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Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Activities

June 2024 – May 2025

01.07.2024 - Inaugural meeting

Community development programme inaugural meeting was held on 1st July 2024, under the guidance of Dr. S. Bulomine Regi (UBA coordinator), Dr B. Divya (CDP Coordinator) and Dr. Jemma Hermalin Jessy Diaz (CDP Assistant Coordinator). The following students were elected as office bearers.

Helen Jofina - II BCom - President

S. Maha Priyadharshini – II BSc Chemistry - Vice President

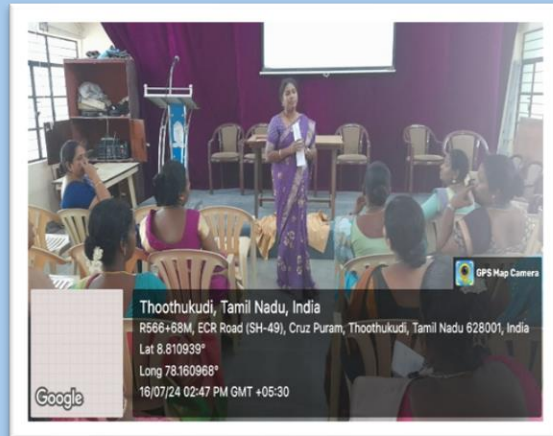
M. Ashika Firthous – II Zoology Secretary

Action plan for this academic year was discussed. This year we have planned

- to conduct awareness programmes on plastic litters, pension schemes, importance of education, Career Guidance, gender equality, cancer, mobile usage, traffic rules, nutrition and malnutrition.
- to provide sanitary napkins and explaining about their usage and disposal.
- to arrange free medical, Veterinary, dental and eye camps in the adopted area.
- to provide hands on training related to self-employment activities for women in the area in collaboration with NGO's.
- to plant more trees in the adopted areas.
- to provide computer literacy for the school students of adopted village.
- to train village people on household waste management, mushroom culture and vermicompost
- to conduct skill workshops to improve their practical skills and soft skills.
- to offer mental health services to address mental health challenges such as anxiety, depression, and trauma.
- to continue tutoring programs and career guidance for students.
- to celebrate festivals meaning fully with those people.

16. 07.2024 - Orientation for staff members of CDP

Orientation for the staff members of community development program was organized on 16th July 2024. Execution of the action plan of this academic year was discussed. UBA coordinator Dr. Bulomine Regi listed the new programmes, which is to be conducted this year. Dr. B. Divya CDP coordinator explained need and method of documentation.



01.08.2024 - Orientation for II year UG students

Orientation for II year UG students of both regular and SSC was organized on 01.08.2024. Ms. Shelin George, Social Activist and Mr. Muthuraman, Trainer and HR, Organisational Development Consulting were the resource persons. Mr Muthuraman insisted the need for evening classes in villages to improve knowledge and learning health habits of children. Ms. Shelin George explained the need for social service and the ways to serve the village people.



15.08.2024 – Gramma Saba Meeting

Students of the Department of Chemistry with Dr.A.Lakshmi and Dr.B.Divya participated in the Grama Sabha held on 15.08.2024 in Antoniyaruram village. The students got an opportunity to know about the social issues. People of that area discussed about their problems and issues.

They have discussed about

1. The urgent need for the installation of streetlights in their area.
2. Repairing of roads in the village
3. Cleaning and maintenance of water tanks
4. Preventive measures that should be taken before rainy season



15.08.2024 – Gramma Saba Meeting

On 15.08.2024 the students of Department of Zoology participated in the Grama sabha of Pazhayakayal under the Community Development Program of St. Mary's College. Then the people of the town were made aware about the importance of sorting garbage. This training was given by II B.Sc Zoology students of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi. It was held under the chairmanship of panchayat leader Mr. Selvakumar. The programme was organized by Dr. S. Selvi, Assistant Professor and Dr. R. Niranjani, Assistant Professor, from the P.G and Research Department of Zoology, St. Mary's college (Autonomous), Thoothukudi.



15.08.2024 – Gramma Sabha Meeting

On 15th August 2024, II B.Sc. students and faculty members Dr. G. Flora and Dr. F. Dayana Lobo from the Department of Botany at St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, participated in the Grama Sabha meeting in Mappilaiurani. This was part of their community development program aimed at applying academic knowledge to real-world issues. The meeting, held on Independence Day, provided an opportunity for students to engage with local governance and understand community needs. The interaction with local residents helped the students understand the specific challenges faced by the community, particularly in environmental and agricultural areas. The event strengthened the collaboration between St. Mary's College and the Mappilaiurani Panchayat, fostering a partnership focused on sustainable development. This engagement underscored the importance of integrating academic learning with community service for the benefit of society.



15.08.2024 – Gramma Sabha Meeting

On August 15, 2024, the Department of Mathematics, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, organized a community initiative titled "**Village Cleanup: Building a Healthier Future,**" in collaboration with the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) and the Community Development Programme in the village of Korampallam. The event commenced at 10:00 a.m. and engaged students from the II B.Sc. Mathematics class as primary "Change-makers" Their active involvement included cleaning public spaces, promoting waste segregation, and conducting educational discussions with villagers about the significance of cleanliness and environmental health. The students encouraged residents to adopt sustainable practices, emphasizing the connection between a clean environment and overall well-being.

The cleanup drive made a significant impact on the village, transforming littered areas into cleaner spaces and fostering a renewed sense of community responsibility. Local residents were inspired to join the efforts, showcasing their commitment to maintaining cleanliness. The initiative not only enhanced the village's environmental standards but also ignited conversations about ongoing waste management and public health. Overall, this program exemplified the college's dedication to developing socially responsible citizens while creating a positive change within the local community.

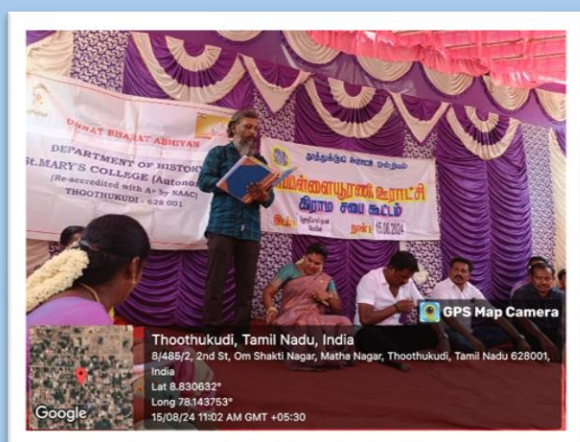
The department students and the staff in charge Dr.J.Arul Jesti, along with the UBA Coordinator, Dr. Bulomine Regi participated in the **Grama Sabha meeting** conducted by the Korampallam Panchayat in the Village of Korampallam at 11.00 a.m. The Panchayat President Ms. Selva Prabha took an active role in addressing the concerns of the village people.



