



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

Report submission: 09 June 2023

Date: 05 June 2023

Time: 10am to 1 pm

Type of event: AWARENESS PROGRAM ON BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION

Event: World Environmental Day 2023

OBJECTIVES:

1. To raise awareness about the detrimental effects of plastic and inspire collective action to combat this global crisis.
2. To reduce the use of single use plastic and educate on proper plastic waste disposal
3. To inform and encourage usage of eco-friendly replacements to plastic products.

INTRODUCTION:

THEME OF THE EVENT: "BEAT THE PLASTIC POLLUTION"

The world is being inundated by plastic. More than 400 million tons of plastic is produced every year, half of which is designed to be used only once. The theme for World Environment Day on 5 June 2023 focused on solutions to plastic pollution under the campaign #BeatPlasticPollution.

DETAILED REPORT:

The NSS unit (AIGS) organized an awareness programme on the theme #beat the plastic pollution on World Environment Day, June 5 2023 in Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies. The NSS volunteers formed three teams consisting of 5 to 6 members each to deliver a 5 to 10-minute awareness talk and oath taking for all the students of AIGS.

The main agenda of the awareness program was to educate the audience about plastic pollution creating awareness on the seriousness of this global issue, encourage the audience to reduce their use of plastic by promoting eco-friendly alternative such as reusable bags and containers and to inform about the proper disposal methods to protect our environment. Audience was asked to share their initiatives which could be carried out by others to reduce plastic pollution. They were also suggested to use clothes bags, high density plastic bottles, ink pens, non-plastic home décors and so on. Further safer resin codes of plastic (2,4 and 5) were informed to the audience to help them distinguish between recyclable and non-recyclable plastic. Besides, NSS volunteers also shared the awareness video made on the theme for the day.

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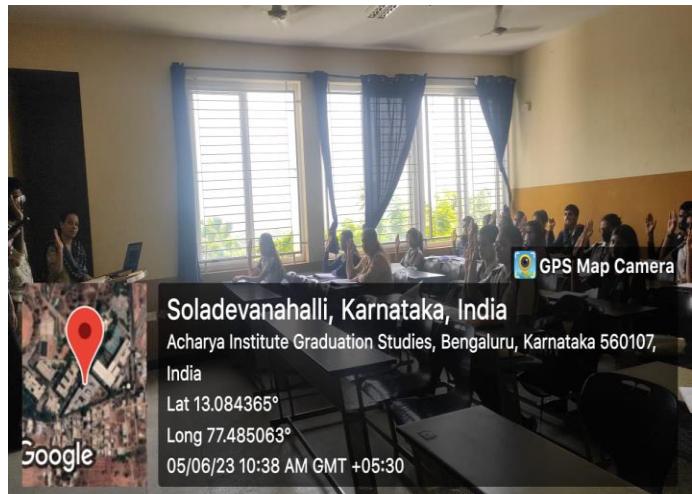
At the end of awareness talk the audience took the environmental day pledge. The awareness talk was necessary because the majority of them were using plastic products even though there were proper eco-friendly replacements.



NSS volunteers delivering the environmental day awareness talk and taking pledge taking on the theme "#beat plastic pollution"

CONCLUSION AND AUDIENCE FEEDBACK:

The awareness talk ended on a positive note. The audience was responsive and had a positive attitude towards adopting habits that could reduce the use of plastic thereby protecting our environment. Volunteers were appreciated by students and faculty members for taking this step and sincere efforts on the special occasion of World Environment day.





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Report submission: 29 June 2023

Date: 26 June 2023

Time: 11am to 1 pm

Type of event: AWARENESS PROGRAM ON DRUG ABUSE

Event: International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2023

VENUE: – Main Auditorium, Acharya Institutes

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS – 260+

OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness among the students of Acharya Institutes on the major problem that illicit drugs pose to society and to promote measures to prevent drug abuse and trafficking.
- To strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse.

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

THEME OF THE EVENT – International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking every year. It is celebrated to make people aware of the harmful effects of drugs and to determine a society free of drug abuse.

RESOURCE PERSON

Shri. Shivakumar Devaraju, IPS (DCP North division, Bangalore)

DETAILED REPORT

The NSS Unit of AIGS had organized a Drug Awareness program on the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June 2023. The chief guest and resource person for the awareness program was Shri. Shivakumar Devaraju, IPS (DCP North Division, Bengaluru). Along with the resource person, Mr. Gowtham J, CI, Soladevanahalli Police Station and many other police officials had been a part of the program. Our Principal, Dr. Gurunath Rao Vaidya, Shri. C.B.M Bhooshan, ES to Chairman and Mr. Ramakrishna Gowda, General Administrator were also present for the awareness programme which witnessed more than 260 students and faculty members.

