

# St. Xavier's College (Autonomous)

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Palayamkottai – 627 002

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME: UNITS 31,32,34,10,175

# 1. 9<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



On 21.06.2023, Student Council and Department of Physical Education, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) organised a Yoga Event in collaboration with Ministry of Youth Welfare and Sports, Tirunelveli District Yoga Sana Sangam, Viveka Youth Forum to promote the holistic benefits of yoga for physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

# 2. INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, AWARENESS CAMPAIGN RALLY

The "International Day Drug Abuse Awareness Campaign" Rally was organised by NSS units and Anti-Drug Club of SXC on 26.06.2023. The event was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J., Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous). Chief Guest Mrs. G.S. Anitha, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Palayamkottai, emphasized the crucial role of law enforcement in tackling drug abuse issues. The Guest of Honour Mrs. V.P. Pravina, Inspector of Police, Prohibition Enforcement Wing, Palayamkottai, stressed the importance of community involvement and proactive measures in combating substance abuse. The rally served as a platform to educate public about the harmful effects of drugs. Through speeches,

interactive sessions, and awareness materials, attendees were empowered to create awareness.

#### 3. TREE SAPLINGS PLANTATION

"Meri Maati Mera Desh", with the tagline "Mitti ko naman, veeron ka vandan", and "Jan bhagidari" were initiated to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. It is the finale of Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav programme. The ceremonies were conducted at village, Panchayat, Block, Urban Local body, State and National levels.

St. Xavier's College NSS units selected the villages of Tharuvai Panchayat, and a preparatory meeting was held in the office of the Panchayat on 13.07.2023. They discussed about the tree plantation in 5 villages (Pachaiyar, Keelapattam, Rajavallipuram, Thiruthu, and Alangulam ) At the aforementioned areas, on 27.07.2023, NSS Units 31, 32, 34, 150, and 175 planted 75 saplings, each.

#### 4. SWACHH BHARAT – CAMPUS CLEANING

In line with Swatch Bharat Abhiyan scheme, five NSS units engaged in a campus cleaning initiative on 09.08.2023. Five NSS POs organised it and around 60 volunteers took part in the cleaning activity. The area allotted for cleaning was basketball ground, Causanell Hall and ground near Fr. Lebeau Auditorium.

#### 5. DIGITAL POSTER COMPETITION

To commemorate the International Youth Day, Digital Poster Competition was organised by the five units of NSS on 12.08.2023. Around 20 volunteers participated. E-Certificates were given to the participants and the winners.

#### 6. ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

An Orientation programme was held on 18.08.2023, at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai. The programme was directed by Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss S.J. Principal and organised by five units NSS POs. Around 400 NSS students participated in this programme. Dr. A. Veliappan, the NSS Coordinator, M.S. University, made a presentation on "NSS in Service to Society" and Dr. S. Jeya Mary, the Principal from Ooliyasthanam Teacher Training Institute spoke about the service.

#### 7. BLOOD DONATION CAMP

On 22.09.2023, Tirunelveli Government Medical College Hospital, the NSS units and YRC of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) organised a blood donation. Rev. Fr. Dr. S.

Mariadoss, S.J., Principal, presided over the camp. Dr. A. Veliappan, Coordinator, NSS MS University, and Dr. J. Ravishankar, M.D., Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital, presented the awards. 208 units of blood were donated by 208 students. At the blood donation camp, all the five NSS unit programme officers, the YRC Coordinator, and NSS volunteers took part.

#### 8. ONR CRORE PALM SEED PLANTING PROGRAMME

On 01.10.2023, Tamilnadu Palm Workers Welfare Board, Green Needa Environment and State NSS organized a programme to plant one crore palm seeds at 430 places in 14 coastal districts on the occasion of the centenary of Muththamizharignar Dr. Kalaingar.

The NSS Units of St. Xavier's College and 'Idinthakaraivalarchi Sangam' organized the One Crore Palm Seeds Plantation Programme on 01.10.2023 at Idinthakarai Beach. Nearly, four thousand seeds were planted by sixty NSS volunteers.

