

GREEN SOCIETY CLUB ACTIVITIES – 2017 - 2018

- Enrolling members in the academic year **2017-2018** in Green Society were given an **Orientation programme** on **03.08.2017**, where the students were given awareness on various environmental issues such as importance and conservation of natural resources and impact of pollution. Coordinators motivated the students to keep their surroundings clean & green and developed interest to participate in action oriented environment programmes.
- Many of our rivers are depleting fast and it's time to revive rivers. **Isha** Foundation, Coimbatore has taken a great initiative to create awareness on **"Save Rivers"** and request the students to give a missed call to 8000980009, because every call counts. Green Society supports this issue and instructed the Green Society members as well as other students to give a missed call on **10.8.17**, which can help in influencing the Government to make a policy change.
- An awareness campaign on open **"Defecation Menace"** was jointly organized by the **District Rural Development Agency** and **Green Society** under SWACHH-A-THON 1.0. On **11.8.17**. The District Rural Development officer explained how open defecation affected the surrounding environment and how this menace posed a major health hazard. The students were instructed to take up the message to the villagers and motivate the people to get individual toilets in their households by using the subsidy given by the Government and were taken oath about this issue, DRDO officials were also taken the oath.
- 10 green society students attended a two day vocational training program on **"Persons with Disabilities"** organized by Erode Arima Trust on **11.8.2017 and 12.8.2017** at "The Erode Arima Trust Special School for Differently Abled" Sengodampalayam, Erode.
- In the forenoon of **19.08.17** Green Society students visited "The Erode Arima Trust Special School for Differently Abled" Sengodampalayam, Erode. **Green Society**

member were taking class with learning aids and helping the Doctors while giving Physiotherapy to the physically challenged children. They donated mats, buckets, sweets, maps to the physically challenged children. The members spent half a day with the children and entertain them by giving speech, mime, song and dance. In the afternoon of the same day a sanitation programme aims to inculcate healthy sanitation behavior and practices among students and to help the community at large to become aware of the importance of sanitation an **Essay Competition** on “Muzhu Sugadharam” was conducted as a part of TNUSSP (Tamil Nadu Urban Sanitation Support Programme) to the students. Students were enthusiastically participated and exhibited their capabilities.

- Cleanliness drive was organized by Green society on **01.09.2017** under the Swachh Bharat Mission or **Clean India Mission** launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi seeks to create a “**Clean India**”. In this contest, the college campus was cleaned by the students, they started collecting polythene bags, picking wrappers lying scattered there and dirty materials and the wastage was dispersed in to the dumping yard.
- To refresh the members of Green Society from the routine activity and to inculcate a sense of eco-awareness among the students a trip to Anamalai hill range of Western Ghats was arranged on **23.09.2017**. Members visited Thirumurthy Dam, Monkey falls and Aazhiar Dam. The trip taught them how biodiversity helps to keep the environment in a natural balance. Students enjoyed much during the trip.
- Learning from textbooks, lectures and other study material does not suffice for holistic learning hence student were taken to SKM on **30.12.17** to have a deep insight knowledge on herbal medicinal preparations. Mr. **SKM** Shree Shivkumar, Director, **SKM** Center for Ayush System Research and Education. Saminathapuram, Modakkurichi, **Erode** detailed about the herbs used to prepare medicines and the students were permitted to visit the places where the medicines being prepared. The visit to SKM was really a boon for our Green Society members.
- Generating awareness on cleanliness and hygiene amongst students a ‘Sensitization Programme’ was conducted in the forenoon of **6th January 2018** so as to motivate the

students to follow certain good practices in a proactive manner. Green Society member emphasized the way of disposing their napkins in a proper way to their student friends by hanging the chart containing the “Do and Don’ts” while disposing their napkins. Volunteers kept rough papers at the toilets entrance for the purpose of disposing their waste. In the afternoon of the same day students were taken to visit **Kongu Arivalayam, Sengodampalayam, Erode** to spend their time with the students. Finally the Kongu Arivalayam students were bestowed with rice, provision, bread, money, mates and dress materials.

- To comprehend the adverse effect of the strongest Cyclonic Storm in the Arabian Sea coast on November 27th 2017, moved along the Kerala and south Tamil Nadu coast a Drawing Competition on “**Impact of cyclonic storm Ockhi** ” was conducted on the forenoon of **3rd February 2018** and in the afternoon of the same day students were making seed balls, Seeds balls are an ancient technique for propagating plants from seeds without opening up soil with cultivation tools.
- An Eco-trip to Vellingiri Hills was arranged on **24.02.18**. The students were not permitted to carry plastic bags and things made of plastic and were discarded by the forest officials at the entry. Students had a trek at the forest and the track was wide enough and the climb was made easy by walk and they happen to see thick canopy of the tall trees balancing with very few roots holding over the huge rocks wrapped with weeds and creepers. The route was scenic and refreshing. Student went Kovaikutram and *Isha* foundation where they had a chance to see Aadhiyogi. Students were in ecstasy while taking bath in the Kovaikutram waterfalls.