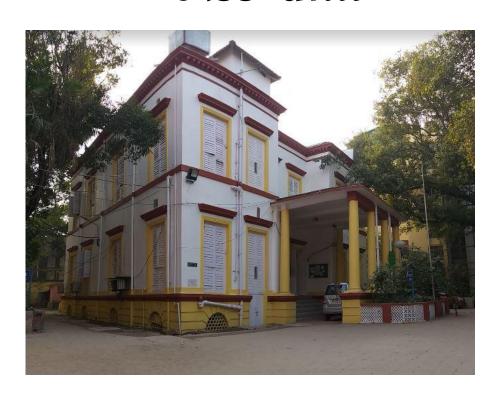






BETHUNE COLLEGE NSS Unit



Annual Report 2021 - 2022

Annual Report of NSS Activities of Bethune College

(Apríl 2021 to March 2022)

Introduction

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is an Indian government sector public service program conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India. Popularly known as NSS, the scheme was launched in Gandhiji's Centenary year in 1969. Aimed at developing student's personality through community service, NSS is a voluntary association of young people in Colleges, Universities and at +2 level working for a campus-community linkage.

NSS activities of Bethune College is multidirectional. NSS Volunteers have been combining the best of academic pursuit with co-curricular and social activities under the banner of NSS. In spite of the present COVID pandemic, NSS Volunteers and members were involved in yearlong activities including distribution of stationaries, mask, sanitizer to street children, new clothes to an orphanage, health camp, webinars and seminars, preparation of e-magazine, campus and toilet cleanliness and special camp (08.03.2022-14.03.2022). The Bratachari Course for NSS Volunteers has been initiated by the Special Secretary, Higher Education Department and Bethune College has been selected as the 1st college for such venture. A MoU was signed between Bethune College Sammilani and Bengal Bratachari Society, Kolkata for Bratachari Certificate Course of NSS Volunteers of the Bethune College on 24.04.2021 for 2 years on renewal basis. The first course was completed on 12.03.2022.

Regular Activities

- **1. Distribution of old clothes among the Slum dwellers on 12**th **April, 2021:** Old clothes were collected from the teachers and students of the college andwere distributed among thepavement dwellers at the Ramdulal Street area from the college campuson 12.04.2021.
- **2.** Workshop on Bratachari on 24th April, 2021: NSS unit of Bethune college continues Green initiative by distributing saplings to the members of Bengal Bratachari Society. An Workshop on 'Bratachari, the Famous Cultural Practice in West Bengal'was organised on 24.04.2021 by NSS Unit, Bethune College in collaboration with Bengal Bratachari Society for Physical and Mental Skill Development of the Faculty Members and Non-teaching Staff.
- **3. Orientation Programme for UG Semester-2 Students on 4th June, 2021:** On 04.06.2021 an Orientation Programme was organised for the UG semester-2 students. Dr LinaSen, delivered a wonderful speech highlighting the importance of NSS activities for the students.

