

# SRI DEVARAJ URS ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH TAMAKA, KOLAR



#### NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

## A Report On

# ANNUAL SPECIAL CAMP (Swachatha and healthy youth for healthy India)

03-04-2017 to 09-04-2017 *Conducted at* 

Shettykothanur, Kolar taluk

## Organized by NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME



NSS UNIT – I Sri Deva raj Urs Medical College, Kolar

#### REPORT ON SPECIAL CAMP

NSS Unit of Sri Devaraj Urs Medical College, Kolar Has conducted a special camp at Shettykothanur village, kolar district from

03-04-2017 to 09-04-2017

## Objectives of the camp:

- 1. To provide platform for students to understand the lifestyle and difficulties in the rural areas
- 2. To create awareness regarding the hazards of open air defecation
- 3. To create awareness regarding the cleanliness
- 4. Educating the school children with regards to the cleanliness and healthy life style
- 5. Conducting health camp to screen the health of the villagers

Dates	03/04/2017 to 09/04/2017
Village	Sheetykothanur
Distance from college	12 km
No of student volunteers	50
Programme officer	Dr Shobha MV

## DAY WISE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Date	Day	Activity
03/04/2017	1	Inaugural function of the special camp
04/04/2017	2	Socioeconomic survey
05/04/2017	3	Awareness regarding cleanliness and waste management
06/04/2017	4	Medical health camp
07/04/2017	5	Awareness regarding the hazards of open air defecation
08/04/2017	6	Valedictory
09/04/2017	7	Field trip

## Volunteer Attendance during Special Camp (2017-2018)

SL.no	NAME	ROLL NO	TERM
1	Abhijna	2	4th term
2	Bhavya	18	4th term
3	Neeraj	56	4th term
4	Srivani	85	4th term
5	Ankitha	13	4th term
6	Aadhil	1	4th term
7	Sriram	84	4th term
8	Nishchal	57	4th term
9	Ahsan	5	4th term
10	Pragnaya	66	4th term
11	Alekhya .v.	94	4th term
12	Amith	9	4th term
13	Harish	30	4th term
14	Lahari.v	45	4th term
15	Lahari.KLS	74	4th term
16	Manogna	61	4th term
17	Navya	103	4th term
18	Himavarshini	32	4th term
19	Anandh	11	4th term
20	Gopika	29	4th term
21	Divya paul	24	4th term
22	Lakshmi	46	4th term
23	Varun nair	99	4th term
24	Amal	7	4th term
25	Arun	16	4th term
26	Raghavi	67	4th term
27	Gayathri	27	4th term
28	Amani	53	4th term
29	Lavanya	47	4th term
30	Monissa	51	4th term
31	Sendhara	77	4th term
32	Vijayashree	102	4th term
33	Raveena	68	4th term
34	Santhosh	76	4th term
35	Alekhya reddy	26	4th term
36	Shubhansha	79	4th term
37	Mohan	93	4th term
38	Harshad	55	4th term

39	Preetham	54	4th term
40	Sreekar	97	4th term
41	Roshni	69	4th term
42	Swetha	90	4th term
43	Priya	88	4th term
44	Manjunath	70	4th term
45	VVS Harsha	96	4th term
46	Varuneil	105	4th term
47	Akhila	1	3rd term
48	Vaishnavi	9	3rd term
49	Udhaykiran	7	3rd term
50	Deepika	5	3rd term
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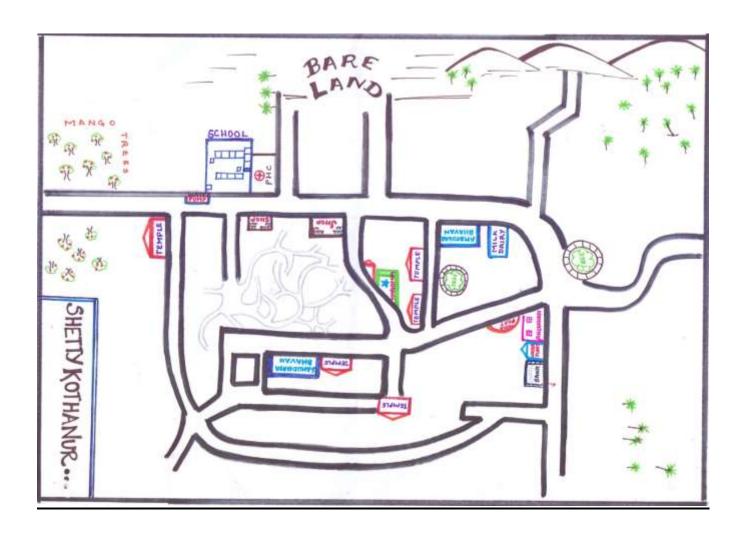
## NSS volunteers were divided into five batches

