

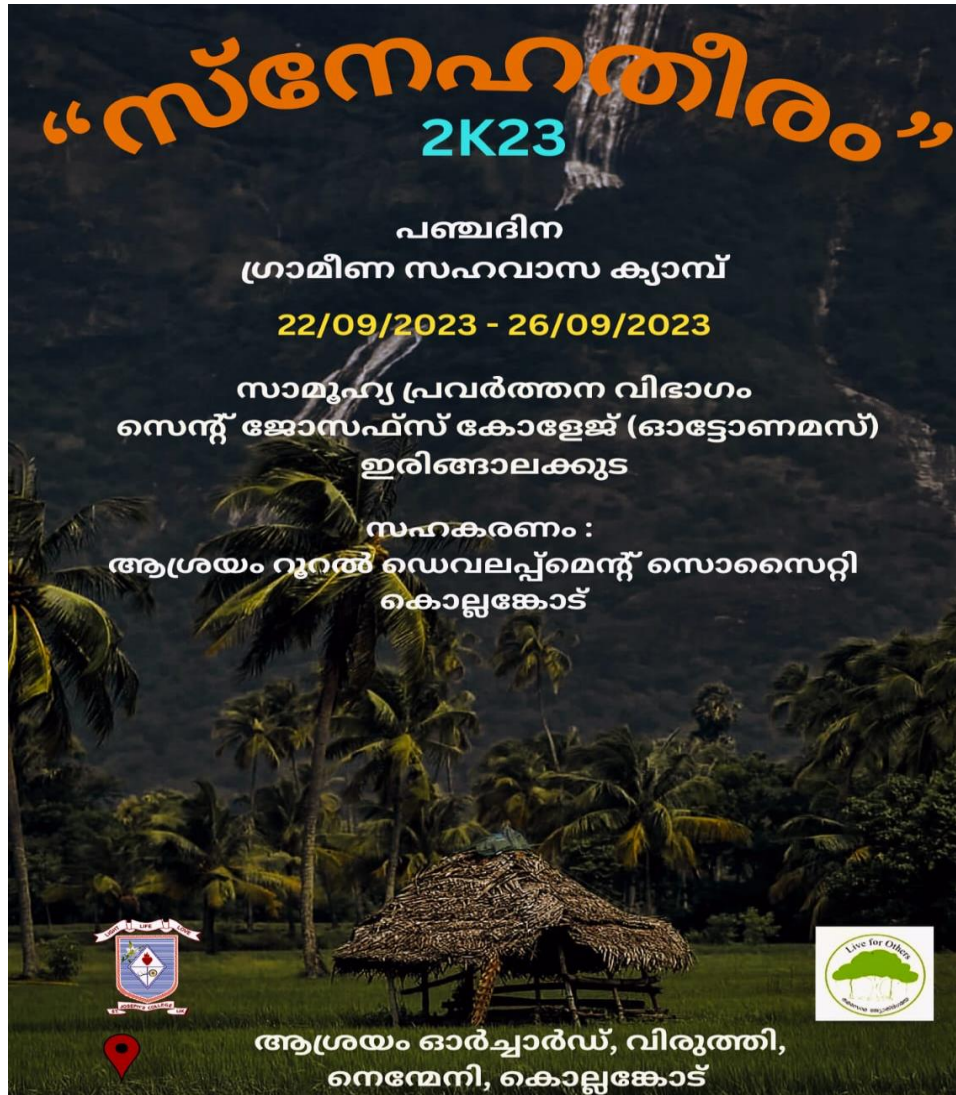
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Village Placement Program (VPP)
2023-2024

Department of Social Work

**Village Placement Programme at Kalliyambara Tribal colony at
Muthalamada Grama Panchayat, Palakkad**

Students from the **Department of Social Work (MSW Batch 2023-2025)** did **Social Analysis (through Participatory Rural Appraisal Method)** in a Kalliyambara Tribal colony at Muthalamada Grama Panchayat, Palakkad as part of the Village Placement Program on 22nd September and 26th September 2023. The students of the social work programme got an opportunity to explore new ideas, gain new perspectives, and connect with nature and the community.





