

RURAL CAMP OVERALL REPORT- 2024

VENUE: PALUR VILLAGE

NUMBER OF CAMPERS:13

NUMBER OF STAFF ACCOMPAINED:02

INTRODUCTION

The rural camp provides a transformative learning experience, equipping students with essential professional skill and insights into rural community life. The 1st year students of the department of social work at S.D.N.B. Vaishnav College for women, Chrompet Chennai, held a rural camp from 31.09.2024 to 6.10.2024. The primary goal was to empower students to understand the rural social system, gain practical knowledge of the social issues that impact these communities and foster a spirit of social responsibility. During the camp students conducted awareness activities on essential topics health, women empowerment, children's, environment and unity.

DAY – 1

DATE: 30-09-2024(Monday)

INAUGURATION (AN INITIATIVE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT)

It was started with PRA session to identify social, timeline, resource mapping and the campers were divided into three groups to do this session. The awareness program arrangements and mobilization began, drawing in members of the village to foster a connection and set the stage for the event. The primary goal was to create awareness and build a bond with the community. The official inauguration commenced in the Panchayat Office entrance with a camp song performed by the campers. This was followed by activities including classical dance, oyl, silambam, and a mime performance, all aimed at promoting community engagement. The chief guests, Mr. Radhakrishnan M from Arappor Iyakkam, addressed the gathering, discussing the importance of addressing public issues and empowering the community. Their speeches were followed by an interactive session, deepening the connection with the villagers.

DAY - 1



DAY – 2

DATE: 01-10-2024 (Tuesday)

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

Traveled to the village of Karumbakkam for plant sampling, taking the time to appreciate and document the local environment while emphasizing the importance of preserving our natural surroundings. Following this, preceded to Melmanapakkam, which falls under the Palur Panchayat, to conduct a survey aimed at understanding the community's issues and identifying areas for improvement. Our survey focused on gathering information about the population and the challenges faced by community. The Evening awareness program commenced with mobilization efforts in Palur, gathering community members for the event. It began with the camp song, followed by engaging activities, including the traditional Oyilattam dance. The session then featured Mr. Appu Dhillipan, founder of Udal Manam Clinic and a clinical psychologist, who spoke about the importance of environmental protection. His insights emphasized the need for sustainable practices within the community. Following his talk, campers presented a street play centered on the theme of plastic waste, effectively illustrating the impact of plastic on the environment. The program concluded with encouraging the community to adopt environmentally friendly habits and practices.



DAY – 3

DATE: 02-10-2024 (Wednesday)

CHILDREN WELFARE

The campers visited the Palandi Amman Koil (Palur) to set up the evening awareness program and then mobilized for the medical camp. Five students, accompanied by coordinators, attended the Grama Sabha, while the remaining eight students conducted a survey in Melmanapakkam to gather information on the population and community challenges. The evening awareness program began with mobilizing the community in recognition of Children's Day in palandi amman koil, palur. The event included engaging activities for the children, beginning with games like running races and water-filling challenges. These were followed by a folk dance and an entertaining puppet show. Mrs. Sathya, the resource person, provided valuable guidance to the children on maintaining good health, highlighting the importance of avoiding junk food and adopting healthy habits. The event concluded with a prize distribution for the game winners and a sincere vote of thanks, creating an enjoyable and informative experience for everyone involved.



DAY 4

DATE: 03.10.2024 (Thursday)

IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH

Preparations for a medical camp at the Panchayat office. The team organized mobilization and arrangements in Palur. A group of ten doctors with the specializations of ENT, pediatrician, gynecologist, general surgeon, general physician, dermatologist, audiologist, psychologist, general medicine, blood sugar test, BP check up from SRM Medical College, Kattankolathur, led the camp, providing essential healthcare services to the community. Discussion about the PRA and work on chart preparation has been done by the students, three teams held up doing Time line map, social map and resource map in the chart for the development of Palur. Followed by, the Grama Sabha report was submitted.



DAY 5

DATE: 04.10.2024 (Saturday)

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

The campers were divided into two groups. Five students, including the coordinators, went to Melmanapakkam to conduct skill training for women. Mr. James, B.A. in Economics and a skill trainer, joined as the resource person to lead the training, skill training includes phenyl and detergent powder making, the women participated in that training and the students gave a speech on breast cancer and cervical cancer awareness for women and conducted games for them. Alongside, the remaining eight students conducted a survey to gather information on the local population and identify community issues. The Evening awareness program began with mobilization and was organized specifically for women. It started with a skit focused on health protection on the dangers of drug use and breast cancer prevention and a Muppet show was presented on the theme of women empowerment. Resource person Mrs. Jaya Margret Selvi, M.A., B.Ed., Headmistress at the Government Primary School, delivered an inspiring speech on women's empowerment.



DAY 6

DATE: 05.10.2024 (Friday)

SOCIAL INCLUSION AWARENESS & VALEDICTORY

The students visited Kanchipuram, a community in Sengodiyur, the Kanchi Makkal Mantram. This visit offered a valuable opportunity to connect with the local community and gain a deeper understanding of their lives and challenges. A particularly memorable moment was to know about Sengodi, a young girl whose story left a strong impression, as she sadly passed away due to who set herself on fire in demanding the commutation of the death sentence of the three convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case. This experience was both moving and insightful, highlighting the importance of connecting with and learning from the people we serve. Thanksgiving session was held for the trust in-charge and the workers, which included a monetary donation and gifts. Additionally, sports materials were provided for the children in the trust. The awareness program began with mobilization and included engaging activities such as Oyilattam and mime. On that day, the resource person, Mrs. Kalaiarasi, B.A., B.L., L.L.M., Assistant Professor at SRM School of Law, emphasized the importance of community well-being for children. Mr. Balaji from United Way also contributed to the session. The program concluded with a prize distribution and a valedictory ceremony.

