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### NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

Report Submission: 25/09/2024

**Semester: ODD**

**Academic Year: 2024–25**

**Venue: Seminar Hall, AIGS Block**

**Date: 11-09-2024**

**Time: 2.00PM - 4.00PM**

**Duration: 02 hours**

### **TYPE OF EVENT: ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

### **EVENT NAME: INAUGURATION AND ORIENTATION OF NSS ACTIVITIES 2024-25**

**Target Audience: 1<sup>st</sup> year UG Students**

**Number of Participants: 212**

#### **Objectives:**

- To inaugurate the NSS Activities for the academic year 2024-25
- To orient the freshers about NSS and its activities and later registering them to NSS.

**Program Introduction:** The National Service Scheme Unit of AIGS organized a orientation program and inauguration of NSS activities on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Dr. Gurunath Rao Vaidya, Principal, AIGS was the Chief Guest of the program. The entire event was coordinated by Mr. George Varied Thekkan, Assistant Professor and NSS Program Officer along with the senior NSS volunteers. The event was organised for the fresher 1<sup>st</sup> year UG students from all branches.

**Theme of the Event:** "Orientation of NSS Activities".

**The Resource Person for the event-** Dr. Gurunath Rao Vaidya, Principal, AIGS, Bangalore was the Chief Guest of the program

**Detailed Report:** The NSS Unit, AIGS organized an Orientation program for the 1<sup>st</sup> years and other interested students along with the inauguration of the NSS activities for the academic year 2024-25 on **11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. The program started with welcome dance by Adheena followed by an invocation song by Sivapriya. Later the Chief Guest, Dr. Gurunath Rao Vaidya, Principal and senior NSS volunteer, Balagopal Ravi along with the senior as well as fresher volunteers did the lamp lighting ceremony. Dr. Vaidya shared his views about NSS and its activities and expressed that all students attending the orientation should join to experience a better part of college life. Lakshmi and Anupama performed a traditional welcome dance to start off with the cultural events and later there was a formal presentation about NSS by the senior NSS volunteers, Srilakshmi, Narayan and Abhisree where they explained the roles and duties of an NSS volunteer through their presentation.



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Later senior Alumni NSS volunteer Balagopal shared his experience about NSS and its activities and how it moulded his student life in AIGS. He also taught the NSS volunteers the NSS claps and ended his talk by talking about the benefits of joining NSS which was very motivating for the freshers.

After the formal introduction, there were various cultural performances by NSS volunteers which included group NSS song by Sivapriya and team which included NSS song in Hindi and English. There was mime which was performed by Sarath and team on the theme "**Wayanad Disaster**" followed by an awareness video created by NSS volunteers on Traffic Awareness.

This was followed by a theme based dance on Women Empowerment by Pooja and team and a patriotic song performance by Geethanjali and team. The female volunteers of NSS performed a fun dance based on the theme NOT TO FEAR lead by Arpitha and team and the cultural program ended with a multilingual drama based on the social issue "**RAPE and HARASSMENT OF WOMEN**"

After a break, a short movie on memorable moments in NSS was screened and the fresher's enjoyed watching the activities and fun happened in various NSS activities. The program continued with a talk by Mr. George, NSS Officer, where he reminded about the responsibilities and commitment an NSS volunteer should possess. The vote of thanks was given by Ms Amrutha Roy followed by the National Anthem. The session ended with the registration process where the interested students could register into NSS by filling the forms.

The orientation programme provided valuable insights on how NSS works and the roles to be played by each volunteered. Overall, the programme was successful showcasing the impact of NSS in a student's life as well as in community service.

### PHOTOS:



Lamp Lighting



Principal Address  
Balagopal sharing his experience as NSS Volunteer



Alumni NSS Volunteer



**Mime Show on Wayanad Disaster**

**Theme based dance on  
Women Empowerment**



**Group Photo concluding the session**

**Outcomes:**

- Students were sensitized towards the NSS Activities and functions
- Students registered in NSS agreeing to be a part of the activities.



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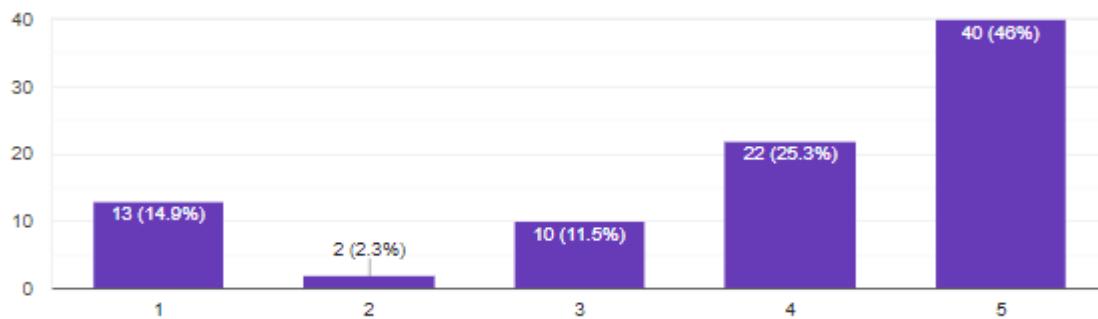
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### FEEDBACK

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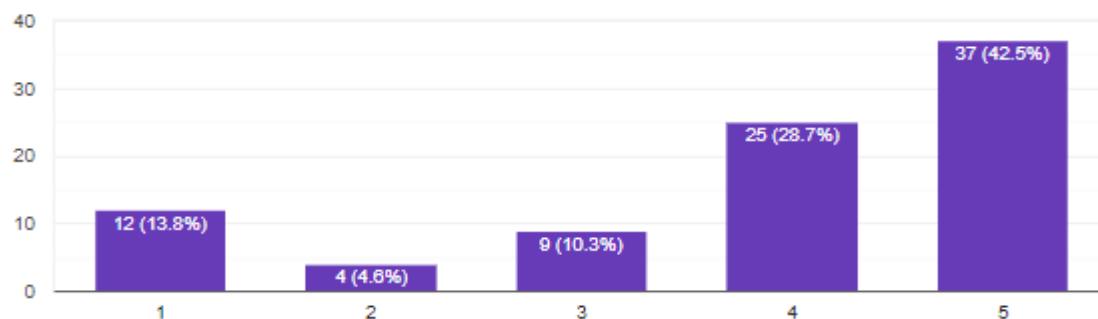
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How much did you understand the role of NSS volunteer, the processes and functions of NSS?

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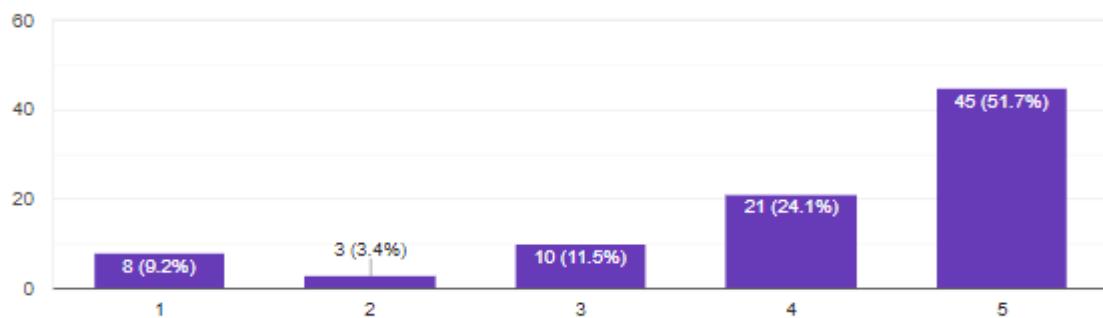
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Overall effectiveness of the program

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**Conclusion:**

1. The program effectively made students aware of the importance of NSS and its activities.
2. The students got the opportunity to witness the functions of NSS and thereby join the team.



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### NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

**Report Submission: 06/11/2024**

**Semester: ODD**

**Academic Year: 2024–25**

**Venue: AIGS Block, Open Arena**

**Date: 29-10-2024**

**Time: 09.00PM - 04.00PM**

**Duration: 07 hours**

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### **TYPE OF EVENT: NSS ACTIVITY**

### **EVENT NAME: VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION DRIVE**

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**Target Audience: AIGS Students and Faculty**

**Number of Participants: 85**

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#### **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 29<sup>th</sup> October 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 85 NSS Volunteers from the NSS Unit.

