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ORPHANAGE VISIT

*"On a road, I met a child
His hands open,
Trying to fly.
Dreaming of a home
Wanting a hug
His eyes spoke all"*

68th year of independence was spent with the smiles of little children of Swagat Ashram, Sneh Sadan and Asha Daan orphanages in Malad, Jogeshwari and Byculla respectively. 78 volunteers turned up for the event. The NSS unit conveyed messages through worksheets, dance and other activities. Worksheets for different classes were prepared. Then, mood lighting dance activity was held. Music took us far away from our stressful lives and we all enjoyed. The giggling sound of children echoed in the room. This filled us with good vibes. Followed by this, there was a game organized, 'Hip-Hip Hurray'. Everyone enjoyed the flavour of mango in our favourite chocolate mango bite. Kids had their evening snacks. The glowing eyes of the children made us cheerful. The feelings and the emotions have still stayed the same in me after this journey. Hope to visit it again.



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First, the volunteers were identified for dance and street play events to be conducted during the camp (three groups each for dance & street play). Then after room allotment and a quick lunch, we gathered for the opening event "**The Shram-daan**".



For operational efficiency and larger coverage we divided ourselves in two groups. One group took the task of weed removal while the other got engaged in field levelling work.

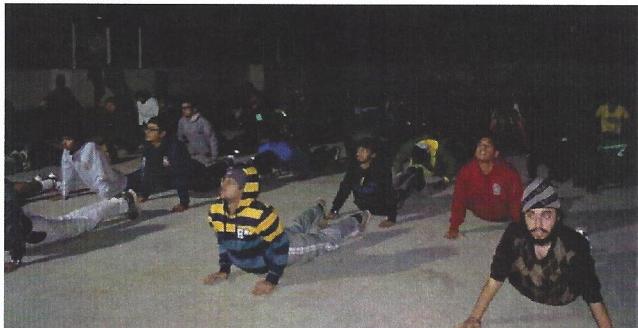
Gloves were provided to the volunteers to avoid any injury from thorny weeds. We used spades and other agricultural equipments to carry out the work.

It took around two hours to clear the weeds from the ground and removal of large no. of stones for levelling of field. The good work of the volunteers was appreciated by the Asharam officials.

As the sun was about to set, the first day ended; working, helping and caring. 'Shramdaan' the word which initially gave grim and tensed looks on the faces of the volunteers, brought lot of satisfaction and joy of giving at the end.

Day 2:

The second day started with morning workout at 6 am. An hour long workout and jogging session was followed by breakfast.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY!

- Workout and jogging in the morning.
- Rain Water Harvesting event at Sonawale village.

After the light breakfast, we assembled for shramdaan. The day's shramdaan was to pick large stones and shift them, to build fence. We decided to make a human chain so that the work gets divided. The other group of 15 volunteers were levelling the path so that the villagers could commute easily.



Post lunch, we divided ourselves into groups of 30 each. One group took the agenda of building a dam like structure using gunny bags filled with soil. This structure could restrict the flow of water. A reservoir was formed; water collected in it can be used for day to day activities by the villagers. The other group worked to renovate the existing dam in the premises of the asharam.

With blessings from the villagers, the second day came to an end.

Day 3:

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY!

- Dam Renovation & levelling.
- Visit to the non-profit organization Aadhar for Christmas celebration.

25th of December was one of the most memorable days for everyone at the NSS camp. This day gave us many heart touching memories.

As was the norm, we woke up at 5:15 am and reported for a bout of exercise. It started off nicely but things escalated when we did squats

followed by the surya namaskar, pushups and a jog. After this rejuvenating session we reported for breakfast. We had light breakfast and got ready with our essentials for the infamous Shramdaan.

The volunteers were divided into two groups. One was tasked with renovating the broken dam so that water collection could be done and that water could be used by the villagers. 30 students were working at the dam. The other had to fill depressions left on the terrain. The area was levelled.

It was Christmas and celebrating it in Aadhar, a non-profit organization was overwhelming. Aadhar



looks after people with cerebral handicaps. The organization was a few minutes' walk from the asharam. The dormitory in- charge provided a tour of the institution; she spoke to us about the hidden talents of the young souls. We were told about the routine the residents follow, the rules and regulations which need to be taken care of and their families. The campus had various sections: Male dormitories, female dormitories, a workshop area, dining area, shelter for cows, a biogas plant, a small hospital, and an auditorium for special occasions. During the tour,

some of them directly approached us and introduced themselves.