Batch I	Batch 2	Batch 3	Batch 4	Batch 5
Aadhil	Alekhya V	Anand	Lavanya	Mohan
Abhijna	Amith	Gopika	Monissa	Harshad
Ahsan	Harish	Divya Paul	Sendhara	Preetham
Ankita	Lahari V	Arun Paul	Vijaysree	Sreekar
Bhavya	Lahari	Lakshmi	Raveena	Roshni
Neeraj	Uday Kiran	Varun	Santhosh	Swetha
Nischal	Navya	Amal	Alekhya R	Laxmipriya
Pragnaya	Himavarshini	Raghavi	Deepika C	Manjunath
Sriram	Manogna	Gayathri H	Akhila	VVS
		Т		Harsha
Srivani	Vaishnavi	Amani	Shubhansha	Varuneil

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The latest NSS undertaking by the SDUAHER fraternity shifts its focus to a relatively lesser known area of Kolar, the small village of Shettykothanur. Located far from the commotion of the city, the whole place nonetheless radiates the energy of its lively inhabitants. For these warm hearted people who have spent most of their lives in mediocrity with little access to the luxuries that most people take for granted, the only thing they can brag about is having each other. On comparison with the capital city of the very same state situated less than two hours away, the land of Sheetykothanur speaks volumes on the remarkable disparity existing in the state as well as the need for an intervention which the NSS family of SDUAHER has taken into its own hands in order to give the people what they deserve.

## Village map:



## Day ONE=03/04/2017

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday marked the first day of the camp and started off in the typical NSS way of life ... as soon as the first rays of the Sun touched the earth and before most people generally embrace their daily routine in life.



## PREVIEW OF SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR THE DAY

- Flag hoisting
- Dr Ananta Bhattacharya's addressal to the volunteers
- Transect walk into the village
- Inauguration ceremony
- Commencement of the Volleyball tournament
- Games for villagers

The students of fourth term stepped lively under the aid of Dr Shobha in preparation for the day. Everything from supply of food and water for the day to hosting games and activities were already taken care of before the journey and on bus started from SDUMC at 8:30 am. The whole unit was divided into 5 batches of 10 each given responsibilities of different activities for the day and shall switch between them over the course of the week.

## BATCH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE DAY

BATCH	ACTIVITY
1	Mobilisation
2	Discipline maintenance
3	Catering
4	Flag Hoisting/De hoisting
5	Report Writing

The fleet of 50 after a journey of 30 minutes reached the Government Primary School which would serve as the base of all activities for the entirety of the camp. The volunteers were greeted by the delirious vivacity of the young buzzing children.





Soon everyone blended into the bustle as batches 1 and 2 responsible for mobilisation and maintaining discipline respectively also took care of cleaning the school premises while batch 4 engaged themselves in adorning the flag hoisting area with colourful Rangoli. Meanwhile, NSS programme officer had formal meetings with officials in charge of the school and the village.







The NSS flag was hoisted and the NSS anthem sung at 10:00 taking care of NSS pre requisites and preserving the meticulousness of the event in the presence of the guest speaker of the day, Dr Ananta Bhattacharya. He set the ball rolling for the day's programme with some everlasting words of wisdom which has left an indelible imprint of patriotism in the hearts of one and all. He also stressed on the importance of inclusive growth of the nation and purity in service.







The assembly then dispersed for refreshments, prepared and served by batch 3 after which the guest speaker took his leave. Batch 5 was responsible for producing the report of all events during the day.



