Adoption of Sellipet Village in Puducherry by RIVER

The University Grants Commission has mandated that ‘Every educational institution in the country shall adopt a few villages for exchange of knowledge and for the overall social/economic betterment of the village communities.’ Complying with the requirement, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research, Puducherry has adopted the Sellipet Village in the Villianur Commune of Puducherry.

A committee has been constituted to carry out the developmental activities in adopted village. The committee consists of faculty, staff and students from RIVER, Medical officer from Health Department, Thiru. Venketeshan from Block Development Office, Villinanur and Dr. Selvaraj, Joint Director, Department of AH&AW, Puducherry. In addition to the officials, representative of the village were also included in the committee (Mr. Govindhan, President, Milk co-operative Society and Mr. Ramamoorthy, villager). Further, the committee has three sub committees to perform the activities in a focused way on the three important aspects:

1. General Cleanliness
2. Primary health care and
3. Education.

On 27.04.2018, 03.05.2018 and 11.07.2018 survey was conducted to collect basic information about the households particularly on health, education and cleanliness. Survey indicates that no school dropout in the native residents of the village.
On 29.03.2018 AIDS Awareness rally was organized by the NSS unit of the Institute in which 85 students of our institute participated.

On 15.03.2019 Vaccination campaign was organized to control the Foot and Mouth Diseases in livestock.

**Activities for next three months:**

1. Campaign for Zero open defecation in the village and its surroundings.
2. Possibilities of construction/provision of toilet facilities to the required households will be finalized in the Stakeholders committee meeting.
3. Organizing health camp for the villagers in their village which includes eye checkup.