After serving them lunch, it was time for celebration. Our fellow campers gave dance performances. Judging by their reaction, they loved and were really enjoying it. Then they overpowered the show and left us gaping in surprise. They had innocent poems to recite, energizing dance moves to dance on and good vibes which filled all of us with positivity. After this, all of us had a blast, dancing together. This was followed by the arrival of Santa. As it was Christmas, one of us imitated Santa and surprised them with chocolates. Their confidence, innocence and good-will were extremely endearing.



We said goodbyes and left for the ashram with a truck load of memories and this glowing sense of satisfaction in our chests.

Day 4:

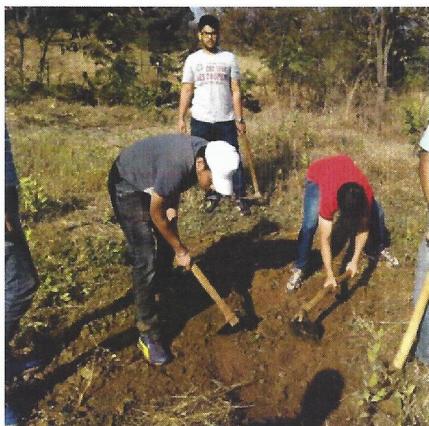
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY!

- Publicity for the medical camp.
- Spreading Awareness about Ill effects of alcohol, Importance of proper sanitation and education & Women empowerment.

After a fantastic day spent at Aadhar, 26th of December brought forth another wonderful and extremely fulfilling day. We woke up at 5:15 am for our morning warm-up exercises. Along with the usual squats, lunges and suryanamaskars we went for a jog. Post breakfast, everyone assembled for Shramdaan. We divided ourselves into two groups. The larger group one was sent for levelling the land by removing weeds using

sickles and spades. The other group collected medium sized stones, these stones were used to surround trees to avoid soil erosion.

It was the third day so campers had developed mutual cooperation. Thus, the tasks at hand were dispatched off quickly amidst fun and laughter.



The highlight of this day was a visit to the nearby villages, Yeve and Mulgaon to publicize about the medical camp which was being organized by the unit on Day 5, i.e. 27/12/2015. Apart from the publicity, three street plays were to be performed for the locals. Thirty six volunteers were divided into three groups for portraying three different social issues that had to be promoted in the village. We managed to muster up a crowd of over a hundred villagers. The topics of the plays were- the importance of education, woman empowerment and the ill effects of alcohol, all of them being subjects of importance in the country. The plays being narrated in Marathi were understood well by the villagers receiving a great response from them.



Along with the publicity of the medical camp we could spread awareness about the importance of personal hygiene and kitchen gardening.

The day ended on a happy note with a roaring success in the street plays and everyone looked forward to the medical camp.

Day 5:

We were up at 5:15 am on this day, ready for the morning exercises at 6:00 am. This was the day we had worked for throughout the year, acquiring funds through various activities, from collecting newspapers to selling rakhis, and by procuring resources and

people, everything boiled down to this day. This was the day of the medical camp.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY!

- Visit of the university coordinator at the camp site.
- Free medical camp for the villagers at Yeve and Mulagaon.
- Tests for Blood pressure, Blood sugar, BMI and Blood group were done along with Cataract screening.

We had to conduct medical camps in two villages - Yeve and Mulgaon. We divided ourselves into two groups and were ready to leave for the village at 9:00 am. But there was a surprise visit by the university coordinator. He spoke about the importance of all round growth of our nation as well as its citizens, citing various examples.

After all the motivation, we continued on to our respective villages. It was more than a half hour long walk to the village Yeve as well as Mulgaon. Once we reached the village, we were again divided into two groups - one would stay at the temple to assist the doctors and the other would publicise the event.



The publicity team went all around the village, to every possible house to inform the villagers about the camp. It was being conducted at the village's temple and they would conduct tests pertaining to B.P., blood sugar, cataract, haemoglobin and B.M.I. In addition to these tests, the villagers could also consult the doctors on other health issues they faced.

