

## **NSS Annual Report 2016-17**

The Academic Year 2016 – 17 was very special for the Santhigiri College NSS Unit for many reasons. As a result of the precise planning and hard work of the NSS people, we achieved certain unique goals this year. The participation of our volunteer in the 68<sup>th</sup> National Republic Day Parade at New Delhi is the peak of our achievements.

### **Participation in the Republic Day Parade, New Delhi**

For the First time in the history of Santhigiri College NSS, our volunteer, Mr. George Sheen Paul of S4 BCA, has participated in the 68<sup>th</sup> National Republic day Parade at New Delhi on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017. He has undergone one month intensive training programme and passed many hurdles for achieving this unique feat. The management, staff and students of Santhigiri College congratulate him for raising the name of our institution at the National level.

### **World Environment day**

Santhigiri College NSS unit has started its activities for the Academic Year 2016 – 17 with the observance of World Environment Day on **5th June** 2016. Fr. Paul Parackattel CMI, Principal, delivered the Message of the day and the volunteers has taken pledge on the Environment protection.

### **Award for conducting the Best Blood Donation Camp**

We won the Award for the ‘Best conducted Blood Donation Camp’ at Idukki district during the academic year 2015 – 16 from IMA, Thodupuzha. Program Officer Mr. James Mathew and the student representatives together received the Award during the function conducted at IMA.

### **Annual Camp – a unique experience of Organic Farming**

The annual camp was conducted by the NSS unit of Santhigiri College on 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 at St. Joseph’s EMHS, Neeloor. 100 volunteers have participated in the annual camp.

This camp was conducted with a unique purpose of creating awareness about the Need and Importance of Organic Farming among the villagers and helps them to be familiar with this form of Agriculture. For achieving this goal, our volunteers visited 100 selected houses in Neeloor and planted a variety of vegetable saplings at each house. This program was inaugurated by Mr. Sunny Mundanattu, President of Kadanad Panchayath, in the presence of the Principal Fr. Paul Parackattel CMI, Ward members, local people and camp participants. There was an immense response for this program and the villagers of Neeloor admired the great effort taken by the NSS volunteers.

Another major activity of the camp was the participation of the construction work of the house of Mr. Joy Thenammackel, Kandathimavu. The volunteers unloaded cement bricks, sand, metal and other construction materials. Also volunteers had Onam celebration and many sessions on different subjects.

### **NSS Day**

NSS day was celebrated on September 25 in the campus in its full spirit. The day started with NSS song and Mr. James Mathew (Program Officer) delivered the NSS Message of the day. The volunteers participated in various programs arranged at the college in this regard.

### **Swatch Bharath Sandesh Rally – a Mega event on Gandhi Jayanthi Day**

Santhigiri NSS unit initiated a Mega event on 2<sup>nd</sup> October this year – Gandhi Jayanthi Day Celebration and Swatch Bharath Sandesh Rally at Thodupuzha. This program was associated by Thodupuzha Rotary Club also.

We organized a massive cleaning program at Thodupuzha Town at 02 pm, followed by a mega rally, consisting of about 400 NSS volunteers from different colleges in Idukki district and the members of Thodupuzha Rotary Club. The rally on that day - Swatch Bharath Sandesh Rally, was conducted for the purpose of creating awareness among the people about the necessity of creating a hygienic environment and the importance of public health. The rally started at 03 pm at Thodupuzha Civil Station compound which is led by Adv. Joyce George (Idukki MP) and Mrs. Safiya Jabbar (Municipal Chairperson) and finished at Municipal Bus stand Thodupuzha.

Thereafter, the public meeting was conducted at the busstand, presided over by Mrs. Safiya Jabbar and the Key note address was given by Adv. Joyce George MP. Felicitations were made by Fr. Paul Parackattel CMI (Principal, Santhigiri College, Vazhithala) and Mr. Baby Joseph (Principal, St. Joseph's Academy, Moolamattom). The welcome speech was delivered by Mr. James Mathew, NSS Coordinator – Idukki Dist., and the vote of thanks was given by Mr. Heji P. Cherian, Rotary Club Secretary.

### **Vegetable Garden at Campus**

As the second phase of the Organic Farming activities of our NSS unit, we have made a beautiful vegetable garden inside the campus.

### **M.G. University NSS Idukki District Coordinator**

As a golden feather to the cap of the Santhigiri NSS unit, Mr. James Mathew (Program Officer) has been selected as the District Coordinator of M.G. University National Service Scheme at Idukki. It is an acknowledgment for the excellent work done by our NSS unit in the previous years.

