



Livelihood Opportunities

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Home Garden Training to SHG Members

Home garden training was organized for SHG members of Rameswaram. The programme is sponsored by NRDC, New Delhi. The participants were given the Tool kits for establishing Home Garden in their Residential Area after the training.

1. Grow Bags
2. Couple of Tools – i.e Cutting Scissors/spade
3. Organic Compost
4. Seeds - Spinaches, Brinjal, Ladies Finger, Tomato, Bitter Gourd and Cluster Beans etc.
5. Seed Tray
6. Book on Home Garden/Terrace Garden

Participants were also given a tree sapling which was donated by Dr.Abdul Kalam International Foundation. Shri.Rajamony was the main resource person.

On 18th November two batches of Training were conducted and 19th another two batches were trained. Each batch consisted of 30 Participants and thus 120 Pasumai group members were trained in Home Garden.



Shri.Sridhar, Coordinator, Green Rameswaram Project welcoming the participants



Shri.Rajamoni explaining the concepts to the Pasumai Group members



Awareness Videos on Green Rameswaram shown to the participants



Sister Saraswathi gave vote of thanks

Search for Alternate Livelihoods

On 25th November, 2018 Green Rameswaram team conducted a Search Exercise with Pasumai Groups. 35 members attended the programme. Formal welcome was done by Shri.Sridhar of Green Rameswaram. Search exercise was anchored by Dr.Madhankumar, Shri.Babu of Hand in Hand India and Shri.Chandrasekaran from Gandhigram Trust. Programme started with a self-introduction of participants.

On interaction we could get the following inferences.

Major diseases prevailing among members

1. Diabetes
2. Knee pain
3. Major diseases like Cancer (i.e Breast, Liver and Uterus)
4. Long Lasting fevers among the children

Some of the alternate Livelihoods options generated by our members are

1. Goat Rearing
2. Solar Drier for Drying fish
3. Moringa (Drum stick)
4. Agarbathi making
5. Mushroom Rearing and
6. Tailoring

We had elaborate discussions with member related to Water Security. Different methods of preserving drinking water have been deliberated. The forum concluded that the RO water plant is the immediate solution for their drinking water problems, however they should slowly switch over to Rain Water Harvesting structures in individual households and at the same time the Traditional Water Bodies should be preserved and maintained properly.

Sister Saraswathi thanked the Pasumai members for participation.



A view of the meeting

