

“PREKSHA/SPECTACLE” 2008 - INTERSCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

For the first time in their lives 70 students with teachers from 11 schools in Dehiattakandiya gathered at SandamadullaMahaVidyalaya on the 06th and 07th of October to be part of the drama festival and tournament “Preksha/spectacle 2008. The large masks made using paper pulp appeared in black, red and blue adorned the school hall.

Although compeering was a totally novel job, Thiloka a student from SandamdullaMahaVidyalaya showed no signs of an amateur. Sampath Perera was the master in charge of s drama & theatre and also the driving force who made “Preksha” a reality gave an introduction to the two day programme. It was followed by a lecture on renewable energy by a university student who worked with Practical Action. There onwards the students were kept on a strict schedule on the basics of drama and theatre.

The next step involved students to develop their won plots, work with their cast, think and develop pros and costumes and rehearse for the following day’s competition. On the second day on 07th of October the students gathered at the SandamadullaMahaVidyalya premises and did not spare a minute as they knew only practice can only make their performance outstanding. At 2pm a large crowd of students, parents and teachers were gathered at the school hall of SandamadullaMahaVidyalaya. Six dramas were staged on the themes of renewable energy sources, fossil fuel use and environmental pollution, energy efficiency etc. The final days ceremony concluded with the awards ceremony for the best actress, best actor and best team.