- 4. World Environment Day Celebration on 5th June, 2021:On the occasion of World Environment Day, 05.06.2021 posters (on environmental awareness) were prepared by the students of Bethune College and uploaded on the website. সংবেদ, an e-magazine was also created by the students of History department on environmental issues in association with NSS Unit Bethune College for World Environment Day 2021
- 5. Introductory lecture of Bratachari Course on 12th June, 2021: The Bratachari Course for NSS Volunteers has been initiated by the Special Secretary, Higher Education Department and Bethune College has been selected as the 1st college for such venture.Introductory lecture was organised on 12th June, 2021 through online mode from 5p.m. Several eminent speakers from Bengal Bratachari Society like Prof. Shubhankar Sarkar (Chancellor, NSOU), Shri Dipak Kumar Badapanda (Chancellor, Ashutosh Museum of Indian Art), Shri Banibrata Mukhopadhyay (Additional Secretary, Bratachari Society) including Special Secretary, Shri SiladityaBasu Ray were present. Classes were organised via online and offline modes (15.12.2021, 19.02.2022 and 12.03.2022) throughout the academic session. The course for the first batch of NSS Volunteers was completed on 12.03.2022.
- **6. Bethune Day and Banmahotsav 12th August2021:** This year NSS unit have taken the responsibility of the Banmahotsav programme on the eve of Bethune Day Celebration, 12.08.2021. Shrubs like Jarul, Hibiscus, Rangan, Amla plants were donated by the Rotary Club of Ganga Heritage, Kolkata and were planted in the college premises by the Sammilani members, teaching and non-teaching staffs of the college.
- **7.75th Independence Day Observation on 15th August, 2021:** This year the NSS unit in collaboration with Student Activity Cell actively organized the independence day on 15.08.2021. The flag hoisting programme was followed by a short plantation programme by honourable Principal madam, TCS, teaching and non-teaching staffs to commemorate the 75th independence day of our nation. **Sanitizers, masks, soaps and biscuits were distributed** to the slum dwellers of Ramdulal Street from the college gate. Also to know about the present vaccination and COVID status of the teaching and non-teaching staffs, a vaccination record drive was taken.
- **8.** Distribution of stationeries to the school children of the street dwellers on 25th August 2021: On 25.08. 2021, an initiative has been taken by the NSS unit of the college to distribute stationeries (copies, pen, pencil, color) to the school going children of the street dwellers of nearby Ramdulal Street and Bidhan Sarani from the college gate. Stationaries were distributed to the children of 4-16 years age.
- **9. Distribution of old clotheson 22nd September, 2021:** Old clothes were distributed among the slum dwellers of Bidhan Sarani on 22.09.2021 at 1p.m.
- **10.** NSS Day celebration on 23-24th September, 2021: An online program was organized for the NSS volunteers on 23.09. 2021 from 5:30 pm. Inaugural speech was given by Prof. Krishna Roy, Principal, Bethune College. **Dr. Hiroj Kumar Saha**, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Bethune College delivered a lecture on 'A general awareness about Dengue and its controlling measure'. An online poster competition on the topic "Pandemic, Poverty and Starvation: A socio-economic impact of COVID-19" was also organised for the NSS volunteers on 24th September to celebrate NSS Day.

- **11. Distribution of new clothes to Orphanageon 4th October, 2021:** The NSS Unit of Bethune College have distributed new clothes among the 51 children of the 'Nalta Arindam Welfare Society' before Durga Puja on 4.10.2021. Stationaries (copies, pen, pencil, color) and food were also provided to the children by the faculty members of the college.
- **12. World Toilet Day Celebrationon 22nd November, 2021:**The NSS unit have organized a toilet cleaning and maintenance drive to celebrate **World Toilet Day** on 22.11.2021. Poster with Toilet Rules were prepared by the NSS volunteers and circulated and posted on student toilets of the college from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- **13.** Campus cleaning and maintenance drive on 23rd November, 2021: On 23rd November, the NSS unit have organized a campus cleaning and maintenance drive on 22.11.2021with NSS volunteers, members of the NSS sub-committee and Staff of Bethune College at 1:30pm.
- 14. Awareness Program on College Biodiversityon, 29th and 30th November, 2021:An awareness program on college biodiversity was organized by the NSS unit in collaboration with Department of Botany on 29th and 30th November for the NSS volunteers of the. Dr.Dipayan Chattopadhyay, Dr. Ashok Kumar Das and Dr. Seemanti Ghosh, Department have shared their knowledge on the medicinal plant garden and the biodiversity of the college. Placards were posted for the plants to be maintained by the NSS unit.
- 15. Seminar on 'General Awareness about Female Reproductive Health' on 2nd December, 2021: Student's Activity cell in association with the NSS unit, Bethune College have organised a seminar on 'General Awareness about Female Reproductive Health' on 02.12.2021 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Eminent Gynecologist and Medical director of Birth and Gynoscopy, Dr. Goutam Khastagir was the speaker on the above occasion.
- **16. Breast Awareness Programon on 7th December, 2021:** The NSS unit of Scottish Church College have jointly organized a Breast Awareness Webinar with the NSS unit of Bethune College in collaboration with HCG EKO Cancer Centre for female staffs and NSS volunteers on 7th December, 2021 from 4:30 pm onwards.
- **17. Posters on Human Right's Day Celebration, 14th December, 2021:** NSS Volunteers have displayed some posters on Human Right's Day Celebration in College on 14.12.2021.
- **18.** Webinar on "General health care wellness and fitness in current situation' on 6th January, 2022: A webinar on "General health care wellness and fitness in current situation" was organized in collaboration with Rotary club of Ganga Heritage and Shivananda Health Society, Kolkata on 06.01.2022 to celebrate the 6th day of Student's week.
- 19. 73rd Republic day Celebration on 26th January, 2022: 73rd Republic daywas celebrated by NSS unit in collaboration with Student Activity Cell of the collegeon 26.01.2022. Flag hoisting was followed by Principal's speech and short cultural program by the teaching and non-teaching staffs of the college and ended with National anthem and planting of saplings in the college premises. An E-magazine "Jagoroni" created by the NSS Volunteers based on Swami Vivekananda to celebrate "National Youth Day" was also released as a part of Republic Day Celebration 2022. Online student's program video "Chiro Unnoto Shir" was also released on the official YouTube channel of the college.
- **20.** Volunteering in college events: NSS Volunteers took active participation in volunteering book fair on International Mother language day (21.02.2022) and Annual College Sports (24.02.2022).

