



POOR PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

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Tailoring course: Certificate distribution

23/02/17



PPDS runs a tailoring course for the downtrodden women in PS Palayam. 50 women who had completed the course in this academic year was awarded with the course completion certificate. With the certificates women walked out with great confidence and happiness.

Free distribution of Sewing Machine:

28/02/17

Sewing machine was distributed for free to one of the tailoring student who is homeless and orphan due to which living with a distant relative. This could help her to face the challenges that are knocking at her door every day.



PPDS celebrated womens day

08/03/17



on 8.03.2017 at Kumalam village. Since women in Kumalam village are facing lot of challenges in everyday life due to poverty and gender, PPDS decided to hold the womens day programme in this village. Inputs on womens rights and ways to improve the conditions of women were discussed. Participants expressed the need for improvement in their life and to be

empowered. It was a good platform to create awareness on womens right and empowerment. As a token of appreciation for their participation participants were given gifted with a saree at the end of the programme and they were found to be happy.

Medical Assistance

12/04/17

PPDS provided medical assistance to sivakami, 45 years old who has been suffering due to uterus problem. She visited the public hospitals in Pondicherry and underwent a gynecological surgery. She has been complaining of pain and weakness following the surgery. PPDS supported her to consult a private hospital for a complete health checkup and she has recovered from her pain. PPDS also provided rice and lentils so that she can stay healthy. She was very happy and thanked PPDS.



Environmental Education

20.21/03/17



Environmental education was given at the Auroville Botanical research institute for the tailoring students for two days from 20-04-2017 to 21-04-2017 for the tailoring women in P.S.Palayam. Since the venue is about 30kms away from their village transport was arranged for two days to ensure the participation of women. The training took place

from 9am-4p.m, lunch and herbal tree was served to the participants for two days. Tree planting, uses of medicinal plants, environmental hazards of plastics and global warming were some of the topics covered and sessions were facilitated by the Auroville team. There was clarity of concepts on environmental issues and the participants also made a commitment not to use plastics in future

and to plant more trees. Participants also requested PPDS to organise more of these programmes as they are very useful to them.

Distribution of School Materials and Bags

11/06/2017

On the 11th of June 2017, school bags along with geometry box and color pencils donated by PRAISE FOUNDATION were given to 150 school students of Mangalam Tuition centre. These materials were also distributed to 70 poor students from the villages of Thuravithangal and Pulichapallam (tribal) that accounts for 220 beneficiaries in total. The students expressed that the materials provided are very useful and they are very happy. PPDS is also of the opinion supports of this kind could be motivating for their studies.

