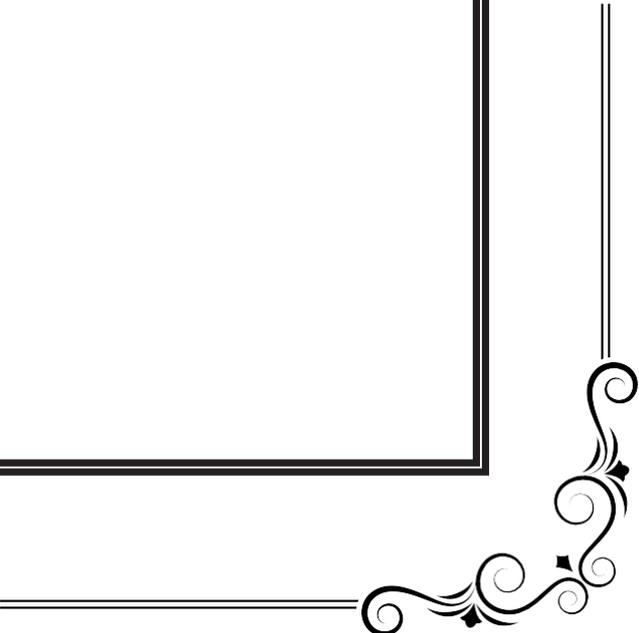


4. Green Campus Initiatives through Swaccha

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GREEN CAMPUS INITIATIVES POLICY (2021-22 to 2025-26)

Context:

Green campus is a concept to build an atmosphere where both environment friendly sustainable living practices and education are combined to promote green initiatives in the campus of an educational institution. This concept gives an institution the opportunity to take the lead in redefining its environmental culture and developing new paradigms by creating sustainable solutions to environmental, social and economic needs of mankind. Studies have shown that students studying in active green campuses have better concentration, retention capacity, environmental behaviors, community solidarity, etc. At Sammilani Mahavidyalaya more than a dozen components pertaining to sustainable development of the environment has been taken under the flagship name of '**SABUJ SAMMILANI**'. The main objective is to generate awareness among the students and other stakeholders on how and why to protect the environment.

Scope of the Policy:

Sammilani Mahavidyalaya has shown remarkable awareness in maintaining an eco-friendly campus since its establishment in 1996. The campus is surrounded by lush green environment which is very much conducive for teaching-learning processes and related activities. It has a playground and two separate gardens. A huge area is left in its natural form, and acts as a natural habitat for biodiversity and a large variety of species of grasses, herbs, shrubs and trees.

The focus areas of this policy are:

- Clean Campus Initiatives
- Landscaping Initiatives
- Clean Air Initiatives:
- Preserve medicinal plants and other tree and plants
- Promote delicate biodiversity like butterfly
- ✓ No Smoking Zone
- ✓ No Plastic Zone



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- Infrastructure:
 - ✓ Alternate Sources of Energy (Solar Power Plant)
 - ✓ Installation of Energy Efficiency Equipment like LED bulbs and tubes
 - ✓ Water Conservation through Rainwater Harvesting System and AC machine waste lines
- Waste Management processes:
 - ✓ Solid Waste Management (segregation of biodegradable and non-biodegradable, composting organic waste)
 - ✓ Liquid Waste Management (separation of general and hazardous waste)
 - ✓ E-Waste Management
- Awareness Initiatives
- Environment-centric Activities
- Green Audit
- Environment Audit
- Energy Audit
- Plastic-Free Campus

Objectives of the Policy

- 1) To protect and conserve ecological systems and resources within the campus.
- 2) To ensure judicious use of environmental resources to meet the needs and aspirations of the present and future generations.
- 3) To integrate environmental concerns into policies, plans and programmes for social development and outreach activities.
- 4) To work with all stakeholders and the local community to raise awareness and to seek adoption of healthy environmental practices towards reducing any adverse effect on the environment.
- 5) To continuously improve our contribution to climate protection and adaptation to climate change and to the conservation of global resources.



- 6) To continuously improve the efficient use of all resources including energy and water, and to reduce consumption and the amount of waste produced, recovering and recycling waste where possible.
- 7) To preserve medicinal plants and other trees and plants
- 8) To preserve delicate biodiversity like butterfly through a butterfly garden
- 9) To make the campus plastic free.
- 10) To conduct green, environment and energy audits from time to time.
- 11) To minimize the use of paper in administration by adopting a policy for robust e-governance.

