



**Auxilium College (Autonomous),
Vellore**

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

NSS 5D

**5 Decades of Dedicated Service
(1975-2026)**



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It gives me immense pleasure to place my appreciations to **Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore**, on the momentous occasion of celebrating **50 years of National Service Scheme activities from 1975 to 2026**. This remarkable milestone stands as a testament to the institution's unwavering dedication to the ideals of youth development and community service.

Over the past five decades, the NSS units of Auxilium College have made significant contributions in nurturing socially responsible and service-oriented youth. Through a wide range of programmes such as rural development activities, special camps, health and environmental awareness programmes, women empowerment, literacy initiatives, and community outreach services, the volunteers have consistently worked towards the betterment of society.



The sustained success of these initiatives reflects the commitment and collective efforts of the **college management, the leadership of the NSS Programme Officers, and the enthusiastic participation of the student volunteers**. Their dedication embodies the true spirit of the NSS motto, "*Not Me, But You*," which inspires young people to place the welfare of society above personal interest.

The publication of this commemorative volume documenting **five decades of NSS service at Auxilium College** is a commendable effort. It beautifully captures the journey, achievements, and impact of the NSS units, and stands as a valuable record of the institution's contribution to community development and nation-building.

I extend my warm greetings and appreciations to the **Principal, NSS Programme Officers, volunteers, and all those who have been associated with the NSS movement in Auxilium College** for their dedicated service over the years. I am confident that the institution will continue to propel young minds to uphold the noble ideals of service and social responsibility.

I wish Auxilium College continued success in its future endeavours and congratulate the entire NSS fraternity on this proud **Golden Jubilee celebration**.

With warm regards and best wishes.



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Message from the NSS State Liaison Officer

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the National Service Scheme (NSS) activities of the college, spanning five decades from 1975 to 2026.



The National Service Scheme has always been a dynamic platform for nurturing the spirit of selfless service, social responsibility and leadership among the youth of our nation. Over the past fifty years, the NSS units of Auxilium College have consistently demonstrated exemplary commitment to community development and nation-building through various programmes and outreach initiatives.

Through regular activities, special camps, awareness programmes, village development initiatives, health camps, literacy programmes and social service activities, the NSS volunteers of Auxilium College have significantly contributed to the welfare of society. The dedication of the NSS Programme Officers, volunteers and the continuous encouragement of the college management have played a vital role in sustaining this legacy of service.

This commemorative publication documenting 50 years of NSS activities stands as a testimony to the tireless efforts, commitment and achievements of the NSS units of Auxilium College. It reflects the transformative impact of the scheme in shaping socially conscious and responsible citizens.

I congratulate the Principal, NSS Programme Officers, volunteers and all those associated with the NSS movement in Auxilium College for their remarkable service and commitment over the years. I am confident that the NSS units of the college will continue to inspire young minds and contribute meaningfully to the progress of society.

With best wishes for the successful celebration of 50 years of NSS service.

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Message from the NSS Coordinator

It is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Auxilium College on the significant occasion of celebrating 50 years of the National Service Scheme. This golden milestone reflects the institution's long-standing commitment to the ideals of service, social responsibility and youth empowerment.



Over the past five decades, the NSS units of Auxilium College have consistently demonstrated remarkable dedication in implementing meaningful community-oriented programmes. Through special camps, rural outreach initiatives, health awareness campaigns, environmental activities, literacy drives and social welfare programmes, the volunteers have contributed immensely to the development of society and the empowerment of local communities.

The NSS units of the college have also earned recognition and honours at various levels, bringing distinction to the institution and to Thiruvalluvar University. The achievements of the NSS volunteers and programme officers, including prestigious awards and participation in significant national-level programmes such as the Republic Day Parade, stand as a testimony to the dedication, discipline and commitment of the students involved in the NSS movement.

The publication of this commemorative volume marking 50 years of NSS activities at Auxilium College is a commendable initiative. It not only chronicles the rich history and achievements of the NSS units but also highlights the transformative role played by the programme in shaping responsible citizens and socially conscious leaders.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Principal, NSS Programme Officers, volunteers, alumni and the entire NSS fraternity of Auxilium College for their outstanding contribution and unwavering commitment to community service over the years. I am confident that the NSS units of the college will continue to uphold the spirit of service and inspire future generations to contribute meaningfully to society.

I convey my warm greetings and best wishes for the successful celebration of this Golden Jubilee of NSS service.

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Message from the Secretary

“The best way to find yourself is lose yourself in the service of others.”

NSS activities is not just about memories... It builds social responsibility and makes students sensitive to the issues and needs of the less fortunate brothers and sisters out there in the society. Ever since NSS unit was instituted in Auxilium in 1975, NSS activities were undertaken with profound sense of commitment to the needy sections of the society. NSS activities were not just about reaching out to the society, it is also so much about enriching the programme officers and student volunteers.



Serving as an NSS Programme Officer has been one of the most meaningful and enriching journeys of my life. Organizing several NSS Special Camps and walking alongside young volunteers in their service to the community has given me immense satisfaction and deep personal learning. Working closely with these energetic young minds, guiding them in community engagement, and witnessing their enthusiasm, compassion, and commitment have always been truly inspiring. Each experience with the volunteers has not only strengthened my faith in the power of youth but has also enriched me personally and professionally.

Various awards received during my period of service stand as a testament to the collective dedication and commitment of the Programme Officers and student volunteers. These recognitions reflect the sincere efforts of the entire NSS team in serving the community and motivate us to continue our mission with greater enthusiasm. The World Record initiative organized to mark the 50 years of NSS also stands as a significant milestone, highlighting the unity and active participation of volunteers.

Sincere gratitude is due to the Salesian institutions that generously provided shelter for the volunteers during the camps and extended valuable resources and unwavering support for the successful conduct of these programmes. The camps organized at Jawadhi Hills, Varanthangal, and Pappanpatti villages remain remarkable experiences, offering opportunities for meaningful engagement with rural communities and creating lasting memories of service and solidarity.

I place my appreciation and gratitude on record for all the, Secretaries, Principals Vice-Principals, NSS Programme Officers and student volunteers for their contribution to the NSS Unit. Auxilium NSS will scale more heights set greater standards for the future... I implore God's blessings and my wishes on the concluding event of NSS 50.

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Message from the Principal

Translation:

“Rare it is to find another good equal to benevolence,
Either here or in the heaven”

புத்தேளுலகத்தும் ஈண்டும்பெறலரிதே
ஒப்புரவின்நல்லபிற. (Kural 213)

Meaning:

One cannot find another equal good to benevolent service either on earth or heaven.

As a 70 year old Higher Education Institution for women, Auxilium College owns up its NSS Unit with a great pride and deep profound gratitude. Personally I look at the NSS unit of Auxilium College as the USP (Unique Selling Proposition) of Auxilium College.

The dedication and commitment of the members of the NSS unit, the innovative display of the activities, the commemoration of nationally and internationally significant days, all of it has made the steadfast pursuit of excellence and perfection in serving the society a glorious golden reality of 50 years.

The awards and recognitions that NSS Unit has received is an indication to how many socially responsible students NSS has produced. From wherever they are, they will be carrying forward the spirit of Auxilium NSS Unit by reaching out to those in need of a helping hand.

As I remember and congratulate all the NSS programme officers, faculty members, sisters and student volunteers, with appreciation and gratitude, I place to congratulate the dynamic team of NSS Programme officers Dr. Amutha, Mrs. Gayathri, Dr. Aswini, Dr. Anuradha, Mrs. Dhanabakiyam, Dr. Carlin for making the Golden Jubilee of Auxilium NSS unit a grand but a significant event, by taking up the Asia Book of world record event of sensitizing young women on their health and well-being through Mass haemoglobin screening.

This record is like a monument marking the golden jubilee of NSS unit, setting a motivation for the students of future who will be joining NSS in the coming years. I wish all success to the NSS unit in all their endeavours.

Sr. Jaycel

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A JOURNEY REMEMBERED

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INTRODUCTION

In this auspicious year of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of Auxilium College, Vellore, and the 50th anniversary of the starting of NSS, here is a Report of the service accomplished by the NSS and NAEP. Everything was achieved with Celestial guidance from 1977 - 1985. Working for humanity is representing God, here on earth. That meant working with the most vulnerable, and often beginning with dealing with basic physical needs.

HOPE AND DARE

In June 1977, I, Sr. Joseph Isabella FMA-Head of the Department of Tamil, was given the responsibility of the NSS and NAEP projects. Along with enthusiastic Staff collaborators, the encouragement of the Superior and Principal Sr. Cecilia Thomas FMA, in the spirit of St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello, there was great zeal and enthusiasm evidenced in what was done to reach out to the needy. The service inspired individuals to overcome challenges and hope for a better future.

THE FRUITS OF LABOUR AS SEEN IN 2025

Now after forty years, there is the joy of seeing the fruits of hard work - from huts to modern houses, mud roads to cement and tar roads, children then, now become well - educated graduates, officials with jobs, politicians and police officers. It was work done in the spirit of synodality. Our past pupils became NSS coordinators in different schools, just to mention, Mrs. Rajes Mary, in Ranipet, Miss. Rachel in a Government school.

