

OBSERVANCE OF SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

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BY DESHBANDHU COLLEGE

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) UNIT

Observance of Swachhta Shapath by all NSS Volunteers

Date : 1st August 2018

The initiative began on 1st august with the observance of Swachhta Shapath by all NSS Volunteers. NSS team was also joined by various faculty members who also took the Swachhta oath. This oath helped all the volunteers to understand the aims and objectives of this programme. After taking the oath, our principal Dr. Rajiv Aggarwal addressed the students and motivated them to give their best. He talked about the various ways we can help make our country clean and gave his blessings for the programme. Our programme officer, Mr. Sanjay then delivered a talk on various issues of Swachhta.



He emphasized on the importance of maintaining our personal hygiene and at the same time ensuring that our environment is also hygienic. He inspired the volunteers to carry on this initiative with a strong determination.

Cleanliness of the college campus.

Date : 2nd to 5th August, 2018

The next event was a cleanliness campaign in our college campus. The campaign began on 2nd august. We are proud to say that the NSS team was joined by our principal Dr. Rajiv Aggarwal and students from other societies as well. This initiative brought all the students together for making our campus clean and spreading the message of cleanliness. NSS team had prepared posters and banners which were held by the students throughout the campaign. The drive began from the college canteen and almost all the areas of the college were covered.



During the drive the volunteers not only cleaned the campus but also actively engaged with the students and urged them to be part of the mission of Swachh Bharat. The drive came to an end when all the students reached the library area.

Swachhta awareness & Cleanliness drive in adopted slum.

Date : 6th to 10th August 2018

PROBLEMS OF THE ADOPTED SLUMS

We the students of NSS, Deshbandhu College recently adopted a nearby slum with a rationale to improve the living conditions of the slum dwellers as much as possible. As we entered the slum, we felt that we have entered a new phase of the city which we was unenlightened of even though we have been living in this city for the past so many years. We were welcomed with overflowing sewage, substandard and dingy houses of high density. The whole area was thronged with people as there were at least 6-8 people living in an area meant for at most 2-3 people. There was a lack of sanitary awareness which is a basic requirement especially among women and children who get affected very easily. People were urinating and defecating in the open. On top of that, there were no proper water and electricity connection as these slums were not given proper attention by the municipal authorities.

SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE ADOPTED SLUMS

The most alarming factor related to this issue is the attitude of the urban population towards and such people. So the foremost step to help them is to change the social mindset of people towards them. The municipal authorities should understand that they also have a responsibility towards them while they are working for the city. They should provide them with adequate and a decent provision of rehabilitation which should not be away from the core areas and the area of employability. Freeing up of unused land with the bureaucracy and using it for construction of houses for them for this purpose is a viable option of utilising the resources efficiently. Apart from that there should be proper provision for water and electricity connection in these houses. Ensuring that the children living in slums are sent to school is a major hurdle if passed can improve their living from the upcoming generations. Education has the power to solve many of the world issues.

INPUTS TO SOLVE THE SLUM PROBLEMS

We then dealt with the issue pertaining to open defecation which we had seen while coming inside the slum area. After a thorough search of the slums, we came to conclusion that neither they have toilets, nor do they have any awareness regarding these basic things and they don't have any provision for the same. Hence we requested concerned government officer was installation of at least 10 portable toilets in the area.

Then our second concern was the hygiene maintained by the women and the girls during their menstrual cycle. On talking to them, we realized that they have been continuing the practice of using clothes during those days rather than other safe methods. So, we provided them with low cost sanitary pads which is 10 times cheaper than other sanitary pads available in the market. The next important step was to spread awareness among both men and women alike regarding menstruation so that it doesn't become a social stigma.

we decided to organise an awareness workshop in collaboration with some officials of the health department .

Lastly, we also talked to the concerned authorities to provide them with electricity and water supply along with the closing of open sewage which was flowing right behind the slum.

Cleanliness drive to clean statues & Archeological sites and tourist Places near to college.

Date : 11th to 13th August, 2018

Our heritage sites are filled with people throwing garbage near the monuments or even vandalize them. So the next mission was to organise a cleanliness drive in an archaeological site.



We chose the Tughlaqabad fort in Tughlaqabad. In spite of the scorching heat, the volunteers continued to work both the inside of the fort and around it. Talks and discussions were also held with the visitors and the tourists.

To identify local welfare agencies hospitals, old age homes, orphanages etc. and organize cleanliness drive.

Date : 11th to 13th August, 2018

On the same day, another set of volunteers visited Village Cottage Home-II For Boys & Girls in Kalkaji. Both cleanliness drive and awareness campaign were organized. Some of the volunteers were busy in cleaning the area around the cottage while others talked to the families present there.



Female volunteers talked to the women and girls present there and made them realize the importance of menstrual hygiene. People were encouraged to help us achieve the dream of clean India.

Rally on Swachhta.

Date : 14th August, 2018

On 14th august, a Swachhta rally was undertaken in which all the members of NSS including the college faculty participated. Our principal addressed all the students after which the rally was started.



Holding huge banners and posters we took to the streets and spread the message of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The rally helped us to get more people connected to our mission. The areas around the college were covered and the rally continued for 1 hour.

Meeting of NSS Volunteers, Programme Officers and Principals to discuss and ensure Clean Campus.

Date : 15th August, 2018

On the last day 15th August, 2018 ; a conference was held where the volunteers, Programme officers and Principal discussed and pledged to ensure a clean campus. Orientation for the society was held on the same day and the new members also took a pledge to keep areas around them clean.



Our respected principal Dr. Rajiv Aggarwal and our programme officer Mr. Sanjay also engaged with the students. The faculty members also showed their support by taking out their valuable time to attend the conference.