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is celebrated on June 26th every year. By resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, the General Assembly decided to observe 26 June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.



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The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, or World Drug Day, is marked on 26 June every year to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse. The theme for 2023 was "**People First: stop stigma and Discrimination, strengthen Prevention,**" with the aim of raising awareness about the importance of treating people who use drugs with respect and empathy; providing evidence-based, voluntary services for all; offering alternatives to punishment; prioritizing prevention; and leading with compassion. The campaign also aims to combat stigma and discrimination against people who use drugs by promoting language and attitudes that are respectful and non-judgmental.

The event started at 11am in the main auditorium on arrival of the chief guests and the emceeing was handled by Sinchana Gopinath, NSS volunteer who delivered the welcome speech and introduction of the guests. Later Shri Bhooshan addressed the gathering who threw light on the importance of creating awareness in the campus and the steps to be taken by the youth to beat the usage of drugs. Later the session was taken over by the resource person, Shri Devaraju who spoke about the bad effects of drug abuse and the issues faced by the society due to drug abusers. Devaraju sir spoke for an hour where he also covered the legal aspects of the drug induced crimes and how it could affect the student life if they were indulged in such offenses. The session was very informative and rather helped in meeting with the objectives of the program and there was a good amount of interaction from the audience by asking lot of questions. Devaraju sir could clarify all the doubts and emphasizing on the point that drugs is a social nuisance and it has to be eradicated. The session ended with an oath by all the participants where the oath was read out by Shrilakshmi, NSS volunteer.

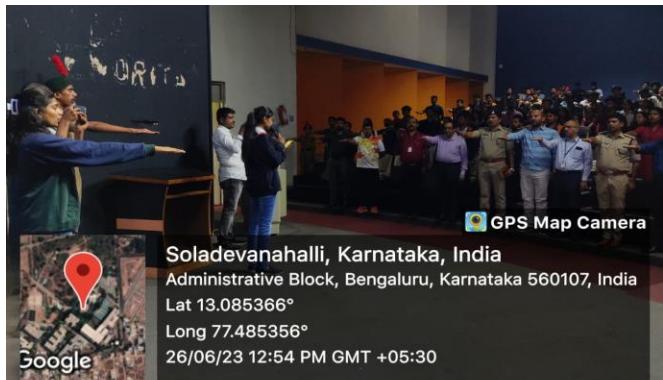
Before ending the session there was a musical Skit performed by the NSS team lead by Meenakshi on how drugs affect ones' life and to come out of it with social support and the NCC cadets had also performed a mime led by Cdt. Ebitta Sibi which showed the crimes that could be caused by excessive drug abuse. Both the performances were highly appreciated by the audience and the overall program created an impact on the student minds. Many awareness posters prepared by the NSS volunteers were put across at the venue as well as in AIGS block.

CONCLUSION

Both the students and faculties had a great session and the NSS Unit was successful in meeting the objectives of the program by creating awareness about Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The program ended on a positive note from the officials who were happy with the way the program was organised.



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Report Submission: 20/04/2024

Semester: EVEN

Academic Year: 2023–24

Venue: AIGS Block

Date: 06-04-2024

Time: 010.00PM - 04.00PM

Duration: 06 hours

TYPE OF EVENT: AWARENESS PROGRAM

EVENT NAME: ELECTION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Target Audience: AIGS Students and Faculty

Number of Participants: 150

Objectives:

- To educate PG students on the significance of voting and the impact of their vote.
- To motivate students to actively participate in upcoming elections.
- To foster a sense of civic duty and responsibility among the students.
- To have students take an oath committing to exercise their right to vote

Program Introduction: The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of AIGS organized a Voting Awareness Program and Oath Taking drive for Postgraduate (PG) students on 6th March 2024. The event aimed to educate students about the importance of voting, encourage active participation in the democratic process, and instill a sense of civic responsibility.

Theme of the Event: *"I VOTE FOR SURE"*.

The Collaborators for the event - Electoral Committee, AIGS

Detailed Report:

The event was planned with the collaboration of the NSS team, AIGS Electoral Club, and local election authorities. The event took place from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and comprised of awareness talk in each class related to the importance of voting, and why as responsible citizens they should vote which was followed by oath taking by the students. All the students were asked to register in MYGOV platform where they would be receiving a certificate for the pledge taken. All attendees participated in taking a solemn oath to exercise their right to vote and encourage others to do the same. Over 200 PG students attended the event and all attendees took an oath, committing to vote in the upcoming elections.

Students gained a better understanding of the electoral process and the importance of voting. Students appreciated the informative sessions and expressed a greater resolve to participate in elections. The

program successfully motivated many students to register to vote and participate in elections. The oath-taking ceremony reinforced the importance of civic duties among students. NSS Volunteers felt happy about the initiative and the enthusiasm shown by the students.