**Theme of the Event:** VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024 starting from 9.00 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October 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 the NSS volunteers.



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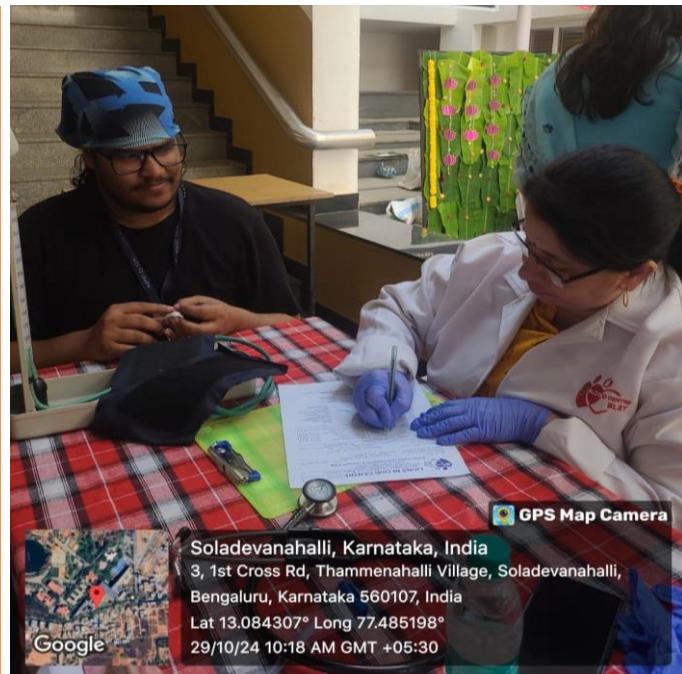
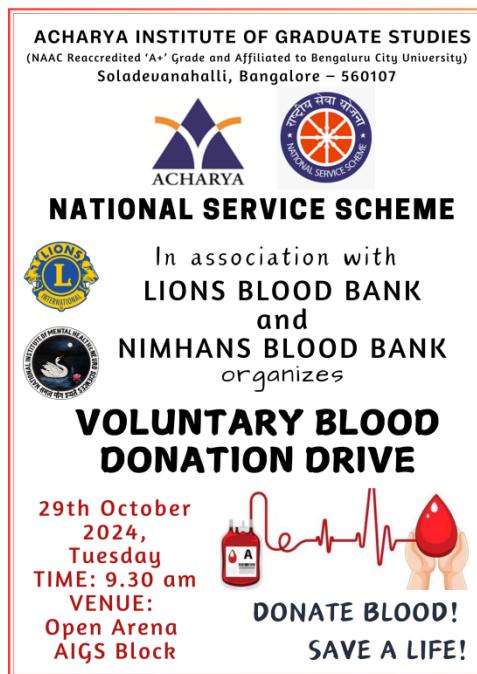
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Like all other years, the camp turned to be a grand success by collecting 171 units of blood on a whole, 67 units by NIMHANS and 104 units by LIONS Blood Bank. Many donors expressed satisfaction with the organization of the event and the care provided 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 29<sup>th</sup> October 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:



### Examination process



*Blood Banks drawing blood from donors – NIMHANS and LIONS*



*Appreciation for the volunteers*



*Token of Appreciation for AIGS by LIONS Club Peenya Branch*



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### **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.



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### NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

Report Submission: 06/11/2024

Semester: ODD  
Block, Open Arena

Academic Year: 2024–25

Venue: Seminar Hall, AIGS

Date: 30-10-2024

Time: 09.00PM - 04.00PM

Duration: 07 hours

### TYPE OF EVENT: NSS ACTIVITY

### EVENT NAME: OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL UNITY DAY 2024

Target Audience: NSS Volunteers

Number of Participants: 82

#### Objectives:

- To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and to instill the value of unity and integrity among students.
- To promote awareness of Patel's pivotal role in unifying India and to inspire NSS volunteers to uphold the ideals of national integration and social harmony. Additionally, the event encouraged NSS volunteers to actively contribute to fostering unity within their communities.

**Program Introduction:** On 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024, the NSS Unit of AIGS observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. The event was held on the campus with the participation of NSS volunteers, fostering a vibrant atmosphere of patriotism and solidarity. Mr. George Varied Thekkan, NSS Program Officer, AIGS organized the event where he addressed the volunteers, emphasizing the relevance of the day and Sardar Patel's contributions to building a united India. 82 NSS Volunteers from the NSS Unit were part of the program.

**Theme of the Event:** *OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL UNITY DAY [Rashtriya Ekta Diwas]*

#### Detailed Report:

The Observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) was organized by the NSS unit of AIGS on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 12.30 pm. The event was organized to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and to instill the value of unity and integrity among students. The event aimed to promote awareness of Patel's pivotal role in unifying India and to inspire NSS volunteers to uphold the ideals of national integration and social harmony. The event commenced with an introductory speech by the NSS Program Officer, Mr. George who welcomed the volunteers and highlighted the significance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. He elaborated on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's role in pre and post-Independence struggle and his major role as a Home



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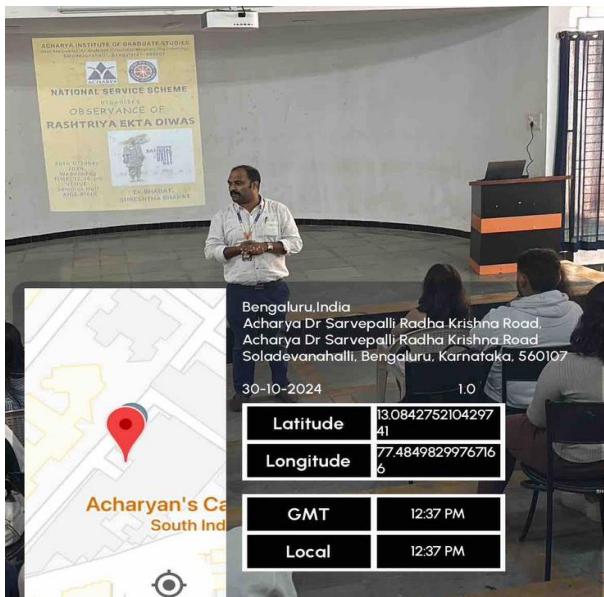
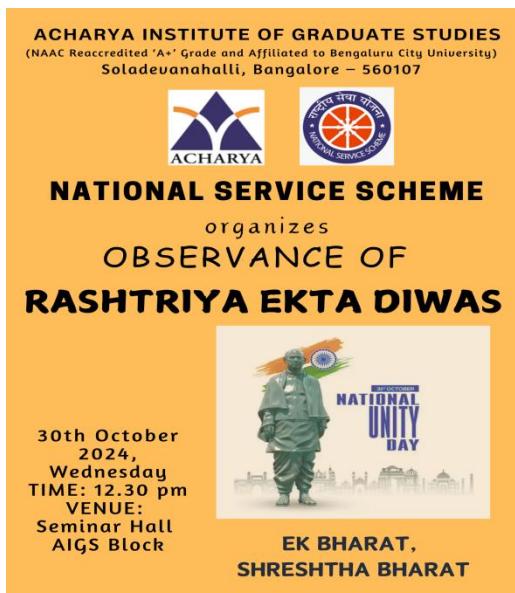
minister in integrating over 560 princely states into the Union of India, which safeguarded the nation's integrity and set the foundation for a strong and united country. The speech was followed by an interactive session where volunteers discussed Patel's life, his achievements, and how his vision remains relevant to modern India. Later a video on the biography of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, known as the "Iron Man of India" was screened which portrayed Patel's contribution to Indian unity and about The *Statue of Unity* in Gujarat, the tallest statue in the world, which was built in his honor and symbolizes his lasting impact on the nation.

The NSS volunteers then took the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge, and received a e-certificate from myGov platform. The pledge emphasized the ideals of integrity, loyalty to the nation, and commitment to unity, leaving a profound impact on the participants. The volunteers pledged to work towards the welfare of society, respect cultural diversity, and promote the values of tolerance and coexistence.