Policy:

Clean Campus Initiatives

The college has pledged to actively coordinate cleanliness activities in the college and beyond the campus in accordance with the vision of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. It commits to continue with this programme. The broad vision is as follows:

1. Mass awareness will be generated on cleanliness and hygiene amongst the students and the staff members by holding regular cleanliness drives. The idea is to motivate them to contribute in a proactive manner.
2. Activities will be conducted under the NSS unit.
3. Staff Members will be encouraged to participate in the cleanliness drive in the college campus.
4. Events such as poster and slogan competitions, essay writing, spoken word poetry, speeches, skits on cleanliness will be arranged.
5. Pledge by the students and the staff members will be administered towards maintaining cleanliness of the college campus and its surrounding areas on an annual basis.
6. Workshops on 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle of waste, will be organized particularly on organic waste management through vermicomposting.
7. Commitment to manage waste and maintain clean campus especially during college events.

Landscaping Initiatives

The campus landscape, like its buildings, can be seen as the physical embodiment of a college's values. It is a vital part of the life of a campus, providing space for study, play, outdoor events, relaxation and aesthetic appreciation. Green campus landscapes also manage runoff, help

recharge groundwater, and clean and cool the air on campus. The landscape serves as a visual representation of the campus community's commitment to sustainability. As campus landscapes are so visible and accessible, landscaping initiatives are a great way to build awareness around the environment.

There are more than 250 trees, 750 shrubs and 20 herbs including about 40 types of medicinal plants on campus along with a playground with grass cover. Proper signage will be displayed against each and every plants/trees. Particularly for medicinal plants the signage will show usefulness of the plants for medicinal purposes. The landscape of trees and plants provide the students and the staff with clean and cool air in a soothing environment.

The college commits to enriching this healthy habitat and maintaining the symbiotic relation of the institution with nature by

- Organising annual tree plantation drives
- Promoting environment awareness programmes among the stakeholders

Clean Air Initiatives

The college encourages the staff and students to use eco-friendly transport like bicycles, especially to the students who commute a short distance to come to college from the adjacent areas. Also, this helps in their safety, security, fuel conservation and reduces environmental pollution. The vehicles owned by the staff or the students with pollution check stickers are permitted into the campus.

In compliance with the framework provided by the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) 2007-08, the college prohibits smoking and the use of other tobacco products; and also bans selling tobacco products in the college canteen.

Infrastructural Initiatives

- Alternate Sources of Energy

The college is dedicated to minimise and sustainably manage use of electricity. It believes in reducing the consumption of electricity produced by non-renewable resources by switching to clean energy sources like solar energy for purposes like lighting the campus.

- Energy Saving and Energy Efficient Equipment

The college commits to install environment-friendly electrical appliances to save energy and also to reduce wasteful inefficiencies. The college believes in using cleaner energy such as LED lighting, etc.

- Water Conservation through Rainwater Harvesting System

The college has committed itself to store rain water by rainwater harvesting system. This practice helps the college to reduce the use of ground water.

Waste Management Processes

The college strives to have a minimal impact on the environment and is dedicated to reduce and manage the waste generated by the college campus. The following specific procedures will be undertaken to ensure its contribution in protecting the environment.

Solid Waste Management

With its aim to provide holistic education and a positive impact on the environment, the college will adopt practices that will mitigate and manage solid waste through the following methods:

- Systematically engage with the 3Rs of environment friendliness (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle).
- Collect paper waste produced on campus and collaborate with scrap dealers for recycling.
- Reduce solid waste by developing a technology-centric teaching and administrative model.
- Reduce use of paper by supporting digitisation of attendance and internal assessment records.
- Reduce requirement of printed books by updating the e-books and e-journals collection of the college library.
- Encourage all students and teachers to use emails for assignment submissions.
- Take initiatives to spread awareness amongst students about
 - ✓ Food wastage and ways of minimising it
 - ✓ Minimising the use of packaged food
 - ✓ The habit of reusing and recycling non-biodegradable products
 - ✓ Organising workshops for the students on solid waste management
- Organic waste would be used for production of vermicompost through training to the students, staff and other interested stakeholders

Liquid Waste Management

- Maintain leak proof water fixtures.
- Minimise the use of water by constructing more Indian style toilets



instead of western style toilets.

