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INTRODUCTION

It is the primary vision of Amrita University to provide value-based education and mould students through a system of wholesome learning, so that their endeavour to achieve progress and prosperity in life is matched by an ardent desire to extend selfless service to society, one complementing the other. Thus, the university's activities are based upon a deep understanding of our values and culture.



Today, Amma is the highest form of teacher- a Jagat Guru, imparting True Knowledge to the world. Amma says there are two kinds of education: education for life and education for livelihood. Amma says the most important thing is spirituality, or education for life. But at the same time Amma also stresses “education for living.”

Our National Service Scheme(NSS) camp is not just about volunteering; it is about nurturing a sense of responsibility towards our communities and the world at large. Through hands-on works, interactive workshops, and meaningful interactions, we will strive to create lasting change and leave a positive legacy that resonates far beyond these campgrounds.

At the onset of the camp, Dr. **D. Venkataraman**, the NSS Programme Coordinator from the CSE Department, inaugurated the NSS Special Camp. His presence, alongside officials from all units and enthusiastic student volunteers, marked the commencement of our collective endeavour.

DAY 1

Title: "Empowering Education: NSS Unit 3's Impactful Day at Government High School, KG Chavadi"

Date: 04-03-2024, Monday

Location: Government High School, KG Chavadi, Ettimadai Village

Day 1 Agenda:

Introduction:

Under the banner of the National Service Scheme (NSS), Unit 3 embarked on a transformative journey to enrich the educational experience at the Government High School. This report encapsulates the enriching activities and meaningful interactions that unfolded during the inaugural day of our special camp.

It is rightly said that "Charity begins at home", a group of enthusiastic NSS volunteers embarked on a special camp, aiming to provide educational and recreational experiences for students at School. This report details the activities and insights gained on the first day of the camp.

The morning of Monday, March 4, 2024, began with a prayer, establishing a positive and optimistic atmosphere for the day ahead. Volunteers gathered to express gratitude and seek blessings for the day's endeavours and the individuals they were dedicated to serving.



Theme of the Day:

"Enriching Minds, Nurturing Futures" encapsulated the spirit of our mission, underscoring the commitment to upliftment through education and community engagement.

The guiding principle for the day was "We rise by lifting others," emphasising the importance of community service and contributing to the well-being of others.

Activities at the school:

Inspirational Address: The camp commenced with an invigorating speech delivered by a NSS student volunteer, emphasising the importance of goal setting and resilience in the pursuit of happiness and success.



Engagement and Knowledge Sharing: Our volunteers initiated meaningful conversations with the school students, fostering a culture of mutual learning and intellectual exchange.

NSS student volunteers engaged in discussions regarding career opportunities, higher education prospects, scholarship exams and the significance of computer literacy during our expedition. Additionally, Sir shared insights and guidance on these topics, enriching our understanding and inspiring us towards personal and professional growth.



NSS volunteers and Dr Venkataraman Sir discussed career opportunities with students

Brain-Boosting Games: Two rounds of "Mikado" quizzes were conducted, games such as Simon Says, Alphabetical word chain etc.. were played in order to enhance cognitive abilities and teamwork among the students. Prizes in the form of chocolates added an element of excitement and motivation.



NSS volunteers engaged with students, conducted games and awarded prizes(chocolates) to encourage participation

Guest Lecture Jointly conducted by Amrita NSS Unit 3 and Indian Post: The day concluded with a captivating session by Mr. Ashok - Postmaster, Madukkari, shedding light on the historical significance and practical applications of postcards, highlighting the importance of writing letters, and enriching the students' understanding of communication mediums. The gentleman possessed an extensive wealth of knowledge concerning post offices and postcards.

The postal camp underscored the significance of financial savings, while also distributing inland cards to school children as a means to foster their writing skills.



Postal Officials distributing postcards to students and volunteers



Officials from Madukkarai post office and Dr Venkataraman sir addressing the students

Memorable Moments:

Through the lens of our cameras, we captured invaluable memories, the love and compassion of the little minds, immortalising the joy and camaraderie shared during the day's activities.



Observations:

The interactions between volunteers and students fostered an atmosphere of enthusiasm and mutual respect, promoting a conducive learning environment.

The motivational speech resonated deeply with the students, inspiring them to strive for excellence and resilience in their academic pursuits.

The brain-boosting games proved to be not only entertaining but also effective in honing the students' cognitive skills and fostering teamwork.

