

PADMA SESHADRI BALA BHAVAN SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, T.NAGAR

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

A TASTE OF VILLAGE LIFE

On the 31st of March, 15 students of PSBB T Nagar, as a gesture of reaching out to the society, volunteered to visit the education institution, Kalvialaya near Chengalpettu established by PSBB alumnus Mr. Selvakumar.

It was a 2 hour bus ride and on reaching – the students and the members of the institution gave a warm welcome to the group from PSBB by offering tender coconut water.

Smt. Prema Veeraraghavan, former teacher of PSBB, who is associated with the institution right from the beginning gave a brief introduction about the school. “Each one Teach one” programme introduced by Dr. Mrs Y.G.Parthasarathy at the time when Mr. Selvakumar was studying in PSBB had sown the seed in his mind to start this Institution in his village.

She further explained how the school functioned and it was understood that the students studying in X std. and XII std. were given free coaching daily in the evenings by the volunteers of Kalvialaya. In fact, many of their students who had passed out from the institution and presently studying in college have volunteered to teach there as tutors to the present batch and this shows their readiness in helping back to the society.

The students first went to their school garden and the lemon and tulsi saplings which PSBB gifted to them were planted there. They were then taken on a picturesque walk to the nearby fields where they picked jasmine flowers and threaded them into garlands. They all enjoyed the walk in the village a lot because these are the things that they normally don't get to do in the city. The green luscious fields, the scarecrows, the farms and the friendly village people are quite hard to see in the city life and the hands on experience of plucking flowers and learning how to string them into garlands was something new and exciting to all of them.

They also saw sugarcane and brinjal plantations set against a clear blue sky. The students did not feel the hot sun as they were excited walking on the countryside. Trekking a little further, students visited two temples - one had a replica of the Triplicane Parthasarathy Perumal and another temple was dedicated to lord Shiva. While walking through the village the students of both the school exchanged thoughts and views with one another and became very close friends without any inhibitions.

Then, PSBB students had lunch together with the students of Kalvialaya and the hospitality offered by those students needs a special mention here. Some of the students of Kalvialaya who are good at drawing, painting and writing poems were introduced and they were really happy to exhibit their talents.

Before departing ,all the students of kalvialaya were presented with notebooks and pencils as well as the paper donations from PSBB school , along with charts made thanking the staff of Kalvialaya for making the visit a memorable one.

In return, each of the PSBB student volunteers, teachers, parent volunteers and the support staff received farm grown vegetables and thank you cards to their delight.

The students thoroughly enjoyed visiting a village and meeting the students and were very happy to be able to share with the less privileged.



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