15.08.2024 – Gramma Sabha Meeting

II B.A History Students and two staff members attended the Grama Sabha Meeting at Jyotibas Nagar on 15.08.2024. In the meeting agenda several issues and village development programmes were discussed. Plans for many village development Programmes were also laid down. The core things discussed in the Grama Sabha Meeting are as follows:

1. Request to set up water facilities for houses in the Jyotibas Nagar
2. Request for the construction of road facility in the Jyotibas Nagar
3. Request for free home patta for 50 houses in Jyotibas Nagar
4. Demand for disposal of sewage in the native salt stream
5. Demand for the completion of ration-shop construction work at the earliest
6. Request to set up a Police Station facility and to reduce drug traffic in Thalamuthu Nagar area
7. Request to set up water tank in Thai Nagar area
8. Request to change the name of West, South, North Tsunami colony to Panimaya Colony
9. Demand for maintenance of Anganwadi center in Jyotibas Nagar
10. Request to have maintenance work in Kamaraj school road



15.08.2024– Gramma Sabha Meeting

The students of II B.Com A visited Mukkani on 15.08.2024 and attend Grama Sabha Meeting. The core discussions in the meeting were Introduction about JalJeevan Scheme, Discussion about Puthiya Bharatha Kalvi Scheme , To hand over a grievance petition to the collector regarding the proper water supply in the village and Discussion plan approval for loans and other payments to the government to be done through online i.e. on government websites. Students participated actively.



15.08.2024 - Special awareness program on Clean water and sanitation

St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi, Department of Microbiology and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and community development program jointly organized an Awareness Camp on Clean Water and sanitation at perianayagipuram. A special awareness program on Clean water and sanitation was organised by Second year students of Microbiology Department, St. Mary's college, Thoothukudi at Perianayagipuram on 15 August 2024. II B.Sc., Microbiology students (volunteers) gave a special speech on topic "clean water and sanitation". In this awareness program, the II B.Sc., Microbiology volunteers taught the Village members about Clean water and sanitation and its causes, its ill effects, etc through chart presentation and role play. They had an interactive session. The Village members are the audience. It was easy to teach the Village students as they enthusiastically expressed their interest. This training is organized by St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi, Secretary Rev.Sr.Dr.C. Shibana, Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Jessie Fernando, Deputy Principal and College Co-Ordinator of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Dr.S. Bulomine Regi. The arrangements for these events were made by the Second Year Microbiology students of St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Community Development Program Microbiology Department in-charge Assistant Prof. Ms. S. Sujitha and Ms. A.Shakila papanasam also graced the occasion.



15.08.2024 - Beach Cleaning and Attending Grama Sabha Meeting in Tharuvaikulam

Students and Professors of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi participated in the Community Development Programme at Tharuvaikulam on 15.08.2024.

Community Development Programme and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi organized a programme on beach cleaning and attended the Grama Sabah Meeting in Tharuvaikulam on 15.08.2024.

. The students from II B.A English participated in the Community Development Programme. They cleaned the foot ball ground and the sea shore of Tharuvaikulam and heeded to the grama Sabah meeting. The villagers voiced their requests and views in the grama sabah. They students were eagerly listening to the people and the committee members. Nearly 30 Village people from Tharuvaikulam participated in the meeting and gave their insightful thoughts and support for the futuristic plans of the village. The meeting ended with the hope of fulfilling the requisitions of the people. Following the programme the students cheerfully left Tharuvaikulam with the awareness on village grama sabha.

The CDP programme was organised under the guidance of the Principal Rev.Sr.Dr. Jessie Fernando, Rev.Sr.Dr. Shibana and CDP/UBA Coordinator along with the CDP departmental incharges Dr.D.Shunmugajothi and Dr.M. Hermina.



15.08.2024 - Free Dental Camp and Attending Grama Sabah Meeting in Tharuvaikulam

Students and Professors of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi participated in the Community Development Programme at Tharuvaikulam on 15.08.2024.

Community Development Programme and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi participated in the free dental camp organized by the IDA- Tuticorin Branch and attended the Grama Sabah Meeting in Tharuvaikulam on 02.10.2024.

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15.08.2024 - Grama Sabha Meeting

II B.A Economics Students (18 Students) and a staff attended the Grama Sabha Meeting of Maravanmadam Village held at Antoniyaarpuram on 15.08.2024 at 11.00 a.m. In the meeting agenda several issues and village development programmes were discussed. Plans for many village development Programmes were also laid down. The core things discussed in the Grama Sabha Meeting are as follows:

1. The PM JANMAN Project has been launched to build concrete houses for tribal people on the brink of extinction. The houses to be build under this scheme should be 300 square feet houses at Rs. 5,07,000 in which Rs. 3,60,540 is the contribution of TN Govt.
2. Under the Prime Minister's Rural Housing Scheme, houses which have not been started/ completed under the scheme should be identified and discussed with regards to remand and recovery if there is a valid reason for the same.

3. Under the Rural House Repair Scheme 2024-2025 the Village Panchayats should discuss ensuring that the beneficiaries selected for the rural house repair scheme and given administrative permission under the scheme start the work promptly.
4. Under farm and non -farm marketing 2024-2025 scheme, the village panchayat has to select beneficiaries for livelihood projects (farm and non-farm marketing) and pass a resolution in the Grama Sabha Meeting.
5. Self-Help group members who need small business loans are advised to apply and benefit under the MUDRA scheme (Micro Units Development and Reliance Agency)
6. National Program for preventing of Iodine deficiency deficiencies- To prevent non-iodized salt from being widely sold in rural areas for food and also to create awareness about the need for iodized salt by printing it in English as “This salt is for processing”
7. Online Tax payment service- Villagers can pay panchayat taxes and fees online through a website called [www. VPTAX.TNRD.TN.GOV.IN](http://www.VPTAX.TNRD.TN.GOV.IN)
8. Under Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Mternity fund scheme, poor pregnant mothers have to be compensated for loss of income during pregnancy and to provide adequate food during pregnancy etc.
9. Funding women-led enterprises by providing loans from 100 lakhs to 1000 lakhs.
10. Measures and precautionary measures should be taken in village panchayat for North -East monsoon rains.
11. Under Jal Jeevan Iyyakkam, people in the village should be advised to make safe and proper use of drinking water.
12. Precautions should be taken for contagious diseases.

The students also discussed about the CDP and UBA action plans with the village members in the Grama Sabha Meeting. Dr. Muthu Maha Laxmi, Assistant Professor and CDP/ UBA Department staff incharge escorted the students.



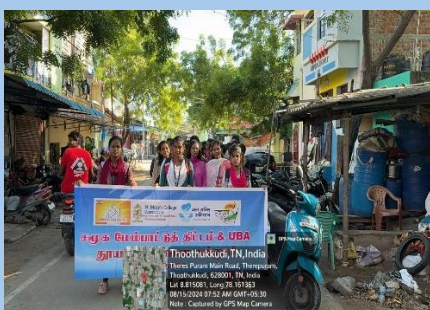
15.08.2024 – Area Cleaning

18 students from II B.A Economics of St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi were engaged in area cleaning activity on 15.8.2024 from 9.30 a.m to 11.a.m. By this activity, students learnt how to contribute to environment development and sustainability. They also created an awareness among the village people about plastic free environment. Dr. Muthu Maha Laxmi, Assistant Professor and CDP/UBA Department staff Incharge escorted the students.



15.08.2024 - Rally on “Preventing Young Generation from Drug Addiction”

On 15th Aug 2024, The PG and Research Department of Commerce organized a Rally on “Preventing Young Generation from Drug Addiction” to Thresepuram. Also basic survey of UBA was conducted by the students. Independence day was celebrated. 500+ household got benefited out of it



15.08.2024 – Awareness on single-use plastics

On 15th August 2024, in conjunction with the celebration of India's 78th Independence Day, Dr. G. Flora, Assistant Professor of Botany at St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, led an impactful awareness session on the environmental hazards of single-use plastics. The session was organized by the Department of Botany as part of their ongoing community development initiatives, specifically aimed at

fostering environmental consciousness among younger generations. Dr. Flora's session was well-received by the students, who expressed their willingness to adopt more sustainable practices and spread awareness among their peers and families. The program concluded with a group discussion on the importance of community involvement in tackling environmental issues, reinforcing the idea that collective efforts are essential for creating a sustainable future. II B.Sc. Botany students witnessed and participated in the discussion with the school students. The Department of Botany at St. Mary's College, through initiatives like these, continues to play a pivotal role in promoting environmental education and awareness. By engaging with local communities, particularly the younger generation, the department is making significant strides in its mission to foster a more environmentally conscious society.