The provision of nutritious snacks underscored our commitment to holistic well-being, ensuring that the students are physically nourished for optimal academic performance.

The guest lecture provided unique insights and expanded the students' horizons, showcasing the interdisciplinary nature of learning beyond the classroom.

Conclusion:

Day one of the NSS Special Camp exemplified the power of education and community engagement in nurturing bright futures. As we reflect on the day's accomplishments, we are energised by the positive impact we have made and look forward to further enriching experiences in the days ahead.

The day fostered a sense of community and goodwill between the volunteers and the school community.

DAY 2

Title: "Fostering Civic Engagement: NSS Unit 3's Day of Responsibility and Service"

Date: 05-03-2024, Tuesday

Location: Ponne Gounden Pudur Primary School.

Day 2 Agenda:

Introduction:

Continuing our mission of community empowerment and civic engagement, NSS Unit 3 embarked on a day filled with activities aimed at inculcating a sense of responsibility and service among the youth.

Theme of the Day:

"Empowering Tomorrow: Nurturing Responsibility, Inspiring Action" underscored the significance of fostering civic awareness and active participation in the democratic process.

Activities at the university premises:

Voting Oath: The day commenced with volunteers and participants taking an oath reaffirming the importance of voting as a fundamental right and civic duty.

First Time Voters Pledge: As part of the government's initiative, young participants pledged their commitment to exercise their voting rights responsibly, laying the foundation for informed and engaged citizenship.



Activities at PG Pudur Primary School:

Training Session: Teachers, led by Rose Mary, conducted training sessions for the playschool students, emphasising the importance of early childhood education and holistic development.



Community Lecture: Miss Manimegalai from PG Pudur Second Ward councillor, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on enhancing basic facilities in the community, addressing issues such as electricity failures and road maintenance, thereby empowering participants to advocate for positive change in their surroundings.

Community Service: Volunteers engaged in cleaning, greening and painting activities at the PG Pudur temple and the school compound wall, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility towards community spaces.



Activities at the KG Chavadi Government High School premises:

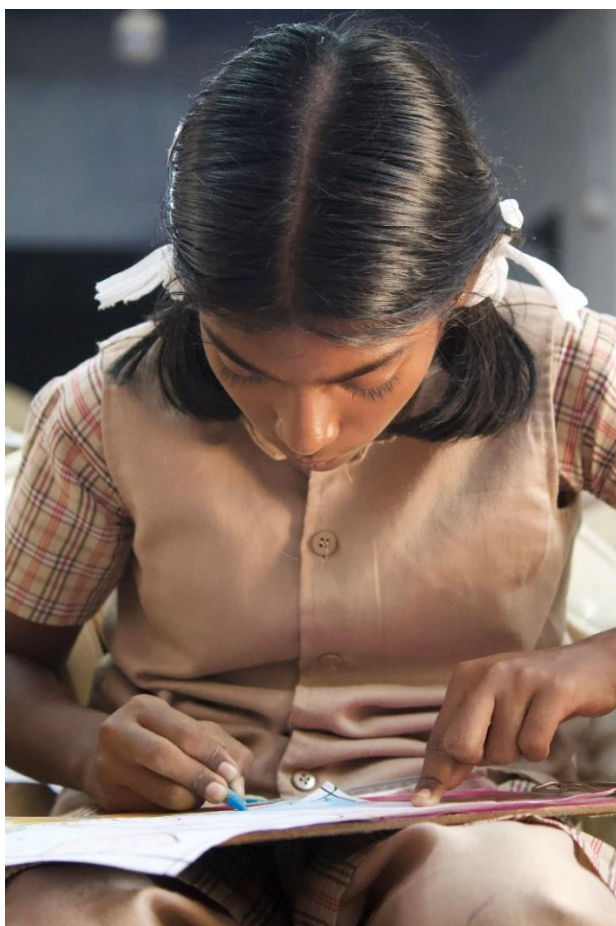
Testing Minds: Simultaneously, an engaging 8th standard quiz challenged students' knowledge and critical thinking skills, promoting intellectual growth.

Rewarding Excellence: As the competitions concluded, prizes in the form of bottles and boxes were awarded to the deserving winners, adding a touch of excitement and motivation to the event.



Our NSS volunteers distributing prizes to the children who won the various contests

Drawing Competition: The day commenced with a drawing competition, igniting creativity among participants and fostering artistic expression.