The camp provided a safe and supportive environment for students to participate in various activities, including hiking, team-building exercises, and educational workshops. The trainees also got to experience the culture of the Kalliyampara village and the Payyalloor community. The consolidated PRA report prepared by the trainees under the guidance of the faculty members was impressive. The campfire and cultural program were also great highlights of the camp. Overall, the camp was a great learning experience for the trainees, and they returned home with memories and knowledge.



Village Placement Programme at Padiyur Grama Panchayath- Department of Chemistry

Water Analysis in Collaboration with Kerala Water Authority- 26/10/2023

Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the Kerala Water Authority, orchestrated a transformative village placement program at HDPS HSS Edathirinji from October 26th to 27th, 2023. The overarching objective was to blend academia with community service, and the initiative showcased a multifaceted approach to empowerment and education.

Water Sample Analysis and Community Education: The program commenced at 10 am with free water sample analysis, aiming to address water quality concerns in the community. Residents were encouraged to bring water samples in clean bottles, facilitating a collaborative effort to assess and ensure the purity of their water sources.

Student volunteers from the National Service Scheme (NSS) played a pivotal role in collecting additional samples from nearby houses, enhancing community participation.



In the afternoon session, a class was conducted for the local community on crafting essential household items (CISCOM products) —detergent, floor cleaner, and dishwashing soap. This practical session aimed to empower the community with the knowledge and skills to create these products locally, promoting sustainability. As a goodwill gesture, hampers containing the produced items were distributed, symbolizing a shared commitment to community well-being. The Panchayat President received a special hamper as a token of appreciation.



Chemistry Session for Higher Secondary Students: On the second day, postgraduate representatives from St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Irinjalakuda delivered an engaging session on chemistry-related topics to the higher secondary students of HDPS HSS Edathirinji. This session not only broadened the students' horizons but also served as a bridge between academic institutions, fostering a sense of shared

knowledge and camaraderie. Following the informative session, practical learning took center stage as a series of chemistry experiments were showcased. This hands-on experience gave the students a tangible understanding of theoretical concepts, sparking curiosity and interest. The collaborative efforts of the Chemistry department, Kerala Water Authority, student volunteers, and PG representatives exemplify the potential of education to transcend traditional boundaries and positively impact communities. This initiative not only addressed immediate concerns but also sowed the seeds for long-term empowerment and knowledge exchange.





Department of Botany Village Placement Programme at Vazhachal Forest Division (28/9/2023 & 29/9/2023)

The Department of Botany in association with the Social Forestry Department, Government of Kerala, Vazhachal organized a village Placement Programme for Botany students. The teachers and students from the Department of Botany, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Irinjalakuda, visited Vazhachal forest division on 28th and 29th September 2023.

On 28th September the team visited the local communities of Vazhachal. The students were divided into 5 groups and visited the houses of the local communities. From the interaction with the local people and knowing about the whereabouts of the people staying in forest areas, challenges faced by the local communities, situations tackled by

the local communities to get rid of wild animals, and the conservation of forest and biodiversity.



On 29th September, teachers and students visited GWLPS, Vazhachal, and interacted with school students regarding microscopic techniques. Permanent slides prepared by the college by teachers and students were shown to the students to create curiosity. Various parts of microscopes, their uses, and functions were introduced to students to create awareness among students regarding microscopic techniques and to understand the structure of cells and inculcate the scientific temper.

The Village Placement Program is intended to enable the students to come to understand the community in which they live, recognize themselves about their community, identify the requirements and difficulties of the community and include themselves in problem-solving process, develop a sense of social and civic responsibility, apply their knowledge in finding practical solution to individual and community problems, develop capability required for group-living and sharing of duties, gain skills in

organizing community involvement, acquire leadership qualities and representative attitude and to practice national integration and social harmony.



The Village Placement Program can significantly contribute to rural development by improving transportation infrastructure and fostering economic growth. Proper planning, stakeholder engagement, and sustainable practices are crucial for the long-

term success of such initiatives. By following these steps and considering local needs and conditions, one can contribute to the prosperity of rural villages.