The program concluded with the Mr. George, NSS Program Officer summarizing the discussions and encouraging volunteers to apply the values of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas in their daily lives. He emphasized the role of the youth in nation-building and how the spirit of unity can drive positive social change.

The impact of the program extended beyond the event, as participants were motivated to contribute positively to society by embodying the values of tolerance, respect, and unity. The observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas served as a powerful reminder of the essential role each individual plays in sustaining India's strength and progress through unity. The event successfully achieved its objectives, leaving a lasting impression on the NSS volunteers.

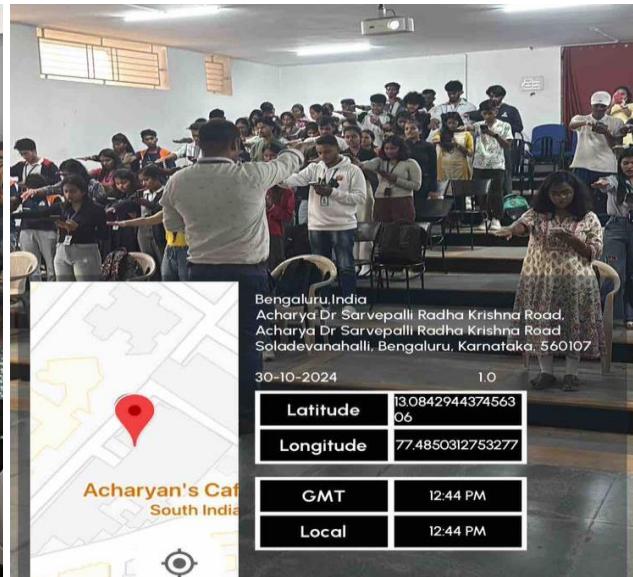
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*NSS Officer talking about the importance of the day*

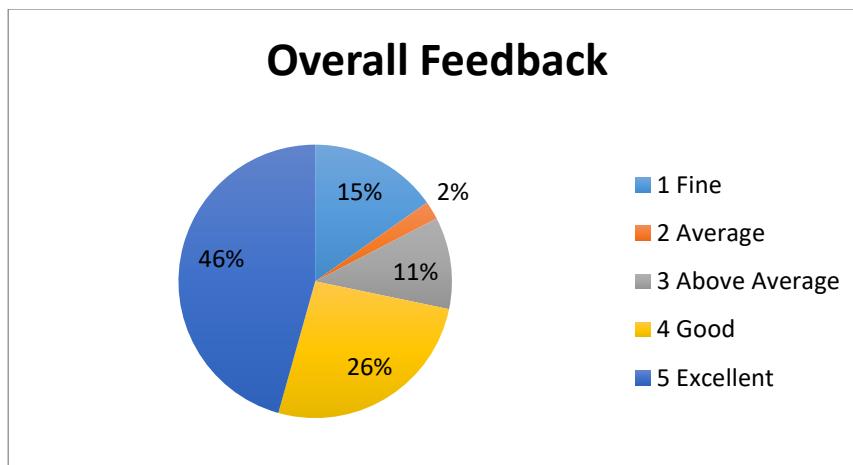


*Biography video screening*



*Pledge taking*

## FEEDBACK



#### Outcomes:

- Volunteers gained a deeper understanding of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's contributions and the significance of unity in India's progress..
- The activities fostered a spirit of teamwork and collaboration, strengthening interpersonal bonds among volunteers and instilling a sense of pride in national heritage.

#### Conclusion:

The observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas by the NSS Unit of AIGS was an inspiring and meaningful event that reaffirmed the importance of unity in diversity. The activities provided a platform for students to reflect on the values of unity and social responsibility, instilling a sense of shared commitment to national development. By honoring Sardar Patel's legacy, the program encouraged students to take an active role in promoting harmony and cohesion within their communities.



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**Report Submission: 06/12/2024**

**Semester: ODD**

**Academic Year: 2024–25**

**Venue: Open arena, AIGS Block**

**Date: 22 to 27-11-2024**

**Time: 09.00PM - 04.00PM**

**Duration: 5 days**

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### **TYPE OF EVENT: NSS ACTIVITY**

### **EVENT NAME: BOOK DONATION DRIVE**

**Target Audience: AIGS students**

**Number of Participants: 21**

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#### **Objectives:**

- To encourage students to donate minimally used or unused books, which would then be distributed to underprivileged children in government schools..
- To foster a sense of social responsibility and ensure that education reaches every corner of society.
- To reduce wastage of books and convert to social cause of promoting education for the under privileged.

**Program Introduction:** The NSS Unit of AIGS conducted a week-long Book Donation Drive from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as part of its outreach activities. The drive involved creating awareness among students about the importance of sharing resources and supporting the education of those in need. NSS volunteers actively participated in spreading the message by visiting classrooms, explaining the significance of the drive, and encouraging their peers to contribute. 21 students actively participated in the Book donation drive to create awareness and to sort out the collected books.

The donated books were collected at a designated collection point on the campus, sorted, and later donated to Government High School, Chikkabanawara, to benefit students who lacked access to adequate educational materials.

**Theme of the Event: INSPIRE A CHILD, SHARE A BOOK**

#### **Detailed Report:**

The Book Donation Drive organized by the NSS Unit of AIGS aimed to promote the value of education and community service among students while addressing the need for educational resources in government schools. The drive was held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 which involved creating



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awareness among students about the importance of sharing resources and supporting the education of those in need.

The Book Donation Drive commenced with a formal announcement by the NSS Program Officer, Mr. George Varied Thekkan who shared details about the initiative during the meeting held for the volunteers. Two teams were formed, one for creating awareness among students and the other team to sort the collected books into unused and minimally used category. Volunteers then visited classrooms across the campus, raising awareness about the cause and motivating students to donate books they no longer needed. Throughout the week, the volunteers used creative approaches such as posters, short presentations, and testimonials to inspire their peers to participate. They emphasized the difference that access to books could make in the lives of government school students who struggle to afford educational materials.

A centralized collection point was set up in the AIGS Open Arena, managed by NSS volunteers, where students could drop off their contributions. A systematic process was followed to catalog the collected books, which included assignment books, and workbooks. The NSS volunteers approached every department faculty members and collected the internal tests and assignment books, thereby reducing wastage of the books and using it for a purpose. By the end of the week, with sincere efforts put by the teams, approximately **1,600 books** had been collected.

The collected books were then organized and packed into categories based on subject and grade level. On the designated donation day, the NSS team, accompanied by the Program Officer, visited Government High School, Chikkabanawara, to distribute the books. The school staff and students warmly received the donations, expressing gratitude for the effort.

A small interactive session was held at the school, where NSS volunteers spoke to the students about the importance of education and encouraged them to make the best use of the books. The school principal praised the NSS Unit's efforts and encouraged the students to take inspiration from such initiatives.

The Book Donation Drive by the NSS Unit of AIGS was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of promoting education and creating a meaningful impact in the community. The initiative not only provided much-needed resources to Government High School, Chikkabanawara, but also inspired the volunteers and participants to take an active role in uplifting society.

