

SULLAMUSSALAM - MANTHAN INTEGRATED LEARNING EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

SMILE 2.0

Sep 29 - Oct 6, 2019

Report of Activities



**Sullamussalam Science College, Areekode
Manthan Shikshak Sansthan, Kotri, Rajasthan**

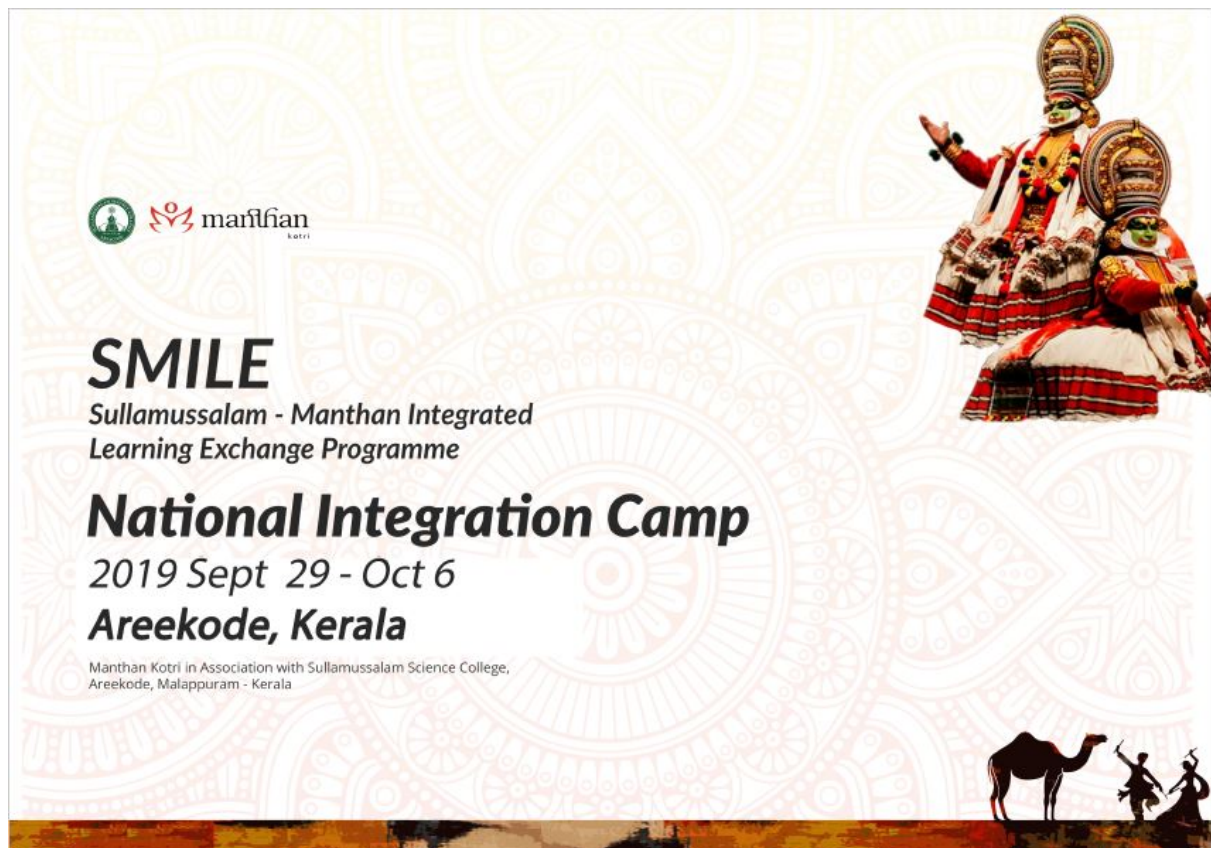
Second Edition of the SMILE Programme

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The poster features a large, intricate white mandala pattern on a light yellow background. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'manthan kotri' with a green circular icon. To the right, there is a photograph of two Hindu deities in ornate red and white attire. At the bottom right, there is a silhouette of a camel and two people walking. The text is arranged in the lower-left quadrant.

 **SMILE**
Sullamussalam - Manthan Integrated Learning Exchange Programme

National Integration Camp
2019 Sept 29 - Oct 6
Areekode, Kerala

Manthan Kotri in Association with Sullamussalam Science College,
Areekode, Malappuram - Kerala

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Interaction with Heads and Campus Visit

The interns began their Kerala journey with an interaction with the Manager, Principal, Heads of Departments of Sullamussalam Science College. They explored the college's departments, laboratories, and studio, engaging in hands-on activities such as scientific experiments and news reading exercises, which gave them a glimpse into innovative educational practices.

Interaction with Students

The interns actively interacted with college students and student union members, exchanging thoughts on academics, campus life, and socio-cultural experiences. These sessions strengthened the bond between the two institutions and fostered meaningful dialogue.

Exploring Kerala's Education System

To understand Kerala's unique approach to education, the delegation visited a spectrum of educational institutions, from kindergarten to higher secondary schools, gaining first-hand insights into the state's holistic and inclusive educational framework.

Visit to SOHSS and Cultural Performances

A highlight of the programme was the visit to the Sullamussalam Oriental Higher Secondary School (SOHSS), where the participants were mesmerized by cultural performances such as Oppana, Kolkali, and Daff Muttu during the School Arts Fest. This event provided an authentic cultural exchange, showcasing Kerala's artistic traditions.