15.08.2024 – Independence Day Celebration

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the Mappilaiurani Panchayat on 15th August 2024. The event was organized by the II B.Sc. students from the Department of Botany, St. Mary's College (Autonomous) as part of their community development program. The celebration included a variety of activities that reflected the students' dedication to serving the community. The event began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by a patriotic song sung by the students. Speeches highlighting the significance of Independence Day were delivered by both students and the Panchayat President, Mr. R. Saravana Kumar, emphasizing the importance of freedom and the role of youth in nation-building. A total of 60 beneficiaries, including local residents and school children, actively participated in the various activities organized during the event. The students also conducted a quiz on freedom fighters for the school children. The event concluded with a cultural program featuring speeches and music performances by the students, which were greatly appreciated by the audience. The entire celebration was a testament to the students' commitment to their community and their desire to make a positive impact through their educational journey.



15.08.2024 - Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse and Addiction

An awareness programme on Drug abuse and addiction was organized in Anthonyarpuram village, Thoothukudi on 15th August 2024. The Students of II B.Sc., Chemistry went on a rally against the ill effects of drug abuse. They carry sign boards having slogans like "Say No to Drugs," "Drug-Free is the Way to Be," and "Together Against Addiction." They also explained the harmful effects of drugs on health, relationships, and society. Fr.Stephen Mariadas, Correspondent, RC Middle School, Anthonyarpuram made the arrangements for smooth conduct of the program. All the arrangements for this programme were organized by the staff incharge Dr.A.Lakshmi, Dr.B.Divya and II B.Sc.Chemistry students. Around 50 village people benefited through this awareness programme.



20.08.2024 - The 19th Parthenium Awareness Week 2024

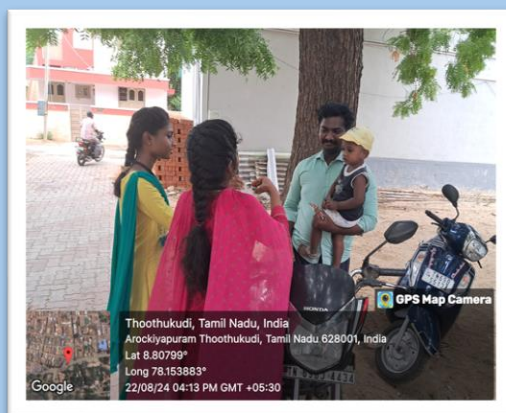
The 19th Parthenium Awareness Week 2024 was jointly organized by the Department of Zoology, St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi and the Scott Agricultural Science Institute at Pazhayakayal on 20.08.2024. In this program the awareness of destroying parthenium plants was given to the people of Pazhayakayal. Dr. Masanah Selvam, Scott College, Ms.Sumathi, Technologist (Department of Psychiatry) and Shri. Muthukumar, Technician (Crop Protection Department) spoke about the awareness. The second year students of the Department of Zoology of St. Mary's College took out an awareness rally on “Eradication of Parthenium plants”. The event was coordinated by Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Rev. Dr. Sr. Jessie Fernando, Principal and Rev. Sr.Dr. M.S. Ezhilarasi, Deputy Principal. Dr. P.J. Joslin, Head of the Department of Zoology, Dr. S.Selvi and Dr. R. Niranjani, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology organised the program.



22.08.2024 - Independence Day Celebration

In celebration of India's 78th Independence Day, the second-year students of the Self-Financing Division of the Commerce Department at St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi in Arokiyapuram observed the day on August 22, 2024. The students and faculty in charge visited the local residents of Arokiyapuram, where they discussed the needs and requirements of the community. They also explained the college's initiatives aimed at improving the living standards of the villagers and sought their cooperation. After addressing the villagers' requests, the students distributed sweets to the local residents and the nearby groups. These efforts were organized under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and the Social Development Project by the second-year Commerce students of the Self-Financing Division. The event was coordinated by the Principal of St. Mary's College (Autonomous) T, Rev. Sr. Dr. Jessie Fernando, and the College Coordinator for the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Dr. S. Bulomine Regi. The responsibilities for

the event arrangements were managed by Dr. Anne Devotta, Assistant Professor of Self-Financing Division's Commerce Department and the Coordinator, Dr. B. Geetha Maheswari, the Department Head.



03.09.2024- Women's Education and Cyber Security

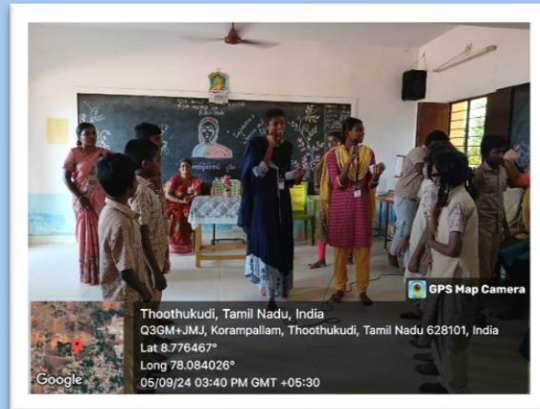
Our II B.Sc., computer science students, gathered to interact with the eighth standard students of St. Antony's High School in our adopted village of Silluvapati on the topic "Women's Education and Cyber Security," which is related to the awareness and pros and cons of social media, on September 3, 2024. Our fundamental motto is to make an awareness on social media and the importance of education in students' minds. We arranged several events like skits, dances, and speech etc. to understand "Women's Education and Cyber Security". Finally, we organized games for the students and encouraged them with prizes.



05.09.2024 – Teacher's day Celebration

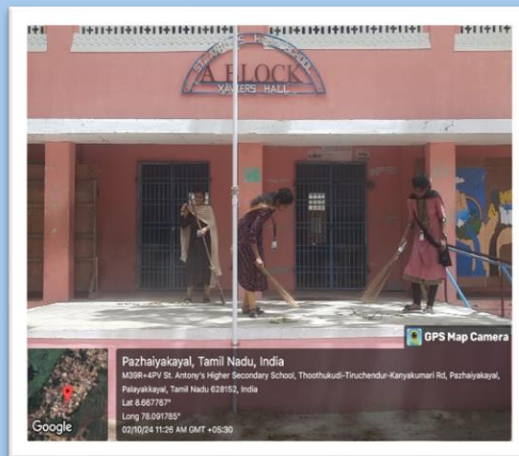
Teacher's day was celebrated in R.C. Middle School, Anthonyarpuram. 40 students of II B.Sc Chemistry along with the CDP in-charges Dr. A. Lakshmi and Dr. B. Divya organized this teacher's day celebration with the support of Sr. Amalorpavam, Head Mistress, R. C. Middle School, Anthonyarpuram.

The occasion was marked with the activities such as skit, song, dance and speech by our second year students. Rev.Fr. Stephen Mariadoss is the chief Guest. Games were conducted for the school teachers and prizes were given. Our students conducted quiz questions in grade level for school students. Science experiments were demonstrated and core concepts were clearly explained to the students. The students were gifted with stationary kits.