ENTHUSIASTIC, WELL-ACCOMPLISHED SPIRIT - FILLED WORK

On 22.06.77 the Election of the Office Bearers, selected from the 100 Auxilium College students was done.

The following work was accomplished:

- Removal of parthenium plants
- Road construction
- Immunization (163 children were given tonic & injections)
- Nutritious food habits taught
- Distribution of vegetable seed for kitchen garden
- General medical aid for those who were in need. (280 people benefitted)
- Dowry, a social evil, adult education, chlorinating water tanks, tree plantation, speeches on health protection.

1978-1985: THE FOLLOWING WORK WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

On 7.10.78 the National Adult Education Program (NAEP) was inaugurated in the following NSS selected villages.

- 1) Thiruvalluvar village
- 2) Jothi village
- 3) Kangeyanallur
- 4) Agravaram
- 5) Aruppumedu
- 6) Sevur
- 7) Karigiri leper colony
- 8) Pallitheru

Rapport with village people, self-employment scheme, job orientation, Mathar Sangam, rodent control, cleanliness week with visual aids were the various deeds done. 23 destitute children from the neighbouring villages were admitted in different schools. Three youth and one girl were sent to training centres in Madras. Through the housing scheme of CEBEMO & MISEREOR 48 houses were built for the families, for whom we had obtained loans from the government. The Governor of the Rotary Club, Mr. Benedict, inaugurated the electrification of the huts in surveyed villages.

Building of a Community Hall, installation of the post box for the village, small savings, distribution of uniforms donated to Vanranthangal Middle School, adult education, 18 roads laid under road scheme, health & hygiene, typing, youth club, broadcasting committee, circulating committee, cultural committee, circulating library collateral, baby show, Para medical administered cholera injection, typhoid injection, polio& DPT(300 children were immunized), mock assembly, drainage construction work by ACK NSS students,19.06.79 International Children's Year, land documents given to 38 families and various religious festival celebration of the village people were the multifarious activities done with so much enthusiasm.

Fr. Sebastian helped with the "Food for Work" project sanctioned by Catholic Relief Service, for the housing project. Sr. Ethelvina FMA, Principal of ACK inaugurated it and brought relief to all the people during drought and hunger time. Through Vaduganthangal health team 10 antenatal cases were given folic acid, 45 malnutrition children were given iron tablets, 79 general cases were examined and treated.

Dr.Jesudasan from Schieffelein Leprosy Research and Training Centre, Karigiri delivered a talk on leprosy control and care. 16 patients were found deficient in vitamins and 10 leprosy cases were detected in Jogi colony. The children's Oratory was started. The NSS volunteers visited and conducted awareness cultural programmes, in Institutions such as Home for the Handicapped, Mother Teresa Home, Government Reception Home, Government General Hospital and Men and Women prisons.

The NSS volunteers identified 150 handicapped persons in the five adopted villages and rehabilitated them with variety of trades. Along with the Rotary Club, they made all the arrangements to conduct Deepavali celebration for the prisoners of Vellore Men and Women jails.

Fr. Arockiasamy of Vellore Social Service Centre for the Christmas and New Year, got together with the NSS and Salesian Co aporators.

The coaching class for the Auxilium elementary school girls was started. There was one to one teaching methodology used. Nearly 80 NSS volunteers were involved in this programme. By this, 100 poor and weak students benefitted. A road was laid for burial ground at Murugapadi, and a foundation stone for multipurpose building at Selvampettai, was laid by Rev. Fr. Schlooz SDB and he later completed the building.

Two villages near Katpadi Railway Bridge, Tandalavaram- Krishnavaram were taken up by the NSS. Their 15 unfinished houses were constructed with the help of Catholic Welfare Agency and the Bishop of Vellore.

The NSS had taken up the debt relief programme, to help the villagers to clear their debts. Through the CASA agency with 10 sets of posters, the debt relief programme was completed. Three NSS volunteers participated in the youth - for - Ecology development, held at Yercaud. Mrs.Thangamani was helped to start a small pickle shop. With her sacrificing life she made all her four children to settle well with higher education.

A man from Vandanthangal was helped to get a job in Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. All the 5 adopted villages with youth clubs were given carom boards, net and balls for volley ball. A strong team was formed to participate in the State Level competitions.

To celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the NSS Madras University, 350 casuarina saplings, 1000 eucalyptus and 259 Neem saplings were planted in the ACK campus and the villages. On 1.11.83, new clothes collected for Sri Lankan Tamilians worth Rs.2386 were delivered to the Tamil Nadu Red Cross, No.50 Montieth Road Madras.

The youth club was started in Pallalakuppam. The International Youth Week was celebrated meaningfully with variety of talks and programmes in all the 9 nine adopted villages. On 19.1.85 - Mrs.Rhona Nunes, NSS Co -Ordinator of Auxilium College gave a short speech on the importance of the International Youth Year at a Valedictory Function at Voorhees College, Vellore.

THE NSS CAMPS

The five camps were held in the already - selected villages. Special camps were held in Shenbakkam, Vellore. There was a joint Auxilium College and School camp conducted in Pallalakuppam and PolurMurugappadi There were special projects for the formation of ponds for the drinking water for the cattle.

During the camp, the girls acquired a knowledge of the local situations, got an awareness of critical issues like health, sanitation, respect for gender equality, growth in fraternity, other - centeredness, trust in Divine Providence and environmental protection. This resulted in an awareness of self-growth and adaptability. It created a sense of social responsibility, civic awareness, a sense of participation in national development programmes, increase of care and empathy for the illiterate.

SEMINARS CONDUCTED

Many guest speakers were invited for Seminars, which were meant for an all-round formation of the NSS volunteers to be responsible future citizen of our nation, India. They were Fr. Joe Arimpore SDB, ThilagavathyAmmaiyar ASP. Mr. Antony Swami MD, Mr. Magimaidoss, Captain Subaraman, Mr. Natarajan, Mr Alan John.

TOPICS

Intergraded Rural Development
Aim and Objectives of NAEP,
Role of University and College-Implementation strategy,
Happy Family Life, Follow-up programmes.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

With deep sentiment of gratitude, I have to thank all the loyal and committed Staff Members such as Ms. P.M. Vijayalakshmi, Ms. Fathima, Ms. Joan, Ms. Lilly Pushpam, Ms. Neeta, Ms. Jayashree, Ms. Fancy, Ms. FelciPrema, Ms. Eugene D'Rozario, Ms. Rhona Nunes, Ms.MargaretGonsalvez, Sr. Marina Fernando, Sr. Mercy Thomas, Ms. Esther, Ms. Annapoorni, Ms. Elizabeth Rani, Ms. Helen Mary Rosemary, Ms. Laksmi Prasanna, Ms. Jean Selvadurai and Ms. Francina Nazareth.

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FEW, EVERYDAY MIRACLES

- While constructing the Thiruvalluvar Main Road, one day the clouds were threatening heavy rain. With the village boys and our NSS volunteers, I pleaded with Mother Mary, Help of all People to prevent the rain for a small part of the road that had been constructed. Everyone laughed. That night there was heavy rain. I thought that I would become a laughing stock. At 6.am the village boys came to say that Mother Mary had saved that bit of land. After that, a meeting was held in the village. The ThiruvalluvarMandram and elders named the Road SagayaAnnaiSalai. On 24.12.79 – they inaugurated it officially.
- In Sevrur, while removing the huts, one big scorpion fell, along with a number of baby scorpions which ran among the 100 NSS girls and screaming, village children. I prayed "O Jesus and Mary save our people." None of them was bitten.

- After the programmes conducted in Schieffelein Leprosy Research and Training Centre, Karigiri, the 100 NSS Girls who had to return to ACK were stranded because the arranged bus did not come. So, the girls along with me, and the Staff walked for ten kilometres in the darkness, through the burial ground. Praying, we reached the College safely. The Almighty Lord was fervently thanked.

MESSAGES Of APPRECIATION

- 31.10.78 Sr, Helen Fernandez, the Provincial of Chennai Province: “What a beautiful mission! God be praised for this wonderful work.”
- 4.12.79 “Wonderful work! Keep it up!” by Sr. Lydia Carini, General Councilor from Rome
- 24.12.79- Fr. Sangali SDB, General Councilor of the Salesians, Rome
“Glorious work! God reward you! Please give publicity to this labour of love.”
- 10.09.80 - K. Mehala “I visited ACK NSS programme. They are all doing excellent work!”
- 15.01.81- Captain Subaraman: “I congratulate and appreciate the NSS camp organized. I feel happy to think that ACK provides not only mere book education but training for life.”
- Mr. Rathina Natarajan, Madras University Director, NSS: “The goodwill and self-sacrificing spirit of the girls are worth admiring.”

CONCLUSION

When looking back, it is worth-while stating that the above-mentioned works which were accomplished successfully during these years was because of the collaboration of enthusiastic, dedicated, committed people. They were the sacrificing Staff, Students, Government Officials, local BDOs, EVOs, and Guest Lecturers and Madras University Coordinators. They collaborated with one mind and vision for the development and the empowerment of the people. Undoubtedly, everything was done due to the Grace of God.

