

National Service Scheme (NSS)

Camp Report July 2023 – June 2024

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1	76th Independence Day Celebration	13th and 15th August 2023
2	Oath taking ceremony	30th August 2023
3	General Orientation and NSS Day	24th September 2023
4	Campus Cleaning	2nd October 2023
5	Blood Donation Camp	6th November 2023
6	Winter Camp	18th December till 23 rd December
7	Voter's Awareness	14th March 2024
8	Cleanliness Drive	28th March 2024
9	Survey of a Village	4 th May 2024
10	World Environment Day	5 th June 2024

Report of Independence Day

Time: 7:00a.m - 3:00p.m

Venue- Lebong ground

Date: 13 and 15th August 2023



Ahead of the 76th independence day celebration that was set to be held at gorkha stadium, darjeeling, the rehearsal for the real day started on 13th of august itself! Students from different schools and colleges systematically structured the march past followed by various cultural performances. The entire team of nss volunteered and did abide their duties and responsibilities. They took proper care of the student's safety, providing medical aid and most importantly hydrating each and every participants. Soon after the rehearsal ended the nss volunteers were provided with proper lunch which ended the day as well. Further moving to the actual day, i.e on 15th of august 2023 the bus arrived in the college at 7:30 morning to pick the nss volunteers. The independence day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic zeal in the gorkha stadium. A team of 30 selected candidates from the

national service scheme, st. Joseph's college, darjeeling volunteered efficiently throughout the event. The entire team was segregated to accomplish different tasks in order to be quick and reachable to every participant on the field. The chairman of gorkhaland territory sabha mr. Anjul chawhan hoisted the tri colour which was followed by the national anthem. Worthy of its efforts, a systematic march past was done by students on the field which signified methodology and perseverance. The second half of the program was more of drills, social message and tribute to our respected soldiers of our nation. The program had a special act of martial arts too. The event ended with distribution of prizes among the participants and the matter of pride here was that the ncc senior division boys of st. Joseph college stood first position followed by the ncc senior division girls of st. Joseph college securing second position in their respective march past competition. Finally the entire team of nss concluded the event with a priceless smile and a sense of satisfaction on our faces followed by the nss clap.

Report of Oath Ceremony

Time: 3:00p.m- 4:00p.m

Venue- St Joseph's College

Date: 30th august



On 30th of august 2023, the newly elected members of nss were inhibited with their badges. The ceremony began on an auspicious note stating the motto of nss followed by national anthem in the presence of the club coordinators father binay xavier and sir balram sapkota and the members of the club. After pinning the badges, father vice principal congratulated and entrusted the newly elected board members.

Report of NSS DAY and NSS ORIENTATION

Time: 9:00a.m to 1:00p.m

Venue: Campion Hall

Date: 24th September



On 24th of September, a program was organized to Mark the NSS day and NSS orientation. On this auspicious occasion, in the presence of club coordinators Sir Balram Sapkota and Father Xavier Binay, the Student Council and others clubs were also invited. The occasion was graced with words from the club coordinators. Many games were played to finally have the Miss Fresher and Mr Fresher. Tea and snacks were provided to the whole audience including the guests and other club members. The program went very well and was ended by the NSS clap.

Report of CAMPUS CLEANING

Time: 9:30a.m to 2:00p.m

Venue: College Campus

Date: 2nd October 2023



On 2nd of October 2023, a campus cleaning drive was initiated by NSS in collaboration with the Student Council Body, Xavier Hostel Boys and few other clubs of the college. 72 members(including boards) from NSS took participation in the cleanliness drive along with different other members. Refreshments for the day were provided by the College Authority to all the volunteers. The event ended successfully by the accomplishment of work starting from outside the College gate till the Basketball Court. The whole event was supervised by the club coordinator Father Binay Xavier.

Report of Blood Donation Camp 2023

Date: 6th November 2023

Time: 10:30a.m - 3:00p.m

Venue: Campion Hall



On 6th of November, NSS conducted a Blood Donation Drive in collaboration with the Red Cross Society Darjeeling and Blood Bank Darjeeling. The Red Cross helped us by providing the patient beds along with many medical facilities and Certificate. While the Blood Bank helped us by providing us Blood Storing packets. The event was patiently handled and volunteered by 40 NSS volunteers, 10 Class representatives and the NSS Boards. The event ended by collecting 120 units of Blood which showed the amazing spirit of the students of St. Joseph College, Darjeeling. The event went well and ended successfully.

Report for Winter Camp



National Service Scheme (NSS) Camp was organized by the St Joseph's College, Darjeeling during the period of 18th December to 23rd December at Pulbazar, Bijanbari, Darjeeling. NSS was established at 1969 with a vision of personality development of students through community service as well as development of rural areas in India. It has been introduced in colleges with an optimistic thought of establishing a sense of social responsibility amongst students and indicating values of self-discipline and selfless dedication towards community development. As a part of NSS activities, a six day camp was held by the St Joseph's College at Pulbazar Village. A number of social activities were held with a sole view of rural development and value education. We, being a part of this socio-cultural committee, undertook various cultural activities in the village to promote interaction with the villagers and used the NSS platform to spread awareness about several social and economical issues.

