

Activities of the NSS unit during the year 2008-09

The NSS Unit of our college is very active. The students are sensitized towards the society at large. The NSS committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Santosh Katariya has undertaken several noteworthy projects.

Celebrations:

- NSS Unit celebrated the Gurupoornima Day and Teacher's Day by giving flowers to the teaching and the non-teaching staff of the college.
- NSS unit celebrated Independence Day, Sadbhawana Diwas, and University Foundation day by organizing various activities.

Drives conducted:

- The NSS unit conducted two **blood Donation drives** and collected 129 units of blood.
- The students of Degree College were involved in the **Thalassemia check up drive**.
- As a part of community service, volunteers participated in the **pulse polio drive** conducted by BMC at Matunga, Wadala, and Chembur

Social Awareness programmes organized:

- NSS unit organized a talk on "**Leprosy Awareness**" by Mrs. Nanda Ajayan of Bombay Leprosy project, Chunabhatti on 11 sept 2008.
- Thalassaemia is a blood disorder passed from parents to children. It causes the body to make fewer healthy red blood cells and less haemoglobin than normal. People who have thalassaemia can have mild or severe anemia. The **NSS** unit organized a talk on "**Thalassaemia Awareness**" in the month of Sept 2008 by Vinay Shetty of Think Foundation.
- **Red Ribbon Club:** To spread **HIV /AIDS awareness** volunteers performed street plays at various places like Dharavi, Indira Nagar and GTB Nagar. They also put up an exhibition of posters and distributed informative material

Participation in Rallies, Melas and other activities:

- Our volunteers actively participated in the Peace Rally, August Kranti Din, AIDS Rally, Martyr's Meet and the Human Chain.
- The NSS unit undertook tree plantation and related activities at Sawali, near Badlapur.
- Volunteers visited "Adhar House" which has 300 inmates above the age of 18 years all with a psychological problem.
- Our Unit participated in the "Diwali Mela" in the month of October. The Mela is held by Don Bosco Shelter Home.

Participation in Collaborative Programmes:

- Under the Energy Conservation Programme the NSS unit collected 1655 reply forms and submitted them to Dr. Kamat, Chairman of Consumer Guidance Society of India.
- Our volunteers helped and participated in "Milk Adulteration Testing Drive" organized by the college in collaboration with Consumer Guidance Society of India.
- Participated in Sadbhawana Diwas and University Foundation day by organizing various activities.

Participation in workshops and programmes:

- ❖ Our volunteers participated in the Disaster Management Workshop conducted by SIWS College.
- ❖ The volunteers attended Consumer Guidance Programme conducted by K.C College.

- ❖ Our volunteers participated and helped in the smooth conduct the programme called for by the Governor of Maharashtra Shri S.C.Jamir to felicitate the 26/11 terror attack victims who laid down their lives. The programme was held at Shivaji Park, Dadar.
- ❖ Our volunteers helped the SIES Management during the Solidarity Meet organized at Shanmukhanand Hall.
- ❖ Our volunteers helped the SIES Management during the Eminence Award Function.
- ❖ **Help rendered:**
 - ✚ Volunteers helped specially abled children to read and record their study material. They also helped them to write their examinations.

Special Achievers:

- Our volunteer Sneha Guruswami attended a five day leadership camp at Badlapur in the month of September.
- Asha Upadhyaya and Akash Patwa participated in SRD camp.
- Anil Prajapati and Soaklingam Thever participated in a University Level special camp at Shivale Murbad in the month of December 2008.
- Four TY volunteers are actively involved in activities of Yuvak Biradari since the last seven months.

NSS Special Residential Camp:

The Unit organized a special residential camp spread over ten days at Karav, near Vangani Badlapur between 10 Nov and 19 Nov 2008. The volunteers, 37 in number, participated in the camp and completed the camp successfully. The theme of the camp was “ Water Conservation”.

Our volunteers constructed 4-5 Vanraai Bandharas on the rivers in the vicinity of the Karav village.

Volunteers participated in community services like cleaning of Adivasi padas and Adivasi school campus.

Volunteers distributed clothes to the needy people.

Lectures were conducted on diverse subjects. They are-

1. “How to overcome Superstitions” by Mr. Rajendra Koli”
2. “Youth-- Sacrifice to the nation” by Mr.Krishnakant ”
3. “Nature to Nature” by Prof. Bidve
4. “The Importance of Yoga” by Dr. Sandeep Muley
5. “Team Building” by Prof. Santosh Pathare, Programme Officer, Guru Nanak College, Sion Koliwada.

The films such as “Children of Heaven, “Barran”,” Postman in the Mountain” and a documentary on “The snakes living on the highway to Mahabaleshwar” were screened to enable the volunteers understand the human feelings, way of life and the innocent animals.

The Gram Panchayat of Karav and Chon village were highly satisfied with the work done by the volunteers and their unity and attitude towards the villagers.As a mark of appreciation, Certificates of Appreciation were given by the Gram Panchayat of Karav and Chon village for “Complete Cleanliness and Complete Interaction.”.