



# PANIMALAR ENGINEERING COLLEGE

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## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

### AID INDIA - FELICITATION EVENT :: 16-Dec-2017

During 2017, NGO 'Aid India' launched the Walk 'n' Talk English programme, to improve the fluency of reading and speaking in English for over 80,000 rural children across 1000 villages and 800 schools in 23 districts. Many students across villages in Tamil Nadu could now speak confidently in English, improving their self-confidence.

The NGO, in a bid to further encourage these children, roped in more than 1,100 college students from 31 institutions across the state to visit these villages and validate the programme. The college-goers also conducted learning festivals to promote English speaking. Prominent institutions such as IIT, Anna University, Panimalar, VIT, NIT Trichy and Loyola were involved in this initiative.

### NSS UNIT of Panimalar receives award for their Substantial Contribution to the upliftment of rural children



#### Dr. Aruna Rathnam, Education Specialist, UNICEF, Chennai with NSS Programme Officer and volunteers

Thothadri Srinivasan, Project Director, Aid India, Chennai, says, "The programme has been ongoing for around seven months now – and we are really happy with the results. It was fantastic to have college students come on board to volunteer for an initiative like this, and work with these rural children who are between Class 3 and Class 8. We have over a 100 teachers across the states who teach these kids, and they were grateful for the support received as well."

Dr Vasanthi Devi, former Vice Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and Justice K Chandru, Retired Madras High Court Judge, also congratulated the volunteers at a function held at Indian Officers' Association Hall, Royapettah. At the event, educationist Dr Balaji Sampath, Aid India founder, also requested students to develop scientific temper and learn practical skills to increase their confidence.