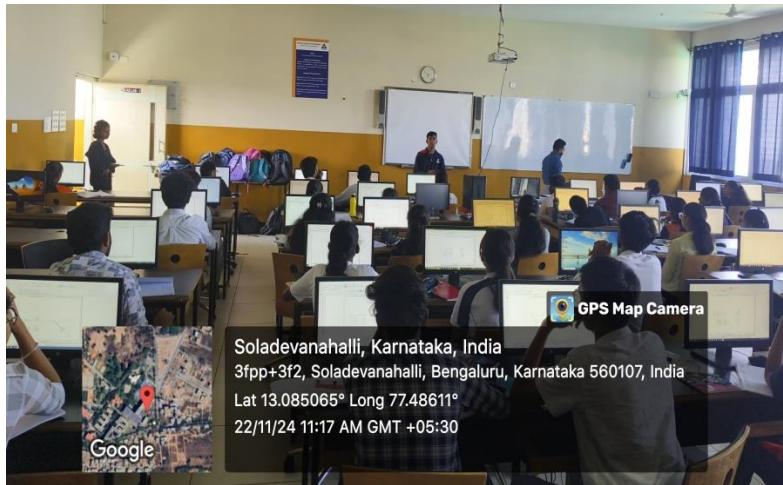
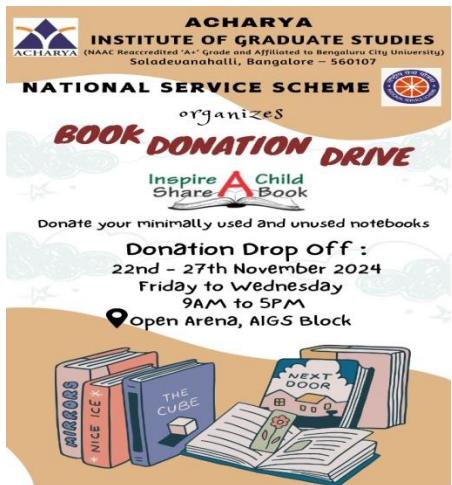


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### PHOTOS:



*NSS volunteers creating awareness about donating books*



*Group photo of the team along with the Principal and NSS Program Officer*



*Books donated to the Headmistress of GHS, Chikkabanawara by the NSS Program Officer*



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### **Outcomes:**

- The drive successfully collected around **1,600 books**, which were donated to the government school, significantly enhancing their library and classroom resources.
- The initiative raised awareness among AIGS students about the importance of contributing to the community, fostering a culture of sharing and social responsibility.
- The donated books will provide government school students with additional learning resources, potentially improving their academic performance and motivation to study.

### **Conclusion:**

The Book Donation Drive by the NSS Unit of AIGS was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of promoting education and creating a meaningful impact in the community. The impact of the drive extends beyond the books donated—it strengthened the bond between AIGS and the local community and encouraged students to embrace the value of giving back. The program underscored the power of collective action and its ability to bring about positive change, leaving a lasting impression on both the donors and recipients.

This initiative is a testament to the NSS Unit's commitment to service and education, and it serves as a model for future programs aimed at fostering social equity and inclusion through grassroots efforts.

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Report Submission: 19/12/2024

Semester: ODD	Academic Year: 2024–25	Venue: GHS, Chikkabanawara
Date: 05-12-2024	Time: 02.00PM - 03.30PM	Duration: 1.5 hrs

### TYPE OF EVENT: NSS ACTIVITY

### EVENT NAME: EXTENSION ACTIVITY on IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND CAREER CHOICES for Govt. High School, Chikkabanawara

Target Audience: GHS students	Number of Participants: 28
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#### Objectives:

- To inspire school students to recognize the importance of education in building a bright future.
- To introduce various career options and encourage students to explore opportunities aligned with their interests and talents.
- To support the school's students by donating minimally used/unused books to enhance their access to educational resources.

**Program Introduction:** The NSS Unit of AIGS conducted an extension activity on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 as part of its outreach activities. The program aimed to address the challenges faced by students in government schools regarding education and career guidance. Volunteers designed an engaging schedule comprising a motivational talk, a career-oriented quiz, a drama performance, and a book donation drive to create a holistic impact on the students. 28 students actively participated in the event to create awareness about education and career options.

The minimally used/unused books collected at the campus which were sorted, and later donated to Government High School, Chikkabanawara, to benefit students who lacked access to adequate educational materials.

**Theme of the Event:** "Empowering Through Education: Paving the Way for a Brighter Future"

#### Detailed Report:

The extension activity organized by the NSS Unit of AIGS aimed to create awareness among the Govt. High School students about the importance of continuing education and the career choices they could select after 10<sup>th</sup> class. The program began with an enthusiastic welcome by the NSS Program Officer,



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who introduced the purpose of the event and emphasized the role of education in personal and societal development.

NSS volunteers delivered an inspiring talk on the importance of education and its ability to shape lives. They highlighted various career options available to students, sharing information about different streams such as science, arts, commerce, and vocational training. The session aimed to broaden the horizons of the students and ignite a sense of ambition and purpose.

To make the session more engaging, a quiz competition was conducted, focusing on topics related to education, career opportunities, and general knowledge. The students enthusiastically participated, answering questions with zeal and competing for small prizes. The quiz fostered an interactive learning environment and reinforced key messages.

NSS volunteers performed a short drama that creatively depicted the struggles of individuals who lacked education and the opportunities available to those who pursued it. The storyline emphasized the benefits of continued education and inspired the students to remain committed to their studies. The drama received an overwhelming response, with students and teachers appreciating the powerful message.

The event concluded with the donation of 1,150 minimally used and unused books collected by NSS volunteers from students at AIGS. The books were handed over to the school's in charge Headmistress for distribution among students in need. The donation aimed to bridge the gap in access to educational resources and support the academic pursuits of the students.

The program ended with a heartfelt vote of thanks by the School Principal, who expressed gratitude and praised the efforts of the NSS volunteers in motivating and supporting the students. The NSS volunteers left with a sense of accomplishment in raising awareness about the importance of education and giving them career choices for higher education.



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### PHOTOS:



*NSS volunteers creating awareness about importance of education and talking about career choices*



*NSS volunteers creating awareness through drama*

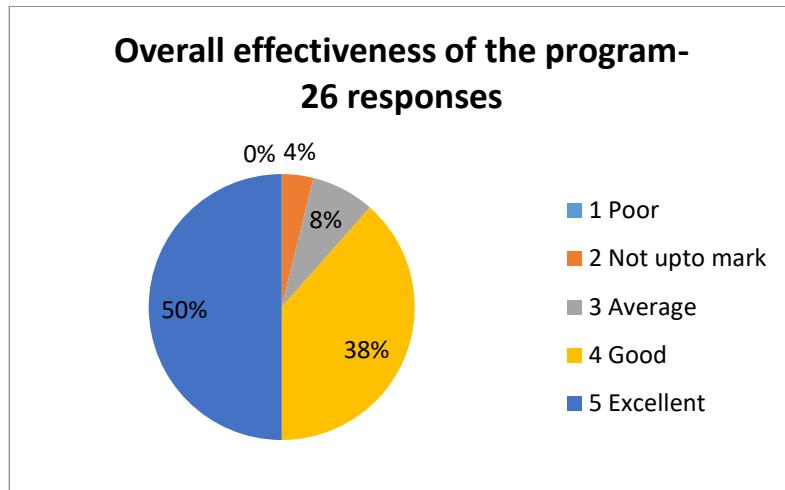
*Group photo*



*Books donation to the school children*

*Group photo of the NSS team along with the In-charge Headmistress*

**Feedback:**



**Outcomes:**

- Students gained valuable insights into the importance of education and career opportunities, motivating them to take their studies seriously.
- The donation of around **1,150 books** to the government school provided the needy students with books, aiding their academic progress.
- The activity strengthened the bond between AIGS and the local school, showcasing the power of collaborative efforts in achieving social goals.

**Conclusion:**

The extension social activity organized by the NSS Unit of AIGS at Government High School, Chikkabanawara, was a resounding success. The program effectively motivated students to value education, explore career options, and utilize the resources provided to achieve their goals.

The impact of the activity extended beyond the event, as students were inspired to strive for a brighter future through continued education. The creative approach of the program left a lasting impression on the students. This initiative reflects the commitment of the NSS Unit of AIGS to fostering societal development and empowering the youth through education, serving as a model for future community-oriented programs.



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## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

Report Submission: 28/11/2024

Semester: ODD	Academic Year:	2024–25	Venue:	FREEDOM PARK, BENGALURU
Event Date: 24/11/2024	Time:	06:30 AM TO 10:30 AM	Duration:	4 Hrs.

### TYPE OF EVENT: AWARENESS PROGRAM

### EVENT NAME: "WALKATHON – CRY WALK"

Target Audience: NSS Volunteers	Number of Participants: 60
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#### Objectives:

1. To raise awareness about the importance of girl education and its impact on individuals, families, and the nation.
2. To promote community participation in advocating for equal educational opportunities for girls.
3. To inspire individuals and organizations to take action in supporting the education of girls in India.
4. To highlight the role of education in delaying early marriages, fostering career growth, and improving health outcomes.

#### Program Introduction:

The Department of Social Work at Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies (AIGS) in association with the NSS and NCC Cell and in collaboration with CRY NGO organized a Walkathon – CRY Walk on 24th November 2024 at Freedom Park, Bengaluru. The event, themed 'Walk to EmpowHER', was designed to advocate for the fundamental right of education for girls and address the societal challenges that deny them this opportunity. The initiative emphasized that educating girls not only transforms their lives but also creates a ripple effect that benefits families, communities, and the nation.

