



## **Livelihood Opportunities Training on Terrace Garden**

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Half a Day Terrace Garden Training programme was conducted on 09<sup>th</sup> June 2018 by Green Rameswaram team in collaboration with Dinamalar at Mohabeer Dharmasala - Green Rameswaram Project Office. 65 participants attended. Around 10.15 AM the programme started with a prayer by Smt.Kalyani, one of the participant of the programme. Shri. Jothy Prakash, Reporter of Dinamalar, Rameswaram welcomed the participants and hoped that they will be empowered by the training.



***Shri.Rajamony Interacting with the Participants***

An introduction to the Green Rameswaram programme was done by Smt. Saraswathy. Shri.Sridhar, Coordinator, Green Rameswaram Project explained the purpose of the Terrace Garden training such as (i) Proper utilizing the empty space (ii) Cost effective nutritional security and (iii) Gardening relieves the tension and thus helps in better health.

### **Terrace Gardening at a glance .....**

Shri.Rajamony, Research Associate, Vivekananda Kendra NARDEP, Kanyakumari took this session. He covered the following topics:

- (i) Soil Preparation (ii) Cost effective usage - Grow bags/Pots (iii) Sowing the Seed
- (iv) Maintenance (v) Harvesting (vi) Organic pesticides – Neem oil, Fish amino acid, etc
- (vii) Organic boosters – Amudha Karaisal, Panchakavya, Themore karaisal etc



*Live demonstration of gardening*

### **Feedback Session**

All the participants were enthusiastic in sharing their views, however, due lack of time only a few gave their comments which were mostly positive. Participants wants such programmes every month. On the whole the programme was an eye opener to everybody. Hope at least a few of the participants will establish the Terrace Garden.



*Student participant Selvi.Muthupreethika is giving her feedback*

## Media Coverage

Dinamalar having partnered this endeavor done an extensive coverage of the event on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Follow up Action

As a follow up Action we have created a WhatsApp Group Titled Terrace Garden and we are regularly sharing the Terrace Garden related updates in the group. We hope to continue to have it as a regular affair from next month onwards.

