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Students of the final year BA English Literature included in various social outreach extension programmes during the year 2016-2017. One group of students went to the village of Soladamattam on Saturdays, fortnightly accompanied by two staff of the department (DR.Beulah Gideon and Mrs.Nisha).

Preliminary surveys were taken around the village to understand and assess their needs and requirements. We also evaluated the literacy level of village. The village has an elementary school with approximately 50 students and 5 teachers. They also have a creche for the toddlers, where they have about 10 children spending the day when their mothers are away at work. There are school drop-outs and they need financial assistance to continue high school and further studies.

Many houses lack proper washrooms and the village needs a good sanitary system. There are no well-laid roads, therefore accessibility of vehicles during times of emergency is impossible. The village may benefit from medical awareness camp, financial assistance for students, proper roads and sanitation.

Another group of final year students also extended a voluntary service in the government Sarguru School, Coonoor, under the guidance of Dr.N.Bhuvana. They conducted weekly tuition for the students. Students also trained the school children for other co-curricular activities. Sports Day was conducted, prizes were given to encourage deserving achievers.

A third group of students went for voluntary work to the Kotagiri Public Library along with the staff Dr.R.Anitha. They went on Saturdays and rendered a valuable service in the book-keeping, organising and maintaining the public library.

## Village Adoption – 2018 -2019

### Adopted Village – Moorparkaad .

Fifteen students of the English department are involved in the Village Adoption Programme of the college for this year 2018-2019. Staff in charge for the Village Adoption is Dr. Beulah Gideon and Mrs. Mary Shyla.

The adopted village of Moorparkaad is an outreach programme for students to be involved in social work to rehabilitate and help the underprivileged of the society.

Moorparkaad is a remotely situated tribal village. In the beginning of this academic year, in July 2018, Mrs. Mary Shyla, Assistant Professor in English along with few other staff paid a visit to this village to do a survey of its setting, its approach and easy accessibility for students to continue work.

On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018, seven staff from the seven departments along with selected student representatives from each department visited the village to celebrate Independence Day along with the residents of the village.

Students distributed sweets, books, toys and other essentials to the people of the village. The students of the English department gave notebooks for the children and we bought stain-less tumblers for the young children of the nursery.

Students and staff interacted freely with the people of the village and we came to know some of the serious health issues that woman face for which they need medical help.

We encouraged the young school drop- outs to join back and pursue their basic education. Knowing this a girl approached us before the board exam in September 2018. Mrs. Mary Shyla helped her for the second paper in English; the student wrote the exam and passed in the subject.

This can be seen as a direct involvement of the department to help school drop-outs and it was a success.