

Awareness programme (1 day) at 'Victory Memorial Blind School'

We are gratified to share the report of an awareness programme (1 day) at 'Victory Memorial Blind School' at Poonamalle, Chennai, which was systematized by the Faculty of Education, Dr.M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute in collaboration with Lions Club International, Leo club of Chennai on 22 August, 2023. B.Ed. 2nd year students and research scholars joined hands together along with teachers of Faculty of Education Dr.M.G.R Educational and Research Institute in successfully accomplishing this cognizance programme. The Poonamallee Blind School (also known as Victory Memorial Blind School) is the oldest blind school in India, set up by the British rulers. The idea of a blind school was mooted by Eric Conran Smith in 1931. This school began functioning as Asia's first High school for the blind. The school offers education to blind and visually impaired boy students from classes 1 to 12th following the Tamilnadu state government syllabus. The medium of education is Tamil and English is taught as a subject. The school is fully administered by the Government of Tamilnadu. There are around 200 students studying here and most of the students who study here come from economically weaker section of the society. The school offers hostel facilities for the students. We were welcomed by principal of that organization. He addressed us about that organization and instructed us with some of curriculum followed by them over there. Subsequently, we interacted with some blind old women who were practicing a vocational course of sewing clothes. They were so polite and assertive. Then, we interacted with the students over there. They were so benevolent and superlative in reading through Braille books. Some of the students acquire knowledge through tape recorder. Afternoon, lunch was arranged by Lions Club International, Leo club of Chennai for all the students and the teachers of that organization. After lunch all the students were assembled in the school auditorium and on behalf of Faculty of Education, Dr M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Principal of our institution contributed Braille learning materials, wall fans and CFL light bulbs for that organization. Subsequently, teacher trainees were divided into groups and they had conducted some activities like balloon bursting, quiz competition etc. for the students over there. It was so blissful for us to see those happy and enthusiastic faces of the students while actively participating in the activities conducted by us. The Faculty of Education is pleased to express its gratitude to our Honorable President for supporting with fund to the blind students and the opportunity to organize the event that blaze the minds of the learning fraternity. We also extend our gratefulness to all the executives and transportation for their contribution.

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jointly organize
Awareness Programme
at
'Victoria Memorial Blind School'
Poonamalle, Chennai.

 **22.08.2023**  **8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**





