## REPORT ON VILLAGE PLACEMETN PROGRAMME



**DATE: 10.03.2023 - 12.03.2023** 

Name of the Adopted Village: K. Alagapuri



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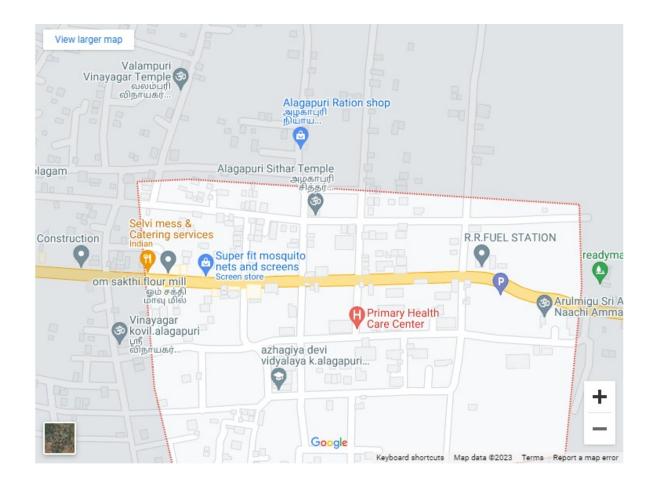
(A State University Accredited with "A+" Grade by NAAC (CGPA: 3.64) in the Third Cycle and Graded as Category-I by MHRD-UGC, 2020: QS India Rank: 24, QS ASIA Rank; 222, NIRF Rank:28) Karaikudi-630 004, Tamil Nadu, India.

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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, Department of Geology, Department of Physical Education and Health Science and Department Education was assigned a village called 'K. Alagapuri' located 5 km away from the Science Campus. The ultimate objective of this programm 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 K. Alagapuri Village

K Alagapuri is a small village, located in the Chettinad region, district of Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu. The area "K Alagapuri" lies under takula of Karaikudi, Sakkottai Block. On road, it is 5 km away from Science campus. This village is famous for its Alagapuri sither temple and Amman temple. The town is famous for its Veerasekara Umaiyambigai Temple (Sakkottai area). Nearby Kandanur is famous for Kandanur Sivan Kovil—which is a replica of the Madurai Meenakshi Temple—built by Nagarthars.



According to the India census, in 2018 the population of K Alagapuri Village was about 1589. Males constituted 700 of the total population, while females constituted 859. K Alagapuri had an average literacy rate of 65%, which was higher than the national average of 49.5%. Male literacy rate was 42% and female literacy rate was 35%. In K Alagapuri village, 200 of the population are under 6 years of age.

The work schedule-VEP base camp at 'K Alagapuri'

# Day 1–(10.03. 2023)–Meeting with Villagers Representatives-The day for "Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan" Activity

On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019, around 24 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 K Alagapuri through a tempo traveler. All students reached the K Alagapuri Village at 9.00 A.M. After reached the village, the VPP students started to prepare for the inauguration of the program. The commencement of the program began with the inaugural function by a group of VPP Co-ordinator Dr. P. Boomi (Department of Bioinformatics) Dr. K. Prabakarai (Department of Geology), Dr. M. Kalaselvi (Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences) and Dr. M. Mahendra Prabu (Department of Education) along with village people that was held in the Panchayat marriage hall (government building) at 9.30 AM. Totally 58 PG students were participated in this program (Bioinformatics-24, Geology-25, Dept. of Physical Education-05 and Dept. of Education-04). The VPP coordinator Dr. P.

