



# NSS DTU NEWSLETTER

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

## About Us

NSS DTU is the largest student led organisation in the university working in the social sector, and aims to bring about a change in the society by organising 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 constitutes the role of an NSS Volunteer. Both long and short term programmes in the field of education, healthcare, road safety, etc. ensure efficient functioning of NSS as a unit, encouraging team work and helping it's volunteers grow immensely on a personal level as well.



## HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS OF 2018:

- **Rural Camp**
- **iSafe Mega Event**
- **Green Diwali**
- **Joy of Giving**
- **Cancer Detection Camp**
- **Jashn-E-Azadi**
- **Stem Cell Donation Camp**
- **Blood Donation Database**
- **Prayas Juvenile Home Visit**

# Rural Camp

The NSS Rural Camp 2018 was organised at the Tarun Bharat Sangh (TBS) campus in the village of Bheekampura, Alwar, Rajasthan



- Volunteers had the opportunity to see how the village had attained self sufficiency in water resources in a drought prone region by employing traditional methods, such as the construction of Johads (reservoirs), Anicuts and Bandhs (small dams made of soil and rock).
- Putting themselves in the shoes of the indigenous community, volunteers tried their hands at some farming techniques like mulching where they learnt how a simple organic technique could have numerous benefits including water conservation, preventing soil erosion and facilitating early germination.
- The team split into groups of 2-3 and trod on the streets of the village to interact with the villagers and exchange views and opinions. Each group got an opportunity to stay for a night with the villagers at their residence.
- The team discussed the day-to-day problems faced by the villagers which included issues like child marriage, menstrual hygiene, girls' education, organic farming and the water harvesting system in their village.
- Volunteers prepared manure, an extremely crucial component of organic farming. Segregating themselves into three teams they collected chaff, straw, dry grass and cow dung which were combined in a systematic manner layer over layer.





- Volunteers installed a solar panel with the help of village youth, which would light up the bulbs in the community hall of the village. At the same time they were also engaged in wall paintings such as the emblem of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan and the map of the local river among others.
- Through the Rural Camp, each volunteer not merely attained experience of the rural lifestyle, but also learned valuable lessons in education and self-sufficiency.



Volunteers also edified villagers on the importance of efficiency and better techniques of environmental and energy sustainability, alongside the development of integral infrastructure.

## Green Diwali

NSS DTU along with Behtar Bharat organised the Green Diwali Project from 29th October to 2nd November 2018.



The purpose of the project was to raise public awareness about environmental effects of burning crackers and its subsequent problems on human and animal health. The focus was on community intervention and promotion of the true spirit of celebrating Diwali. As a part of our donation drive under the project, diyas painted by students of Subhakshika were gifted to the residents. A group of 40 NSS volunteers distributed around 300 diyas covering 100+ families.

# iSafe MEGA EVENT

In collaboration with Indian Road Safety Campaign, JPN Trauma Centre, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Delhi Traffic Police and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), NSS DTU conducted a Mega Event at Delhi Technological University on the 30th of October 2018.

The event was a day-long culmination of activities revolving around Road Safety and aimed at increasing the awareness among children, youth and adults regarding the ever-growing rate of traffic-related deaths. In a unique attempt at creating a world record, more than 350 students were trained for first responder and defensive training. Tackling Pre and Post-emergency cases through First Responder Training, along with prevention via Defensive Driving was covered during the course of the day,

with the help of experienced doctors and trainers from AIIMS. The event brought together experts, students and volunteers in an attempt to spread work and educate on road safety. Multiple competitions, workshops and exhibitions were held throughout the day, along with Road Safety Training being imparted to all participants.



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**A tribute to 'The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims', that takes place on the third Sunday in November annually as the appropriate acknowledgement of victims of road traffic crashes and their families.**

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## Recycle Today

After the successful completion of the first phase of Recycle Today wherein 2800+ kgs of waste paper was collected to produce 1900+ new notebooks, the program's second phase resumed with full vigour in August 2018. The initiative includes collection of waste paper from different

departments of the University as well as from hostels and its recycling to produce new notebooks, that are distributed wherever possible. The notebooks produced in the first phase were distributed in the Rural Camp held in December as well as to the students in Shubhakshika, among other places during different events conducted by NSS DTU.



## Blood Stem Cell Donor Registry Camp

NSS DTU organised a Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry Camp on the 24th and 25th of October 2018, where students could get themselves enlisted in registry maintained by DATRI Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry, for helping patients suffering from life threatening blood disorders.

The interested donors were taught the procedure by the volunteers and helped in the process. The camp witnessed an encouraging number of participants and proved to be a success.



## Cancer Detection Camp

NSS DTU organised a Cancer Detection Camp on 19th August.



The camp was held at Subhakshika, Amar Jyoti colony, where a group of 9 NSS volunteers worked with utmost dedication along with the doctors.