- Continuous monitoring to take immediate steps to stop any water leakage through taps, pipes, tanks, toilet flush etc.
- Reuse of waste water from wash basins.
- Separate waste lines from laboratories for general liquid waste and hazardous liquid waste

E-Waste Management

The college ensures that its usage of technology and generation of e-waste does not impact the environment. For this purpose, the college plans to strive towards:

- More provisions for disposal of the institutional e-waste.
- Collaboration with e-waste recycling companies to get electronic waste recycled.
- Awareness amongst students about reduction of e-waste and environment friendly disposal practices for e-waste.

Awareness Initiatives

Outreach and education are of utmost importance so that all members of the campus community may value the objectives of the policy and aid in its implementation. This is why the college supports and encourages awareness campaigns, seminars, workshops, conferences and other interactive sessions to facilitate effective implementation of the Green Campus Initiatives Policy. Proper signages for the existing medicinal plants and general trees/plants will be displayed to make the students, staff and local people on their usefulness and preservation.

Training on production of vermicompost using organic waste

Training for production of vermicompost using organic waste will be given for sustainable development of the environment.

Environment-centric Activities

The college encourages the NSS unit and all the departments to organise events, competitions and training sessions that will bring about positive environmental changes at the grassroot level.

Conduct Green Audit

The college aims to regularly conduct a Green Audit of its campus to assess the strengths and weaknesses to further the goals of long-term sustainability. A green audit is a useful tool to determine how and where most energy or water or resources are being used. The college can then consider how to implement changes and make savings. It can determine the type and volume of waste. Recycling projects or waste minimisation plans can be adopted. It will create health consciousness and promote environmental values and ethics. It provides a better understanding of the impact of eco- friendly practices on campus.



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Conduct Environment Audit

A clean and healthy environment aids effective learning and provides a conducive learning environment. The college aims to regularly conduct an Environment Audit of its campus towards environmental protection and environmental awareness at local and global front as well.

Conduct Energy Audit

An Energy Audit to be conducted as and when required to further reduce its carbon footprint. The importance of reducing energy consumption cannot be overstated. The energy audit, with its specialised tools will identify wastage of energy. Such an inspection often reveals several different flaws which cause a loss of significant amounts of energy which the college will not be able to detect. These flaws often have easy and affordable solutions and provide significant savings.

Plastic-Free Campus

The college has been observing most of its duties in terms of solid waste management since its inception. In view of the Government of India's resolution to ban all single use plastics due to the hazardous impact of plastic use and related pollution, the college administration strictly bans the use of single use plastics in its premise to make it a 'Plastic Free Campus'.



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NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Sammilani Mahavidyalaya NSS unit in collaboration with Department of Zoology and Department of Geography shall organized a plantation program at Geography seminar Hall on 1.10.2019 from 12 pm .All students and staff of this institution are to attend this program.

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PLANTATION PROGRAMME

A tree plantation programme was organized by NSS unit in collaboration with department of Zoology and department of Geography at Geography seminar hall on 1.10.2019. The programme was inaugurated by the respected principle. More or less 64 students participated in this programme in which principal and other teachers presented sapling to the students.

