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CAMP THEME

**Sanitation, Health and
Environment Awareness**

1st to 7th March 2024

Camp Site

**Primary School, Bhamariyapura (Rajpur)
Ta. kadi, Di.Mehsana**

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Gujarat Arts and Commerce College NSS Unit organized a 7-day NSS camp at Bhamriyapura (Rajapur) village in the Kadi taluka of Mehsana district from March 1st to March 7th, 2024. The theme of the camp was "Sanitation, Health, and Environmental Awareness." NSS (National Service Scheme) Village Camp is a program organized by the NSS in many village in India, to foster community development, social integration, and awareness among youth volunteers. These camps usually last for about 7 days and are held in rural areas.

The main objectives of NSS Village Camps include:

1. Community Service:

Volunteers engage in various community service activities such as sanitation drives, tree planting, health camps, and educational initiatives aimed at benefiting the local population.

2. Awareness:

Participants learn about rural life, culture, and challenges faced by villagers. This helps in sensitizing the urban youth towards the needs of rural communities.

3. Skill Development:

Camps often include workshops and training sessions on topics like leadership, communication, and problem-solving, empowering volunteers with valuable skills for personal and professional growth.

4. Social Integration:

Through interactions with villagers and fellow volunteers from diverse backgrounds, participants develop a sense of camaraderie and social responsibility, promoting national integration and unity.

5. Personal Growth:

NSS Village Camps provide opportunities for self-reflection, personal development, and character building through teamwork, empathy, and service to others.

Overall, NSS Village Camps serve as platforms for youth empowerment, community engagement, and fostering a spirit of social responsibility among the participants.

02

Day-1: 01/03/2024

On the first day of the NSS camp, held on March 1st, 2024, all the volunteers gathered to assemble and pack essential supplies and equipment required for the camp. This included items for cooking and cleaning, among others. A comprehensive list of all necessary items and accessories for the camp was meticulously prepared and packed. At 9:00 a.m., an advance team consisting of 10 volunteers set out with all the required supplies, heading towards Bhamriyapura- rajpur Primary School.

Upon reaching the school, the team met with the headmaster and conducted an inspection of the premises to ensure proper cleanliness and arrangement. They organized and thoroughly cleaned all cooking and cleaning utensils, and designated appropriate spaces for cooking and washing. Necessary arrangements were made for electricity, water, and other facilities, including toilets and bathing areas.

In the evening, members of the NSS committee prepared dinner, and everyone gathered to dine together. The program officer and committee members provided essential instructions and guidance to the advance team for planning activities for the next day. Thus, the first day of the camp concluded with efficient organization and coordination of arrangements.

Day-1

Photographs



On the second day of the camp, which was March 2nd, 2024, the remaining volunteers gathered at the college by 7:00 a.m. After recording attendance and collecting consent letters, everyone boarded the college-provided buses and set off for the campsite, accompanied by the program officer and committee members. Upon arriving at the campsite in BhamriyapuraRajapur, the schoolchildren welcomed everyone with traditional tilak. Following this warm welcome, Mr. Dineshbhai Patel, the headmaster, extended a hearty welcome to the school premises, assuring everyone of their full support. The advance team had prepared lunch, with many volunteers pitching in, and the meal was enjoyed by all. After lunch, cleanliness and sanitation activities were carried out to maintain the premises properly.

Subsequently, a meeting was convened where six teams were formed to handle various tasks for the camp's inaugural ceremony, scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Different ministers were assigned responsibilities for all aspects of the camp, and they were briefed accordingly. Dinner was served on time by the kitchen team and was enjoyed by everyone present. The lighting of the ceremonial lamp marked the official start of the camp. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Mr. A.P. Kureshi (Retired Dy.S.P& S.P.), Mr. Govindbhai Patel (Former Chairman of Kadi Taluka Panchayat), and Mr. Pathan Ismail Khan (Sarpanch of Bhamriyapura-Rajapur), along with Mr. Dineshbhai Patel, the headmaster, and other prominent figures from the village.

Dr. Himmat Bhalodiya, the college Principal, delivered guidance and encouragement during the inaugural ceremony, stressing the significance of college and NSS support for the camp's success. The program officer outlined the planned activities for the camp, and leadership roles were allocated within the teams. Cultural performances by volunteers and school students marked the beginning of the ceremony, with a large number of villagers in attendance.

Dr. Arun Parmar oversaw the overall coordination of the program. Following the inaugural ceremony, a meeting was held to assign tasks for the following day, and the day concluded with evening prayers and a ceremony marking the completion of the day's activities.

