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Report of the Programme Officer

Session - 2020-2021

During the academic year 2020-21, our NSS unit faced significant challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The restrictions imposed by the pandemic limited our activities, preventing us from conducting official events and programs. However, despite these setbacks, our dedicated NSS volunteers found ways to contribute to their communities.

During the lockdown period, our volunteers took it upon themselves to deliver much-needed medicines and daily necessities to their respective areas. They actively engaged in assistance efforts, standing by the side of helpless individuals affected by natural disasters. Their selfless dedication and commitment to serving the community during these trying times are commendable.

In addition, on May 21, 2021, all our NSS volunteers joined the UNICEF Whatsapp group for Covid awareness, as directed by the NSS Programme Coordinator of West Bengal State University. This initiative enabled our volunteers to stay informed about the latest updates and guidelines relating to the pandemic, allowing them to educate and raise awareness among their peers and community members.

Furthermore, on June 14, 2021, the Secretary YA had a meeting with NSS field functionaries of West Bengal on Covid-19 activities. This meeting, hosted by the Directorate of NSS in New Delhi, provided an opportunity for coordination and sharing of experiences amongst NSS units in the region. It allowed the participants to discuss their respective activities, challenges faced, and strategies employed, fostering a sense of collaboration and unity in our collective fight against the pandemic.

While it is regrettable that our NSS unit did not have the opportunity to engage in its usual range of activities during the 2020-21 academic year, our volunteers displayed resilience and adaptability by finding alternative ways to contribute to society amidst the pandemic. Despite the challenges, they displayed unwavering dedication and a strong spirit of service. Moving forward, we remain committed to co-

ntinuing our efforts in making a positive impact on our communities, even in the face of adversity.

During the covid-19 pandemic, when regular life came to a halt, I took the initiative as a Programme Officer of the NSS unit to make a difference in my area. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, I undertook several activities to support and uplift my community.

Firstly, I distributed free masks to approximately 200 people in my area. With the aim of promoting public health and safety, providing masks to those in need was crucial in preventing the spread of the virus within the community. This small gesture helped raise awareness about the importance of wearing masks and encouraged responsible behavior amongst the residents.

In addition to this, I took the opportunity to teach approximately 50 children for three hours a day throughout the pandemic. The suspension of regular schooling had a significant impact on children's education, and I wanted to ensure their learning continued even in these challenging times. By dedicating my time and effort, I aimed to provide them with educational support and guidance despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic.

Furthermore, we celebrated important national events such as Independence Day, Teachers' Day, and Republic Day with these children. It was essential to instill a sense of patriotism and appreciation for these significant occasions in their young minds. Through various activities and discussions, we not only celebrated these events but also provided the children with knowledge and understanding about the importance of patriotism and the role of teachers in shaping society.

Moreover, we organized a drawing competition for the children in my area. This competition aimed to promote creativity and artistic expression among them while also providing a platform for them to display their talent. It was a means of engagement and entertainment during a time when social interactions were limited, giving the children an outlet to showcase their skills and boost their confidence.

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Overall, as a Programme Officer of the NSS unit, I made it my responsibility to contribute to my community during the pandemic. Whether it was distributing masks, teaching children, or organizing events, my aim was to make a positive impact despite the challenges. Through these efforts, I strived to foster a sense of unity, awareness, and growth within the community, as we navigated through an unprecedented time together.

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Details of NSS Activity for the Financial Year 2020-21

SI. No.	Name of the Activity	Date	Duration	No. of Participate
1.	international Yoga Day Celebration (Home)	21/06/2020	One Day	31
2.	Organized Drawing Competition	01/08/2020	One Day	37
3.	74th Independence Day Celebration	15/08/2020	One Day	08
4.	Teachers Day Celebration	05/09/2020	One Day	41
5.	Awareness about Covid-19 (Google Meet)	02/10/2020	One Day	31
6.	Organized picnics for the entertainment of neighborhood children	01/01/2021	One Day	59
7.	Republic Day Celebration	26/01/2021	One Day	43
8.	Welcome Ceremony for joining our Principal	03/03/2021	One Day	05
9.	Teaching rural children according to Covid rules	Lockdown	About 8 Mo	nths 42

Due to Covid-19, all the educational institutions were closed due to disruption of the normal public life of every people. As a program officer of NSS, besides teaching our college students online, I was responsible for studying about 42 children of the locality from 6 am to about 10 pm every day. Some of these children were in first grade and some were in ninth grade. Institutionally when all activities are closed, I celebrated Teacher's Day, Republic Day with those children as per Covid rules in my village. Organized drawing competitions, cultural programs, plays and also arranged picnics for their entertainment. So I personally feel that all these things should be remembered in our NSS annual magazine.