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# OVERVIEW

## INTRODUCTION

- ▶ NSS is an Indian government sponsored public service program conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- ▶ The scheme was launched in Mahatma Gandhi's centenary year, 1969.
- ▶ At the national level, MYAS is the nodal authority, which works with state level NSS cells. These are the responsibility of respective state governments. Within states, university level sub-units operate.
- ▶ This scheme enables the youth to participate in various programmes concerning regional and national development.
- ▶ With community service as its main focus, NSS, along with its highly passionate volunteers continues to impact the society through a variety of events and camps organised in rural areas.

The program aims to instill the idea of social welfare in youth, and also wishes to make a significant social impact by addressing the most pressing issues.

**MOTTO:**

- Not me, but you!

**MISSION:**

- The National Service Scheme has been functioning with the motto “NOT ME BUT YOU” in view of making the youth inspired in serving the people, and hence, NSS aims at education through community service and vice versa.

**VISION:**

- To build the youth with a mind and spirit to serve the society and to work for the social upliftment of the down-trodden masses of our nation, as a movement.

## BROAD OBJECTIVES:

- ▶ To help students understand the community in which they work.
- ▶ To understand themselves in relation to their community.
- ▶ To arouse social consciousness in students by providing them opportunities to work with people.
- ▶ To develop awareness and knowledge of social realities to increase the concern for well-being of the society, and engage in constructive social action.
- ▶ To identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in the problem solving process.
- ▶ To develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility.
- ▶ To utilize their knowledge in finding a practical solution to individual and community issues.
- ▶ To gain skills in mobilizing community participation.
- ▶ To practice national integrity and social harmony.

# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## 1. TREE PLANTATION

DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

VENUE: Raisan village, Gandhinagar

PDPU NSS Unit organized “**Tree Plantation**” programme under the National Service Scheme on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the premises of a primary school at Raisan. It was attended by NSS Programme Coordinator and more than 50 student volunteers. The students of first year actively participated in the programme.

Under the guidance of Dr. Milan Bhatt, NSS volunteers and the residents planted more than 50 trees. Each student also took the responsibility to convince the locals to nourish and maintain the particular plant.

The managing committee at Raisan pledged to proceed with the same inspiration, enthusiasm and zeal to enhance the beauty of their village. This tree plantation drive made the students realise that it is time we recognize the importance of tree plantation and contribute our bit towards the same.







## 2. VILLAGE SURVEY:

11<sup>th</sup> October 2019- Raisan

20<sup>th</sup> November 2019- Koba

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019- Ambapur

27<sup>th</sup> November 2019- Sughad

Under the **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan**, NSS PDPU conducted a survey regarding the availability of the basic facilities and awareness about the various schemes launched by the government to make the lives of the villagers easier. The activity was conducted in four phases, and students visited four different villages: **Raisan, Ambapur, Koba and Sughad**. On reaching the destination, volunteers scattered themselves in the whole village meeting new people in either their homes or their shops. Some villagers even invited the students in their home and offered them water and snacks. The village people were asked about their lifestyles and the NSS volunteers wrote down all the points along with the problems that they were facing and suggestions or possible solutions to those problems. Humble conversations and interaction with the locals helped understand their daily work and lifestyle.

Around 40 students were a part of this initiative and they got a soulful experience and an exceptional opportunity by interacting with the village people and by personally getting to know their lives. They met all kind of villagers, from the people who live in huts made up of raw materials which are generally called “Kutch House” to the people who get 24/7 electricity and have a house made up of bricks and cement and with all the basic necessities.

The students were glad to know that the villages had 24/7 water supply and were cleaner compared to other local villages. This survey did open the eyes of the students and motivated them to bring a positive change in rural India.