#### Theme of the Event:

"Empowering Girls through Education for a Brighter Future". The event highlighted the transformative power of education in enabling girls to delay early marriages, pursue careers, achieve independence, and contribute meaningfully to society. It aimed to spark change by encouraging individuals to take a stand for gender equality in education.



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### Resource Person:

- Nagalakshmi Choudhary (Karnataka State Women's Commission)
- Kumar Kripa Alva (Ex-Chairperson, NCPCR)
- K. Naganna Gowda (Chairperson, KSCPCR)
- Chetan Ahimsa (Actor & Activist)
- Lokesh Kumar (Bigg Boss Kannada OTT Contestant)
- Jambe Balu (Cultural Activist & Djembe Artist)
- Bhumika Patel (Six Star Marathon Finisher)
- Pramod Gowda (Emcee)

### Detailed Report:

The Department of Social Work at Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies (AIGS), in association with the NSS and NCC Cells, collaborated with Child Rights and You (CRY), Bengaluru organized a transformative Walkathon - CRY Walk: 'Walk to EmpowHER' on 24th November 2024 at Freedom Park, Bengaluru. This event was designed to bring attention to the critical issue of girl child education, which remains a pressing concern due to social stigmas and economic challenges that girls in India face daily. The walkathon emphasized that education is not merely a basic right but also a fundamental tool to empower girls to rise above societal constraints and unlock their full potential.

The program commenced with the arrival of participants, including 20 students from the Social Work Department, 55 NSS volunteers, and 12 NCC cadets from AIGS. Participants from organizations such as Cognizant, Oracle, and other industries also joined the initiative, reinforcing the community-driven effort to advocate for equal education opportunities.

The event began with an inspiring address by distinguished guests, including Nagalakshmi Choudhary (Karnataka State Women's Commission), Kumar Kripa Alva (Ex-Chairperson, NCPCR), K. Naganna Gowda (Chairperson, KSCPCR), Chetan Ahimsa (Actor & Activist), Lokesh Kumar (Bigg Boss Kannada OTT Contestant), Jambe Balu (Cultural Activist & Djembe Artist), Bhumika Patel (Six Star Marathon Finisher), and Pramod Gowda (Emcee). The speakers highlighted the transformative impact of girl child education on families, communities, and the nation, inspiring the audience to take actionable steps toward supporting this cause.

The walkathon was flagged off by the special guests, marking the start of a united journey toward the iconic Vidhan Soudha, with a police escort ensuring safety and coordination. The NCC cadets from AIGS played a pivotal role in crowd management, maintaining discipline, and ensuring



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the smooth conduct of the event. The walk symbolized a collective commitment to promoting the rights of girls and addressing the challenges they face in accessing education.

Following the walk, participants gathered for cultural performances and interactive sessions with influencers and beneficiaries of CRY's programs. The sessions provided an opportunity to hear firsthand accounts of how education has transformed the lives of girls, delayed early marriages, and enabled them to contribute meaningfully to their families and communities. Refreshments were provided to all participants, and limited-edition T-shirts were distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, adding to the excitement and engagement.

The highlights of the event included the impactful speeches by prominent activists and leaders, the enthusiastic participation of students, professionals, and volunteers, and the seamless execution of the walk by the dedicated efforts of the NCC cadets and police personnel. The cultural activities celebrated the resilience and aspirations of girls, reinforcing the message that investing in their education leads to a brighter and more equitable future. The importance of girl child education was underscored throughout the event. It was emphasized that education delays early marriages, empowers girls to achieve financial independence, and contributes to healthier families and sustainable communities. Educated girls not only transform their own lives but also become agents of change, driving societal progress and innovation.

The Walkathon - CRY Walk: 'Walk to EmpowHER' also served as a profound learning experience for the students of social work, NSS volunteers, and NCC cadets who participated. For social work students, the event was an invaluable opportunity to witness firsthand the dynamics of community mobilization and advocacy. It reinforced the significance of education as a basic human right and highlighted the social and systemic barriers that prevent girls from accessing education. Engaging with beneficiaries of CRY's initiatives, the students gained practical insights into the intersectionality of education, gender, and socioeconomic challenges. They also developed a deeper understanding of how advocacy campaigns can drive social change, providing them with tools to integrate into their future professional practice.

The NSS Volunteers and NCC Cadets benefitted immensely by participating in the event. NSS Volunteers, with their commitment to community service, were able to understand the importance of civic engagement in addressing pressing social issues such as gender equality and education. For the NCC Cadets, the walkathon reinforced the value of discipline, leadership, and teamwork in managing large-scale public events. Additionally, all participants were inspired by the speeches of eminent personalities and influencers, which underscored the value of equal opportunities and the transformational power of education. The walkathon enabled these young participants to develop



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practical skills in organizing, coordinating, and participating in social impact initiatives, equipping them to become proactive agents of change in their respective fields.

By being a part of this significant event, the students not only deepened their awareness about the challenges faced by girl children in accessing education but also strengthened their resolve to advocate for equity and inclusion in their professional and personal lives. This walkathon was not just a step toward empowering girls; it was a movement to inspire collective action. Each participant, by joining the 'Walk to EmpowHER', became a part of the solution, advocating for equal opportunities and a future where both girls and boys can thrive equally. The event concluded with a strong sense of solidarity and commitment to championing the right to education for every girl.

### PHOTOS



**Inauguration and Key Note address by Nagalakshmi Choudhary (Karnataka State Women's Commission)**



Walkathon flagged off by the special guests



Walkathon started from Freedom Park, Bengaluru



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### Walkathon towards Vidhan Soudha, Bengaluru



**Cultural program by Chetan Ahimsa (Actor & Activist), Lokesh Kumar (Bigg Boss Kannada OTT Contestant) and Jambe Balu (Cultural Activist & Djembe Artist)**

