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Venue: ZPH School, Vaddeswaram

AWARENESS ON TABOOS

This outreach programme of Awareness on Taboos which was conducted in Vaddeswaram Village at ZPH School, Guntur District with a team of 40 students. The main objective of this programme is to cultivate basic knowledge on taboo for children and make them aware. As part of this objective, we have conducted a pre survey to know basic knowledge of what children have on taboo. A taboo is an implicit prohibition on something (usually against an utterance or behavior) based on a cultural sense that it is excessively repulsive or, perhaps, too sacred for ordinary people. Such prohibitions are present in virtually all societies. On a comparative basis, taboos, for example related to food items, seem to make no sense at all, as what may be declared unfit for one group by custom or religion may be perfectly acceptable to another.

Taboos are often meant to protect the human individual, but there are numerous other reasons for their existence. An ecological or medical background is apparent in many, including some that are religious or spiritual in origin. For example, many elders tell their kids not to go near trees at night as there may be devils and spirits. But the reality behind that is trees release Carbon dioxide at night and absorb Oxygen. Apart from these there are also examples related to religious beliefs, women menstruation cycles etc. The main idea behind introducing taboo words by our ancestors is to create fear in people in a positive way that people will be careful in what they are doing. But now they are used as sacred practices and have reached an extreme level where they even kill people and leave their children. This is just the misconception that is assumed by people.

These practices are abundantly found in villages. To hit this issue directly we KLU students approached a school and interacted with the students, conducted surveys,

and made them realize the real perception behind taboo. Topics related to religious beliefs, women problems, scientific beliefs etc. were clearly explained. If these misconceptions are not made clear from childhood, then it will completely destroy both the coming and present generations. After the talk, the students are able to find the difference between what realities is and what is illusion. Post survey is being conducted after the interaction and the result is quite amazing. They were able to understand and adapt very quickly.

No. of Students participated: 142

No. of Faculty participated: 13

Event Photos:

