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NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME-Unit No: KL-07-120-15

MAR IVANIOS COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Mar Ivanios College of Arts and Science, Mavelikara affiliated to the University of Kerala is established in 2015. Since then the NSS unit No: KL-07-120-15 is functioning. In the academic year 2015-16, 50 students were enrolled and in this year 50 more students were enrolled to attain the full strength of 100 volunteers necessary for the functioning of a unit.

The official inauguration of National Service Scheme for the academic year 2016-17 was on 8.9.2016 in the college seminar hall at 11.30am. Principal Dr K C Mathal inaugurated the programme and the director Father Thomas Puthenparampil offered his blessings and support for the functioning of the unit. General coordinator of extension activities Dr R Harichandran gave the guidance for the further progress of the unit. For the full-fledged completion of the unit, One hour weekly meeting was decided to be held on all Thursdays. In these meetings, the volunteers assembled in the college seminar hall and discussed about the various activities that could be conducted by the unit. The meeting is also used to enhance the leadership quality and cultural talents of the volunteers.

A one day seminar on cancer awareness was conducted in association with Social Service Society Chethana of Mavelikara diocese and Carithas India on 1.10.2016 at the college seminar hall. The programme started with NSS theme song. The welcome speech was given by NSS Programme Officer. The inauguration was done by the director of our college, Father Thomas Puthenparampil. The director of Chethana Fr Binny Nedumpurath gave a motivational speech which conveyed the importance of charity works and how one could contribute to this. He handed over a charity box to the principal for promoting charity works and to motivate students for the same. The inauguration of the box was done in the meeting itself by Prof. Mathew Varghese and has become a role model as being the faculty of this college. The keynote address was given by the Principal Dr. K C Mathal. General coordinator of extension activities Dr. R Harichandran has done the felicitation. The Carithas State programme officer Mr. Amal Krishna gave an inspiring class and was successful in changing the outlook of the audience towards cancer patients. He shared his experiences in this field and motivated the students to act without wasting time. He urged the NSS volunteers to open their eyes and see the scope of NSS to do services that could change the life of those who suffer. After lunch the section was headed by the Coordinator of Ashakiranam, Chethana Mr. Renjith Mathews. He gave an idea about the numerous ways in which we could help cancer patients. He explained about the hair donation programme that is organized by Ashakiranam. He urged the students to donate their hair and handed over the consent form to the programme officer and coordinator. The volunteer Mr. Benson K Thankachan proposed the vote of thanks.

The first cleaning camp was done in association with Gandhi Jayanti, October 2, 2016. The volunteers reached the college by 9.30 am. In the assembly an idea about the importance of the day was given the volunteers were grouped and the task was given to each group. The road adjacent to the distributary canal road that joins kallumala- kattanam road was cleaned. After the lunch an analysis of the camp was done and was concluded by 3.30 pm.

A one day orientation camp was conducted on 15.10.2016 at the college seminar hall. Dr. R Harichandran gave the welcome speech. Father Thomas Puthenparampil gave the presidential address and the programme was inaugurated by our patron Most Rev Fr Dr Joshua Mar Ignathios. The key note address was given by Prof. V I Johnson, Associate Professor Department, Bishop Moore College, Mavelikara who was an eminent person in the field of NSS serving as a programme officer for 15 years and secured an award of best programme officer in the University of Kerala. In his talk he inspired the volunteers by sharing his experience. Principal Dr K C Mathai gave the felicitation. The orientation class was taken by Dr R Harichandran.

As prior informed the collection for helping cancer patients was done on 27.10.2016. The volunteers went to each class and gave an idea about the programme and urged them to contribute for this charity work. The amount collected was handed over to Chethana by the director Fr. Thomas Puthenparampil.

The inspiration from the cancer awareness programme conducted in the college by Chethana, our six volunteers Brincy, Anitha, Vineetha, Shilpa, Abily and Amrutha with programme officer attended the 'Ashakiranam', a hair donation programme which collect hair for making wig for cancer patients who lost their hair as part of the treatment, on 12.11.2016 at the office of Chethana, Kayamkulam. The volunteers Ms. Vineetha R and Ms. Shilpa Mariam Philip donated their hair.

On 3.12.2016 a one day camp was organized in the college. Cleaning the college premise and motivating the volunteers was the aim of the camp.

A pre camp was arranged on 18.12.2016 in the college. The preparation and arrangements for the annual camp from 23.12.2016 to 29.12.2016 at Mar Ivanios L.p. School, Kallumala were discussed.

Our annual camp was held on 23.12.2016 and was successfully completed on 29.12.2016 at Mar Ivanios L.p. School, Kallumala. It was the first annual camp of the NSS unit and was a thrilling experience for volunteers and the college authority.

A one day camp was held on 4th February 2017. The main focus of this camp was to visit the colony that was near the college and analyzed the problems faced by them.

18 February 2017, a one day awareness class was organized. The inauguration was by the chief guest Mavelikara Block panchayath member and Welfare standing committee chairperson, Mrs. Deepa Jayanathan. The class was on the topic importance of social service in the present day society. In the afternoon section a group discussion was arranged to express their ideas on the topic.

The study tour of the unit was organized to Vagamon, Pine forest and Parunthumpara on 18th of March 2016.

Valedictory function was arranged in the college seminar hall on 25th of March, 2017. The main officials of the college authority Principal, Director and general coordinator attended the meeting. The volunteer secretary presented the annual report. The Principal evaluated the activities of the unit and gave some suggestions for the future. The Director appreciated the NSS volunteers for the first successful completion of NSS activities in the college history.

Besides these main activities our NSS unit was involved in some other activities for the whole college community. On 9.9.2016 our unit prepared a pookalam in front of the college as part of the Onam celebration. As part of the Kerala piravi cultural programme was presented. On February 2, the volunteers distributed calendar of the year 2017 to students and staff of the college provided by the charitable society Chethana. The amount collected was handed over to the director for further proceedings. International Science day was celebrated on 28th of February, 2017. A PowerPoint presentation and seminar was held in the college seminar hall. On 8.3.2017, a fund collection was done by the volunteer secretaries in all classes to give a helping hand for a student's father who was admitted in the medical college. The amount collected was handed over by the director of our college Fr. Thomas Puthenparampil.

Mr. Benson k Thankachan was able to attend the three day volunteer leadership camp in Govt. College, kariyavatam conducted by Kerala University from 10th to 12th of March 2017. It is a privilege of our unit that the first who attend such a meeting.

The NSS unit of Mar Ivanios College completed this academic year with informative and motivating works. It is considered to be a milestone in the history of National Service Scheme of the college. Even though it was the first batch of NSS we could do many things as per the guidelines of the National Service Scheme, University of Kerala.

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