

NSS-DTU NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of the largest run social service organization of DTU



About Us

NSS DTU is the largest student-led organization in the university working in the social sector and aims to bring about a change in society by organizing various events and campaigns pertaining to all aspects of social service. The volunteers commit themselves to the greater good and strive to achieve the best versions of themselves. Awareness regarding the surroundings, identifying social evils pertaining to a region, and formulating and implementing practical ways to tackle them constitute the role of an NSS Volunteer. Both long- and short-term programs in the fields of education, healthcare, road safety, etc., ensure the efficient functioning of NSS as a unit, encouraging teamwork and helping its volunteers grow immensely on a personal level as well.

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MASK AWARENESS

MARGDARSHAN- AN
ALUMNI TALK SERIES

RURAL WOMEN
EMPOWERMENT

SUSTAINABILITY DAY

RAKT- COVID 19 PLASMA
DONORS DATABASE

From the desk of

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Chairman, NSS DTU

The sole objective of any community is to inspire others; and its foundation - its members. The DTU unit of National Service Scheme (NSS) is an attempt to not only provide students with a platform to give back to the society, but also to inculcate a sense of responsibility in today's youth. We at NSS DTU organize and partake in a variety of campaigns pertaining to various aspects of the society. Realizing the role each individual needs to play in the society, we volunteer our services to not only inspire others, but empower them.



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NSS DTU, being one of the largest student organizations of our university, has played a pivotal role in ingraining a sense of community among the students and has allowed them to be a part of a more nuanced and global worldview. The motto of NSS DTU, 'Not Me But You', calls for the students to be better and helpful individuals and to fight against societal ills to any extent they can. In these trying times, we upheld our ideals by coming up with new and unique means to provide our services in whatever way we could. With this spirit of community and collaboration, we look forward to another year full of efforts and positive changes.

Kartavya 2020

Social e-fest organized by NSS DTU

Kartavya is the annual social fest organized by NSS DTU. A host of activities were arranged surrounding social issues, in an attempt to raise awareness and call for action. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing norms, this year's conclave was held virtually.

From 3rd to 15th April 2020, participants were presented with a multitude of opportunities to showcase their talents. Some of the key events included a debate competition around social issues, a poetry event, and a painting competition. Along with these, a best out of waste craft contest, a photography event with the theme of self-isolation, and a case-study competition were also hosted.

The event witnessed participation from colleges all over Delhi, with the best performers winning e-certificates and other prizes.



Juvenile visits

NSS DTU volunteers regularly visit the Juvenile Justice Board to conduct activities and fruitful interactive sessions. One of the visits was conducted on the occasion of Diwali, wherein children decorated diyas and made greeting cards for their parents. Another such visit was conducted on the 71st Republic day. Tales of independent India were narrated along with quizzes, poem recitals, and a game of volleyball.





TRYAMBAKAM: Rural Camp'19

With a mission to promote the preservation of natural resources and indigenous practices, NSS DTU organized its annual Rural Camp from 20th to 25th December 2019, at Gopalpura, Alwar. Among other activities like learning about organic farming practices, setting up library facilities at the community school, offering 'Shramdaan,' and many more, the volunteers interacted and learned from the 'Waterman of India', Sh. Rajendra Singh regarding various water preservation and river revival techniques.

Blood Donation & Stem Cell Registry Camp

A Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with AIIMS and a Stem Cell Donor Registry Camp in collaboration with DATRI Blood Stem Cell Registry were organized on 31st January 2020. The donated blood was used to maintain the stock in blood banks for emergencies, while the stem cell registrations helped create a database of donors for future use. With 155 units of blood donated and 100+ stem cell registrations, the event was a tremendous success.



RAKT

RAKT is an initiative to connect voluntary blood donors with recipients, wherein a database containing the relevant details of blood donors is maintained for emergencies. During the pandemic, this database was further expanded to include relevant details of COVID-19 recovered plasma donors to help patients requiring Plasma therapy. This was done to ensure speedy coordination in case of emergencies. The team managed to successfully help connect various donors with patients within the required time.



Plantation drive

Given the increased felling of trees, a college-wide plantation drive was held on 27th August 2019 in an attempt to restore the balance of plant-life on campus. Led by Dr. Pravin Kumar and other faculty members, over 50 saplings were planted.

Kalam ko Salaam

Kalam ko Salaam is an initiative by NSS DTU to combine the conventional modes of teaching along with extracurricular activities. Weekly visits were conducted to the Shubhakshika Open Shelter prior to quarantine. The program continued during the quarantine, where volunteers used various online methods of teaching.



Saarthi

Saarthi is the latest venture of NSS DTU to provide quality education to the underprivileged. Volunteers send recorded video lessons in computer skills and training to Parivartan, an NGO operating in Uttarakhand. Reaching over 70 students, we hope to provide valuable skills to more people across the country.

EWS Camp



Children belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) often fail to avail of the 25% reservation in admission to private schools due to a lack of awareness and understanding of the online system. An EWS admission campaign was organized from 21st to 23rd February 2020 to bridge the gap between the government's online portal and the oblivious crowd to help them reap the benefits of the scheme. Accruing to our dedicated volunteers' work, over 100 forms were filled.

Paathshala

Paathshala is a program under the education wing of NSS DTU which has completed one year of its operation. A group of volunteers from NSS DTU provide classes to students five days a week at the Amar Jyoti Colony to help children of all standards in their academics, clear their doubts, and help them excel in their studies.



Fit India Plogging Run

Commemorating 5 years of the Swachh Bharat Mission, a plogging activity was organized on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Plogging is a combination of jogging and picking up litter on the way. The event focused on the elimination of single-use plastics. More than 60 people participated in the 2km run around campus collecting plastic waste.



