

Activates of DIAT- N.S.S. Centre 2019-20

The climatic changes in India are showing predominant effort on a water crisis catastrophe. It is a perennial challenge, and a spectrum of conscious steps is required to be taken in this regard. The DIAT NSS center celebrated the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan' of the Government of India program as a 'Jal Diwas' on 25th July 2019. The event has inaugurated by Dr. CP Ramanarayanan, Vice Chancellor, DIAT (DU). The N.S.S. volunteers, faculty members, etc., participated with 300 plantations of sapling within the DIAT campus.

In July 2019, the flood situation in Maharashtra & Karnataka had worsened as all dams are at full capacity. People have lost their lives due to the prevailing flood situation in Maharashtra, including districts of Satara, Sangli, Solapur, Kolhapur, and Belgavi (Karnataka), etc. On 13th and 14th August 2019, the N.S.S. Centre, DIAT (D.U.), Pune was mobilized to assist those affected by heavy rains in Maharashtra's and Karnataka. Hence, Collection drive-by N.S.S. Cell, DIAT (D.U.), Pune organized a program to help all the people in flood-impacted areas. The N.S.S. Centre donated such as Packed and un-spoiled food like biscuits, chips, cakes, etc., Old reusable, new clothes, bed sheets, blankets, sweaters, shawls, etc., Medical aides like sanitizers in small bottles, mosquito repellent creams, sanitary napkins, baby & adult diapers, etc. The N.S.S. center supported this noble cause.

Following the Government of India policy and DIAT (D.U.), it has been decided to make "DIAT campus: single-use plastic-free." Accordingly, the N.S.S. Centre of the university organized a 'Spread Awareness & Commence Action' program on Wednesday, 30th and 31st Oct 2019 in Technical and Residence are respectively. In this program, the Deans, H.O.D.s, Faculty members, and N.S.S. volunteers attended the program and have a successful event with active participation.

N.S.S. Centre DIAT Pune organized the Shramadaan activity. On 6th Dec 2019, a team of 30 N.S.S. Volunteers' and comprised of Dean (Student Affairs), Director, N.S.S. Programme, Warden Points Hostel, Professors, Students, and Staffs had gathered in front of the Eklavya Office, POINTs for Shramadaan activity. After a brief survey of the premises, it was decided to clean up the surrounding and clear the shrubs, weeds, and plant trees. N.S.S. Centre provided the shovels, brooms, hand grass cutters, and jute bags for cleaning and collection of the unwanted items. The garbage (papers, plastics, cardboards, torn cloth material, etc.) was segregated from the other organic waste. It was thrown at the designated place for later collection by Municipal People. The shrubs, grasses, weeds all were cut/shoveled and were collected along with the dead leaves and dried branches. After the cleanup drive, the soil was dug at two places and was prepared for plantation of a mango plant and custard apple plant. The saplings were planted and watered until the land held them firmly.

As we lose ourselves in the service of others, we discover our own lives and our happiness. Now and then, we meet younger versions of ourselves. We see the mistakes they are making today and wish we could set them straight. For social workers and their services, lives intertwined with those they are serving. They discover more and more about themselves every day as they learn to help those around them. It's easy to point out the flaws and imperfections present all around us. It's much more challenging to look inward and decide to change ourselves.

The first step is always our own. Accordingly, the N.S.S. volunteers dedicated their days to the betterment of humanity spent some time in their busy academic schedule for a social cause. Still, the rewards are many during the N.S.S. camp days. The N.S.S. Centre DIAT (D.U.), Pune organized a special camp from 17th to 21st Feb 2020 at Gorhe Khurd, Matalwadi, and Jhalanwadi villages, Haveli Taluka, Pune District. One hundred fifty volunteers participated in the camp. As a result, they articulated, 'there are no great people in this world, only great challenges which ordinary people rise to meet.' Apart from the regular N.S.S. volunteers, the M.Tech 1st & 2nd-year students, Dean (SA), H.O.D.'s, Faculty, officers, and staff members, have been participated in the N.S.S. camp. As a good intention as rightly said by Mother Teresa, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." The DIAT (D.U.) N.S.S. center encouraged the youngest students to develop substantial social skills activities on the campus. The Chief Guest Dr. CP Ramanarayanan, Vice Chancellor, DIAT (D.U.), Pune, inaugurated the "N.S.S. special rural camp" on 17th Feb 2020. In his speech highlighted that, "the social service can provide a self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction, the N.S.S. Centre and volunteers are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity. And the better you feel about yourself, the more likely you are to have a positive view of your life and future goals".

Dr. Sangayya S Sirurmth, N.S.S. Programme Director, submitted the activity report of the N.S.S. Centr, also highlighted the aims and objectives of the N.S.S. rural camp. The Deans, H.O.D.s, Faculty members Finance Officer, Founder President of Jhalandevi and Bhairavnath Devsthan Trust, and other local leaders and dignitaries, on the dais. The local leaders welcomed the entire DIAT fraternity with a token of appreciation with coconut and flowers, emphasized the culture and tradition of the villages and expectations of social services by the N.S.S. volunteers. During this period, a blood donation program was organized on 20th Feb 2020. Red Cross India supported the program and Blood Bank Unit, Smt. Kashibai Navale Medical College and General Hospital, Pune, provided the service in the blood donation camp. Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person; there are 44 donors decided and donated their blood and saved a life. During the health, camp doctors have treated 104 public of Gore Khurd, Matalwadi, and Jhalnawadi villages. The N.S.S. unit distributed free medicine worth Rs.10,070/- to the economically deprived citizens of the communities.

The N.S.S. Centre organized the awareness of social issues by the N.S.S. volunteers such as Government and social life, Anti-social behavior, Drugs, and alcohol abuse, Social media and bullying, Economic Deprivation, Political Corruption, Racial discrimination. The valedictory function of five days N.S.S. rural camp was held on 21st Feb 2020 at the Jhalandevi and Bhairavnath Devsthan. The Dean (SA) addressed the students. In his remarks, he honored the DIAT (D.U.) N.S.S. center and delivered his speech. He expressed his gratitude to the effort that N.S.S. volunteers have made to make rural communities better. The hardships that the N.S.S. center implies are immense, and the social service is a diversified action for the change of society. Local leaders expressed their gratitude, especially the N.S.S. volunteers' social services, and their involvement. Their work will be motivated to do the citizens in the villages. Dr. S.S.Sirurmth, N.S.S. Programme Director, submitted the camp report and highlighted the five days N.S.S. special rural camp success, its achievement, and involvement of more than 150 NSS volunteers found their way to the rural areas to participate in social services.

The 10th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad has organized a conference from 20th to 23rd Feb 2020 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The primary objective of organizing this Conclave is to effectively involve the youth in the democratic process of the country. The event was supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Ministry of Higher & Technical Education, Maharashtra, A.I.U., AICTE and also gets participation from international agencies like U.N., UNESCO, SAARC, Inter-parliamentary Union, Commonwealth, etc. The DIAT N.S.S Centre deputed two N.S.S. volunteers for this Conclave.

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