So, I will sing of the glory of God, with the Psalmist David –
“O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.”

EDITORIAL

“NSS 5D: Five Decades of Dedicated Service”

The journey of moulding the NSS Volunteers in the Salesian ambience of service and social commitment began five decades ago. What started as a humble initiative has today grown into a vibrant movement that has touched countless lives and transformed generations of young people. Rooted in the noble ideals of service, compassion, and social responsibility, the National Service Scheme has continuously inspired students to step beyond the boundaries of classrooms and engage meaningfully with society.



The celebration of fifty years of this inspiring journey is not merely a milestone; it is a moment of reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment. The chronicle titled “NSS 5D: Five Decades of Dedicated Service” attempts to capture the spirit, achievements, and memories that have shaped this remarkable journey. It is both a record of the past and a tribute to the thousands of volunteers who have carried the torch of service with enthusiasm and dedication.

My bond with NSS began during my days as an NSS Volunteer at Auxilium College and has continued through the responsibility entrusted to me as an NSS Programme Officer for nearly two decades. This journey has been deeply meaningful, as it has given me the opportunity to work closely with young volunteers, guide them in meaningful community engagement, and witness their growth into socially responsible and compassionate individuals. The experience has been both enriching and profoundly fulfilling. NSS has always been more than a programme; it is a life-shaping experience that instills empathy, leadership, discipline, and a deep sense of civic responsibility.

Editing this fifty-year chronicle has been both a privilege and a responsibility. As I revisited the many activities, camps, outreach programmes, and impactful initiatives carried out over the years, I was reminded of the collective effort that sustains the NSS spirit.

The title “NSS 5D” symbolizes the five decades of devoted service rendered through the dedication, determination, discipline, dynamism, and development fostered by the NSS movement. These five dimensions capture the essence of NSS—an organization that empowers youth to become agents of positive change in society.

We gratefully acknowledge the invaluable support and encouragement extended by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, whose continuous commitment to youth development and nation-building has been the guiding force behind the National Service Scheme. Our sincere thanks are also due to the Regional Director and the State NSS Officer for their constant guidance and motivation in strengthening NSS initiatives.

We express our heartfelt appreciation to the NSS Coordinator of Thiruvalluvar University for the encouragement and coordination that have greatly enriched the functioning of the NSS units.

We are deeply grateful to the Secretary, the Principal, and the Vice-Principal of Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore for their unwavering support, encouragement, and institutional commitment towards the successful functioning of the NSS unit and the publication of this Chronicle.

Our sincere thanks are extended to all the Former and Current Programme Officers whose dedication and tireless efforts have shaped the vibrant journey of NSS over the years. We also gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our NSS benefactors and well-wishers.

Above all, we place on record our deep appreciation to the thousands of NSS volunteers whose selfless service, enthusiasm, and commitment embody the true spirit of “Not Me But You.”

In a special way, I wish to thank my research scholars for their valuable assistance in editing and refining the draft of this Chronicle.

With gratitude for the past and hope for the future, we celebrate fifty years of the NSS spirit—five decades of dedicated service that continue to inspire and illuminate the path of social responsibility.

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Auxilium College NSS: A Legacy of Service Since 1975

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is one of the largest youth development programmes in India, functioning under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. It was formally launched in 1969, during the birth centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi, with the objective of developing the personality and character of students through voluntary community service. The scheme encourages young people to understand the needs of society, engage in social service, and cultivate values such as social responsibility, leadership, and national integration. Since its inception, NSS has been implemented widely in universities, colleges, and higher educational institutions across the country, involving millions of student volunteers in various community-oriented programmes.

The NSS Unit of Auxilium College has a rich and inspiring history of service and commitment. The NSS movement in the college began in the year 1975 with the establishment of one unit. In its early years, the college was affiliated with the University of Madras, under which the NSS activities were initially coordinated. From the very beginning, the unit actively involved students in community outreach programmes, rural development initiatives, and awareness campaigns, reflecting the core motto of NSS: *“Not Me, But You.”* The volunteers participated enthusiastically in activities aimed at improving the quality of life in surrounding communities, particularly focusing on education, health, and social welfare.

Over the years, the NSS unit of Auxilium College gradually expanded in both scope and participation. With the growing enthusiasm of student volunteers and the support of the college management, the NSS activities became more organized and impactful. Regular programmes such as village adoption, environmental awareness drives, medical camps, and social awareness campaigns were conducted. Special NSS camps, usually organized in rural villages, provided volunteers with an opportunity to live among the people, understand their challenges, and work collectively towards sustainable solutions.

Following administrative restructuring in higher education, the college later came under the affiliation of Thiruvalluvar University, which currently coordinates the NSS activities of the institution. Today, the NSS presence in Auxilium College has grown significantly, with five active and effective units functioning in the institution. These units together involve hundreds of volunteers who actively participate in both regular activities and special camps throughout the academic year.

The NSS units of Auxilium College continue to uphold the spirit of service and social responsibility. Through sustained engagement in community development, awareness programmes, and collaborative initiatives, the volunteers contribute meaningfully to society while shaping themselves into socially conscious and responsible citizens. The journey that began with a single unit in 1975 has now evolved into a vibrant movement within the college, reflecting the enduring vision and mission of the National Service Scheme in empowering youth for nation-building.

FROM SERVICE TO RECOGNITION -NSS AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of the institution has consistently received recognition at the University and State levels for its outstanding performance, leadership, and social outreach activities. The major awards received over the years are detailed below:

- ✚ The NSS Unit was conferred the Best NSS Unit Award by the University of Madras during the academic year 2004–2005. The award highlighted the unit's commitment to fostering social responsibility and leadership among student volunteers.
- ✚ In the same year (2004–2005), the unit received the Agni Siragukal Award for the Best NSS Unit from the University of Madras, recognizing excellence in service activities. The award acknowledged the unit's impactful programmes in areas such as community development, environmental awareness, and social welfare.



- ✚ Dr. Elsamma Cherian was honoured with the NSS Best Programme Officer Award at the University Level by Thiruvalluvar University during the year 2005–2006. This recognition was awarded for her outstanding leadership and dedication in organizing various community service and social awareness programmes through the NSS.





- ✚ Ms. IryinAmirdha Thresa received the Best NSS Volunteer – State Award for the year 2006–2007.
- ✚ Ms. IryinAmirdha Thresa, Ms. Celine Justin Glory, and Ms. Manjulawere awarded the Best NSS Volunteer Award at the University Level by Thiruvalluvar University during 2006–2007.

- ✚ The NSS Unit again achieved distinction by receiving the Best NSS Unit Award at the University Level from Thiruvalluvar University during the year 2007–2008.



- ✚ Ms. K. S. Suriya was honoured with the Best NSS Volunteer – State Award for the academic year 2007–2008.



- ✚ Dr. P.R. Amutha Arockia Mary received the Best NSS Programme Officer - State Award during 2012–2013 for her exemplary leadership and contribution to NSS activities



- ✚ Ms Humaira Mariyam and Ms. Susan secured First Place and received a cash award of Rs. 10,000 in a State-Level Competition organized by the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission during 2018–2019.



Election Commission during 2021–2022.

- ✚ Dr. P. R. Amutha Arockia Mary NSS Programme Officer and Nodal Officer – Electoral Literacy Club received the Best Nodal Officer Award from Mr. Satyabrata Sahoo., IAS, Chief Election Commissioner of Tamil Nadu.
- ✚ Ms. VinishaLourdu received the Best Student Ambassador Award under the Electoral Literacy Club from the Tamil Nadu State



Ms. R. Gayathri, NSS Programme Officer of Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, affiliated to Thiruvalluvar University, received the State Level Best NSS Programme Officer Award for the year 2022–2023.

EMPOWERED BY SERVICE -NSS PROGRAMME OFFICERS' REMARKABLE PARTICIPATION

- ✚ Ms. N. Kumari participated in the National Integration Camp held from 24–30 September 2005 at Master Tara Singh Memorial College for Women, Ludhiana, Punjab.

The camp was organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

- ✚ Dr. P. R. AmuthaArockia Mary participated at the National Level as a Contingent Leader in the Adventurous Camp, held at Manali, during the academic year 2009–2010.
- ✚ Dr. P. R. AmuthaArockia Mary also represented at the National Level by participating in a



Conference conducted by NACO (National AIDS Control Organization), held at New Delhi, during 2010–2011.

- ✚ During 2018–2019, Dr. P. R. AmuthaArockia Mary served at the District Level as Nodal Officer for the District Youth Parliament, contributing to youth leadership and democratic awareness.
- ✚ In the academic year 2020–2021, Dr. P. R. Amutha Arockia Mary functioned as District Level Nodal Officer for the Corona Awareness Programme, playing a key role in public health sensitization during the pandemic.