The volunteers working with the doctors assisted them in measuring the patients' B.M.I. They helped the villagers to fill the medical forms. The publicity team had a tough time persuading few villagers to come forward for their health checkup on the other hand many villagers were keen to know vital medical statistics of their body. Some were adamant about their decision defending it by saying that we can complete our daily chores and earn money rather than wasting time. A lot of them were quite hospitable, offering us refreshments and helping us find our way around their village. But despite of all odds we could manage to checkup 250 villagers.

As a day full of surprises was coming to end, we could see our dream of making the country's citizen healthy was coming true.

Day 6:

Usually the day began with the customary warm-ups, but today was something different. The campers were informed of a trek the last night but had no idea of what would transpire!

We were woken up at 4:00 am and were ready to leave for the trek by 4:30 am. All of us had reached Khandoba Mandir, Mulgaon before the sunrise. It was a pleasantly refreshing walk through the main road, as the moonlight shone

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY!

- Trek to Khandoba Mandir.
- Visit to school, painting of school walls and organizing of sports day



on us, and accompanied by owls' hooting and the chilly weather. After having traversed through the main road, we reached the village Mulgaon where the hill was situated, atop which the temple was located. Having reached there, we were certain we had completed most of our

journey with only the last bit remaining. But, we were wrong! Climbing the mountain to reach the peak was the most arduous task; yet, when we reached the temple at the peak of the hill, it was the most satisfying feeling in the world. Half of us lay down on the cool rocks outside the temple. The view from the top embodied tranquility, as the world silently went about its chores.

Today we had to go to the villages again, albeit for a different purpose. Today, we would interact with school kids and help paint their school, the vibrant colours of knowledge. We were divided into two groups, one group headed towards Yeve village and the other enthusiastically left for Sonawale village.

On reaching the school, we were divided into two groups that would deal with teaching and painting respectively. The group that was assigned the task of teaching had to solve worksheets with two classes, individually helping out children in solving problems. And the other team painted the logo of the school on an adjacent structure and painted the inner walls of the single-storied building with English alphabets and with parts of the human body. The children were visibly excited to have us there, and so were we. Some of them would stop by to admire the walls we were painting. These were bright kids for they easily solved the worksheets.



A sports day was organized for the little champions in Sonawale village.

We had watery eyes as we could see all little champions smiling. This day ended with rise of many hopes, hopes of a bright future of the children, hopes of making their lives better, hopes of making their education little interesting.

Day 7:

The last day of the camp was scheduled to have the last set of exercise, jogging and shramdaan followed by the final meeting.

The shramdaan involved garden renovation, placing bricks at every 15 feet and check dam building. 15 volunteers working at garden had to clean the weeds, paint the bricks which were used as border and remove yellow

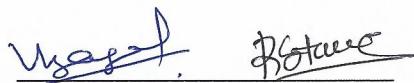
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY!

- Last day shramdaan.
- Declaration of best campers.

grass which had grown near the bricks. The second group was placing bricks at every 15 feet (where saplings were grown) to control soil erosion. The third group worked to build the check dam. During this, a check control was made using sand and stones to block the overflow of water from the river. This was essential and important for the safety of the villagers. All the volunteers did the shramdaan with great enthusiasm.



Following the field work, we had lunch followed with the last meeting. A meeting filled with lots of appreciation and motivation to work for the country. 8 best campers were announced. Everyone was very nostalgic and emotional after working together for 7 days. Team work, hard work, patience, support and guidance could finally lead us to a successful camp. Beginning the day from wake up calls at 5:15 AM, workouts and jogging, cleaning the dining hall after every meal, washing utensils, preparing for street plays, dance and posters in just few hours, contributing in the field work for the betterment of the society; everything was a different but an amazing experience. These camp experiences helped each one of us to grow and be a better and a responsible citizen. A group photo was mandatory after the successful camp. After that we all proceeded to Badlapur station, all with a head full of awesome memories that are to be cherished lifelong. Let's join hands and work for the betterment of the country. Take initiatives because nothing is stronger than a volunteer's heart!



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LET'S GO SHOPPING

This event is based on the concept of reusing the used products. Here, the unit collected old clothes, toys, stationeries, foot wears, books i.e. all items that can be reused. Children were given a chance to buy things not only for themselves but also for their family members as per the needs.

