

## Activities 2018

On the occasion of National Voters Day on 25th January 2018, the National Service Scheme of Kamala Nehru College held an oath taking ceremony on the campus grounds. The participants swore to uphold the dignity, democratic and peaceful process of elections in India, and do their part in selection of representatives.

In collaboration with Gandhi Study Circle society of our college, we celebrated Gandhi Vandana on 30th January 2018.

The National Service Scheme of Kamala Nehru College conducted a 'Sanitation and hygiene awareness drive' in collaboration with Dakshin Delhi Nagar Nigam at Indira Basti, Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi on 30th January 2018.

World Water Day is celebrated every year on 22nd of March by the people all across the world. The day focuses attention on the importance of universal access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities in developing countries. The day also focuses on advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Water is a limited resource. What each of us does in the world, how we live, does make a difference. As we learn the value of clean, safe water and how scarce it truly is, we can take steps to protect it and to get it to people who lack access today. So to spread awareness and take some action, National Service Scheme of Kamala Nehru College conducted a pledge ceremony, followed by a rally on 28th March 2018. The pledge consisted of taking an oath to conserve water judiciously. The volunteers, then, rallied around the college to aware students about World Water Day through posters and slogans.

In the whole summer vacation from May to July 2018, our volunteers involve themselves in "Swachh Bharat Summer Internship" Program governed by the Prime minister of India on the mission "Swachhata Hi Seva".

On 21st June 2018, NSS Unit in collaboration with NCC Unit of Kamala Nehru College held its inaugural event on the occasion of International Yoga Day. A one hour yoga session was held in the morning at 6:30 am which was followed by Sankalp and National anthem. The event ended with serenity and relaxation in the mind and body of all the volunteers and teachers.

The National Service Scheme of Kamala Nehru College conducted a 'Sanitation and hygiene awareness drive' in the Begampur slum area on 8th-9th July 2018. Volunteers along with the teacher convener visited the slum and interacted with the residents, enquiring about the cleanliness of the locality and their awareness regarding hygiene practices. Questionnaires were administered to the residents, primarily pertaining to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and its overall effectiveness. The people reported that while good in theory and shows promise, it has not been carried out to its full potential and thus, has not been especially successful. While initially hesitant to speak against a government initiative, they gradually opened up and shared their daily hygiene woes, saying that despite personal effort and initiative, the officials responsible never carried out their responsibilities diligently and showed a lax and laid back attitude regarding routine cleaning and sanitation. Common complaints were waterlogged sewers, sewers overflowing, MCD dustbins not being cleared out regularly and mosquito breeding. It was also found that the government had not been successful in raising awareness regarding sanitary measures, such as the distinction between bio-degradable and non

bio-degradable waste and the allotted dustbins for the same. In spite of government callousness, the residents are very efficient by themselves and take care of their own. Majority of the residents throw their domestic waste in a dustbin by the house and dispose it off of in the MCD dustbin outside their slum. Shopkeepers also take measures to not have people litter their surroundings after buying from them. But despite taking such measures, toilets are a problem for some people. Personal toilets are available only to the people who had the space to construct the same. Smaller plots usually don't lend themselves to such construction and hence, those people continue to use public restrooms.

Even though the people of Begampur village live in poverty and have very limited resource, they are highly responsive and are very willing to work towards a better community for themselves, and while help would be appreciated, they are capable of taking matters into their own hands and creating a cleaner environment only if resources are provided to them.

The Electoral Enrolment Drive guided by Delhi Election Office, Delhi holds on 27th & 28th July 2018 begun at 11 AM with an introductory session given to us by Ms. Nisha, the D.E.O of AC-42 Kasturba Nagar. We were briefed about the reason, and importance of the drive and how to fill the form. We were also informed about the regions that come under our jurisdiction.

After the briefing session, we drafted a notice, copies of which were put up in the college campus along with the posters provided to us by the DC Office.

The NCC/NSS Team also released an online notice which was spread across all social media platforms, in order to ensure that all the students of the college knew about the drive. We received around 20-30 enquiries and we advised all the underage applicants to apply in the next camp.

NSS Volunteers actively participated Self-Defense Program by Delhi Police with the Students Union of our college on 31st July 2018.

The NSS Society of Kamala Nehru College celebrated "Swachhata Hi Sewa" on the occasion of Swachh Bharat from 2nd Aug. to 15th Aug. 2018. We took a Pledge to observe and be a part of hygiene and cleanliness in all aspects of daily life, and to sensitize others also. Cleaning our college campus on regular basis is a part of our society. Our volunteers make awareness campaign about the Bio-degradable and Non-bio-degradable wastes in the college campus. The volunteers cleaned up classrooms, corridors, Chaupal, canteen area and the college surroundings. The need to save electricity is also dire and we did our part towards it. And we look forward to other sessions with NSS.

The NSS body of Kamala Nehru College conducted a Swachhta awareness campaign in the college campus, Masjid Moth area, Gautam nagar, Nitibagh etc. Our volunteers interacted with the residents of the village and inquired about the sanitation practices- both on part of the residents and the MCD officials. The team heard the grievances of the residents and offered suggestions on how to adopt some hygiene and sanitation measures at their own level. Furthermore, they were told about the health dangers of a dirty environment, like stagnant water and open waste. The residents look forward to more visits in the future.

The National Service Scheme of Kamala Nehru College conducted a 'Sanitation and hygiene awareness drive' every year in different slum areas. This year on 9th Aug. 2018, the volunteers visited the Begampur slum area. They along with the teacher convener visited the slum and interacted with the residents, enquiring about the cleanliness of the

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In the occasion of Independence Day Celebration on 14th August 2018, our Principal Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni spoke on Swacchata and declared our institution as Clean Institution. She inspired our students not only to make clean their surroundings only; we should take care of the others also as a good and responsible citizen.

NSS Volunteers involved Cotton and other items collection drive for Kerala Relief Flood Victims in collaboration with Goonj from 20th August to 25th August 2018.

On the occasion of NSS DAY Celebration on 24th Sep. 2018, the Society organized Essay Writing Competition, Slogan Writing Competition on Swachhata. We invited Alternative Logo on 'Swachhata' under the guidance of NSS, DU. We cleaned the college campus as well.

We organized Essay writing on the occasion of Surgical Strike Day on 29th September 2018.

The NSS Volunteers cleaned the campus surroundings for any kind of dirt or garbage that was thrown out by the students on regular basis. It was an enlightening experience for the students to learn about the importance of cleanliness as well as a sense of team work . They went all around the campus area including the car parking, College ground , Chaupal , canteen area and outside of the auditorium. NSS society provides them the masks, gloves etc on every occasion.

The NSS Society organized an event by Care Promise Welfare Society on 5th October 2018 on the theme of Vitamin Deficiency under the age group of 18 to 22 years. A team of Doctors came for the event. The event was successful. NSS Volunteers circulated Vegan bags provided by Federation of Indian Animal Protection & Organization (FAIPO) on 24th October 2018 to spread awareness among the youngsters for protection of any kind of Animals.

NSS volunteers took pledge on the observance of "Rastriya Ekta Diwas", on the remembrance of Sardar Vallabha bhai Patel, one of the leading freedom fighter of our

country on 31st October 2018 .We run and covered the ground twice on this occasion to be physically fit and healthy .

We invited Vision Eye Centre, New Delhi for Free Eye Check up Camp on the occasion of Diwali Mela on 2nd November 2018 in our college premises.