

Report on Food Scrap Free Carnival 2020

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology (AVIT), Chennai an ambit Institution of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (VMRF), celebrated "Food Scrap Free Carnival 2020" on 13th of February 2020 at the Indoor Auditorium in AVIT campus, Chennai. Food Scrap Free is a friendly competition for schools to promote and improve efforts at Organic Waste Management; a small step in creating awareness amongst youth through Composting and Painting Competitions to encourage waste reduction and eliminate waste generation. AVIT in association with Ithu Nmma Bhoomi and Earth recycler team organized this mega project in around 50 schools in and around the city. The programme commenced at 10.00 am. A short video on Food Scrap Free (FSF) had been presented. The programme began with an Invocation song by the students of AVIT. The auspicious FSF lamp was lighted by the eminent dignitaries.

Dr. K.L. Shunmuganathan, Principal, AVIT, delivered a Welcome Address. Ms. Arulpriya S of Nammaboomi enunciated the Programme, "Food Scrap Free Carnival 2020" to the audience. Dr. A.S. Ganesan, Honorable Chancellor presided over the function with his Presidential Address. Dr. S.A.V.SatyaMurthy, Director of Research, VMRF offered a Special Address. After his address, Guests of Honour, Dr. Mathisekaran, IES(Rtd.), Dr. Sultan Ahamed Ismail, Director, Eco Science Research Foundation, Chennai and Ms. V. Seethalakshmi, MGNCRE – MHRD, Govt. of India delivered the guest address. Cash prize worth Rs.50,000; Rs.25,000 and Rs.10,000 were awarded to the First, second and third prize winners. Annai Violet matriculation school, East Tambaram, Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan senior sec school, Tnagar and Government hr sec school, Pudupattinam received the First, second and third prizes.

All school participants were given Participant Certificates. The auspicious Indoor Programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. S.P. Sangeetha, Vice Principal (Academics) and chief coordinator of this program and it was followed by the National Anthem. Ms. Deepa, Head Admissions and all higher officials of AVIT participated in the program.

A special lunch was provided to all participants. During the post lunch session, participants were instructed how the waste plastic bottles could be made as Bird Feed Makers. The whole event successfully concluded with a Composting Park Visit to AVIT. Mr. Ragavan Rajan, Facility Manager, AVIT campus made all the arrangements. Mr. Surendra Babu and a team of faculty from AV campus coordinated with the schools.

