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Workshop on Art of Baking: Food Science and Nutrition



The Department of Food Science and Nutrition conducted a Workshop on the Art of Baking from 30.01.2024 to 02.02.2024. First year B.Voc. Students of the department received intense training on the preparation of varieties of Bakery Products from the Senior Chef from Chef Bakers Bangalore and were given a brief introduction about Bakery and Bakery Products, the importance of learning about bakery products and the opportunities in the bakery field. The team of chefs explained the uses of ingredients, tools, and types of equipment used for baking. They also demonstrated the preparation of sponge cakes and chocolate cakes. Later, students practised the method of cake making and prepared different varieties of cakes. They also tried making different varieties of bread and buns and further practised different varieties of cakes and icings. Different types of cake decorations including fresh cream frostings and fondant decorations were taught to the participants. Further, the students were taught the pricing and marketing strategies of the developed products. Finally, students displayed and sold many of the developed products to students and faculty members on the campus.

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International Conference on Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

The Department of Geology organized an International Conference with a focal theme of Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability [CCES-2024] on 24.01.2024 and 25.01.2024. The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Science Engineering and Research Board (SERB), Govt. of India, New Delhi and Periyar University sponsored this mega academic event.

Delegates of the two-day international conference, including Dr Prahlad Ram, Scientist-E, DST-SERB, and Dr Ashok Kumar Singh, Scientist-F, DST, New Delhi, released the Book of the Abstracts (about 86 abstracts) of the conference. Prof. Dr R. Jagannathan, Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University delivered the Presidential Address. Dr. S. Balachandran, Head, the Regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai, delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Dr G. Parthasarathy, FNA, Adjunct Professor, INSA Senior Scientist, NIAS, IISc., Bengaluru gave a special address.

In the valedictory function, Prof. Shaik Mohammad Hussain, Department of Geology, University of Madras, delivered a special address. Prof. Chidambaram Sabarathinam, the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, gave the keynote address. Prof. Dr. Selvaraj Kandasamy gave a felicitation address.

Prof. Dr S. Venkateswaran convened the event having Dr. A. Thirunavukarasu and Dr. A. Jothibas as organising secretaries.



The CCES-2024 aimed to reinforce the role of geologists in understanding the Earth's systems, environmental processes, natural hazards and environmental sustainability, revealing the complexities of changes impacted by climate. It attempted to contribute to the ongoing discussions on climate impacts, by providing insights into some of these impacts on environmental geosciences from the perspective of local dynamic interactions with or driven by climate change and 23 lead speakers in the technical sessions were contributed.

World Leprosy Day observations

The Department of Microbiology organized an Awareness Programme to observe World Leprosy Day on 31.01.2024 for school children in Swami Vivekananda Kendra School, Swaminayakkanpatti.



According to WHO, World Leprosy Day is observed every year on the last Sunday of January. In India, it is observed on 30 January every year, coinciding with the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Leprosy is a neglected tropical disease (NTD) which still occurs in more than 120 countries, with more than 200,000 new cases reported every year. The aim of observing World Leprosy Day is to create awareness against the stigma attached to the disease, by making the general community aware that it is a disease spread by a type of bacteria and it can be easily cured.

7-Day Special Camp and World Braille Day

National Service Scheme (Unit-II) in Periyar University organized a Special camp from 05.01.2024 to 11.01.2024.

Day1: Mr. Arun, Panchayat President -Kottamettupatti, was the Special guest. Then, World Braille Day was celebrated with differently-abled students at CSI Balar Gnana Illam and our NSS volunteers cleaned their living campus. Dr. T. Elangovan, NSS programme officer (Unit-II), planted a tree along with CSI Balar Gnana Illam students.



Day 2: NSS Volunteers cleaned Anganwadi of Kottamettupatti Panchayat. Dr. R. Ramesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Periyar University sensitized the participants to environmental pollution awareness.



Day 3: An awareness programme on martial arts was conducted where students of Silambam Academy from Tharamangalam taught Silambam to the children from the Kottamettupatti Panchayat and NSS unit-II volunteers. Silambam is traditional for Tamilnadu.



Day 4: NSS Volunteers cleaned a church in the morning for a festival which is in the Kottamettupatti Panchayat. Professor Dr K.Murugesan, Professor and Head, Department of Environmental Science, Periyar University sensitized the students about pollution and the effects of the usage of plastic in our day-to-day life.



Day 5: Anganwadi in the Kottamettupatti Panchayat was cleaned. Dr.K.Alagirisamy, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, Periyar University, delivered a lecture on the topic of the role of youth in social services.



Day 6: A temple in the Kottamettupatti Panchayat was cleaned. Dr.N.Kayalvizhi, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Periyar University, lectured on competitive exams and various competitive exam procedures.



Day-7: A free eye camp was organized in association with St. Joseph Eye Hospital from Omalur. NSS Unit-II volunteers visited every household issued notices regarding the Eye camp and invited the Village people for the eye camp in the Kottamettupatti Panchayat office. Magalir Kuzhu organized a Kolam competition in which NSS Unit-2 volunteers participated with the village participants.



On the last day of camp, Dr P. Prakash, Professor, Department of Mathematics and NSS Coordinator, Periyar University, visited the NSS Unit-2 Special camp for Valedictory Function and talked about his experience and interacted with NSS unit-2 Volunteers.

In this intense social service camp about 31 NSS volunteers, hundreds of school students, and the general public participated and benefitted.