

N.S.S. Report

The monthly activities are chronologically summarized below:

1. The N.S.S unit in order to begin the new year with its new members started with the enrollment procedure from 4th July 2014. Out of the 256 applications that the organizations received, it selected 63 members after the Brain storming selection process that included a round of Group Discussion and Personal Interview.
2. The Orientation Programme was arranged to brief up the newly enrolled members on 22nd July,2014 wherein we had the valuable words of guidance by our Vice –Principal Mrs. Gomthi Iyer. The N.S.S Programme Officers Savita Ma'am and Kedar Sir also addressed the members, boosting their morale and distributed the N.S.S badges.
3. Carter Road Project, an area project under education, was also initiated in the month of July. The project was adopted by the N.M.N.S.S unit two years back in 2012-2013. The N.M.N.S.S members go to Carter Road Bandra where 40-50 under-privileged children assemble every day to learn from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00a.m.
4. The N.S.S Unit also participated in the Anti Drugs Rally which was organized at Gateway Of India by the University Of Mumbai on 14th July,2014 at 08:30a.m. They did their best to spread awareness in regards of drugs abuse even in the heavy rains of July.
5. As the Indian Culture lays a whole lot of Faith in its festivals, one such festivals–Raksha Bandhan was used by the N.S.S Team to contribute its bit to the society. The N.S.S unit had its Rakhi Selling drive from 25th to 30thJuly ,2014 where stalls were put up from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m in the college premises. The counters had a lot to offer including rakhis, bracelets, anklets, key-chains, earrings, chocolates,etc. which were made by specially abled children. The purpose was to generate revenue for these specially-abled children and supporting them through our initiative.
6. In the view of spreading the message of peace among the civilians the University of Mumbai organized a peace rally on Hiroshima day at Azad Maidan on 6th August 2014 at 2:30 p.m. which saw a huge participation from the N.S.S. unit of N.M. College. (37 volunteers participated in the rally).
7. For whom duty towards nation stands before their family, those protectors of the city, the Mumbai Police and Firemen were made to feel special by the

N.S.S. unit of the N.M. College by tying rakhis on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. The unit not only approached the Juhu Police, Andheri Fire Brigade but also appreciated the non-teaching staff in the same manner on 11th August, 2014.

8. To salute our Tricolor soaring high in the sky on the 68th year of Independence on 15th August, 2014, members of the NSS unit also participated in the flag hoisting event conducted in the college premises at 8 a.m.
9. One of the members of the NSS unit also volunteered for the Residential Training Camp organized by the NSS cell of the Mumbai University from 16th to 20th August, 2014 at Sakwar Village (Palghar District). The motive of the camp was to inform the volunteers about the overall working of the NSS cell.
10. Carter Road, an area project under education which was initiated in the month of July continues, where everyday our members go to Carter Road, Bandra in order to teach 40-50 underprivileged kids from nearby slums.
11. The Rakhi Selling event initiated last year came to end with the total collection being Rs.84976 fulfilled its purpose of raising funds for the specially abled kids and tribal women. Individual collection of various associations are:
 - a. Valabhdas Dagara Indian Society- 77676
 - b. Shramik Naari Sangh - 3300
 - c. National Association of Blind -4000
12. To take a step towards our second area project, NSS unit has starting Energy Conservation quotes in the college classrooms from 23rd August, 2014 to provoke students to develop an ecofriendly attitude.
13. This being the 50th year of NM College the NSS unit intends to add up to Golden Jubilee celebration in its own style to serve the social purpose. The Golden Jubilee week to be celebrated is been named as Sankalp – A pledge for a better tomorrow. The pre event planning is been initiated in the month of August.

As the month of August was fully dedicated to Golden Jubilee week's preparation and area projects, the month of September came with a full force of activities in the first half. The month had started in the midst of festive season of Ganpati and final preparations of "**Sankalp - Pledge for a Better Tomorrow**" as it was named by the entire NSS team with the approval of Program Officers. Also the most important thing for any event had started in full fledge which is propagation for the events. All the members from all the teams of Sankalp had

become a part for propagating Sankalp and a few of the events were college participation was required.