Volunteers shall be there as shopkeepers and create a real life shopping experience for the children. Shopping with artificial currency (given by us) will bring a sense of ownership as well as to prioritize their needs.

The main aim of this project was to bring a sense of priority in kids and also to educate them on how to spend their money.



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TREE PLANTATION

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, and the second best time is now."

Due to deforestation at various places, the effects of global warming can be evidently observed. It is never too late to work for the environment. The tree plantation event was organized on 27th June, 2015 at Chota Kashmir, Goregaon. By able support of 56 volunteers we planted 50 neem and 1 tulsi sapling. Neem and tulsi, both are medicinal plants and are of great importance. Let's celebrate each day as environment day and at least plant a new life each week.



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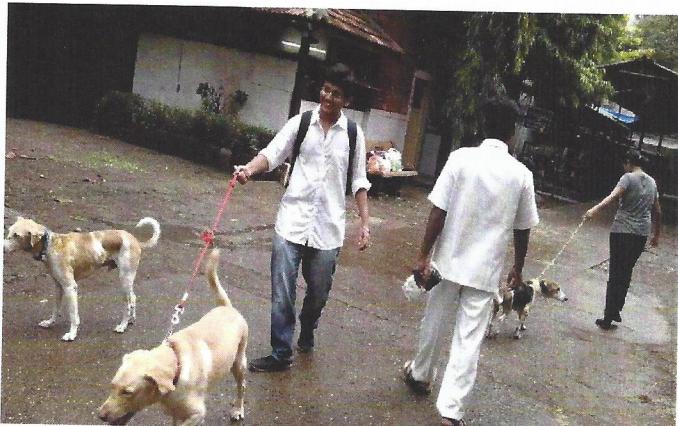


ANIMAL HOSPITAL VISIT

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." - Mahatma Gandhi

On 2nd August, 2015 the NSS unit along with 65 volunteers celebrated friendship's day at the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital with horses, dogs, cats, cattle and birds.

Green grass and bananas were feeded to the cattle. 'Gathiya' was given to the crows. Horses were given green grass and pieces of carrots as food. Each dog per 2 volunteers were taken on a walk. Birds injured due to kite flying were kept for recovery. Cats which were severely ill were given blankets and quilts for better recovery. X-ray machines used for elephants were also seen.



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OLD AGE HOME VISIT

The NSS unit of the college had organized an Old Age Home Visit on 20th August, 2015. The visit was organized on the occasion of 'Sadbhavana Diwas' which is celebrated on the birth anniversary of our former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to promote national integration and communal harmony and spread the message of goodwill towards everyone and eschewing violence.

Around 40 volunteers visited the Asha Daan Old Age Home in Byculla on this day. Various fun activities



were organized during the visit. We served them lunch, distributed sweets and interacted with them. Then, mood lighting dance activity was held. Music took us far away from our stressful lives and we all enjoyed. Giggles echoed in the room. This filled us with good vibes. To wrap it up in simple words, it was a wonderful experience and an opportunity to discover empathy within ourselves.

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CHARITY DRIVE

During the Rakshabandhan week this year, i.e. from 20th August, 2015 to 28th August, 2015 the NSS unit of the college set up a stall for selling products like Rakhis, bracelets, anklets, chocolates, Pouches, sling bags and jute files. These products were made by the differently abled kids of Punarvas and Khushaldas Dagara School.

Through this event the creativity of these children were appreciated and they were motivated. The event from its inception was bolstered by every D.J. student and faculty. A whooping fund was raised by the long haul of volunteers.



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BEACH CLEAN UP

Ever taken a long stroll on a beach, listened to the splashing of the deep blue sea, and seen the wonderful flora and fauna which lie on the beach, and suddenly, you trip and fall over some rubbish? Pollution takes away all the beauty of our beaches.

After the Ganesh Poojan, the beaches get filled with flowers, ornaments, idols and other things which are done for completing the rituals.

On 22nd September, 2015 the NSS unit of D.J. Sanghvi College of Engineering took an initiative to clean the Juhu beach.

Along with 55 volunteers the unit could handpick a huge amount of thrash. The BMC garbage vans collected the massive amount of thrash and the difference was evident.

The efforts done were appreciated by the people.