Following the break,

Batches 1 and 4 made their way to the Shri sugnana murthy devasthana trust samadhaya bhavan which was cleaned and set up for the inauguration ceremony scheduled for the afternoon.





Batches 2 and 5 were given charge of distributing pamphlets to the villagers and thereby making them aware of the programme.

Batch 3 formed the food committee for the day as they arranged and served lunch for peer volunteers

The inauguration ceremony commenced at half past 2 with the symbolic watering of a sapling donated by the NSS group as the guests for the day joined a multifarious audience consisting of school children, staff members, NSS volunteers and villagers of all ages.



The gathering was addressed by Dr. Kumaraswamy and the invocation song sung by one of the NSS volunteers. Taluk Panchayat President Sri. Soluru Anjanappa, the first speaker of the afternoon, delivered a befitting overture on the indispensability of NSS and the activities undertaken by it. The chief guest of the day, Zilla panchyat President, Smt. Geetha Anand Reddy then took over the crowd, followed by the Vice Chancellor of SDUAHER, Dr. C V Raghuveer who provided valuable insights into the need of the hour for the development of the nation. Member of Gram Panchayat – Mrs. Muniyamma, Principal of the Government School – Mrs. Muniratnamma, PHC Medical Officer - Dr. Sharadamma and ASHA Workers were all also in attendance to make the event a grand success. The samudhayan was filled with village people to mark the beginning of the camp. The schedule of events to be conducted throughout the weekwas announced to the villagers as they listened attentively.







The formal ceremony came to a close with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr. Shobha at 4:30 pm.

The dramatics team then entertained the audience to an enthralling performance, conveying the imperative need for modern evidence based medical care and to shun away unethical superstitious practices. A huge round of applause marked the end of the session.



Snacks and tea were served to all guests and volunteers by members of batch 3.

The volleyball tournament was then inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. C V Raghuveer as the clock struck 5:30 pm after lowering the flag down and set in motion with an unofficial match between the villagers and the NSS volunteers. The first match of the tournament was played between teams Shetty kothanur and Chikkanahalli, which was won by the latter. Other fun-filled games ensued and seized the contagious atmosphere as everyone joined in.



The games ended at 7:30 pm as the NSS volunteers arrayed the premises for the next day.

The SDUAHER family left the locale at 8:30 pm and with it, the eventful memories of the day in hopes to return back for much more ...

#### **SECOND DAY**

04/04/2017

## PREVIEW OF SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR THE DAY

- Flag Hoisting
- Speech by Dr. Jagadamba
- School teaching by NSS volunteers
- Socio-economic Survey
- Wall Painting
- Games for villagers

## BATCH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE DAY

BATCH	ACTIVITY
1	Report Writing
2	Mobilisation
3	Discipline maintenance
4	Catering
5	Flag Hoisting/Dehoisting

Day 2 of the NSS camp began with a hearty welcome back by the folks at the government primary school in Shettykothanur just as the NSS team arrived on time at 9:00 am after a journey of 30 minutes from SDUMC. The customary flag hoisting ceremony kicked off the proceedings for the day as batch 5 took command in the presence of the principal of the Government Primary School, Mrs. Munirathnamma and the programme officer Dr.Shobha MV.



The assembly later got the opportunity to turn audience to a speech by Dr. Jagadamba on "the importance of education" which seems befitting in the backdrop of where our country stands amongst other world powers especially in the literacy and employment fronts.



As it was summer and the volunteers were in the village they acquainted to the atmosphere and to meet their need of having cool drinking water they have arranged a mud made pot under a tree.





Afterwards, in the midst of arranging various equipment and cleaning the premises, team found time to interact with the young children and inspire them to serve the country better for a better tomorrow in the little of ways possible right from keeping the country clean to helping others in need.



Refreshments were served by batch 4 after which the rest of the entire team set out in smaller batches of 5 at 11:30 am to become one with the villagers by conducting a socio-economic survey which delved into the living conditions of the people. If there was ever a doubt about the effectiveness of the camp, it was shattered today. Such was the resolve of the squad as they took a step into their lives to be part of their stories and write up a happier ending. Everything from family composition to the source of their daily needs was enquired about. Their hard work was rewarded by the new found glimmer of hope that filled the faces of many whose needs further fuelled our cause. Two hours and over

100 houses later, all the batches returned for lunch at 1:30 pm as members of the food committee served tomato rice and curd rice with raitha and pappad and finally buttermilk to wash it all down.



