

ETHIRAJ COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, CHENNAI – 600 008

DISASTER MITIGATION LEAGUE

REPORT

(of the events held in the odd semester, July – November 2018)

SUMMARY

The Disaster Mitigation League of the Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai had planned to conduct three programmes for the odd semester (July – November) in the year 2018. However, the League was given the opportunity to work on an additional Project during the Kerala Floods in August 2018, thus making it to 4 programmes for the odd semester ending in November, 2018.

The following are the programmes conducted by the League.

| S.No | Date | Programme |
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| 1. | 21-08-2018 | “Ethiraj – All for Kerala” – a drive for Kerala flood relief |
| 2. | 13-10-2018 | Street Play by Tamil Teatro group of Ethiraj College for Women |
| 3. | 15-10-2018 | A Guest Lecture on “Disaster Management” |
| 4. | 15-10-2018 | Poster Making Competition on “Disaster Management” |

PROGRAMME – 1

ETHIRAJ – ALL FOR KERALA

(a drive for Kerala flood relief)

The Disaster Mitigation League, in association with the Social Work League of Ethiraj College for Women was given the opportunity to organise a relief drive for the recent floods in the neighbouring State of Kerala. As a result, an account was opened in the Women Entrepreneurs Branch of the Indian Overseas Bank (A/c No. **26879**) on 21-08-2018 and money amounting to Rs. 52,683/- (Rs. Fifty Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Three only) that was collected from the Staff and students of the College was deposited into it.

The account was closed on 24-09-2018 and a sum of Rs. 52,683/- was transferred to the Trust account of Ethiraj College for Women (A/c No. 146) on 25-09-2018. Thereafter, the Ethiraj College Trust had contributed its share of **Rs. 47,317/-** (Rs. Forty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Seventeen only) and a total sum of **Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lakh only)** was donated to the “**Chief Minister’s Distress Relief Fund**” (A/c No. **67319948232**), State Bank of India, City Branch, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (Cheque No. 929200).

PROGRAMME – 2

STREET PLAY BY TAMIL TEATRO

The International Day for Disaster Reduction was observed on the 13th of October 2018. As part of the celebrations of the day, the Tamil Teatro group of the Ethiraj College for Women was invited by the Disaster Mitigation League to put up a street play on the theme “Disaster Management in Tamil Nadu”.

The event that had attracted a huge crowd, including several Staff members and students of the College, was held in front of the Day College Canteen between 11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. (during Lunch break) and in front of the Evening College canteen between 1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. (during Lunch break) on the same day.

The Tamil Teatro team, through their performance, had not only raised awareness on managing the water resources and supply but had also warned the audience about the impact of floods and the problem of encroaching empty land. Apart from pointing out the role of the Government in disaster management, the performing team had brought an end to their play by putting forth a question to the audience on their role in mitigating disasters in future.

PROGRAMME – 3

A GUEST LECTURE – BY Mr. AGNISHWAR JAYAPRAKASH

As part of the International Day for Disaster Reduction, the Disaster Mitigation League of Ethiraj College for Women had organised a Guest Lecture on “Disaster Management” on 15th of October 2018 from 10.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at the Mini Auditorium (Annexe block). Prominent swimmer Mr. Agnishwar Jayaprakash, who is also the Founder and CEO of the Agni Foundation and a Member of the Youth Assembly in the United Nations Organization had delivered the lecture.

The speaker had grabbed the attention of the audience by discussing on his personal experiences during the various disasters that had occurred in Tamil Nadu. He had also highlighted the contribution of 800 odd volunteers from the Agni Foundation during various disasters in and around Chennai. Further, the Speaker also enlightened the audience on the do’s and dont’s during any natural calamity.

The event was attended by Mrs. Jayanthi, the Dean of Students, staff members and students from various Departments of Ethiraj College for Women. The lecture was highly thought provoking and interactive in nature, that it had even witnessed a discussion on several man-made disasters.

PROGRAMME – 4

POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

On account of the International Day for Disaster Reduction, the Disaster Mitigation League of Ethiraj College for Women had also conducted a poster making competition on the 15th of October, 2018 between 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the Open Air Theatre (Annexe block).

The event was presided by Dr. T. Kausalya Kumari, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of History, Tourism and Travel Management, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, who had also consented to be the Judge for the same.

Students from various Departments of the aided stream had registered and a total number of 10 teams consisting of 2 students each had participated in the competition on the theme “Disaster Management”. The participants had exhibited their ideas in different ways and finally two posters were adjudged to be the best among all.

The participants of the winning teams (B.Com. CS and B.Sc. Bio-Chemistry) were awarded with trophies and certificates and the posters, both of the prize winners and the others have been retained by the League, with the view of displaying them across the college campus during the forth-coming events of the League in the following semester.

By conducting this event, the Disaster Mitigation League had seized the opportunity to understand the amount of awareness created among the students about disasters and the ways to manage them.

REPORT FOR THE EVEN SEMESTER (NOVEMBER 2018 – APRIL 2019)

PROGRAMME – 1

ETHIRAJ – CYCLONE GAJA RELIEF

The Disaster Mitigation League, in association with the Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women had organised a relief drive for the victims of Cyclone Gaja from 7th of December 2018.

A savings account (Ac No. 27565) was opened for that purpose at the Indian Overseas Bank, Women Entrepreneurs Branch. A sum of Rs. 42,935/- has been received in this account, as a contribution from the staff and students of the College.

The project is pending permission from the College Principal for its closure.