

Activities of STAND during the academic year 2013-14

With the blessings of a new STAND office, this year has been filled with many activities for the department of STAND. The report of the activities is given below.

1. This year STAND programme was initiated with an orientation programme held on 22nd July 2013. The one day orientation was given separately to shift 1 and shift 2 students. The orientation had three parts; First, basic information about STAND, its origin, growth, students code of conduct during field visits and camps in the village. Students were also told to divide the class into different groups like education to the children, environment, awareness creation group, Liaisoning with the government for the basic amenities, and so on so that our involvement is effective in the village.

Second, DST project was explained to the students in detail. Thanks to DST we have Azola and Vermicompost projects sanctioned for the economic enhancement of the women in the villages. The project was explained to the students and the need for their cooperation in making this project a successful one.

Third, a special input session was organized inviting resource persons from JMAAD Nagarcoil to talk about the evil effects of drugs and alcoholic addiction. The whole programme was attended by all the second year UG and first year PG students numbering around 1200

2. A website and a blog were created by Manikandan and Chezhiyan, of present third year students of MCA was inaugurated and dedicated to the college by Rector and Principal during orientation on 22nd July 2013.
3. Realizing the importance of importing knowledge about DST project to the students a special orientation was organized to the selected students from each department on 30th August. 175 students attended this and promised to help promote DST project.
4. The contact staff for each department is new every year. They need to be briefed about STAND and so an orientation to them is also necessary. On contact staff orientation was given which was well attended. Fr. Secretary was presiding over the function.
5. Apart from meeting the contact staff informally two formal meetings were organized to take stock of the realities of the villages and the involvement of the students. The feedback and the suggestions for further improvement exercise is helpful to the smooth functioning of STAND.
6. A staff dinner was organized for the previous year STAND contact staff who were generous in accompanying students for that year. A memento was exchanged for each of the staff.