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NEWSPAPER COLLECTION DRIVE

The newspaper collection drive was organized on 18th October, 2016 at Kandivali, Malad and Andheri areas of Mumbai along with 50 volunteers. The aim of the event was to collect maximum newspapers and use the collected amount to set up a free medical camp for the villagers of a remote village.

We could successfully collect several kgs of newspapers and a free medical camp was organized for the villagers of Mulgaon and Yeve, Badlapur District in the month of December during the Annual NSS Camp.



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POLLUTION AWARENESS

The NSS unit of the college had organized a population awareness drive on 9th November, 2016. The objective of the drive was to urge everyone to celebrate Diwali without crackers.

During the drive, the students of the college and people were made aware regarding the hazards of burning crackers to the health of living beings and Mother Earth. As nowadays people connect better with hashtags, we could spread the message by posting pictures with hashtags like #yehdiwalibinaphatakevali.

People who celebrated Diwali without crackers reposted the photo with the hashtag. This event was organized to bring in a sense of awareness amongst all.



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ENERGY CONSERVATION

The event was organized to spread awareness about energy conservation. We made a small colour coding event where all the lights and fans of all the classrooms were color-coded on 10th January, 2016.

The volunteers were segregated into 8 groups each of 8 members which were responsible for half a floor. Each group had to ensure that the fans and tube lights of every classroom on the floor assigned to them could be distinguished by a colour designated to their switches. A variety of coloured chart papers were used.

Also amongst volunteer's responsibilities was affixing a layout of the class next to the switch board indicating the location of all the fans and tube lights in it.

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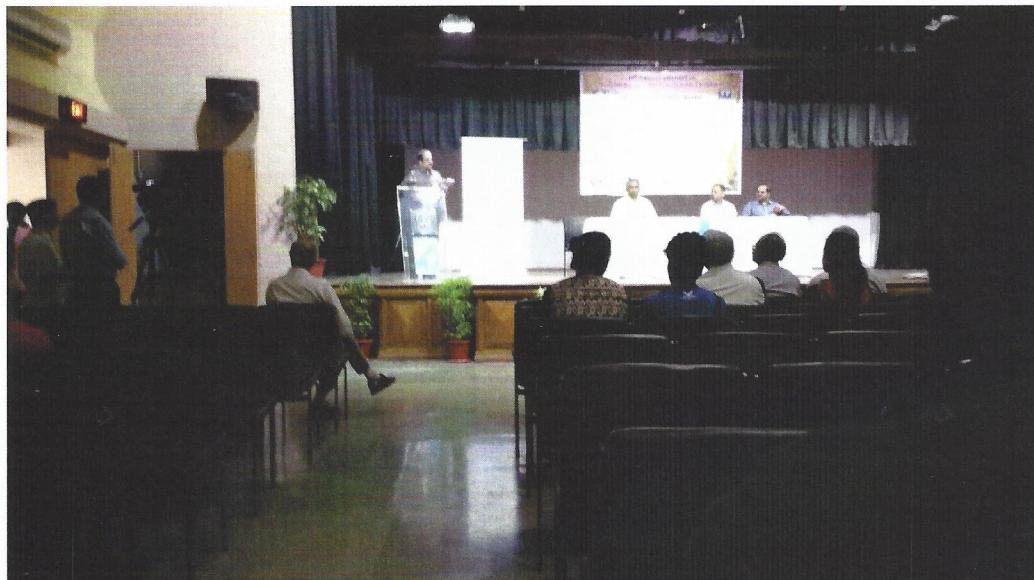


WETLANDS

Six NSS volunteers participated in the World Wetland Conservation Day event organized at the Marathi Bhavan Building of the Mumbai University campus, Kalina on 1st February, 2016. On the occasion of World Wetland Conservation Day there were different events organized.

The volunteers attended a certified seminar on Wetland Conservation. There were four keynote speakers who were experts in the field, including the Vice-chancellor of Mumbai and a Professor from Goa. NSS members were made aware about wetlands, the problem of wetland endangering and the importance of wetlands to the ecosystem and society.

All the researches were elaborated with the help of interesting and brief presentations for better understanding of the volunteers. The vice-chancellor displayed his findings and analysis and the seminar was concluded with an important message of 'Preserve and Improve Wetland Areas'.



