

## ANTI-NARCOTIC DAY

The event themed ‘Say no to drug Abuse’, held on 28th of June at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Dadar proved to be a jet of awareness for the students, in this age of drugs and addiction, a wonderful initiative taken by Mumbai University. The dignitaries of the Anti-Drug Association of Maharashtra showcased their efforts towards the betterment of the young blood of this era.

The event started with the host asking about the importance of the day with the students presenting their inputs. There was a bunch of dignitaries giving their time and efforts to the event and enlightening the students with their ideas, knowledge and experiences.



Drugs, Alcohols & Smoking may be a temporary stress reliever but is carcinogenic in long run. It attacks the central nervous system taking you to a mental state where you can no longer think and crave for more drug. A video supporting the former statement was being shown. A video in which a teenager and healthy swimmer, falls prey to smoking and drinking. Eventually he loses his health and turns into a weak, pale guy. The video was such an eye opener for the students and others as well. Some of the students showed courage and came forward to explain their stories as drug addicts and how they overcame it.

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The event was addressed by The Famous Actor Devdatta Naghe, who himself has been a part of NSS in his times. He interacted with the audience, inspiring the students to stop drugs themselves and encourage others to do the same. The event was great success, witnessed by a variety of colleges of Mumbai University. We learnt to have a healthy diet and stay away from drugs!

### **TREE PLANTATION DRIVE**

Trees are the earth's endless efforts to speak to the listening heavens. And we truly did experience it!

The NSS unit of DJSCE, conducted a Tree Plantation Drive on 16th July in Aarey Colony, Goregaon East. The Drive started at 9am, where they guided us with the basic norms of plantation and our volunteers efficiently proceeded.



A total of 145 Saplings were planted by 120 enthusiastic volunteers. Mr. N. V. Rathod, CEO of Aarey Colony motivated us to promote tree plantation and take proper care of our surroundings. We were inspired to visit our plantation site more often and engage with nature in its purest form.



Although it required lots of physical work, we all went back mentally refreshed. An event out of the regular hustle and bustle of the city left us all rejuvenated and soulfully satisfied.

## **DIGIDHAN AWARENESS PROGRAM**

All the students have experienced the hassle of carrying coins and paper notes, yet many of us refrain from using the easier and convenient alternatives - digital payment options.

DJNSS decided to organize a Digidhan Awareness Event to make students aware about the various cashless payment methods available to them and how to use them.



Publicity for the event was done on social media to increase curiosity about the event in young minds.

The event took place on 3rd August and 4th August.

NSS volunteers gave presentations focusing on digital economy. Students

were made aware of the numerous payment options like net banking, BHIM, Paytm, Payment cards, Unified Payment Interface(UPI) and M-POS machines. Benefits of cashless economy were explained.

A Q&A session was conducted after presentation in every class to solve the queries students had regarding cashless transactions and how to use different facilities available to us. Everyone was eager to know about cashless payment options. Many students were motivated to try digital transactions in place of conventional paper ones.



It might be difficult to switch totally to cashless economy, but the least we can try is to maximise the use of it whenever possible.

## WASTE TO COMPOST

1st of August proved to be a day of innovation, a day of knowledge and awareness. An ever encouraging seminar conducted by combined efforts of the NSS Unit Mumbai University, the people of 'My Green Society' working with Keshav Shrushti NGO at Kamla Mehta College of Commerce has shown lights for the onset of a revolution.



The concept dealt with the idea of how the greenhouse gases trap the UV rays and abandon them to the atmosphere leading to global warming. This also influenced by not treating the waste properly. The wet and dry waste together is burnt and disposed to the atmosphere, affecting all the landfills. In an attempt to bring this to light, people are asked what if organic waste and dry waste is separated. The answer to this is the central idea of today's event. Separating wet waste, composting it to get the manure for plants reduces a huge amount of waste to be disposed.

The idea says waste should be segregated in three parts, wet waste, dry waste and rejected waste. The NGO, Keshav Shrushti takes initiatives to develop a compost system in the societies, and other major areas. College students are encouraged to develop projects which include composting of wet waste of their college canteens.

The government has taken this step, making it compulsory for the households to segregate the waste before giving it off.

The event today successfully recognised by students from 14 different colleges, equally enthusiastic to contribute for the change, promising evolutionary success.

## ANNUAL CHARITY DRIVE

*"We cannot help everyone but everyone can help someone."*

Sometimes the smallest contribution from one person can go a long way in helping someone in need. To follow this very ideology, DJNSS arranged an Annual Charity Drive.

Along with spreading the message on social media, publicity for the event was also done in all the classes as well as staff rooms. A desk full of items like Rakhis, anklets, bracelets, quilled earrings, friendship bands, towels, innovative products like sanitary pad pouches and mobile charging covers, along with numerous mouthwatering varieties of chocolates was set up from 24th July to 5th August.

All these items were made by the students of Punarvas Educational Society and Vallabdhans Darga Indian Society, which are institutes for mentally handicapped children. All the proceeds from the two week event were given to these schools. We got an amazing response from students as well as teachers. We had a continuous stream of buyers right from 8:00 am to closing time, 5:30 pm.



Everyone was eager and wanted to do their part in helping these kids. After all, the satisfaction from giving cannot be compared with anything else.

## **FREEDOM FROM BIAS**

The afternoon of 13th August 2017 was greeted by the kind and pure hearted children of the Jay Vakeel Foundation. An initiative was taken to give the society an opportunity to get to know about the real truth of the lives of people suffering from down syndrome. An apt place with ample amount of public, The Infinity Mall, Malad was availed for the awareness program.



The NSS volunteers of DJ Sanghvi College of Engineering were invited to join in on the event. The event was honoured in the presence of dignitaries like the legal from Delhi, Mr. U K Shukla, Sub Inspectors of the Mumbai Police department, Anuraddha Patil and Bhaarti Havde. Also the officials from the Jay Vakeel foundations like Anjali Sabnani joined us in the upper ground floor of the mall for the event.

The sweet enthusiastic children had come prepared to interact with us in the most basic way of communication, void of words, a dance performance! Their high spirits made it difficult for people to stop themselves from tapping their feet to the beat.



The volunteers of our college sat down with most of the students and helped them colour their imaginations on paper. The outcome was a beautiful set of butterflies giving wings of confidence to the children.



Not to forget, the children responded beautifully and immediately set up a bond with us proving that they are no different than us and have needs similar to ours- acceptance, opportunities and love. We students pledged to be more approaching towards anyone with any form of disability and to make sure they would not feel neglected in this society of ours which will welcome them with open arms.



## ORPHANAGE VISIT

"We can't help everyone

*But everyone can help someone"*

On the 70th Independence Day, the NSS unit got an opportunity to bring a smile on those faces who truly deserve it .Unlike some people who treat national festivals as an additional holiday, there are many who long to celebrate these festivals with loved ones.



The event started at **8:00 am** on a sunny Tuesday morning.

A group of **100 students** visited orphanages across the city including Snehasadan-Andheri and Premsadan-Malad . The orphanage is a home to them in all respects. They have a loving group of caretakers, friends who have become family and all amenities that a home can offer.

As our goal was to make their day full of entertainment and fun we organized a jam session, a story telling session and enacted a drama. While the older children enjoyed singing songs, the little tots were given a fun exercise to keep their minds busy with. They not only treated us with respect but also participated enthusiastically in all the events conducted.

We went there to make their day enjoyable and returned with countless beautiful memories. We were thankful that they welcomed us not only in their homes but also their hearts.

## **RALLY FOR RIVERS**

For the past few decades, water level in our rivers is falling continuously and some of our perennial rivers have become seasonal.

Rally for rivers was an initiative by Isha foundation which focusses on planting trees in one km stretch along all major rivers.

The NSS unit of DJ Sanghvi actively participated and promoted this wonderful idea. Our volunteers decided to support this event by participating in an awareness rally on September 1, 2017.

Everyone was dressed in blue to show their support towards dying rivers. Around 60 volunteers created awareness about the rally in the areas near Mithibai College, holding placards.

The pedestrians were given leaflets and explained about Rally for rivers.



The event created a lot of awareness amongst the general public.

## **ORIENTATION PROGRAM**



The Orientation Ceremony of the NSS Unit of DJ Sanghvi was held on the 11th of September 2017. It began on an auspicious note with a prayer and lighting of the diya by the dignitaries. The ceremony then proceeded with speeches being delivered by the Principal, followed by a presentation being shown by the NSS Area Coordinator, Prof Pranav Panchal about NSS at the state and national level.



The Principal inspired the young minds of our volunteers to bring about the change in our society. On the auspicious day of Swami Vivekananda's anniversary he projected his views in front of our volunteers. Students were also informed of the events conducted up until now and the events yet to be conducted by our student leaders. The previous year volunteers were congratulated on their outstanding service of 240 hours dedicated towards the society. Some of the volunteers were rewarded with certificates for their outstanding performance in the last camp conducted. The Ceremony concluded with the NSS claps by everyone present.

## ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT

*"Until one has loved an animal, a part of their soul remains un-awakened"*



It is said that petting, cuddling an animal could be as soothing to the mind and heart as deep meditation and almost as good for a soul as prayer. Following this very thinking, DJNSS arranged for an animal shelter visit to Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The publicity for the event was done using social media to create a buzz among the volunteers. We gathered a huge response of around 75 volunteers who were present at the hospital at 7.30 am donning white t-shirts.

At the hospital, all the volunteers got to feed the animals ranging from cats and dogs to cows. After the feeding session, the volunteers were guided by Ms. Anuradha, who works at the hospital. With her love for the animals and passion to create awareness about the distress faced by these homeless babies, she guided the volunteers around the premises of the hospital, introducing them to the various facilities and the care that is provided to the animals. The volunteers then visited the Buddy House, which was home for many recovering animals.

It was a **Pawfect sunny Sunday** for the NSS Family.



## YEH INDIA KA TIME HAI

*"We will be remembered only if we give to our younger generation a prosperous and safe India, resulting out of economic prosperity coupled with civilization heritage." well said by A.P.J.ABDULKALAM*

Following this very thinking, MUMBAI UNIVERSITY had organise programme" ***Yeh India ka Time Hai***" at Sports Complex Vidyanagri Kalina , Santa Cruz(E) on 23<sup>th</sup> September.



As a part of new India campaign, NSS,NIT Durgapur had organized a musical concert event "Yeh India ka time hai" .followed by "**The famous rock band: Cactus**" performed which was led by Sidhartha Sankar.

In this programme the We, NSS volunteers participated in brain – storming session (Manthan) ,in which we got to express our ideas and opinions on the NEW INDIA we wished to see by 2022. Problems like poverty ,unemployment ,brain –drain ,reservations etc. were highlighted by us .Followed by this there was Rock Band performance by Cactus with thrilling music which set up the mood for the young volunteers .The event continued for 3 hours and lastly ended up by the speech of CHIEF GUEST .



## BEACH CLEAN-UP DRIVE

***"My focus is not merely a beautiful city, but a city that's made beautiful on the parameters of good health and cleanliness."***

-Narendra Modi

It is that time of the year again when festivities are leading to a lot of environment pollution. Acting on the very words of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the NSS unit of D.J. Sanghvi College of Engineering organized a Clean-up drive on Juhu Beach on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. This was received enthusiastically by the 112 volunteers who gathered on the Sunday morning at 7 am.

Before getting started, all volunteers were provided with hand gloves so as to ensure hygiene. They worked in groups of four, with two separate bags for collecting the dry waste and wet waste separately; thus ensuring easier disposal. Armed with the required items and their will to make a difference, the volunteers set out to pick up all the garbage, not leaving anything behind. We were on the receiving end of a lot of smiles and positive encouragements from people out on their morning walks. Seeing the younger generation contributing to the society filled their hearts with warmth. Some of them even joined us and lent a helping hand. We also interacted with people who enquired about the drive and our NSS unit.



The drive continued till not a speck of garbage was in sight. The volunteers were given refreshments. They then dispersed with a sense of pride knowing that this amazing start to the day might make the visitors' day a tad more beautiful!



## **NON-VIOLENCE DAY PRAYER MEET**

***"Use words, not fists."***

The NSS Unit of DJ Sanghvi College assembled on the sunny evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 at Churchgate Station to attend the prayer meet organised by Mumbai University. We walked up to the Gateway of India where the prayer meet was held. A total of 25 volunteers were present for the occasion.

The occasion was a tribute to our national leader- Mahatma Gandhi who led the freedom struggle of India. Mumbai University, which is a pioneer educational institute in our country paid their tribute in a very wholesome yet elegant way. The NSS units of various colleges that are affiliated with the university- Jai Hind College, ML Dahanukar College etc. were also present. The total strength was about 500 of students and NCC Cadets. The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Devendra Fadnavis was present for the commencement of the event. Other influential personalities like Dr Sunil Patil, and the Senior Police inspector of Colaba, Mr. Suryavashi were also present. Journalists from media and print covered the event. Bhajans and prayer songs like the Gayatri Mantra made the atmosphere peaceful and serene.



## WORLD FOOD DAY

*"Tiny droplets make a mighty ocean "*

And in true DJ spirit, countless DJites donated grains and packaged food items over the week. Basic food items like Rice, Moong dal, Sugar, and packed foods like Biscuits, Chips were collected.



On the occasion of World Food Day on 16th October, grains were donated to Shanti Daan, Borivali. It was a pleasure to help this wonderful organisation with their resources and their aim to serve the needy.

The packaged items were then distributed among the underprivileged and homeless people of Vile Parle and Borivali. The number of smiles earned during this journey were immeasurable. Our hope was to see that no one sleeps on an empty stomach.

Every moment spent with the kids of Shanti Daan Aashram was captured not only on our cameras but also in our hearts. The NSS Unit donated a small amount of happiness but received a lot more than that. They were showered with the blessings and love of these beautiful souls.



## FIRST AID SEMINAR

Everyone can be a hero.

Basic first aid knowledge is a critical aspect that is often overlooked in our curriculum. The first aid administered in an emergency could well mean the difference between life and death.

With this in mind, the NSS unit of D.J. Sanghvi College of Engineering organised a seminar on First Aid Training in the college. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Ankit Dubey and commenced at 2:30 pm.

Dr. Ankit covered a wide range of emergency situations that one could come across, like choking, heart attack, epilepsy attack, asthma attack and many more. He gave us a detailed explanation of symptoms to look out for which was followed by immediate steps to be taken in such cases. With the help of volunteers, he demonstrated certain emergency procedures and like CPR, abdominal thrusts and recovery positions. This presentation was followed by a Q&A session where our enthusiastic attendees asked Dr. Ankit doubts regarding some emergency situations like concussion, fracture, hypothermia and blood loss.

