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ST.XAVIERS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), PALAYAMKOTTAI

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REPORT ON ALL ACTIVITIES (2012-2018)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

STAND(Student Training and Action for Neighborhood Development)

Rev. Dr. Sahayaraj, S.J., the founder Director of STAND assumed the new Director this year. STAND activities for the academic year 2017-18 was started with the Orientation programme to both staff and students on 27th and 29th June 2017. The theme for this year was "Clean villages and Green Villages".

To make the theme concrete a quick survey questionnaire was prepared to collect the details of beneficiaries in the villages who are eligible to get the Toilet scheme of the Central Government. The report and the survey questionnaire were then given to the District Collectorate through whom many of our people received toilets to their families. An opportunity came from the initiative of the Collector to

join them in the river Thamirabarani cleaning. Accordingly on 23rd September 2017 around 600 students of STAND along with College NSS were taken to the assigned spot of the river and our students enthusiastically joined hands in cleaning river Thamirabarani which is the life source for the people of this region. In this way our motto of the year CLEAN and GREEN villages was thus implemented.

With the help of MCA student Mr.Ramanathan a website for STAND has been created this year. Students of MCA along with Mr.Arockiaswami the contact staff deserve our appreciation for bringing out the website. From this year the report of each department has been stored online in the website. Each department has been given a user name and a password for this purpose. This is another major activity in the history of STAND to go online.

Handling arrear students used to be a very challenging activity every year. This year this was easily solved by sending them on common projects. Apart from joining Thamirabarani River cleaning, students also cleaned the Hockey Ground of the college and a few of the remaining arrear students went to the AIDS rehabilitation centre run by the brother of the Sacred Heart congregation.

With a renewed spirit students and staff this year plunged into new initiatives to address the livelihood issues of the villagers. Two women were identified to get two new stitching machines from the Students Council. One rupee scheme Department of English Shift II generated fund to purchase ten goats and distributed to the deserving people in their adopted Kattapuli village with the promise that the first yield should be given to the next ten identified beneficiaries in the village and the cycle should go on till all the families in the village get one goat each. Commerce Shift II department adopted Alangulam Village students, distributed country chicken to the poor women to educate them to stop using broiler chicken; Chemistry Shift II adopted Pethaniya students had a real lab to land experience this year when they demonstrated the preparation of some of the chemical based home products like washing and bathing soap making, phenol for cleaning toilets, perfume for spray and balm making for relief from head ache. Students learned the know how in their labs and demonstrated them in the villages giving all the details of chemical ingredients, their available places with price details.

The Villagers learned the art so quickly and some of them even wanted to become entrepreneurs in some of the items. MCA students distributed CLF bulbs one each to all the families of their adopted village through fund raising. Shift II Chemistry students identified a place in their adopted village and converted that into a mini library supplying books from their efforts. They also distributed cotton bolls to each of the families and collected plastic waste from them. These are some of the highlighted activities of students this year apart from their regular activities. The details of those activities and the number of beneficiaries are given below in a table form. STAND proudly announces its Silver Jubilee next year with a focus of contributing concretely for the economic upliftment of the poor. Many meetings with the staff and village women have been conducted to get their valuable suggestion for next year jubilee celebration

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

STAND(Student Training and Action for Neighborhood Development)

The first meeting of the contact staff for the STAND programme of the academic year 2016 - 2017 was held on Thursday, 22nd June, 2016 in the conference Hall. The theme "IMPORTANCE OF FEMALE LITERACY" was unanimously chosen by the contact staff for the STAND activities to be held in various villages during this academic year. The orientation for the students and the inaugural function of the STAND programmes were held on 4th July, 2016 in Loyola Hall. The meeting of the student representatives for the STAND activities was held on 11th July 2016 in the STAND office.