Special Camp Activities

A seven day Special Camp was organized commencing from 08.03.2022 to 14.03.2022. Forty seven student volunteers from UG Semester-IV were participated in the Camp at Bethune college and Swikriti Sangha Club, Goabagan, Kolkata 700006. The programs include seminars, slum visit, awareness programs, organic manure production, campus cleanliness drive and heath camp.

08.03.2022- Special camp was inaugurated by **NSS State Nodal Officer**, **Dr. Ramaprasad Bhattacharya** on 11 am at the Centenary Hall of the college. Dr Bhattacharya, delivered a wonderful speech highlighting the different aspects and importance of NSS activities for the students. To celebrate International Women's Day in the 2nd half from 2 p.m.- 4p.m a Seminar was organized jointly with the Centre for Women Studies and Department of the college. Students of Women Studies department spoke on different issues of women and **Dr. Mainak Chandra**, Assistant Professor, R G Kar Medical College delivered a speech and consulted on "**Orthopedic health issues of women**" giving emphasis on post-covid orthopedic issues of women.

09.03.2022- On the 2nd day of the special camp a **Health Camp** was organized from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for students and staff of College in collaboration with **Rotary Club of Ganga Heritage, Kolkata and Shivananda Health Society**. Health checkups like Height, Weight, Blood Pressure, Eye, General health care, blood sugar, naturopathy and mental health care were arranged. About 163 persons including student and staff of the college were benefitted by the checkup.

10.03.2022-On the 3rd day of the special campan one day workshop on "**Organic Compost Preparation-utilization of domestic waste**" was organized by the NSS unit in collaboration with Department of Botany and Chemistry under DBT STAR College Scheme. Vegetable wastes were brought by students from their houses and college canteen and organic manure unit was created under the guidance of faculty members of Department of Botany and Chemistry (**Dr. Seemanti Ghosh and Dr. Amita Kar**).

11.03.2022-On the 4th day, the NSS volunteers escorted by the NSS members, visited the adopted slum to sensitize the slum dwellers regarding women and child issues at 12 noon. They also shared their knowledge regarding **health and nutrition of women and children** of at least 32 families. They have also surveyed on the economic and education status of the families. On that day old clothes were collected from teachers and students of Bethune College and arranged for distribution among slum dwellers.

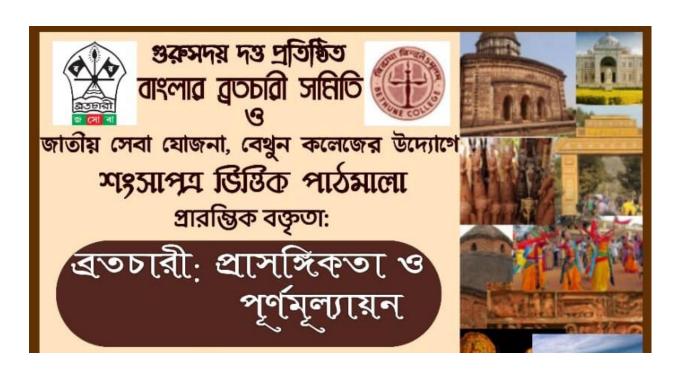
12.03.2022-On the 5th Day of the special campa **campus cleanliness and maintenance drive** was taken by the NSS volunteers, members and staff of the college from 11 a.m onwards. From 2 p.m. a mask making workshop was arranged by the Bengal Bratachari Society. **Dr. Anusrita Mandal**, Assistant Professor, Surendranath College Kolkata was the resource person.

13.03.2022- On the 6th Day, the NSS volunteers, members and club members organized 'Sit and Draw', Dance and Recitation competition for Children and Conch blowing competition for women in the slum area at Swikriti Sangha Club at Goabagan from 12 noon to 4pm. The members of the NSS committee gave away prizes to the winners of the different events

14.03.2022-On the final day of the camp, a program was jointly organized by the Human Rights Cell and NSS unit of the college. The NSS volunteers performed **a street play "Jagoron"** emphasizing the burning issues of women. Posters on Human Rights Awareness were also distributed to the departments and office of the college. The closing ceremony was followed by National Anthem.