- ✚ Dr. P. R. AmuthaArockia Mary participated at the National Level as a Master Trainer for the Youth Survey Programme, held at New Delhi, during 2021–2022.
- ✚ During 2022–2023, Dr. P. R. AmuthaArockia Mary served as District Level Nodal Officer for the Naan Mudhalvan Scheme, supporting skill development and employability initiatives.

- Ms. N. Aswini participated at the State Level as a Contingent Leader for the State Republic Day Parade, during the academic year 2022–2023.

- In the same academic year (2022–2023), Ms. N. Aswini also served as State Level Contingent Leader for the National Integration Camp, held at Madurai.



- Ms. Aswini N., NSS Programme Officer, Auxilium College, represented Thiruvalluvar University as a contingent leader and participated in the State Level Adventurous Camp held at Yercaud from 1–5 March 2025.



- Dr. Carlin Premakumari, NSS Programme Officer, represented Thiruvalluvar University as a Contingent Leader at the State-Level Adventurous Camp held at Yercaud.

- Mrs. R. Gayathri, NSS Programme Officer participated in the orientation programme to initiate Child Protection Club in the higher educational institution held at Chennai organized by Ministry of Social Defense.

- NSS Programme Officers Dr. Amutha, Ms. Gaythri, Ms. Dhanabackyam, Ms. Anuradha, Ms. Aswini attended a One-day Workshop on "Information Literacy and Cyber Security" at University of Madras organised by the Ministry Youth Affairs and Sports.



LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE- NSS VOLUNTEERS' OUTSTANDING PARTICIPATION

- ✚ Ms. Asha represented at the National Level by participating in the Republic Day Parade, New Delhi during the year 2016–2017 (26.01.2017).



- ✚ Ms. Keerthana participated at the State Level in the Republic Day Parade, Chennai in 2017–2018 (26.01.2018).



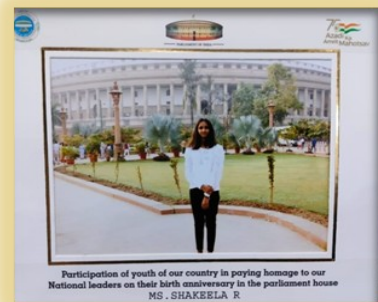
- ✚ Ms. Jothi Priya represented at the National Level in the National Youth Parliament, held at New Delhi during 2018–2019 (27.02.2019).



- ✚ Ms. Ramya participated at the National Level in the National Youth Festival, held at Lucknow during 2019–2020 (12.01.2020–16.01.2020).

- ✚ Ms Keerthana served as a University Level Member of the NSS Advisory Committee, Thiruvalluvar University, during 2019–2020 (10.02.2020).
- ✚ Ms. Ramya participated at the State Level in the State Youth Parliament during 2020–2021 (31.12.2020).
- ✚ Ms. Kaniska and Ms. Sakila participated at the District Level in the District Youth Parliament during 2021–2022 (26.02.2022).

- ✚ Ms. Sakila represented at the National Level in the Youth Paying Tribute to National Leaders, held at National Parliament, at Delhi, during 2021–2022 (31.10.2022).



- ✚ Ms. Papeetha participated at the State Level in the State Republic Day Parade during 2022–2023 (09.11.2022–18.11.2022).

- ✚ Ms. Sonia, Ms. Vinisha, Ms. Mythra, and Ms. Sreesha participated at the State Level in the National Youth Festival, held at Dharwad, during 2022–2023 (11.01.2023–16.01.2023).



- ✚ Ms. Shalini participated at the State Level in the State Republic Day Parade Selection Camp during 2023–2024 (30.10.2023–08.11.2023).
- ✚ Ms. Shalini also represented at the National Level in the National Youth Festival, held at Nashik, Maharashtra, during 2023–2024 (12.01.2024–16.01.2024).



- ✚ Ms. Logeshwari M. and Ms. Jothi V. participated at the State Level in the NIC Programme, held at Madurai, during 2023–2024 (11.12.2023–17.12.2023).



- ✚ Ms. Kavya Shreet participated in the State R.D.Parade, during 2025-26 (18.01.2026 – 26.01.2026)

MILESTONE OF EXCELLENCE - HIGHLIGHTS

5D (2016-2025)

2025-2026

World Record Initiative

The NSS Unit of Auxilium College (Autonomous), Vellore, in collaboration with Naruvi Hospitals, Vellore, successfully organized a World Record Event on Mass Haemoglobin Screening to raise awareness about anaemia among women. The historic initiative, held on 10th October 2025 at the college campus, marked the Golden Jubilee Celebration of 50 years of NSS service at the institution.

With an overwhelming participation of 3,676 individuals—including 3,434 students and 242 teaching and non-teaching staff—the event set a new milestone in health awareness, earning recognition from both the India Book of Records (IBR) and the Asia Book of Records (ABR) for the “Maximum Haemoglobin Screening to Raise Anaemia Awareness among Young Women.” The entire screening was efficiently completed within 2 hours and 40 minutes, creating a new benchmark in health-based social outreach.



The programme was inaugurated by Tmt. V. R. Subbulaxmi, I.A.S., District Collector, Vellore District, and graced by distinguished guests including Dr. G. V. Sampath, Chairman, Naruvi Hospitals, Honorable Mayor Mrs. Sujatha Anandakumar, and Mrs. Pushpalatha Vanniraja, Zonal Head, Zone 1 – Vellore Corporation. Also present were Dr. B. Baranidharan (Deputy Director of Health Services, Vellore District) Dr. S. Vijayanand (NSS Coordinator, Thiruvalluvar University),

Ms. Shanthi Priyadharshini, District Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Society Dr. Thilavanan, Govt Siddha Doctor, Gudiyatham and Udavum Ullangal President Mr. Chandrasekar. Representing Auxilium College were Dr (Sr) Mary Josephine Rani A, Secretary; Dr (Sr) Arokia Jayaceli A, Principal; Dr (Sr) Amala Valarmathy A, Vice-Principal; and Dr Abi Beulah G, Deputy Vice-Principal (Shift-II). The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Amutha, NSS Programme Officer, and Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Gayathri.

The mass screening aimed to detect anaemia at an early stage, promote nutritional awareness, and encourage preventive healthcare practices among young women. This initiative stands as a proud moment for Auxilium College, reflecting the institution’s commitment to women’s empowerment, health advocacy, and community service. It also highlighted the successful collaboration between academia, healthcare institutions, and civic bodies in achieving a common social goal. The programme was co-sponsored by OP-Mobility, C-Power India Private Limited, Ranipet, whose support contributed to the success of the event.



Awareness and Counselling

As part of the event, Awareness Stalls on Anaemia and Nutrient-Rich Diets were organized by the Integrated Child Development Society (ICDS) and NSS Unit Organic Hub- Makkal Nalla Sandhai, providing valuable information on healthy eating habits and preventive measures against anaemia. The stalls showcased informative charts, dietary guidelines, and practical tips to help young women maintain optimal haemoglobin levels through balanced nutrition.

In addition, medical counselling sessions were conducted by a dedicated team of doctors from Naruvi Hospitals, Vellore, for students identified with lower haemoglobin levels during the screening. The doctors offered personalized guidance, recommended dietary improvements, and advised on appropriate medical follow-up to ensure better health and wellbeing among the participants.

Declaration of World Record Union, India Book Asia Book of Records



The event concluded with the official record recognition announced by Mr. Harish, Adjudicator of the India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records, formally validating this exceptional achievement. Mr. Harish remarked, “The Mass Haemoglobin Screening drive at Auxilium College was a grand success, creating awareness on Anemia among young women. A total of 3,676 participants 3,434 students and 242 staff members were screened efficiently within 2 hours and 40 minutes. This remarkable achievement, titled “Maximum Haemoglobin Screenings to Raise Anaemia Awareness among Young

Women,” was felicitated with IBR and ABR successfully.” Additionally, the record was also recognised by the World Record Union.

Walkathon for Down Syndrome and Pink October Celebration

The NSS Unit actively participated in a Walkathon for Down Syndrome Awareness, organized a Pink October – Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Programme in collaboration with CMC Vellore, and honoured Dr. Mohana Somasundaram with the Crowning Courage Award. Hair Donation Campaigns were also promoted.

Hand Holders with Helpline numbers were distributed



Road Safety Awareness Programme was organized, with the distribution of road safety calendars and auto hand-holders with helpline numbers.

Blood Donation camp was successfully conducted and 30 units of blood was donated.

Installation of the Solar Lamp post in the adopted Village

An Annual NSS Camp was held at T.K. Puram with 250 volunteers, culminating in the installation of a Solar Street Light at the Government Middle School under the initiative “Sustainable Light for a Brighter Tomorrow.” A Day with “100 Days Work Scheme” (MGNREGA) workers

NSS volunteers actively took part in the pond-digging initiative at Thadarampet village, working alongside the “100 Days Work Scheme”- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, (MGNREGA) workers. Their combined effort contributed to a meaningful step toward community development and water conservation

Impact of the Annual NSS Special Camp (2025-26)

Transforming Lives: A destitute old lady was identified and rescued during the NSS Special Camp field visit with the help of the District Social Welfare Department.