Home Visits and Community Engagement

As part of their immersive experience, the delegates visited local homes and communities, where they observed the daily lives of Kerala's residents. This interaction deepened their understanding of the region's socio-economic conditions and fostered a sense of inclusivity.

Trip to Wayanad

The delegates embarked on an unforgettable trip to Wayanad, visiting Thusharagiri Waterfalls, Pookode Lake, and Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary. For many participants, this was their first experience of lush green hills, cascading waterfalls, and a wildlife safari. This exposure to Kerala's natural beauty left a lasting impression.

Calicut Beach Visit

The group also visited Calicut Beach, where many of them saw the ocean for the first time. This visit was a moment of awe and inspiration, highlighting the geographic diversity of India.

Urban Exploration

The programme included visits to modern landmarks such as HiLite Mall, Calicut Planetarium, and SM Street, allowing participants to explore Kerala's blend of tradition and modernity.

OUTCOMES AND REFLECTIONS

The second edition of the SMILE programme was a transformative experience for the participants from Manthan Sikshak Sansthan Academy. The participants gained a profound understanding of Kerala's vibrant traditions, educational achievements, and lifestyle.

Observing Kerala's education system inspired discussions on innovative and inclusive educational practices, which the participants can adapt in their own contexts. Interactions with students, faculty, and local residents reinforced the core objective of cultural exchange, leaving both hosts and visitors with valuable friendships and shared experiences.

Visits to Wayanad, Calicut Beach, and urban centers like HiLite Mall provided the delegates with an enriched perspective of Kerala's natural beauty, modern infrastructure, and cultural diversity. For many participants, activities like visiting the beach, exploring the hills, and engaging in a wildlife safari were once-in-a-lifetime experiences that broadened their worldview.

SCHEDULE OF SMILE 2.0

SCHEDULE OF VISIT	
29th September - 06th October 2019	
Date	Activities
29 th September Sunday	12. 00 am - Arrives at Calicut Station. 02.00 am - Reach Hostel One day full rest. 04:30 pm - Evening walk - River-dale
30 th September Monday	07.30 am - Welcome to college. Welcome (NSS Volunteers) 10.30-11.30 - Interaction with Manager, Principal, Heads & Club coordinators 11:30 - 1.00 pm - Visit to departments, labs and facilities. 4.00 pm - Boat ride (Koolimadu-Mavoor) 8.00 pm - Mehfil with Dinner
1 st October Tuesday	9.30-10.30 - School visit, Anganawadi visit 02.00-04.00 - Session and interaction with students. 4:00 - 5:00 - Interaction with Students Union 05:00 - 7.00 pm - Community Visit / Home visit 9:00 pm - Border Ki Kahaniyaam - Mr. Cheemu
2 nd October Wednesday	06.00 am - Off to Wayanad (Thusharagiri, Pookkod - Muthanga - Wildlife Safari
3 rd October Thursday	10:30 am - School visit _ SOHSS - facilities Arts Fest - Oppana/Kolkkali and others 4:00 pm - Official Launching of SMILE Programme by Dist Collector
4 th October Friday	08:00 am - To Calicut Planetarium, Mall - HiLite (Film (12D at HiLite / Snow World) Visit to SM Street, Shopping, Beach 8.00 pm - Travel to Kodungallur
5 th October Saturday	Mosque, Church and temple visit Town and back water visit Night Mehfil
6 th October Sunday	Validictory Session Return by 6.00 pm



SMILE Interns from Manthan Sikshak Santhan, Kotri, Rajasthan, being welcomed to Sullamussalam Science College by the NSS Volunteers



College Manager Prof: N V Abdurahiman and Principal Dr, P Muhammed Ilyas, interacting with SMILE Interns from Manthan Sikshak Santhan.



SMILE Interns from Manthan Sikshak Santhan at the Media Centre of Sullamussalam Science College, Areekode



SMILE Interns from Manthan Sikshak Santhan visiting the Calicut Beach.

MANTHAN STUDENTS IN GOD'S OWN COUNTRY

Thamanna Kabeer

"The God has given everything to Kerala - the waterfalls, the hills, the Ocean, greenery etc - and nothing has left to us", says Nisha from Rajasthan. Nisha was one among the ten interns from Manthan School in Kotri village of Rajasthan who were on a short visit to Kerala as part of the SMILE Exchange Programme. The College organized a short trip to Wayand to show them wonders of Mother Nature.

The trip started with a visit to Thusharagiri waterfalls where the interns experienced a fun-filled few hours by the waterfall. All of them were watching a waterfall for the first time. The smiles on their faces were more wonderful sight than the waterfall itself. They were also taken to a Boat ride at Pookode Lake.

The last stop was at an adventurous Wild Safari at Wayanad Muthanga forest. The one hour ride deep into the woods made the students



Photo: Ajmal Badsha M.K

Manthan students at Thusharagiri waterfalls.

almost jump out of their seats with excitement. Various exhibits at the Biodiversity Museum amazed students.

SMILE Interns Visit Sullamussalam

Rajina PP

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Manthan students visiting River Chalyar Photo: Ajmal Badsha M.K



KOTRI TO KOZHIKODE
RAJASTHANI GIRLS FROM A WATER-SCARCE VILLAGE
EXPERIENCE SEA FOR THE FIRST TIME

Kotri to Kozhikode: A documentary by The Week on the SMILE 2.0 jointly organised by Sullamussalam Science College, Areekode, and Manthan Sikshak Sansthan, Kotri, Rajasthan