organized way.

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The services of Auditors Mythili.A and Associates were appreciated and has decided to continue with them during 2026-2027.

➔ VISION

Our vision is to enhancing essential skills and fostering sustainable livelihood opportunities, ultimately contributing to an improved quality life of trainees.

➔ Mission

CDC is secular, non-profit organization dedicated to empowering poor and marginalized groups

We provide skill training in tailoring and computer skills, offering self-employment Opportunities to the differently abled, widows, unemployed youth, poor destitute women and downtrodden people

Our goal is to enable the beneficiaries especially women to be self-reliant and enjoy a healthy, dignified and sustainable quality of life.



SKILL TRAINING ON TAILORING COURSES

Tailoring courses were provided throughout the year. This includes both basic tailoring and machine handling. Over 98 women successfully completed the course. During 2025-2026 CDC has trained students in tailoring, with a focus on empowering women and girls from rural areas.

Upon completing the course, many of these individuals found employment in Tailoring shops, garment factories some of them even started home based Tailoring business. As a result they began to generate sustainable income for themselves and their families. There are many who have joined the program after getting inspired from the success stories of the women who have now become independent, confident and able to secure dignified livelihood.



FASHION DESIGN CLASSES

Fashion designing were introduced as a part of the tailoring curriculum to expose students to current trends and help them create fashionable garments, improving their job prospects. During 2025-2026 CDC has motivated 26 trainees who had completed the basic Tailoring training to join in Fashion Designing class. In this class advanced training in cutting and stitching of different designs of Blouse and Chudithar were taught which enabled them to stitch dresses which is trending now and earn more



AARI- EMBROIDERY CLASSE

Specialized Aari embroidery classes were conducted to train 39 women in traditional handwork techniques, opening doors to self-employment and small business opportunities. Every Saturday at CDC practical demonstration was given to beneficiaries on Aari and on the topics like Cot Fixing, making designs on the blouses, quality of different textile materials. Aari embroidery teacher Ms. Janani to resolve the queries asked by the all the students who took part in each session.





FABRIC PAINTING TRAINING

This year (2026) we Start new Training Classes with 20 Students (1st Batch) Fabric painting Course like 3D Embroidery, Bottle Art Painting, Cloth painting, Clay Jewellery, Resin Art, Glass Painting and Canvas Painting through Fevicryl company Chennai giving Training and Certificates also.

TAILORING MECHANISM CLASSES

Practical sessions were held to teach troubleshooting, Service and repair of sewing machines. These sessions empowered students to handle equipment independently. CDC conducted tailoring Mechanism class once in 3 month to improve the technical knowledge of the trainees. 180 students who took training in Tailoring, Aari and Fashion design were trained in tailoring machine service and mechanism. They were also taught about basic maintenance and Repairs.



Classes on Interview Skills, Carrier Guidance, Motivational & Soft Skills:

Every 3 months CDC Conducts session on career counselling, stress management, and soft skills to all the students. This was part of our initiative to build confidence and soft skills in women to better prepare them for the workforce. This program aims to inspire students and nurture their talents. During the program current progress of students were assessed and they are guided towards appropriate training opportunities based their individual needs. About 175 students participated, made this programs an integral part of our ongoing efforts to support and empower students in their personal and academic development.

CDC WELFARE ACTIVITIES 2025 - 26

Skill development, Career Guidance, Personality development Motivation Classes by CSR Volunteers :

Accenture's CSR team played a vital role by organizing online classes. Notably, a summer camp on 27.04.2025, 25.09.2025 and 14.03.2026 taught dance, yoga, and personality development. This initiative nurtured holistic growth in students.



The classes focused highlighting on various essential aspects including Introduction to interview, Kinds of interview, Interview preparation, Resume preparation, Stress management both at workplace and personal life. Email and Telephone etiquette were also offered. These comprehensive sessions aimed to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in their professional endeavours. Nearly 175 Students participate and benefited in this program.

Free Study Material Distribution to the Students:

On 09.08.2025 ,19.10.2025 and 14.03.2026 CDC distributed essential study materials such as notebooks, stationery, water bottles, and geometry boxes to 230 students from underprivileged backgrounds as part of our Independence Day celebration. The program was presided over by the President and the Technical Advisor of CDC with the Members of Lions Club participating the event. Nearly 245 students benefited from this initiative. Both students and parents expressed gratitude and found the materials helpful.



Certificates Distribution program:

Certificates were awarded on 09.08.2025 and 07.02.2026 to the students who completed training in skills, tailoring, embroidery, Aari work. Certificates were awarded by CDC Board members. Staffs and Volunteers joined and distributed 163 certificates to the successful students. During the event students who received certificates shared their thoughts and experiences. Finally, the president concluded the program with a vote of thanks.