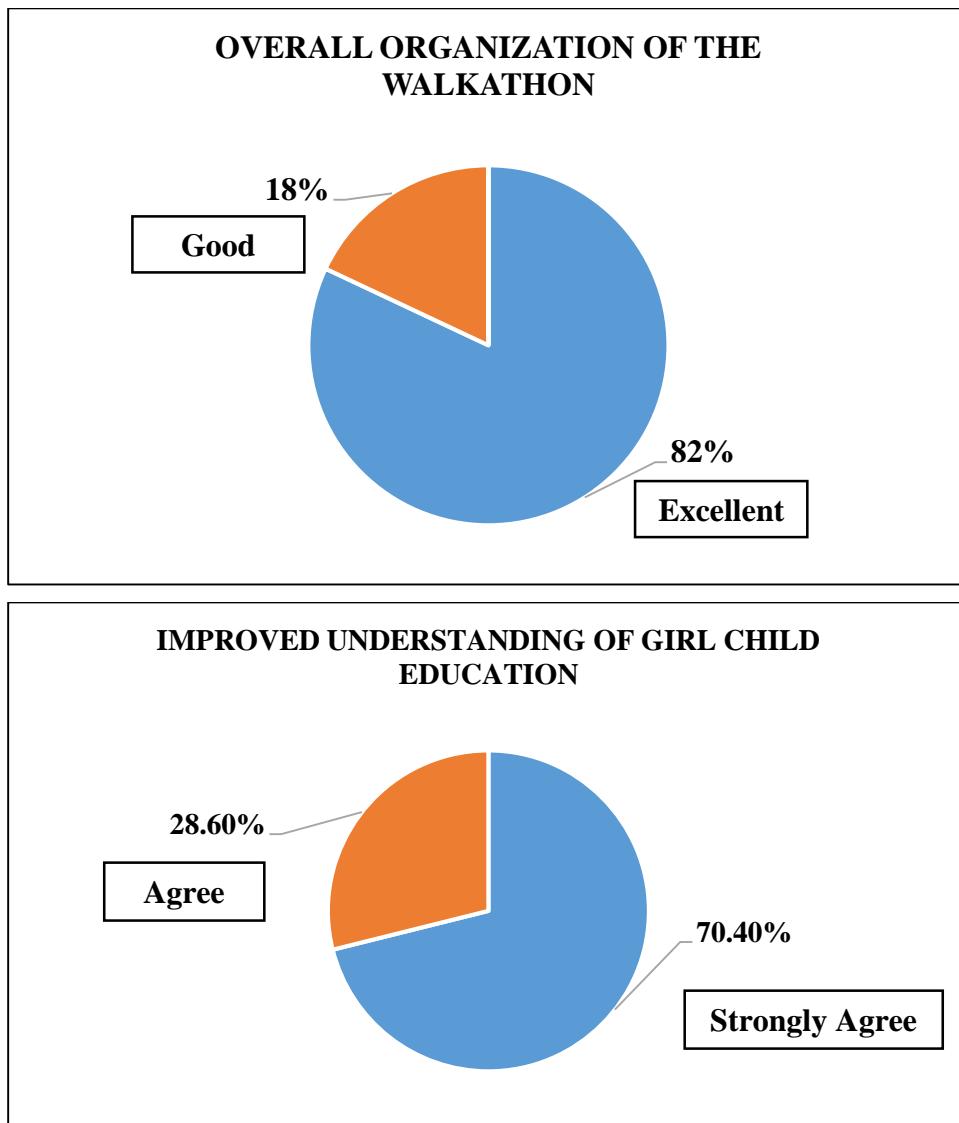


**Group Photo at the Vidhana Soudha**



### **Outcome:**

- Raised widespread awareness about the barriers to girl child education and the need for community support.
- Inspired individuals and organizations to advocate for equal educational opportunities.
- Strengthened partnerships among academia, NGOs, and industry leaders for future initiatives.
- Enhanced community participation in addressing social challenges and promoting equity in education.

**Student feedback summary**

**Conclusion:**

The Walkathon - CRY Walk: 'Walk to EmpowHER' was a resounding success in mobilizing collective efforts to support girl education. It not only shed light on the challenges faced by girls in accessing education but also emphasized the transformative impact education has on their lives and society as a whole. Through the combined efforts of Department of Social work, NSS, NCC of AIGS, CRY, , and other collaborators, the event served as a powerful platform for advocacy, inspiration, and community action. This initiative reinforces the commitment to creating a future where education becomes a reality for every girl, empowering them to achieve their dreams and contribute to building a more equitable world.



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Report Submission: 20/12/2024

**Semester: ODD**

**Academic Year: 2024–25**

**Venue: Seminar Hall, ANA Block**

**Date: 06-12-2024**

**Time: 11.00AM - 12.30PM**

**Duration: 1.5 hrs**

### TYPE OF EVENT: NSS ACTIVITY

### EVENT NAME: AWARENESS TALK on ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WATER MANAGEMENT FOR CLIMATE ACTION

**Target Audience: NSS volunteers and MBA students**

**Number of Participants: 83**

#### Objectives:

- Inspire NSS volunteers and MBA students to embrace entrepreneurship as a means of addressing social and environmental challenges.
- Raise awareness about the significance of water efficiency as a critical component of climate action and equip participants with actionable knowledge and strategies to contribute to water conservation efforts.
- Foster a sense of responsibility and collective action among students to work towards sustainable development goals.

**Program Introduction:** The NSS Unit of AIGS hosted an awareness program on 6th December 2024 as part of its sensitizing activities. The awareness talk was titled as "**ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WATER MANAGEMENT FOR CLIMATE ACTION**" which aimed to address the environmental issue of water wastage and its management among college students. 88 The program was attended by 88 NSS volunteers and MBA students, creating a platform to blend social service, entrepreneurship, and sustainability.

Eco365, a pioneering organization committed to sustainable water management, has been at the forefront of providing innovative solutions to promote water efficiency. The event served as an opportunity for students to learn from real-life experiences and understand their role in addressing critical environmental issues. Mr. Goutham Surana, Founder of Eco365, and co-founder, Ms. Ankita, as guest speakers along with Ms. Sheetal Surana, Founder of the School of Masters, played a pivotal role in making the event a meaningful one.

**Theme of the Event:** ““Entrepreneurship and Water Efficiency for Climate Action””



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### **Detailed Report:**

The awareness program organized by the NSS Unit of AIGS aimed to embrace entrepreneurship as a means of addressing social and environmental challenges among college students. The session began with a welcome address by Ms. Sunidhi, NSS volunteer, who welcomed the guest speakers and set the tone for the program. He emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship and climate action in shaping a sustainable future and encouraged participants to engage actively in the session.

After introduction of the Chief Guest and resource person, Mr. Goutham Surana by Ms. Pooja M. P, NSS volunteer, Mr. Surana shared his entrepreneurial journey, highlighting the inception and growth of Eco365. He spoke passionately about his mission to address water scarcity through innovative and scalable solutions. His insights into the challenges and opportunities of being a sustainability-focused entrepreneur resonated deeply with the audience.

Later Ms. Ankita elaborated on various practical methods of water conservation, emphasizing the role of technology and innovative products developed by Eco365. She introduced the audience to water-saving devices and shared real-life success stories where these solutions have led to significant water efficiency.

Ms. Sheetal Surana played a major role in coordinating the event and bringing the resource persons. As the moderator, she ensured the session remained engaging by asking thought-provoking questions and encouraging active participation from the audience. Her ability to connect with the participants and facilitate an interactive discussion enriched the learning experience for everyone involved.

Both speakers engaged the audience in a discussion on how NSS volunteers and MBA students could collectively work towards saving water. They proposed initiatives such as conducting awareness campaigns, promoting water-efficient products, and advocating for sustainable practices within their communities.

The interactive session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Anciya, NSS volunteers and as a gesture of appreciation, the NSS Program Officer presented mementos to the resource persons, Mr. Goutham Surana, Ms. Ankita, and Ms. Sheetal Surana, for their valuable contributions. The program left a lasting impression, encouraging students to embrace sustainable practices and actively contribute to climate action.

**PHOTOS:**



*Resource person Mr. Goutham addressing the gathering*



*Talk by Ankita*

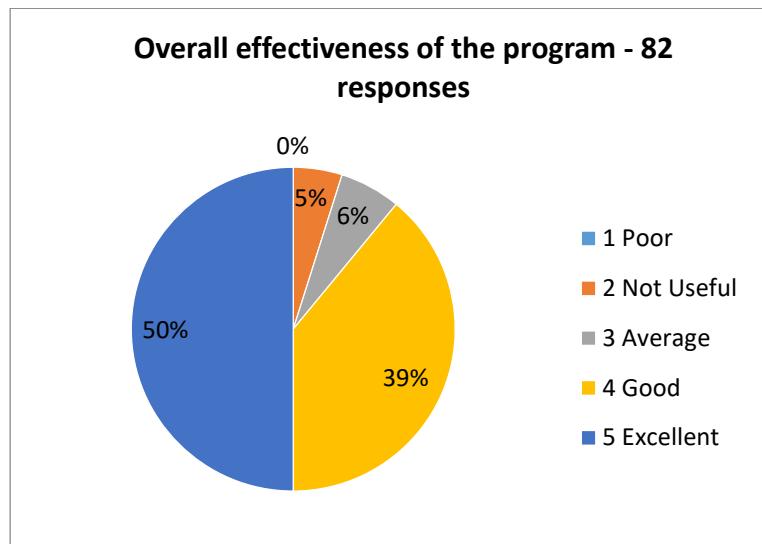
*Talk by Sheetal Surana*



*Group photo*

*Memento handed to the resource person by NSS Officer*

**Feedback:**



**Outcomes:**

- Participants were inspired by the speakers' entrepreneurial journeys and equipped with practical knowledge on water efficiency.
- The session raised awareness among NSS volunteers and MBA students about the urgency of water conservation and its link to climate action.
- Students gained insights into small but impactful steps they can take individually and as a team to conserve water and advocate for sustainability.

**Conclusion:**

The awareness program hosted by the NSS unit, AIGS was a resounding success, blending inspiration and practical guidance on entrepreneurship and water conservation. The contributions of Mr. Goutham Surana, Ms. Ankita, and Ms. Sheetal Surana significantly enriched the program's impact, motivating students to think creatively and act responsibly.

This initiative reflects the NSS Unit's commitment to fostering responsible and proactive future leaders and serves as a model for integrating social awareness and environmental action into educational programs.



