

# Grama Panchayat Visit by VSEC Student Volunteers



Vidya Social Empowerment Center (VSEC) Student Volunteers are presently doing the Students Internship Program on “Sustainable Development and Energy Conservation” under the Guidance of Dr Vimal Kumar T V (Co-ordinator, Energy Management Centre, Govt. of Kerala). Among the 26 student volunteers of VSEC, 21 students forming four groups visited 4 Grama panchayats namely Kolazhy, Velur, Kaiparambu and Adat for a brief interview with the Panchayat Presidents on 17 September 2022. Four teams of 5 members each, visited the respective panchayats. The final team Group 5 visited Mulankunnathukavu Panchayat on 24 September 2022.

Internship team, Group 5 led by Mr Aswin V P (S5, ME Dept ) and its team members Midhun Joshy (S3, EEE Dept), Sakthi S (S5, ECE Dept), Akhila M (S5, ECE Dept), Abin Joshy (S5, ME Dept), visited Mulagunnathukavu Grama Panchayat and collected the Project Plans and *Vikasana Rekha* from Panchayat President Mr K J Baiju Devassy.

The visit to the Panchayat helped the students to understand the ongoing projects. The challenges faced during the implementation stage were discussed by the Panchayat President. The queries raised by the team members based on sustainable developmental goals were replied with patience and were quite informative. They also encouraged the students to come up with new ideas and realistic plans to contribute to the society. Dr Siju K C (Asst Prof, AS Dept and Head of VSEC) has been constantly supporting and guiding the students throughout the ongoing Internship.