### 3. POSTER MAKING

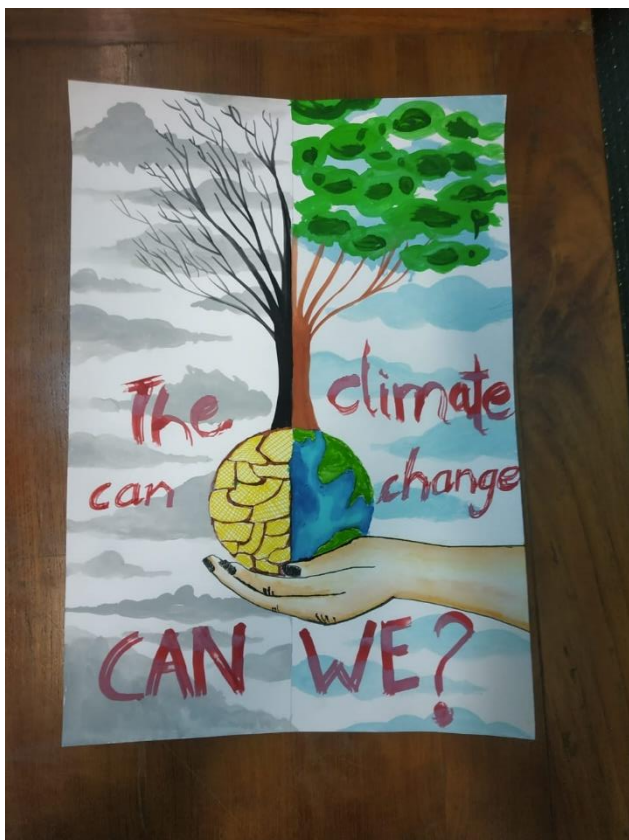
DATE: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

VENUE: PDPU

NSS PDPU conducted a Poster Making Competition on the topic Climate Change. The students from first year SOT and SLS actively participated in the competition and showcased their artistic minds. Notably the competition was organized to observe the issue of Climate change and its effect on the environment and the Mother Earth. This competition resulted in the portrayal of this serious situation in a creative and a beautiful manner. The first three winners were given prizes. This competition encouraged students to be a part of the environment safety drive and to improve the deteriorating condition of Earth.







#### 4. GUEST LECTURE ON ORGAN DONATION

DATE: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

VENUE: PDPU

NSS PDPU organized an interactive and informative guest lecture on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019, by **Dr. Shubho Banerjee** on the topic **Organ Donation**. He is an Assistant Professor, Nephrology Department, Institute of Kidney Diseases and Research Centre (IKDRC), Civil Campus, Ahmedabad. Dr. Banerjee was accompanied by Dr. Shashank Singh, IEC Assistant, IKDRC and Dr. Sandeep Mishra, Blood Donor Motivator, Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad.

In his lecture, he told about the ways in which a person can donate his eight organs which are 2 lungs, 2 kidneys, 1 heart, 1 liver, 1 pancreas and intestines and save eight lives. He also discussed the incidents experienced by him and his colleagues. He briefed about how tissue donation can heal up to 75 lives as well as its importance in India. He also mentioned that only 0.8% of Indians actually participate in donating their organs although the people in India are the most willing to donate compared to other countries.

The lecture was almost an hour long and it continued with an enlightening and factual question and answer round in which the students readily asked questions. The lecture was summarized and was followed by light snacks and refreshments. The whole session was a huge success and it motivated the students to spread the word to relatives and friends.



## 5. ARTICLE WRITING

DATE: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

VENUE: PDPU

On 6 December 2019, NSS PDPU had conducted an article writing session on the topic “General Elections 2019”. The Election Commission of India had to publish the fourth issue of its quarterly magazine, “My Vote Matters”. The articles were to be selected to be published in the same. The prime focus for the articles was General Elections including the experiences, issues and challenges.

All the articles written by students were worth appreciating and precisely addressed the topic. All students actively participated in the event and it was a huge success.







