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AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

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On 27.10.2018 the second year B.Sc. Computer Science students visited the adopted village Tharuvaikulam. Awareness to avoid plastics was given through cultural programs based on the theme “**No Plastics**”. We reached the spot at 2.30 pm. The Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Edward made all the necessary arrangements to conduct the awareness programme. Around 150 people assembled in front of the church to watch the cultural performance.



On 16th March 2019 our journey to the adopted village Tharuvaikulam started at 9.30 a.m. Forty two second year, B.Sc. Computer Science students along with staff members J. Anila Maily and Sr. A. Sahaya Mercy reached the village around 9.55 a.m. The agenda of the visit was to do create an awareness about voting rights in the democracy. The students paraded around the bus stand area in the village and raised slogans, “Use Voting Rights without fail”, “Not to sell votes for cash” and “To use the voting rights in a just manner”. The students then visited individual houses and created awareness about the voting rights to the family members. The students requested all the eligible voting members to cast their vote on the election day. They also explained what identity proof they should carry to exercise their vote. Nearly

three hundred and fifty houses were visited by our students. We started our return journey around 1.30 p.m.



The community development programme was inaugurated on 29th Sep 2018. The staffs and the students of II B.Sc Mathematics arranged a programme on AWARENESS OF POSTAL BANKING with the help of the postal department of THOOTHUKUDI and with the support of the village people and the Parish Priest of Palayakayal. The programme started with the prayer song, welcome address and awareness song on saving and a detailed talk on the schemes of the postal banking and the meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks.

On 16.03.2019, election awareness campaign was conducted in the village. Our students explained the importance and need for voting in a democratic country.



On 8th December 2018, as a part of Community Development Programme our II B.Sc students accompanied by two faculty members visited the adopted area to give awareness about plastic. Our goal is to raise awareness to the issue of plastic pollution and to reach out to every people and elementary students in the village so they too can start being the solution to the problem. The programme started with the awareness song for plastic free zone followed by a talk about the plastic and its impact on human health and environment. Moreover, students became clear about the effects of plastics on human health and how it affects our body causing various

diseases like heart problems and cancer. On questioning the school students, "How can we save our environment from poly bags amazing feedbacks as, minimization of plastics, using eco bags like jute bags, paper bags, cotton bags were heard from the students. The enthusiastic mass showed more of their concern after knowing the 3R Principles, i.e., reduce, reuse and recycle. The two way communication between our student and the elementary school students gave outstanding result in terms of learning and sharing knowledge. They learned how they can create awareness to save our environment from plastic bags as well. And also our volunteers taught the school students drawing related to environmental issues. Finally, we asked our students to collect the plastic bags and covers in that area and the session came to an end with the slogan

SAY, NO TO PLASTICS!



On 16th March 2019, as a part of Community Development Programme our II B.Sc students accompanied by two faculty members visited the adopted area to raise awareness on right to vote. The Campaign was aimed at raising awareness among people about the Lok Sabha Election that was to be held on 18th April 2019. The students went round that area and spoke to the local population on right to vote in the selection and election of people's representatives. They also encouraged the youngsters to vote in order to build a responsible government. Although millions of people vote, every vote counts to select the right candidate for the country. The process of voting acts as a gateway to various forms of civic engagement, especially when young people face massive challenges such as unemployment, student loans, and educational policies. If we support and encourage them to vote, it will certainly help raise a new and modern generation of responsible citizens who will actively get involved in building a prosperous nation.



Rev. Fr. Edward, Parish priest of Tharuvaikulam made all the arrangements and he gave a lecture on “Say No to Plastic”. The people demanded the cleaning of the garbage which is nearby their area. In short, this awareness programme created awareness among the people of Tharuvaikulam.



An awareness programme on significance of voting rights in democracy was arranged on our adopted village ‘Thupashpatti’ on 16.03.2019. A group of 65 students along with two staff members Ms. Adreena Paldano and Ms. S. Chris Roshal went with the students. A door to door awareness was made by our students with the help of the pamphlets received from the collector’s office. The voting procedure was also explained and instructed to all the residents to check their votes cast. It was also insisted that all residents should compulsorily vote as it is their fundamental right. Their response was good and they gave an assurance that they will surely vote in the coming election.



On 16.03.2019, students visited the various streets of Korampallam and created awareness about voting. Several slogans were recited by the students to create awareness about voting. Students insisted the people not to get bribed by any political parties.