The event was concluded with a token of appreciation to Dr. Ankit on behalf of the NSS unit. Band aids were distributed to all the attendees as they dispersed knowing that someday they might be able to save a life!



## **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION DRIVE**

*"The Satisfaction one gets by contributing something to the society is immeasurable"*

Sharing the same mind-set, The NSS Unit of D.J.Sanghvi College of Engineering, organised a Newspaper Collection Drive on 18th of October 2017. The drive was simultaneously conducted at three different locations, i.e. at Malad and Vile Parle. The idea was to collect old newspapers from different building. The money collected was going to be used for the blood donation drives conducted in our college and majorly for the medical facilities that we provide in the villages. The idea was appreciated and taken enthusiastically by our volunteers .They were all distributed over the areas and everyone gave their share for contributing to our society.



There were 93 volunteers who gathered in the morning, all donned in white. The drive was received in a positive way by the residents, who not only offered us their newspapers, but gave us countless blessings .It was heart-warming to see the terrific enthusiasm and response from all the residents giving us the love and appreciation to continue further. There was a huge amount of collection made by the end of the drive, which amounted to a great deal of charity on our part.

In all it was a Newsastic Morning for The NSS Family!



## **NATIONAL INTEGRATION DAY**

National Integration is the realization of a collective identity among the residents of the country. It inculcates a sense of oneness that is crucial for building a prosperous nation.

To honour the thoughts of the great Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel on his birth anniversary, which is also the National Integration Day, the students of DJ Sanghvi came together to celebrate the spirit of national integrity, which is the most distinguishing feature of a vast and heterogeneous country like India with an awesome diversity of cultures. The students were engaged in an insightful and a healthy discussion regarding the country's unity and the everyday events affecting it. The idea of National Integration has also led to the obliteration of social and religious differences. The students understood that if people of our country stand in unity, many societal issues can be eradicated. They realized the importance of oneness and are standing in support of the country's unity and honour.

The session was concluded with all the students taking a pledge to protect the nation's integrity and spreading awareness about the same.



## **VIGILANCE AWARENESS REPORT**

*"To prevent evil is the great end of government, the end for which vigilance and severity are properly employed"*

As we know , Corruption is spreading like pollution and causing destruction.

Considering this major problem The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) decided that this year the Vigilance Awareness Week would be observed from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The theme of the week would be "My Vision-Corruption Free India"

Following this very thinking, DJNSS arranged a Seminar by Mr. MOHIT JAIN, IRS chief executive officer and join him in" Mission of "Corruption Free India"on 07<sup>th</sup> November held at D. J .SANGHVI college.

The event was addressed by MR. TAWTE, who was retired chief executive officer of IRS. He explained we students the basic meaning of VIGILANCE and related terms VALUES, ETHICS.

Further, he made us understand who all are motivating corruption and who are victim of corruption through various examples.

Followed by this there was a interactive session of students with the officers about how we individuals at personal level stop CORRUPTION and make a difference.

Also there was discussion that the definition of honest man is changed in today's corrupt world,

Honest man : who takes bribe and completes his clients work,

Corrupt man: who takes bribe and does not complete his clients work,

Fool: who does not take bribe and completes his clients work.

Though this session all the volunteers were enlighten know the real meaning of Corruption and the ways to minimise it at personal level. It was an informative and beneficial session for the NSS Family.



## ANNUAL SPECIAL CAMP 2017-18

### Day 1

The commencement of NSS CAMP 2017-2018 was on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 5:30 am, where the volunteers boarded a train for Dahanu Road and reached the station by 9 am. Later, the volunteers by public transport reached the village Narpad.

The session of the day began with the introduction of the role of NSS in the community service and briefing of activities to be done in henceforth days of the camp. Prof.Vyankatesh Bagal sir with his speech enlightened us about the NSS unit and explained how it is going to significantly change the life of villagers here during the camp.

Firstly the volunteers were divided into seven groups containing of eight members each. Later they were assigned duties of each day to wake volunteers up, to cook and serve food for the day, clean the rooms and surrounding for the day and ask the volunteers to maintain discipline during activities and meet.

**“CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME”** - the volunteers were asked to clean their room first then the surrounding before they start the activity for day. During room cleaning, volunteers also applied anti-rust paint to the grills and as shramdaan, lent a helping hand to the beautification of the campus. Volunteers were also making posters for the RALLY for the following day.

Late evening, when the tasks were completed, the volunteers had their lunch and rested to be fresh for the next day.



## Day 2

Day 2 was the first day of shramdaan.

At sharp 5:30am, volunteers had their first workout session and the late-comers had to do extra reps on the ground. The main aim of this exercise was to warm-up the muscles so that everyone was ready and energized for the long day ahead. At 8:30 am the volunteers had breakfast.

