



BOOK REVIEW

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Venue: Seminar Hall AB3, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore

Subject: Book Review Session 7

Introduction and Objective of the Programme

The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, successfully organized the 7th session of its ongoing Book Review initiative on 4th August 2026 at the Seminar Hall, AB3. The programme was conducted as part of the Induction Programme for the newly joined first-year students, providing the freshers with an opportunity to become familiar with the various student-oriented initiatives and activities carried out through NSS.

The freshers were given an opportunity to understand how NSS provides students with platforms beyond academics through activities focused on social responsibility, volunteering, communication, awareness, leadership, teamwork, and personal development.

The induction also helped the junior students understand that college life extends beyond classrooms and examinations. Through NSS activities, students can actively participate in initiatives that encourage them to interact with others, contribute to society, develop leadership qualities, and become responsible members of the university community.

NSS Induction for First-Year Students

A major highlight of the programme was the introduction of NSS and its activities to the first-year students. As the junior students were beginning their journey at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

The students were introduced to the idea of participating in NSS programmes and student activities that promote service, volunteering, teamwork, leadership, communication, and social awareness. The programme emphasized that participation in such activities can help students develop qualities that complement their academic education.

The induction also created awareness among the freshers about the importance of actively participating in the university's co-curricular environment.

For the first-year students, this served as an important first exposure to the NSS environment. It encouraged them to look beyond their academic curriculum and consider participating in activities that can contribute to their overall personality development.

Programme Proceedings

The programme brought together the NSS induction of first-year students and the 7th Book Review Session, creating a meaningful combination of introduction, interaction, and learning.

The Book Review session that followed provided the students with a practical example of one of the intellectual and communication-based activities organized under NSS. Rather than simply listening to an introduction about NSS, the freshers were able to witness a student-led presentation and observe how a participant could use a literary work to communicate ideas and reflections to an audience.

Introduction of the Presenter

The 7th Book Review Session featured one student presenter, Ms. Jiya.

Ms. Jiya presented a review of *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. The selection of the book provided the audience with an opportunity to explore themes related to human relationships, friendship, personal choices, responsibility, guilt, and redemption.

Book Review Presentation

Presentation 1: *The Kite Runner*

The sole presentation of the session was delivered by **Ms. Jiya**, who reviewed Khaled Hosseini's acclaimed novel *The Kite Runner*.

The presentation introduced the audience to the central story and major themes of the novel while encouraging them to look beyond the narrative and reflect on the human experiences presented through the characters.

The book explores the relationship between Amir and Hassan, two childhood friends whose lives are deeply affected by their experiences, choices, and circumstances. The presentation highlighted how friendship, loyalty, betrayal, guilt, forgiveness, and redemption are closely connected throughout the story.

An important aspect of the presentation was the emphasis on the consequences of personal choices. The story demonstrates how decisions made during childhood can continue to influence an individual for many years and how confronting one's past can become an important part of personal growth.

The presentation also encouraged the audience to reflect upon values such as **loyalty, courage, empathy, responsibility, forgiveness, and the willingness to correct one's mistakes.**

Interaction with the First-Year Students

The inclusion of the Book Review Session within the induction programme made the event especially relevant for the freshers. Instead of the induction being limited to an introduction to university life, the students were also exposed to an actual NSS activity.

The event therefore served two purposes: introducing the freshers to NSS and its student activities, while simultaneously exposing them to the Book Review initiative as an avenue for intellectual and personal development.

Interactive Discussion and Reflection

Following the presentation, students were encouraged to reflect upon the ideas and themes discussed in *The Kite Runner*. The discussion provided an opportunity to think about the importance of friendship, responsibility, personal choices, forgiveness, and resilience.

The interaction also helped create a welcoming environment for the first-year students. As newcomers to the university, their participation in such programmes can help them become more familiar with the wider student community and understand the importance of taking part in co-curricular activities.

The session reinforced the idea that NSS is not limited to a single type of activity. It provides students with opportunities to engage in different forms of learning, participation, service, communication, and teamwork.

Conclusion

The 7th NSS Book Review Session, held on 4th August 2026 at the Seminar Hall, AB3, successfully combined the NSS induction of first-year students with a student-led Book Review presentation.