02.10.2024 – Grama Sabha Meeting

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti the students of II B.Sc Zoology, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, participated in the Grama Sabha of Pazhayakayal under the Community Development Program on 02.10.2024. Later they cleaned the premises of St. Anthony's High School and removed the garbage. The event was presided over by the panchayat president Mr. Selvakumar. The event was organized by the College Principal Dr. Sr. Jessie Fernando, Secretary Dr. Sr. Shibana and Vice Principal Dr. Sr. Ezhilarasi. Dr. P.J. Joslin, Head of the Department of Zoology, Professors Dr. Selvi and Dr. Niranjani led the Programme.



02.10.2024 - Grama Sabha meeting

The Department of Physics conducted a Capacity Development Program (CDP) on the "Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Community Development Programme" at Indira Nagar, Panchalankuruchi. Accompanied by 2 faculties, 19 second-year Physics students arrived at the location at 11:05 a.m. The Gramasabha served as a forum to discuss local issues and the village's development. The village head addressed several major concerns, including excessive electricity consumption, water management, and the proper disposal of plastic waste. Following this, Dr. P. Padmavathi from our faculty spoke about the college's action plan for the community, which includes:

- Launching beneficial development schemes, such as self-employment camps.
- Involving UBA students in village cleanliness efforts.
- Organizing medical camps for residents and children.
- Conducting programs focused on educational advancement and environmental cleanliness.
- Planting 500 trees along the 2 km stretch from Jakkammal Kovil to Fort.

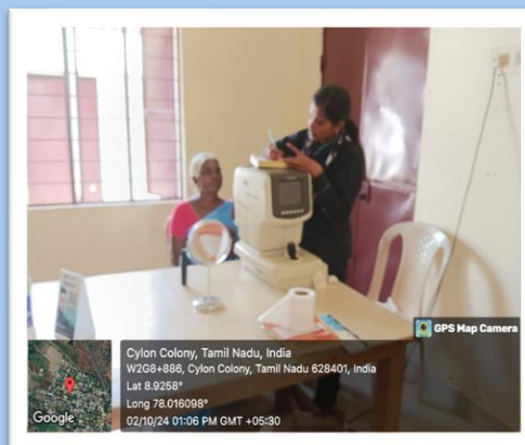
The headmaster of the local government school also spoke, encouraging parents to enroll their children in government schools and requesting sponsorship for 750 ml water containers for drinking purposes. He emphasized the importance of education. Additionally, the coordinator from the child helpline addressed issues related to child marriage and the development of anti-sexual harassment initiatives. A nurse from the government Primary Health Center highlighted the necessity of regular medical checkups and maintaining a healthy diet. Some residents shared their personal issues during the discussion. The meeting concluded with an oath against drug abuse.



02.10.2024 – Eye camp

Department of Physics organized a free eye camp at Ceylon Colony, Panchalankurichi, on 02.10.2024 in collaboration with Titan Eye Plus, Thoothukudi. Two eye doctors were present to provide eye examinations and prescribe free spectacles. We visited the village, engaged with the residents, and

encouraged them to attend the eye camp. Each patient received individual attention, and the doctors checked their vision, prescribing necessary medications and spectacles. This experience brought us immense joy in helping others and created lasting memories, making us proud to be social service activists.



02.10.2024 - Grama Sabha meeting

The II BSc 12 students and two staff members, Dr. G. Flora and Dr. F. Dayana Lobo, from the Department of Botany attended the Grama Sabha meeting held on October 2, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the village of Mappilaiurani. Several core issues concerning the village were discussed. The meeting began with an overview of the village Panchayat administration and a review of the expenditure of public funds, ensuring transparency and accountability in local governance. The audit report of the Village Panchayat was also presented, highlighting the financial health and performance of the local administration.

A significant portion of the discussion focused on the critical issue of ensuring the supply of clean drinking water, with various strategies proposed to improve access and quality. Additionally, the assembly addressed the "People Planning Movement," encouraging community involvement in the decision-making processes that affect their lives. Moreover, a census for persons with disabilities was discussed, aiming to identify and support the needs of this vulnerable group in the community. Finally, the meeting concluded with a discussion on the Jal Jeevan Movement, emphasizing the importance of sustainable water management practices for the village's future. Overall, the meeting fostered active community engagement and underscored the village's commitment to improving living conditions for all residents.



02.10.2024 - Grama Sabha meeting

In observance to the Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration an Awareness programs and Grama Sabha meeting were organized and participated by the Department of History & Unnat Bharat Abhiyan/ Community Development Program, St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi. The II B.A History students participated the Gram Sabha Meeting at Melalagapuri, Mapillaiurani Panchayat on 2nd October 2024. Mr.Saravana Kumar, Panchayat President and other town Administrators graced the occasion and encouraged the village people to participate and to discuss on the issues in the mainstream. Also the Students of the Department of History conducted an awareness program on the topic “Gardening on Rooftops”. The village women and children were participated in the awareness program and graced the occasion. In total 37 students of the History Department participated in this Community Development Program under the guidance of Dr. D. Vinoba Gladis, Assistant Professor of History, and Dr. S.S. Anuja, Assistant Professor of History, St. Mary’s College (Autonomous),Thoothukudi. They thanked Mr. Madasamy, the town Administrator for rendering his support in conducting this program at the village.



02.10.2024 - Grama Sabha meeting

II B.A Economics Students (20 Students) and a staff attended the Grama Sabha Meeting of Maravanmadam Village held at Maravanmadam on 02.10.2024 at 11.00 a.m. In the meeting agenda several issues and village development programmes were discussed. Plans for many village development Programmes were also laid down. The core things discussed in the Grama Sabha Meeting are as follows:

1. Discussion on ensuring clean and safe drinking water supply by means of chlorination.
2. Creating awareness about the procedure of Social Register Enrollment (SRE) among public.
3. Vocational Rights Programme for persons with disabilities- Through this Scheme collecting and sharing additional information and details of the differently abled person through the app was encouraged.
4. Jal Jeevan Movement- Discussion on ensuring that the Aadhaar number of the head of the household is obtained and uploaded on the Jal Jeevan website after drinking water pipe connections are provided under this Scheme. And ensuring water supply in schools, Anganwadi Centres.
5. A Pledge should be undertaken to ensure prevention of social injustices against women and children.
6. To create awareness on Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana - Insisted on providing information about the participation and ensure that the youths seek jobs and are benefitted from it.
7. To create awareness about the availability of jobs along job related skill development programmes among the eligible youths in the category of 18-35 years.
8. Cleaning work should be done as part of Swachh Bharat Movement (Rural) Scheme.
9. Insisted on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
10. Child Welfare- Insisting on protection of girl child from crimes against them and rescuing them from child marriage.

Dr. Muthu Maha Laxmi, Assistant Professor and CDP/ UBA Department staff Incharge escorted the students.



02.10.2024 - Grama Sabha meeting

On October 2, 2024, the Community Development Programme and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan from the Department of Mathematics at St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi, took part in a Grama Sabha meeting led by Mrs. Selva Prabha, the President of the Korampallam Panchayat Council. The department students participated in the Grama Sabha meeting conducted by the Korampallam Panchayat in the Village of Korampallam at 10.00 a.m. Several presentations were made by legal experts, social activists, and counselors, who offered valuable insights into sexual abuse, its warning signs, and prevention strategies. The team participated actively in these discussions, showcasing their dedication to community engagement and rural development efforts.

