

Mahatma Education Society's
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TERM I & II ACTIVITIES 2017-2018

Third International Yoga Day

The N.S.S. Unit of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science observed the third International Yoga Day on 21st June, 2017. The session was carried under the guidance of a well trained yoga instructor Mr. Ram Palat Yadav, Retd. Lieutenant(Indian Navy) from Jila Prabhari- Patanjali Yog Samiti.

The students were made aware about the importance and benefits of yoga. Around 100 volunteers gathered with the eagerness to gain an insight about how indispensable yoga is. The students were also enlightenment about Yoga asanas. A number of asanas poses were explained in detail and demonstrated by the speaker and volunteers were made to participate. The focus was on how we can improve our lifestyle by incorporating yoga in our day to day activities and acquire physical, mental and spiritual coordination. The event was convened and coordinated by Prof. Shabab Rizvi, N.S.S. Programme Officer.

Tree Plantation Programme

As a part of the massive drive launched by the Maharashtra Government to increase the green cover across the State, the N.S.S. volunteers of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science in association with Hariyali NGO organized a one day tree plantation drive on 1st July, 2017. 36 students accompanied by Professors Gurpreet Kaur Khalsa, Prajakta Bapat and Chaitanya Athalye successfully planted 115 saplings on the Shil Phata Mountain (Thane). The students showed great enthusiasm in planting them and they knew their hard work would yield more benefits.

“BHIM APP”- Awareness and its Application

In line with the appeal made by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi to create awareness among masses on how to use various digital payments modes, and to help Indian Economy to move from Cash Economy to 'Less Cash Economy' a session was conducted under N.S.S. Unit for the S.Y.B.Sc I.T. students on BHIM on 24th June, 2017 by Prof. Rashmi Vagadurgi. It was a step to popularize the use of the app among students and also to educate students about the digital payment system and bring transparency and fairness in financial dealing to build a strong economy.

Pillai College spreads awareness on leprosy

The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Pillai college of Arts, Commerce and Science had organized a leprosy education, rehabilitation and treatment campaign jointly with NGO, ALERT-INDIA, on 28th July, 2017.

The NSS unit under the guidance of Prof. Shabab Rizvi, N.S.S. Programme Officer took the initiative to educate pupils by organizing the programme which enlightened almost 500 students. The objective of the event was to focus on the causes of leprosy, signs and symptoms and to overcome it by simple and effective treatment.

Donor cards were issued by ALERT-INDIA and the college holds an incredible record in the academic year 2016-2017 by collecting 75,600 INR and donating it to ALERT - INDIA.

Swachh Bharat Mission

The N.S.S.unit prepared an Action Plan on Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan 2017-18 and has also planned to organize many more in the forthcoming session. The cell started the first successful cleanliness mission by distributing dust bins to the adopted village at Siddhi Karvale.

SRD/NRD parade selection

Prof. Shabab Rizvi was invited as a Chief Guest for the SRD/NRD parade selection on 9th August, 2017 in Mahatma Phule College, Panvel. One of our students got selected for the SRD/NRD parade.

Anti -Plastic Campaign

With the objective to educate public about the adverse effects of plastic bags on the environment and to provide ways for them to make a difference Anti -Plastic Campaign was organized by thirteen of our S.Y. B.Sc.I.T. students on 17th August 2017 in New Panvel area. The students made paper bags out of old newspapers and distributed to roadside vendors and shopkeepers.

Blood Donation Camp

National Service Scheme of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science in association with St. George Hospital, Nair Hospital, J.J.Mahanagar Blood Bank and Wadia Hospital organized a Blood donation camp in the college premises on 22nd August, 2017. It began at around 9 a.m. and continued up to 4:30 p.m., with a steady stream of donors throughout. A blood bank team comprising doctors, nurses, and technicians helped the unit to organize the camp. Principal, staff and students displayed true humanitarian spirit, a hallmark of every Pillaiter member by participating in the camp enthusiastically. The pride of the students for their teachers and the other fellow students was reflected on their faces while distributing certificates and refreshments to the donors. They thanked each donor profusely with gratitude saluting their spirit and for being an exemplary figure for the others.

At the end of the day over 500 bottles of blood were collected and the collected samples were given to St. George Hospital, Nair Hospital, J.J.Mahanagar Blood Bank

and Wadia Hospital respectively.

Throughout the day, there were smiles and laughter all around - a true embodiment of what we believe in - selfless service with a smile.

Thalassemia Awareness & Testing Camp

On 22nd August, 2017 “THALASSEMIA AWARENESS & TESTING CAMP” was organized by the N.S.S. Unit in association with Parents Association Thalassemia Unit Trust, Mumbai. This camp was conducted under the guidance of N.S.S. Programme Officer Prof. Shabab Rizvi. The camp started at 09:00am and students were encouraged for Thalassemia testing. The camp was well executed with the able support of staff members, lab technicians and all the volunteers of the event. The camp was successful to complete 650 participants of different age groups being tested. This camp ended with smile on the faces of the coordinators, who were happy to create awareness about thalassemia in the campus.

