



Waste is not a waste, waste that is considered by you can be a wealth to someone else in this world, Mrs.A.Roopa, Program Coordinator of Shanti Ashram told the students during a Youth Leadership program conducted by Women's Development Cell of Bannari Amman Institute of Technology.

On the special occasion she spoke about India Poverty Solutions. People who survive without satisfying their basic needs are considered to be in poverty. Generally there are two types of poverty: one is adult poverty and the other is child poverty. Adult poverty can be rectified by getting a job, but child poverty creates irreversible damages.

Shanti Ashram mainly focuses on child poverty solutions. The main reasons behind child poverty are: war and violence, poor governors, unequal distribution of resources. According to a recent survey, 37% of Indian population lies below poverty line and nearly 49% of child marriage that happens in India is due to child poverty.

An event was conducted by Shanti ashram and innovative ideas were presented for child poverty solutions by the students of various colleges across Tamilnadu. She also spoke about the life style of people living in slum houses and star hotels. 2.2 billion Children inhabit the world, in that 1 billion children are living under the poverty line and 22,000 children die due to poverty.

In the year 2012, Shanti Ashram introduced some methods to overcome child poverty, they are Piggy bank system, Food banks, and Greeting cards. They collected money through piggy bank from 1000 school children. In one year a sum of 1.68 lakhs was collected through piggy bank system and they used that money for child poverty solutions: Right to Education, Right to Prevention, and Right to Health.

Then she concluded her speech by quoting the famous words of Gandhiji, "Be the change you want to see in the world".

Mrs.N.Sriparanjothi, Community development organizer, Shanti ashram, Mr.Aldrin Kennedy and Mr.Manikumar volunteers from Sri Krishna Arts and Science college also participated in the event.