Orientation Program

The orientation program began at 11:30 a.m. and is designed to inform participants about the causes, effects, and prevention strategies related to sexual harassment and abuse. The key topics covered during the session were:

- Understanding sexual abuse and its different forms.
- The psychological and emotional impact of abuse on victims.
- Steps to create a supportive environment for survivors.
- Legal frameworks and protection laws for women.
- Role of educational institutions in safeguarding students.

One of the highlights of the event was a speech delivered by a student, Ms. Jaffrin from I Maths, who spoke passionately about the need for a united stand against sexual abuse. In her speech, she emphasized the role of the younger generation in creating a safer society for women. Below is an excerpt from her speech:

"Sexual abuse is not just a women's issue; it's a human rights issue. As young adults, we have a responsibility to ensure that our campuses and communities are safe spaces where women are respected and protected. We must break the silence and stand in solidarity with those who have suffered abuse". Her speech was met with resounding applause and inspired many other students to come forward and express their support for the cause



02.10.2024 - Grama Sabha meeting

Staff and Students of II B.Sc Microbiology, St. Mary's College (Autonomous) have participated in Grama Sabha Meeting at Korampallam union office. The Panchayat President, Panchayat Secretary, Block Accountant – Korampallam, Coordinator – Child Helpline, Inspector – Labour Department, Anganwadi centre organizer, Representative from Primary Health Center, Agriculture Officer – TN Agriculture Department, Members of village Panchayat, and Villagers participated in this meeting. The Panchayat Secretary submitted accounts of various expenses made in the village panchayat. Secretary also explained about the ongoing Government infrastructure development project within the Panchayat. Coordinator from Child Helpline created awareness about child abuse (Verbal and Non Verbal). Coordinator explain about child helpline that provides essential support service for children in need of care and protection and also explain about the helpline is available 24x7 basis. Created awareness about early marriage of Girl child and its complication faced by them in their life. Coordinator explained about the TN government schemes for parentless children. All members took a pledge on abolition of Child labour and eradication of spread of HIV AIDS among the society. The village people asked the Panchayat president about Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to do regularly for their income. Villagers discussed about various problems which is existing in the village to the Panchayat president. The staff of St, Mary's College (Autonomous) submitted the action plan of CDP program to the Panchayat President.



02.10..2024 - An awareness program on Nutrition and malnutrition

St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi, Department of Microbiology and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Community Development Program jointly organized an awareness program on Nutrition and malnutrition at Periyannayagipuram. A special awareness program was organised by Second year students of Microbiology Department, St. Mary's college, Thoothukudi at Periyannayagipuram on 02 October 2024. II B.Sc., Microbiology students (volunteers) gave a special speech on topic "Nutrition and malnutrition". In this program, the II B.Sc., Microbiology volunteers taught the Village members about the importance of taking nutritive food. The students also explained the impacts of taking junk food, the causes of malnutrition and how to improve the dietary practices etc. through chart presentation and role play. They had an interactive session. The Village members are the audience. It was easy to teach the Village students as they enthusiastically expressed their interest.



02.10.2024 – Distribution of saplings

Students from the Department of Botany actively participated in distributing the saplings. In total, 20 saplings were given to village residents, including species such as Neem, Peepal, Banyan, Pterocarpus, Pongamia etc., all chosen for their adaptability to local conditions and their ability to enhance biodiversity. Along with the distribution, the students conducted educational sessions, explaining proper care techniques for the saplings, including watering, mulching, and protecting the young trees from grazing animals. Dr. Flora and Dr. Dayana Lobo emphasized the ecological benefits of trees, such as preventing soil erosion and improving air quality, while also adding to the beauty of the village.



28.11.2024 – Awareness program on “Importance of education and Drug abuse”

On 28.11.24, II BSc Computer Science made our second visit to the village siluvaipatti based on the theme “Importance of education and Drug abuse”. Ms. Andrews Felicita, Assistant Professor of computer Science with us. We reached the spot at 2.30pm. The school management made arrangements for our arrival. The class 9th students assembled in the class to watch our cultural performance. The event started around 2.45pm in the afternoon. The event began with a prayer song. Ms. Pavitra of our class welcomed the gathering. We distributed chocolates to the students. The students were actively participated in the debate. They also enjoyed the quiz with us. They also told us that the debate was very interesting for them. The students also mingled easily with us. At last, with great thanks to the school management and the students. We left the place over 4pm.



10.12.2024 - Awareness program regarding 'Gender Equality and Child Education'

St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi, Department of Microbiology and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Community Development Program jointly organized an awareness program regarding 'Gender Equality and Child Education' at Perianayagipuram. A special program was organised by Second year students of Microbiology Department, St. Mary's college, Thoothukudi at Perianayagipuram on 10 December 2024. The II B.Sc., Microbiology students (volunteers) gave a special speech on topic "Gender Equality and Child Education". In this program, the II B. Sc, Microbiology (volunteers) taught the Village members and school students about Gender Equality and Child Education and its importance in society and economic, social media, etc., through chart presentation and role play. They had an interactive session. The Village members are the audience. It was easy to teach the Village students as they enthusiastically expressed their interest. The arrangements for these events were made by the Second Year Microbiology students of St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Community Development Program Microbiology Department in-charge Assistant Prof. Ms. S. Sujitha and Ms. A. Shakila Papanasam also graced the occasion.



19.12.2024 – Christmas day Celebration

On the occasion of Christmas, the Department of Zoology, St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi, organized a cultural programme at Pazhayakayal on 19th December 2024, as part of the Community Development Program. The second-year students from the Department of Zoology showcased various cultural performances and raised awareness about the importance of nutritious foods. The event was held under the chairmanship of Panchayat President Mr. Selvakumar. The event was coordinated by Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Rev. Dr. Sr. Jessie Fernando, Principal and Rev. Sr. Dr. M.S. Ezhilarasi, Deputy Principal. Dr. P.J. Joslin, Head of the Department of Zoology, Dr. S. Selvi and Dr. R. Niranjani, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology organized the program. No. of Beneficiaries - 79



19.12.2024 – Christmas day Celebration

Students and Professors of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi participated in the Community Development Programme at Tharuvaikulam on 19.12.2024. Community Development Programme and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi celebrated Christmas in Tharuvaikulam, St. Catherine Primary and Nursery School. . The students from II B.A English participated in the Community Development Programme .They organized the Christmas Day Celebration as part of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Community Development Programme and the PG and Research Department of English.. The CDP programme was organised under the guidance of the

Principal Rev.Sr.Dr. Jessie Fernando, Rev.Sr.Dr. Shibana and CDP/UBA Coordinator along with the CDP departmental incharges Dr.D.Shunmugajothi and Dr.M. Hermina.



26.01.2025 - Flag Hoisting and Attending the Grama Sabah Meeting in Tharuvaikulam

Community Development Programme and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi participated in the Republic Day Flag Hoisting in Tharuvaikulam Panchayat office and attended the Grama Sabah Meeting on 26.01.2025.

. The students from II B.A English participated in the Community Development Programme. They participated in the Republic Day Flag Hoisting in Tharuvaikulam Panchayat office and heeded to the grama Sabah meeting. The villagers voiced their requests and views in the grama sabah. They students were eagerly listening to the people and the committee members. Nearly 30 Village people from Tharuvaikulam participated in the meeting and gave their insightful thoughts and support for the futuristic plans of the village. The meeting ended with the hope of fulfilling the requisitions of the people. Following the programme the students cheerfully left Tharuvaikulam with the awareness on village grama sabha. The CDP programme was organised under the guidance of the Principal Rev.Sr.Dr. Jessie Fernando, Rev.Sr.Dr. Shibana and CDP/UBA Coordinator along with the CDP departmental incharges Dr.D.Shunmugajothi and Dr.M. Hermina.



