Promotion of SHGs

Promotion of SHGs has been focused this month. SHGs promoted for Green Rameswaram should not be a regular micro finance focused group. The primary focus is to give the groups orientation about Green Rameswaram verticals and our focus of getting back to traditional way of life – life which does not waste anything, a life which does not harm nature, life which lead us to live in harmony with and in tune of nature, etc. Our focus has been to convert the Micro finance into Eco-finance with our verticals of Water Management, Waste Management, Renewable Energy, Landscaping and Beautification, Alternate Livelihoods, Marine Bio diversity, Archeology and History, Eco tourism etc.

We have focused on the promotion of groups in the following Nine villages

- Sambai
- Maangadu
- Olaikuda
- Natrajapuram
- Pudhu Road
- Akkal Madam
- Thangatchimadam
- Vadakaadu
- Sallimalai

*Group photo of Deepam Group*
Mrs. Aarayi and Mrs. Vasantha, from Sambai and Mangadu villages respectively and Shri. Muthuramalingam, (auto driver) helped in formation of groups at Pudu Road.

**Bank Linkage**

We have decided to have Bank linkages with Union Bank of India. The bank wanted to open a zero balance account for all the members of the groups. The process is on..

We have mobilized 33 Self Help Groups. In that, we received ID proofs and other personal details from 25 groups. Also, we filled applications for 110 individual members, out of that, applications for seven groups have been submitted to the bank with necessary documents.

**Best Social Worker Award from Rotary Club, Rameswaram**

Ms. Saraswathy has been conferred as the Best Social Worker Award for 2018 by Rotary Club, Rameswaram. Programmes was held on July 25, 2018.

![Sis.V.Saraswathi receiving the award](image)

**Yoga classes for Men and Women/ Hindi and English language classes**

Regular Yogasana and Pranayama classes were held in the morning and evening for Men and Women respectively. More than 50 participants attended the classes and got benefited.

About 10 students attend spoken Hindi and English classes in the evening.
Guru Poornima Celebrations

i. On July 27, 2018 Guru Poornima function was conducted in Mohabeer Dharmasala wherein around 200 people participated. Shri Hegdeji has given a resource lecture on Guru poornima subsequently with Sandhya meditation and distribution of Prasad, the programme concluded.

Gathering at Guru Poornima function

ii. Kamaraj Middle School, Pamban conducted the programme of Guru Poornima on July 27, 2018. Sister Saraswathy took part in the function as chief guest. A few students talked on importance of Guru Poornima.

Students giving a speech on Guru poornima