Building Connections: Furthermore, interactive games provided moments of joy and camaraderie, enriching the overall experience for all involved. This diverse range of activities not only cultivated talents but also instilled a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie among participants, furthering the spirit of community and collaboration fostered by the NSS Unit 3.



Memorable Moments:





Conclusion:

Day 2 of the NSS Unit 3's initiatives exemplified the spirit of responsible citizenship and community service. Through activities focused on voter awareness, civic education, and community engagement, participants were empowered to take ownership of their roles as active members of society. As we reflect on the day's accomplishments, we are inspired by the collective efforts towards building a more informed, responsible, and inclusive community.

DAY 3

Title: "Inspiring Action: NSS Unit 3's Multi-faceted Day of Empowerment"

Date: 06-03-2024, Wednesday

Location: Government High School, KG Chavadi, Ettimadai Village

Day 3 Agenda:

Introduction:

Continuing our journey of empowerment and community enrichment, NSS Unit 3 orchestrated a dynamic array of activities at Government High School, KG Chavadi, Ettimadai Village. This report encapsulates the enriching events and initiatives that unfolded on Day 3, fostering creativity, intellect, and camaraderie among participants.

Theme of the Day:

"Unleashing Potential: Empowering Voices, Inspiring Change" encapsulated the spirit of our mission, emphasising the power of expression and collective action in driving positive transformation.

Activities at the school:

8th Standard Debate: A spirited debate among 8th-grade students provided a platform for thoughtful discourse and the exchange of diverse perspectives on relevant social issues, nurturing critical thinking and public speaking skills.



Seventh Standard Elocution and Drawing Competition: Participants showcased their oratory prowess and artistic talents through eloquent speeches and vibrant artworks, inspiring and captivating the audience.



Musical Chairs: The classic game of musical chairs brought laughter and friendly competition, encouraging participants to stay active and engaged while fostering a sense of sportsmanship and camaraderie.



Motivational Videos: Inspirational videos were screened, offering words of encouragement and wisdom, igniting passion and determination among the audience to strive for excellence in all endeavours.



Wall Painting: Volunteers engaged in beautifying the school environment through a collaborative wall painting activity, adding splashes of colour and creativity to inspire and uplift the school community.



Debate: The debate sessions provided a platform for students to engage in lively discussions, express their opinions, and hone their critical thinking and communication skills.



Refreshments - Sharing is Caring: The sharing of refreshments emphasised the importance of empathy and solidarity within the group. This simple act of sharing not only nourished the body but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and mutual support among participants, strengthening bonds and fostering a spirit of unity.



Theatre Workshop: The theatre workshop served as a dynamic platform for participants to develop essential life skills such as communication, creativity, and teamwork.



Insights into Career Development and Opportunities: Volunteers provided valuable insights and advice regarding competitive exams, preparation and strategies for navigating through academic challenges.



Q&A Sessions: The Question-and-Answer sessions offered opportunities for participants to seek clarification, share knowledge, and engage in interactive learning.



Memorable Moments:



Conclusion:

Day 3 of the NSS Unit 3's initiatives exemplified the transformative power of engagement and expression. Through a diverse range of activities encompassing debate, elocution, art, games, and motivational content, participants were empowered to voice their opinions, showcase their talents, and forge meaningful connections with peers. As we reflect on the day's achievements, we are inspired by the spirit of creativity, camaraderie, and resilience that permeated the event, reaffirming our commitment to nurturing holistic development and fostering a culture of empowerment within the community.

DAY 4

Title: "Empowering Through Action: NSS Unit 3's Dynamic Day of Civic Engagement"

Date: 08-03-2024, Friday

Location: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Campus, Coimbatore and Government High School, KG Chavadi

Day 4 Agenda:

Introduction:

On the fourth day of our mission, NSS Unit 3 at Amrita Campus, Coimbatore, embarked on a series of impactful activities aimed at fostering civic engagement, environmental stewardship, and community empowerment. This report outlines the diverse range of initiatives undertaken to inspire positive change and enhance the well-being of our community.

Theme of the Day:

"Strengthening Democracy, Empowering Communities" encapsulated the essence of our endeavours, highlighting the importance of active citizenship and collective action in driving social progress.