Voice of Animals

Voice of Animals is an initiative under NSS DTU, which aims to protect animals and voice their problems by creating awareness. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, this initiative continued online. Jijivisha, a collaborative effort of NSS DTU and Rotaract Club of DTU, was organized in July 2020 with an aim to feed stray dogs and birds. Participants from different parts of the country shared their stories and pictures of love for fellow beings over social media.

Recycle Box

In an attempt to make the university cleaner and more sustainable, we launched a recycling initiative called "The Recycle Box" to collect and utilize the paper waste generated near the stationery shop. Launched on 2nd November 2019, we aim to manage the waste generation in DTU and encourage students to incorporate these habits into their daily lives.



T3

A 'Test, Treat, and Talk' camp was organized on 22nd October 2019 with the objective of generating awareness in the student community regarding anemia. A total of 582 students were given counseling and recommendation based on their level of anemia. The event was successful in informing the students about the symptoms, treatment, and prevention techniques of anemia.



Gal Menu Menu Bol

'Gal Menu Menu Bol' was organized by NSS-DTU in collaboration with Greensphere IGDTUW on 16th October 2019. It was an awareness campaign on sustainable menstruation which highlighted how sanitary napkins and other sanitary products are harmful to the environment and suggested better environment-friendly alternatives for them.

It culminated with a discussion on sustainable development goals set up by the UN.



Joy of Giving

The Joy of Giving Week was organized from 14th to 18th October 2019. Students donated heartily, resulting in over 1100 items being collected. Multiple donation drives were then conducted, distributing blankets and warm clothes to shelter homes, hundreds of kgs of clothes to Rain Baseras and NGOs, and the books, stationery, and toys to numerous schools across Delhi.

Recycle Today

One of the most celebrated initiatives of NSS DTU, Recycle Today aims to collect and recycle used articles from the campus. Old items collected from the Electrical, Computer, Civil and Chemistry departments and hostels were sent for safe processing. Since 2018, our team was able to collect more than 4300 kg of waste material which was then recycled into 2400+ good quality notebooks.



VIRTUAL EVENTS

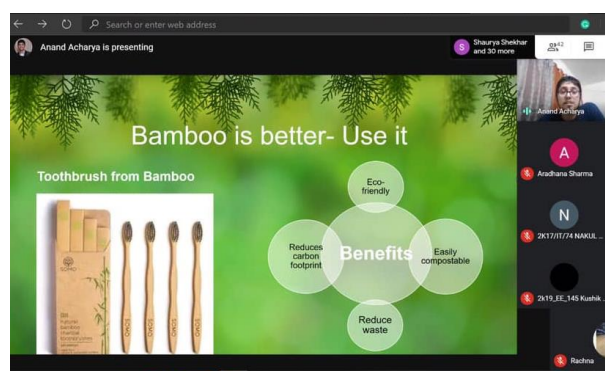
Rural Women Empowerment

A live seminar was conducted with the members of the Etasha Society on the occasion of International Day of Rural Women on 15th October 2020. The seminar focused on discussing the challenges in daily lives faced by the rural women engaged in their entrepreneurial program.



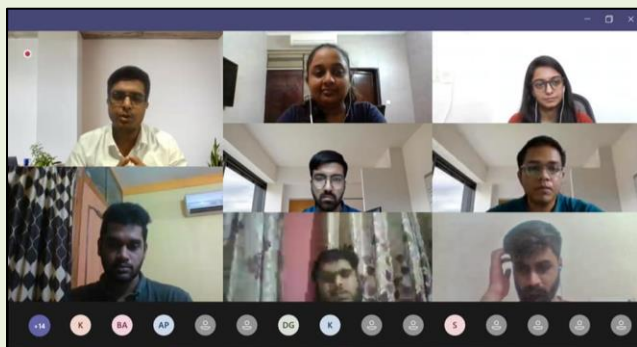
Sustainability Day

An online panel discussion was hosted on the occasion of Sustainability Day on 28th October 2020. Joined by some of the most prominent experts on environmental causes including Aradhana Sharma, Sanjay Chauhan, Anand Acharya, and Mohit Saini, the discussion revolved around taking small steps for segregating waste, planting trees, and making lifestyle changes to create a better and greener tomorrow.



Mask Awareness

NSS DTU organized a live online session on "Mask Awareness" on 17 October 2020. The session was led by the team of Vidhan and NSS DTU alumnus Mr. Kushang Gupta to emphasize the importance of face masks and the safe techniques for disposal. The session further busted the myths around the safety concerns related to using different varieties of masks.



Margdarshan- An Alumni Talk Series

NSS DTU organized an online interactive series, "Margdarshan- An Alumni Talk," in October-November 2020. The sessions hosted alumni members of the NSS DTU fraternity who threw light on important topics like career, future prospects, and the role of NSS in their professional and personal journey.

PAST EVENTS



**Abhilasha-
Celebrating Ambitions**
A session on women empowerment



Road Safety Mega Event
An event to raise awareness
on road safety



Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

A cleanliness campaign
to improve sanitation in
the campus'
neighborhood



Animal Shelter Visit

A visit to the Sanjay Gandhi
Animal Care Center to help
the caretakers in cleaning
and feeding operations



Voter ID Camp
A campaign to
encourage online
voter ID registration

**Cancer
Detection Camp**
A campaign to provide
free cancer checkups



Organ Donation Workshop

A workshop to promote
organ donor card
registrations



Toys from Trash

A workshop to
demonstrate the art of
making toys from waste
materials