A smaller group of volunteers were given the task of painting the walls of a secondary school in Ambewadi. A teaching staff of the school accompanied this group to ensure ease of workflow. Motivational thoughts were written on the walls the logo was repainted. This helped improve the overall look and ambience of the school and its surroundings.



The remaining volunteers were delegated the task of rebuilding the road to Ambewadi which is critical to the people living there and is the only means to reach to the village. Important guidelines and the flow of work were discussed with the volunteers and they were separated into smaller groups for performing specific tasks. The process began with the removal of earth and rock by digging, and removal of vegetation and followed by the laying of pavement material. This large task was completed in the course of next days.

A simple dirt road was transformed into a traversable one by the diligent crowd of the NSS unit.



At 4:30 PM evening volunteers were called upon again for spreading awareness about clean and healthy living. Four groups rallied for an hour stressing the importance of cleanliness and hygiene.

After this tiring and consuming day of work, volunteers were dismissed for the day.

### **DAY 3**

The day started with the 5.30am morning workout where all the volunteers enthusiastically participated in the warm ups and exercises. After the breakfast, the volunteers were divided into two groups. One of the groups consisted of 10-15 volunteers who headed for the tree plantation activity in Narpad village, while the others carried forward for sharmdan to Ambevadi village. There they completed their work of building the broken roads for the localities. Ample of energy and will to do work was observed in all the volunteers and the work was completed in just a few hours.

This task took sheer hard work from all volunteers, which they willingly provided. Seeing the efforts of all these students, many passer-by's appreciated the work, love and blessings were showered for the joyous individuals.

In the late afternoon, volunteers went on to do publicity for the medical camp in both the villages, which was supposed to be held the next day. Some volunteers continued in Narpad while others were publicising the camp in Ambevadi.

After a draining and satisfying day of hard work, the volunteers were dismissed for the day.



## Day 4

Today was the most important event of all: Medical Check-up. The volunteers were eager to conduct the event, riding on the successful publicity on the previous day.

The day started right on schedule with the volunteers assembling for morning exercises at 5:30 a.m. sharp. After the 30 minute exercise session, volunteers were dismissed and given time to get ready for the long day ahead. Breakfast was served at 8:30 a.m. and a meeting was called immediately after.

The check-ups included:

- Height, Weight and BMI
- Blood Pressure test
- Blood Sugar test
- General health recommendations and advice



The volunteers were then divided into groups and assigned tasks viz. crowd management, crowd interaction, assistants to the medical examiners in each of the above tests, etc. At the same time, another group of volunteers were sent to remind the villagers of the medical check-up.

The first medical check-up began at 9 a.m. in Narpad village. The villagers arrived with great optimism and happiness on their faces. Four of our volunteers were specifically assigned to fill out a form consisting of the villagers' basic details. This would be filled out by the volunteers after each of the check-ups was conducted. The check-ups were organized one after the other in an orderly manner and the results were filled out on their form. The villagers also interacted with the examiners one-on-one to get advice on any other physical problem they might have. Special attention was given to the senior citizens and disabled and see that they are taken care of while at the check-up. A few of our volunteers were also assigned to interact with the children while in the waiting queue. As the villagers exited the hall, their thoughts on the event were taken into account and we had overwhelmingly positive reviews. The event was concluded by 1 p.m. and the volunteers returned to the Ashram for lunch.

The second medical check-up was conducted at 3:00 pm at Samaj Mandir in Ambewadi village. The volunteers followed the same procedure as the first medical check-up. This event, too, passed without a hitch and was concluded by 5p.m.

While the medical check-ups were being conducted, a handful of our female volunteers went to Mahatre Secondary School in Ambewadi village. The girls in the school were made aware of menstruation, use and disposal of sanitary napkins, good touch bad touch and pregnancy prevention. They were encouraged to speak up if they felt abused.

It was an extremely productive day and the volunteers were left with a sense of contentment having contributed towards the betterment of the villagers.

## **DAY 5**

As all mornings in the camp, this morning was no different. It began with a perfectly scheduled 5.30 am workout, where all the volunteers were seen sweating their hearts out with the continuous jogging and the morning exercises.

The first half of the day consisted of the skit groups going to perform their skits and the local schools of Ambevadi and Narpad. The group of volunteers first went to Ambevadi village where they performed their skit for primary students and enlightened them with their amazing drama skills.

As the day continued, few volunteers went to J.P School, Narpad. There they helped the school with contributing in painting the walls of the schools, also making the paintings interactive for the students to understand and enjoy. In the late afternoon, the skit groups went to the Annual function in Narpad for performing their skits for the localities. The skits revolved around topics like education, cleanliness, sanitation and alcohol prohibition.

After the performances, the volunteers also got a chance to interact with the schools kids. They learned some new things from the kids and in the process also tried to inculcate in them the importance of Education. They played games with the students and had one of most beautiful days of their camp.

