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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

VILLAGE EXTENSION PROGRAMME (VEP)



Venue: Chockalingam Pudur, Karaikudi

Date: 11.10.2018 to 13.10.2018

Report on Village Extension Programme (VEP-2018)

This is an annual extension programme for the second year Post graduate students in each and every department of our Alagappa University. Our university will identify a suitable village for our university departments based on the strength of the students. The main aim of this programme includes cleanliness activities, health awareness campaign in the village and to create more awareness on disease-free spaces by promoting sanitation among the villagers and school going children to achieve open defecation free areas.



The Department of Mathematics & Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics has jointly organized a three-day Village Extension Programme (VEP) during October 11-13, 2018, at Chockalingam Pudur, Karaikudi.

On the first day, Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics have inaugurated the programme and Dr. R. Jeyabalan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics joined for the inaugural function. The significant event was presided over by the Head of the Department of Mathematics and the village president of Chockalingam Pudur. There were totally 83 students taken part in that programme and few local people also participated in it.



Cleanliness awareness programme to school students:

The awareness camp created awareness about cleanliness among the school students. It was explained to the students how to keep the school and environment clean, and the harm caused by using plastic, i.e., how it affects water, land, and air. After that, a general talk was given to the students about the benefits of tree planting and the importance of rainwater harvesting.



Yoga activities for school students

The student volunteers visited the school in the village to conduct yoga activities to school students. This initiative was part of a collaborative effort aimed at promoting wellness and stress relief among student body. Guided by our students trained in yoga, a refreshing energy was brought to school campus as eager learners were led through a series of yoga poses and relaxation techniques. It gives valuable lessons in mindfulness and physical fitness were imparted during the yoga session.



Sports activities for school students

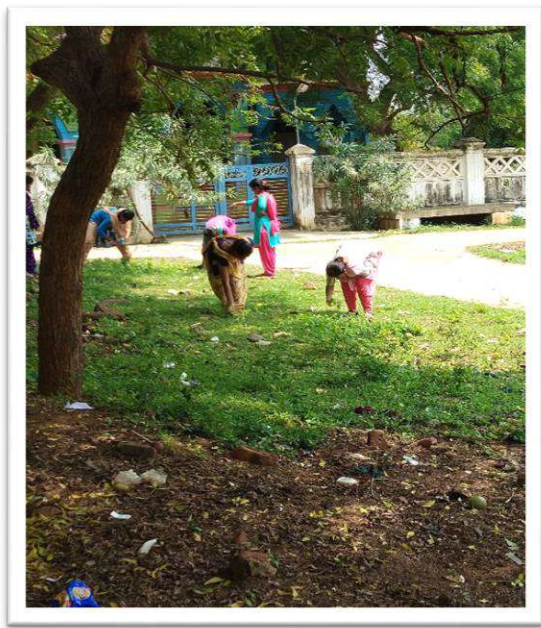
Various competitions were conducted for the school students as a part of physical activities. In the outdoor games, the classes were divided and various competitions such as 100 meters, frog runs, lemon spoons, and musical chairs were conducted based on their categories. After that, the successful students were encouraged by giving prizes. And in addition to this, the teachers and school headmaster who supported us were honoured.





Cleaning Activities

Our volunteers were encouraged to participate in cleaning tasks in order to teach the principles of cleanliness as well as to raise awareness of hygiene among the villagers. The young people split up into tiny groups, allocated each group a specific region in a village. Also, the youngsters distinguished the compostable and non-compostable garbage and disposed of it properly.



Awareness Rally

The awareness rally in the village extension program aimed at spreading essential knowledge and inspiring positive change within the community. The event highlighted saving water and agricultural practices such as irrigation. Furthermore, the event highlighted the significance of women's empowerment and girl education. Also, the rally advocated for cleanliness as they marched together.





Cultural Events

Arts such as song and dance were staged by the students, who were very interested in arts like music and drama. The song and dance were conducted to include various awareness. In order to bring out the talent of the children from that town, the people of the village were asked to make their children participate in the events.





Planting saplings

After the cleaning process, with the guidance of VEP organizer Dr. R. Raja, students planted saplings in various places in the village such as around the ponds, and temple. This initiative not only enriched the village's green cover but also inspired the future generations.





After the successful completion of the events, the program was concluded on 13.10.2018. Through this program, the student volunteers gained a lot of experience, which made them realize their social responsibility in transforming society.