PHOTOS:**Outcomes:**

- The primary outcome was encouraging widespread participation among students and first-time voters in the electoral process, addressing historical voter apathy in the youth demographic.
- The events successfully disseminated information about the importance of voting, voter registration procedures, and the process of casting a ballot, especially for new voters.
- The administration of the "Voter's Pledge" ("We, the citizens of India, having abiding faith in democracy, hereby pledge to uphold the democratic traditions...") served as a symbolic commitment from participants to exercise their democratic rights and responsibilities.

Conclusion:

The "Voting Awareness and Oath Taking" drive on March 6th was a crucial component of a comprehensive, multi-faceted national effort to foster a robust culture of democracy and civic responsibility among young and first-time voters.

The campaign concluded that by raising awareness, providing targeted education, and encouraging active, ethical engagement, these initiatives play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the nation's democratic polity. The efforts were deemed a significant step toward building an enlightened and proactive electorate, ultimately aiming for maximum voter participation in the general elections to ensure that the elected representatives truly reflect the will of the people.



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Report Submission: 20/06/2024

Semester: EVEN

Academic Year: 2023–24

Venue: AIGS Block, Open Arena

Date: 11-06-2024

Time: 09.00PM - 04.00PM

Duration: 07 hours

TYPE OF EVENT: NSS ACTIVITY

EVENT NAME: VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Target Audience: AIGS Students and Faculty

Number of Participants: 80

Objectives:

- To educate the student community on the beneficial aspects of blood donation and actively encourage voluntary blood donation
- To support the community and needed people with required amount of blood and its components through various blood banks or organizations

Program Introduction: The NSS Unit of AIGS organized a VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION DRIVE on 11th June 2024. Mr. George Varied Thekkan, NSS Program Officer of Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, organized the event in association with LIONS and NIMHANS Blood Bank. The entire event was coordinated by Mr. George along with 80 NSS Volunteers from the NSS Unit.

Theme of the Event: 'WORLD BLOOD DONORS DAY'.

The Collaborators for the event- LIONS and NIMHANS Blood Banks

Detailed Report:

The voluntary blood donation drive was organized by the NSS unit of AIGS in collaboration with LIONS Blood Bank and NIMHANS Blood bank on the 11th June 2024 starting from 9.30 am to 4pm. The drive was organized to address the ongoing need for blood in the healthcare system and aimed to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, collect blood from volunteers, and support patients in need. The NSS volunteers had visited every class in AIGS to create awareness on the need and benefits of Blood donation on 10th June 2024 which received a huge response from the students of AIGS. The awareness talks about blood donation and its benefits, precautions before donating blood were explained to all the students of AIGS by Mr. George, NSS Program Officer and active NSS volunteers.



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Like all other years, the camp turned to be a grand success by collecting 251 units of blood on a whole, 115 units by NIMHANS and 136 units by LIONS Blood Bank. Many donors expressed satisfaction with the organization of the event and the care provided by the medical staff and the NSS Volunteers reported a fulfilling experience, noting the positive impact on the community.

The voluntary blood donation drive at AIGS Block on 11th June 2024 was a resounding success. The event not only met its goal of collecting a significant amount of blood but also fostered a sense of community and raised awareness about the critical need for blood donations. The organizers express their gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and sponsors for their invaluable contributions. Around 80 NSS volunteers controlled the whole mob and the program concluded without any causalities. Finally, a memento and appreciation certificates were presented by LIONS Club as well as NIMHANS Blood bank to Dr. Gurunath Rao Vaidya, Principal, AIGS as a token of appreciation. This drive has inspired the whole team to organize similar events on a regular basis to ensure a steady supply of blood, expand promotional efforts to reach more potential donors and involving NSS volunteers in such social service activities. Apart from the blood collected from the donors, an increased awareness about the importance of regular blood donation and the purpose of community engagement through strengthened bonds by collective participation for a humanitarian cause were being served as benefits of the drive.

PHOTOS:





Blood Examination



Blood Donation Process



Token of Appreciation for AIGS by LIONS Club Peenya Branch

Outcomes:

- Students are made aware about the need for blood and the importance of donation.
- Students were motivated to participate in such social services activities benefitting various groups of the community.
- Successful collaboration with LIONS and NIMHANS Blood bank again and collecting good amount of blood for the needy.

Conclusion:

Overall, the blood donation drive was successfully conducted showcasing the motivation of the youth to participate in such social service activities held in the college. The event also showcased the excellent leadership and organizing skills of the NSS volunteers by creating awareness among the student community, motivating them to become regular donors and completing the event in a successful manner.