

7.2. Describe at least two institutional best practices

1) Adoption of a Dalit Village – Senthilampannai

Senthilampannai is located between the village Tholappanpennai in the West and Padhmanabamangalam village in the East. It was resolved to adopt the thickly populated Senthilampannai Adidraavidar hamlet, in order to create awareness about Gandhian thoughts. The Gandhian study centre (GSC) of the college has adopted this village to educate the people. Many programmes were organized for the benefit of village people by GSC. The village people are much backward in education, health and cleanliness hence many programmes like Swachh Bharat, free medical camp, legal awareness programme, bio-diversity and its conservation and yoga were introduced. Training programmes like vermicompost production and mushroom culture were also conducted for the betterment of the people. Classes such as handwriting, drawing, environmental study, spoken English, personality development, etc., were also conducted for the benefit of students. The customary practice of celebrating Gandhi Jayanthi is observed by the GSC at Senthilampannai-Dalit hamlet on 2nd October of every year. Children were advised and motivated to participate in various competitions organized on the day of Gandhi Jayanthi. Competitions like running, drawing, handwriting, essay writing and elocution were also conducted and prizes were distributed to the winners. The student members of GSC and some staff members visited Senthilampannai village to celebrate Gandhi Jayanthi with them. A healthy interaction about the Gandhian Principles was made effectively with the gathering. An international non-violence day was also observed at Senthilampannai. About 125 people and 40 children of the village were benefited by the programme.

2) Recitation of Kandar Kali Venba:

“Kandar Kali Venba” was written by the **“Saint Kumara Guruparar”** after whom the college was named. He was born in Srivaikuntam where the college is located. Until aged 5, he was dumb. When he visited **“Tiruchendur Temple”** he was blessed with speech by **“Lord Murugan”**. He sang **‘Kandar Kali Venba’** in praise of Lord Subramaniya. In order to inculcate spirituality among the students Kandar Kali Venba reciting competition is held every year and students are awarded cash prize under endowments.