

**Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur - 635 601**

**The Golden Jubilee Year NSS Special Camp**

**(16.11.2019 to 22.11.2019)**

To commemorate the Golden Jubilee Year of NSS, The National Service Scheme of Sacred Heart College with the blessings of Rev. Dr. C. Antonyraj SDB, the Secretary and Rev. Dr. D. Maria Antony Raj SDB, the Principal, conducted a Special Camp for NSS Volunteers from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 at R.C. Middle School, Kovilur. We adopted four villages Pudukottai, Kurumbakeripudur, Somalapuram and Kuttakollai for camping activities. The NSS Special Camp was inaugurated by the Parish Priest of Kovilur Rev. Fr. Y. Arockiasamy on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at R.C Middle School, Kovilur.

The following works were carried out during the 7 days of camp:

Two farm ponds of 10m x 10m x 2m dimension one each at Kurumbakeripudur and Kuttakollai were created by the NSS Volunteers and Programme Officers (POs) of Unit-I and Unit-III respectively. Somalapuram lake was cleared off thorny bushes and weeds. Thorny bushes blocking the roadside view along the Somalapuram lake caused many accidents. These bushes were removed by NSS volunteers and POs of Unit -II and IV together. The Channel leading to rain water harvesting ponds at Periavenkayapalli in Pudukottai was cleaned and the banks of the channel was raised by NSS volunteers and PO of Unit III.

In response to the requests made by the people of Kurumbakeripudur, Pudukottai and Kanamanthur , the weeds and thorny bushes of their cemeteries were cleared and about a 100 saplings were planted ( in pits of 2F x 2F x 2F dimension) around the cemeteries and also along the roads leading to the cemeteries, by the NSS Volunteers and PO of Unit III.

The camping site R.C middle school was completely cleaned and about 150 small trees were given supportive sticks by the NSS Volunteers and POs of Unit II and Unit IV. The roads leading to the camping site were also cleaned by NSS Volunteers of Unit II and Unit III.

On 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 a free eye checkup and free eye surgery camp was conducted by NSS in collaboration with Good Samaritan Eye Hospital, Matrappalli. 102 patients benefitted from free eye checkup. Dr. V.Vinothini performed free cataract eye-surgery for 20 patients at Good Samaritan Eye Hospital, Matrappalli. The NSS Volunteers along with PO Dr.U.Ramesh visited the patients and gave them breads.

Five talks on the themes “Moving towards Pinnacle”, “There is no World Without Water”, “ Nature Farming”, “ Duties and Responsibilities of an Indian Citizen” , “To Protect Eyes” were delivered by Dr.Rathina Natarajan, Dr.A Xavier Susai Raj, Mr.Kulandai Yesu, Dr.D.Leslin and Dr.V.Vinothini respectively every day at 3 o’ clock in the afternoon to all the NSS volunteers of four units.

In the evening, awareness programmes on “Nature farming”, “Importance of Water Management” and “Hazards of Mobile” were performed by NSS Volunteers at Somalapuram, Kurumbakeripudur, Pudukottai and Kovilur. A special debate on the title “Who Participates More in the Social Development? Men! or Women!” was anchored by Dr.P.Selvakumar and his team of NSS volunteer at Kurumbakeripudur on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the evening at 7 p.m. All the people of the villages benefitted by the programmes. Rev.Dr.Praveen Peter, the Vice Principal visited the camp on 21<sup>st</sup> November 29, 2019 for the evening cultural programmes.

Moreover Yoga sessions were conducted for NSS volunteers by Dr.M.Antony Arockiasamy PO and Dr.U.Ramesh PO at 7a.m every day.

The Valediction function on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 27, 2019 was chaired by Dr.S.R Xavier Rajarthinam, Vice Principal (Shift-I). Mr. C. Lourdu Nathan Headmaster, English Medium School and Mr.R.Sankaran Assistant Professor Dept. of Economics, participated as guests of honour and distributed prizes to the Volunteers of four NSS Units for cultural programmes. The Camp came to an end at 4 p.m.

All the 183 (111 boys and 72 girls) NSS Volunteers participated fully and had hands-on experience during NSS Special Camp. They benefitted a lot from these 7 days of NSS Special Camp. It was a wonderful experience to cherish and a useful endeavour for the four villages. The whole programme was planned meticulously and executed smoothly by the Programme Officers Dr.M.Antony Arockiasamy, Dr.G.Mohan Gandhi, Dr.U.Ramesh and Mr.B.Seenivasan. It was ably assisted by Mrs.M.Rose, Mr.S. John Sundar, Dr.Naren Immauel and Mr.S. Karthik.