About the place:

“Pulbazar” refers to **“bridge market.”** The place, named Pulbazar, is distinguished by its massive bridge located in the center of the village. Darjeeling Pulbazar is a community development block that forms an administrative division in the Darjeeling Sadar Subdivision of the Darjeeling district in the Indian state of West Bengal. The place we preferred to camp was the Pulbazar Village, Bijanbari at Raja Ram Mohan Roy Higher Secondary School.



This school was established in 1984 and it is managed by the Department of Education. It is located in DARJEELING PULBAZAR block of Darjeeling district of West Bengal. The school consists of grades from 5-10. The school is Co-educational and it doesn't have an attached pre-primary section. Hence, the school has a government building and has got 7 classrooms for instructional purposes.

DAY 1
DATE: 18TH DECEMBER 2024



This very day our members were asked to be present at the college campus by 7:00 a.m. After briefing the members with the rules and regulations, attendance was taken by our Unit Leaders. We loaded the cab with our luggages while a breeze full of enthusiasm prevailed among the campus. We started our journey around 8:48 a.m. and reached around 10:20 a.m. No further activity was done that day and our members were just given some time to explore the beauty of the village. That very day members were divided into several groups with their respective duties.

DAY 2- CLEANLINESS DRIVE
DATE: 19TH DECEMBER 2024



Our first activity in the NSS Camp began with Cleanliness Drive. Our cleanliness campaign included cleaning the whole PULBAZAR VILLAGE area along with the school campus where we stayed. The NSS members were divided into different groups, where each group was led by a Board Member of NSS. The groups were sent to several parts of the village and some focused on the school area. The main aim of this drive was to contribute to the environment and people by helping to improve our quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil and thereby supporting the life of Pulbazar.

DAY 3- SURVEY OF THE VILLAGE

DATE: 20TH DECEMBER 2024



Survey of the Pulbazar Village was conducted by the members of NSS during the camp. In this survey, each Board Member was allotted with group of minimum 5-6 members. All the members were asked to collect some crucial information from each house of the village. Questions regarding history of the village and locality, population in each house, occupation of the family members, main sources of income, educational qualifications of the villagers, scarcities in the area, medical facilities, area for development, etc.

VITAL INFORMATIONS COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY

1. History of the village: The incidences of floods play a key role in creating misery in the life of people. The one of the major reason of flood are the extensive rainfall within small duration in small catchments and incessant rainfall of a few days in bigger catchment. The concurrent dissolving of snow gathered on high mountains and precipitation in lower reaches along with a certain bursting of artificial water storage which block the river channels in the hills caused by heavy landslides, often caused floods of destroying nature. One of the most notable floods was the flooding of the river Teesta in 1968, which suddenly engulfed the foothills of the hilly areas as well as major regions of Darjeeling district which included Pulbazar as well. According to the reports from villagers, it is said that all the disasters became insignificance in comparison with the terrible catastrophic flood of 1968.

Because of the relentless and heavy downpour of 1121.40 mm in October 1968, there were various incidences of landslides in Pulbazar, Bijanbari. Roads, railways, settlements, power supplies, industries and many other installations were washed away or seriously damaged. Thus, this was one of the crucial history of this village. 2. Healthcare facilities: The medical facilities in the village was not prominent. Basic medical facilities were available while for higher equipped facility, people had to go to bigger towns.

Hence, lower middle class and poor people could not afford for higher treatments. The closest medical institute to get was to Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Siliguri for better treatments. No severe disease was noticed in any household during the survey. 3. Educational infrastructure: After the survey we found out that, the village had few private schools as well along with a government aided school “Raja Ram Mohan Roy High School”. Due to this reason, there were very less number of students in the government school as people used to take their children to private schools rather than a government school. The qualifications of the first generation adults were in average 10th pass and second generation people mostly had 12th pass and graduation degree. 4. Occupation/Source of income : In Pulbazar, mostly women were housewives and men had diverse occupations where business ventures being the primary one and along with this some were affiliated to Indian army, few were electricians, police, carpenters and priests. 5. Any crisis/Scarcity: According to villagers, concerns were raised about water scarcity, electricity fluctuations and a lack of preparedness among facilities for potential flood situations. As we stayed in the village for a few days we observed that although the place is located in the banks of river, water crisis was one of the prominent problems faced by the villagers of Pulbazar. The upper class families received good supply of water while the underprivileged families faced immense scarcity of water. 6. Developments required: The survey underscored critical development needs in the community highlighting deficiencies in road maintenance, medical facilities and electricity infrastructure. We observed more demands for good concrete roads and street lights along with complaints about river overflowing their house therefore they wanted protection walls to be built.

