

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

ANNUAL REPORT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-11

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NSS has given us a platform to serve the society and bring happiness and smile on many faces. We created a hub to deliver services to the society by showcasing our talents. So it's not simply an association; it's a reason to achieve our objective and carry on the legacy for the coming years. We started our enrollment procedure for the current academic year in the month of June 2010 and **100** students joined as NSS volunteers for the Academic Year 2010-2011.

We started our journey on 18th of July with a Tree Plantation Drive held in Kalina University to celebrate NSS Foundation Day. An Orientation Program was conducted to welcome our new NSS members on 6th August 2010. One of the essential parts for the success of any organization is the acquaintance of its members with the organization, its functions and objectives. 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. NSS displayed the work of art of the lesser mortal through an exhibition and the sale of Rakhis during Raksha Bandhan. Rakhis prepared by blind women from NAB i.e. National Association of Blind, mentally challenged children from VDI i.e. Vallabhai Dangra Institute and Adivasi people from Sanisa were sold during a period of 10 days in the college premises. 951 rakhis in total were sold and the amount collected was Rs.8540. Flags from HI-TECH Family Enrichment Foundation individually handcrafted by mentally challenged children were sold in

college premises, residential areas and railway trains. There was a sale of 1500 flags worth Rs. 3000. On the 12th of August 2010 we had professional artists from the NGO Yuvak Biradari come to our college to perform a Street Play on various issues ranging from gender discrimination to women empowerment. It was a very thought provoking session for all college students. NSS members have also participated in a Tree Plantation Drive conducted by Yuvak Biradari. On the 15th of August 2010, NSS members came together to salute the national flag on Independence Day.

The NSS unit of N.M. organized a major BLOOD DONATION DRIVE on 1st September 2010 in the college premises in association with The Lions Club of Juhu & J.J. Mahanagar Blood Bank. We collected 205 bottles of blood, saving many lives! Thus creating a history in the records of NM NSS. A free Thalassaemia check-up was also conducted by Think Foundation. On 5th September 2010 Teachers' Day was celebrated in the college where students of the NSS Unit conducted an entertainment session for the teachers & handed over bookmarks to all the teachers made by NSS volunteers. On 7th September 2010 NSS members volunteered for the free medical camp organized for children of Municipal schools. The medical camp was organized by Lions Club at Irla. On 7th September the NSS Unit organized a seminar on AIDS Awareness in association with MDACS & speakers from Disha Foundation were present to give a presentation on AIDS & AIDS Awareness to the students of the college. The seminar was interesting and informative for all students of the college. For the smooth functioning of Gauri Visarjan on 16th September 2010, the NSS battalion of volunteers joined hands with Juhu Police. We formed a human chain to regulate the traffic near Juhu beach.

To add a feather in the NSS cap a **District level Workshop** on Protection of Consumer Rights & Food Adulteration along with demonstration was conducted by the NSS Unit on 20th September 2010. All **42 colleges** from the district were invited to attend the workshop and certificates were given to all students who attended the workshop. Speakers from Silk Mark Organization and Consumer Rights Society conducted the workshop. We received an outstanding response from various colleges for this event.

A newspaper collection drive was conducted throughout the year in college to support the BMC. These newspapers were submitted to the BMC office for rural women to prepare paper bags and generate employment in rural areas. On 1st October 2010, an entertainment program was organized by the NSS volunteers to celebrate Elders' Day at YWCA, Andheri(w). The entertainment program included

games, singing and dance competitions. In addition to that on the 4th of October 2010, a musical program was organized by the Lions Club for senior citizens at Dinanath Mangeshkar Auditorium, Vile Parle (E) to celebrate World Elders' Day. NSS volunteers assisted in volunteering for the program and managing the audience. The enthusiasm & zest for life shown by the senior citizens was a moment worth capturing. In the month of October, Lions Club of Versova with Bhakti Vedanta Hospital, Mira Road organized a free cancer awareness drive & free cancer check-up at Andheri station on the 20th of October 2010. The NSS volunteers from our college assisted in the drive by way of propagation and managing the crowds at the check-up. The NSS unit in association with SVKM's C.B.Patel Research Centre organised a free thalassaemia check-up for all TYBCOM students of the college so as to generate awareness about thalassaemia in all the students. This was one of our major projects conducted during the year from 21st October 2010 till 29th October 2010. On 9th December 2010 a poster making competition on AIDS and AIDS Awareness was organized for students of the college.

