SULLAMUSSALAM - MANTHAN INTEGRATED LEARNING EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

SMILE 1.0 Jan 30 - Feb 6, 2019

Report of Activities



Sullamussalam Science College, Areekode Manthan Shikshak Sansthan, Kotri, Rajastan

First Edition of the SMILE Programme

The first edition of the SMILE (Sullamussalam - Manthan Integrated Learning Exchange) Programme was successfully conducted from January 30 to February 6, 2019, marking a significant milestone in the collaborative cultural exchange initiative between Sullamussalam Science College and Manthan Sikshak Sansthan in Rajasthan.

A team of 11 students, hand-picked from various departments of Sullamussalam Science College, along with two faculty members — Riyas Aboobacker, Head of the Department of Journalism, and Muneer VK, Department of Computer Science — spent 10 days immersed in the vibrant culture and life of rural Rajasthan.



PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

The SMILE interns engaged in a variety of activities aimed at skill-sharing and cultural exchange:

1. Skill Development Sessions:

Students imparted their skills to the learners at Manthan, including painting, robotics, working model making, martial arts, and sports and games, fostering creativity and innovation.

2. Interactive Teaching Exercises:

Interactive sessions with students and teaching exercises were conducted to improve learning experiences, including the preparation of teaching aids to enhance educational outcomes.

3. Village Visits:

Interns visited local villages, observing the socio-economic conditions and interacting with the residents to understand their challenges and lifestyles.

4. Night School Visits:

Visits to night schools in Jabdi Nagar and Ulana provided the interns with insights into the innovative approaches taken to educate children and adults in rural communities.

5. Sathh Programme:

Each SMILE intern stayed with a local family as part of the Sathh Programme, experiencing firsthand the traditions, customs, and daily life of Rajasthan villages. This unique immersion enriched their understanding of the region's culture and strengthened bonds with the local community.

6. Engagement with Children:

The interns interacted closely with children at Manthan, organizing activities that combined learning with fun and helping to build a positive and nurturing environment.

OUTCOMES AND REFLECTIONS

The SMILE programme proved to be a transformational learning experience for the interns, broadening their horizons and fostering a deeper appreciation for the diversity of cultures and lifestyles in India. It offered them a platform to apply their knowledge and skills in meaningful ways while developing empathy and social awareness.

The interaction with the students and the local community helped the interns explore the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan, while the exposure to its socio-economic realities inspired new perspectives and a greater sense of social responsibility.

The success of the first edition of the SMILE programme has set the stage for further collaborations and exchange programs, strengthening the partnership between Sullamussalam Science College and Manthan, and paving the way for future participants to embark on similarly enriching journeys.

LIST OF SMILE 1.0 INTERNS

NAME OF INTERN	DEPARTMENT
Sreeraj C	Physics
Abdulla Aman	Physics
Muhammed Ali Jouhar	English
Julab CK	English
Jasir	Computer Science
Mohammed Shoib	Computer Science
Adeeb UP	Computer Science
Ajmal Badsha MK	Broadcasting & Journalism
Shahbas Jadeen	Broadcasting & Journalism
Imthiyas	Commerce
Muhammed Nijad P	Broadcasting & Journalism
Teacher Coordinators	
Riyas Aboobacker	Journalism
Muneer VK	Computer Science









SCHEDULE OF SMILE 1.0

Date and Day	Activities	
30 th January 2019 Wednesday	AB	Philosophy of Education – Introduction to Barefoot & Manthan
	AL	Introduction to Manthan Shikshan Sansthan Academy Gram visit
	AD	Mehfil – Entertainments & Discussions over Masala Chai
31 st January 2019 Thursday	AB	Manthan Team - Interaction and Orientation
	AL	Interaction with kids, Gram visit
	AD	Mehfil – Entertainments & Discussions over Masala Chai
1 st February 2019 Friday	AB	Preparation of Teaching Aids & Interaction with kids
	AL	Visit to Sambar Salt Lake
		Jabdi Nagar Evening School visit
	AD	Mehfil and preparation for the "Coffee on the Wall"
2 nd February 2019 Saturday	AB	Waste management in Creative Ways
	AL	Night school visit – Ulana
	AD	Mehfil and Preperation for Coffee on the Wall
3 rd February 2019 Sunday	AB	Watershed visit and Interaction with people
	AL	Sathh programme – with Nosal Community
	AD	
4 th February 2019 Monday	AB	Feedback Session
	AL	Cooking Kerala Food for the students of Manthan school
	AD	Camping in the field (if weather is favourable)
5 th February 2019 Tuesday	AB	Function and Signing of MOU with Manthan
	AL	Students final Presentation
	AD	Exploring Rajasthan Culture and Tradition
6 th February 2019 Wednesday 7 th February 2019 Thursday		Visits to Pushkar and Ajmer Inauguration of the "Coffee on the Wall" Project at Pushkar



SMILE Interns from Sullamussalam Science College demonstrates basics of Robotics to the students of Manthan Sikshak Santhan, Kotri, Rajasthan.





SMILE Interns from Sullamussalam Science College with the students of Jabdi Nagar Night
School under Manthan Sikshak Santhan, Kotri, Rajasthan.



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