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Report Submission: 08/04/2025

Semester: EVEN	Academic Year: 2024–25	Venue: Heasaraghatta Grasslands
Date: 29-03-2025	Time: 07.00AM - 12.00PM	Duration: 05 hours

### TYPE OF EVENT: NSS ACTIVITY

### EVENT NAME: EXTENSION ACTIVITY on EARTH HOUR 2025 at Hesaraghatta Grasslands

Target Audience: NSS Volunteers	Number of Participants: 13
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#### Objectives:

- To commemorate World Water Day and Earth Hour by fostering environmental awareness.
- To sensitize participants about the importance of conserving Bangalore's last remaining grasslands—Greater Hesaraghatta Grassland Conservation Reserve.
- To instill a sense of responsibility and proactive behavior amongst youth volunteers towards biodiversity, wetland health, and clean ecosystems.

**Program Introduction:** On the occasion of World Water Day and as part of the global Earth Hour initiative, an environmental outreach program was conducted on 29th March 2025 at the **Greater Hesaraghatta Grassland Conservation Reserve**, Bangalore. This collaborative effort between **WWF-India** and the **Karnataka Forest Department** was themed under **#BeWaterWise**, with a strong emphasis on water conservation and protection of natural habitats.

A team of 15 volunteers from the NSS Unit of Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies (AIGS) along with Mr. George Varied Thekkan, NSS Program Officer, AIGS actively participated in this community-based conservation effort. The program commenced at 7:00 AM and included several environmental engagement activities curated to educate and empower youth and local citizens.

#### Theme of the Event: "Be Water Wise"

#### Detailed Report:

The Observance of World Water Day on 22nd March every year was celebrated by WWF (World Wildlife Fund) on 29th March 2025, Saturday. The **World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)** is one of the world's leading conservation organizations, founded in 1961. Headquartered in Switzerland, WWF



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operates in over 100 countries, working to protect the environment and reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth. Its mission is to conserve nature and ensure that natural resources are used sustainably. WWF focuses on issues such as wildlife conservation, climate change, deforestation, and freshwater preservation. Through collaboration with governments, communities, and businesses, WWF promotes innovative solutions for a healthy planet. The iconic panda logo represents its commitment to preserving endangered species and ecosystems worldwide.

The event was organized by the WWF - India based in Bangalore in collaboration with the Karnataka Forest Department to raise awareness about the **fragile yet vital ecosystem of the Hesaraghatta Grasslands**. It not only educated the participants about **ecological conservation and water-wise living** but also instilled a sense of environmental responsibility. 13 volunteers from the NSS unit of AIGS had been a part of the event held on 29th March 2025 from 7am to 12pm.

The event began with a nature trail and bird watching session, where volunteers and participants walked through the expansive grasslands, guided by forest department officials and local ornithologists. The trail helped the group appreciate the biodiversity that the reserve shelters—home to a range of endemic and migratory birds and native flora.

Following the trail, the group participated in a clean-up drive, collecting litter and non-biodegradable waste from key locations within the reserve. This hands-on activity not only contributed to the beautification and cleanliness of the landscape but also encouraged behavioral change in managing plastic waste and reducing pollution.

An engaging and informative awareness talk was delivered by officials from both the Karnataka Forest Department and WWF-India, who discussed the ecological significance of the Hesaraghatta Grasslands. The speakers highlighted the pressing threats from urban expansion, encroachment, and unsustainable human activity. The volunteers were briefed on the importance of wetland health assessments, and a brief demonstration was conducted, showing indicators used to determine water quality and ecosystem vitality.

In addition, interactive games and team-building activities were organized to foster team spirit, sustainability-based thinking, and environmental stewardship in a fun, inclusive manner.

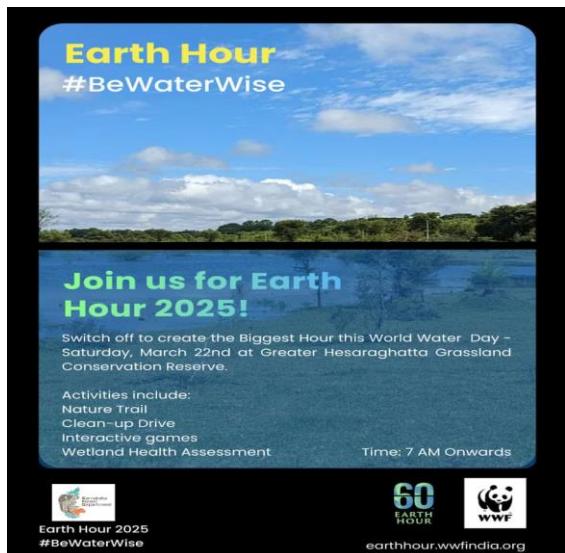
The program concluded with the talks given by various officials from WWF-India and Karnataka Forest Department. WWF had also distributed T-shirts for all the participants and breakfast was served

for all the officials and participants. Around 100 participants from different institutions participated in the event.

For the NSS volunteers from AIGS, the experience was transformational—helping them connect theoretical knowledge with field-based applications. Their active involvement underscored the importance of youth participation in environmental protection movements.

In conclusion, the event achieved its objectives of inspiring change, spreading awareness, and promoting environmental action—aligning perfectly with the spirit of **World Water Day and Earth Hour 2025**.

### PHOTOS:



*Participants being instructed by WWF Program Director*



*Participation in the event and Thrashes collected by the NSS team*



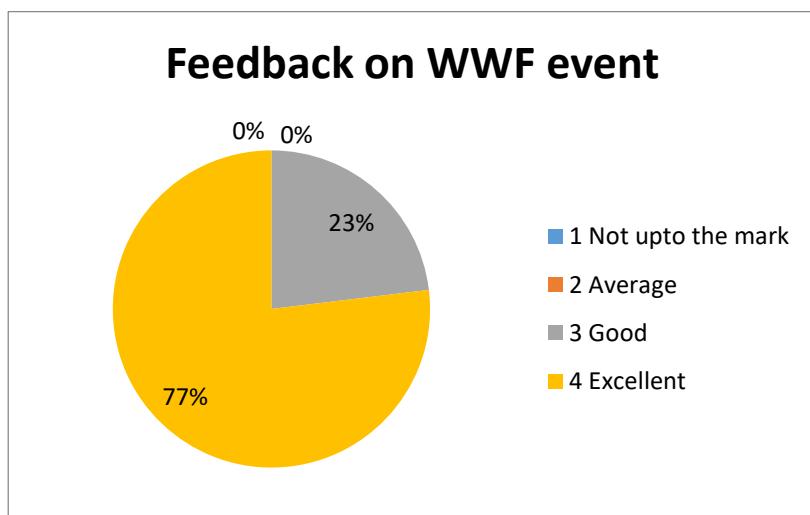
*Group Photo*



*Pledge taking by WWF Officials*



## FEEDBACK





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### Outcomes:

- NSS Volunteers gained in-depth knowledge about grassland ecosystems, water conservation, and local biodiversity.
- The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from student volunteers and fostered a collaborative spirit with forest officials and WWF representatives.
- Practical exposure to bird watching, waste management, and wetland assessment techniques enhanced the participants' environmental literacy.

### Conclusion:

The extension activity organized by WWF-India and the Karnataka Forest Department served as a meaningful platform to raise awareness about the **fragile yet vital ecosystem of the Hesaraghatta Grasslands**. It not only educated the participants about **ecological conservation and water-wise living** but also instilled a sense of environmental responsibility.

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### NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

**Report Submission: 30/05/2025**

**Semester: EVEN**

**Academic Year: 2024–25**

**Venue: AIGS Block, Open Arena**

**Date: 01-05-2025**

**Time: 09.30PM - 04.00PM**

**Duration: 07 hours**

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### **TYPE OF EVENT: NSS ACTIVITY**

### **EVENT NAME: COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SCREENING CAMP**

**Target Audience: AIGS Students, Faculty and Staff**

**Number of Participants: 45**

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#### **Objectives:**

The main objectives of organizing the health screening camp were:

- To promote the importance of regular health check-ups among students and support staff and create awareness about preventive healthcare and early detection of health issues.
- To offer accessible healthcare services to those who may not have easy access to routine medical evaluations.
- To recognize and appreciate the contribution of labor force members—housekeeping, security, and support staff—on the occasion of World Labour Day.

