

Note on Field Immersion program of Batch 12 PGDRDM Students (2016-17)

As a part of Field Immersion visit under the One year Diploma Program of PGDRDM, the students were taken to interiors of Chittoor District, MulakalaCheruvu mandal this time. All the Forty six students were accommodated in seven villages of this Mandal for five days (from 25th to 29th 2016) with the help of Sri Vasudeva Reddy and his SOPAN NGO. He, being local resident of Chittoor coordinated the program successfully.

During their stay in the villages the students were made familiar with the local people, their needs and challenges, various government programmes being implemented and functioning of local institutions like, Government primary schools and Anganwadis, Village Panchayat, SHGs, Village organization and health centres. Students also made note of the major crops grown, agriculture and irrigation facilities available and local markets. This activity helped the students to gain, a firsthand experience about the present villages, their lifestyles and motivated them to think factors needed for improvements which can be brought about. Through this program students learnt practically how to conduct social research, analyse the results and present them systematically and also get a firsthand experience of rural life.



Fig 1 Household survey



Fig 2. Meeting with SHG members



Fig 3 Rural Livestock



Fig 4 Village Primary School

