

D.K.M COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) VELLORE -1
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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY EXTENSION ACTIVITY - 2023
NATURE CONSERVATION DAY -28.07.23
REPORT

As part of Extension Activity Department of History organized a visit to Bhavathi Hills to sow seeds and plant fruit saplings on the hills, which is of historically importance place, it has many Rock Edicts and temples which belong to 7th century.

The students are studying paper on History of Vellore and Archaeology, as part of practical experience the students visited the site on 28.07.23 which was celebrated as Natural Conservation Day. The students were taught the importance and preservation of Nature. Nearly 64 students from III B. A History and two faculty members Dr.A.Amirthavalli, Associate Professor & H O D of History, Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi Assistant Professor of History , one non-Teaching Staff K. Saravanan Record Clerk D.K.M College for Women Participated in the trekking.

Mr. Tamilvanan, Archaeologist accompanied with us and explain the importance of historical places. The trekking started at 8.45a.m and came to an end at 3.30. p. m. Students reached the hill top and planted tree saplings and sowed seeds.

The hill is about 1100 feet high .The Bhagavathy Hill was used from the ancient periods to till date. Evidences are there on the hill to prove the same. The hill has many natural caves and served as a shelter to the prehistoric human men. Later the same was used by the Janis, who migrated from Shravanabelagola. A 10th Century a Shiva Temple with inscriptions is also on the top of the hill.

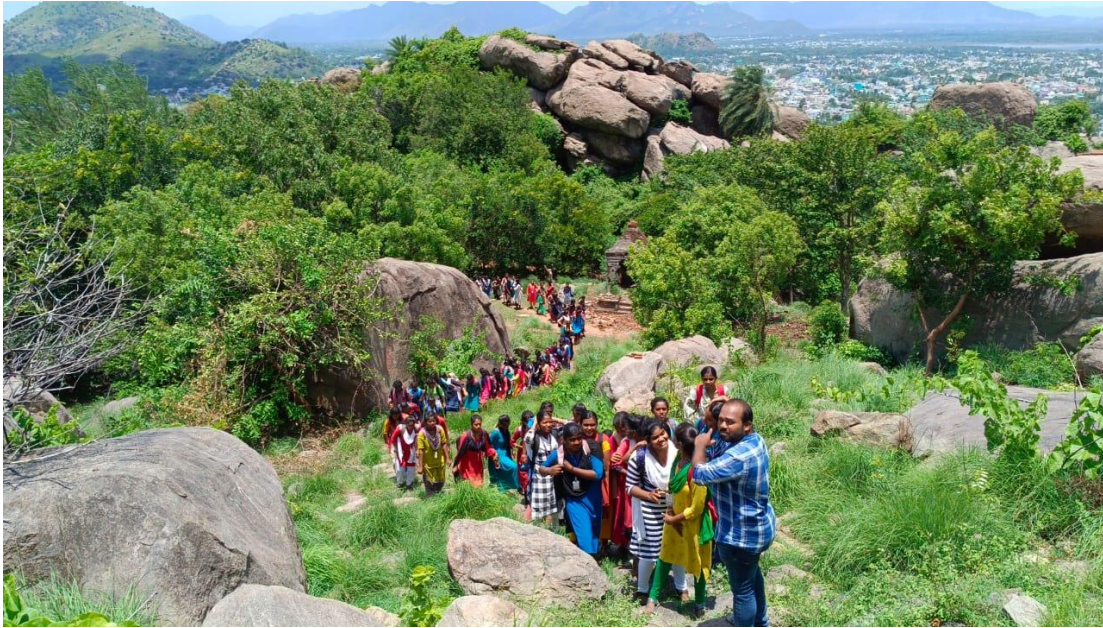
On the top of the hill there are Bhagavathy Temple, Kalki siddhar peedam and dilapidated temple structures. When we descend on the other side through narrow gap between the rocks we could see a Bhagavathy Amman shrine in a small cave.

The Jain monks gave free medical aid to the people who lived at the slop of the hill even today we can see the holes which had been used to grind the herbal plants for medicine, they created canal in which is perinal to supply water to them throughout the year .

we can see Jain beds, on the way to hill we see a resting area of soldiers which had been constructed during Vijayanagar period, and Paleolithic dwelling

place constructed during 7th Century B C at the top of the hill we can see, Paleolithic Burial place, we can see the Inscription carved by Kannaradevan the ruler of Vellore that depicts the Vellore District name as Vellore Padi. Students enjoyed the trekking and came to know historical important places.

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Students are claiming Vellore Bhagavathi Hill



Students are in the Baghavathi hills



Staff and students are ready with saplings to plant in the Bagavathi hill



Planting sapling in the Bhagavathi hills