After taking time to let the food digest, volunteers then continued to make their presence felt in the as they attempted to light up the heart of the village which rested at the Samudaya Bhavan in a session that involved scrubbing the walls and painting the building. Ideas flowed out of the creative minds of the students just as easy as the paint on their crafty hand-held brushes embraced the walls. Their hands worked in unfeigned delight for 3 hours till 5:30 pm.





Volunteers from other batches meanwhile tried their hand at pedagogy as an informal teaching session was organised for the primary school children in classrooms. It was aimed at improving language skills, sharpening the brain cells with quizzes on worldly knowledge and a few tips on hygiene including the must know steps of handwashing.





The children were active and even demonstrated the same to the fellow students in live.



This day was the most memorable day of the camp as it was the birthday of the most active volunteer Mr. Amal Aravind. All the vounteers greeted him and were a part of his birthday celebration.



Everyone indulged in the snacks and tea they earned after a long day's work back in the school. The snacks were prepared by batch 4 in the school premises and served to the volunteers.



The NSS flag was lowered under the headship of batch 5 at 6.00pm.

Games galore followed ranging from dodge-ball to cricket and even charades and card games to suit everyone's taste. The volleyball tournament meanwhile proceeded meanwhile with a Pool A match between Chinnapura and Shettykothanur - A followed by a Pool B match between Shettykothanur - B and Lakshmipura. Shettykothanur - A and Lakshmipura emerged winners.



Apart from the games conducted to the villagers, volunteers also actively played games like cricket and volley ball.



After a long and fruitful day, the NSS family made their way back at 8:00 pm with more ambitious plan in store for the village in the days to come.

## Third day:

05/04/2017

Its day 3 at Shettykothanur base as the revolutionary NSS movement pressed on in full swing during the middle of the week. By now, the villagers who had earlier warmed up to the students from SDUMC have now adopted them as their own as gleaming faces received the staunch servants on yet another day at 9:00 am.

## BATCH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE DAY

BATCH	ACTIVITY
1	Flag Hoisting/Lowering
2	Report Writing
3	Mobilisation
4	Discipline Maintenance
5	Catering

#### PREVIEW OF SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR THE DAY

- Flag Hoisting
- Swachtch Bharat Campaign
- Publicity Campaign
- Wall Painting at Samudaya Bhavan
- Games for Villagers
  - Street play marking Sri Rama Navami





Activities were then divided amongst the batches and each of them set out at 11:30 am after perking up to refreshments served by batch 5. Batches 1 and 3 undertook heartfelt Swachtch Bharat movements in an attempt to not only clean the area but also to generate awareness on the need to do so. They split up throughout the area to collect waste, especially plastic that'd been slowly getting buried in the ground. Batch 2 was

given the responsibility of a publicity campaign to let people in every part of the village know about the health camp scheduled for the next day. Batch 4 resumed painting the Samudaya Bhavan in front of an attracted and inquisitive audience, much to their surprise. With each minute that passed, the smile on the faces of the villagers widened.





## Wall painting continued:





Publicity was given regarding the health campaign held the next day both within the village and also in thirteen other villages which come under the same panchayat.





All the batches assembled back in the school for a delicious meal consisting of paneer fried rice, curd rice, raitha and buttermilk at 1:30 pm.

After an intermission of 30 minutes, the activities resumed as batch after batch slowly made their ways out to invite villagers for an afternoon filled with games and competitions as well as for the health camp to be held on the subsequent day.

The idea was to promote a sense of healthy competition, to provide a platform to display talents as well nurture innate abilities as much as possible. Kabaddi for school children was the first event which kicked off an eventful afternoon at 3:00 pm.