Activities at the school:

Election Commission of India Presentation: A session conducted by the volunteers of NSS on Election Commission of India shed light on the significance of democratic processes and the role of citizens in shaping the future of the nation through active participation in elections.

Election Campaign in School: Volunteers spearheaded an election campaign within the school premises, raising awareness about the electoral process and encouraging students to exercise their right to vote responsibly.

Seminars on Democracy: Thought-provoking seminars were conducted to deepen understanding and appreciation for democratic principles, fostering informed citizenship and critical thinking among participants.

Power of Democracy Speech: A passionate student speaker delivered an inspiring address on the transformative power of democracy, emphasising the importance of civic engagement and advocacy in safeguarding democratic ideals.



Rallies for Bharat-Cleaned Campus Surroundings: Rallies were organised in and around the Amrita campus to promote environmental awareness and community involvement in maintaining clean surroundings.



Women's Day Speech on Empowerment: A special speech was delivered by the student volunteers in honour of International Women's Day, celebrating the achievements and contributions of women while advocating for gender equality and empowerment.

Eye Care Camp jointly conducted by Amrita NSS Unit 3 and Aravind Eye Hospital: An eye care camp, conducted by staff nurses from Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore, provided valuable services and raised awareness about the importance of eye health among the community. The camp was jointly organised by Aravind eye hospital and Amrita university ,Coimbatore.



Students and volunteers got their eyes checked
In the special eye-camp

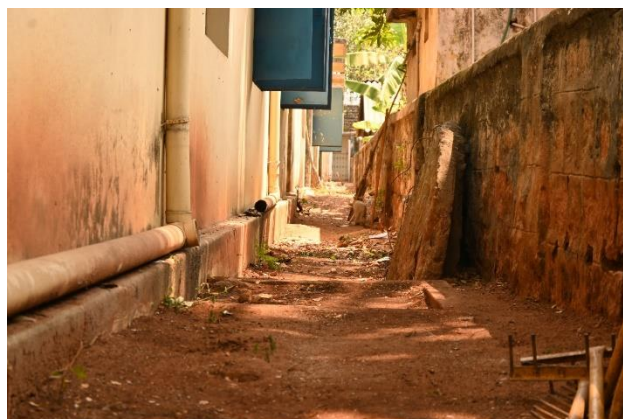


Volunteers let in students one by one for eye checkup





Swachh Bharat: We cleaned the school campus and its premises with the aim of instilling the values of Swachh Bharat in the future leaders of India. It included preening of grass, cleaning the litters, and clearing the dust and dirt



the area after cleaning

Embracing Tradition: Engaging in Traditional Tamil Games invoked the spirit of camaraderie and friendly competition, fostering bonds that transcended generations. The fast-paced and strategic nature of Kho-Kho encouraged teamwork, agility, and quick thinking among the students. Venkataraman Sir's active participation in the games not only added mirth to the event but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and inclusivity among all participants.





Clockwise from Top Left: Kola Kolaya Mundhirika – Oru Kudam Thani – Patchai Kudirai - Catch and Catch – Nondiaatam – Nondiaatam – Monkey Game – Aadu Puli aatam – Kannamuchi – Kho-Kho

Students and volunteers enjoying traditional games together!

Memorable Moments:





Conclusion:

Day 4 of the NSS Unit 3's endeavours at Amrita Campus exemplified the spirit of civic engagement, environmental consciousness, and community empowerment. Through a diverse array of activities encompassing democracy education, environmental stewardship, and healthcare outreach, participants were empowered to become active agents of positive change in their communities. As we reflect on the day's accomplishments, we are inspired by the collective efforts towards building a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable society.

DAY 5

Title: "Exploring Tribal Villages and Nature's Bounty: A Transformative Journey"

Date: 09-03-2024, Saturday

Location: Chinnampathy tribal village.

Day 5 Agenda:

Introduction:

The expedition embarked upon by our team through the tribal villages and scenic landscapes was not just an adventure but a profound exploration of life's essence and life lessons. Our interactions, activities, and experiences encapsulated the beauty of simplicity, the richness of tradition, and the urgency of environmental stewardship.

Theme of the Day: "Unity in Diversity: Embracing Tradition, Preserving Nature, and Fostering Community"



Activities:

Tribal Village Immersion:

- Engaging with tribal communities allowed us to delve into their cultural heritage and traditional practices. Through conversations and shared experiences, we gained invaluable insights into their way of life and the challenges they face.
- The "Swachh Bharat" initiative led us to explore the depths of tribal villages, understanding their needs and aspirations, and fostering a spirit of solidarity.