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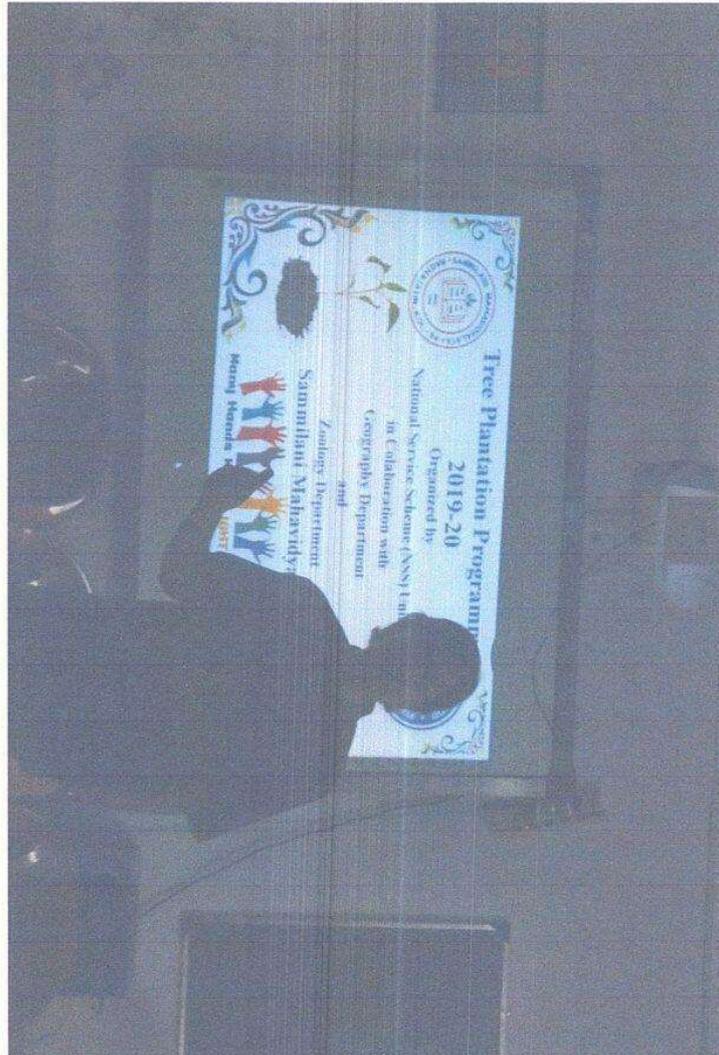
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NOTICE

Volunteers, students, Teaching and non-teaching staff of Sammilani Mahavidyalaya are being informed that under "SWACH BHARAT SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME" conducted by NSS unit of Sammilani Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with NSS Regional Directorate, a debate and a presentation on "Plastic Pollution" will be organised on 27.07.2019 in room no. 301 at 12 noon. Your cooperation and participation is highly solicited.

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AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PLASTIC POLLUTION

India is one of the most important developing countries across the globe. It has vast geographical diversity and rich human resources. All these are vital for future development and growth. But that also come with some undesired issues with detrimental effects like pollution. It is of several types of which the most dangerous one is PLASTIC POLLUTION.

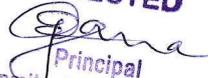
Sammilani Mahavidyalaya, located on the edge of the city witnessed the side effect of development and urbanization. The plastic pollution here is predominant with increasing usages of various types of plastics in day to day life. The college has taken certain steps to differentiate the renewable and non renewable pollutants and arranged separate collection and disposal. But more efforts were necessary for a fruitful outcome. The non renewable pollutants such as plastics of different forms and shapes with its potential hazards need various measures to combat with. Awareness through rally, poster presentation, seminars, debates, wall paintings, question answer session are some of the practices that make people aware about the hazardous effect of plastic pollution.

Considering the above fact, the SMV NSS unit frames list of awareness programmes to prevent plastic pollution on and off the college premises.

SL NO	Programme organised	Date and time	Short description
1.	Awareness through debate Seminar (power point presentation) on plastic pollution	27.07.2019	The seminar was conducted by Prof. Debashis Roy, department of Zoology . A power point presentation was made during the seminar indicating the detrimental effect of plastic pollution. Later a debate was organized on the necessity of the plastics. 75 Students participated in that event.
2.	Wall painting in and around college premises on plastic pollution and plastic waste management	29.07.2019	80 Students of various discipline involved in drawing and painting of various pictures / cartoons representing hazards related to plastic pollution and also the suffering of wild animals out of plastic pollution. The drawing and painting was done by the students in different corners of college premises including the main entrance.
3.	Rally with posters and slogans on " we want clean environment and plastic free zone "	30.07.2019	90 Students and teachers participated in this rally with banner on plastic pollution. It started from the college main gate and after covering surrounding local areas ended up at the college exit gate. The rally caught the attention of various shopkeepers and trace passers.
4.	Cleaning Programme at college premises	31.07.2019	Plastic and other non bio degradable compounds from college premises are collected to make the college a plastic free zone. 109 persons including staff and students participated in this programme.