Awareness program on Health care of girl child, Adolescent and Women:

Every months 3rd Wednesday CDC conducts free health check up & awareness program Camp for all of our Trainees . This was conducted by Govt. Health Centre of Ambattur point of the Chennai Corporation. It focused on nutrition and health issues faced by adolescent girls and women. Free vitamin supplements were distributed. Sister Esther of primary health center Ambattur has briefed about Women's Health Education The program focused on Women's health education emphasizing the importance of Personal Hygiene, consuming nutritious food, regular exercise and adequate rest. She advised Women around the age of 40 should undergo a compulsory annual medical examination. 165 beneficiaries attended and benefitted from the Medical Camp



Gandhi jayanthi program CDC commemorated Gandhi Jayanti and deepavali program on 18.10.2025. Essential items and food items were distributed to 45 leprosy-affected individuals. We distribute the essential provisions such as Rice 5 kg. Sugar 1kg, Dhal 1 kg, Cooking Oil 1 lit, Coconut Oil 100 gm bath Soap Athirasam, Murukku Sweets and other deepavali items along with Lunch

Anti-Leprosy Day Program :

CDC observed the (Gandhi memorial day) World Anti-Leprosy Day on 09.02.2026 to raise awareness and support leprosy-affected individuals. Health professionals gave a brief session on early detection, and prevention. Around 45 participants attended. This community event provided New cloths, bed sheets, Sarris, lungee, especially MCR Footwear's ,Grocery kits and hygiene supplies to leprosy cured individuals , and then enjoyed a community lunch.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAMME

The International Women's Day celebration was held on 21.03.2026. Special addresses were delivered by Ms. Yasodhra, Ms. Chitra, and Ms. Durga Devi. Around 110 women participated in the empowering sessions, discussed women development and emphasized the importance of promoting women's growth both within the families and society.



As part of the program Various entertaining game competitions were held for women, including musical chair, lemon and spoon, singing, dancing and debating competition. Lunch was provided to the attendees. Women participated in the program were honoured and the program left a lasting impressions on the importance of celebrating and supporting women's achievements.

FUTURE PLANS

- ▶ Development of corpus fund for society
- ▶ Improving infrastructure of the Organization
- ▶ Evening classes for the students who study 8th and above to enhance their competencies
- ▶ Income generation for continuing the existing projects.
- ▶ Introduction of New courses to benefit more trainees.
- ▶ Capacity building for employment Generation

VOLUNTEERING

Our volunteers spend their valuable time and also support for all the programs conducted by CDC. Volunteers with varied skills, knowledge and resources share their experiences and attract more volunteers

CONCLUSION

We express our sincere thanks to all the Donors, Institutions, NGOs, Faculties and trainees who have helped us throughout the year for successful progress. We are looking forward for a better year and would like to continue this valuable relationship with all of you for the better growth of our organization and empower people who are below poverty line there by fulfilour main aim " Making Disabled as Abled" through proper technical training and guidance.

CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (CDC) – AMBATTUR

List of Beneficiary through Various Skill Training from April-2025 to March - 2026

| PARTICULARS | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|-----------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Tailoring | - | 98 | 98 |
| Fashion Design | - | 26 | 26 |
| Aari Embroidery | - | 39 | 39 |
| Fabric Printing | - | 20 | 20 |
| TOTAL | - | 183 | 183 |

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

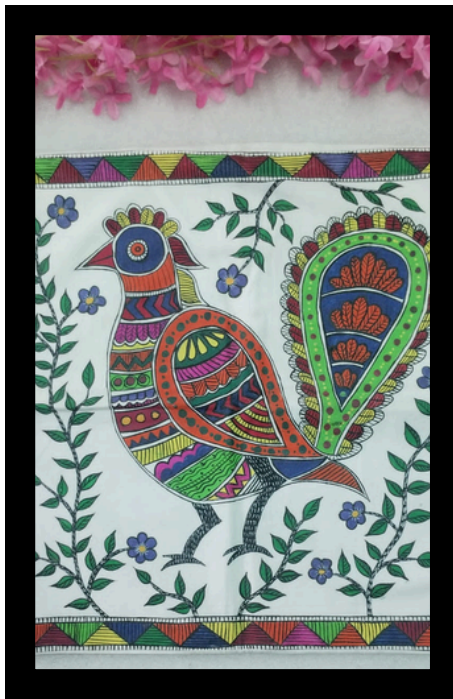
| | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|---|----------|------------|------------|
| Internet, e-mail Scanning & printout, Basic Hardware Classes ,Soft Skills, Interview Skills, Career Guidance, Personality Development Classes etc.. | - | 175 | 175 |
| Tailoring Mechanism Classes | - | 180 | 180 |
| Total | - | 355 | 355 |

WELFARE ACTIVITIES

| | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Women Empowerment, Women & Girl Child Health care and Awareness Program | - | 165 | 165 |
| Free Study Materials Distribution | 85 | 145 | 230 |
| Leprosy Patients Welfare Activities | 42 | 48 | 90 |
| TOTAL | 127 | 358 | 485 |



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