National Service Scheme

Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

Report of NSS activities

(During the academic year 2014-15)

From August 2014 to April 2015

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(REGULAR ACTIVITIES)

Clothes Collection Drive

(August 9, 2014)

Clothes and other needy items were collected from the students, faculties and the staff members of IIT Guwahati. All this was done by the volunteers and the organizing team of NSS, IIT Guwahati. Volunteers collected clothes from 572 faculty members and staff quarters. All of them contributed whatever they could spare. These clothes were to be distributed later to the needy people of Sila Sindurighopa village of Assam.

Mega Plantation Drive

(August 15, 2014)

Students, staff, and faculty including the Director of IIT Guwahati together and planted saplings at different places inside the campus on Independence Day. A total number of 163 saplings were planted all around the campus. It was a joyful day, to plant new life on earth.

The benefits for humankind by this are:

1. Of course, trees are beautiful. They make our beautiful campus even lovelier.
2. Trees prevent soil erosion.
3. They provide food for us.
4. Trees provide oxygen and fresh air.
5. Trees are carbon dioxide sinks.

6. They have high medicinal values.
7. They help in preventing water pollution.
8. Trees provide a canopy and habitat for the wildlife inside our campus.
9. Lastly, humans can't exist without trees.

Some more pictures of the eventful day:

Clothes Distribution Drive

(August 16, 2014)

NSS, IIT Guwahati pulled off the mega event of clothes distribution at Sila Sindurighopa village, Guwahati on in the presence of NSS faculty coordinator, Chairman of the Welfare Board, Chairman of the Sports Board, and a PT Instructor. What an experience it was! We distributed these clothes and other needed household items to families living in around 110 houses. Apart from this we also distributed items necessary for school to approximately 200 kids. Of course we gave them chocolates too! The smiles on the kids' faces were priceless!

Online Photography Contest
(August 20 – 25, 2014)

On the World Photography Day, NSS IIT Guwahati conducted an online photography competition which was open to all people of the campus. The theme of the competition was "Transcend - Surpass the limits". Exciting prizes worth Rs.2000 were awarded to the winners of the competition.

Blood Donation Camp

(September 5 – 7, 2014)

The National Service Scheme (NSS), IIT Guwahati, in association with Techniche, the annual student organized techno-management festival, has organized a blood donation camp in the college premises from 5th of September to 7th of September. It is said "If you are a blood donor, you are a hero to someone, somewhere on Earth who received your gracious gift of life". This camp also pressurized the need to create awareness among youth for active participation in such a noble cause. At the end, all that mattered is the satisfaction that a life will be saved by a gesture from you!

Campus Cleanliness Drive

(September 12, 2014)

The NSS unit of IITG successfully organized campus cleanliness drive to clean the academic complex area and its surroundings. The NSS Team along with the NSS coordinator cleaned the academic complex (Core 1 to 4) in the best possible way they could. There was a significant change after this drive. The main purpose of this drive was to get visibility and make people think of the need and cause of cleaner surroundings. Students carried out the cleanliness drive for over two hours. Later they took the pledge to maintain cleanliness and also spread awareness to keep the campus clean.

Paper Collection Drive

(September 28, 2014)

It's the end of the mid semester exams in IITG and NSS-IITG has used this opportunity for a better cause. There was a paper collection drive held in the campus and NSS volunteers collected used papers and notebooks from students who no longer have any use with them. The papers and books that have been collected were sent to recycling. New notebooks will be made out of them and they will be donated to the poor and needy children in the nearby villages.

Swachcha Bharat Abhiyaan

(October 2, 2014)

Our honorable Prime Minister announced the launch of the clean India mission known as the "Swachcha Bharat Abhiyaan" on 2nd October 2014. Responding to that call, the Director of IIT Guwahati launched the Swachcha Bharat Abhiyan at IIT Guwahati on October 2, 2014.

NSS IITG planned the clean campus mission in which a large number of faculty members, staff and students participated. The work was nearly done for about 3 hours in the morning after which the participants of the mission were provided with refreshments.

This was a basic initiative for all of the Indians to realize the importance of cleanliness of our nation.

