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## **Presidents of 300 village panchayats honoured**

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KANCHEEPURAM: Presidents of 300 village panchayats in Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur and Vellore districts were honoured for making their hamlets “child-friendly panchayats.”

They were presented a memento and certificate in recognition of the support extended by them to Hand-in-Hand (HiH) to ensure education to every child, at a function organised on Friday.

The panchayat chiefs have taken part in identification of school dropouts or illiterate children in their respective domain and put them back on mainstream of school education, chief executive officer, HiH, Kalpana Sankar, said.

A total of 29,763 children have been brought to the mainstream of education in three districts – Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur and Vellore, she said.

Distributing mementoes and certificates, chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights Shantha Sinha commended the panchayat chiefs for their job.

Principal Secretary, Labour and Employment, T. Prabhakara Rao, and former Chief Vigilance Commissioner, P.Shankar, participated in the function.

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