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Street Play by PESIAMS students at Gopi circle, Shivamogga

In view of Swachhata Pakhwad fortnight, 2018 an initiative of the Central Government, Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Shivamogga, created under the Ministry of Skill development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, along with Prerana Educational and Social Trust and Swamy Vivekananda Educational Trust, has been successfully conducting many innovative programmes to create awareness among the public about the importance of cleanliness.

As a part of this Swachhata Campaign, a street play depicting the importance of cleanliness of our surroundings and the harmful effects of open defecation was enacted by students of PESIAMS at Gopi Circle, Shivamogga.

The street play focused on the attitude of the public who dumped solid wastes and dust in their neighborhood and the ensuing quarrel in the locality. The play also brought out how some men in the villages are reluctant to use latrines at home but prefer to use open land for defecation and thereby cause inconvenience and embarrassment to the women folk at home. The play conveyed the idea loud and clear that open defecation not only pollutes the atmosphere but is also the root cause of many diseases. The play also brought out the message that the central government in order to put an end to open defecation is giving financial aid to the needy to get a latrine constructed in their house.

The programme was presided over by Smt. S.Y Arunadevi, Director of JSS and Trustee, PES trust, Shivamogga. Dr. K. Sailatha, Principal, PESIAMS and teaching and non teaching of the college and some students were present on this occasion.

The street play was witnessed by a large section of the public, including the passersby on the Nehru road which is the central place of business in Shivamogga. The placard and posters carried by the students attracted the public and created curiosity among them.

The students were trained and directed by a budding artist Sri Nagaraj Neel, Karnataka State Best Actor Awardee of 2014.



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