26.01.2025 - Grama sabha meeting

The Department of Physics conducted a Capacity Development Program (CDP) on the "Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Community Development Programme" at Panchayat Union Municipal School, Panchalankurichi. Accompanied by one faculty member, two second-year Physics students arrived at the location at 10:30 a.m.

The Village Officer started the meeting by administering the voters' oath. The Grama Sabha then served as a forum to discuss local issues and the village's development. The secretary addressed several major concerns, including excessive electricity consumption, water management, and various government schemes. The Panchayat health nurse spoke about 13 schemes, including the Dr. Muthulakshmi Pregnancy Scheme, Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam, health camps, ABHA identity card, AMR awareness, and more.

Following this, Dr. P. Padmavathi, a faculty member, presented a proposal sent to UBA on the topic "Garbage Bank for Sustainable Solid Waste Management in Panchalankurichi Village." The Subject Expert Group approved the project, and more than 100 fences were requested for sponsorship from the "We Can Trust" group.



26.01.2025 - Grama sabha meeting

In observance to the 26th Republic Day Celebration the II B.A History UBA participants of the Department of History & Unnat Bharat Abhiyan/ Community Development Program of St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi had attended the Gram Sabha Meeting. The II B.A History students participated the Gram Sabha Meeting at Indra Nagar, Mapillaiurani Panchayat on 26th January 2025. Mr. Jeyakumar, Panchayat Officer and other town Administrators graced the occasion and encouraged the village people to participate and to discuss on the issues facing in the mainstream. Only 2 students from the Department participated in this Community Development Program under the guidance of Dr. D. Vinoba Gladis,

Assistant Professor of History, and Dr. S.S. Anuja, Assistant Professor of History, St.Mary's College(Autonomous), Thoothukudi.



26.01.2025 - Grama sabha meeting

On the occasion of the 76th Republic Day, Professors and students of the Department of Mathematics, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, participated in the Grama Sabha held on 26.01.2025 at Korampallam Panchayat office as part of the Community Development Program and the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Scheme.

The Grama Sabha was attended by a diverse group including government officials, healthcare workers, educators, legal experts and local villagers. The forum served as a democratic platform for discussing local developmental issues and planning for the welfare of the village community. During the session, the faculty and students actively listened to the concerns of the villagers and gained insights into grassroots-level governance and civic issues which symbolized a strong commitment to community engagement and participatory development. The Grama Sabha discussions emphasized key issues such as sanitation, prevention of Child and Women abuse, prevention of drug addiction through counseling, education, and support services, health, and social welfare. The villagers highlighted specific concerns and proposed actionable solutions. The resolutions passed during the meeting reflected a collective effort towards improving the standard of living in Korampallam Panchayat.

The participation of St. Mary's College students and faculty in such forums enhances civic awareness and strengthens the bond between academia and rural communities. Through initiatives like these, the Department of Mathematics continues to reinforce the values of active citizenship, social responsibility, and community collaboration.



26.01.2025 - Grama sabha meeting

II B.A Economics (2 Students) and a staff attended the Grama Sabha Meeting along with Maravanmadam Village held at Maravanmadam on 26.01.2025 at 11.00 a.m. In the meeting agenda several issues and village development programmes were discussed. Plans for many village development Programmes were also laid down. The core things discussed in the Grama Sabha Meeting are as follows:

1. The meeting outlined village council audit reports and dengue fever prevention measures, including cleanliness drives and water tank maintenance.
2. Discussed about the Village Panchayat Plan of the Year 2025-2026
3. Discussions on Village Poverty Reduction Plan and Sufficient Drinking Water for Village.
4. The meeting outlines the village development plans and financial schemes and sanitation initiatives.
5. The meeting specified that Maravanmadam Panchayat, previously in a state of open defecation, has achieved by establishing facilities for solid and liquid under the waste management Swatch Bharat Mission. This transition from ODF to ODF Plus Rising signifies a higher level of cleanliness and sanitation within the village.
6. Discussed about the farm and non-farm Livelihood activities.
7. Discussion to raise awareness among the people regarding the functioning of joint drinking water projects complete details of the project's village panchayat.
8. Outlines the prohibition of employment of bonded laborers in civil and industrial work.
9. Creates, and spreads awareness about leprosy and tuberculosis.
10. Discussion was made based on Department of Public Health and Disease Prevention.

11. Outlines Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy maternity Benefit Scheme to help poor pregnant mothers to cover the cause of good and to compensate for the loss of income during pregnancy and Low birth weight babies.
12. Outlines the Menstrual Hygiene Promotion Program.
13. Discussion on the Village welfare and Nutrition Week.
14. Discussed about Ayushman Bharat Land Cards.
15. Outlines the Mobile Medical Team/Mobile Hospitals and additional laboratory technicians to enhance medical quality.

Dr. Muthu Maha Laxmi, Assistant Professor and CDP/ UBA Department staff In-charge escorted the students.



26.01.2025 - Grama sabha meeting

As part of the Community Development Programme, students from the Department of Zoology, St. Mary's College, participated in the Grama Sabha held at Pazhayakayal on 26th January 2025, in celebration of Republic Day. The event was presided over by the Pazhayakayal Special Officer and was coordinated by Rev. Sr. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Rev. Dr. Sr. Jessie Fernando, Principal, and Rev. Sr. Dr. M.S. Ezhilarasi, Deputy Principal. The programme was organized by Dr. P.J. Joslin, Head of the Department of Zoology, along with Dr. S. Selvi and Dr. R. Niranjani, Assistant Professors from the Department of Zoology. No. of Beneficiaries – 72



26.01.2025 - Grama Sabah Meeting

The II B.Sc., Microbiology students along with two staff members Ms. S. Sujitha and Ms. A. Shakila Papanasam attended Grama Saba meeting in Periyannayagipuram on 26 January 2025.



26.01.2025- Mass Tree plantation & awareness about life on land

St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi, Department of Microbiology and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Community Development Program jointly organized an awareness program regarding ' Mass Tree plantation & awareness about life on land ' at Periyannayagipuram. A special program was organised by Second year students of Microbiology Department, St. Mary's college, Thoothukudi at Periyannayagipuram on 26 January 2025 .The II B.Sc., Microbiology students (volunteers) gave a special speech on topic "Mass Tree plantation & awareness about life on land". In this program, the II B.Sc.,Microbiology (volunteers) taught the Village members about Mass Tree plantation and Awareness about life on land , and provided plants to village members . They had an interactive session. The Village members are the audience. It was easy to teach the Village members as they enthusiastically expressed their interest. The arrangements for these events were made by the Second Year Microbiology students of St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Community Development Program

Microbiology Department in-charge Assistant Prof. Ms. S. Sujitha and Ms. A. Shakila Papanasam also graced the occasion.



08.02.2025 - Let's Plant the Future Together

On 8th February 2025, the *Community Development Programme (CDP)* and *Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)* units of the Department of Mathematics organized an inspiring green initiative titled “Let’s Plant the Future Together.” The programme took place in Kalangarai, under Korampallam Panchayat, in Thoothukudi District, and aimed to promote environmental awareness and sustainability through active community engagement.

A group of enthusiastic students from II B.Sc. Mathematics took the lead in the tree-planting activity. With dedication and energy, they involved themselves in cleaning the area by removing weeds and preparing the ground for planting. Their actions not only beautified the surroundings but also conveyed a strong message to the local residents about the importance of maintaining a clean and green environment. The students took time to interact with the villagers, highlighting the need for preserving nature and how even small contributions can make a big difference for future generations.

