

School of Education

Community Living Camp Report - 2018-19

School of Education, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) in association with the GRAMA organizes a Community Living Camp for students every year. The camp is organized with objectives such as developing social, moral and personal values, understanding the importance of community living and social responsibility, conserving natural resources while building a sustainable society and disciplining oneself in routine habits of life and developing leadership qualities and a secular outlook.

This year 2 sem B. Ed's and 2 sem M.A. (Ed) a batch of 76 students accompanied by 3 faculty members Dr Pramod Kumar MPM, Dr Sumita Rao and Dr Prakasha G S attended the camp which was held at a village named Kunabevu in Chitradurga District on the 8th and 9th of March 2019. After reaching GRAMA office in Chitradurga at around 10.30 a.m we were provided with refreshments after which we headed to Kunabevu for the school and village visit. The Government primary and highschool at Kunabevu was celebrating International Women's Day and also creating awareness about cleanliness through education by various cultural programmes that it had organized.

The students welcomed us with warmth, energy and enthusiasm. The program was inaugurated officially with the lighting of the lamp by chief guest Mrs Vanajakshi , Panchayat Development Officer. It was followed by welcome address by the school staff and the inaugural address by GRAMA Staff and Dr Prakasha G S. Faculty from School of Education. The main purpose of the school visit was to interact with the students and identify concerns in the education they were receiving and help establish an informal system of education that would help bridge the gap by providing after school support in subjects like English, Maths and Science.



After witnessing the cultural events and a fruitful interaction with the students we proceeded to visit the village where we had to perform street plays to create awareness amongst villagers. 5 groups performed different street plays ranging from topics like environment conservation, use of sanitary napkins during menstruation, importance of toilets and sanitation to creating awareness about HIV and preserving indigenous knowledge systems.

After heading back to the camp venue, students were served with nutritious dinner which was followed by Cultural programme organized by students themselves. The programme included poetry recital, solo and group dance and song performances.

Day 2 began by seeking the blessings of God with a prayer mass which was conducted by the prayer committee. This was followed by physical exercise led by student volunteers which included a few yogasanas, meditation and Tai chi exercises. The morning assembly was conducted which was based on theme of International Women's Day.



After breakfast we headed to visit the Chitradurga Fort which took us back in time. We visited various sites within the fort and also the famous Onake Obavvana Kindi. We then proceeded to visit a theme park which had beautiful recreations of evolution of man and the history of humankind in India.

On our return to the camp we were served lunch. Students then went on to present their experiences through reflections. Camp Co-Ordinator Dr Pramod Kumar MPM gave the vote of thanks by thanking the GRAMA staff for their hospitality and each and every student for their co operation which helped make the camp a successful one. On this happy note we departed to Bangalore at around 4 p.m and reached the University Campus at around 7.30 p.m.

The camp was an enriching experience for all students as it provided them with grass root level exposure and helped in understanding ground realities. It also highlighted the role of a teacher in creating a sustainable environment specially by modelling the desirable attitudes themselves.

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