

NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NABARD)

In Association with

HEALTH AND EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (HEALDS)

CLIMATE CHANGE LITERACY PROGRAM - 2018

SCHOOL LEVEL AWARENESS PROGRAM

VENUE : GOVT.HR.SEC.SCHOOL, SEVANTHIPATTY

TIME : 10:30 AM

DATE : 20.08.2018

Improving education, training and public awareness on climate change is an important measure for persuading the whole of society to jointly participate in activities for the mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

In recent years, NABARD has strengthened the training and education on climate change with great efforts made in enhancing the awareness of climate change in youth and for promoting sustainable development.

This aims to promote environment awareness amongst school and college level students aim to create awareness on various aspects of environment, climate change and connect to nature and is being implemented across the county

As part of it, National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) in association with HEALDS conducted a School level awareness program for the students of Govt. Hr.Sec.School,Sevandipatty of Namakkal District on 20th August, 2018, Friday. Around 250 students (120 Boys / 130 Girls) participated the program. The program started with prayer.



Awareness on Climate Change issues

Government Agriculture Officer Mr. Dhanasekar addressed the gathering and explained about impacts of climate change and how to face those issues. In his speech he mentioned that Education and awareness-raising enable informed decision-making, play an essential role in increasing adaptation and mitigation capacities of communities, and empower women and men to adopt sustainable lifestyles.

M.Gunasekar, Head Mater, Govt.Hr.Sec.School also shared his views on current scenario of climate changes in nearby villages and need for understanding the new methodologies; He stated that Climate change has emerged as one of the most devastating environmental threats. It is essential to assess the awareness regarding climate change in the general population for framing the mitigation activities.

Mr.S.K.Dinesh,Assistant General Manager, NABARD explained the role of students in this regard. He mentioned that, as an evidence of climate change and its impact continues to be amassed, it has become clear that many of the causes of climate change are anthropogenic in nature through lifestyles, consumption and choices that pollute and exploit resources in an unsustainable manner. It is also predicted that climate change will have detrimental effects upon agriculture and animal husbandry, and may even result in collapsing ecosystems. N.Selvan, Assistant Head Master also shared his views to the students.



Officials explaining the concept

Dr.M,S,A Satish Babu. Director, HEALDS addressed the students by giving exclusive information about climate change issues and solutions. He mentioned that Climate change is one of the most important environmental issues facing the world today. There are noticeable consequences of climate change in Tamil Nadu such as intense thunderstorms, widespread floods and incessant droughts. He also motivated the students to form committees for supervising climate change issues in and around their villages. It was a very useful session for all the students of sevandipatty government school.



All School students participated the program

A recharge pit demonstration for showing the water conservation methodology to students has done by the officials at the venue.



Conclusion:

The rural school students got awareness about global warming and its impact. They were motivated and formed a committee under guidance of school teachers immediately after the program to save trees and water in the school campus. They also decided to set up small kitchen garden in their campus. They are ready to put their personal efforts which are more important in mitigating climate change as per the rural general population. The awareness campaigns regarding mitigation activities are recommended to these students.