Some more pictures of the important day:

Collection for Assam Flood Victims

(October 2 - 3, 2014)

During the recent floods in Assam, many villages went underwater and also a large number of people lost their lives. NSS IIT Guwahati decided to contribute and help the needy people in the villages by collecting clothes, food, footwear, books and many other useful things. NSS volunteers collected the materials from all the students, faculty, and staff of the IITG campus. A lot of useful things were collected which were to be distributed to the people of the flood affected Dirima village of Assam.

Commodities Distribution to Flood Victims

(October 5, 2014)

Responding to loss happened in Assam due to floods, on 5th October, NSS IIT Guwahati distributed approximately 800 kg of clothes, 400 kg of rice, 80 kg of pulses, 100 pairs of shoes (or slippers), and other needed items to 100 families of Dirima village, which was badly affected by floods recently. We also distributed stationery items & chocolates to kids. We can't really express the joy of giving in words. The entire community of IITG contributed to the cause.

Visit to Ashadeep – A Mental Health Society

(October 12, 2014)

NSS IIT Guwahati volunteers and members visited one of the centres of Ashadeep - 'A Mental Health Society' at Rehabari, whose founder was awarded the prestigious Padma Shri recently. This is a home to mentally ill women who once used to live on the streets. Interacting with them and getting to know about their life forced us to think seriously about the life we are living: we don't realize how lucky we are. Although they have serious mental illnesses, they know how to live joyfully and we seriously learned a lesson from them.

Pollution Free Diwali

(October 22, 2014)

With the help of NSS volunteers, about 1100 people across the campus came forward and took the pledge of not burning crackers and also to create awareness about the same. Responding to this, on 22nd Oct, 2014, there was a photo session for all the people who took the pledge.

Diwali Visit to Garbage Dump

(October 23, 2014)

NSS IITG decided to do something different and went to Boragaon, a slum where garbage of the whole city is dumped. The objective was to make the children living there feel special. We went there in the morning, interacted with the rag pickers, give them packaged food. We created a lot of smiles and finally came back with peace which can't be explained in words.

Visit to Old Age Home

(October 25, 2014)

Old people are often neglected and not cared for in the modern society, even though we have a lot to learn from their years of experience and wisdom. So, NSS IITG visited the nearby old age home and spent quality time with them. It made our day, to be with them and make them happy.
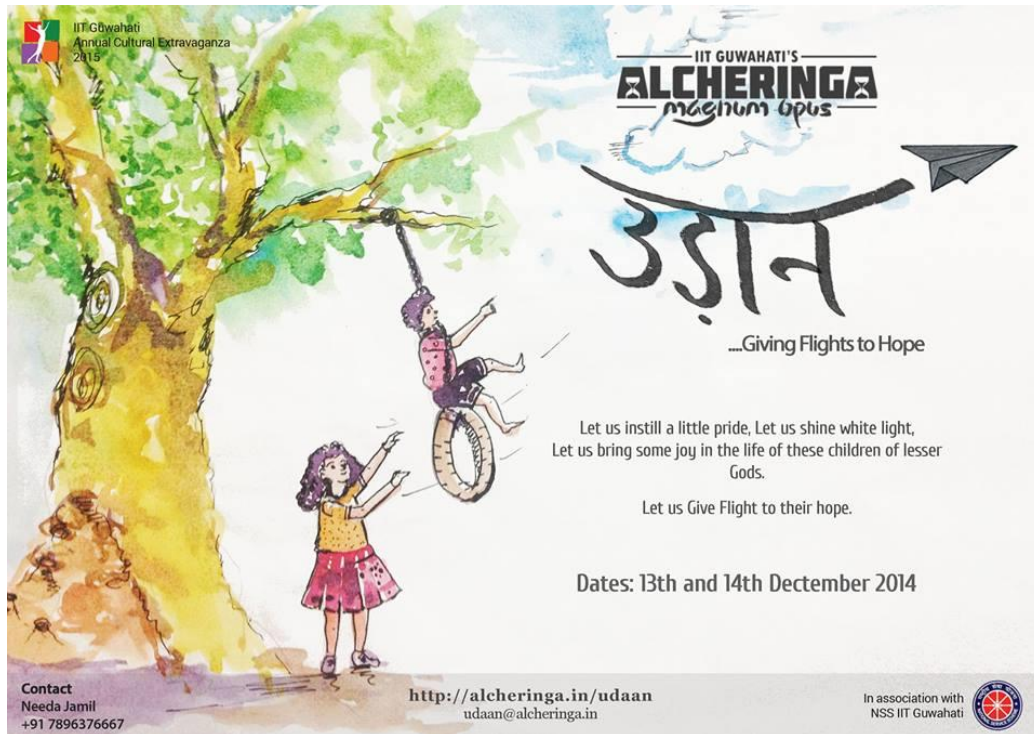
Recyclon – An Event on Waste Management
(November 4, 2014)

