

NSS Report 2017

On the occasion of National Voters Day on 25th January 2017, the National Service Scheme of Kamala Nehru College conducted an oath taking ceremony on the campus grounds. The participants swore to uphold the dignity, democratic and peaceful process of elections in India, and do their part in the selection of representatives.

World Water Day is celebrated every year on 22nd of March by people all across the world. So to spread awareness and take some action, National Service Scheme of Kamala Nehru College conducted a pledge ceremony, followed by a rally on 28th March 2017. The pledge consisted of taking an oath to conserve water judiciously. The volunteers, then, rallied around the college to spread awareness among students about World Water Day through posters and slogans.

On 21st June 2017, NSS held its inaugural event on the occasion of International Yoga Day. A one hour yoga session was held in the morning at 6:30 am which was followed by Sankalp and National anthem. After this our speaker for the event Mrs. Seema Kaushik gave a lecture on the importance of yoga in our daily life.

The NSS team was invited for the seminar on “International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking” at the Ph.D Chamber of Commerce. NSS volunteers (including two members of the Core Team) represented KNC along with two society convenors, Mr. Hari Ram Prajapati and Mr. Manoj Malhar. The chief guests of the event were Dr. Jitendra Nagpal, a Senior Consultant Psychiatrist and in-charge of the Institute of Child Development and Adolescent Health at Moolchand Medcity, New Delhi, and Mrs. Neetu Sharma, the Executive Director of the Navjyoti India Foundation and the Joint Commissioner of Police. Each of the three chief guests gave informative and motivational speeches on how to detect and protect someone who is under the influence of drug or any other substance abuse so that they can lead a happy and risk-free life. An excellent play was also put up by ‘The Color Bakery’ theatre group of New Delhi, sensitizing the audience on the issue with fine clarity.

The NSS conducted a ‘Sanitation and Hygiene Awareness Drive’ in the Begampur Slum Area on 7th July 2017. Volunteers along with the teacher convener visited the slum and interacted with the residents, enquiring about the cleanliness of the locality and their awareness regarding hygiene practices. Questionnaires were administered to the residents, primarily pertaining to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and its overall effectiveness. The people reported that while good in theory and shows promise, it has not been carried out to its full potential and thus, has not been especially successful. While initially hesitant to speak against a government initiative, they gradually opened up and shared their daily hygiene woes, saying that despite personal effort and initiative, the officials responsible never carried out their responsibilities diligently and showed a lax and laid back attitude regarding routine cleaning and sanitation. Common complaints were waterlogged sewers, sewers overflowing, MCD dustbins not being cleared out regularly and mosquito breeding. It was also found that the government had not been successful in raising awareness regarding sanitary measures, such as the distinction between bio-degradable and non-bio-degradable waste and the allotted dustbins for the same. In spite of government callousness, the residents are very efficient and are trying to take care of their own. Majority of the residents throw their domestic waste in a dustbin by the house and dispose it off of in the MCD dustbin outside their slum. Shopkeepers also take measures to not have people litter their surroundings after buying from them. But despite taking such measures, toilets are a problem for some people. Personal toilets are available only to the people who had the space to construct the same. Smaller plots usually don’t lend themselves to such construction and hence,

those people continue to use public restrooms. Even though the people of Begampur village live in poverty and have very limited resource, they are highly responsive and are very willing to work towards a better community for themselves, and while help would be appreciated, they are capable of taking matters into their own hands and creating a cleaner environment only if resources are provided to them.

The Electoral Enrolment Drive guided by Delhi Election Office, Delhi on 27th and 28th July 2017 begun at 11 AM with an introductory session delivered by Ms. Nisha, the D.E.O of AC-42 Kasturba Nagar. The students were briefed about the reason, and importance of the drive and how to fill the form. They were also informed about the regions that come under their jurisdiction. After the briefing session, a notice was drafted, copies of which were put up in the college campus along with the posters provided to us by the DC Office. The NCC/ NSS team also released an online notice which was spread across all social media platforms, in order to ensure that all the students of the college knew about the drive.

The NSS celebrated “Swachhata Hi Sewa” on the occasion of Swachh Bharat from 2nd August to 15th August 2017. We took a pledge to observe and be a part of hygiene and cleanliness in all aspects of daily life, and to sensitize others also. Our volunteers make awareness campaign about the biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes in the college campus. The volunteers cleaned up classrooms, corridors, Chaupal, canteen area and the college surroundings. The need to save electricity is also dire forward and we did our part towards it. And we look to other sessions with NSS.

The NSS body of Kamala Nehru College conducted a Swachhta awareness campaign in the college campus, Masjid Moth area, Gautam nagar, Nitibagh, etc,. Our volunteers interacted with the residents of the village and inquired about the sanitation practices- both on part of the residents and the MCD officials. The team heard the grievances of the residents and offered suggestions on how to adopt some hygiene and sanitation measures at their own level. Further, they were told about the health dangers of a dirty environment, like stagnant water and open waste. The residents look forward to more visits in the future.

NSS Society organized a lecture on Cleanliness by Dr. K.K. Roul of the Political Science Department, Kamala Nehru College on 10th August 2017. Dr. Roul, in light of the honourable Prime Minister’s address to nation on the same issue in the Lok Sabha, decided to bring the debate on the state of India’s sanitation practices within the academic sphere and create better awareness around the matter. Students took a pledge to work towards the true development of the country.

The NSS organized a visit to a very renowned NGO Goonj on 12th August 2017. Goonj works basically for the relief of people during the time of disasters. Around 61 students along with the program officer (NSS) of our college went to the processing centre of the NGO and were given information about all the work that this NGO does. The students met the founder of Goonj, Mr. Anshu Gupta. The visit reaffirmed our ideas on public and social welfare.

On the occasion of Independence Day celebration on 14th August 2017, our Principal Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni gave a speech on Swacchata and declared our institution as a clean Institution. She inspired our students not only to keep their surroundings cleanbut how we should also take care of the others as a good and responsible citizen.

A talk was organized by the NSS in collaboration with Naascom Foundation, a not-for-profit industry association. It is the apex body and the voice for the 154 billion dollar IT BPM industry in India with members like Accenture, Infosys, Cisco, Microsoft, Google

etc. that has made a phenomenal contribution to India's GDP, exports, employment, infrastructure and global visibility. The focus of the program was to create sustained social impact. By supporting technology based solutions that address critical gaps in key developmental area, the platform aims to foster inclusive growth.

A Cancer Awareness Program was organized on 31st August 2017 in association with Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCIRC). An informative lecture was held on the topic "What every woman needs to know about Breast and Cervical Cancers?" by Dr. Indu Aggarwal, Sr. Consultant, RGCIRC, Rohini. A team of 4 members of the special cell came for this program. They discussed the causes, symptoms and the primary remedies of the diseases.

On the occasion of the NSS Day Celebration on 25th September 2017, the Society organized Essay Writing Competition, Slogan Writing Competition on Swachhata. The NSS conducted a lecture on "Irrigation and how construction of dams affect us" in support of 'Rally For Rivers' movement on 25th October 2017. The lecture was delivered by Professor Satyajeet Singh. NSS volunteers took pledge on the observance of "Rastriya Ekta Diwas", in the remembrance of Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel, one of the leading freedom fighters of our country on 31st October 2017.