Amongst so many things going on for Sankalp, one of the most exciting events had been scheduled which was **SPI (Student Police Interaction)**. It was on two days which included **4th September, 2014** which was the seventh day Ganpati Visarjan and **8th of September, 2014** which was the eleventh day of Ganpati Visarjan. On 4th September, 2014 the event started at 5.00 pm and went on till 8.00 p.m. All the volunteers were glad to participate in the event and Police was also satisfied with our help and participation in the midst of the crowd on that day. This was also the motivation for the members to participate in SPI on the eleventh day of Visarjan on 8th September, 2014. On that day the event started at 3.30 pm. till 8.30 pm. The crowd was very huge and our volunteers were handling the crowd at Juhu. It was a great learning experience for all the members and fun too.

On the immediate next day that is on **9th September, 2014** NM NSS inaugurated their much awaited event **“Sankalp – Pledge for a better tomorrow”** in the presence of NSS District co-coordinator Dr. Swati Desai, our vice-principal Ms Ameer Vora and Ms. Gomathi Iyer, Program officers Savita Ma’am, Kedar Sir and Vandana Ma’am and all the NSS volunteers.

The event on that day was **“Taare Zameen par”** wherein Mentally challenged kids from VDI, Malad had come to NM college premises at 8.00 am in the morning and had a poster making competition where the theme was environment. Later they were served snacks and a cultural program was organized in Room No. 10 wherein those children show cased their talent to Sing, Dance and host the event as well. They were given the prizes for poster making judged by Dr. Swati Desai and the children returned back to their school at 12.30 pm. with a smile on their faces. In order to attend the cultural program all the NM’ites were invited and also a flash mob was performed at 9.30 am in the new Canteen area.

Second, **10th September, 2014** was the **Medical camp** which was conducted in Swagat Ashram at Malad – West. Around 10-12 volunteers reached the place at 8.00 am in the morning and the camp was conducted till noon which included Diabetes check up and general health check up. The people who were at the Ashram found the camp very useful as they became aware about their health issues. We also intend to follow up with those patients who were detected and provide them some medical aid in future.

Third, **11th of September,2014** was dedicated to **Inter-college competition** wherein colleges from Bandra to Bhayander were invited to participate in events like street play, poster making and presentation. The teams were to report in the college by 8.30 am and the street play was to start at 9.00 am in Juhu Jagruti Hall. At the same time poster making competition was organized in Room No. 4 which went up to 10.15 and at 10.30 presentation competition named as '**Be the Change You Want to See**' started in the same Room. The street play competition went up to 11.30 am and also the presentation competition. Later the winners were announced by the judges and snacks were served to all the attendees.

Fourth, For the upcoming elections, **12th September** was totally dedicated to **Voter ID Registration** in collaboration with Election Commission of India who have assured the registration of the applicants for the upcoming October elections. There were registration desks set up in the old canteen area from 7 a.m. in the morning till 2 p.m. in the afternoon. The NSS volunteers helped the applicants to fill up the form and gave them the details of further follow up.

Fifth, **13th September,2014** was a day full of hard work and expectations. The signature event of NSS "**Blood Donation Drive**" was conducted on that day and the enthusiasm of volunteers was on the same level like the first day of Sankalp. Two Blood Banks from Indian Medical Association had come for the Drive which was conducted in Room No. 7 and pre-donation tests done in the Old Canteen area. Post – refreshments to the Donors were served and Certificate and Thank you cards were given. The Drive lasted till 4.30 p.m. and the response of donors was amazing. The volunteers were satisfied with what they did for the day and very in good co-ordination.

And lastly Sunday morning of **14th September,2014** was dedicated to some kids who were not as lucky like us. A few members visited **Swagat Ashram, Malad** and few others visited **Aamcha Ghar in Bhayander**. The entire week's tiring time was enjoyed with a fun filled days with those kids were we spend the day, played games, had some performances and talked to those kids. The entire tiredness was gone..!

And '**Sankalp – Pledge for a Better Tomorrow**' came to an end with the beginning of a new learning and experience.

Now the members are giving their exams and The Third year Degree course members is carrying on with The Carter Road Area Project at Bandra for the second half of September.

After successful completion of 'Sankalp- Pledge For A Better Tomorrow' and the upcoming semester end exams, NMNSS was back again with a bang with back to back events:

October 1: NSS cell of the Mumbai University organised a Nasha Mukti Rally i.e. freedom from addiction Rally at Azad Maidan at 2:30 p.m. to create awareness among people about ill effects of Tobacco etc. Even though the event was amidst the exams it saw participation of 6 volunteers from the NMNSS unit.