## 6. BLOOD DONATION CAMP

DATE: 13 September 2019

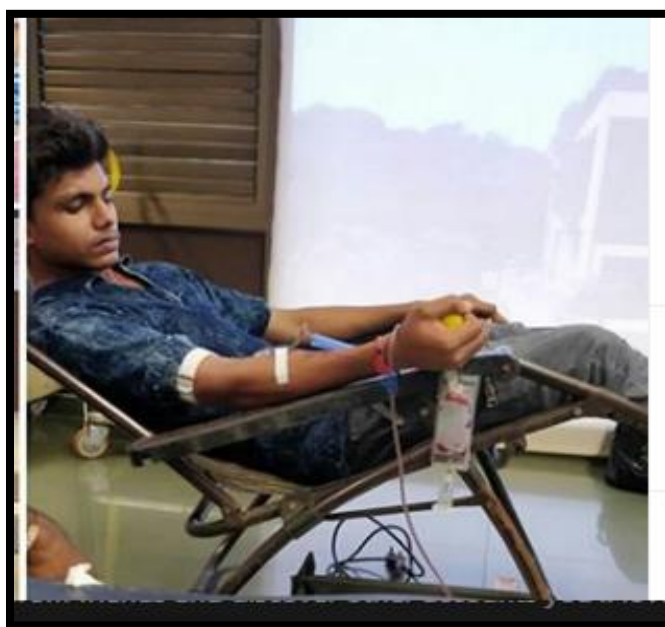
VENUE: PDPU

***"Blood is meant to be circulated, pass it around."***

A Blood Donation camp was arranged in PDPU on 13 September 2019 as a part of Engineers day. The event was organised in collaboration with Rotaract PDPU and with the support of Civil hospital, in which blood was actively donated by both students and the NSS volunteers.

Team NSS supported by volunteering the drive and successfully collecting 350 units of blood with more than 500 people contributing to the cause. The camp started at 9:00 am and was continued until 6:00 pm. All the students gave an excellent response for the Blood Donation.

It was pleasure to work for such an activity to all of us on that day and the camp was successfully accomplished with everyone's support. It is a way of bringing a ray of hope as India faces an acute shortage of blood.





## 7. SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

VENUE: PDPU premises

NSS PDPU organized cleanliness campaigns on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020, under the program **“Swachhta Pakhwada”**.

The volunteers were divided into several groups who cleaned different parts in and around the college campus. The event started with active participation of more than 45 volunteers (around 35 males and 10 females). All students were provided with proper kits for carrying out the cleanliness drive which consisted of a broom, a pair of gloves, a mask and garbage bags to collect the garbage.

The event held on Friday focused on the cleanliness and garbage present in the campus and hostels. The drive was almost 2 hours long(each day) and it was followed by light snacks and refreshments. The whole event was a huge success and a great impact was created by this initiative.

The main purpose of this program was to bring about an improvement in the general quality of life in the areas in and around PDPU by promoting cleanliness and making sure that people are well aware of the importance of hygiene and the adverse effects of garbage.

The volunteers made sure that the garbage was collected from all the nearby shops. They even asked a shop owner to opt for different cleaning methods and suggested him that the waste must be bifurcated as plastic and paper waste and should be recycled in a proper manner as this causes pollution and may affect the health of students of PDPU and other people who visit the shop regularly. The enthusiastic participants made a dedicated effort and filled about 20 bags in one day.











