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Dear Friends,

The month of March has two important days. On the 8th of March is Women's Day & on the 15th is World Social Work Day.(WSWD).

The theme for WSWD is 'Promoting the Dignity and Worth of Peoples'.

WSWD 2016 creates another opportunity for the profession to express international solidarity and to bring common messages to governments, regional bodies and to our communities.

The Hague Adoption Convention is an international convention dealing with international adoption, child laundering and child trafficking.

Countries that have ratified the Hague Adoption Convention, agree to meet several requirements. The adoption process includes establishing a "Central Authority" to serve as the country's primary contact in adoption processes; satisfying several checks for a child eligible for adoption, including verifying the propriety of the adoption under the laws of both countries and making a reasonable effort to first facilitate a domestic adoption' and agreeing to use only certified adoption agencies.

Article III of the convention outlines the responsibilities that the entire process must be authorized by central adoption authorities designated by the contracting states . If fully implemented at the national level, the Convention offers a protective

framework against the potential risks of private adoption (when the adoptive parents set the terms of the adoption directly with the biological parents or with children's institutions placed in the country of origin, without recurring to accredited adoption service providers).

The JJ Act -2015, provides for strengthened provisions for both children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law. Some of the key provisions include: change in nomenclature from 'juvenile' to 'child' or 'child in conflict with law', across the Act to remove the negative connotation associated with the word "juvenile"; inclusion of several new definitions such as orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children; and petty, serious and heinous offences committed by children; clarity in powers, function and responsibilities of Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC); clear timelines for inquiry by Juvenile Justice Board (JJB); special provisions for heinous offences committed by children above the age of sixteen years; separate new chapter on Adoption to streamline adoption of orphan, abandoned and surrendered children; inclusion of new offences committed against children; and mandatory registration of Child Care Institutions.



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To streamline adoption procedures for orphan, abandoned and surrendered children, the existing Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is given the status of a statutory body to enable it to perform its function more effectively. Separate chapter (VIII) on Adoption provides for detailed provisions relating to adoption and punishments for not complying with the

laid down procedure. Processes have been streamlined with timelines for both in-country and inter-country adoption including declaring a child legally free for adoption.

Please do not fall into the trap of illegal adoption. Our team is ready to assist you in building a family, any time.

- Dr (Capt.) A S Dodd

"UNITE TO END TB"

You may wonder what the title means. Actually this is the theme for the "WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY - 2016".

World Tuberculosis Day is celebrated every year all over the world at the international level on March 24th. It is one among the eight official public health international days and campaigns are conducted by the WHO. This has been established to commemorate the Tuberculosis Day around the world to get some solutions to eradicate this deadly disease from our universe.

Tuberculosis was discovered by Dr. Robert Koch in 1882. During that time, the spread of this endemic disease was very high and the mortality due to the infection was also very high. His discovery opened the door for the people to get diagnosed at an early stage and to get treated for a complete recovery.

Tuberculosis is an airborne disease caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. It gets transmitted from an infected person to another immunodeficient person by means of droplet spread. This disease can affect any organ in the body including lungs, lymph nodes, brain and meninges, kidney, heart, vocal cords, bones, adrenals and it may be one of the causes of infertility, if it affects the fallopian tubes. As it has multiple organs involved, the presentation of the disease also varies. If anybody has severe weight loss with loss of appetite, it is better to screen for TB. The most worrying part of this disease is, it is most common among Southeast Asian population accounting for nearly 35% of the global cases.

In the past, tuberculosis and HIV were called twin brothers as they occurred together in most people. But now, the scenario of 'twin brothers' has changed to

Tuberculosis and Diabetes mellitus. There is a growing evidence that diabetes mellitus is an important risk factor for tuberculosis and might affect disease presentation and treatment response. Furthermore, tuberculosis might induce glucose intolerance and worsen the glycemic control in patients with diabetes mellitus.



Previously, most of the tuberculosis death occurred in the low and middle income group, including poor communities and vulnerable groups. But now the trend is changing towards high socio income status people because of the increased prevalence of diabetes mellitus.

World Tuberculosis Day mobilizes the political and social authorities to work further towards the disease prevention, for the effective reduction of TB cases and death rate in the forthcoming years. The main aim of this celebration is to create awareness among the public that tuberculosis is a completely curable disease at very low cost through the DOTS treatment administered by the government.

Too many people in our country and around the world still suffer from TB. Anyone can get TB, and our current efforts to find and treat latent TB infection is still insufficient.

The theme of World TB Day 2016 is "UNITE TO END TB". Various domestic and international partners, are working together to eliminate this deadly disease at the earliest. But we need your help. "TB ANYWHERE IS TB EVERYWHERE". So get involved in the fight to end TB to clean our universe of this deadly acid fast bacilli.

- Dr Sankara Subramanian

CINDRELLA - FOR THE GOLDEN GLOW



Cindrella Beauty Clinic is a new advent in Madurai. It is located on Kennett Road and is a part of Grace Kennett Foundation. It was inaugurated by Capt.DVP.Raja on 27-02-2016. In Cindrella, we will make you elegant & graceful like the character in the well known classic English folk tale. The unique features, what we offer our customers and how we differ from other beauty parlours is -

- Cindrella Beauty Clinic is basically a skin-friendly clinic.
- We use quality products and use the latest equipment to save time considerably. For instance, when it takes 45 minutes to dry the hair after hair-colouring in most parlours, we take exactly 15 minutes to finish the task with high quality
- All our workers are qualified, skilled, trained

and experienced.

- We give our customers home-care, herbal health and beauty tips that can be followed in their homes.
- We are also open to doing bridal make-up in your house.
- We are determined to be punctual in all our conducts - the opening and closing timings, fixed appointments. We will not exceed the duration time mentioned for any treatment. We assure punctuality from our side so that it will be easy for our customers to plan their schedule.
- Cindrella is one among the siblings of Tranquil, Vogue & Greymatter which are located in the same premises.



We welcome you all to get pampered at Cindrella for the golden glow!

- Ms. Suja Eban

TRANQUIL - AYURVEDA THERAPIES

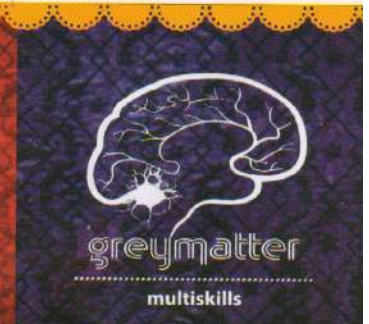
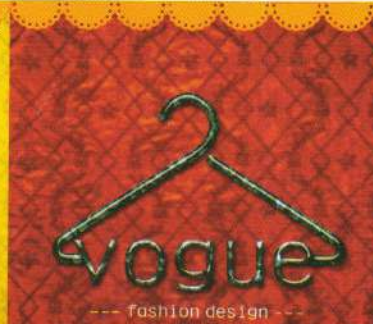
Abhyangam (Body Massage)

It is considered as one among the poorvakarmas (preparatory procedures). It implies synchronized massage to the whole body or local body parts as per the condition of disease. It is one among the most common and effective therapies in Ayurvedic medicine. It is useful in nerve disorders, aches and stiffness. It is usually done for 40 minutes depending upon the need.

Shirodhara (Head oil Flow)

It is a procedure of pouring liquid forms of medicine

like thailam (medicated oil) or thakaram (medicated buttermilk) constantly for a time period of 30 min on the forehead. It is helpful in treating nervous disorders, insomnia, mental stress, anxiety, migraine etc. Thakradhara is very effective in treating skin diseases and respiratory disorders.



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