Day-2

Photographs



On the third day of the camp, which was on March 3, 2024, at 5:00 in the morning, all the volunteers were roused from sleep. Following this, essential daily rituals were arranged, including morning prayers accompanied by hymns, devotional songs, and bhajans, aimed at rejuvenating age-old traditions. Subsequently, a session of yoga and exercises was conducted for the attendees. Following this invigorating session, the breakfast team prepared morning snacks, which were enjoyed by everyone collectively. The premises of the school were then cleaned thoroughly.

On the same day, a large-scale cleanliness campaign was initiated in the camp, with a focus on meticulously cleaning various areas of the village. Unnecessary grass and scattered stones were cleared from the village roads. Necessary equipment and a tractor were employed to rid approximately 15-20 locations of non-essential waste. In this extensive cleanliness endeavour, all camp volunteers joined forces, with various teams successfully completing their cleaning tasks. An awareness message was also disseminated after the cleaning activities. Subsequently, the kitchen team prepared lunch, and all participants dined together.

Later in the day, an intellectual session took place, with Babubhai Parmar from the manav Sadhana Kendra in Ahmedabad delivering motivating speeches, particularly targeting those with physical challenges, setting a prime example of how to lead a life filled with enthusiasm despite facing adversities. Volunteers engaged in interactive sessions with him, sharing their thoughts and inquiries. In the evening, the majority of volunteers were occupied with rehearsals and practices for cultural programs scheduled for the night. Simultaneously, the kitchen team was busy preparing dinner, which was enjoyed by all participants. Following this, the cultural program commenced at 8:00 PM, where volunteers conveyed various messages through garba, dances, and dramas, with a large audience comprising villagers and dignitaries.

Post the cultural program, during the night meeting, volunteers recounted their experiences from the day's work. Night prayers were conducted, marking the conclusion of the day's activities.

Day-3

Photographs



On the 4th of march 2024, at 5 o'clock in the morning, all volunteers were awakened, and after the necessary daily routines, a morning assembly was organized. Following the assembly, a session of yoga and exercise was conducted at the school. After this session, arrangements were made for a field visit. The lunch team prepared tea after serving tea to everyone, and they all got ready to go for the field visit near the luxury bus to a nearby village known for bird sanctuary. Upon reaching there, the employees provided detailed information about the bird sanctuary, including the types of birds residing there and the measures taken for their conservation and healthcare. Then, arrangements for light refreshments were made by the local volunteers. From there, they proceeded to visit an industrial unit nearby, where they had a meeting with the officials of Western Proteins Pvt. Ltd. The company's owners and other employees provided detailed information about the company's establishment, production, import of raw materials, and finished product output, as well as other important matters. They also arranged for light refreshments from the company's side. After that, they had a meeting with Jay Printpack Pvt. Ltd. where the company's employees/owners had a discussion and provided all the necessary information about the company's entire process unit. They also arranged for lunch for everyone. Later, another industrial unit, Akshar Extrusion Pvt. Ltd., also organized a meeting where they provided all the necessary information about their manufactured unit. There also, arrangements for light refreshments were made.

After completing various meetings throughout the day and gaining experience, all volunteers and staff returned to the school. The evening meal was prepared by the meal teams, and according to the daily schedule, the entire team gathered to have dinner together. On this day, there was no cultural program, but a campfire was organized for the volunteers, where they shared their skills, experiences, and pleasant moments of the day. The campfire was attended by S.M.C. President Malek Sahab, Retired Principal J.K. Pathan, and Kanjibhai Prajapati, who provided necessary guidance and shared their experiences with the volunteers. The campfire was conducted by Dr. Arun Parmar and Program Officer Dr. Sandip Sanchala. After the campfire, there was a night meeting where the volunteers shared their experiences of the day's work. After the evening prayers, , marking the conclusion of the day's activities.

Day-4

Photographs



On the fifth day of the camp, which was on the morning of March 5, 2024, all volunteers were woken up at 5:00 AM. After that, a necessary daily routine was followed, which included chanting, bhajans, and songs, along with a morning walk. Then, a yoga session was conducted for the school children. After the session, the kitchen team had prepared breakfast, and everyone gathered to have tea and breakfast together. Following this, the school premises were cleaned.

On today's day, all volunteers were divided into groups and sent for public contact and rural surveys. Each group went to different areas to interact with people and conduct rural surveys, obtaining information related to rural geography and industrial expansion. After completing the surveys, a lunch arrangement was made at a villager's place named Chamanjibhai Thakor, where everyone enjoyed traditional food and then proceeded to visit the home of the president of the SMC (School Management Committee). There, they also arranged for cold drinks. Upon returning to the school, in the afternoon session, a health camp was organized for local people, where eye examinations were conducted in collaboration with Jyoti Eye Hospital, Visnagar. Some volunteers were involved in the organization of this camp. Approximately 115 villagers benefited from this camp, out of which 10 individuals were identified as needing cataract surgery, which would be done free of cost at Jyoti Hospital, Visnagar, at a later date.