In all the experience of the interactions had a wonderful impact on all the volunteers and they cherished the day with great love and pleasure. The day concluded with not just smiles on their faces but also gratitude and affection in their hearts.



## **Day 6**

The event planned for today was school visit and interaction with the kids.

Morning exercises were conducted as everyday. The volunteers further practiced for the dance and skit to be performed at the schools later in the day.

Volunteers had their breakfast by 8am. Soon after, the volunteers were given brief instructions regarding the events to be conducted at the schools. They were also given pointers on how to interact with the kids. Volunteers left the ashram at 9 a.m. to reach the local school in Ambewadi after a 45 minute walk. They were greeted with cheers of glee from the kids, having performed a skit in the same school the previous day. The kids assembled on the school lawn and the Head Mistress of the school expressed her gratitude to the volunteers for their efforts.

The students were divided into groups as the volunteers mingled and engaged in fun activities with them. Initially shy, the kids slowly grew warm to their presence and started enjoying themselves to the fullest. After the first round of activities, a lemon-spoon race was conducted in which all the kids participated. After a



number of rounds, six winners were declared; three boys and three girls, and were lauded for their performance. Volunteers then performed the dance for which they had prepared diligently. The kids were happy beyond measure as was evident from their smiling faces. After a short impromptu dance with the kids, the volunteers distributed notebooks, pencils, erasers and sharpeners to the kids. The winners of the lemon-spoon race were given an extra box of crayons.

The same events were conducted at the local school in Narpad after lunch.

The volunteers looked round with fulfilment having made an impact on impressionable young minds and making their day!

## **Day 7**

The seventh day was the closing day of the camp. At sharp 5:30 am, volunteers had an exercise session for warming up of their muscles, then the volunteers were asked to go to their rooms to pack-up their bags, to clean their rooms which was followed by breakfast.

Following the breakfast the volunteers worked off the final enthusiastic outburst in the final slot of shramdaan completing the task at hand. Later there was a summing up session by NSS unit and a speech by Prof. Rahul Taware for volunteers. There was an acknowledgement session for volunteers to appreciate their respect towards the villagers and will to help them in every possible manner.

Then the volunteers were asked to gather up with their bags for the final goodbye to all. The place which was new to all on the first day had become home for all over the days. With heavy hearts, the volunteers finally left the place. The volunteers took a public transport to reach Dahanu Road station for boarding a train at 3.30pm.



## **WASTE TO COMPOST**

A seminar was conducted by combined efforts of the NSS Unit Mumbai University, the people of 'My Green Society' working with Keshav Shrushti NGO at Kamla Mehta College of Commerce on 1st of August.

The concept dealt with the idea of how the greenhouse gases trap the UV rays and abandon them to the atmosphere leading to global warming. This is also influenced by not treating the waste properly. Students were taught how to separate and dispose off waste in the correct manner. The government has taken this step, making it compulsory for the households to segregate the waste before giving it off.

To bring these ideas and knowledge into effect DJNSS gathered a handful of volunteers to practice these methods in the neighbouring localities. This event was conducted on 21st of January 2018 at Blossom Apartments Kandivali.

Residents were made aware about the ill effects on the environment of not dumping and segregating waste properly and its hand in the increasing global-warming. An interactive presentation was shown focussing on the need to segregate waste in three parts, wet waste, dry waste and rejected waste. Following this a Q/A session was conducted by the volunteers, all the thoughts and queries were taken up and discussed at length.

To help the residents to kickstart their journey to a better world, two dustbins were provided.



Each resident went back home with immense knowledge about proper waste segregation and satisfaction of helping the NSS family in the betterment of the environment through this mission.

## **BHARTIYA BHASHA SAMELAN**

The Bhartiya Bhasha Samelan is an organization that acts in the direction of ensuring the proper development while protecting the interests of Indian languages. It opposes making English compulsory in primary education in India.

This event was held on 10th January 2018 to honour the varied diversity and different languages of India. It was the 22nd event held by this committee which was first started by Mrs Indira Gandhi in 1994 to protect the languages of India from being swept away.

It started with paying homage to Goddess Sarasvati followed by a lovely song by Mr Bhave. The banner was unfurled by Padmanabhan Acharya the governor of Nagaland, who also was the chief guest of the event.

Twenty-two famous personalities each highly celebrated in their respective field of work came forward to show their love and active presence of their respective regional language dialect.



The students of DJ Sanghvi came together to celebrate the spirit of national integrity and understood the intensity of saving all these languages from being lost into oblivion. They realized the need to uphold these languages and give them importance.



## **ROAD SAFETY REPORT**

*"Better Late Than Dead On Time"*

The NSS Unit at D.J.Sanghvi college of Engineering organised a road safety seminar on the 23rd of January, 2018.

