



POOR PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

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Tailoring course: Certificate distribution

23.02.2017



PPDS runs a tailoring course for the downtrodden women in PS Palayam. 50 women who had completed the course in this academic year was awarded with the course completion certificate. With the certificates women walked out with great confidence and happiness.

Free distribution of Sewing Machine:

28.02.2017

Sewing machine was distributed for free to one of the tailoring student who is homeless and orphan due to which living with a distant relative. This could help her to face the challenges that are knocking at her door every day.



PPDS celebrated womens day

08.03.17



on 8.03.2017 at Kumalam village. Since women in Kumalam village are facing lot of challenges in everyday life due to poverty and gender, PPDS decided to hold the womens day programme in this village. Inputs on womens rights and ways to improve the conditions of women were discussed. Participants expressed the need for improvement in their life and to be empowered. It was a good platform to create awareness on womens right and empowerment. As a token of appreciation for their participation participants were given gifted with a saree at the end of the programme and they were found to be happy.

Medical Assistance

12.04.2017

PPDS provided medical assistance to sivakami, 45 years old who has been suffering due to uterus problem. She visited the public hospitals in Pondicherry and underwent a gynecological surgery. She has been complaining of pain and weakness following the surgery. PPDS supported her to consult a private hospital for a complete health checkup and she has recovered from her pain. PPDS also provided rice and lentils so that she can stay healthy. She was very happy and thanked PPDS.



Environmental Education

20,21.03.2017



Environmental education was given at the Auroville Botanical research institute for the tailoring students for two days from 20-04-2017 to 21-04-2017 for the tailoring women in P.S.Palayam. Since the venue is about 30kms away from their village transport was arranged for two days to ensure the participation of women. The

training took place from 9am-4p.m, lunch and herbal tree was served to the participants for two days. Tree planting, uses of medicinal plants, environmental hazards of plastics and global warming were some of the topics covered and sessions were facilitated by the Auroville team. There was clarity of concepts on environmental issues and the participants also made a commitment not to use plastics in future

and to plant more trees. Participants also requested PPDS to organise more of these programmes as they are very useful to them.

Distribution of School Materials and Bags

11.06.2017

On the 11th of June 2017, school bags along with geometry box and color pencils donated by PRAISE FOUNDATION were given to 150 school students of Mangalam Tuition centre. These materials were also distributed to 70 poor students from the villages of Thuravithangal and Pulichapallam (tribal) that accounts for 220 beneficiaries in total. The students expressed that the materials provided are very useful and they are very happy. PPDS is also of the opinion supports of this kind could be motivating for their studies.



Note books distribution at Mangalam village

12.07.2017

At Mangalam village, School started again in June so PPDS distributed educational aids for the all-evening class students, which included notebooks, pens, pencils and scales, Students were in need of various notebooks both ruled, unruled small size as well as long size. There are 130 school pupils in our evening school.



Yoga, Health and Hygienic programme

12.08.2017

On 12.8 2017 we did Yoga, Health and Hygienic programme for the school student. We taught



yoga and explained about health and hygiene. They are asking some doubt about health and hygienic and we answered them. The students are very happy. We did slide show also. It is very useful for the students. Nearly 75 students participated in this programme.

Educational Materials for Thuravithangal School

13.08.2017

On 13th August 2017 we distributed schoolbags, books and educational materials for Thuravithangal village school children.

This village is a remote, rural village where there is no bus facility and no hospital in this village. The people are very poor and because of this the school dropout rate is very high in this village.



We had arranged for an awareness programme to this villager on importance of education. Understanding the importance of education the villagers had sought financial help from us for the education of their children. We are helping the children of this village for the past 10 years. All are happy and the dropout rate is reduced.

At present one of the school child from this village had got first prize in chess tournament in the entire district in 2017. We are proud for the same.

Certificate Distributed

07.09.2017

On the 7th of September 2017 certificate was distributed felicitating the completion of 9th batch tailoring course at the P.S.Palayam tailoring centre run by P.P.D.S. During the feedback session the participants appreciated PPDS and the commitment of the teacher for her support



round the clock. They expressed their confidence to look for job in a company or to start their own business as there is a new skill in their hand. While they were happy that PPDS support has helped them gain financial independence there was also demand to guide them to the next level. The session ended with inputs on entrepreneurship guidance to the participants.

Dengue awareness

15.10.2017

With increasing in Dengue fever in tamilnadu and pondihcerry PPDS conducted campaign for the prevention and awareness against dengue fever at PS Plalayam villages. On 15th October 2017. During the occasion herbal syrup (NelavembuKashayam) was distributed among the



during the campaign.

community as it provides immunity against viral diseases specially dengue fever and it was very much appreciated by the community. Brochures and pamphlets were distributed in and around the villages more than 500 people including men, women and children benefited

Christmas and New Year 2018 celebration at Mangalam village

17.12.2017

On 17th December 2017 we celebrated Christmas and New Year 2018 festival at Mangalam village school. All our school children's participated in that programme. That time we distributed Christmas Gifts and sweet for all the children. The children were very happy. These kinds of programmes make good friendship with other religious people.

