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Student Induction Programme (SIP)
&
Week of Welcome (WoW)

A REPORT

Kanchi Mamunivar Centre for Postgraduate Studies organised **Student Induction Programme cum Week of Welcome** for First Year PG Students as stipulated by the University Grants Commission as part of Quality Mandate Initiatives in Higher Education and the Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Puducherry, Puducherry. In this regard a four day Student Induction Workshop was held from 18/9/2019 to 21/9/2019. Director of the Centre Dr. Aravazhi Irissappane, Director, KMCPGS, took the initiative to implement the SIP Workshop. The first day of the Workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Shahin Sultana, Professor, Social Work Department and Dean, Student’s Welfare, Pondicherry Central University. Dr. M. Sangararadje, Centre Director, Presided over the function in lieu of the Director Dr. Aravazhi Irissappane.

The Workshop was organized as per the Guidelines of UGC to familiarise the first year students to the new environment of the institution as they come from different backgrounds, rural and urban, into the higher education system. The four day Workshop had various components that served to help the new students to gain confidence in their new environment. At the Inaugural Dr, Sultana also SIP Coordinator for Pondicherry University stressed the need for students to undergo such training before they started regular classes. The Director of the Centre also emphasised the importance for the students to get to know their environment –the campus, its facilities, teachers, and senior students as well their own peer students before they settle down for the courses. This is to inculcate not only confidence in them but to remove inhibitions or fear in mingling with other stakeholders of the college.

The Workshop had various Sessions on English Communication Skills. Environmental Consciousness, Health and Hygiene, Safety and Security, Value Education, Personality Development, Motivational Talk, Volunteering, etc. They were also informed about Research facilities available in the Campus, e-Library, Labs, Smart Classrooms, WiFi facility throughout the Campus, about NSS, Legal Services Clinic, Red Ribbon Club, Placement Cell and Career Counselling, NET and other Career oriented Coaching Classes, Funding Agencies for Research Projects, on Examinations and Evaluation Systems, Plagiarism etc. Apart from these sessions the Workshop also had Components on Literary, Cultural and Sports Activities in order to find out the talents of the new comers in the respective fields of interest. Most importantly they
were also given foundation sessions on Human Values and Professional Ethics, which will enable them to not only excel in their fields of Study but also become better citizens of the world.

Dr. V. Uma@ Amalorepavamary, Reporter, Directorate of Information and Publicity, Govt. of Puducherry, Puducherry gave the Motivational Talk. Dr. A. Golda Edwin, Executive Director, APSCC, (Association for Promoting Sustainability in Campuses & Communities), delivered a talk on Environmental Consciousness. Dr. M. Nandivarman, Coordinator, Green Campus and Green Protocol Compliance, Pondicherry University, discussed at length the U.N. Gaols for Sustainable Development with lot of examples and inputs. Students actively engaged in discussions and raised several queries. Dr. Jayastri Kurushev Professor MTPG & RIHSMTIHS Govt of Puducherry, Puducherry, was the Resource Person for the Session on Safety and Security, Health and Hygiene.

One Session was allotted to the Controller of Exams, KMCPGS, who elaborated on the Evaluation and Examination System in the college. Fr. Antonisamy spoke to the students on responsibility of being good citizens, educational loans, and life skill values. Dr. Shekawat enumerated on the importance of NET Exams and how to go about the study plan. Dr. M. Palanisamy handled English Communication skills. Dr. Marie Josephine Aruna lectured on human values, the need for harmony within and outside of every individual, in everyday life to make students lead a better life. Apart from the lecture sessions the students were divided into batches of 100 and taken on tour to the historically significant places in Puducherry like the War Memorial, Aaye Mandapam etc. as well as the Ousteri Lake and Botanical Gardens to create environmental consciousness among the Students. The students were also engaged in Literary Activities like Role Playing, Poetry Reading and storytelling, singing, Brain Storming, and other group activities like Group Discussions and Debates. A Motivational Movie was also screened as part of the Programme.

One Session was devoted to the meeting of Parents with teachers. The Parents were overwhelmed by the way the Induction cum Welcome Programme was planned and executed. As important stakeholders of the Education System, they felt their participation in such a meeting made them aware of the kind of environment their wards were entering into, their own responsibilities to the institution etc., and the last day was devoted to Health check up of all the Freshers, organised with the help of Department of Health and Family Welfare, Women and Chid Development, and Bharathidasan Govt. College for Women. All the Freshers also underwent Anaemia Check.

The Valedictory function was held on 21/9/2019. Dr. D. Gnanasegaran, Rtd. Professor of English delivered the Valedictory Address. He spoke on the importance of Quality education and commitment to society. Dr. Sakthivel Rowthiram, Educationist and Mentor, delivered the Special Address. He stressed on the need for students to be focused on their goals and not get distracted by the social media. The Director of the Centre Dr. Aravazhi Irissappane emphasised
the importance for the students to get to know their environment – the campus, its facilities, teachers, and senior students as well their own peer students before they settle down for the courses. He also stressed on the importance of NET Exam and other Career oriented Coaching Classes and the role of parents as stakeholders in the higher education system.

The Valedictory came to an end with a photo session and Certificate Distribution. Earlier Dr. Karpagam welcomed the gathering and Dr. Periyandi delivered the vote of thanks. The Workshop was initially conceptualised and organised by SIP Coordinator Dr. Marie Josephine Aruna, and all other Team members-Dr. Muthu, Dr. Kasthuri, Dr. Sujatha, Dr. P. Dinadayalan, Dr. Sujeeth, and Mr. Rajabathar in charge of Sports activities as well as Student Volunteers Mr. Jones and Team. Nearly 350 students of all Disciplines participated and submitted their Feedback and Reports at the end of the Programme. The Workshop covered almost all aspects of the Induction as stipulated by the UGC.

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