Awareness on Environment Sanitation and Disposal of Garbage

The NSS unit organized Awareness on Environment Sanitation and Disposal of Garbage on 8th September, 2017 at Panvel Mahanagar Palika School, New Panvel. The IT student volunteers visited the school and gave awareness on the importance of environment sanitation and helped students understand various methods on garbage disposal. The drive provided a wonderful opportunity for students' participation and proved to be an avenue to raise awareness.

Awareness drive for PUC

The PUC(Pollution Under Control) certification tests are of immense importance as they help in controlling the abuse of environment by the hands of some ignorant drivers, whose indifference hurts the ecological balance and threatens community health. Our students of B.Sc.I.T. under N.S.S. initiatives played an important role to create awareness by getting their vehicles checked at Khandeshwar PUC check-up Point on Mumbai-Pune Highway and got their vehicles PUC certified.

They also spread awareness regarding the same to people around the Petrol Pump Area of Khandeshwar. This activity was conducted on 11th September, 2017.

Stem Cell Transplant Registration and Awareness Drive

N.S.S. unit in association with the Marrow Donor Registry India(MDRI) organized Stem Cell donors camp in the College on 13th & 14th September, 2017. 190 stem donor registrations were done which included teaching and non-teaching and students from Pillai College Arts, Commerce and Science. Students were oriented about Stem Cell Donor Registration one day prior to the camp.

Waste Management of Medical Disposal

Medical waste management has become a critical issue as it poses potential health risks and damage to the environment. It is also of greater importance due to its

potential environmental hazards and public health risks. The NSS unit initiated an awareness drive on 15th September, 2017 in Old Panvel area. The event turned out to be a great success as the volunteers from B.Sc I.T. participated enthusiastically. It would not at all be wrong to say that by undertaking such activities, we instill the very essence of social service in our volunteers. This drive is yet another such step showcasing the role NSS plays in social welfare.

Free Mega Medical Health Check Up Camp

A mega medical Health Check Up Camp was conducted on Thursday the 5th, October, 2017, N.S.S unit of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science New Panvel (Dr. Vasudevan Pillai Campus) in association with Lions Club of Navi Mumbai Champions and Teams from Fortis Hospital, Vashi, Nairs Superspeciality Eye Hospital, Panvel and Unicare Health Care, Mumbai accompanied by a team of over 30 medical personals offered services such as Blood Pressure, Diabetes, ECG, Diabetes, Eye Check up, Dental Check Up, Doctors Consultation, Ayurvedic consultation etc. Over 250 Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff of the college were benefited by the Free Medical Camp. The Camp was graced by various dignitaries from Lions Clubs International, District 3231 A2 mainly Lion Shri K J Paul, 1st Vice District Governor, Lion Shri Maneshwar Nayak, 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Pratap Mudaliar, Lion Anuradha Karpe, Lion Usha Talwar among others. Prof. Shabab Rizvi, N.S.S. Programme Officer, expressed satisfaction that the staff members were able to avail the medical checkup. Noted Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Pramod Bhor, gave a talk to the staff members on the way to keep their body fit and healthy. The Camp was well appreciated by the Staff Members and requested the Administration of more such camps on a periodical basis.

National Integration Day

N.S.S unit of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science New Panvel, celebrated National Integration Day in the campus on 31st October, 2017 with great patriotic fervor. A pledge on Peace, Unity and Security was administered by the students.

Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week

As part of the on-going Vigilance Awareness Week, the N.S.S. Unit of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science in association with CIDCO performed street plays to create awareness about anti-corruption on 29th, 30th November and 1st December 2017 at different venues in New Panvel, Kalamboli and Khanda Colony. The first year N.S.S. volunteers under the guidance of Prof. Prajakta Bapat member of N.S.S. Unit organized and participated in the event. The event turned out to be a great success as it managed to communicate to the public the need to get the country rid of the evil that is corruption.

AIDS Awareness Campaign

World Aids Day observed annually on 1st December 2017, is dedicated to raising awareness to the Aids pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection.

The N.S.S. Unit observed this day by involving young students in the awareness campaign. A poster making competition was also organized and these posters were carried from class to class to create awareness among students. The volunteers actively participated in spreading awareness and believe that the future generation has the ability to sensitize others and prevent spread of HIV.

N.S.S. Residential Camp

The National Service Scheme of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science, New Panvel organised a social camp in the adopted village, Siddhi Karavle, Taloja Phase 1 from 18th Dec, 2017 to 24th Dec, 2017. The social camp was hosted with the help of Municipal Corporation and former Sarpanch of the village. The main purpose of this camp was to promote 'Swachhta' in the village.

There were 100 volunteers under the surveillance of NSS Chief Program Officer of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Prof. Shabab Rizvi who did the pre-planning, coordinating and executing of the whole camp with zeal. There were various activities planned and successfully executed like- Swach Bharat Abhiyaan, Eye check up camp, Painting walls, Tree plantation, Teaching students of Zillaparishad School and the like. The volunteers also performed various skits and street plays on social evils prevailing in the society such as Alcoholism, Eve Teasing, Domestic Violence, Dowry, Swachhta- to aware people about cleanliness etc.