#### 9. INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



On 08.12.2023, the SXC AICUF, NSS Units, NCC, and various other service organizations collaborated to conduct a bike rally from IIPE Laxmi Raman School, Uthamapandiankulam, to SXC, in commemoration of International Human Rights Day and to promote awareness about human rights. A human chain and procession were organized, with participants holding placards displaying slogans to raise awareness about human rights.

#### 10. SPECIAL LIVE-IN CAMP

The NSS UNITS 31, 34, 175 of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, orchestrated a transformative 7-day Live-in camp in Padalaiyarkulam Village, J.J Nagar, Puthur near Kalakad, Tirunelveli District, from 18.01.2024 to 24.01.2024. Eye camp, Siddha Medical Camp, Cleaning Activities, Tree Plantation, Cultural Programme Competition, Awareness Programs and Rallies, were conducted.

 The NSS Units 32 and 150 of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai coordinated a 7 days live-in camp from 09.02.2024 – 15.02.2024 in Puliyampatti near Seevalaperi of Tuticorin district. Eye camp, Siddha Medical camp, Marathon, Rallies, Cleaning activities, etc were carried out by volunteers.

### 11. ACHIEVEMENTS OF NSS VOLUNTEERS

- Vennila.S 22UBA512 NSS unit 31was selected for the National Integration Camp conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports at Kalyani University, Nadia in West Bengal for 7 days from 29.11.2023 to 05.12.2023.
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, India, selected our college students Vibushika, K 22UBC524 NSS Unit 31, and Esakki Pandi, P 22UPH524 NSS unit 34, for the Adventure Camp at the Atal Bhari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports (ABVIMAS), Dharmashala, which took place from 03.01.2024 to 12.01.2024.
- NSS volunteer, F. Antony Frenish of Unit 34 was selected to participate in the 27<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival from 12.01.2024 to 17.01.2024 at Nashik, Maharashtra organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and NSS Regional Directorate, Chennai.
- NSS volunteer D. Arthur Suba Blessvin was selected and participated in a 3 day State level workshop on Environmental Awareness (Meendum Manjapai) from 15.02.2024 to 17.02.2024 organised by Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli.
- SXC students went to St. John's College on 07.11.2024 to take part in a play competition among RRC colleges, organised by the District AIDS Prevention and Control unit of Tirunelveli. U.Stephen 22UBA571, S.Vennila 22UBA512, G.Mani Meena 22UBA509, M. Rohini 22UBA515, R. Narayini 22UBA549, and M. Muthur Lakshmi 22UBA540 made up a team. They were qualified for the State-Level drama competition by winning the third place and earning Rs. 4000.
- On 15.11.2023, St. John's College, Palayamkottai conducted district level competitions for National Youth Festival- 2023. Students from NSS unit 31 participated in it. S. D. Isha 23UTA505 and G.Sabika 23UTA524 won the first prize and the second prize respectively in Story Writing Competition in Tamil and S.Vennila 22UBA512 won the second prize in Declamation Competition. Moreover, S. D. Isha 23UTA505 was selected for the state level participation.

- Mr. L. Jagadeesh (22UBO134), NSS Volunteer (Unit 150), St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, actively participated in the State Level Workshop on "Disaster & First Aid Awareness Programme" held at Annai Fathima College of Arts & Science, Thirumangalam, Madurai District from 21.02.2024 to 23.02.2024. It was organised by Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department & Tamil Nadu State NSS cell Chennai and Madurai Kamaraj University, Annai Fathima Arts and Science College, Thirumangalam, Madurai District.
- Twenty NSS volunteers of the college worked from 12.02.2024 to 13.02.2024, at the book fair.

### 12. AWARDS

Dr. S. David Appadurai, NSS PO UNIT 150 and Dr. A. John Paul, NSS PO UNIT 34 were awarded the University Level Best NSS Programme Officer for the academic year. 2022-23. NSS UNIT 150 was awarded the University Level Best NSS UNIT. Dr. A. John Paul, NSS PO UNIT 34 was awarded the Best Election Nodal Officer at College level. M. Muthusamy (21UMA523), a volunteer of NSS Unit 34, was honoured as the best NSS volunteer at the university level for the year 2022-24.