Environmental Conservation:

- Tree planting initiatives symbolised our commitment to environmental sustainability and conservation. By replenishing greenery and restoring natural habitats, we contributed to the preservation of biodiversity.
- The visit to the Shivan Temple underscored our connection with nature. Situated at the foothills of the Western Ghats, a stream symbolised unity between Tamil Nadu and Kerala. This highlighted the importance of respecting and nurturing our environment.

Empowering Discussions:

- NSS student volunteers took the initiative to address critical topics during our expedition, including the distinction between biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste, the harmful effects of child marriage, the ill effects of school dropout, the significance of participating in elections, and the importance of the Swachh Bharat mission.
- My first vote for my nation campaign was a part and parcel of the discussion.



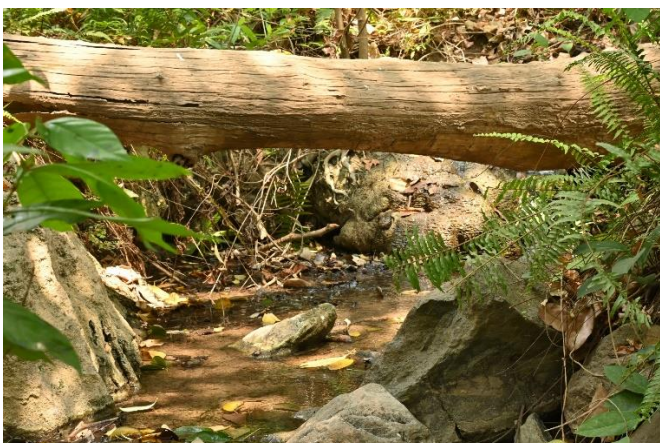


Community Engagement and Empowerment:

- True education, as exemplified by lending a helping hand and fostering human connections, was a recurring theme throughout our journey. Simple acts of kindness and compassion enriched our experiences and deepened our understanding of happiness and fulfilment.
- Collaborative efforts in collecting plastics and promoting animal welfare underscored our commitment to environmental stewardship and compassionate living.

Adventure and Skill Development:

- Trekking through rugged terrain not only tested our physical endurance but also team work. Each challenge we encountered provided an opportunity for growth and resilience.
- Discussions on adapting to life's uncertainties and embracing change equipped us with valuable life skills and perspectives, fostering personal development and self-awareness.



Memorable Moments:



Conclusion:

We were united by our stand but divided by our work! Our trekking expedition through tribal villages and natural landscapes was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that left an indelible mark on our hearts and minds. It was not merely a journey of physical exploration but a profound odyssey of self-discovery, community engagement, and environmental consciousness. As we return, we carry with us the lessons learned, the memories cherished, and the resolve strengthened to continue our journey towards a more sustainable, harmonious, and compassionate world.

CONCLUSION

Their joy knew no limits as they cast their eyes upon us. It was a valuable opportunity to absorb and exchange knowledge, to emulate and assimilate life lessons from both perspectives.

The camp's activities left us with an indescribable sense of fulfilment and contentment, as if we had been transported to a realm of bliss. Every moment felt sacred, and it seemed as though all our past transgressions had been washed away, leaving behind a pure and untarnished spirit. It was as if we had been granted a glimpse of heaven itself, where every action was infused with divine grace and purpose. In that moment, surrounded by the warmth of community, the beauty of nature, and the spirit of service, it truly felt as though all our sins were nullified, replaced instead by a profound sense of peace and redemption.

Building upon the momentum generated by the camp's activities, the directive is to compile a comprehensive report highlighting the outcomes and insights gained from the initiatives undertaken. This report will serve as a testament to the NSS Unit 3's commitment to fostering civic engagement and nurturing responsible citizenship among the younger generation.

FACULTY IN-CHARGE:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Venkatraman sir for affording us this exceptional opportunity to contribute to the welfare of humanity. As members, we deeply value his dedication and patience and unwavering support, which have been instrumental in guiding us through this noble endeavour.

'Education through Service' is the purpose of the NSS. The ideological orientation of the NSS is inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. Very appropriately, the motto of NSS is "**NOT ME, BUT YOU**". As an NSS volunteer I promise to place the '**community**' before '**self**'.

Thanking You,

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