As part of the NSS Special Camp field visit and village survey, the NSS Volunteers demonstrated deep social commitment and compassion by identifying a destitute elderly woman in Senur Village who was living without care, shelter, or basic support. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the NSS Unit promptly coordinated with the District Social Welfare Department, which extended timely support and intervention. With the collective efforts of the NSS Volunteers and officials, the elderly woman was rescued and provided with immediate care, ensuring her safety, dignity, and well-being.

"Readathon" was organized in the Government School

As part of the NSS Special Camp activities, the NSS Volunteers visited the Government Primary Union Middle School, T.K. Puram. The visit created a joyful and learning-oriented atmosphere through meaningful interaction and participatory activities. The programme featured an engaging Readathon, aimed at enhancing the reading skills and comprehension abilities of the children. To ensure experiential learning, various games and activity-based sessions were organized by the NSS Volunteers, promoting teamwork, enthusiasm, and active participation among the children.

Skill Exchange and Digital Literacy

As part of the NSS activities, a meaningful *Skill Exchange and Digital Literacy Programme* was conducted in collaboration with the Don Bosco Centre Tailoring Institute. NSS Volunteers taught the women trainees basic computer skills. In turn, the women from the Don Bosco Centre shared their expertise in tailoring, introducing the volunteers to fundamental stitching techniques and skills. This mutual learning initiative fostered empowerment, respect for vocational skills, and community bonding. The programme highlighted the spirit of promoting digital inclusion among women and instilling appreciation for traditional livelihood skills among NSS Volunteers.

2024-2025

Service at Various Central and State Government Schemes

NSS volunteers actively participated in promoting and contributing their services to various Central and State Government schemes.

Experiential Learning Programme (ELP)- My Bharat

My Bharat, an initiative by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, aims to empower Indian youth through social mobility, educational equity, and service learning. As part of initiative, 16 NSS volunteers took part in the Experiential Learning Programme (ELP), a 15-day internship and skill enhancement program on waste management, organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra and Vellore Corporation.

Volunteers in the Tamil Nadu Government -Naan Mudalvan Scheme at School

Under the Naan Mudalvan Scheme, a flagship program of the Tamil Nadu state government designed to provide career guidance and higher education support for government school students, nearly 40 NSS volunteers registered to assist government schools in the Katpadi division. They actively supported career guidance programs and helped 12th-grade graduates in pursuing higher education.

State Level Assessment Survey (SLAS)

In collaboration with the District Education Department, 140 NSS volunteers served as field invigilators for the State Level Assessment Survey (SLAS). This survey, conducted for students in grades 3, 5, and 8 across Government and Government-Aided Schools in Katpadi Block, aimed to assess educational standards.

Various awareness campaign and commemoration of significant days were effectively organized.

Pink October- Hair Donation Drive for Cancer Patients

NSS unit of Auxilium College in collaboration with Christian Medical College (CMC) and Vellore hair donation drive has organised various programmes to mark Pink October (2024) - Breast Cancer awareness month. 500 NSS Volunteers participated in the human formation of the iconic Pink Ribbon, recognized globally as a symbol of breast cancer awareness. Nearly 200 volunteers have donated their hair locks for an ideal cause to support the cancer patients by providing them with wigs. Orientation programme on Breast Cancer awareness for students, faculty members and non-teaching staff and Outreach programme- Cancer awareness campaign at Senji Panchayat, K V Kuppam Block for the rural women working under 100 days wages- (MGNREGA) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act Scheme.



NSS unit of Auxilium College in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Vellore District celebrated the Indian Constitution Day on 26th November, 2024. The event commenced with the inauguration of the signature campaign by Dr. (Sr) Margaret Devadas., Mother Provisional and Dr. (Sr) Josephine Mary Rani, Secretary, marking a symbolic start to the celebrations. The Indian Constitution Day pledge was administered by Mrs. Kanchana Arivazhagan, Advocate and President of the Women Lawyers Association, Vellore. Dr. (Sr) ArockiaJayaceli presided over the function.

Environmental and Community Development Programme

Swachhta Hi Seva- 2024 (Cleanliness Service) at Katpadi Railway Junction in collaboration with Southern Railway, Katpadi Zone, to promote hygiene and environmental sustainability.

NSS Unit and Electoral Club in collaboration with District Election Department organized Voters Awareness Rally as part of SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation) activity to mark the National Voters Day. Ms. Yuvashini, a III BA English student and NSS Volunteer received the third place for the district-level English Essay Competition on Electoral Awareness and received the price from the honourable district collector of Vellore.

NSS Unit of Auxilium College in collaboration with Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) organised a Nutrition Month celebration at Melvadugankuttai Village, KV Kuppam Block-Vellore, spreading awareness about balanced diets and child nutrition.

NSS Programme officers participated in the Forest Exposure Visit at Kanthaloore, an eco-friendly experiential learning trip aimed at environmental conservation.



More than 50 students participated in the District Youth Festival, at Muthurangam Government Arts College won various prizes in cultural and academic competitions.

Seminars and Orientations

World Elephant Day is celebrated to honour and spread awareness to promote and protect elephants. To mark this day NSS unit has organized an input session and screening of Oscar award winning film "The Elephant Whisperers". Mr.Atral Praveen Kumar, Environmental Activist and Elephant Explorer served as a Resource Person.

To mark the NSS Day, Seminar was organized based on the theme of Education to LEAD (Learn, Empower, Achieve, and Develop a Just Society). Dr.S. Vijayanand, NSS Coordinator, Thiruvalluvar University, served as a chief guest and Mr.P.B.PrinceGajendra Babu, leading educationalist, social activist, and General Secretary- State Platform of Common School System, Tamil Nadu delivered the resource talk.

A seven-day annual special camp will be held at Jawadhi Hills from 8th March to 14th March, 2025, focusing on community service, education, and rural development.

2023-2024

Awareness Campaigns in Collaboration with Government Department

NSS Unit of Auxilium College has organized various awareness campaign in collaboration with District Administration, Vellore Municipal Corporation and Department of Tamil Nadu Police. Anti-Plastic Campaign was organized in Vellore Fort Campus as part of the Government Programme. Rally on "International Day against Drugs and Illicit Trafficking", Child Protection, and National Voters Day was organized.

Recognition for SVEEP Activities

Auxilium College has received the Best Model College Award for the SVEEP (Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation) activity from the District Administration.

Meri Mitti Mera Desh– Environmental Initiative

Under the Central Government Scheme Meri Metti Meri Desh (My Soil, My Country), NSS Unit has created a Vatika (dense forest) with 100 saplings in the NSS adopted village T. K. Puram,

Don Bosco Rural Centre. NSS Volunteers along with the women working under MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) Scheme in the village participated in the plantation. Mr. Rajeshkannan, Panchayat President- T.K .Puram presided over the function. 'Meri Mati MeraDesh' - Amrit Kalash Yatra campaign was organized in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Vellore District. Soil from various blocks of Vellore District has been brought and collected in an urn (kalash) that was taken to Delhi, for the formation of Amrit Vatika.

District Level Yuva Festival was organized in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Vellore District. Dr.Ezhilan, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Vellore Region, presided over the function.

Science Awareness Programmes

Orientation and demonstration of Zero Shadow Day and District Level National Children Science Congress. Catalyst by the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India was organized in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Science Forum.

Inauguration of the Organic Hub

Organic Hub was inaugurated in collaboration with Women Agripreneur Network (WAN), and *Makkal Nalla Santhai* inaugurated. It is an ideal initiative of the NSS Unit to promote healthy life, organic products, Women farmers and agriculture- based entrepreneurs of the neighbourhood. A One- day Orientation Programme on Women Agripreneurs was also organized. NSS Volunteers painted the walls of the Day Care Centre of Vellore Prison Quarters. Nutritious Month (Phojan Abiyan) and awareness on anemia was organized in collaboration with Integrate Child Development Schemes (ICDS).



Empowerment of women through Education -Survey on First-Generation Learners

NSS unit has taken a survey and identified the first-generation learners of the college and felicitated them during the celebration of the NSS Day. Mr. Ayesha Natarajan, a renowned writer and an Educational Activist served as a guest speaker and spoke on "Empowerment of women through Education". Bone Density- Vitamin D test was organized in collaboration with Apollo Diagnostics Centre, Katpadi. Exposure visit under the Naan Mudalvan Scheme for the Government School students of the neighbourhood was organized. "Joy of Giving" was initiated

to mark the Christmas Celebration. NSS team contributed food packets and woollen scarfs to the street dwellers in the neighbourhood.

NSS Special Camp

Annual NSS Special Camp was held at T.K.Puram village from 9.12.2023 to 15.12.2023. A total



number of 250 Volunteers with 237 NSS Volunteers and 13 (Non- NSS) Village Volunteers and 5 NSS Programme Officers participated in the camp. NSS Skill Development Centre was instituted in Don Bosco Rural Centre, T.K.Puram. Various Community Development programme, awareness cultural programme, orientation programme for School Children, Mass Book Reading Campaign, Sky Watching, Free Medical Camp, Survey, Income Generating

Programme for Self Help Group women and camp field work were organized. Workshop on Folk Theatre, First AID, Leadership and Adolescent training programmes were conducted for the NSS Volunteers during the camp.