**Program Introduction:** On the occasion of World Labour Day, the NSS Unit of AIGS organized a Comprehensive Health Screening Camp on 1st May 2025 in association with Sparsh Hospital, Yeshwanthpur. Mr. George Varied Thekkan, NSS Program Officer of Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, organized and coordinated the event which aimed at providing free medical consultation and health checks to the institution's students, teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as housekeeping and security personnel. Around 45 NSS volunteers actively participated in organizing, creating awareness and executing the program successfully. The initiative was an expression of care and solidarity with the working community within the institution.

**Theme of the Event:** *COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SCREENING CAMP.*

**The Collaborators for the event-** SPARSH HOSPITAL, Yeshwanthpur



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### Detailed Report:

A Comprehensive Health Screening Camp was organized by the NSS Unit, AIGS on 1st May 2025 in association with Sparsh Hospital, Yeshwanthpur. The camp began at 9:00 AM and continued till 4:00 PM, covering a wide range of diagnostic services. Doctors and specialists from Sparsh Hospital were present from departments including:

- General Medicine
- Gynecology
- Orthopedics
- Optometrists

A team of trained nurses and technicians conducted basic health checkups such as:

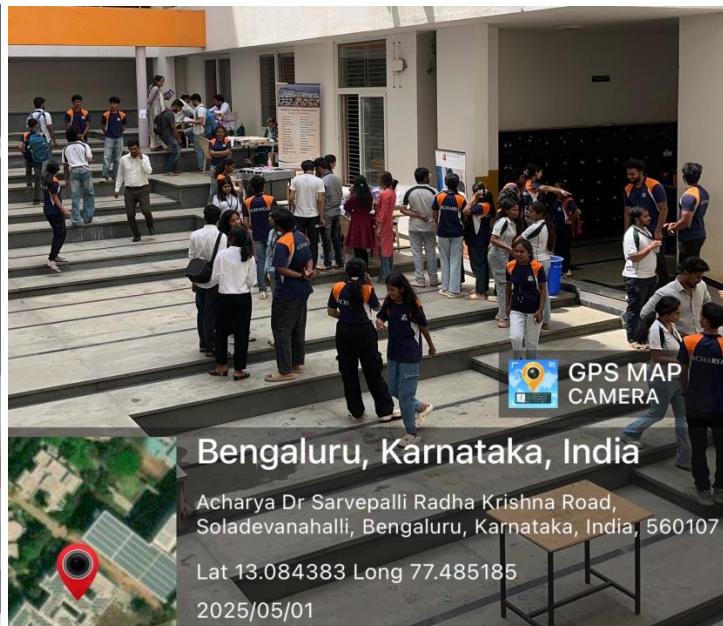
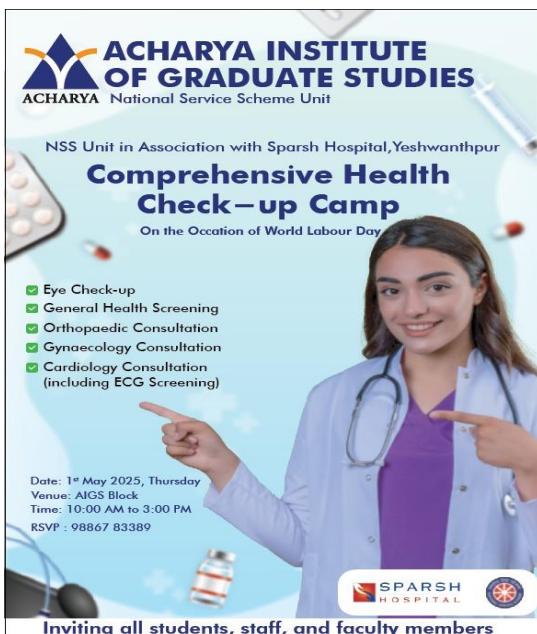
- Height and weight measurement
- Blood pressure (BP)
- Blood sugar levels
- ECG screening for early detection of cardiac issues
- Eye screening

Additionally, an eye screening session was conducted by qualified optometrists, where individuals were assessed for vision problems and were provided spectacles at a subsidized cost.

The camp saw a commendable turnout of around 315 individuals, including students, faculty, administrative staff, housekeeping staff, and security personnel. NSS volunteers ensured smooth crowd management, provided guidance, and assisted in registration and follow-up arrangements for those advised further consultation. The NSS volunteers also had engaged in creating awareness on 30<sup>th</sup> April about the importance of health screening to the students and faculty of AIGS and had personally invited all the ground staff like sweepers, attenders, security and other support staff in Acharya Institutes. Their efforts in creating awareness were seen as the success of the camp where all the counters were filled with people all the time without any break and the medical team was exhausted by end of the day.

Compared to the previous one, the health screening camp turned to be a grand success by giving medical support to 315 people. The organizers express their gratitude to all volunteers, and NSS Officer for their tireless effort in the smooth conduct of the camp. Around 45 NSS volunteers controlled the whole mob and the program concluded without any issues. Finally, a memento and appreciation certificates were presented to the medical team by 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 better health among the students and staff in Acharya Institutes.

## PHOTOS:



*Medical camp at AIGS*



*Examination process*

## Outcomes:

- Many participants learned about the importance of regular health check-ups and early detection.
- Participants received medical advice from qualified doctors at no cost. Several cases of undiagnosed high BP, blood sugar irregularities, and vision problems were identified.
- NSS volunteers gained firsthand experience in organizing a large-scale health event and interacting with healthcare professionals and the public.



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### **Conclusion:**

The Health Screening Camp was a successful and impactful event that resonated with the spirit of **World Labour Day** by honoring and caring for the institution's working community. It served as a reminder of the importance of regular health assessments and showcased the value of community-based outreach.

The partnership with Sparsh Hospital brought quality healthcare to the doorstep of the campus, and the participation of NSS volunteers played a critical role in the efficient execution of the camp. The camp not only improved the health awareness of the participants but also strengthened the values of service, empathy, and responsibility among student volunteers.

In conclusion, the program highlighted the commitment of the NSS Unit of AIGS to health promotion, social responsibility, and community engagement, leaving a lasting impact on all involved.



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### NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

**Report Submission: 30/05/2025**

**Semester: EVEN**

**Academic Year: 2024–25**

**Venue: AIGS Block, Open Arena**

**Date: 15-05-2025**

**Time: 09.30PM - 04.00PM**

**Duration: 07 hours**

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### **TYPE OF EVENT: NSS ACTIVITY**

### **EVENT NAME: VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION DRIVE**

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**Target Audience: AIGS Students and Faculty**

**Number of Participants: 45**

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#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. 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, NSS Officer along with 45 NSS Volunteers from the NSS Unit.

**Theme of the Event:** VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 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 the NSS volunteers.



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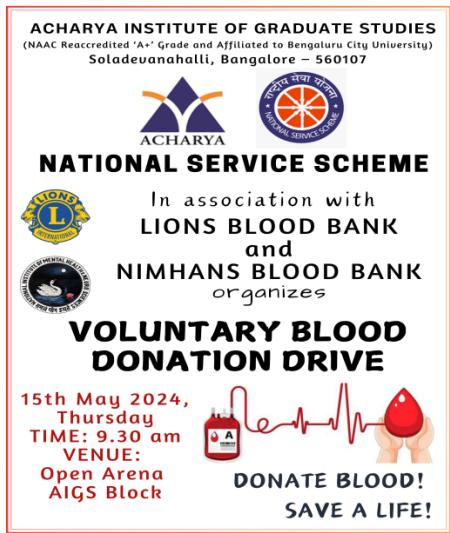
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Like all other years, the camp turned to be a grand success by collecting 156 units of blood on a whole, 51 units by NIMHANS and 105 units by LIONS Blood Bank. Many donors expressed satisfaction with the organization of the event and the care provided 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 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 45 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:



*Examination process*

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*Blood Banks drawing blood from donors – NIMHANS and LIONS*



*Appreciation for the volunteers and the NSS Unit*



*Token of Appreciation for AIGS by LIONS Club Peenya Branch*



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### **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.