

Desilting Work at Aalampatti Oorani- A Report

The Tiruchirappalli District Administration had requested all the higher education institutions in the district to take part in its social service initiative by desilting and cleaning up the water bodies before the onset of monsoon. Heeding the call, our college identified a tank near Aalampatti and decided to carry out the desilting work.

On 02.08.2019, the tank's inner part was desilted with the help of an earthmover. All the weeds, bushes and briars were removed. The work that started at 8.00 a.m. went on till 5.30 p.m with a half an hour break in between. The work was supervised by Lt..K.Ramar, Flg.Off. R.Suresh Kumar (NCC officers) and student volunteers. The tank bund on the southern side was strengthened and the path created for the movement of cattle for grazing was plugged. A withered and hollowed tree that stood blocking the water inlet was also removed. The villages offered their cooperation. Mr. Lawrence, who acts as Talaiyari and a few others offered their help in many ways.

On 03.08.2019, the work continued with the help of nearly 75 NCC and NSS volunteers Dr. B. Sekar, Dr.V.Srividya (NSS officers) and Lt.V.Vanitha (NCC officers) joined the student work force and supervised the ongoing work. The rubbish and the fallen tree trunk were removed. The bushes surrounding the tank steps were cleared. The work continued till evening with the help of an earthmover and the tank bed was evenly cleaned. However, the rocky outcrops in the tank posed problems. So only the central part of the tank could be dug to a depth of two and a half feet. The villagers again helped the volunteers, this time by providing snacks and cool drinks.

The Principal Dr. R.Sundararaman along with the Vice – Principal Dr.D.E.Benet oversaw the operations. The Secretary of our college Shri.K.Raghunathan guided the teachers and volunteers and financed liberally the undertaking of the whole project.