2022-2023

Innovation and Community Outreach- Auto Library

One of the most innovative initiatives of the year was the launch of the Auto Library Project on the birth anniversary of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, celebrated as National Students' Day. The project introduced small libraries in five auto-rickshaws to encourage reading habits among the public during short commutes. The initiative received wide media appreciation and community support, with voluntary book donations enhancing its impact.



Wall Painting in Female Prison

To celebrate the 75th year of Indian Independence, volunteers took part in a Freedom Rally organized by Thiruvalluvar University, followed by a cleanliness drive at the Vellore Fort premises. Additionally, 50 volunteers carried out Wall Painting at the Special Female Central Prison, Vellore, portraying themes of freedom struggle, women empowerment, and environmental awareness. The initiative served as art therapy for inmates and conveyed messages of hope and transformation.



Promoting Health, Environment and Social Awareness

In October 2022, the NSS Units organized the Swachh Bharat Clean India 2.0 Campaign in collaboration with Vellore Corporation Zone-1. More than 200 volunteers conducted an awareness rally in Katpadi and undertook cleaning activities along the Palar River Belt and Jagannathan Nagar Park. Approximately 35 kilograms of plastic waste were collected, reinforcing the volunteers' commitment to environmental sustainability.

The NSS Units also participated in the Marathon and Cycle Rally organized by Thiruvalluvar University.

Enlightening the Spirit of Patriotism

The NSS Units actively engaged in programmes commemorating India's freedom movement and national milestones. Nearly 250 volunteers participated in the commemoration of the Vellore Sepoy Revolt of 1806, organized by the Central Government and District Administration. Volunteers presented an art exhibition depicting the historic revolt, fostering historical awareness and patriotic spirit.

On National Constitutional Day (Samvidhan Divas), NSS volunteers read the Preamble of the Indian Constitution and participated in awareness activities. The NSS Unit also hosted the District Level National Children's Science Congress, encouraging scientific temper among school students and reinforcing constitutional values.

Academic and Intellectual Engagement

The NSS Units extended their activities into academic and policy discussions. During the NSS Day Celebration on 24 September 2022, outstanding social workers were honoured, and an audio-visual presentation of NSS activities inspired volunteers. A Conference on State Educational Policy, organized in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Science Forum, enabled students to interact with policy experts and contribute suggestions for the State Educational Policy draft.

In collaboration with the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), the NSS Units organized a Traditional Food Festival promoting millet-based and nutritious food. Over 150 traditional recipes were displayed, and competitions were conducted to encourage cultural diversity and awareness of healthy eating practices. The programme emphasized combating anaemia and promoting women's health.

Youth Representation at State and National Levels

The academic year witnessed remarkable achievements by NSS volunteers at State and National platforms. Ms. Sakeela represented Tamil Nadu at the Parliament House event commemorating National Unity Day (birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel).

Ms. Papeetha participated in the Pre-Republic Day Parade Training in Kerala and later in the State Republic Day Parade held in Chennai, earning recognition and accolades.

NSS Volunteers represented Thiruvalluvar University at the National Youth Festival held in Dharwad. Additionally, selection trials were conducted in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan for participation in national tribute events.

2021-2022

Heritage, Health and National Responsibility

The NSS Unit of Auxilium College has organized an online yoga demonstration of the volunteers to mark the International Yoga Day. An Art Exhibition was arranged in Tamil Nadu State Rural Development Building to commemorate the Vellore Sepoy Revolt, 1806. A mass cleaning campaign in Vellore Fort Museum was organized as part of Swachh Bharat Mission. 150 Saplings and 300 Palm seeds were planted in and around the college campus in collaboration with Rotract club to mark the Independence Day.

Corona Awareness Campaigns and Cultural Tour

NSS Unit of Auxilium College actively involved in various Corona Awareness Campaigns and arranged many Corona Vaccination Camps in the College premises as well as in the adopted villages. NSS Volunteers were also individually contributed their voluntary service in the Mega Corona Vaccination Camps organized by the District Administration. NSS Volunteers involved in door-to-door Corona Vaccination Campaign in various adopted villages in the KV Kuppam Block and reached out to more than 600 families and motivated the people to be vaccinated. The NSS Unit of Auxilium College organized an awareness drive on Corona Vaccination in various places in Vellore District to educate the public on the importance of Vaccination in fighting Corona virus. The awareness drive featured NSS volunteers depicting the power of Vaccination against COVID 19 with models and visual floats. The campaign was stationed in 12 different places in 5 Blocks in Vellore District.



Mr. P. Kumaravel Pandian, Honorable District Collector of Vellore District inaugurated the Campaign. He appreciated the NSS Unit for effectively organising the Corona Awareness

Campaign throughout the Vellore District and distributed certificates to the NSS team in the felicitation ceremony held in the college. NSS Volunteers also displayed a tableau on the importance of Vaccination in the Corona Vaccination Awareness Programme held at VIT which was presided over by Mr. M. Subramani, the most honourable Health Minister of Tamil Nadu State.

A Seven Day Annual NSS Special Camp for the year 2021-2022 was held at KV Kuppam Block from 8th April, 2022 to 14th April, 2022. 200 NSS Volunteers and 5 NSS Programme officers participated in the camp.

Women Empowerment Programme- Cyber Safety and Cancer Awareness “Hair for Hope” campaign

Awareness Programme on Cyber Safety and Security for Women was organized in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Police Department. Mega Book Exhibition and Art Display of the student were organized to mark the World Book Day in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Science Forum. NSS Unit initiated a “Hair Donation Drive” to donate hair for the cancer patient in collaboration with Adyar Cancer Institute and Exodus Export. Nearly 200 Volunteers participated and donated their hair for the clinically challenged



Flood Relief



Flood Relief and Reach-out Programme was initiated in the neighbourhood. Eatables, Sanitary Pads, and other basic amenities were distributed to the people affected by flood in the Katpadi Region. NSS Unit collaborated with District Educational Department and motivated the students to enrol as volunteers in “IllamThedi Kalvi”, an initiative of State Government of Tamil Nadu to establish evening coaching centres to bridge the learning gap among primary and upper primary school students due to the pandemic lockdown.

2020-2021

No lockdown for NSS Service

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Auxilium College actively carried out a wide range of extension and outreach programmes during the academic year 2020–2021, responding effectively to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing its commitment to community development.

During April–May 2020, the NSS Unit initiated the Corona Awareness Programme (CAP) through a dedicated WhatsApp platform NSS Special Cm to engage students in spreading awareness about COVID-19. Volunteers created posters, slogans, poems, cartoons, and videos to educate the public and promote responsible behavior. The initiative also provided a creative outlet for students to cope with lockdown stress while reaffirming their social responsibility.

Webinars

On June 19, 2020, a webinar on the Solar Eclipse was organized in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Science Forum to promote scientific temper among students. This was followed by the celebration of International Yoga Day (June 21) in association with the Youth Red Cross Unit, emphasizing holistic health and well-being through a virtual yoga demonstration.

In November 2020, a webinar on “Status of Women in Contemporary Society: Challenges and Threats” addressed issues related to women’s rights, laws, and social empowerment.

SMS contest

To commemorate the historic Vellore Sepoy Revolt, an SMS contest titled “My Vellore” was conducted from July 9–11 in collaboration with literary and social organizations. Students shared insights about Vellore’s heritage, culture, and freedom fighters, fostering local historical awareness.

Green Workshop

A major highlight of the year was the Green Workshop conducted from August 15 to September 24, 2020, in collaboration with Arivuthodam, an organic farming association. The workshop aimed to transform students into “Green Ambassadors” by training them in roof and kitchen gardening.



The programme included seven structured online sessions, hands-on training, group activities, and continuous follow-up. More than 100 students participated and developed home gardens during the lockdown. The valedictory function was held on NSS Day, reinforcing the importance of sustainable living.

Book Giveaway

The NSS Unit also organized a Book Giveaway Drive, distributing over 2000 books to rural night schools, children's homes, and after-care institutions, ensuring continued learning support for underprivileged children during the pandemic.

NSS Activities Promoting Civic Responsibility, Youth Engagement and Scientific Awareness

The Unit observed National Constitutional Day (November 26) by reading the Preamble and taking the Constitutional pledge through the MyGov portal. In December, Dr. P.R. Amutha served as District Nodal Officer for competitions related to the National Youth Festival, coordinating multiple cultural events online. Students also participated in the State Level Youth Parliament.

In January 2021, the NSS Unit organized a Road Safety Awareness Bike Rally in collaboration with the Katpadi Traffic Control Department to promote helmet usage. An Orientation Programme for NSS Volunteers was conducted in February, motivating over 350 participants to uphold NSS values.

NSS volunteers actively served during the COVID-19 Vaccination Camp in March 2021 and played a crucial role in promoting 100% electoral participation through awareness campaigns, art exhibitions, and pledge-taking initiatives. Eighty-three volunteers rendered service during the Legislative Assembly Election in Katpadi Constituency.

