

REPORT ON VILLAGE EXTENSION PROGRAMME



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Name of the Adopted Village: **Unjanai**



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Since 2015, Alagappa University organizes Village Extension Programme (VEP) (Formerly known as Village Placement Programme) every year for the final year Post Graduate students as a part of their curriculum aimed at exposing students to problems faced by Indian villages. Under this programme, students should visit an under developed village and analyze the socio-economic status of the people belonging to various communities and religions. For this year, the Department of Bioinformatics was assigned a village called 'Unjanai' located 13 km away from the Science Campus. The ultimate objective of this programme was to identify the demands and requirements of the village people through conducting a detailed socio-economic survey and door-to-door awareness programs and/or campaign emphasizing the importance of education, women empowerment, environmental pollution, health and nutrition.

About Unjanai Village

Unjanai is a village located in Devakottai Taluk of Sivaganga district in Tamil Nadu. Around 397 families reside in Unjanai village. Unjanai village is administered by Sarpanch (Head of village) who is elected every five years. As per the Census India 2018, Unjanai village has population of 2456 of which 1000 are males and 1456 are females. The population of children between age 0-6 is 126 which is 8.55% of total population. The sex-ratio of Unjanai village is around 950 compared to 996 which is average of Tamil Nadu state. The literacy rate of Unjanai village is 72.73% out of which 80.82% males are literate and 64.21% females are literate.

Location and Administration

Unjanai Village Gram Panchayath name is **Unjanai**; Kallivayal. Unjanai is 10 km distance from Sub District Head Quarter Devakottai and it is 75 km distance from District Head Quarter Sivaganga. Nearest Statutory Town is Karaikudi in 8 km Distance. Nearest Town is Karaikudi with 8 km Distance. Unjanai Total area is 435.44 hectares, Forest area is 70.06 hectares, Non-Agricultural area is 394.42 hectares, Total irrigated area is 293.96 hectares and Total Water fall area is 0 hectares. **Education:** Government Pre Primary, Govt Primary, Govt Middle and Govt Secondary Schools are available in this Village. Nearest Govt Arts and Science College, Govt Engineering College, Private MBA college and Private Polytechnic College are in Karaikudi. Nearest Govt Senior Secondary School is in Ariyakkudi. Nearest Govt Disabled School and Govt ITA College are in Karaikudi. **Health:** Primary Health Sub-Centre available in this village. **Agriculture and Drinking-Water and Sanitation:** Paddy, Sugarcane and Coconut are agriculture commodities grow in this village. 6 hours agricultural power supply in summer and 4 hours agricultural power supply in winter is available in this village. Total irrigated area in this village is 293.96 hectares from Boreholes/Tube wells 36

hectares and from Lakes or tanks 257.96 hectares are the Sources of irrigation. Covered Well, Un Covered Well, Hand Pump and Tube Wells/Boreholes are other Drinking Water sources. No Drainage System Available in this Village. There is no system to Collect garbage on street. Drain water is discharged into sewer plant. **Communication:** Sub Post Office is available in this Village. LandLine available. Mobile Coverage is available. Nearest Internet Centre is in 5 - 10 km. Nearest Private Courier Facility is in 5 - 10 km. **Transportation:** Public Bus service and Private Bus service are available in this village. Nearest Railway Station is in 5 - 10 km. Nearest National Highway is in 5 - 10 km. Nearest State Highway is in 5 - 10 km. District Road passes through this village. Pucca road, Kuccha Road, Macadam Road and Foot Path are other Roads and Transportation within the village. **Commerce:** Nearest ATM is in 5 - 10 km. Nearest Commercial Bank is in 5 - 10 km. Nearest Cooperative Bank is in 5 - 10 km. **Other Amenities:** This Village has a Power supply with 12 hour power supply in summer and 10 hour power supply in winter, Anganwadi centre, ASHA, Birth & Death registration office, Sports facilities, Public library, Daily News Paper and Polling station are the other amenities in the village.

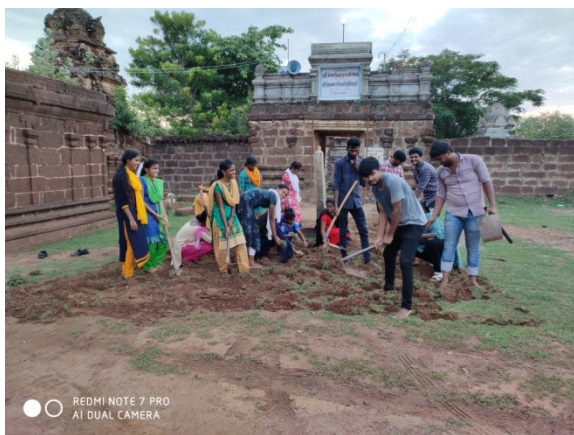
The work schedule-VEP base camp at 'Unjanai'

Day 1–(20.09.2019)–Meeting with Villagers Representatives-The day for “Swachhh Bharat Abhiyan”

On 20th September 2019, around twenty eight students coordinated by a Faculty Member Dr. P. Boomi, Assistant Professor of Department of Bioinformatics started from Science Campus at around 7.30 A.M to Unjanai through a tempo traveler. All students reached the Unjanai Village at 9.00 A.M. After that, the program was conducted at Kannakudi Panchyath Union Middle School, Unjanai by a group of dignitaries of School Head master, Mankudi, N. Sundaram Karaikudi Ex. MLA, Faculties from Department of Bioinformatics and Co-ordinator of the VPP. Totally 28 PG students were participated in this program.



Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan was carried out every day soon after the program. Different areas of the village were chosen and cleaned by the students. The students were divided into four groups for the environmental cleaning programme. Students started clearing the plastic waste, thorny bushes and other unwanted waste near and around Sivan Temple, Unjanai by 9.30 AM to 5 .00 PM.



Day 2–(21.09.2019) – Rally on importance of education & women empowerment

On the second day we used all the professors and all the students in the school to plant saplings and talk about how to conserve rain water and create a green revolution. A rally was performed by the student Team on the same day of the camp. The theme of the rally was: *“Importance of Education, Women Empowerment and green Environment”*. The students were enthusiastic to perform in all streets. To stop the use of plastic, the students from schools led by 28 VPP students peaked with a rally around campus. Holding banners and placards on the theme “Be safe to earth, reduce the use of plastic. The students were heard shouting slogans in Tamil, ‘No More Plastic’ and ‘save water’



Day 3 - Socio-economic survey and Valedictory Programme of the Camp

On the third day of the camp, a socio-economic survey was conducted by the students across the village. Socio-economic forms were used to facilitate the activity. The survey was conducted in about 50 households comprising an average of 20 family members. Every minute detail related to their lifestyle was scrutinized.



A valedictory programme had been conducted with school students, teachers and Head masters at the same school. Our Department faculties were motivated to the school students about importance of Education and how protect from life threatening Disease. In addition, we advised all the students to work harder in life to get sure success and donated geometry box with writing materials to the school students.