Red Ribbon Activities

- **1. World AIDS Day Celebration on 1st December, 2021:**An AIDS awareness program was arranged on **01.12.2021** for the NSS Volunteers, Students and Staff of the college from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in collaboration with Rotary Club of Ganga Heritage, Kolkata. **Dr. Sumit Poddar**, renowned Virologist have shared his views on this occasion.
- 2. Inauguration of Bethune College NSS Unit Health Centre on International Women's Day: Bethune College NSS Unit Health Centre was inaugurated by NSS State Nodal Officer, Dr. Ramaprasad Bhattacharya. Health consultation was given by Dr. Mainak Chandra, Assistant Professor, R G Kar Medical College to the NSS Volunteers, students and staff of the college.
- **3. Health camp on 9th March, 2022**: A **Health Camp** was organized from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for students and staff of College in collaboration with Rotary Club of Ganga Heritage, Kolkata and Shivananda Health Society. Health checkups like Height, Weight, Blood Pressure, Eye, General health care, blood sugar, naturopathy and mental health care were arranged for the students and staff of the college.



Introductory lecture on Bratachari via online mode on 12th June, 2021



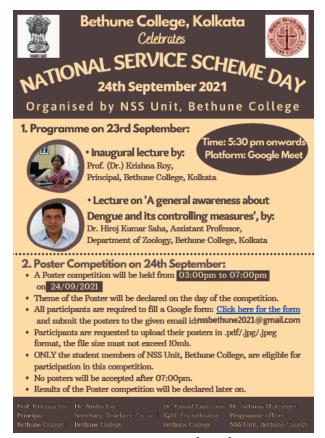
Banmahotsav celebration by NSS Unit on Bethune Day, 12th August, 2021



Distribution of sanitizers, masks, soaps and biscuits to the slum dwellers of Ramdulal Street on 15.08.2021



Distribution of stationeries to the school children of the street dwellers on 25th August 2021



Flyer for NSS Day Celebration, 23rd -24th September, 2021



Distribution of new clothes to Nalta Arindam Welfare Society on 4th October, 2021on the occasion of Durga Puja



Poster hanging by NSS Volunteers on World Toilet Day, 22nd November, 2021



Awareness Program on College Biodiversity on 29th and 30th November, 2021



Seminar on World AIDS Day, 01.12.2021



Seminar on 'General Awareness about Female Reproductive Health' on 2nd December, 2021by Dr. Goutam Khastagir



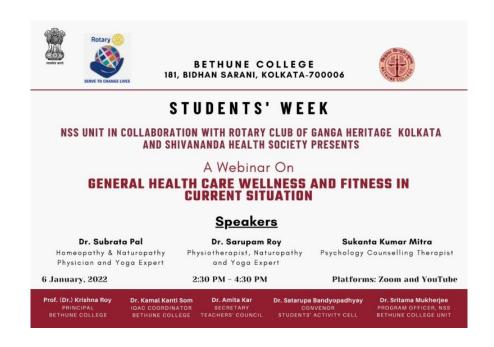
Flyer for online awareness session on Breast Cancer, 7th December, 2021 in collaboration with Scottish Church College



Posters on Human Rights by NSS Volunteers on Human Rights Day Celebration, 14th December, 2021



Bratachari Workshop on Nrityali and Gitali on 15.12.2021 for NSS Volunteers



6th Day of Student's week Celebration, 06.01.2022



73rd Republic day Celebration on 26th January, 2022



\

Volunteering in college events (International Mother language day, 21.02.2022 and Annual College Sports, 24.02.2022)



Inauguration of NSS Unit Special camp and Health Unit by Dr. Ramaprasad Bhattacharya on $8^{\rm th}$ March, 2022



Seminar on International Women's Day and Health Consultation on Orthopedic issues by Dr. Mainak Chandra on 08.03.2022



Health Camp in the college campus on 09.03.2022



Organic Compost Preparation in the college campus on 10.03.2022



Campus cleanliness and maintenance drive on 12.03.2022



Mask-Making workshop for NSS Volunteers on 12.03.2022 by Bengal Bratachari Society



Special camp in the slum area at Swikriti Sangha Club, Goabagan on 13.03.2022



 $Awareness\ program\ and\ survey\ during\ special\ camp\ at\ Goabagan\ slum\ on\ 11.03.2022$



Street play "Jagoron" by the NSS Volunteers on 14.03.2022