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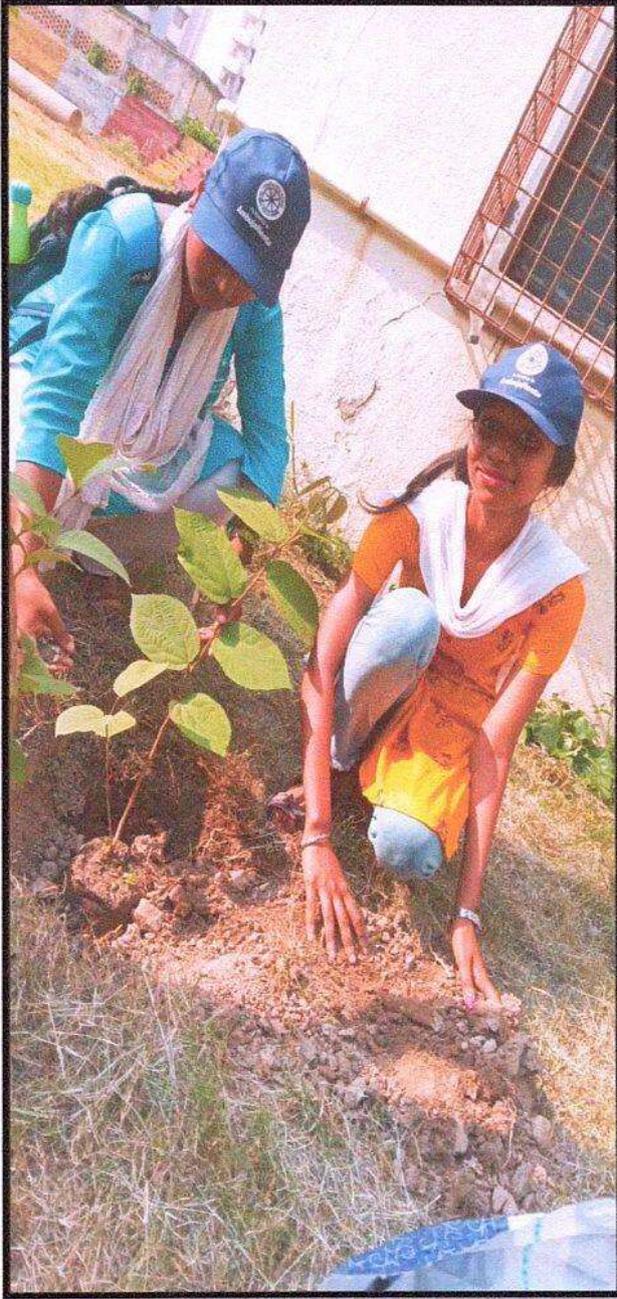
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National Service Scheme (NSS) Report 2022-23

The NSS unit has its genesis since 2003; basically the entire year's activities are dichotomized into two broad categories—(i) **Regular Activity** and (ii) **Special Camping Programme**. The former is generally carried out within the institutional premises and the latter is a week long programme carried out in the adopted slum extensively along with the slum dwellers and other stake holders.

LIST OF NSS ACTIVITIES 2022-23

REGULAR ACTIVITY		SPECIAL ACTIVITY		
ACTIVITY TYPE WITH DATE	ON CAMPUS	ACTIVITY TYPE WITH DATE	OFF CAMPUS	
Regular Activity (24/09/22)	Observation of NSS Day	Special Camping Programme (A week long activity) (23/03/23 – 30/03/23)	Inauguration Ceremony and Activity Plan	
	Eye Check Camp in collaboration with Peerless Hospital & B.K.Roy Research Centre			First Day (23/03/23)
	SIT and Draw competition			
(25/11/22)	Cleaning Programme based on the theme SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN	Second Day (24/03/23)	Data collection through field work	
(22/03/23)	Awareness Session on "Gender Discrimination" in collaboration with Behala College	Third Day(25/03/23)	Distribution of essential goods to beneficiaries	
(05/06/23)	Observation of World Environment Day in collaboration West Bengal Pollution Control Board and Department of	Fourth Day (27/03/23)	Workshop on Paper Collage Art in collaboration with PIDILITE	

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	Environment, Government of West Bengal		
		Fifth Day (28/03/23)	Tie and Dye Fabric Workshop
		Sixth Day(29/03/23)	Extensive Cleaning Programme
		Seventh Day(30/03/23)	Cultural Programme, Poster Competition, Mime and Valedictory Speech by PO