The year concluded with the observance of Zero Shadow Day in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Science Forum, encouraging scientific curiosity.



Despite pandemic restrictions, the NSS Unit of Auxilium College demonstrated resilience, innovation, and unwavering commitment to community service, empowering students to become socially responsible citizens dedicated to nation-building.

2019-2020

Commencement and Commemoration

On the same day, International Yoga Day was observed in collaboration with the NCC unit, with 200 volunteers participating enthusiastically. The formal inauguration of the NSS units was held on 10 July 2019, along with the commemoration of the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny and an orientation on the National Education Policy 2019.

Environmental initiatives- Reforestation Drive



Environmental initiatives were a major highlight of the year. A Reforestation Drive under Jal Shakti Abhiyan was organized in July 2019 in association with Abdul Kalam ManavarMunetra Seva Sangam. Around 500 saplings were distributed to students in memory of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, and “Green Ambassador Cards” were issued to monitor plant growth. During the Swachh Bharat Fortnight (1–14 August), volunteers cleaned the college campus, Vellore Fort Temple, and a Government Primary

School, spreading awareness on cleanliness. A rally on Rainwater Harvesting and Water Conservation was also conducted with 100 volunteers participating.

Health and Social Awareness Programmes

Health and social awareness programmes were consistently organized. The “Hair for Hope” campaign in collaboration with Adyar Cancer Institute witnessed 166 students donating hair for cancer patients. TB Awareness and Prevention programmes were conducted with the District TB Control Department, promoting the Government’s mission to eradicate TB by 2030. World AIDS Day was marked with a rally, and World Cancer Day was observed during the special camp with awareness rallies, motivational sessions, and book exhibitions.

Skill Development and Empowerment Activities

Skill development and empowerment activities formed another key focus. A Solar Lamp Workshop was organized in collaboration with IIT Bombay, where 105 volunteers assembled 50 solar lamps, 15 of which were donated to rural children. Workshops on Gender Sensitization and Child Abuse were conducted with AID India, along with demonstrations of the Women Safety SOS App by police personnel.



Fit India Movement

The NSS unit actively supported national initiatives such as the Fit India Movement, organizing walkathons and encouraging physical fitness. Volunteers also participated in road safety awareness programmes, National Voters Day, and Child Rights Protection rallies. One volunteer represented the college at the National Youth Festival held in Lucknow, bringing recognition to the institution.

NSS Special Camp

The Annual Special Camp was conducted from 2–8 February 2020 at K.V. Kuppam village. The camp included rural surveys on women's literacy and sanitation, cancer awareness rallies, dental camps, women empowerment programmes, financial literacy sessions, leadership training, organic farming awareness, and youth parliament discussions. Volunteers also assessed reading skills in government schools, organized competitions for rural women, and promoted road safety through rallies. The camp concluded with a valedictory function and the distribution of certificates.

2018-2019

Electoral Campaign

NSS Unit has arranged for the Electoral Awareness Campaign and the computerized centre was established in the college campus to mobilize the e- electoral enrollment. The process of enrollment in the electoral rolls was monitored by the NSS Programme Officers, Electoral Nodal Officers and the Student Ambassadors.

- ✚ NSS Unit has arranged for the Electoral Awareness Campaign and the computerized centre was established in the college campus to mobilize the e- electoral enrollment.

Nearly 2000 young voters have been enrolled.

- ✚ Students participated in competitions on electoral awareness and won state level first prize in jingles. January 25th - NSS Volunteers, Ms. Ummara Mariyam and Ms. Susan from III BA English has won the first place and the cash award of Rs. 10000 from the Chief Election Commissioner, Govt.
- ✚ NSS volunteers of our college participated on a walkathon regarding electoral awareness.
- ✚ Election awareness campaign was organized in the college campus with the presence of District Collector, Mr. S.A.Raman. A formation on 100 % vote was made by the students.

Kerala Flood Relief

The NSS unit has initiated to collect relief materials from the college students to support the Kerala Flood disaster. The materials collected is been sent to QAF (Quick Action Force) a youth voluntary organization associated with Kerala Relief work.

Green project-one lakh Seed Balls preparation: The NSS Unit of Auxilium College in collaboration with Samarpanan Trust has initiated a green- project with a target of one lakh 'Seed Balls' every year. The project was launched on Sep 24th which is being celebrated as the NSS Day.



AID- India and Eureka Foundation

80 NSS Volunteers were been trained under “Skill Based Developmental Training Programme” by the expertise of AID India and Eureka Foundation. Mr. S. Kumaran, Coordinator of Eureka Foundation severed as the resource person. The Trained NSS Volunteers were sent to K.V. Kuppan Block- NSS adopted village to assess the night school children of AID India. The programme was scheduled for 2 days with a target of 40 village school centers.

District youth parliament

The NSS unit of the college being the nodal institution has organized district level youth parliament with 70 young participants and Jothi priya, student from Auxilium College was selected for the National Youth Parliament held at Delhi. Dr.Amutha Arokiya Mary has been appointed as the nodal officer for the Vellore District Youth Parliament.

Swachh Bharat Internship

As part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, NSS volunteers actively participated in a Swachh Bharat Internship programme aimed at promoting cleanliness and hygiene in rural and urban communities. Volunteers educated residents about personal hygiene, proper waste disposal, and the harmful effects of open defecation. The internship provided hands-on experience to students, instilling social responsibility and civic sense while contributing meaningfully to national development.

Dengu Awareness Campaign

As a preventive health measure, Nilavembu Kudineer, a traditional Siddha herbal decoction recommended by the Ministry of AYUSH for immunity and fever management, was prepared and distributed to college students and the general public.

Installation of Bus Timing Board – Annual Special Camp at Jawadhi Hills

During the NSS Annual Special Camp held at Jawadhi Hills, volunteers identified the lack of proper bus schedule information as a major inconvenience for local residents. To address this issue, a Bus Timing Board was designed and installed at a prominent public location.

The board clearly displayed bus timings, routes, and important travel information, benefiting students, daily wage workers, and the general public. This small yet impactful initiative improved accessibility and convenience for the rural community.

2017-2018

Commemoration of the Historic Vellore Mutiny

To commemorate the historic Vellore Mutiny NSS volunteers joined hands with the NCC unit to organize a massive human chain from Katpadi Roundtana to Odai pillayar Bus Stop. Around 500 NSS volunteers and 100 NCC cadets participated, paying tribute to the martyrs and promoting patriotism.

SwachhtaPakhwara

The NSS unit actively observed ‘Swachhta Pakhwara’ organizing mass cleaning drives and awareness campaigns at Katpadi Railway Junction. Volunteers worked alongside railway officials and health inspectors to promote cleanliness and hygiene.

Inauguration of the Green Corner

Further strengthening environmental commitment, the NSS unit inaugurated a ‘Green Corner’ in association with a Women’s Self-Help Group from Kavasampet.

Empowering Women and Protecting Children

An outreach programme on “Child Safety and Rescue” was conducted at Katpadi Railway Station under Operation Muskaan, in collaboration with railway authorities and an NGO. Volunteers distributed pamphlets to help the public identify and assist lost children. NSS Day was observed with a human chain campaign on the theme “Cleanliness is Service.”

The Silver Jubilee of the National Commission for Women was commemorated on 23 January 2018 with rallies, poster presentations, and a legal awareness session led by a social activist and advocate. National Voters Day (25 January 2018) was also celebrated in collaboration with the district administration.

Joy of Giving

The ‘Joy of Giving’ initiative reflected the volunteers’ compassion as they distributed food to the needy along with the basic amenities and additionally visited patients in government hospitals and helped the community to visit eye camps. Their collective efforts brought hope and support to many individuals, reinforcing the spirit of kindness and social responsibility.



Annual NSS Special Camp

The Annual Special Camp was held at the Don Bosco Tribal Centre, Jamunamarathur, Jawadhi Hills, under the theme “Youth for Cleanliness.” A total of 250 campers, covering five tribal villages and six schools. Activities included sanitation drives, health awareness programmes, educational support, and community interaction.

The year concluded with the NSS Valedictory and Leadership Training Programme in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Science Forum. The Young Woman Achiever Award was presented to a young philanthropist in recognition of her social contribution.



2016-2017

Clean India Fortnight Celebration

In connection with Vision of Fortnight Celebration an orientation programme was organized in collaboration with District Administration. Mr. S.A.Raman, honourable district collector of Vellore presided over the function. Dr. Suresh Director District Health Department and Mr. Manogar Singh, Joint Director, Rural Development delivered the key- address.

Youth Awakening Day

The NSS Unit of Auxilium College in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club- Gudiyathan and Samarpanam Trust, Vellore has celebrated the birthday of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the former President of India as Youth Awakening Day on 15th October in the college premises. The orientation programme and distribution of saplings was organized to commemorate Dr. Kalam's birthday.

