



## **POOR PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY**

### **Newsletter - January 2018 - December 2018**

#### **Pongal festival celebration**

**13,14.01.2018**

Pongal is the festival of harvest celebrated by the people of Tamilnadu. This is to thank the sun and the cattles for the good harvest. This is a celebration of four days. Bhogi, Surya pongal, Maatu pongal and kaanum pongal.

On the 13th January 2018 PPDS celebrated "Pongal" in the evening tuition centre at mangalam village. The children had organised various cultural programmes sugarcane and



chocolates were distributed during this occasion PPDS also participated in the pongal organised by the villagers in Kalmadapam. Pongal was prepared by the women in the community and distributed to all. The villagers also organised various events such as khabadi, Rangoli (Kolam) competition and music chair etc.,

#### **Women day Celebration**

**08.03.2018 & 17.03.2018**

On 08.3.2018 and 17.03.2018 PPDS conducted the women's day at PS Palayam. Women from PPDS tailoring unit and other women from the village participated. Sports such as lemon spoon, kabadi, speech, Rope pulling competition and running race and cultural programme were



organized on this occasion. Women participated in all the programmes with lot of interest. Finally we distributed the prize for the winners. All the women's were very happy to get the prizes. They says it was very good experience and it gives a good courage for the women's. Nearly 50 women's participated in the sports programme.

### **Livelihood support for the youth**

**09.03.2018**

Tender coconut sales: The youth in the Pulichapallam village from a tribal community requested PPDS to support them financially for their livelihood since they have no job and are school drop out.

PPDS mobilized financial support to start a tender coconut sales for their livelihood and helped them to run a business on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. They started earning around Rs 200-300 everyday. The community and PPDS are satisfied to see the progress of the youth in the community.



### **Women Right**

**28.04.2018**



PPDS organized a meet on Women's Right on the 28th of April for which there were participation of about 35 women in leadership. The issues of women in Pondicherry and the obstacles in accessing the schemes particularly for the marginalised women were discussed. The importance of

educating a girl and the problems of young widowhood and single women were also discussed during the meet. The women participated resolved to be united and support each other and thereby work together for consolidating women power.

### **Medical camp**

**02.05.2018**

PPDS organized medical camp on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 in the village "Arasaradikuppam" in Cuddalore district that is 56 Kilometers away from Pondicherry. The village is in a dry region and there aren't any hospital facilities nearby.

Understanding the difficulty of the people in accessing the medical services PPDS organized free medical camp collaborating with the doctors of "Mahatma Gandhi Medical Collage and Research Institute".



Poor people from 6 villages in and around Arasadikuppam benefited from the camp. Following several medical tests needy patients were referred to the hospital for further treatment.



**Livelihood Support for Poor Women- Free Distribution of Sewing Machines**      **13.06.2018**

Ilakiya aged 27 was given a free sewing machine after completion of her training with PPDS



tailoring unit. She lives in a village called Thulukanatham 27 kms away from Pondicherry. She is very happy that she can make her livelihood with the sewing machine. PPDS is happy is well to support the economic development of the poor women.

**School Materials Distribution**

**3.7.2018**

School materials that includes note books, pen, pencil, geometry box were given to the students in the tuition centre run by PPDS in Mangalam and Pulliapallam on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2018. Nearly 160 students got benefited and expressed their happiness.



**Free Bag Distribution**

**27.07.2018**



Free bag distribution on the 27th of July 2018, PPDS distributed free school bags to the students studying in class 8,9 and 10th in the tuition center run by PPDS in Mangalam village . The children felt happy and useful. They also shared their interest to study well has increased

with the support of PPDS

## **Flood Relief for North East Monsoon**

**6.10.2018**

The north east monsoon 2018 has hit many tribal families living in Pullicapallam affecting their food shelter and livelihood. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 PPDS supported these families distributing relief materials which include 5 Kg of rice, ½ of dhal and dress materials. The beneficiaries appreciated PPDS initiative as timely help and were very happy.



## **Children day**

**14.11.2018**



PPDS celebrated children's day on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in our tuition school in Mangalam. Children in our school had organized various cultural programme during the function PPDS President Mr. Daniel address the function with advice to study and keep themselves clean and save the environment without using plastic. Mats were provided for all classrooms,

snacks, biscuits, and chocolates were distributed during the function. PPDS hopes to have a bright future for the children for these kinds of programmes will be an encouragement for children.

## **Christmas and New Year celebrations**

**23.12.2018**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 we celebrated the Christmas and New Year with the school children at Mangalam village. We gave gifts and cake to all the children. They are sharing happiness with friends, and making good friends with children of other religions. We wish a good future for all the students. They are all very happy and enjoyed it. So, this kind of program brings them unity and good friendship with other religions.

