



Report of the Event



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Initiatives to Engage Local Community

Jaivam Special Camp: Cent percent literacy Panchayath

The NSS seven day camp of units 23 & 24 of Govt. Brennen college was held at Palayad University campus, Kannur from 23/12/2018 Sunday to 29/12/2018 Saturday. The main aim of the camp was to upraise the Dharmadam Gramapanchayath to a cent percent literacy panchayath in organic farming. The mission was named 'Jaivam 2018'. The Jaivam special camp was jointly organized by Kannur University NSS Cell, MG College, Chendayad, Chinmaya Arts and Science College, Chala and Govt. Brennen College, Thalassery. The project attempted to bring together the vast scholarship on emerging trends in organic farming and the traditional wealth of knowledge in the area. Sustainable agriculture which lies at the heart of organic farming forms an equally important theme of the camp.

On day one 23/12/2018 Sunday the camp started with an announcement rally from Palayad campus to Chirakkuni followed by an inaugural ceremony. The camp was inaugurated by Dr.Kuttikrishnan.A.P, State project director SSA. The welcome speech was delivered by Shri. Padmanabhan Kavumbayi, NSS programme coordinator Kannur University. Presidential address was delivered by Smt. Baby Sarojam. The day ended with an ice-breaking session conducted by Mr. Syed K.P trainer from Phoenix, Taliparamba. Later at night, a meeting was called out for the volunteers by the Programme Officers. They were divided into different groups and duties were assigned to each team.

Day 2, 24/12/2018 started with flag hoisting by Sri. Padmanabhan Kavumbai. Volunteers gathered and divided into groups containing 2 members each. Volunteers were sent to second and third wards. The most interesting

session of the day was celebrating Christmas carol and cake cutting. A volunteer parliament was also gathered to discuss the next day's programmes and activities.

Day 3, 25/12/2018 started with Zumba dance. Volunteers assembled in the courtyard and left for our survey in the 6th and 16th ward. Students handed over the Jaivam handbooks to each house and made them aware of the organic farming in the scenario. The main attraction of the

day was Nadanpattu. The programme demanded active participation of the volunteers and together they made it a grand one.

Day 4, 26/12/2018 began with exercise session and later the volunteers engaged in camp paper and report presentations. Then as usual volunteers moved to 9th and 11th wards for the survey. At 7 pm, they had their cultural programme and the day ended with a volunteer parliament.

On day 5, 27/12/2018 volunteers started their field work at 9.30 am after breakfast and moved to allotted wards under the guidance of programme officers. Volunteers made an organic vegetable garden on the campus in the evening session and the cultural programme started at 8.00 clock. The programme was filled with a traditional touch.

Day 6, 28/12/2018 started with Zumba. Volunteers had their cleaning session and cleaned the whole campus after dividing into groups. Students had a grand celebration as it included both cultural programmes and campfire. The campfire was a memorable one as it was full of dance, music and other entertaining programmes. The campfire was put off late at 3.00 am.

Day 7, 29/12/2018 started late at 9.00 am and volunteers were busy packing and leaving. The valedictory function was inaugurated by the Thalassery block panchayath president Sri. T.P.Rajeevan. In the closing ceremony, most of the volunteers shared their experience and beautiful memories they acquired during the camp days and had a great session which was dispersed by 4.00 pm. The mission was accomplished within 7 days and the volunteers were able to cover almost 8000 houses in the Dharmadam Grama Panchayath and made them aware of the importance of organic farming.

Swatch Bharat Mission

The activities on behalf of Swatch Bharat Mission began with the cooperation of Dharmadam Panchayat. The programme was held on 7 July 2018. It was scheduled from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. On 14 July 2018 Swatch Bharat Mission continued. It was held at Dharmadam Panchayat and NSS volunteers took the leadership for cleaning.

Swatch Bharat Mission was held on 21 July 2018. Volunteers cleaned Dharmadam Panchayat. On 28 July 2018 Swatch Bharat Mission continued. Volunteers cleaned the college

premises. The closing ceremony of Swatch Bharat Mission was held at Dharmadam on 4 August 2018. On account of the programme, students conducted a rally from college to Chirakuni. Later they were engaged in other activities. The programme lasted for 7 hours.

Flood Relief

The volunteers of the NSS Unit 23-24 collected relief funds and other essential things for the people of Kerala who were affected by the flood. People of Thalassery heartfully helped and cooperated for the mission. Volunteers were able to collect a good amount and donate to the Chief Minister's flood relief fund through Kannur University NSS Cell. It was conducted in the second week of August 2018.

Flood Relief Fund collection continued in and out of the college, Thalassery Municipality, etc. This was held on 16 August 2018.

Palliative Care

On 13 October 2018 in cooperation with IMA and BREXA, NSS unit 23-24 conducted a class on palliative care and the necessity to take care of old aged ones.

On AIDS Day, 1 December 2018 participated in the rally conducted by volunteers. It was also joined by many NSS, NCC volunteers from Gov. Brennen College, other schools and organization. The rally took place in Thalassery. The participants were given T-shirts.

Green Village Clean Village

Green Village Clean Village' campaign was started on 3 December 2018. Volunteers were given the instructions regarding the mission and about waste management. Later, forming groups volunteers cleaned the campus. Next day, 4 December 2018 volunteers moved in groups to different houses in Dharmadam panchayath and explained about 'Waste Management and its necessity' to keep their surroundings clean. On the 3rd day, 6 December 2018 volunteers continued their survey and awareness campaigning. In the afternoon session, volunteers engaged in an awareness class on the topic 'Waste is Wealth'. The topic was presented by Adv. A.P. Hamsakutty. On 7 December 2018, the 4th day of the mission volunteers made a survey report and discussed problems faced by the villagers.

