***SHAILENDRA EDUCATION SOCIETY’S***

***ARTS, COMMERCE AND SCIENCE COLLGE***

***Dahisar (E), Mumbai – 400068.***

***NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME***

***Report 2021-22***

National Service Scheme Unit of college enables volunteers to understand and act on the concepts like Community Mobilization, Social Justice, and Service to the Nation, etc. A total of 100 volunteers were enrolled in the current academic year. Owing to the Covid-19 Pandemic a lot of activities were conducted on the online platform, especially during the first half of the academic year. The NSS Unit has been especially cautious in following government guidelines in fulfilling its current dual aims of performing social service and keeping its volunteers safe.

Thus, there was a blend of both Online and Offline activities this year. The NSS Unit organized various activities in which there was enthusiastic participation by the volunteers. Activities were conducted at University level, College level and also Area level.

**Swacchha Bharat Mission:**

Swacchha Bharat Abhiyaan is one of the prominent activities of the NSS Unit. Various activities were conducted under this project. Cleaning of college campus and the sanitization of the area was conducted on 29th September, 2021. More than 40 students participated in the activity. Cleaning of public places in the adopted area like Shailendra Nagar was also undertaken by our volunteers on the same day. During the second term college cleanliness drive was conducted on 05th January 2022.

 The message of Swacchhatta was also spread during the Ganeshotav festival while assisting the Dahisar Police Station during Ganesh Visarjan. The message of Reduce-Reuse-Recycle was conveyed to the people during this activity. This was highly appreciated by the Ganesh Mandals and the Visarjan organizers.

Activities related to the recharging of the Vermicompost pit in the College campus was also conducted by the college. Students were given rotational duties for cleaning and recharging of the pit.

**Health Related Activities:**

Activities related to health included a webinar on AIDS which was conducted on 1st December 2021 on occasion of World Aids Day.

The college participated in the organization of a Blood Donation Drive conducted on Borivali Railway Station on 18th August 2021. The Blood Donation Camp was organized along with the WREU and the Rotary Club of Mumbai Visionaries. More than 35 blood bags were collected during the Blood Donation Camp. NSS volunteers enthusiastically participated in the event by donating blood themselves and by motivating others to donate the blood.

**Social Assistance:**

Activities under this project included activities which benefit the community at large. An activity under this was the Collection Drive for the relief work for Flood in the Chiplun region of the Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. This activity was conducted in the month of July and August 2021. More than 200 Kgs of cereals were donated by people while 8-10 bags of clothes were also collected by the NSS Unit. More than 100 food packets were donated by the Shailendra Vatvruksha organization.

Volunteers also took part in a project where volunteers assisted children studying in ‘Abhyasikas’ in the socially marginalized areas around Borivali and Dahisar. As the second wave of the Pandemic was ongoing most of the assistance was provided over regular telephonic interactions. Abhyasikas at Ketkipada, Penkarpada, Rawalpada, Kajupada and I C Colony were selected under the project.

**Civic Duty:**

The projects under this included the assistance provided by our volunteers to Dahisar Police Station for Crowd Management during the Ganesh Visarjan on 11th, 14th, 16th and 19th September, 2021. More than 40 volunteers participated in the activities. Volunteers also participated in the Mohalla Committee Meeting organized by the Mumbai Police.

Students participated in the online training programme on road safety which was conducted with collaboration of United Way NGO. It was a two-day programme conducted on 4th and 6th December 2021.

**College level Activities:**

The volunteers actively participated in the sessions organized by NGO ‘Anubhav Mumbai’. The volunteers from our NSS unit participated in group - bonding workshop by ‘Anubhav Mumbai’ where they got excellent exposure to the activities being conducted by various civil society groups in the city of Mumbai. The volunteers also got opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills in this workshop. Sessions on the following topics were conducted under it –

1. Social Justice

2. Democracy and Secularism

3. Gender Justice

4. Scientific Temper

5. Environmental Justice.

These activities were carried out all around the year.

In the academic year many guest lectures by experts in the various fields were organized to provide the NSS volunteers much needed insight in to the pressing issues in front of our society. A session on Andhashraddha Nirmulan was conducted on 22nd February 2022. The session was conducted by Shri. Swapnil Shirsat. He spoke about the importance of eradication of Blind Faith and installing Scientific Temper in the minds of the youth.

The NSS volunteers participated in Independence Day Celebration and events like Teacher of the Year Award. NSS volunteers helped in organization of various events at college level like Aroma 2022 conducted from 8th-12th May 2022. Around 24 students volunteered for 5 days for the intra-college event.

**University level programmes:**

The volunteers participated in many University level programmes. Volunteers took part in the Cardiac Assistance training on 2nd June 2021. Shiv Swarajya Day was also celebrated online on 6th June 2021. Students participated in the 7 days International Yoga Day workshop which culminated in the celebration of International Yoga Day on 21st June 2021. 10 volunteers participated in the Student-Vice Chancellor Conversation event conducted on 2nd July 2021.

 On 2nd October, 2021, around 24 volunteers attended Bhajan Sandhya on the online platform. Other events include the ‘No to Drugs programme’ and the ‘Smruti Gandh Program’ conducted by the university. Around 21 students participated in the Soft Skill Development Programme organized by NSS Cell and Nagindas Khandwala College.

This year has been a transition year from the online mode to the offline mode. The NSS Unit is committed to the values of selflessness and service to humanity. Though the journey was full of hardships it became a bit smoother due to the undying support and timely guidance of Shailendra Education Society’s Management, Prin. Dr. Swati Pitale, teaching and non-teaching staff. We expect similar support from them in all our future endeavours as well.

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