Competitions were conducted for villagers .they participated in great zeal and enthusiasm

The list of competitions conducted along with their timings is as follows:-

Timing	Competition	Eligible candidates
3.30pm	Rangoli	Ladies & girls
5.00pm	Musical chairs	Ladies, Children & Boys
6.00pm	Singing	Adults & Children

Prizes were distributed to the winners and the runners-up in all the categories in the respective events along with a special prize for the Rangoli competition bringing the total tally of accolades to 15.





There was an active participation from the villagers in all the competitions conducted and were enthusiastic throughout the event.



## Musical chairs:







Singing competition:





Meanwhile, a pool B match as part of the volleyball tournament was played. Shettykothanur B defeated Shettykothanur C to win their first match of the tournament.



All games and competitions came to an end by 7:00 pm after which the NSS flag was lowered.

The volunteers saw everyone off from the school premises after which they cleaned up the premises. As part of the last event of the day, the NSS students bee - lined to a cross roads near the Samudaya Bhavan where they danced to trad tunes while bringing out villagers from their houses to join in on the fun and frolic.





As more people swarmed in, the volunteers seized the holy night of Sri Rama Navami to perform a street play based on the epic, Ramayana.







As soon as the last word echoed in the streets, the audience applauded in delight. Rains from the heavens also graced the occasion in the end and villagers retreated to their houses and the NSS volunteers back to college at 8:30pm.

Fourth day: 06/04/2017

## PREVIEW OF SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR THE DAY

• Flag hoisting

• Talk by Mrs. Usha Shenoy

• Health camp

• Socioeconomic survey

• School building painting

• Street play

## BATCH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE DAY

BATCH	ACTIVITY
1	Catering
2	Flag Hoisting/Lowering
3	Report Writing
4	Mobilisation
5	Discipline maintenance

As the NSS camp headed into the twilight days of its time at Shettykothanur, children scurrying outside the school gates in jubilance and all the way behind the NSS volunteers had by now become a familiar sight. There were no strangers amongst the lot anymore.



The day started earlier than usual in order to accommodate the main event of the day – the health camp. The flag was hoisted at sharp 9:00 am with batch 5 at the helm in the presence of Mrs. Usha Shenoy, the guest speaker for the day and the NSS Programe Officer, Dr. Shobha. The former then delivered a thoughtful speech on "good touch and bad touch".



Afterwards, the volunteers started making arrangements for the health camp, by setting up mini booths for doctors from various departments. It got underway at 10:30 am after the doctors and interns took their places and villagers made their way in one after the other.

The people who walked in had 5 departments tending to them, namely, Medicine, Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology, OBG and Community Medicine. Volunteers from batches 3 and 5 served as assistants at various department stations to aid the doctors. Batch 4 Volunteers were posted at various parts of the premises to receive the village folk and to guide them to the required departments. Members of batch 2 had gone around the village to spread the word about the camp.

The check-up involved collecting data on every anthropological measure including height, weight, age, BP, pulse, Respiratory Rate and so on before they were sent to the departments taking care of their chief complaints.

















Refreshments were made and served to the committed doctors and volunteers by members of batch 1 while more villagers were brought in by the word of mouth.

A total of 160 patients registered for the camp out of which 60 were admitted to the R L Jalappa Hospital & Research Centre. The last of the villagers seeking medical care at the health camp walked out at 1:30 pm after which lunch was served.

After 3 fruitful hours of lending a helping hand to the every-man, the NSS family was treated to a mouth – watering meal of paneer fried rice, curd rice, raitha and sauces in addition to buttermilk.

After lunch, at 2:30 pm a vast majority of members from batches 2,3,4 and 5 split up to touch the lives of more people through by carrying out the socio economic survey in the uncovered areas of the village. The remaining volunteers channeled their energies to give the foundation of primary education in the village, a new face by taking up the herculean task of re-painting the front wall of the Govt. Primary School along with the doors and windows. Volunteers made creative use of their surroundings and every inch of space possible, climbing on ledges, chairs, ladders and even the terrace, utilizing all available brushes and rollers to get the job done in the most efficient way possible.











Students filled up the questionnaire sheet of the survey at 5:30 pm as the tally crossed 200 after which they returned to base. Following the refreshments break and the lowering of the NSS flag, more volunteer set eyes on the wall which in turn seemed to be beckoning their helping hands to don on a new look. The troop worked as a unit as they finished over half the total area by sun-down, a few minutes shy of 7:00 pm.