October 2: Non Violence Day Rally organised by the Mumbai University at 3.30 p.m. at Gateway of India. Unlike other rallies, it was a blend of Bhajan Sandhya and Social Awareness among the youth which was appropriate for the occasion i.e. Gandhi Jayanthi. 15 members volunteered for the event and took a pledge towards clean and corrupt free India. The participation of the volunteers was appreciable in spite of hot climate and practical exams.

October 3: To relive the event of Student Police Interaction during the Ganesh Visarjan, NMNSS got an opportunity to participate in Durga Visarjan. The Volunteers aided Juhu Police in Traffic Management.

October 4: On the occasion of World Elders Day, NMNSS got an opportunity to volunteer a Vintage Musical Extravaganza organised by International Association of Lions Club for Senior Citizen and Old Age Homes. It was held from 3-6 p.m at Bhaidas Hall. It was an initiative wherein the Senior citizen could rejoice themselves and NSS volunteers were present in huge numbers to make their moment special.

October 7: The phrase "Rakt Daan -Maha Daan" signifies the importance of Blood Donation which was brought to live on the occasion of National Blood Donation Day wherein the Mumbai University in association with the Lions Club organised a Blood Donation Camp at Andheri Station from 9:30 a.m. onwards. Around 15 volunteers who participated in the event were supposed to handle basic management and propagation work.

October 11 and 19: With PM Narendra Modi starting with Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan NMNSS took its initiative towards the cleanliness of the country by starting its well-known clean up drive at Juhu beach.

Further, In addition to writing Energy Conservation Quotes in the classrooms NMNSS started off with Energy Conservation Planning where members were made to find ways of saving electricity at personal level. This activity is undertaken as a part second sector of working.

October 21: A seminar with an initiative to support and provide protection to the elderly. The seminar focused on the functioning of NSS unit and how the NSS unit of all colleges will proceed with the survey of the senior citizens to be conducted by the Mumbai Police in order to provide better safety, security and protection to the elderly. The survey intends to start in November.

In addition to our first area project in Education i.e. Carter Road, NMNSS has intended to start with second Area project in the college itself. It aims at teaching nearby slum kids by getting them to the old canteen area of the college.

In the end, In order to conduct a mandatory 7 Day camp as per the university norms, campsite visits were initiated to villages in Boisar such as Nandivali, Mandwali, Vihigaon in Kasara, Pathraj in Karjat and Alonde in Palghar. The purpose of the visit is to find out a place where something substantial could be done for the development of that village.

14th November- The little hands that have the potential to mould the future of the world require proper guidance and appreciation. On the day specially dedicated to them i.e. 'The Children's Day', the NSS unit came up with an idea to make this day a memorable one for the slums kids of Carter Road (One of our area projects). Drawing, playing games etc. were conducted to boost that morale and spread smiles on their faces. The day successfully ended by distribution of cleaning kit comprising of toothbrush, toothpaste and soaps to inculcate cleanliness habits among these kids.

Carters- Apart from children's day celebration N.S.S. volunteers also continued to go to Carter Road to teach these kids assisting them to cope up with the school syllabus.

Senior Citizen Survey- An initiative by the Mumbai Police to have proper records of senior citizen with an intention to provide them protection was started in association with the NSS units of various colleges. NMNSS participated in this initiative by assisting them with their help desk, wherein the volunteers provide proper guidance to citizens arriving at the police station with queries. 2 volunteers are allocated for 2 hours for assisting with the help desk.

Energy Audit- An initiative wherein the volunteers approach 7 houses to spread awareness about various simple ways through which the electricity consumption can be reduced. In order to have a track whether the activity undertaken are actually been implemented volunteers are also required to get the electricity bills

stating the consumption units and pattern which also provides an appropriate idea about the methods that can be utilised to reduce the units consumed.

Camp planning- Volunteers continued to visits villages like Vihigaon, Mandvali, Umroli etc. to decide a campsite. Finally Ashram Shala Padghe, Umroli and the nearby villages were decided upon and thus planning activities and feasibility of various activities were checked during the month.

Beach Clean Up- Swaach Bharat Abhiyan initiated by P.M. Narendra Modi has created awareness for cleanliness in our country. In order to provide our full support, NMNSS continued with its well-regarded event Beach Clean Up Drive to ensure protection of the serenity of Juhu beach. Clean-ups were conducted on 9th, 23rd and 30th of November, 2014 which saw a huge participation of the volunteers.

Energy conservation quotes-NMNSS continued to write energy conservation quotes on the blackboards. These inspiring quotes on energy conservation motivate students to switch off fans, lights, A.C. etc. when not in use conserving energy.