Regular (On campus) Activities

The NSS day was observed on the 24th of September 2022. On the said date in collaboration with Peerless Hospital & B.K.Roy Research Centre, **Eye Check up Camp** was set up at D Block, a bustee adjacent to BaghaJatin Railway Station. It was attended by 80 individuals both from the institution and the local residents. Before the eye check up camp 40 NSS Volunteers were visited door to door in local Baghajatin area completed their survey and invited them to present a said eye check up camp on 22nd September, 2022. 4 doctors from the Hospital provided medical assistance and supervised the camp. Subsequently the camp was followed by a **SIT and DRAW competition** with 15 small children as participants who were provided with Drawing Book and Colour Pencil as kit for encouragement of upcoming artists.

On the 25th of November 2022, cleaning programme of institutional premise was organized in co-operation with 53 volunteers, teaching and non-teaching staff. The activity was organized with due emphasis upon the theme of "**SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN**" and ban of plastic usage so that stringent measures can be adopted to make the campus **PLASTIC FREE ZONE**.

An awareness session was organized on '**Gender Discrimination**' dated 22nd of March 2023. Prof. Arijit Mukherjee from Behala College shared his views with 77 volunteers in presence of Teacher-in-Charge (TIC), Dr. Sharmila Chakraborty,

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senior most teacher of the institution, Associate Professor, Dr. Ruma Chakrabarti and other NSS committee members.

Gender Discrimination is quite relevant an issue for discussion as 8th March is observed every year as *International Women's Day* but still the cases of crime against women, sexual harassment, child abuse is on rise. The moot question is gender parity, why women are treated as second class citizen even if they constitute (48.41% in India) as of data provided by World Bank in 2022. 50.4% of the population in world are female. No wonder women need a better place and treatment from their counterpart.

Special Camping Programme (Off Campus) Activities

As the adopted slum is D Block a week long programme was organized from the 23rd to 30th March 2023. On the first day there was planning and discussion on activities to be carried out throughout the week in presence of 65 volunteers, NSS committee members and Teacher-in-Charge (TIC), Dr. Sharmila Chakraborty. On the second day 40 volunteers went to visit the household so that data related to their socio-economic background can be collected from D Block. On the third day through the door to door visit, the needy beneficiaries were identified and 52 such identified families were provided with essential goods by the help of 33 volunteers and committee members. On 27th of March 2023, Mrs. Arpita Chakraborty from Pidilite organized a workshop on Paper Collage Art in collaboration with 27 volunteers from our institution. The next day also had a (Tie and Dye) fabric workshop and 27 volunteers learnt about the artistic or creative work with great zeal and dedication. There was a massive cleaning programme on the 29th of March 2023 of the campus. In around 25 students participated in this programme. Moreover the past experience have made all cautious to give due importance to cleaning and proper sanitation exercise.

The last day had cultural programme with active participation of 52 volunteers, there was poster competition based on the theme of **Environmental Pollution**, social problems were raised through mime and also solutions were provided. Mime is a typical theatrical technique where through gesture and expression the performers try to connect with audience sans dialogue or words. All the

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volunteers enjoyed staging in front of TIC, committee members and other senior teachers of the institution.

Last but not the least entire week long programme and cultural activities came to an end with formal closure and Valedictory speech of NSS Unit Programme Officer, Sri Ranjit Shaw, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy.

The NSS Unit of the institution observed The World Environmental Day on the 5th of June, 2023 patronised by Ambuja Neotia Group at Geography Project Room from 1pm onwards. Somasree Basu, Programme Head of Shreeja India and Chiranjit Chatterjee, Director Programmes at South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE), the esteemed guests for the day presented on "*Preservation of Natural Resources: Air and Water*". The informative and thought provoking deliberation was followed by plantation of medicinal plants in college ground. 65 students attended the programme.

On 21st of June, 2023 our NSS Unit observed International Yoga Day. Smt. Nandini Choudhuri (Meditation Mentor, Founder Member, Medindi) imparted training on Yoga, Asanas, Pranayam and concluded the session with Meditation. 25 NSS Volunteers attended the session. 9 teaching staff and 3 non-teaching staff actively participated in the Yoga session.

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