NSS IIT Guwahati organized a Mega Event - 'RECYCLON' on 4th November, 2014. RECYCLON is all about Waste Management. The event comprised of various exciting competitions like Case Study, Quiz, JAM, etc. along with exhibitions, panel discussion with a panel of experts and much more. Exciting prizes worth Rs.10,000 were distributed during the event for the winners.

Udaan – Giving Flight to Hopes

(December 13-14, 2014)

NSS IITG, in collaboration with Alcheringa, the annual student organized cultural festival, conducted the event "Udaan". Udaan aims to bring a ray of hope in an otherwise bleak and dull world of poor children. Udaan aims to give the children something we all had and the essence of life that actually shapes us and defines us. More than economic and materialistic support, Udaan gives children something better. It gives them HOPE, it gives them ambition, ABILITY to DREAM and break free from the shackles induced upon them by birth. The event was a huge success and brought joy to whoever were involved in it.

"Ek Resolution Aisa Bhi"

(January 1, 2015)

The idea of "Ek Resolution Aisa Bhi" is in which each one of the volunteers takes responsibility of guiding/teaching anyone among the security guards or mess workers or canteen workers during their stay at IIT Guwahati. We provided them all the necessary things through NSS so that things can go smoothly.

Survey of a Slum

(January 18, 2015)

NSS Volunteers did a survey of the slum nearby Guwahati railway station. It was heartrending to see children and women being in such poor conditions in terms of hygiene, safety, food and water, etc. We planned to do more and take some steps to help these people, among whom the children are the future of India.

Visit to North Eastern Cancer Hospital

(January 24, 2015)

Around 25 volunteers of NSS IITG visited the North Eastern Cancer Hospital in Guwahati and spent quality time with cancer patients there. One of important things we came to know after a discussion with the doctors is that lack of awareness about cancer is the primary reason for people neglecting this during the initial stages which in turn results in unaffordable treatment later on, and costs many lives.
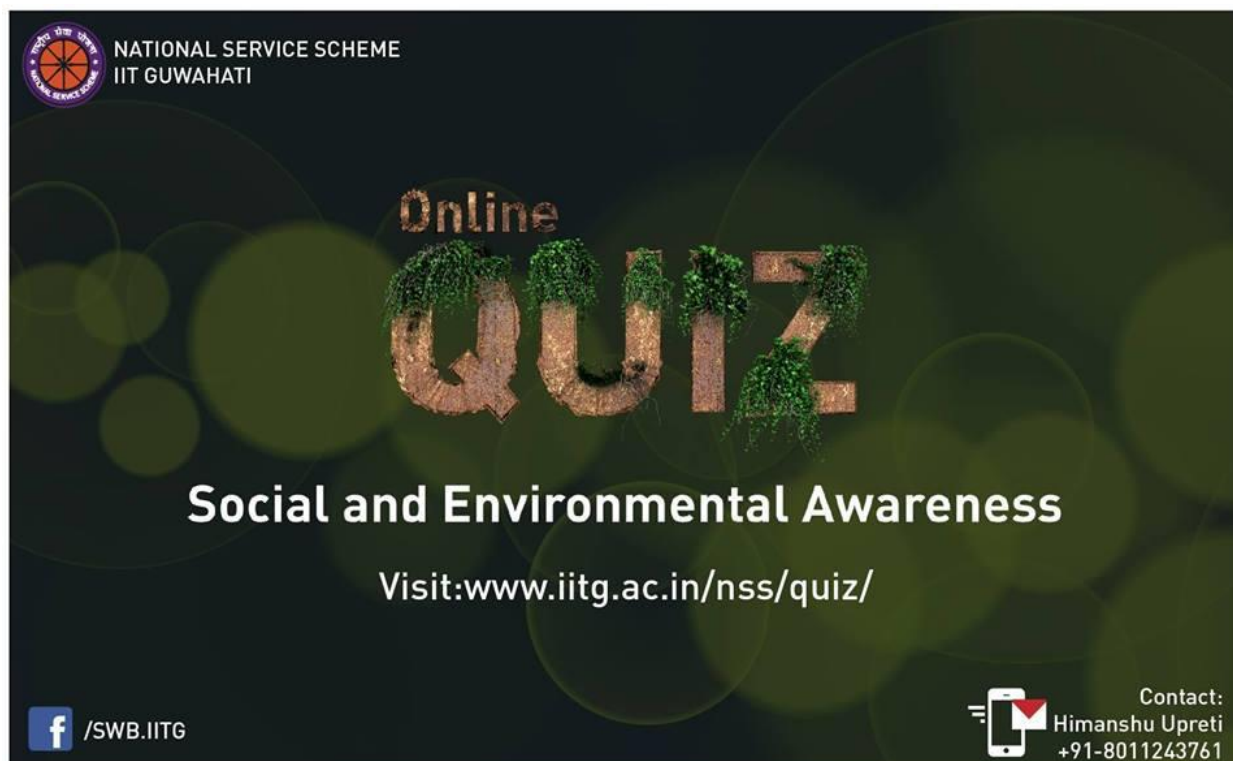
ZIZ Students' Trip to Regional Science Centre

