

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME REPORT 2008-2009

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Lets figure out the roller coaster ride for the year 2008-2009 that we the NSS unit of NM College have driven by...

Our Objective : We aspire to change the lives of many and made reality by our small contributions to the society.

Our first ride : We tried to bring a lot of awareness about the magic created through N.S.S. It brings to all of us a platform to serve the society and bring happiness and smile on many faces. We created a hub to deliver something to the society by showcasing our talents. So its not simply an association; a reason to achieve our objective and carry on the legacy for the coming years.

We started our journey with an NSS exhibition in the month of July 2008.The NSS volunteers strived to present NSS in a nutshell through the explanatory and informative charts and dynamic models prepared by them.

On 18th July 2008 twenty volunteers of the N.M.NSS Unit had gone to Marathi Bhavan in Mumbai University (Kalina Campus) at 10.30 am for the first project of N.M.NSS. The project was to celebrate “**NSS Foundation day**”.

On 25th of July, 2008 the volunteers of N.S.S unit of NM College showcased their dramatic skills. They performed 5 minutes **street play**. This skit aimed at showcasing NSS and its activities and arousing a feeling of service in the psyche of college students.

On 15th of August 2008 when India completed 61 years of independence N.M.NSS unit decided to celebrate this auspicious occasion with the visually impaired people from “M.N.Banerjee Industrial Home for Blind”. At 9.00 am the N.S.S volunteers, together with the students of M.N.Banerjee Industrial Home for Blind stood in respect, as the flag was hoisted. Musical programme was organized for them. The other students joined our volunteers for this **musical antakshari**. The Orchestra comprised of blind students. Four rounds in total were played. The students were very energetic and showed great enthusiasm. Many consolation prizes were distributed. The program was a heartfelt undertaking by N.S.S. to bring smile on the faces of those who can't see smile but can feel it.

NSS sold Flags made by mentally challenged people from **HI-TECH FOUNDATION**. There was an awe-inspiring sale of **1500** flags worth Rs.**3000/-**

NSS displayed the work of art of the lesser mortals through an exhibition and the sale of Rakhis. There was a sale of Rs.**185/-** Rakhis made by Blind Women from National Association of Blind i.e. **NAB** and a sale of Rs.**2220/-**of the Rakhis made by the Mentally Challenged Children from Vallabhai Dangra Institute i.e. **VDI**.

One of the essential parts for the success of any organization is that its members acquaintance with the organisation, its functions and objectives. For this purpose on 31st August 2008, all NSS volunteers gathered in NSS room. All new members were welcomed into NSS family. After the prayer and reflection, our respected Principal Sunil.B.Mantri motivated us with piece of advice and shared with us some of the experiences that he had when he joined and became a part of NSS. He elaborated the role of NSS in society and what is his dream for N.M.NSS unit in 2008-2009.A well designed orientation with slide shows and a brief ups to the junior volunteers and committee of NSS arranged by the seniors were the highlights of the programme.



The N.M.NSS unit organized a major **BLOOD DONATION DRIVE** on 12th September 2008 in santokba hall. It included thalasemia check up for free. We collected **137** bottles in co-operation with Mahatma blood bank and Rotract club of juhu.

We attended a **Leadership camp** conducted by the university on 8th August 2008 to 13th August 2008 at malad wherein we were taught and trained on acquiring strong leadership qualities.

For the smooth functioning of **Ganesh Murti visarjan** on 8th and 10th of September 2008. The NSS battalion of 50 volunteers joined hands with Juhu Police. We formed a human chain to regulate the traffic near juhu beach.

We joined our hands against the Mumbai terrorist attacks (26th November) by forming a human chain at SVKM on 5th December 2008 in which all SVKM'S schools and colleges participated.

We participated in inter- college rally organised by Mumbai University on 20th December 2008 for the peaceful and terror free nation at the Shivaji Park. Large number of volunteers joined hands to salute the bravery of the sacrificing officers. Our volunteers in inter- colleges rally put up different types of slogans contained banners.

A collaborated event was held on 27th December 2008 for the senior citizens in coordination with lions club (samanvay). Singing competition was organized for them. It was hosted by N.M.NSS unit and was an event full of joy and enthusiasm.

On 17th January 2009 we gathered in Dinanath Mangeshkar Hall for arranging dance and singing session by mentally challenged children. Many celebrities like Devang aka Gattu of Baa Bahoo baby was invited for the event. Event was in association with HI-TECH FOUNDATION.

It was a great achievement for us when our secretary Jeegar Karvat was awarded with RAMAN Brothers Studentship award for the academic year 2008-09.

