



Department of Youth Welfare, Cochin University of Science and Technology is organizing a programme 'Back to Village: Experience through Education' at Kollengode - Muthalamada from 07-09 March 2025. The primary objective of this program is to **help participants understand village life and embrace the values of self-reliance, hard work, and togetherness inherent in rural communities**. Additionally, the program aims to

- Explore village habitats and engage with local people as live case studies.
- Learn lessons on resource utilization, livelihoods, poverty, value systems, language, social interactions, and the cultural life of socially and geographically marginalized groups.
- Utilize unstructured participant observation models and qualitative research methods for deeper insights.
- This initiative offers a unique opportunity for participants to gain firsthand experience of traditional knowledge systems and their relevance in the modern world.

**Selection: First come first serve basis.** However, the organizers have the right to fix any sub criteria / conditions for the selection.

Accommodation will be arranged on sharing basis with limited facilities. Students are requested to bring their own bedsheets/blankets and personal belongings. Food will be provided during the camp time. A non-refundable contribution of ₹ 600 will be collected for the welfare activities and common expenses organized in the camp area.

Please read and understand the conditions of the camp and apply through the google form link <https://rb.gy/x255az>. Admission will be based on first come first serve basis and the payment of the contribution amount at the earliest. This will be refunded if not selected. However, the amount will not be refunded after the publication of selected list. The first 40 students will be selected with approximately equal male / female proportion. However, Director, Department of Youth Welfare has the power to make changes in the selection process based on the recommendation on merit by the teachers and other staff of the University or appropriate stratification.

All the participants are requested to obey the rules and regulations of the camp. The camp will be a mix of community visit, classes and trek. All should participate in the discussion on the community visit and are requested to submit a written report to the Director within one week, after the completion of the programme. Essential readings will be suggested/distributed 3 to 4 days before the camp.

Consumption of alcohol / smoking / any other stuff won't be permitted. Any misbehavior will attract disciplinary action. Please understand that this is not a picnic / pleasure camp. Understand the spirit of the camp and be a responsible citizen.

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Director, Students Welfare.