



NSS

1. NSS CAMP 2021 AT SHIVAKHOLA, RONGTONG.

Venue: Shiva Khola ,INA Memorial School, Darjeeling.

Date: 22 December- 27 December,2021

No. of Student Participants: 50

Fifty students of St. Joseph's college students bearing the NSS badge were taken for a week-long wintercamp(22-27 dec, 2021) at Shiva Khola, Rongtong. The aim of the camp was to achieve cleanliness and contribute something for the locals with our teamwork, knowledge and planning.

Historical Background of Shiva Khola Village.

Shiva Khola used to be a tea garden where people from Simring used to work. It was very inconvenient for the people to travel a distance from Simring to Shiva Khola. In 1968 Mr. Bauda Lama decided to settle in Shiva Khola for his convenience. He was the first person to settle in Shiva Khola, he worked as a labourer in a tea garden. Later in 1970 three more houses settled there. The three houses were built on Mr. Bauda's land which he gave them for free. The people who settled there were his own siblings.



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Mr. Bauda Lama, age: 73, children :3(sons) , occupation: retired Munshi(village head).

Tribes that settled in Shiva Khola.

1. Rai
2. Subba
3. Tamang

Agriculture.

1. Maize
2. Ginger
3. Seasonal vegetables
4. Spinach

Domestication of Animals.

1. Cow
2. Goat
3. Chicken



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Survey on this village shows us that almost anything can be grown on that land.

Political Impact.

1986 agitation : During the reign of Mr. Subash Ghising the Rong Tong road was constructed by Subash Ghising. Bridges, roads, guest houses, school, park area were built.

1987: a hospital was constructed with doctors from Sukuna but it was not opened due to end of his tenure in Political terms.

Mr. Subash Ghising plays an important role in the upliftment of Shiva Khola. People of Shiva Khola worships him. They used to call him by a local name "Memey" (Grandfather). During the survey by the students of St. Joseph's college(NSS) found that Subash Ghising played an important role for the upliftment of Shiva Khola. People in Shiva Khola keeps the picture of Subash Ghising in their houses as a symbol of respect.



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Activities :

The NSS team arrived on **22nd December 2021** on the said location and we all helped each other to set our camps, (sleeping areas, kitchen). The NSS leaders did a field survey to locate necessary developments in the area. We had a meeting in the evening where we were assigned our tasks.



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The next day on 23rd December 2021, the NSS team did a clean up campaign all



across the village and collected plastic wastes.



On 24th December 2021, we extended our previous cleanup campaign, and distributed



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dustbins throughout the village. Later in the afternoon we received our beloved Fathers and teachers from our College and we celebrated Christmas Eve by cutting a cake.



On **25th December 2021**, we conducted a Drawing competition for the children of the village where we acknowledged their creative spirit and gave them stationary supplies. On the other half of the day, we cleaned an old dumping area which was laden with plastic and other wastes.

On **26th December 2021** we divided ourselves into groups and conducted a survey to know the history, culture and traditions as well as the social conditions of the Village. We got a warm response from the people and they acknowledged our stay. Thus, we came to know about the history, political and economic background of the people.

On **27th December 2021**, as it was the returning date of the NSS students, the school's principal Mrs. __ and some of the teachers and President and Secretary of the village were given a "Khadas" and a short thanksgiving speech by the President of NSS as a token of appreciation.

NSS has always shown its best self when it comes to cleaning. Likewise, in Shiva Khola also, we tried to clean all the plastics in and around the village spending two days of our camping. Not only that, we also provided some dustbins so that they throw the wastes in the dustbins and not on the roads.

As our camp ended, we were successful in raising social and environmental awareness in the minds of the locals. The stay was very pleasant as we got the chance to visit the river and a tourists spot, which was nearby and moreover learn about the stories that each one of us held.



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