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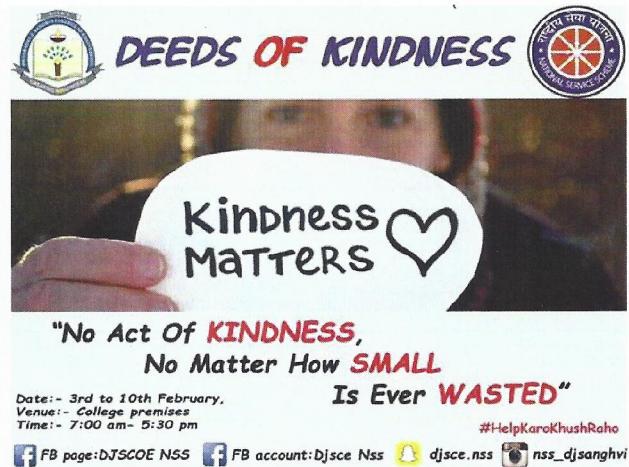


DEEDS OF KINDNESS

There are millions praying for the things which we take for granted! The 'Deeds of Kindness' event was enthusiastically organized by the NSS unit of the college from 3rd February, 2016 to 13th February, 2016. A desk was setup in the college premises through the week.

During the event we collected stationary, books, bags, clothes and many other useful items. The goodwill items collected during the event were distributed among the underprivileged people. The week gave people an opportunity to participate in a social cause by sharing things which are close to their hearts but are not much useful for them now.

A small gesture became a reason for the smiles we witnessed.



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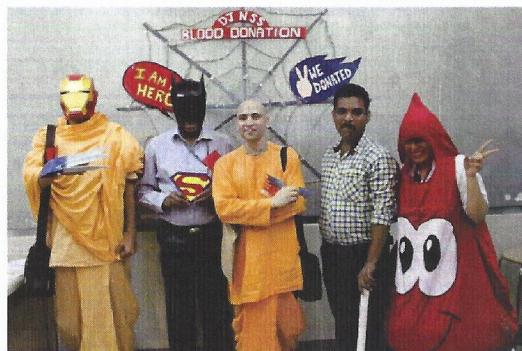
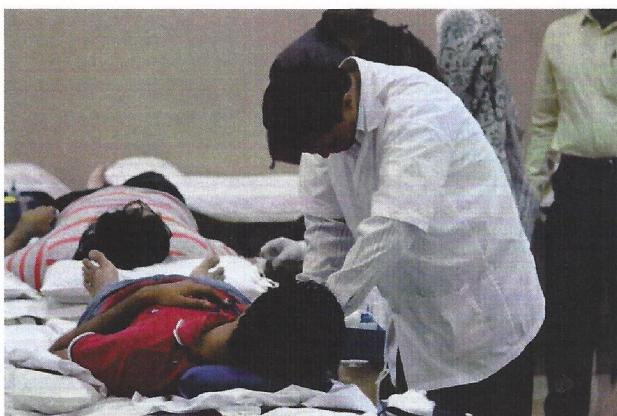
BLOOD DONATION

Do you feel you don't have much to offer? You have the most precious resource of all: the ability to save a life by donating blood! If you are a blood donor, you are a superhero to someone, somewhere, who received your gracious gift of life.

The NSS Unit of the college had organized a blood donation drive on 23rd February, 2016 from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm in the premises of the college. A van was setup outside the college gate for the convenience of people coming from different places. The donation camp was enthusiastically organized by the unit along with the help of Mahatma Gandhi Seva Mandir Blood Bank, Bandra. During the Camp, the college unit was successful in collecting 559 bags of blood.

The social cause was encouraged by celebrating Red Day to sensitize the importance of Blood Donation. The publicity was done through a skit, a flash mob and an attractive mascot.

Share a little, care a little - Donate Blood.



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TECH FOR YOUNG

The 'Tech for Young' event was organized from 28th March, 2016 to 30th March, 2016. 25 volunteers enthusiastically participated in the good cause and introduced Basics of Computers, Mathematics and English to the students of Chichawali Municipal Marathi School, Malad west.

Children were eager to learn all new concepts which were being taught to them. A brief introduction of the topic being taught on the particular day was given in the beginning of the lecture. Each volunteer were teaching a small group of 4-5 students for better understanding and easy doubt-solving session.

The glowing eyes of the children made us cheerful. The feeling of joy is indescribable! Hope to visit it again.



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