DAY 4- SPORTS DAY AND ART COMPETITION

DATE: 21ST DECEMBER 2024



The NSS Unit conducted an Art Competition and a Sports Event for the children at Pulbazar Village. Children of different age groups participated in the competition. Firstly, we conducted the drawing competition where children could draw whatever they wanted. The students were provided with paper and stationary items. Each and every participant were so keen and indulged in their drawings that

most of the drawings turned out to be exceptionally beautiful. It was later evaluated by the board members anonymously and the winners were declared. Then after this we hosted the sports event where we had conducted many games like- race, spoon race, chocolate race, bursting the balloon, in and out and many other games separately for boys and girls. The prize distribution was conducted on the very same day of the competition and the prizes were given away by our reverend Father Xavier Binay Kandulna to all the winners. All the NSS members spent very good quality time interacting with the kids and had fun dancing together. Each kid went home with a priceless smile on their faces. The ended very well followed by a small felicitation ceremony for the school management.

DAY 5- TREKKING

DATE: 22ND DECEMBER 2024



It was the last day of stay in Pulbazar. All the NSS members went for trekking expedition to a place named MAGITAR. The trek journey took in total 9 hours which includes reaching the place, staying for a while and returning back to the school building. It was a great and memorable trekking experience for all the members. After the return from hike, the board members prepared coffee and dinner for all. Boards dinner generally means the dinner prepared by the Board Members of NSS and it usually done on the very last day of the special camp. We enjoyed a lot on all six days in this beautiful place. Campfire was set for continuously 2 days and all the members played antakshari and enjoyed to the fullest. Every day and every night was a memorable one.

DAY 6- END OF THE SPECIAL CAMP AND RETURN TO COLLEGE

DATE: 23RD DECEMBER 2024



NSS concluded the special camp on this day. The last group for the breakfast prepared the meal and all the members had breakfast in the morning before leaving the school campus. We thanked the school management committee and few people out there who helped NSS to stay there safely. The camp ended with the NSS CLAP.

Report for Voter's Awareness

Date: 14th March 2024

Time:10:00am- 1:00pm

Venue: St. Joseph's College



The Voter Awareness Programme was organized with the primary objective of educating students about the importance of voting, their rights as voters, and the electoral process in our country. Interactive Sessions: Interactive sessions were held to engage students in discussions about electoral reforms, the impact of voting on governance, and the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. These sessions encouraged students to voice their opinions and concerns regarding electoral issues. Poster and Slogan Competition: A poster and slogan competition was organized to encourage creative expression and reinforce key messages about voting and democracy. Students were encouraged to design posters and slogans that promoted voter awareness and encouraged their peers to participate in the electoral process. Mock Voting: A mock voting booth was set up to simulate the voting experience for students. This activity familiarized students with the voting process and helped alleviate any apprehensions they may have had about casting their vote in real elections.

Information Booths: Information booths were set up to provide students with voter registration forms, information pamphlets, and other resources related to voting and elections. Volunteers were available to assist students with the registration process and address any queries they may have had. Outcomes:

The Voter Awareness Programme received positive feedback from students and faculty members alike. Through interactive sessions, seminars, and activities, students gained a better understanding of their role as responsible citizens and the importance of exercising their right to vote. The poster and slogan competition helped raise awareness about voting among students and encouraged them to actively participate in the electoral process. Additionally, the mock voting activity provided students with a hands-on experience of the voting process, helping to demystify it and instill confidence in their ability to participate in real elections. Conclusion: The Voter Awareness Programme served as an important platform for empowering students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become active and informed participants in the democratic process. By fostering a culture of voter awareness and civic engagement, our college is contributing towards building a more vibrant and participatory democracy. We are committed to continuing our efforts to educate and empower students to exercise their right to vote and make a positive impact on society.NSS

REPORT FOR CLEANLINESS DRIVE

Unit II, St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL.



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Cleanliness Drive 2024,

With this initiative, we cleaned our surroundings i.e., outside of the college campus, Singamari stand till the Zoo area of Darjeeling, West Bengal.

Report of Survey of the Village [PANDAM T.E, DARJEELING]

Event: Pandam Tea State Survey

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Venue: Pandam

Date: 4th May



On 4th of May, the NSS members visited the Pandam tea state to survey the general, social and economic culture followed by the people there. There were both unit 1 and 2 members surveying the major parts of the village and deeply studying the background and present of the village. The members successfully concluded the visit by the end of the day collecting enough information to decide whether to adopt the village or not.

Report of Cleanliness Drive on the occasion of the World Environment Day

Date: 5th June 2024

Time: 10:00a.m- 2:00p.m

Venue: College till Chitrey



On the occasion of the World Environment Day, the NSS members of UNIT I and UNIT II gathered for a cleanliness drive, organised to spread awareness among the people regarding our environment and it's health.

The drive started with great enthusiasm and for the love towards our surroundings. While we reach our destination Chitrey, we ended up meeting another group of volunteers from GRAM PANCHAYAT who were also following a cleanliness drive. We are grateful to them for providing us with some beverages. The program ended up very well with our NSS Clap.

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