

KUMARI ARIVIAL PERAVAI
SCIENTIFIC AWARENESS CAMP
FOR
YOUNG SCIENTISTS
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Vins Christian College of Engineering
Team report By S.Dharshini, Fire team leader, KAP.



It was a fine morning on 6-12-2008. The bus stop at Chunkadai, near Nagercoil had about 50 new visitors all young boys and girls dressed neatly in different colour uniforms. A bus from Vins Christian College of engineering took all of us to their beautiful hill side college campus. The path is rough but the passage is colourful and smooth. The buses were parked near the hostels where accommodation was provided. We were provided with a grand break fast. Next the greeny hillside college campus was again made pleasant by planting trees by the young scientist students. We assembled at the program hall at 9'o clock. Initially the Fire team organized the program from 9-12'o clock. The programme started with the melodious prayer song sung by Vins college choir. Shri.Nanjil M.Vincent who is the chairman of Vins Christian College and the other guests lighted the kuttuvilakku. The guests were taken to the stage by the fire team members. Dr.K.Periyaswamy principal of Vins Christian College of Engineering gave the welcome address. The introductory address was given by Mullanchery M.Velaian who is the organizer of Kumari Arivual Perivai . Prof.R.Thiyagaswamy who is the adviser of Kumari Arivial

Peravai gave the presidential address which was thought provoking. Shri.Nanjil M.Vincent chairman of Vins College gave the inaugural address. Prof.T.James Wilson, vice chairman of Marthandam Engg College and Shri.K.Ramaseshan who is the deputy general manager of ISRO Mahendragiri gave the felicitation. Smt.Jessy Flora, Shri.S.Ingersol, Shri.A.Benzihar Rajan, Smt.M.R.Vani, Shri.A.George Benjamin and Shri.M.John Rabi kumar all spent their precious time with us and gave valuable information . Then S.Dharshini from the fire team gave the vote of thanks.

Then sky team organized the program from 1-5'o clock. First, the Vins College students demonstrated a new vehicle which can be easily operated by the handicapped without any support from others. The professors of this College explained about the advantage of the vehicle. This model motivated us to do more things like this. Next our organizer divided the young scientist into five groups. Three teams went to the computer lab and two teams went to the mechanical lab. In the computer lab the staffs explained about the computer and also explained how to create an email ID. In the mechanical lab we were shown so many latest lab equipments like CNC machines, lathes etc. and their working. Next we had our lunch. The sky team members had a tough time to serve the delicious food which was prepared for us. Then we came to the lecture hall at 2.30pm. We had an opportunity to meet and interact with Selvi. Masha, who is also one of the young scientist. We are surprised to witness her, demonstrating her 7th project 'Flameless Seal ' . The presence of Shri. I. Jones Rabindran, General Manager, LPSC/ ISRO Mahendragiri, senior Scientists Shri.S.Ingersol, Shri.A.Benzihar Rajan and Marthandam Engineering College Vice Chairman Prof.T.James wilson added much colour during that time. The session was very useful to us. Afterwards we had our group meeting with our guide teachers, conveners, team scientists and consultants. They gave some useful informations about the

team topic. The team leaders were also selected at that time. After that Prof.Umaiyurubahan, Dept of chemistry, Pioneer Kumaraswamy College, Nagercoil gave valuable informations about "science an overview" and also he entertained us with jokes.

After the tea break the Earth team organized the program from 5-10o'clock. Scientist A.Benzihar Rajan gave some valuable tips about the forests in Kanya Kumari district. It was informative and educative to us. We could know more about the vegetation of our own district. Next there was a debate on the topic 'How a man become great -by Education or Guidance or Thinking or Money or Involvement?' which was presided by Mr. M.Velaian. Then we had our dinner. At 9o'clock there was a cultural program in the college auditorium which included dance, comic, songs and mono act. All the team took active part. We were very much delighted to see the dumb actions of Mr. M. Velaian. We went to bed at about 10 PM. We wake up at 5o'clock next day . The water team organized the program. We assembled at the auditorium at 6o'clock for yoga. Mr.Sasikumar, Mr.Velaian and Mr.Johnson conducted the yoga class. We went to the field work at 8o'clock and collected some medicinal plants and rare insects. After having our break fast we had our group photos taken with all the members of the KAP. The students displayed the things in the lecture hall which they had collected during their field work. Next we had a discussion about the qualities required to become a leader. Valuable suggestions were told in that discussion. Then scientist S. Ingersol gave a brief account and presentation about 'Mission to Moon'. Also he told about the 'Chandrayan 1'. Next scientist A.Benzihar Rajan gave a detailed study about the costal areas in Kanyakumari District. Dr.Ajit C.Sekar, Chief Medical Officer, LPSC/ ISRO gave some useful information about vector born diseases. We had our lunch at 1.30PM. Then Mr.Joe Prakash, National Green Corps talked about personality development. It was very useful to us. Next the team reports

were presented by all the team leaders. After that some students and guide teachers gave their experience and suggestion about the two days camp. Mr.Dhilip, Mr.Johnson, Mr.Sasikimar, Mr. Robert Kumar, Mr.Gopalan, Dr.Vijaykumar gave their valuable and interesting speeches. Finally Mr.Velaian gave the vote of thanks. The two days enthusiasm, entertainment, euphoria and training came to an end at 4.00 PM.

We are indebted a lot and record our heartfelt thanks to Kumari Arivial Peravai and to Mr. Velaian for giving this golden opportunity at this early years of our childhood through this young scientists programme.

Thank You.

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