

REPORT OF NSS ACTIVITIES (2017-2018)

This year's Regular Programmes included Campus Cleaning activities, such as cleaning of the outdoor grounds of the college. Volunteers made an effort of weeding in the college campus, especially on the plants and weeds that grow arbitrarily on the roofs of the college buildings. Posters on Anti Smoking and 'Curbing the Use of Plastics' were set up at prominent places across the campus. Flag hoisting ceremonies were held as per the rules, on Independence Day and Republic Day. This was followed by the usual ceremonies accompanying the observation of the days.

Special Programmes were also conducted throughout the year.

'Aranyasaptaha' was observed from 14-21 July 2017. As part of this, an Awareness Programme was held on 20.07.2017. A Seminar was conducted on Environmental Awareness. The speakers were Dr. Abhijit Dutta (Botany, Jhargram Raj College). He spoke about the rate of deforestation in the region and the necessity to plant more local vegetation. Dr. Basavraj Holeyachi (Divisional Forest Officer, Jhargram) was the Chief Guest of the programme. He held an interactive session with students, explaining the initiatives taken by the Forest Division of the Govt. of West Bengal to preserve the environment. His session was followed by a lecture by Sri Tushar Kanti Das (additional Divisional Forest Officer, Jhargram). He presented a session on medicinal plants and the variety of ways in which they can be used.

Plantation Programmes were conducted throughout the week with the help of the office of the DFO, Jhargram. The week also saw a Rally by volunteers and students to spread awareness about Aranyasaptaha and the necessity for afforestation

From 1 – 15 August 2017, a fortnight of 'Swachhata Pakhwada' observed under the initiative of the Regional Directorate of the NSS. As part of this, the Swachhata Pledge was taken by volunteers and Programme Officers. A Seminar was held on Swachhata and the necessity of maintaining health and hygiene. Campus Cleaning activities were taken up with great vigour and large areas of the campus were weeding of large parts of the campus and cleaning of classrooms.

A Thalassaemia Awareness Programme was held on 13.09.2017. An awareness Programme for volunteers and other students of the college was held in the Seminar Room. Members from the Kharagpur Voluntary Blood Donors Organisation conducted this programme. 130 Students attended the programme.

This was followed by a Thalassaemia Detection Camp on 10th November 2017. This was Conducted by Sri Subrata Chakraborty of the Paschim Medinipur Thalassaemia society, Jhargram District Hospital. 210 students were tested for thalassaemia. Reports were distributed to the students from the college.

World AIDS Day was Observed on 01. 12. 2017 in the college campus. A Seminar and Awareness Programme was conducted by Sri Abhijit Roy, of the Jhargram District Hospital. This was followed by an interactive session with the students who had many questions to ask Sri Roy. The students then brought out a rally from the college to the bus stand of Jhargram.

World Environment Day was observed on 05.06.2018. Smt. Paushali Chakraborty of the Manovikas Kendra Kolkata conducted a lecture session with the students and teachers of the college. She spoke about how environmental factors are responsible for the generation of disability amongst the human population. This session was followed by a lecture by Dr. Gargi Sengupta, Department of Botany, Jhargram Raj College. She spoke about the necessity of limiting plastic usage, and how plastic usage was interfering with the environment.

A Special Winter Camp was held from 07.03.2018- 17.03.2018. Camping Activities included:

- i) Campus Cleaning in an intensive manner
- ii) Seminars: Gender as a Social Construct (Sudipta Mullick), Physical Fitness (Girija Basu), HIV/AIDS Awareness (Sri Abhijit Roy), Education of Women: History and Future Scope (Dr. Subrata Mukhopadhyay), Living with Snakes (Sri Saikat Sarkar)
- iii) Cricket Match (Teacher vs Students)
- iv) Adopted village Sevayatan: Thalassaemia Awareness and Detection (Sri Subrata Chakraborty, Paschim Medinipur Thalassaemia Society)
- v) Adopted Villages Antapati, Fulberia, Tiyakati: Awareness Programme on Vector-Borne Diseases (Dr. Prasun Ghosh, Jhargram District Hospital).