**QUEEN MARYS COLLEGE, CHENNAI**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

**SSL Extension Activity REPORT 2023-24**

The Department of Economics conducted extension activities in Social Service League Primary School on 12.09.2023 as part of celebrating SWACHHTA PAKHWADA Week 2023 in creating awareness for saving habits and cleanliness among school students.

Dr V. Santhanalakshmi, Assistant Professor of Economics as a Coordinator gave welcome address in the SSL program. The Head of the Department of Economics, Dr. C. Sunitha delivered the presidential address to highlight the need to motivate the school students to develop the habits of hygiene, saving and zero waste resources. Department faculty members Mrs. S.Thangamani spoke about hygenie habits, Mrs. S.K.Gomadeeswari talked about saving habits, Mrs. C.Pushpavalli explained the ways of saving, Dr.P.Karupputhai illustrated about the importance of childhood saving and Dr.K.Thamayanthi demonstrated about how to develop the habits of zero waste resources. This helped them to understand how even small savings during childhood days can make a big difference in lifestyle like a tamil saying “ small drops together emerging as a flood” .

Our Department Students enacted a drama on Importance of Saving Habits among school children. Besides, Alphabets Word Game, Chart Works and Fun Games were conducted to create awareness on savings lifestyles. Quiz Competition was also conducted for the school students. It was very much useful for inducing childrens’s propensity to save. All the children were got excited and enthusiastically participated in all the activities and won the gifts.

The department faculty and students under the guidance of the Head of the Department of Economics distributed small Hundi as gift to all the students and our Head of the Department initiated the saving habit among children on the day itself by a gesture of contributing small amount in hundi in the presence of all the students. Finally Department faculty Mrs. T.V.Kalaiarasi, Coordinator, gave a vote of thanks.

The extension activities of the Department of Economics held this year has indeed turned out to be a game changer in the minds of children as a snowball to culture their habits of hygiene, saving and no wastage of resources and it was equally a refreshing and memorable one for department staffs and students.