In order to facilitate the activities of the STAND programmes conducted by all the Departments, the following Medical teams did a commendable job:

1. A team headed by Dr.Ayyanar through the Judge Joseph Medical Lab
2. Dr.Agarwal's Eye hospital
3. Vasan eye & dental care
4. Government Sidha medical college
5. Mr. Stalin's Medical assistance (Professor of St. Xavier's College of Education)

6. Government's mobile hospital and

7. Government veterinary hospital

The activities and the involvement of the students and staff in organizing the STAND programmes are highly commendable in bringing the various Government welfare schemes to the villagers particularly getting the pension for the elders and the widows of the villages, the street light facilities, drinking water, clearing the drainage system etc. Moreover, students taught the village children with regard to computer literacy, giving tuition to the children in various subjects, conducting debates to give awareness to the illiterate, conducting competitions on Essay writing, drawing etc. The students of MCA brought out a booklet on the various Government schemes available for the villagers and the students brought out a booklet on the Rights of villagers. For all these activities, the role of our coordinators of STAND Mr.R.Karuppiah and S. Sudalairaj deserve our appreciation and thanks.

S.No	Programmes	No.of Programmes	No.of Villages	Total No. of Beneficiaries
1	General Medical	14	12	950
2	Veterinary Camp	7	7	190
3	Sidha Medical	13	12	1320
4	Eye Camp	7	6	425
5	Dental Camp	5	4	45
6	Self-Employment Training	16	12	815
7	Acupuncture Camp	17	12	650
8	Tree Plantation	20	21	315
9	Debate	12	11	1750
10	Rally	27	19	3200
11	Orientation,	13	11	325

	Workshop, Guest talk			
12	Azolla, vermin compost, Bio- Gas & Ornamental fish culture Training	14	11	1250
13	Old Age, Widows, Pension	6	4	23
	Total	171	142	11258

ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016

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The contact staff for the STAND programmes of the academic year 2015-2016 had the first meeting on Thursday, 25th June 2015.

CLEAN AND GREEN VILLAGES was the theme unanimously chosen by the contact staff for the STAND activities for this academic year.

The orientation for the students and the inaugural function of the STAND programmes was held on 2nd July 2015.

The meeting of the representatives for the STAND activities was held on 9th July 2015.

The important feature of this year's STAND programme was the involvement of the Alumni Association of St. Xavier's College by sending their Medical team to many villages headed by Dr. Ayyanar through the Judge Joseph Medical Lab. Apart from this, the involvement of Dr. Agarwal's Eye hospital, Vasan eye & dental care Government Sidha medical college, Mr. Stalin's Medical assistance (Professor of St. Xavier's College of Education), and Government's mobile hospital was highly commendable in helping the rural poor who cannot afford to visit even the government Hospitals.

S.No	Programmes	No.of Programmes	No.of Villages	Total No. of Beneficiaries
1	General Medical	16	13	1026
2	Veterinary Camp	6	6	183
3	Sidha Medical	16	13	1165
4	Eye Camp	5	5	374
5	Dental Camp	3	3	85
6	Self-Employment Training	14	14	186
7	Acupuncture Camp	13	10	492
8	Tree Plantation	25	25	250
9	Debate	15	14	2400
10	Rally	20	17	2800
11	Orientation, Workshop	12	8	270
12	Azolla, vermin compost, Bio-Gas & Ornamental fish culture Training	18	18	1415

	Total	163	146	6046
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Our sincere thanks to Rev. Dr. A. Arockiasamy S.J., Director of STAND !

ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

The orientation for the staff-in-charge for STAND was held on Wednesday, 25th June 2014, 12.30 to 01.30pm for shift-I and from 4.30pm to 5.30pm for shift - in the Conference hall. The unique feature of this meeting was to distribute the schedule for village visits and camps preplanned for all the departments throughout the year. This was well received by the staff and students.

Moreover, the theme of STAND activities for the whole academic year 2014- 15 was unanimously decided by the staff as "HEALTH AND HYGIENE" and it was decided to conduct all our programmes in the STAND villages on the above theme.

The inaugural function of the activities of STAND for the academic year 2014-2015 was held on Wednesday, 02nd July 2014 between 11.30am and 01.30pm for shift-I and between 04.30pm and 06.30pm for shift-II in the Loyola Hall.