Street Play: Leprosy Eradication campaign

On 10 December 2018, “Aswamedham” a street play regarding the eradication of leprosy was conducted by the nursing students of Koily hospital. It was jointly organized by the District Medical Office, Kannur, and Govt. Brennen College NSS units 23 and 24.

Snehakkoodu: Filed Visit

Volunteers visited Snehakkoodu- a shelter home for old aged people at Kuttimakkool, Thalassery on 24/02/2019.

Chekkootti: Dollmaking Workshop

Chekkootti doll making workshop was organized on 26/02/2019. Volunteers made chekkootti dolls in connection with post-flood relief activities in Kerala.

Youth Parliament

Nehru Yuvak Kendra and NSS Units jointly organized a neighbourhood youth parliament at Govt. Brennen College on 02/03/2019. Various sessions on youth empowerment, stress management, cyber awareness were the attraction of the programme. The programme was inaugurated by the Panchayat president Smt. Baby Sarojam.

Brennen Thalassery Book fair and Literary Festival

College organised Brennen Thalassery Book fair and Literary Festival from December 20 to 27 2015 at BEMP School in Thalassery town. The following programmes were organised.

On day1, N prabhakaran, K K Narayanan, Richard Hey, Sajeev Maroli, A N Shamseer, and P M Sankaran (President Kerala Baker’s Association) were present in the inaugural ceremony. The inauguration was held by cutting a special cake made in the form of a book. A unique musical recital based on the hymns of Sreenarayana Guru and Kabeer was performed by Pushpavathy, famed playback singer and musician.

O day2, a discussion and poetry reading session with Arundhati Subramaniam on the topic ‘Give Me a Home that isn’t Mine’ (‘When poetry and Spirituality Meet’) chaired by N Prabhakaran was held at 10.am. Kodyeri Balakrishnan inaugurated a Public Debate on ‘Freedom

of Speech and Gag Orders'. V P Rejeena, N P Rajendran and Anil T joined the discussion. The day concluded with a Book Release and a felicitation for Eranholi Moosa in the evening.

On day3,a free workshop for the public titled "Sound Design in Cinema" by Brennen alumnus P M Satheesh (acclaimed sound designer whose filmography includes 'Bahubali') was held at 10 am. M N Karasseri delivered Sanjayan Memorial Lecture which was titled 'Sanjayan: The Politics and aesthetics of laughter'. K K Marar chaired the session. A book release of Veeran Kutty and a poetry reading session ensued.

U P Jayaraj Memorial Talk was delivered by Civic Chandran. T V Madhu and Somasekharan took part in the discussion on "Readings on Marx" chaired by K N Ajoykumar. Khayal, a musical eve was the attraction of the concluding session.

On day4, 'Imagining Thalassery', a seminar was held at 10 am in which Dr A Valsalan, N Sajan, Ponniam Chandran and Balakrishnan spoke. K M Govi memorial talk was delivered by K V Kunhikrishan on the topic 'The Great Universe Surrounding Books'. M P Balakrishnan chaired the session.

On day5, The Book 'Ranimar, Padminimar : Malayali women and their Unfettered Journeys' was released in the presence of Rima Kallingal, Ashiq Abu, Shahabas Aman and V P Suhara. Sreebala K Menon delivered a talk on "The Journeys women do not undertake". A Christmas special cultural fete was inaugurated by actor Vineeth Kumar who is also a Brennen alumnus. Folk song Performance by Thavam Grameena Kala Samithi and various cultural programmes by Brennen College Students followed.

On day 6, a seminar 'Sreenarayana Guru and his Times' was organized in the morning. Dilip Menon, Professor, University of The Witwatersrand, Johannesburg spoke on 'Writing History in Colonial Times: Chattampi Svamikal' s Early Works'. M T Ansari (Professor, Centre for Comparative Literature, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad) deliberated on 'Muslim Responses in Colonial Malabar'. Sunny Kapikkad (Writer, activist) and P Sanal Mohan (School of Social Sciences, M G University) presented papers on 'Re Examining Ayyankali Movement' and 'Colonial Modernity in Kerala' respectively.

Swami Ananda Theertahan Memorial Talk was delivered by Sunny M Kapikkad on 'Reservation and Public Perception'. Books by Sanal Mohan and M Mukundan were released. T P rajeevan, Akbar Kakkattil and Dilip Menon spoke on the occasion.

On the final day, in Continuation with the seminar 'Sree Narayana Guru and his Times', Nisar Ahmed presented a paper on 'The effect of Sree Narayana Guru's interventions'. Soumya Sajan's (Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad) paper was on the 'Politics of Public Sphere: Formation of the icon Guru'. Dileep R (Assistant Professor Brennen College) talked on 'Domesticity and its Alternatives in Kerala.' Valedictory ceremony was held at 5 pm in the evening.

Brennen Expo

College organised an exhibition with the support of many government institutions in January 2016. The local people took part in setting up stalls showcasing the history and resources of the locality. Thousands of people including school children visited it.

Jackfruit Festival

College organised Jackfruit festival in which the local people participated actively.

Solodrama Festival

A solodrama festival was organised by the college which attracted people from neighbouring places. Four performances were staged viz: Malala (Niharika Mohan), Mookasakshi (Biju Irinav), Perum Al (Sreejith Poyilkkav) and Pen Nadan (Santhosh Keezhattoor).

Sastrayan

College organised Sastrayan an exhibition in February 2018 where the local community had exposure to the facilities and resources of each department.