

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) EXTENSION PROJECT CENTRE (SMCEPC) at Thirupachur Village, Thiruvallur District, 2016-2017.**

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

— **Mahatma Gandhi**

SMCEPC had been established in 2013 to extend services to the villagers in and around Thirupachur village and this continued in the academic year 2016- 2017. School students from sister institutions and Girl Guides camped on the premises for their village orientation and awareness programs. SMC college and NSS students held their annual camps and some Departments like English and Computer Science held their training and field trip programmes in Thirupachur.

A summer training programme under the **National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM)**, for women and children of the village was conducted in three batches: A, B & C from 20th May to 30th May 2016 and 21st June to 5 th July 2016 respectively, for about one hundred and five villagers. A graduation ceremony was held on 26 th November 2016 with Mr. Raju Arumugham, Hubert Humphrey Fellow and G.M (HR), S.V.Food Exports Pvt.Ltd, as the chief guest and with Sr Leena D'Sa, Provincial presiding and distributing the certificates. Mr. Raju Arumugham shared his life story and gave inspirational and motivational insight to encourage the rural youth to further their careers.



Mr. Raju Arumugham, Hubert Humphrey Fellow encouraged the village students to learn as much as possible to equip themselves for the future



Sr. Leena D' Sa, fmm, Provincial awarded NDLM certificate to village girl



Mr. Raju Arumugham awarded NDLM certificate to village boy

A new partnership was forged with **Central Palmgur and Palm Products Institute (CPPI) of the Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** and a one - day orientation programme on preparation and sales of different village level products was conducted by Dr . R. Muthusamy, Training Officer. A variety of courses and training programmes like tailoring and embroidery, basic and advanced beautician courses, screen and textile printing along with simple chemical making, baking, herbal products making, fruit and vegetable processing, were illustrated with materials required, course

contents, duration of course, and fees if any. Sale of products at exhibitions and melas through CPPI-KVIC's skill development training to prepare of a host of products like hand- made paper, sanitary napkins, fashion jewelry, confectionery, home-made chocolates, palm leaf articles, photo-lamination, mushroom cultivation, polymer and rubber stamp making were all elaborated with power point presentations. Mr.T.M.Pandian, Assistant Director talked about the CCCI and its role in the development of villages and Mr. R.P.Asokan, Assistant Director elaborated on the different training and exhibition programs available for villagers.



Ms. Mithila, Tamil faculty started the orientation program by introducing the guests at the head table



Mr.T.M Pandian, A.D, CPPI of KVIC described production of different items in KVIC to the village women





The interested group of village women ask questions to Dr.Muthusamy, Training Officer

**The Common Service Centre** has continued this year also to give its platter of 14 businesses to consumer services, nine government to citizen services and five skill development and educational services to 27 villages. Cashless transaction training will also be embarked upon from this summer.