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NSS SPECIAL CAMP REPORT 2023

National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of the College organised a 7 (seven) days Special Camping Programme at the adopted villages-Banimullah, Pombai and Ashthal, from 18th to 24th March, 2023. The Camp was themed upon the 'Survey of Youth Not in Formal Education or Regular Employment' as desired by the Regional Directorate NSS, New Delhi. Fifty (50) NSS volunteers participated in the camp which was flagged off by the Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Manzoor Ahmad Lone, on 18th March in presence of the senior faculty members. Dr. Safeer Ahmad Bhat, NSS Programme Officer in consultation with the NSS Advisory Board had framed a detailed programme schedule which was ratified by the Principal of the College. A formal order regarding the Special Camp was issued by the Principal, who called upon all the faculty of the College to extend their cooperation in making the Programme a success. A detailed report of the activities undertaken in the Camp is discussed hereby:

Day 1: Training on Survey

A Training Program on Survey was organised as part of the Special Camp. The event was conducted in the College Conference Hall. The event started at 10:00 am and saw the participation of around 50 NSS Volunteers. The session was headed by NSS Programme Officer, Dr Safeer Ahmad Bhat. The rationale of the Programme was to provide hand on experience cum training to NSS Volunteers in view of the particular Survey to be conducted in the adopted villages. Adhering to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the successful conduct of the survey, a detailed description and practical demonstrations were provided in the said event. The survey forms were distributed among the volunteers in order to develop a thorough understanding of the various parameters mentioned in the questionnaire. The volunteers were provided with the prerequisite details about the different adopted villages i.e., Village Banimullah, Pambi, and Ashthal. In his address, NSS Programme Officer made the Volunteers aware of the various technical terms for ensuring the survey in a correct way and to minimize the possible errors. It was brought to the fore that the survey should be confined to those persons who are neither in formal education nor in regular employment as on the date of survey and should be in the age group of 14-29. The questionnaire was containing a total of 33



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questions which were explained to the volunteers one by one. It included the details about House Number, Village Code, Employment status, Education status, Marital status, Number of languages known to a person, Financial status, etc. The Village codes and other significant details were also shared with the volunteers on the occasion. A practical demonstration of the survey was also held within the conference hall for remodeling the communication skills of the volunteers while interacting with the locals at the adopted villages and to boost their morale. At last a question-answer session followed where various queries were raised by the volunteers and were answered by the Programme Officer.

Days 2&3: Survey at Village Banimullah

In spite of being in the vicinity of district headquarters, Banimullah is one of the most backward villages of District Kulgam. It is located 8 kilometers towards East from Kulgam district headquarters. Harboring about 382 households, the village is quite large and surrounded by the green forests. In order to assess the village and analyze the various parameters of those villagers who were neither in formal education nor in regular employment, a special survey was conducted in the said village on days 2&3. The volunteers reported to the adopted village at 11:00 am and assembled in the yard of Government Secondary School, Banimullah. The volunteers were divided into 6 groups, each lead by a Group Leader to reach to every single household in the village. Each group comprised of about 10 volunteers. Volunteers started the surveying process by reaching the households of various Mohallas-Gudaran, Ganaie Mohalla, Battpora, Mirpora, Parray Mohalla, and Khanpora areas of the village. A total of 254 households were surveyed out of which many families followed the criteria. The survey revealed that the majority of the inhabitants lacked a permanent source of income. There were only a few persons in the village who had acquired higher education. Most of the persons had left studies because of the financial constraints and lack of interest in education. Girls weren't able to continue studies because of domestic work. Most of the persons wanted to work for pay or Profit and indulge in business activities if aided by the government.



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Day 4: Celebration of International Day of Forests and Survey of Village Banimullah

On Day 4 of the special camp, Under the Aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and India's G20 Presidency, National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of the College in collaboration with the Special Forest Division Kulgam, organised a Seminar on the eve of International Day of Forests (Van Mahotsav) on 21st March, 2023 with the Theme 'Forests and Health.' The Event was Conducted in the College Conference Hall and witnessed the participation of around 60 NSS volunteers besides faculty members and officers from Forest Division and District Administration, Kulgam. The event started at 10:30 am and was Moderated by NSS Programme Officer, Dr Safeer Ahmad Bhat. The rationale of the seminar was to raise awareness at different levels regarding the Environmental preservation and Conservation. Besides it was also aimed at spreading information, awareness and concern for maintaining the sustainable capacity of Mother Earth in nurturing us. The event was conducted in Three (03) phases. In the very first phase, a Mega Plantation Drive was organised by the Green ambassadors of Forest Division Kulgam in the Science Block of the College. The Plantation Drive was kick-started by the Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat (IAS), by planting a sapling of *Cedrus deodara* within the premises of GDC Kulgam. During the drive, plant saplings were also distributed among the NSS volunteers for distribution in the adopted villages. The 2nd session which was held in the college conference hall started at 10:45 am. The chief guest on the occasion, Dr Shabir Ahmad Padder, Vice-Principal of the College presented the welcome address and formally inaugurated the proceedings of the Seminar. In his welcome address, honourable Vice-Principal of the College briefed on the Role of Forests in Health and Environment and the preservation strategies thereof. The Guest of Honour, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, extensively talked on the broader aspects of the theme by highlighting the role of Forests in rendering abundance of ecosystem services and thereby promoting healthy lives. He reiterated that the green cover of district Kulgam which is only 42% shall be increased to the maximum possible extent by promoting Eco-tourism in the far flung areas of the district. The 2nd phase of the event included a seminar on the said theme in which a total of 5 student speakers from the college presented their views. It was reiterated that there should be a balance between the Development and conservation strategies.