(March 22, 2015)

Zero Illiteracy Zone (ZIZ) is a long term activity for NSS IITG. As a part of that initiative, the students under the guidance of NSS IITG visited the Regional Science Centre. It brought smiles on our faces to see the children trying to figure out small scientific puzzles and finally succeeding. We also explained some experiments which were slightly tougher for them but it was enough to see their inquisitive brains and their thirst for knowledge.

Social and Environmental Awareness Online Quiz

(April 15, 2015)

NSS conducted a short and entertaining online quiz in order to bring social and environmental awareness among the people of IIT Guwahati. The winners were awarded exciting prizes. All the participants gained a lot of knowledge and awareness. They took up the responsibility of spreading this awareness among the other people. On the whole, the event completed its objective and was a success.

SECTION – B

(LONG TERM ACTIVITES)

Expansion of ZIZ

(Zero Illiteracy Zone)

(August 2014 – April 2015)

Students of IIT Guwahati and NSS volunteers are continuously trying to make a certain difference in the lives of the people inside and outside the campus walls. The ZIZ campaign started in the year 2008 wherein the security guards of the institute and small children from the Kating Pahar village were taught.

Kids from Class 1 to 10 are being taught English, Mathematics and Science. We are trying to reach out to as many villages as we can. This year NSS IIT Guwahati expanded its ZIZ programme to the village Sila Sindurighopa. NSS Volunteers go to the village and teach the under privileged kids every weekend.

Inside the campus, the guards are taught spoken and written English. English classes are also organized and owing to an overwhelming response, the volunteers are able to teach the guards up to a level that they can answer a volley of questions fired at them in English. Apart from this, since the year 2009, the mess workers are being taught English and general awareness. Starting from scratch, their enthusiasm is appreciable. Classes are conducted on a regular basis in all the hostels. Interaction with them shows that they are certainly enjoying it and getting benefitted.

Zero Waste Campus

(August 2014 – April 2015)

There is huge amount of waste generated inside the IIT Campus which goes untreated outside the campus, affecting the life of the living beings staying near the dumped area.

IIT Guwahati spends lakhs of money annually for the transportation of this waste outside the campus. Therefore, NSS IIT Guwahati has taken the initiative to solve this problem under the guidance of Prof. Ajay Kalamdhad.

Our main motto is to analyze the kinds of waste being generated inside the campus and how to treat most of them so that finally composting, recycling, etc. can be done.