Meanwhile, two destiny deciding matches part of the volleyball tournament were also conducted. Chikkanahalli and Lakshmipura booked their places in the finals to be held on Friday with convincing victories over host teams Shettykothanur – A and Shettykothanur – C respectively.



The NSS team then proceeded to the cross roads at the heart of the village resorting to soulful music and dance to bring the dwellers out. After they had settled down, the dramatics team enacted an ardent skit associated with "Swachh Bharat" to instil a sense ofpatriotism and to render an ever-lasting take home message.



After the street play was done all the volunteers came back to the college premises by 8.30pm.

Fifth day: 07/04/2017

### PREVIEW OF SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR THE DAY

- Flag hoisting
- School building painting
- Wall painting
- Visit by the Registrar and other SDUMC staff members
- School teaching programme by volunteers and staff
- Demonstration on rain water harvesting
- Volleyball tournament finals and games for villagers

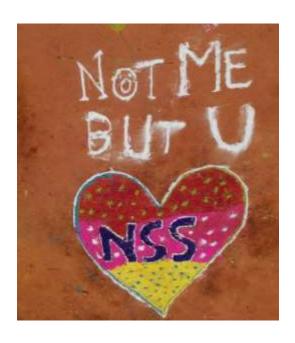
### BATCH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE DAY

BATCH	ACTIVITY
1	Discipline maintenance
2	Catering
3	Flag Hoisting/Lowering
4	Report Writing
5	Mobilisation

As the Sun shined bright on yet another seemingly normal day at Shettykothanuru, many volunteers carried back with them to the base, a heart at conflict. While some could get the glimpse of the light at the end of the tunnel after a week worth of hard work, almost every single soul aboard the NSS bus felt heavy at heart at the realization that the day also marked the last day of NSS SDUAHER in full effect at their second home in Shettykothanruru.

Despite the hectic week behind them, the squad showed no signs of slowing down on the last day as they steamed around in remarkable zeal as soon as they descended the bus.

Batch 3 at 9:00 am took command of the flag hoisting ceremony in presence of the NSS programme officer, Dr. Shobha Srinivas who has been the keystone in this week-long venture.





The volunteers soon donned their most commodious attires as they resumed painting the front wall of the school in means that were nothing short of admirable as it spoke volumes on their resoluteness.

Members from batch 4 headed to the Samudaya Bhavan to add the finishing strokes to their chef d'oeuvre on the wall.



Just as the volunteers started to get completely engrossed in their work, the school was graced with a visit by the Registrar of SDUAHER, Dr. A V M Kutty accompanied by Dr. Dayanand at 10:00 am. They voiced their thoughts of encouragement and support to the NSS team as they marveled at the changes brought about after the inception of the camp.



A drawing competition for primary school children was held in their presence with a time limit of 30 minutes given. The idea was to appreciate every form of art and the value of subjectivity as it was decided that every participant would go home a winner with additional prizes to the most artistic creations.



Batch 4 returned after completing the wall painting as refreshments were served to all volunteers, staff and guests after which the Registrar took his leave.

Shortly after, few staff members from SDUMC also dropped in to be part of the activities as Dr. Sumathi and Dr Nithin Patel added distinction to the occasion.

A school teaching programme undertaken by both staff members and volunteers ensued as children were familiarized with certain aspects of healthcare and personal hygiene.







Meanwhile, the school building painting continued ...





Lunch prepared by the volunteers was served at 1:30 pm. Everyone devoured the biriyani dished out to them with curd and sauce.

The volunteers then set out at 3:00 pm to conduct a demonstration on "rain water harvesting and other water conservation methods" to brace the people of Kolar, a place which has long been haunted by water problems, to weather the scorching summer and to encourage prudent use of water in the monsoon set to follow.

Competitions were conducted to school children.





The whole gathering thereafter broke in to light-hearted pleasure as everyone actively participated in games and sports. Soon the stage was set for the finals of the volleyball tournament as heavyweights Lakshmipura and Chikkanahalli clashed for the title. All eyes were fixed on the Rectangle laden court behind the

school building as Chikkanahalli prevailed the contest of gladiatorial proportion. Abhilash from the winning side was also announced the Player of the Tournament.