## 8. MARTYR'S RUN- NEON RUSH

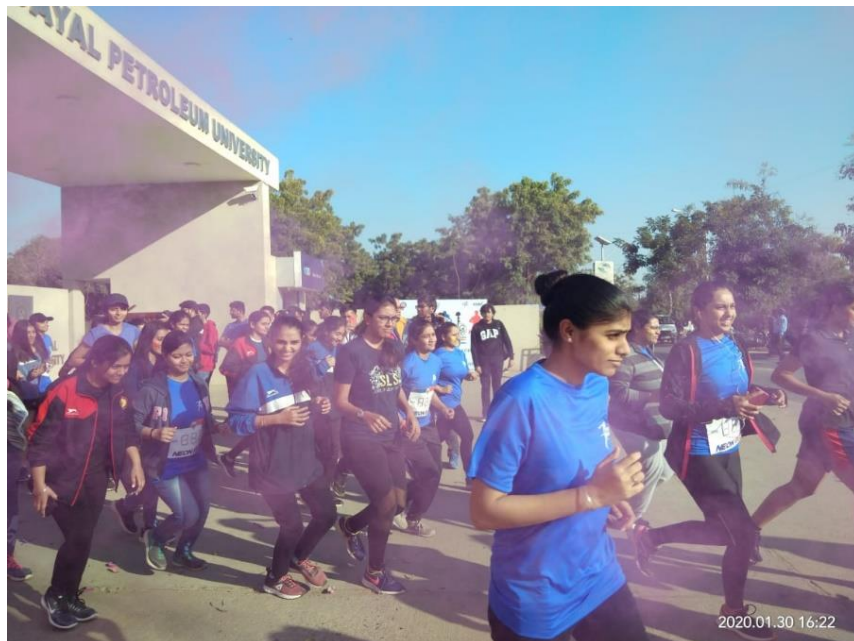
DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar organizes 9 km Neon Rush every year. The event was held under PDPU sports and NSS. The students had to collect a token from each stall that came in their route and there were total 7 tokens at the end of the run. This run was a combination of runners, skaters and cyclists.

Neon rush is an informal event that always supports a cause. The registration fee collected is donated for the same to bring about a small change in the lives of the people who deserve happiness.

This year, the event was a tribute to our soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country. The NSS students came together for this noble cause. The money collected was donated to the families of the country's unsung heroes.

The participation of the NSS students and all the other PDPU students made this run a huge success. The participants received a T-shirt as a token of thanks. The run was followed by some refreshments and food for all the participants and the students also received a certificate of participation.



## 9. CYCLOTHON- FIT INDIA 2020

DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The event was organized by the NSS committee of PDPU to encourage the students to adopt physical exercise in their daily lives and acquaint them about the Fit India Movement. A 9 km cyclothon was organized and students enthusiastically participated and completed the cyclothon within an hour.

The main motive of the event was to spread awareness about the Fit India Movement which was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. The movement focuses on encouraging people to remain healthy and fit by including physical exercise in their daily routine.

About 25 students participated and made this event a huge success. The students who didn't know how to ride a cycle also showed up and supported the movement. It was followed by refreshments and food for all the participants and the students also received a certificate of participation.



## 10. VISIT TO DEAF AND DUMB HOME

**DATE:** 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**VENUE:** Deaf and Dumb School, Meghaninagar

NSS PDPU students visited the DEAF AND DUMB HOME, Mehganinagar, Gandhinagar. There were about 80 children there. They gave a tour of their entire campus which included their kitchen, the playing area etc. The teachers described about the problems faced by the children there. The place was clean and well maintained. The volunteers had a talk with people of the school and were told about the way they study and communicate with one another. The event was almost 2 hours long and the students spent approximately 60 to 80 minutes with the children. They played volleyball with the children and it was great to spend time with them. Later, refreshments were served to them.

The main purpose of this event was to understand the problems faced by the physically challenged people in their lives. It was an initiative to meet different people of our society who are not able to speak or hear, experience and know about the problems of such people and help for the same.

The whole event was a huge success and it was a great experience for everyone. Special thanks to the people of Deaf and Dumb Home who treated NSS volunteers with warmth and respect who also gave an opportunity to spend a day with them.









## 11. EDUCATION DRIVE

DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

VENUE: Valad Primary School, Valad

NSS PDPU has collaborated with Umang PDPU to start a new initiative to teach kids every week. As a part of this initiative, Umang group regularly goes to Valad Primary School in order to teach them. It is usually from 4 to 6 pm or as per their convenience. Apart from teaching, some fun activities were also carried out for approximately 45 minutes.

The main purpose of this program was to help the children in every way possible, to teach them value and bring out the importance of education.









