

REPORT ON THREE DAY MEET OF VIPNET CLUBS (SOUTHERN ZONE) AT DR. N.G.P. COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. COIMBATORE FROM 9-11 OCTOBER – 2012.

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09/10/2012 (First day)

Inaugural function started at 11.00 am on 9th October. The chief guest Dr. Krishna Kumar, Director, Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding (Indian Council of Forestry research and Education) Coimbatore and other dignitaries on the dias address the gathering .

Welcome speech was delivered by Dr. V. Ramakrishnan (Principal, Dr. N.G.P. College of Education, Coimbatore). Presidential address was given by Dr. P. Iyam Perumal, Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre, Chennai. During his informative speech he compared the present students to water tanks with regard to storing and drainage of information. He also mentioned the prevalence of science cafeterias in developed & developing nations.

Sri. C. Balachandran Nair IFS (Chief Conservator of Forests, Kerala) and Dr. T. Buvaneshwaran (Chief Executive Officer, Kovai Medical Centre Research and Educational Trust, Coimbatore) felicitated the function, Sri. C. Balachandran Nair highlighted the need to protect and provide appropriate environment for healthy thought process and overall development of the children.

The keynote address was given by Mr. B.K. Tyagi, Senior Scientist, Vigyan Prasar, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi. He had quoted Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and exhorted the VIPNET club representatives to ignite the minds of the student community.

This was followed by the Address by the guests of honor, Dr. Nalla. G. Palani Swami, chairman, Dr. N.G.P. and KMCH Educational Institutions, coimbatore and Dr. Thavamani.D.Palaniswami, Secretary, Dr. N.G.P. and KMCH Educational Institutions, coimbatore.

The chief guest Dr. N. Krishna Kumar IFS, emphasized the need for 'Synario learning', wild life youth clubs, student volunteers in zoo and

dissemination of scientific findings in simple and vernacular language for easy access to the public.

Dr. S. Soundara Raja Perumal, Joint Director, Tamilnadu Science and Technology Centre, Chennai, gave vote of thanks at end of forenoon session.

Mr. B.K. Tyagi had presented details of two year activities for VIPNET club.

Dr. Iyam Perumal demonstrated certain scientific findings through simple and interesting experiments. He also narrated an interesting story of a boy who explain different methods to find the height of a building.

Dr. V.S.S. Sastry, origami specialist in India, canara bank, kolar demonstrated the movement of moon, rotation of earth, waxing and waning of moon etc by using models made by self. He also explained the characteristics of mathematics viz.

- Mathematics has exactness.
- Mathematics has a language.
- We can go back in mathematics.
- Mathematics can be expressed as formula, but we forget the events brought that formula.

10/10/2012 (Second day)

Study tour of the day began with a visit to J.D. Naidu museum in Coimbatore. J.D. Naidu was known to be an inventor of many things. Museum contain numerous antique and worthy scientific instruments having educative value.

After that, we visited "Gass Museum in Forest complex, Coimbatore. Mr. Gass was a conservator in forest during British regime. He had a habit of collecting things related to forest. With his collections he has set up a museum, which now has numerous unique items on display including the largest sandal wood tree, byson with biggest sweep, pythons skin, unique specimens of insects and

butterflies, varieties of tribal tools, largest and smallest eggs and various forest products.

At the end tour trip we visited Agricultural university Museum where pictures of different species of birds, butter files, animals etc are displayed.

Afternoon session was enlivened by various cultural programmes presented by students of NGP college of Education and VIPNET club members.

Then Dr. Sastri took an inspiring class about the application of origami in Mathematics.

After that VIPNET club members formed state wise groups and discussed about the preparation of the programme chart for the coming year under the moderation and guidance of Mr. B.K. Tyagi.

11/10/2012 (Third day)

M.S. Rao gave interactive lecture & knowledge about herbal medicine followed by the slide show of Dr. Palaniswami. Dr. P. Iyam Perumal, Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre, Chennai explained about the available services from planetarium to the VIPNET clubs. Dr. Palaniswami in his slide show named gave awareness about the reduction in number of plants by the spoilage of paper.

Certificate has been presented to the participants during felicitation programme.

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