

## **Report for the Women Entrepreneurs' Meet and Christmas Celebration 2021**

On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the Department of Service Learning (DSL) conducted an event called Women Entrepreneurs' Meet and Christmas Celebration 2021. The department celebrated Christmas with women entrepreneurs and widows involved in revolving fund from the intervention areas. Due to Covid-related SOPs and restrictions, only 45 beneficiaries were allowed to participate in the program.

### **Motivational session for women entrepreneurs**

The master of ceremony Prof. Rathna had anchored the program and she began with a small introduction about the Christmas celebration. The program started at 3 pm with a prayer song after which the welcome address was given by Prof. Priya. Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj S.J., Director of Department delivered the Christmas message to the participants and then he introduced Dr. Siluvairaja, resource person of the day. The main aim of the session was to motivate the women entrepreneurs who were into small scale businesses in their respective neighbourhood communities. The session was made highly interactive and engaging by the resource person.

Dr. Mary Sornambal, Head, Department of Tamil, was the chief guest, and she encouraged women entrepreneurs to focus more on improving their lives and becoming fully and economically independent.

### **X-mas celebration**

Students from the Department of Service Learning, Tamil, Advanced Zoology and Visual Communication had hosted a session for 30 minutes through which they stressed on the need for women education. A grand *parai* folk dance was performed towards the end which a Santa Claus joined the troupe dancing to the tune which really brought in the real Christmas mood.

### **Distribution of Christmas gifts**

Prof. Melson and Prof. Richard took over the session. They called out the names of participants who had registered their names at the beginning of the event. All 45 participants had received the Christmas gift from the Director of Department of Service Learning. Mr. Joshua and Mr. Rajesh sponsored the Christmas gifts.

### **Vote of Thanks**

Prof. Baskar thanked the Department, the donors and the participants for making the celebration truly meaningful. It is to be noted that the Department of Service Learning took initiative to distribute the 105 Christmas gifts to the women entrepreneurs and widows residing at the neighbourhood communities. Many more gifts were distributed to the needy people by the volunteers.

## Christmas Celebration at L. S. Hall