We conducted a residential camp in Usgaon Dongri, Virar (E) for 7 days from 15th December 2010 to 21st December 2010. Camp themes were: "Environmental Awareness including preservation of natural resources and conservation of cultural/historical heritage." and Health, Public sanitation & Personal hygiene.

During this camp, we conducted the following activities for the empowerment of the villagers:

- **Campsite and Village Visit:-** We conducted a detailed survey of the village and interacted with the villagers so as to plan out activities for them.
- **Balwadi:-** Balwadi is the heart of the village. The Balwadi children are the youth of tomorrow. They are the torch bearers. We had informative sessions such as Origami, Value Education, Basic hygiene, Puppet show, etc and entertainment in the form of cartoon screening, dancing, singing, etc. We also had the "Each one teach one" session wherein each volunteer adopted a child for that period & did his/her bit to teach them something that would be of use to them.
- **Donation Drive in Balwadi:-** We donated stationery, books, crayons, chocolates, toys etc in the balwadi. As a part of teaching personal hygiene we had a session where volunteers taught children to wash their hands properly. We also donated nailcutters to the children.

- **Mid-day Meal:-** The volunteers had a great time cooking missal pav as a treat to the balwadi kids. It was a learning experience for the volunteers and brought great joy amongst the kids too.
- **Tree Plantation Drive:-**In order to inculcate an environment friendly attitude amongst the villagers, we planted 25 saplings of different flowering and non-flowering shady trees in the village.
- **Art Mela & Competitions for Village Women:-** An Art Mela was conducted for the women folk so that their talent could be encouraged and appreciated. There were various competitions like the rangoli competition & mehendi competition. It was good to see so many villagers enthusiastically putting their best foot forward.
- **Drama for villagers:-**We conducted a social awareness drama in Marathi, highlighting the importance of education of a girl child, illiteracy, exploitation of the villagers which was applauded by the villagers. The response of the villagers was over whelming.
- **Sports day for Village children:-**A sport day was organized having different sports competitions like running race, balloon race, 3-legged race, stationery race etc. for the village children. We also had a kite flying activity for the volunteers and village children. They really brought back our childhood memories with their enormous response and zeal.
- **Medical camp:-**We conducted a day long medical camp for General Check-up, Optical Check-up and Pathology. Due to extensive propagation in the village we got an overwhelming response wherein 400 villagers attended the medical camp. We provided them with free of cost aid in the form of spectacles, medicines and refreshments.
- **Donation Drive in Village:-**We conducted a donation drive in the college for clothes, stationery, vessels, etc. which we donated in the village. We also donated buckets, wheat, and rice & first-aid kits in every house.
- **Session by a Gynecologist:-**A special seminar by a gynecologist was conducted for the school girls of Eklavya Parivartan School at the campsite between the age group of 12-14 years.
- **Distribution of Textbooks:-**We distributed textbooks and story books to the girls studying in the boarding school from 1st to 7th standard.

We conducted the following activities for the NSS volunteers:

- **Physical Training:-** Activities like trekking, exercising, jogging, etc were conducted early in the morning.

- **Kargil Session:-**A seminar on the life of soldiers and their family members was conducted by Mrs. Anuradha Prabhudesai of Lakshya Foundation. The seminar touched our hearts as it made us realize the hardships which a soldier has to endure so that the civilians lead a secure and peaceful life.
- **Seminar on Subconscious Mind:-** A seminar was conducted by Prof. Pravin Kakade on mind power and visualization which was followed by interesting practical demonstrations.
- **Biogas:** - Volunteers actively participated in the various processes which are carried out at the Biogas Plant in the campsite.
- **Agriculture:** - The weeds in the agricultural land area were uprooted and the land was ploughed to help the farmers in the village.
- **Fishing:-**Volunteers also did fishing at the riverside area.
- **Brick Making:-** Volunteers also visited a Brick factory and learnt the entire process of brick making.
- Other than educational activities, the highlights of the camp were Retro Night, Campfire, Adivasi Night and Fashion Show as a part of the Entertainment Sessions held every evening.

We all saw life through the eyes of the heart. This camp experience will be inscribed in all the villagers and volunteers' hearts forever.

It was a great achievement for us when our secretary Rosebud Gomes was awarded with RAMAN Brothers Studentship award in our annual day celebration for the academic year 2010-11.

Showing the way to achieve success, joy, happiness & fulfillment, the N.M.NSS unit 2010-2011 Says a good bye to this academic year with an assurance that our junior volunteers 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”