Adding value to the initiative, the students received support from members of the VCan Trust association, who collaborated with them during the plantation drive. This partnership enabled the students to experience the essence of teamwork and community service, further strengthening their sense of social responsibility.

The success of the programme was made possible through the careful planning and coordination of Dr. J. Arul Jesti Assistant Professor of Department of Mathematics. Her dedicated efforts ensured that the event was well-organized and impactful. The initiative stands as a testament to how collective action—driven by academic institutions and community partnerships—can pave the way toward a greener, healthier future.



01.03.2025 “Eyes Protection: A Step Towards Better Vision”

On March 1, 2025, the II-year B.Com students, along with Dr. Bulomine Regi from the Department of Commerce at St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, organized a Community Development Program (CDP) visit to Therespuram. As part of the initiative, an awareness rally was conducted to promote the upcoming Eye Camp. During the rally, students distributed pamphlets to the residents of Therespuram, informing them about the free Eye Camp scheduled for the following day, March 2, 2025, at Auxilium School, Therespuram. The event was organized in collaboration with NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited, Tuticorin, and Tuticorin Aravind Eye Hospital.

The rally commenced at 3:30 p.m, with students actively engaging with the community, by giving pamphlets they explained the benefits of the free Eye Camp and also encouraged participation. The rally concluded at 5:00 p.m, after which the students conducted an awareness program aimed at motivating the people to attend the mega free Eye Camp. The program focused on educating the community about proper eye care, including dietary recommendations for maintaining eye health and essential do's and don'ts for eye care. A street play was played by the students to the people to understand the ways to protect their eyes. The event concluded with a speech delivered by Mr. Ragupathi, CSR Manager, NLC Tamilnadu Power Ltd, Thoothukudi and Mr. Kanthasamy, CSR Executive Coordinator, Aravind Eye Hospital, Thoothukudi emphasizing the significance of eye health and urging the residents to take advantage of the free medical camp.

SPREADING AWARENESS ABOUT FREE EYE CAMP IN THERESPURAM



ADRESSING THE COMMUNITY - INSIGHTS ON EYE HEALTH



02.03.2025 Eye camp

On 02.03.2025 the PG and Research Department of Commerce organized a mega free eye camp in collaboration with NLC Tamil Nadu power ltd. Thoothukudi and Thoothukudi Aravind Eye hospital. The event was graced by Ms. Geetha Jeeva MP and Mr.K. Anandha Ramanujam, CEO of NLC TamilNadu Power ltd. The event was meticulously executed by II B.com students and coordinated by Dr. S. BulomineRegi Assistant Professor of Commerce. The mega eye checkup camp was beneficial to 395 beneficiaries out of that 220 beneficiaries received free spectacles, 35 beneficiaries got medicines. In addition to that free cataract surgery has been arranged for 41 beneficiaries.





08.03.2025- WOMEN'S RIGHTS ON WOMEN'S DAY

On March 8, 2025, the second-year B.Com students of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, along with Dr. P. Banumathi (Head of the Department), Mrs. A. Amora, and Dr. S. Bulomine Regi from the Department of Commerce, organized a Community Development Program (CDP) visit to Therespuram. In celebration of International Women's Day, the program was primarily focused on empowering women. Adv. Maria Poo Ezhil, Advocate at the District Court in Tuticorin, delivered an insightful speech on the topic "Legal Rights for Women in India." She led an interactive session aimed at raising awareness about women's empowerment in the country. As part of the event, mementos were presented to Ms. Immancy and Ms. A. Askila from Therespuram in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, having secured the highest marks in their XII standard examinations. It was an inspiring event to both students and village people.

LEGAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN THROUGH LEGAL AWARENESS



INSPIRING CHANGE: A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS



10.03.2025- Eye Protection Camp

The CDP visit to Tharuvaikulam was on 10.03.2025 with the II B.A English Literature visited the adopted village Tharuvaikulam St. Michael Nursery School to organize a Eye Protection Camp programme with the motivation of the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Sr. C. Shibana , the Principal, Rev. Dr. Sr. Jessie Fernando and the Deputy Principal.

The Unnat Bharat Abiyan of St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi joined hands with Aravind Eye Hospital sponsored by NLC,Thoothukudi. The people of Tharuvaikulam were benefited. They were dragonized properly by the young doctors of Aravind Eye Hospital and were provided with free spectacles according to their need.



17.03.2025 - 21.03.2025 One Week Entrepreneurial Skill Training on “BAKING”

The students of the Department of Commerce organized a week Entrepreneurial Skill Training on “BAKING” at Therespuram, Thoothukudi. The program, held for two hours each day, provided an opportunity for 23 participants to enhance their baking skills across various topics, including cakes, cookies, puddings, and brownies. Ms. Esther and Ms. Gracy of I M.Com, students entrepreneurs were the resource persons. Throughout the sessions, participants gained fundamental knowledge essential for baking a variety of sweets. They also learned valuable tips and tricks to perfect their baked goods. The classes were met with enthusiasm, as participants actively engaged in the learning process and enjoyed the hands-on experience. By acquiring basic baking skills, they were encouraged to explore opportunities for starting their own small-scale baking businesses. Overall, the program was a great success, offering a valuable learning experience to the participants and enhances their baking skills. The programme was much appreciated by the community people.

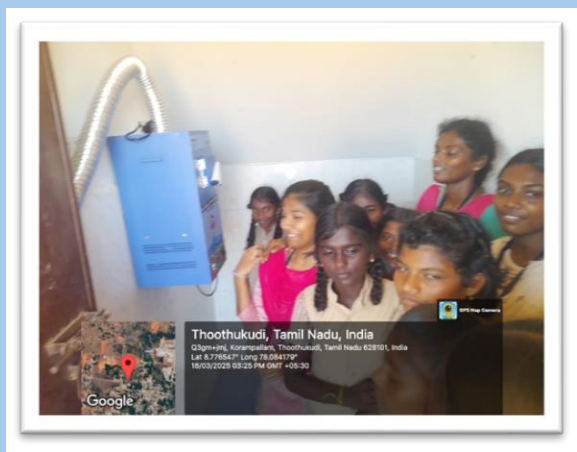






18.03.2025 – Installation of Sanitary napkin disposer

Napkin disposer was installed in R.C. Middle School, Anthonyarpuram sponsored by NLC,Thoothukudi on 17.03.2025. 41 students of II B.Sc Chemistry along with the CDP in-charges Dr. A. Lakshmi and Dr. B. Divya organized this event. More than 30 girls from the school and seven teachers participated in this event got benefitted by this.



18.03.2025 – Fun with Science-Learning through Hands-on Experiments

On 18.03.2025 41 students of II BSc Chemistry and two staff members Dr. A. Lakshmi and Dr. B. Divya organized a hands on experiments in science for the school students of RC middle school, Anthonyarpuram. Our students made the school students to do experiments based on acids, bases, indicators and basic chemical reactions. Our students conducted quiz

questions in grade level for school students based on the training given and prizes were distributed to the students. 80 school students enthusiastically participated and were benefitted by this training program.



18.03.2025 – Training program on Educational software

On 18.03.2025 41 students of II BSc Chemistry and two staff members Dr. A. Lakshmi and Dr. B. Divya organized a Digital literacy program in Science for the school students of RC middle school, Anthonyarpuram. Our students gave a training on educational software like Arloopa, Photomath, Plantnet plant identification, Chatpgt, Gemni, Blackbox AI and Gamma. Our students conducted quiz questions in grade level for school students based on the training given and prizes were distributed to the students. 40 school students enthusiastically participated and were benefitted by this training program.