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Mr Sayed Waseem Gul, Divisional Forest Officer, Kulgam Chaired the session. In his address, the learned guest accentuated that the Student Fraternity and Forest Department can play a pivotal role in preserving Mother Earth from all the possible threats. Furthermore, it was held that there should be a paradigm shift from *Terra Nullius* to *Terra Madre* so that all the green warriors can act together and achieve extraordinary feats.

In the 3rd phase of the event, a felicitation ceremony was held in which all the volunteers and guests were felicitated with the Certificates and mementos. Munaza Mansoor from 4th Semester secured 1st position in the speech competition followed by Zainab Naushad who secured 2nd position and Mehkey Jan who secured 3rd position in the said competition. A booklet compiled by forest division "Let's Conserve Biodiversity" was also released. The event concluded with the formal Vote of Thanks presented by Dr. Mohammad Younus Bhat, HOD Political science.

In the afternoon, volunteers visited the Banimulla village and distributed the saplings among the villagers.

Day 5: Survey at Village Banimullah

On day 5, Volunteers rushed towards Village Banimullah in order to complete the survey process. Different Groups headed by team leaders ensured the completion of survey by visiting a total of 128 houses. The survey was conducted in the Herpora, Bounpora, Shogund and Meerpora areas of the village. The survey had revealed a dismal literacy rate. Volunteers motivated the parents to send their wards to educational institutions after interacting with the children especially the females who wanted to study but could not continue because of financial constraints and domestic work. Volunteers gave special reference to the government schemes and the facilities in government schools available to the students free of cost. It was evident from the survey that only 67 households followed the survey criteria and hence the details were collected from the said families.

Day 6: Survey at Village Lankar Pombi

On day 6 of the camp, NSS Unit of the College Conducted the Special Survey at Lankar Pombi Village. This Village falls in the vicinity of District Headquarters and is 8 kilometers away from Kulgam. The college bus reached to the upper elevation of the village at 11:00 am. Volunteers had to trek 2 Kilometers downhill to reach the village. Because of the rocky hills and rough



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terrain it was quite difficult to reach over there. This village is also considered as one of the most backward villages of the district Kulgam. There are about 100 houses in the village. Volunteers assembled in an open field and the Draft Questionnaires were distributed among them. NSS Volunteers headed by NSS Programme officer, Dr Safer Ahmad Bhat surveyed the entire village on the basis of already set parameters. Volunteers were divided into groups in order to ensure the completion of survey properly. Each team was assigned with a particular area for surveying. A total of 21 households fulfilled the criteria i.e., the members of the said families were in the age group of 14-29 and were neither in formal education nor in regular employment as on the date of survey. Different households from the Gujjar Basti, a scheduled tribe community residing in the heart of village on the river bank also fulfilled the criteria and the details were collected from them as mentioned in the survey forms. After interacting with the local inhabitants of Lankar Pombi, It was disheartening to know about the lack of adequate financial resources to pursue higher education. A campaign on education as a right and a responsibility was also conducted for motivating the villagers to educate their children in order to enlighten their lives and bring laurels towards the development of society.

Day 7: Survey at Adopted Village, Ashthal

On the concluding day of the camp, a detailed survey of village Ashthal was conducted which was flagged off by the honourable Principal of the College, Prof (Dr.) Manzoor Ahmad Lone who interacted with the volunteers about their experiences at the new adopted villages by the Unit. With the village code of 003995, Ashthal village harbors about 195 houses. Previously the special camp of 2021 was conducted in the said village where series of programs were conducted in collaboration with the District Administration Kulgam. A socio-economic survey of the village was also conducted previously which revealed a dismal literacy rate more so among the females. This time special survey for those who were neither in formal Education nor in regular employment was exclusively done at the adopted village. A total of 21 houses fulfilled the criteria and details based on already set parameters were collected from them. Most of the people in the age group of 14-29 lacked the permanent source of income and there was a dearth of jobs and the people were expecting the help from the various government sectors in order to find a source of income to feed their families.



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The camp concluded with a Campus Cleanliness Drive.

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NSS Programme Officer



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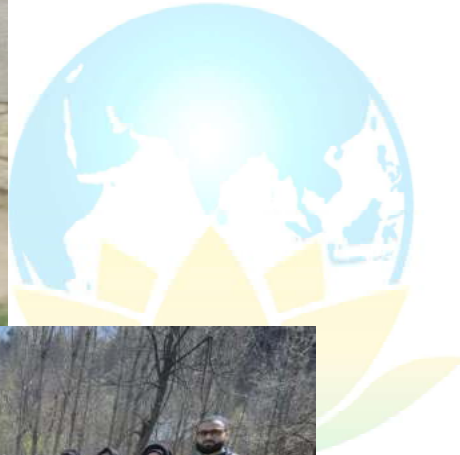


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