The seminar was organised and associated with "United for Road Safety ". The seminar was conducted by three professionals who were trained and the whole program was a part of the Safe Rider Training Program. There were around 20+ volunteers who were given this training. The seminar started with a brief about importance of road safety majorly for bike riders. Then the volunteers were asked to give a pre-informative test on some simple questions related to driving and safety. This was to test their knowledge before the training. The training was divided into two parts. The first half consisted a PowerPoint presentation by which the volunteers were informed about the basics that one should have if he/she is a bike rider. Following this the second half was hands-on training given by a professional bike rider. He showed the volunteers on how to position yourself on the bike and what all gears are necessary while riding one.

The training was completed with the last part of the session where the volunteers were made to give a post-informative test, to evaluate and understand how well they could gain knowledge in these hours. All the volunteers were given certificates of completion and badges by the "United for Road Safety"team. After this a feedback was taken from the candidates on how intellectual the entire session was.

In all we can concluded that after the seminar our volunteers were better informed and better equipped for future on the roads.



## THANKSGIVING

The NSS unit of D.J. Sanghvi College of Engineering conducted the Thanksgiving Event on the 11th of February, for the people who make a monumental difference in our life: the policemen, the motormen, the firemen and bus drivers/conductors. Had it not been for these people, our life as we know it would come to a standstill. In our daily hustle, we fail to realize their importance.

The event took place at two locations: Malad and Goregaon. Volunteers were divided into groups and were sent to the Police Station, the Fire Station and the Bus Depot at both the locations.

The volunteers had just one goal in mind: to make these people feel special and to express our immense gratitude on behalf of the city. While we may cringe and complain about being stuck in traffic, delayed trains or the increasing crimes, they work year round to make our lives easier.

They also interacted with all the officers who shared stories of their daily work life which inspired all the volunteers. Thanking them for their work was just a small effort for the service they provide us. Rest assured, they went through their day with a smile on their face!



## **BLOOD DONATION**

*"A single pint can save Three lives, A single gesture can create a Million Smiles"*

Following this motto, DJNSS Unit organised a Blood Donation Drive on 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2018. The donation drive was organised in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (MGM) Blood Bank.

The preparations for the drive started days before the actual event in which the volunteers worked all day long for decorations for publicity purpose. This year's theme was The 90's Cartoon Characters. The camp was made presentable with the cartoon figures and inspirational quotes on blood donation, motivating everyone to donate for this beautiful cause.

Publicity of the event started 2-3 days before the event. Street plays and flash mobs were prepared and performed in various local colleges and places like the parks, malls, and the Juhu scheme areas. The awareness campaign got a huge response from its crowd and people looked forward for the Drive.



On the day of the event, the drive saw a wonderful response from the entire campus and from the localities. A total of 539 donors, from college as well as surrounding areas, contributed to the noble cause.

Publicity continued on the day of event as well, bringing in more and more inspired individuals from the vicinity.

The donors were provided with refreshments after the donation as well as badges were provided signifying their Heroic deed. Certificates were given to the donors by the blood bank.

In all, the Drive got an overwhelming response with people not only leaving with smiles on their faces but also satisfaction in their hearts.