The social camp also invited special lecturers for live sessions on topics like-Disaster Management, Personality Development, importance of Eye Care and Eye Donation, and AIDS awareness.

Some of the guests who graced us with their presence in the camp for guiding students on village life style and sustainability were Dr. Sudhakar Shinde -Municipal Commissioner, Mrs Sandhya Mangesh Bavankule-Deputy Municipal Commissioner, Dr.B.S Bidve-NSS Coordinator ,Dr. Gajanan Wadar, Incharge Principal of Pillai College, Dr.M.A Badgajar-Area Co-ordinator of NSS, Dr. Wani Murlidhar-District NSS Co-ordinator-Raigad, Mr. Shridhar Barajya Mahatre-Principal of ZP School, Siddhi Karole Village. There were also some important people working in the department of Panvel Municipal Corporation who came to the camp to share their experiences and knowledge on Clean Management with the volunteers. They were Mrs. Jayashree Ravikant Mahatre, Mr. Santosh Baburao Bhoir, Mr. Dyaneshwar Suresh Patil and Mrs. Shital Dinesh Keni. The camp was structured and disciplined in nature. It was rich in knowledge and a movement to introduce human skills in the students.

The camps was conscious of not exploiting the resources of villagers and keep their consent as higher consideration. It was as a whole a fruitful experience for the college students and a helping hand for the residents of village with the guidance and active involvement of all the guests.

N.S.S steals the show yet again

The N.S.S. unit and the RTN dance group together made the city proud yet again with their talent and grace on 7th January 2018. Tamaso Ma JyotirGamaya (TMJ), the world's largest walkathon against blindness organized by Advanced Eye Hospital & Institute, One Vision Health and Research Foundation is where our students participate across all the competition every year.

This year's event conducted a theme-based contest to represent different states of our country. Our students put their heart and soul in bringing out all the flavors of Kerala which reminded the audience of auspicious Onam, the colorful Kathakali, the enthralling climate and many more elements through their costume. Thus, they deserving won the Best Costume Award.

Dancing is another form where our students left no stone unturned. Showcasing the daily plight of street dwellers through an engaging dance performance, the RTN dance group left the judges and audience to applaud loudest for them. Undoubtedly, they won the Best Dance Performance Award and whopping cash prize of INR 5000/-.

All these efforts were highly appreciated by Mr. Vijay Patkar, a theater and television actor of Marathi movies and Bollywood, who was one of the celebrities supporting the social cause of fighting against blindness.

Events such as TMJ spreading social cause appreciates such budding artists so that they can convey serious messages through their creativity to help our city a better place to live in.

Award for the Selfless Service

Prof. Shabab Rizvi, N.S.S. Programme Officer of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science, New Panvel was appreciated and awarded by Rotary Club of Panvel Midtown for the selfless service rendered to the society.

For over a decade Prof. Shabab Rizvi has organized remarkable activities and he has also been a major contributor to the society. Through his dedicated service, his commitment to the goal has shown a level of service to society that is worthy of recognition.

National Youth Day

National Youth Day is celebrated with the great joy and enthusiasm in India every year on 12th of January. It is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda, maker of the modern India. The N.S.S. Unit of our college screened an inspirational video of Swami Vivekananda to the students on 12th January, 2018 with an aim to imbibe the students and youth with the philosophy and ideals of the Swami Vivekananda, the man who brought a change in the thought process of the youth. At the end of the session a copy of the book on the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda was distributed to all the students.

Road Safety Awareness Campaign

The N.S.S. Unit and Management Association of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science in association with Ashoka Buildcon Ltd. organized Road Safety Awareness

on the occasion of National Road Safety Week on 17th January 2018.

The guest speakers emphasized the need for following traffic rules, wearing helmet, avoiding use of mobile phone while driving and drunk driving. The program also incorporated an array of programmes like poster making and essay writing competitions focusing on awareness of road safety, traffic rules and prevention of accidents and certificates were also given for the winning participants.

Grace Marks Scrutiny Programme for North Raigad Zone

The N.S.S. cell, University of Mumbai and N.S.S. unit of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science jointly organized Ten Grace Marks Scrutiny Programme for North Raigad Zone on 26th February, 2018. The session was headed by Prof. Dr. Wani M.N., Prof. Dr. Madhukar A. Badgajar. N.S.S. Programme Officers from 17 colleges participated in the programme.

Social Activity in collaboration with Kotak Education Foundation

The N.S.S. Unit of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science in association with Kotak Education Foundation organized social activities from July 2017 to February 2018.

“Alone we can do so little, together we can achieve so much” Helen Keller.

These inspiring words has been rightly achieved and proved by the N.S.S. volunteers who participated in reading practices for KEF Umang students and class management activities for STEP program. The main aim of this program was to facilitate reading and to help students overcome inhibitions. To sensitize students about healthy environment, Street plays on cleanliness drive were also conducted. A total number of 21 N.S.S. volunteers worked for 127 hours from July 2017 to February 2018 to accomplish the objective.