Wall painting continued throughout the day and the finishing touch were given to the necessary.



Snacks were provided in the evening along with tea and biscuits to the volunteers to get refreshed and the work continued thereafter.

Volunteers made necessary arrangements for the valedictory function to be held the next day left the place and reached the college premises by 8.30pm

#### SIXTH DAY: 08/04/2017:

This day there were no division of groups and all the volunteers were allotted certain works to be done for the valedictory function that has been announced.

The day started with flag hoisting collectively by all the groups. The volunteers were then on busy with the works allotted to them:



Gift packing team



Arrangements for the valedictory function held near samadaya bhavan



The chief guests of the event were Mr. Suluru Anjanappa and Mr. Arun reddy. They were cordially invited by the nss program officer Dr. Shobha Srinivas.

The program started in time at sharp 10.30am and the welcome speech was given by our program coordinator Dr. Kumaraswamy while the volunteers have welcomed the guests with a boquet.



Dr. Kumaraswamy , nss program coordinater, SDUAHER, delivering the welcome speech.





The guests were honoured by Dr. Kumaraswamy .





The prizes were distributed to all the winners of various games and other competitions conducted all through the week



NSS volunteer hosting the event



Volley ball first place



Volley ball second place



Best player

# Prizes for other competitions:





































In the absence of some of the winners,the prizes were given to their near ones.

A volunteer from the village was asked to give the opinion of the villagers with regards to the camp activities held for one week in their village and any suggestions to help them in any way possible.



Dr. Kumaraswamy and Dr. Shobha Srinivas have thanked the villagers for having extended their great support all through the camp. Specially thanked the people who were with us and gave us suggestions of which way our message would reach every person in the village.

Special mementos were given to the anganwadi teacher, ASHA worker, mahila sangha member and the village youth member and service volunteer.



Later, all the volunteers were very happy that the camp was a grand success and cheesed at the snapshots by the other volunteers.



All the volunteers moved towards the school premises where they spent time playing with the kids and spent some time with them. As soon as the food has arrived from the college all the volunteers and the kids who were with them had food and took rest.





At around 4.30 the students went to freshen up, and had their snacks with tea coffee and biscuits and moved ahead for the next and the last event of the day i.e., shibira Jyothi.

As the Sun sent out it last few rays over the horizon, it dawned in that the lights were also setting down on the NSS squad's time at Shettykothanur. The flag was lowered down as the students buckled to make arrangements for Shibirajyothi. Volunteers went from house to house to collect oil to light up the diyas which adorned the map of Karnataka laid down with rangoli at the flag hoisting area.



NSS volunteer collecting oil from the villagers for shibira Jyothi after explaining them what it means and why is it done.



NSS volunteers and program officer making rangoli of Karnataka map



Volunteers arranging diyas around Karnataka map



The evening provided for a picturesque setting where the light in the palms of each volunteer seemed to drive away the pitch darkness they were nested in. 2 minutes of silence was observed as hearts prayed out fervently to God not just for all the sorrow and grief to disappear, but to enable people to be strong enough to take them head on.

The volunteers channelled their aura on to the place around as they laid the diyas down on to the map of Karnataka symbolic of the NSS's tireless efforts to light up states and thereby the country.



NSS program officer started Shibira Jyothi at 6.45pm

All the volunteers followed thereafter and lighted the diyas one by one. Even villagers were also a part of the Shibira Jyothi and came forward to light the diyas. Volunteers explained the villagers clearly of what it means and why it is done.



The squad boarded the bus back to college only to return one last time to pay respects to the blessed abode of Shettykothanur. The lighted diyas took their place in the school, as the bus left the premises ...

As per the objectives of the camp the changes that were made in the village to bring awareness in the village was wall painting depicting various messages in the form of images and various schemes brought in by the government for the welfare of the people.



SAMADAYA BHAVAN: BEFORE



SAMADAYA BHAVAN: AFTER

## **GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL: BEFORE**



## **GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL: AFTER**