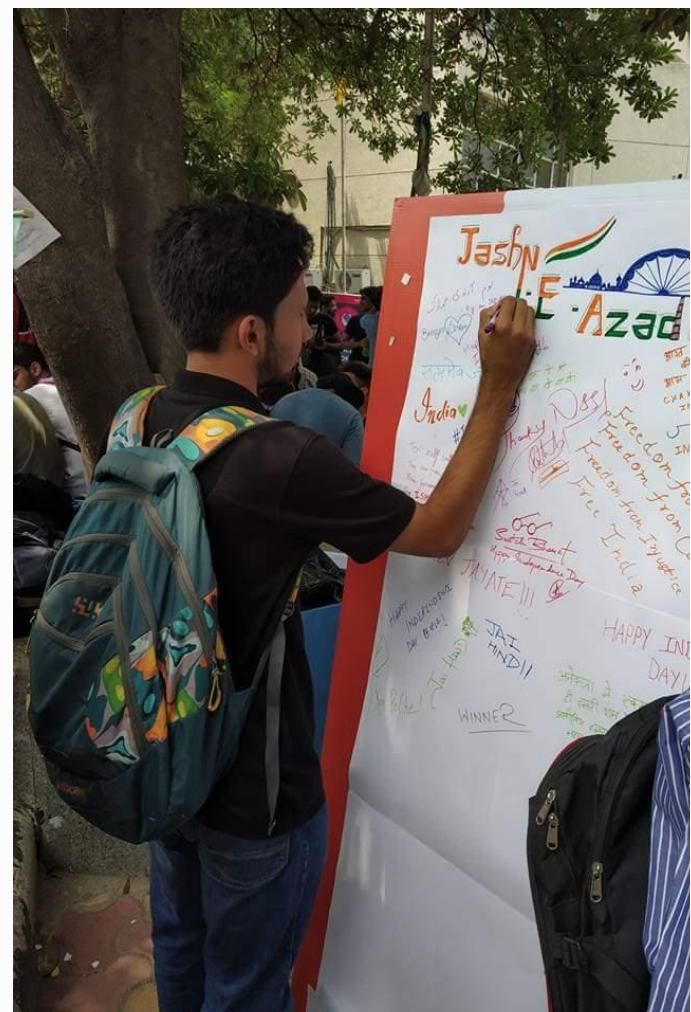
## Prayas Juvenile Home Visit

Volunteers from NSS DTU visited the Prayas Juvenile Home on 3rd November 2018, and organised a variety of activities to

better understand and interact with the inmates. Recycled notebooks were distributed among the children, and the movie 'Hichki' was screened, followed by some fun games and activities.

## Jashn-E-Azadi

On the occasion of the 72nd Independence Day, NSS DTU organised Jashn-e-Azadi on 14th August, a celebration including a bunch of activities aimed towards the propagation of the spirit of Independent India, including a questionnaire to test the participants' knowledge concerning our Independence and a canvas to doodle heartfelt messages for the public.



## Kalam Ko Salaam



**The purpose of education is to make good human beings with skill and expertise. Enlightened human beings can be created only by teachers.**

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Kalam ko Salaam (KKS) is a long running program of NSS DTU, wherein the volunteers interact with the children of Shubhakshika Open Shelter to help build their knowledge about various subjects. The initiative resumed for the 2018-2019 session in August 2018, prioritising English, Value Education and Science Experiments this time.



## Pankhuri

NSS DTU launched the DTU chapter of "Pankhuri Pathshaala- Apne sapanon ki udaan" in August 2018. Pankhudi Pathshaala is an initiative under the "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojna" by the District administration of North West Delhi that aims to educate those girls whose education has somehow not been at par with people of their age group.

It is a free school and its main purpose is not only to educate them, but also to make them self dependent. Girls are taught in Anganwadis (near Rithala) by some nearby teachers.

NSS DTU covers four Pankhudi Pathshaalas currently. Volunteers work for the program in departments of database, monitoring, scheduling and curriculum design. The monitoring team keeps a track of the attendance of the children, teachers' regularity, syllabi covered and the likes of these via field visits and telephonic monitoring methods. The database team records the reports of the aforementioned. The scheduling team schedules the visits to the Pathshaalas.

NSS DTU is working towards the success of this long term program of the administration, and hopes to prove elemental in the future of the attendees.

# Joy of Giving

NSS DTU organized the Joy of Giving Week – a week long donation drive to bring joy to homes of a few this festive season – from

Tuesday, 9th October to Monday, 15th October, 2018.

Total number of books donated: 1130

Total number of stationery collected: 82 items and 1 school bag



## Blood Donation Database

NSS DTU, as an ongoing initiative, maintains a database of potential blood donors who have voluntarily pledged to donate blood whenever called upon. The team has so far arranged for 17 donors who answered to emergencies and willingly

went to the hospital, without even asking for travel reimbursements. 12 of these volunteers were able to donate blood successfully.