In another task, various sports competitions were organized for school children, ranging from grades 1 to 8, where all the children participated in various games according to their age. All volunteers also assisted in these competitions, encouraging the students and boosting their morale. Students who secured first to third place in each grade were given prizes, and all the school children were given participation awards. The winners were given prizes by the school's teachers, staff, and local dignitaries. Afterwards, the kitchen team prepared dinner and everyone had dinner on time. The cleaning team managed the sanitation arrangements. In the evening, a cultural program was organized where Mitesh Pandav from pandav Creation, Ahmedabad, presented a beautiful play titled "Muje Mera Desh Bechna Hai" under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan. The play, which included garba, dance, and dramas, conveyed various messages of awareness to the audience. A large number of villagers and dignitaries were present at this event. The day's camp activities concluded with a night meeting and prayers.

Day-5

Photographs



On the morning of 06/03/2024, all volunteers were awakened at 5:00 a.m. as usual, followed by essential daily rituals. Then a morning procession with devotional songs and hymns was organized, followed by a yoga session conducted for the students. After this session, the breakfast team prepared breakfast for everyone, which was enjoyed together with tea. Subsequently, the school premises were cleaned.

On this day, the volunteers were involved in a Home Stay project, where about 15 people from the village hosted volunteers, allowing them to experience their daily routines, customs, and social-economic conditions. Efforts were made to understand and empathize with their way of life and to foster personal development and connections. In the evening, after returning from school and having dinner, a closing ceremony was organized for the camp participants. Dignitaries like Sushri Kavitaaben Patel (pramukh Taluka Panchayat, kadi), Anvarmiya Kureshi, Rameshbhai Prajapati and College Professor Dr. Chetan Trivedi, Dr. Om Prakash Shukla, Dr. Narendra Rawal, and others were present. The program officer briefed about the activities conducted during the camp.

During the closing ceremony, eminent personalities shared their insights. All volunteers were awarded certificates of participation by dignitaries and teachers. Cultural programs were organized, and students were awarded encouraging prizes. The Orbit Company provided water bottles and tuition bags to all volunteers, while the village sarpanch provided steel plates. Volunteers shared their experiences during the camp. Shibir Ministers Roy Astha and Bhatt Shubham also discussed their responsibilities and experiences. College Senior Professor Dr. Chetan Trivedi delivered an inspirational speech, followed by a presentation of cultural programs by the volunteers themselves. Dr. Vijay Patel concluded the entire camp with a motivational speech and gratitude. A Garba event was organized afterward, where volunteers enjoyed dancing. The sixth day of the camp concluded with a night meeting and prayer session.

Day-6

Photographs



Today was the last day of the camp. In the morning, following the routine, all tasks were assigned to the college students. According to the list of all items brought from the college, counting was done and then packing began. After all the items were packed properly, self-help volunteers gathered the oil tins from the village and assembled 30-35 trash bins, which were painted in blue and guidelines about cleanliness were written on them. Then, all the bins brought from home were distributed to all the houses for waste collection. Also, on the last day, everyone expressed gratitude for the cooperation and support received during the camp.

On behalf of the school family, arrangements for lunch were made at the school from the last day onwards. After lunch, it was time to bid farewell. And at the time of farewell, there was a sense of sadness in the atmosphere. Farewells were made with such bonds with the students that it seemed difficult to part. All the best wishes were given from the school family as well, with smiles on their faces. And then, after saying goodbye, everyone returned to their respective colleges and gathered at suitable places to collect their belongings.

Day-7

Photographs



Yes, this seven-day camp was not just about formality, but during these seven days, many useful things were learned. This village had a Hindu-Muslim population. However, the atmosphere in the village was such an example of brotherhood and unity that it was a great learning experience for everyone. During these seven days, many things were learned, including social life, teamwork, event management, and how to deal with challenges, which were not only useful but also enlightening. Leaving their home and family behind for seven days and experiencing a different environment and getting along with different personalities taught how an individual's personality develops and how life is lived by adapting to the harmonious coexistence with different natured people, an experience that is rarely found except at camp. Yes, the memories of these seven days will remain etched forever in everyone's lives.

During the camp, guidance and inspiration were continuously received from Principal Dr.Himmat Bhalodiya, and the committee members Prof. Vijay Patel, Prof. Reena Raval, Prof. Riddhi Suthar, and Dr. Arun Parmar, With their support, a beautiful endeavor could be completed. During the camp, Prof. B.K. Vaghela, Dr. Chetan Trivedi, Dr. Om Prakash Shukla, Dr. Narendra Raval, Dr. Nilesh Gadhvi, and Dr. Vinod Prajapati continuously attended the evening programs, increasing the enthusiasm of the volunteers.

Photographs