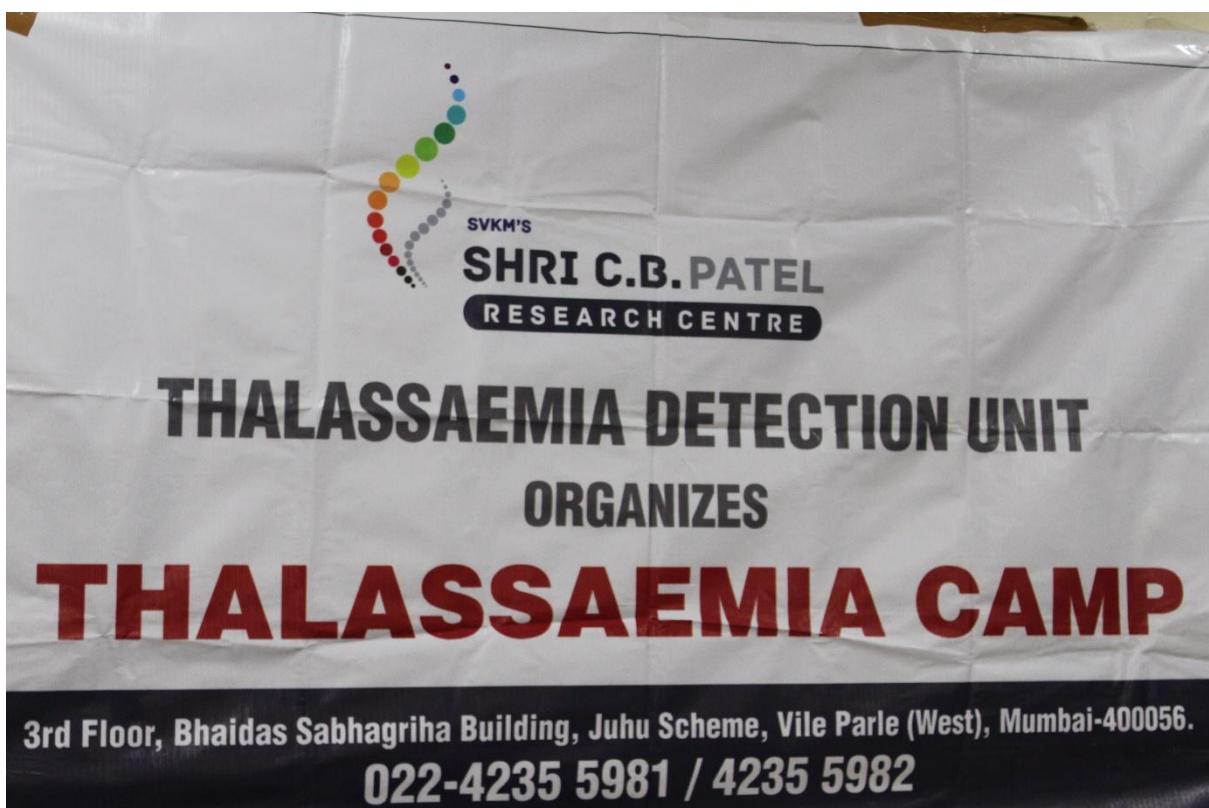


### Thalassemia Check-Up Drive

Thalassemia is a lifelong disease which people are born with, through hereditary genes. It can drastically affect the health of a person. But it cannot be detected without a dedicated test for it. To spread awareness and help people diagnose it, the NSS Unit of D.J. Sanghvi College of Engineering organised a Thalassemia Check Up Drive.

The event was conducted on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, in SVKM premises in Vile Parle. A mobile van was made available, equipped with facilities to carry out the required tests by qualified doctors from Shri C. B. Patel Research Centre. The event was publicised in all the nearby colleges and area. People were encouraged to get the test done, for their own benefit. The mobile van had a heavy footfall throughout the day. A few NSS volunteers were always present around to help the doctors with anything they might need, and also for crowd management. Those diagnosed with Thalassemia were given tips on healthcare and lifestyle by the doctors. Everyone who got the test done was quite satisfied with the management and experience.

The event sure helped a lot of people to understand more about this disease and how to best tackle it.



### **DEEDS OF KINDNESS WEEK**

***"A SINGLE ACT OF KINDNESS THROWS OUT ROOTS IN ALL DIRECTIONS, AND THE ROOTS SPRING UP AND MAKE NEW TRESS "***

The NSS unit of D.J. Sanghvi College of Engineering conducted the DEEDS OF KINDNESS week from 13 March, 2018 -19 March, 2018.

In this we collected old toys, books, stationary and clothes from college student .The event took place for about a week .The things collected were further donated as follows: clothes to Slum children, toys and books to orphanage .Over all it was successful event which brought happiness to everyone's life.



## ENERGY CONSERVATION SKIT

***"Every act of energy conservation is more than just common sense,***

***it is an act of patriotism"***

**--Jimmy Carter**

To spread knowledge about the acute need of conserving energy NSS volunteers came together to perform a skit on “Energy Conservation” in the neighbouring localities.

More than 30 of our young enthusiastic volunteers participated in this activity. Some of the very important facts were shared with the crowd about non-renewable resources, how to replace them and how utilization of renewable sources of energy is a key to a better tomorrow. The audience was made aware of the ill effects of exploitation of fossil fuels and their eventual result on the climatic changes.

Relatable facts and figures like how “Reducing your PC monitor brightness from 100% to 70% can save up to 20% of the energy the monitor uses.” and “Leaving a computer on overnight for a year creates enough CO<sub>2</sub> to fill a double-decker bus”

made the skit more interesting for the respective crowd.

Volunteers with their catchy and persuasive lines made the crowd take a step back and think about the utmost need for conservation. The audience were taught about the ways to conserve energy at the end.

Both the activities were performed at Prime Mall and N M College of Commerce and Economics on 13th February and at the college campus itself on 14th February.

The volunteers got a wonderful response from the crowd and were thoroughly appreciated for their work. The event was managed well, and the volunteers were effective in spreading their message about energy conservation.



## **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**

The NSS unit of D.J. Sanghvi College of Engineering organised a Swachh Bharat Clean-up Event. This event was conducted near Andheri station with the help of the local cleaning authorities.

The enthusiastic volunteers arrived at Andheri Station at 8 am. They were provided with cleaning brooms, safety goggles and masks. The local cleaning authorities guided the students regarding the how and where to clean. Armed with the brooms, the volunteers set out to complete the task ahead. They swept and collected many bags of trash. Inspired by our volunteers, a few pedestrians even offered to help us. A lot of people also complimented and appreciated our efforts.

The event was concluded in a couple of hours as all the areas in the vicinity of Andheri station were cleaned. The volunteers were then addressed by the authorities who expressed their gratitude for our help. They took an oath to never litter the surroundings and then dispersed.