Showing the way to achieve success, joy, happiness & fulfilment, the N.M.NSS unit 2008-2009 Says a goodbye to this academic year with an assurance that our juniors would continue the journey with the same conviction and achieve new heights having sky as limit....

“We are the force that is driven, to achieve the impossible”

NSS H.Y.H.I CAMP

A dream that we cherish for the lifetime

Narsee Monjee College NSS unit conducted the H.Y.H.I (healthy youth for healthy India) residential camp in Ghateghar Village in Virar (East) for 7 days from 11th December 2008 to 17th December 2008.

We adopted this backward village with a mission to bring a change in the adverse social and economic conditions. Therefore for the accomplishment of our goal, we organized various programmes in the course of 7 days.

Following are the activities for the development of village and villagers:

- ❖ **Survey:** We conducted a detailed survey of the village in the pre camp visits as well as during the camp. We understood their grievances towards the government, local authorities, towards their livelihood and their problems related to health and education. After making detailed analysis of facts we tried to sort out some of their difficulties by taking small steps to fulfil their needs. We provided 1 kg of rice to almost every house and distributed educational books to students.
- ❖ **Shramdan:** The weeds in the Gaushala area were uprooted to provide land for the cultivation of the fodder required for feeding the 108 cattle present at gaushala. We also planted 25 saplings of different flowering and non-flowering shady trees in various parts of the Ghateghar village
- ❖ **Competition for village women:** We held an art mela which comprised of rangoli competition; mehendi competition and Diya colouring which was a grand success .A large number of females were participated showed their art and talent.

- ❖ **Sports day for Village children:** A sport day was organized having different sports competitions like running race, frog race, lemon and spoon race etc for the village children. They really brought back our childhood memories with their enormous response and zeal.
- ❖ **Gaushala:** The most funny and the crazy part of our camp was Gaushala. We visited Gaushala in the early morning where we helped the care taker Mr. Pandey and his assistants to clean the entire shed. We milked the cows, cleaned the gobar (cow dung), and fed them with our hands. It was really a unique experience for all of us.
- ❖ **Drama for villagers:** We conducted a social awareness drama in Marathi, highlighting importance of education for a girl child, ill effects of addictions such as tobacco, smoking, drinking etc which was applauded by villagers who in return strong-willed to give up bad habits of smoking and drinking.
- ❖ **Balwadi:** We taught Balwadi kids simple education and manners. We also screened the movie “Jai Hanuman” which was really enjoyed by kids. We played with them games like antakshri, langdi, etc. We tried to know what they can do and what they like. This was the most heart touching experience where we smiled and cried with them.
- ❖ **Segregation of clothes:** The clothes and the donation collected by us from the college were segregated and donated to the villagers
- ❖ **Medical camp:** We conducted general medical and optical check-up camp for the villagers. Villagers came in large numbers. We got around 350 patients for general check up and about 170 for the optical check-up. Medicines were supplied to the patients immediately.

Activities for the welfare of volunteers

Our days began with prayers and ended with National Anthem. We conducted a variety of activities like:

- ❖ **Yoga session:** Prof. Vimal Lakhani conducted very interactive and soul touching lecture for the upbringing of our volunteers.
- ❖ **Disaster management:** A fruitful lecture on how to counter attack disaster and save your and other lives in different circumstances.
- ❖ **Quiz session:** We conducted an educative Quiz session on general issues for all the volunteers. This session was very informative as there were some facts, which most of us were not aware of.
- ❖ **Sujoke therapy:** Mr. Luthria of Lions Club conducted an outstanding lecture on Sujoke therapy.

Other than these educational trips, the highlights of the camp were the garba night, the campfire, the trek, the fashion show, the bollywood nite etc.

We really built a good relationship between the villagers, especially with the children. When we left, these departing moments brought tears to everyone's eyes. The camp has surely come to an end but its memories are still alive. **We have adopted Ghateghar village and we will do all to make it our Dream city.**

On 15 January 2009 N.M.N.S.S. Unit had organized an event for the specially challenged children, in collaboration with HI-TECH FOUNDATION at Dinanath Mangeshkar Hall, Vile Parle (East).

Students from more than 26 schools participated in the event.

The platform available for mentally challenged students to build up their confidence, to show case their talents and help them overcome their limitations.

On 29 January 2009 we joined hands, with the other units of NSS, at Sathaye College, Vile Parle (east) to welcome Mission Manavata Rally, organized by Mumbai University in association with Sameep Pratishthan. The rally commenced its journey in Sindhudugh on 26 January 2009 district and moved towards Kalina Campus, Mumbai University, where the valedictory was held on 30 January 2009.

The main objecting of the Rally was to pass on the message of National Integrity and units to fight terrorism.