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## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

**Date:** 09.06.2026

**Platform:** Microsoft Teams

**Subject:** Third Book Review Session

### Introduction and Objective of the Programme

The National Service Scheme (NSS) of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, successfully conducted the third session of its Book Review initiative on 9th June 2026 through Microsoft Teams. The programme continued its mission of fostering reading habits, intellectual curiosity, and meaningful discussions among students.

The objective of the session was to encourage participants to explore historical literature and gain insights into themes such as personal strength, social responsibility, national unity, leadership, and civic awareness.

### Introduction of the Presenters

The session featured two student presenters from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering:

- **Ms. N Akshaya (CB.SC.U4CSE25440)** reviewed *Forest of Enchantments* written by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.
- **Mr. Tatsam Kumar (CB.SC.U4CSE25061)** reviewed *The Indian Struggle* written by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Both books offered valuable historical perspectives while addressing themes that remain relevant in modern society.

## **Book Review Presentations**

### **Presentation 1: Forest of Enchantments by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni**

The first presentation was delivered by **Ms. N Akshaya**.

The presenter reviewed *Forest of Enchantments*, a historical retelling that explores themes of resilience, dignity, and personal growth. The presentation highlighted how true strength originates from within and how individuals can overcome challenges through determination and self-belief.

The audience learned the importance of recognizing that every person has a voice and deserves to be heard. The review also emphasized the value of self-respect and personal integrity in navigating life's difficulties.

Students appreciated the thought-provoking insights and the relevance of the book's messages to contemporary life.

Sita presents herself as a strong, intelligent, and independent woman whose life is shaped by love, sacrifice, and resilience. Through her narration, readers understand her emotions, struggles, and inner strength. She challenges the traditional image of a silent and passive Sita and shows how she faced exile, captivity, and societal judgment with courage and dignity. Her journey emphasizes self-respect, perseverance, and the importance of finding one's own voice despite hardships.

### **Presentation 2: The Indian Struggle by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**

The second presentation was delivered by **Mr. Tatsam Kumar**.

The presenter reviewed *The Indian Struggle*, a historical work that examines India's freedom movement and the efforts of leaders who worked toward national independence.

The presentation emphasized that freedom often requires sacrifice and collective effort. Participants learned about the importance of national unity in overcoming challenges and achieving common goals.

The review also highlighted how strong and visionary leadership can inspire people to work toward positive social change.

The audience found the presentation insightful and relevant, particularly in understanding the responsibilities of citizens in a democratic society.

## **Interactive Discussion Session**

Following the presentations, an interactive discussion was conducted through Microsoft Teams. Participants engaged actively by sharing their thoughts and asking questions related to the themes discussed in both books.

The interaction encouraged thoughtful participation and provided an opportunity for deeper understanding of the ideas presented during the session.

## **Key Learnings from the Session**

The session provided several valuable insights:

- True strength and resilience come from within.
- Every individual has a voice and deserves respect.
- Self-respect plays an important role in personal growth and decision-making.
- Duty and personal happiness must be balanced effectively.

## **Conclusion**

The third Book Review session conducted by the National Service Scheme was informative, engaging, and intellectually enriching. Through reviews of *Forest of Enchantments* and *The Indian Struggle*, participants gained valuable insights into resilience, self-respect, leadership, national unity, and civic responsibility.

The session reinforced the importance of learning from historical literature and applying its lessons to personal and professional development. The enthusiastic participation of students contributed significantly to the success of the programme and further strengthened the objectives of the NSS Book Review initiative.