29.03.2025- Grama Sabha Meeting

The Grama Sabha Meeting was held on March 29, 2025, at Mappilaiurani as part of the Community Development Programme under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, facilitated by the Department of Botany, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi. The meeting, attended by faculty members, students, and community representatives, focused on reviewing the previous year's developmental initiatives, and addressing key concerns of the local citizens. A comprehensive assessment of past projects was presented, followed by community feedback on their effectiveness. Issues related to sanitation, waste management, water supply, and agricultural support were actively discussed, with citizens voicing their concerns and suggesting improvements. The key facilitators and organizers included Dr. G. Flora and Dr. F. Dayana Lobo (CDP/UBA staff In-charges), with active support from volunteers of III B.Sc. Botany. The meeting successfully engaged local stakeholders in meaningful discussions, leading to the documentation of actionable steps. The participation of students and faculty from St. Mary's College fostered a strong educational and service-oriented approach to community development. The Grama Sabha reaffirmed its commitment to sustainable development, with follow-up meetings planned to review progress and ensure the effective execution of proposed initiatives.



29.03.2025- Awareness programme on "Saving Sparrows and Conserving Water

The Department of Botany, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, organized an awareness programme on "Saving Sparrows and Conserving Water: A Step Towards Sustainable Living" at Mappilaiurani Panchayat on March 29, 2025, at 12:30 PM. The session aimed to educate the community on the importance of sparrow conservation and water conservation, emphasizing their significance in maintaining ecological balance and promoting sustainable living. Mahalakshmi A. (III B.Sc. Botany) shared her views on water conservation,

highlighting simple yet effective methods to reduce water wastage and preserve natural resources. Stephina A. (III B.Sc. Botany) presented an insightful talk on sparrow conservation, addressing the decline of sparrows due to urbanization and suggesting ways to create a bird-friendly environment. The session witnessed active participation from the local community, who engaged in discussions and pledged to implement small yet impactful changes to support environmental sustainability. The programme successfully raised awareness and reaffirmed St. Mary's College's commitment to environmental conservation and community development. The programme was organized by Dr. G. Flora and Dr. F. Dayana Lobo, Assistant Professors of Botany, St. Mary's College (Thoothukudi).



29.03.2025- Awareness program on World Water Day

The Department of Physics conducted an awareness program on World Water Day at Indiranagar, Panchalankurichi at 11:00 a.m during Gram Sabha Meeting. Faculty member Dr. P. Padmavathi delivered an awareness speech and two second-year undergraduate Physics students, Madhumitha and Abinaya Porselvi, actively participated in the event.

The Block Development Officer presided over the meeting, emphasizing the importance of water conservation and sustainable water management. The session highlighted various government initiatives, including the Jal Jeevan Scheme, Kalaignar Karunanidhi Kanavu Illam, and the Deen Dayal Skill Empowerment Programme.

Dr. P. Padmavathi delivered a detailed awareness speech on water conservation strategies, stressing the need for responsible water usage, rainwater harvesting, and the impact of water scarcity on rural communities.

Following the discussions, the community members raised their concerns regarding local water issues. The interactive session enabled them to voice their difficulties and seek guidance on effective water management.

A total of 205 members benefited from the session, gaining valuable insights into sustainable water practices and government support programs. The meeting concluded with a collaborative discussion among attendees, reinforcing the significance of water conservation for future generations.



On 29.3.2025- Grammar and spoken English

On 29.3.2025 Grammar and spoken English classes were conducted by our volunteers to the children of Government Higher Secondary School, Tharuvaikulam



29.3.2025 - Awareness program on World Water Day

In observance to the World Water Day an Awareness programs and Grama Sabha meeting were organized and participated by the Department of History & Unnat Bharat Abhiyan/ Community Development Program, St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi. The II B.A History students participated the Gram Sabha Meeting at Mapillaiurani on 29th March 2025.

Mr.Jayakumar, Panchayat Clerk and other town Government Officers from various departments graced the occasion and encouraged the village people to participate and to discuss on the issues in the mainstream. Also the Students of the Department of History conducted an awareness program on the topic “Water Conservation”. The village women and children were participated in the awareness program and graced the occasion. In total 31 students of the History Department participated in this Community Development Program under the guidance of Dr. D. Vinoba Gladis, Assistant Professor of History, and Dr. S.S. Anuja, Assistant Professor of History, St.Mary’s College(Autonomous),Thoothukudi.



29.3.2025 - Grama Sabha Meeting

II B.A Economics (7 Students) and a staff attended the Grama Sabha Meeting along with Maravanmadam Village held at Maravanmadam on 29.03.2025 at 11.00 a.m. In the meeting agenda several issues and village development programmes were discussed. Plans for many village development Programmes were also laid down. The core things discussed in the Grama Sabha Meeting are as follows:

1. Discussion was held about the steps needed to be taken to attain SDG no.6 on the account of World water day.
2. Ensuring clean and safe drinking water supply.
Certifying Villages based on sanitation facilities available as ODF plus Raising, ODF plus Model-villages".
3. Ensuring 100% water supply to houses under Jal Jeevan Mission.
4. Providing census of workers who are involved in reconstruction of damaged houses under "Repairs to Rural Houses scheme".
5. Ensuring to clean and safe drinking water by means of chlorination.

6. Ensuring the abolition of the practice of bonded labours and providing rehabilitation to those workers with the help of Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
7. To create awareness about availability of jobs and developing the skills of eligible youths (18-35 years) related to the jobs under " Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Yojana".
8. Creating awareness about the ways to use water economically.

Finally, Oath was also taken by all, in the meeting in relation to water conservation.

Dr. Muthu Maha Laxmi, Assistant Professor and CDP/ UBA Department staff In-charge escorted the students.



29.3.2025 - Grama Sabha Meeting

A Grama Sabha Meeting was held at the Korampallam Panchayat Board Office on March 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The Department of Mathematics, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi participated in the meeting. The session brought together a wide range of participants including the Deputy Director of Agriculture, local farmers, police officials, residents of Korampallam panchayat, and students of II B.Sc Mathematics from St. Mary's College. The objective of the meeting was to initiate dialogue and raise awareness on vital issues such as education, women empowerment, agriculture, and transparent governance. The meeting began with a detailed explanation of Panchayat Board expenditures, where a board member outlined the mechanisms of fund allocation and stressed the need for transparency and accountability in local governance. Ms. Manoranjitham, Deputy Director of Agriculture, addressed the gathering on the importance of agriculture in sustaining the rural economy. She elaborated on the Prime Minister Agriculture Monthly Subsidy Scheme, which offers financial aid to farmers, and urged students to consider opportunities in the agriculture sector to contribute meaningfully to rural development. In an engaging segment, our students Ms.

Shameem, Ms. Priscilla, and Ms. Ozola spoke on the themes of Education awareness, Women Empowerment and Gender Equality respectively. They emphasized the need for equal opportunities for women in education and employment and advocated for dismantling social stereotypes through inclusive thinking. A local police inspector shared insights from his professional experience, shedding light on the challenges faced by women and marginalized communities. He stressed the significance of community policing and urged collaborative efforts between citizens and law enforcement to tackle pressing social concerns. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with active participation from all attendees. The students benefited from the real-world exposure to grassroots-level governance and societal issues, while local residents appreciated the students' thoughtful contributions.