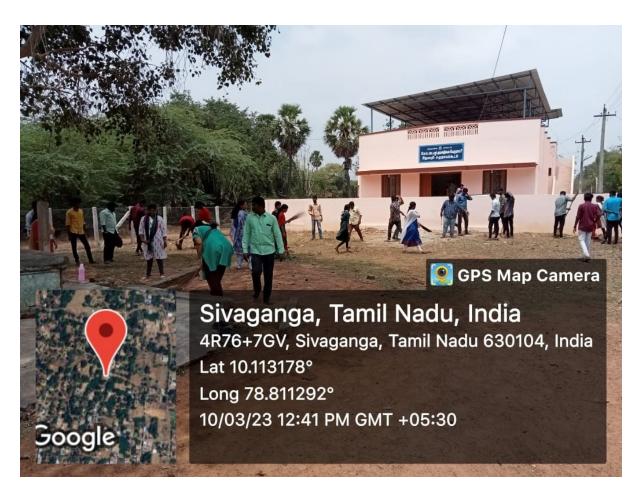
Boomi welcomed the gathering and K. Alagapuri councillor inaugurated the camp and gave the inaugural address The President of Kotayur delivered a special speech on the topic "Service". He explained the need for students to serve society. He emphasized the importance of the role of young minds in the development of our country through service. He encouraged the student volunteers to serve the society wholeheartedly. After that special program of the volunteers was conducted and the planned program of the program was announced. Finally, Dr. K. Prabakaran proposed the vote of thanks. Followed by the inauguration, all the students were asked to assemble in the same building. They had their breakfast and discussed together for the first day program.

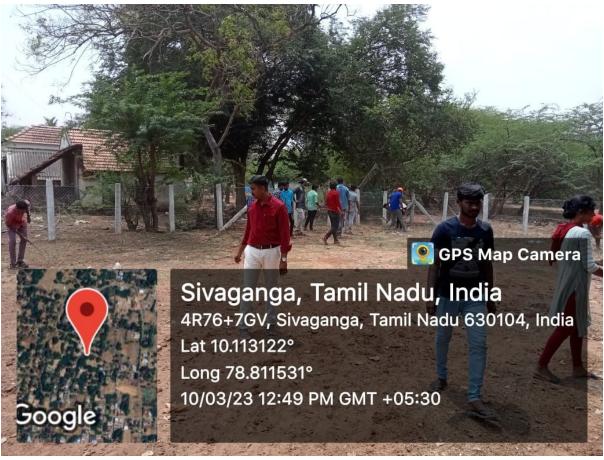






Later the students were given an opportunity to get acquainted with the villagers and get to know the environment. Hence, there was a one-to-one interaction between the villagers and the student's volunteers. The village people responded well in return. No matter what difficulties we faced, they stood by us to help us through all the risks. They provided us with beds to sleep on, water to use and drink, toilets etc. The students realized that the Ganesha temple was ugly (garbage, waste plastic paper, Trash). All the students washed and cleaned the place well. After cleaning, there was a meeting in the afternoon to discuss the plan for the evening's activities. Students noted down each and every minor detail which they came across in the introduction session.







# Day 2–(12.03.2023) – Rally on importance of Green Environment and prevention of accident

On the second day we used all the professors and all the students organised a rally to spread awareness on prevention of accidents and the guidelines issued to curb the spread of severe disease. The students under the guidance of their programme officers participated in the awareness rally. The volunteers stressed the need to obey traffic rules and wear helmet while driving vehicles. 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. Also they spread awareness amongst public regarding use of cloth bags instead of Poly bags. All the students carrying the banners with message encouraging the use of cloth bags instead of plastic bags were as successful in gaining public attention. 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'. Moreover, the students took out a massive rally against drug.



Day 3 - Free Health Check-up Camp

On the third day of the camp, VPP coordinators and students was conducted medical camp between 7.30 AM to 10.30 AM. The camp was started with formal inauguration at same building at 7.30.AM. Dr. Mahan, Dr. Vijayalakshimi and Sreena described thr Amim and objective of the medicine and treatment. A total of 521 patients got the benefits of the free

camp. The patients above 40 years were screened for Diabetes, Hypertension and cardiovascular diseases using ECG. Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure were tested and general check-up was conducted. They were given treatment on spot with the help of specialists from homeopathy medicine.





The Valedictory Function of the three Days VPP Camp was held on 12.03.2023 with villagers. All the students and coordinators were happy about the program. The program ended with the National Anthem.