The orientation for the students' representatives for STAND was held on Tuesday, 08th July 2014 between 12.30pm and 01.30pm for shift-I and between 04.30pm and 05.30pm for shift-II in the office of STAND

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Medical team to many villages headed by Dr.Ayyanar through the Judge Joseph Medical Lab. Apart from this, the involvement of Dr.Agarwal's Eye hospital, Vasan eye care, Government Sidha medical college,Mr.Stalin's (Professor of St. Xavier's College of Education) Medical assistance and Government's mobile hospital was highly commendable in helping the rural poor who cannot afford to visit even the government Hospitals.

Finally we would like to thank and appreciate our staff for their involvement and dedicated service rendered to the villagers in accompanying the students. Moreover, the students of various departments also need to be congratulated on their involvement and sacrifice.

Last but not the least, the coordinators of STAND, namely, J. Rajesh, R. Karuppiah, S. Reehan and B. Athankaraiyan deserve our appreciation for their wonderful work as coordinators.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014

STAND (Student Training and Action for Neighbourhood Development)

Rev. Dr. T. Sahayaraj, S.J., Director of STAND, took initiatives to establish a new office for STAND with the help of the Management in 2013-2014. The various activities are given below:

An orientation programme for students was held on 22nd July 2013, focusing on the significance of outreach programme and code of conduct during field visits. DST project was explained to the students in detail. Azola and Vermicompost projects have been sanctioned for the economic enhancement of women in the villages. Resource persons from JMAAD, Nagercoil, spoke on the evil effects of drugs and alcoholic addiction.

A website and a blog were created by Manikandan and Chezhiyan, third year MCA students on 22nd July 2013.

A special orientation related to DST Project was organized to the selected students from each department on 30th August. 175 students attended the programme.

A staff dinner was organized for the previous year STAND contact staff, acknowledging their dedicated work.

Azola and Vermicomposit training was given during Saturdays in STAND office. More than 300 women from STAND villages participated in the programme with much enthusiasm. Many of them have started cultivating their own in their respective villages.

II B. A. English Literature students (Shift II) established a bus stop for Periyar Samathuvapuram villagers, who had to walk 3 km earlier to take the bus. In Keela Omanallur 2nd B. Sc Botany students established street lights. In Singh Nagar, MCA students put up a new name board at the entrance of the village.

Azola training was given to 1000 women in Pudukulam, Perumal Nagar, Kadampankulam, Ayankulam, Mavadi, Selvapudukulam, Nariyuthu, Karambai, Nallur, MG.R Nagar and Arockianathapuram. In several places Azola beds were established to get the maximum yield from cows.

DBT-STAND Project:

A Major Research Project titled "Socio- Economic Empowerment of SC Self Help Group Women in STAND adopted villages through compost, biofertilizer and biogas production in Tirunelveli District in Tamil Nadu" was sanctioned by the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi. The purpose of this project is to enhance the socio-economic status of the women of our STAND adopted villages. Training on the production of Azolla, Vermicompost, Biogas, Ornamental Fish culture and Tissue Culture are the main aspects of this project. Dr.A.John De Britto is the Principal Investigator; Rev.Dr.T.Sahayaraj, S.J, Dr.K.Sahayaraj, and Dr.S.V.L.Michael are the Co-Investigators.

A training shed has been constructed exclusively for giving training to the people. Four Coordinators Mr.Karupiah, Mr.Rajesh, Mr.Reegan and Mr.Athankaraiyan were given training.

600 women were selected for the programme from 26 STAND villages. On 31st August 2013 the inauguration of this project was held in our college. Mrs. Vijila Sathayanth, the Mayor of Tirunelveli Corporation, inaugurated the project. Out of 600 women during the first phase, 300 women were selected and they were given hands-on training on Azolla and Vermicompost production through video shows, lectures and demonstration. On every Saturday, 30 women were invited to our college and training was given to them. The coordinators also visited their villages and training was given to them.

2nd UG and 1st PG were given training in these aspects. Volunteers were selected among them and they performed meaningful work in the project. When the Departments conducted their regular one-day camps, training on production of Azolla and Vermicompost also was given.