Constitutional Day Celebration

26th of November is been observed as the “Constitution Day”, which is also known as Samvidhan Divas, to promote constitutional values among citizens. The NSS Unit of Auxilium College is proposed to collaborate with Audacious Dream Foundation in Samvidhan - The Jagrik Project. 30 NSS Volunteers are involved in this project. This project is typically based on capacity building, orientation and imparting knowledge on Indian Constitution using innovative components and participatory methods to gain practical experience and social exposure. The students involved in

this project are assigned with a task of field work in their own area, over six weeks to develop a Jagrik report card (the citizens performance rating on keeping the Samvidhan alive), and as well as their observations and recommendations which they can share in the forthcoming regional and nationwide public events to be organized by the foundation. The prime focus of this programme is to give the youth the better understanding on Indian socio- political system and to make them the best citizens.

NSS Conference on “Empower youth to Empower the Nation”

The NSS Unit has organized a conference on “Empower Youth to Empower India” and an award ceremony was also organized as part of the conference. Dr. P.R. Amutha, NSS Programme Officer, has proposed the welcome address. Dr. S. Rajasekeran, State Liaison Officer, Tamil Nadu State NSS Cell, presided over the conference. Dr. (Sr.). Eugini Fatima Mary, Principal, Auxilium College has delivered the inaugural address. Ms. P. Sivagami, IAS, writer and political activist and Mr. Samas, Centre- Page Editor, The Hindu, Chennai served as the resource persons. Dr. M. Senthil Kumar, NSS Programme coordinator gave his felicitations

2015-2016

Commemoration of the Vellore Sepoy Revolt

The NSS Unit organized a programme to commemorate the Vellore Sepoy Revolt of 1806 in collaboration with a literary organization. The programme highlighted the historical significance of the revolt as an important event in India’s freedom struggle. Cultural programmes were conducted by students and an Art Exhibition portraying the significance of the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny was organized. Books related to the historical event were also distributed to volunteers to create awareness about the nation’s heritage.

Educational Programmes and Awareness Initiatives

Various programmes were organized to create awareness among students on social and environmental issues. An Orientation Programme for NSS volunteers emphasized the importance of service activities and encouraged students to contribute to building a clean and better society. Programmes were also organized to commemorate national leaders and to celebrate Communal Harmony and National Integration Week, during which competitions such as elocution and essay writing were conducted.

Health and Social Awareness Programmes

Several awareness programmes addressing social and health issues were conducted during the year. World Suicide Prevention Day was observed through an analytical discussion on the causes of suicide among youth. Questionnaires were circulated among volunteers to study awareness levels and attitudes related to suicide prevention. Students also performed street plays to spread awareness about suicide prevention. A Dengue Awareness Programme was conducted and NSS volunteers participated in cleaning the college campus to maintain a hygienic environment.



Community Service and Social Responsibility

NSS volunteers actively engaged in community service initiatives. A three-day College Bazaar was organized in collaboration with the District Women Welfare Department to support women entrepreneurs by displaying and selling products made by self-help groups. The NSS volunteers also responded to social needs by assisting in the rescue of a destitute elderly woman and ensuring that she was taken to a shelter home for care and protection.

Civic Awareness and National Participation

The NSS Unit organized several programmes to promote civic responsibility among students. Around 300 NSS volunteers participated in a rally organized by the district administration to commemorate the birth anniversary of a national leader, which had been declared as Students' Day. The rally was conducted from Gandhi Mandapam to the Collector Office. National Voters Day was also observed with a rally organized in collaboration with the Katpadi Taluk Office to highlight the importance of voting rights and democratic participation. NSS volunteers also took the National Voters Day pledge.

Training Programmes and Institutional Participation

NSS programme officers participated in Level I and Level II training programmes on WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) organized at the Collectorate by a development initiative foundation. Awareness programmes were also organized in collaboration with the district administration to educate students on responsible financial investments and the risks associated with unauthorized financial agencies, during which short films were screened to enhance awareness.

Annual NSS Special Camp



The Annual NSS Special Camp was organized at Kangeyanellur Village under the theme "Healthy Youth for Healthy India." Around 250 NSS volunteers from five units participated in the camp. Volunteers were divided into groups and conducted surveys in the village using participatory rural appraisal methods to study socio-economic conditions, sanitation facilities, school dropouts, rainwater harvesting practices and maternal health care.

Community Development and Camp Activities

During the special camp, volunteers conducted various community development activities including sanitation awareness programmes, literacy campaigns, personality development sessions, herbal medicine exhibitions, voter awareness campaigns and programmes on health and hygiene for women. Activities such as environmental enrichment programmes, skill development sessions, games and recreational activities for school children and promotion of traditional folk arts and games were also organized.

2014–2015

Skill Development Programme – Workshop on Siddha System of Medicine and Herbal Plants

The NSS Unit of Auxilium College organized a Five-Day Skill Development Workshop on Siddha System of Medicine and Herbal Plants in collaboration with traditional Siddha medical organizations. The workshop was conducted for 400 NSS volunteers in three batches. Each batch attended five days of sessions including theory classes, practical demonstrations, learning of mudras and identification of herbal plants. An exhibition of herbal plants was conducted every day to help students identify medicinal plants. The workshop provided an opportunity for students to learn about the traditional Tamil system of medicine and its relevance to healthy living. On the final day, a competition on identifying herbal plants was organized for the participants.



Commemoration of the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny 1806



To commemorate the historic Vellore Sepoy Mutiny of 1806, the NSS Unit organized a programme on 10 July 2014. As part of the commemoration, a Human Chain and Art Exhibition were organized. These activities created awareness among students about the historical significance of the event and encouraged a sense of patriotism and respect for the freedom struggle.

Educational and Awareness Programmes

Several educational and social awareness programmes were organized during the year. A Book Exhibition was conducted in collaboration with a publishing house from 19 August to 22 August 2014



to promote reading habits among students. An Awareness Programme on Bonded Labour was organized in collaboration with a human rights organization where issues related to bonded labour were discussed through case studies. The programme also initiated plans to involve NSS volunteers in collecting data and supporting rehabilitation programmes related to bonded labour in the Vellore locality.

Health Awareness and Civic Responsibility Programmes



NSS volunteers actively participated in several public health and civic awareness initiatives. Volunteers rendered service in Pulse Polio Camps at the Katpadi Municipal Office and conducted door-to-door awareness campaigns encouraging parents to administer polio drops to children aged between one and five years. In addition, a Voters Day Awareness Rally was organized in collaboration with the Katpadi

Taluk Office to emphasize the importance of voting and democratic participation.

Service Activities and Field Visits

NSS volunteers undertook several service activities and field visits to promote community welfare. Volunteers participated in street cleaning, temple cleaning and environmental sanitation programmes in places such as Kaniyambadi, Kazhunjur, Anaicut, Walajapet, Ozhughur, Virinchipuram and Karnampet. Awareness programmes and community service activities were conducted in nearby villages and institutions. Volunteers also organized games and awareness programmes for children at charitable institutions. Educational support activities such as teaching programmes for school students were conducted at schools in the locality. In addition, volunteers participated in cleaning drives and environmental awareness activities in villages such as K.V. Kuppam.

2013–2014

Awareness Programmes and Educational Initiatives

The NSS Unit of Auxilium College organized several programmes to create awareness and promote social responsibility among students. An Art Exhibition was conducted to commemorate the 1806 Vellore Sepoy Mutiny in collaboration with a writers' forum. An Awareness Programme on Phylexia was organized in collaboration with the Department of Regional Health Care to educate students about health issues. NSS volunteers also participated in the Independence Day celebrations at Thiruvalluvar University, where students took part in various cultural programmes.

Communal Harmony and National Integration Activities

The National Integration Week was celebrated with various programmes based on the theme of national unity. Competitions such as poster presentation, poetry writing and slogan writing were organized to encourage students to express their ideas on national integration. Saplings were planted as part of the celebration to promote environmental awareness. Students also took the

National Integration Day oath and NSS volunteers paid homage to the national leaders who contributed to the unity of the nation.

Health and Civic Awareness Activities

NSS volunteers actively participated in public health and civic awareness initiatives. Around 30 NSS volunteers participated in the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme conducted at the Gandhinagar Panchayat Office. About 50 NSS volunteers participated in the World AIDS Day rally organized by the District Collectorate to create awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention. National Voters Day was also celebrated with a rally organized in collaboration with the District Collectorate focusing on the theme “Responsibility of a Good Citizen and Right to Vote.” The programme concluded with students taking the Voters Day pledge.



Annual NSS Special Camp

The Annual NSS Special Camp was organized at K.V. Kuppam under the theme “Healthy Youth for Healthy India.” The camp activities focused on important issues such as construction of a model rainwater harvesting structure, sanitation and microbial analysis of water in the adopted villages including P.K. Puram, Chennangkuppam, Kosavanputtur, Kavasampet and Kavanoor. Awareness programmes and rallies were conducted to educate villagers about the importance of

rainwater harvesting and environmental conservation. Students presented posters for World yoga Day which highlighted the importance of yoga.

Health Camps and Community Development Activities

Several health camps were organized during the year for the benefit of the community. A Free Eye Camp and Diabetes Diagnosis Camp was conducted for the villagers during the special camp. NSS volunteers also organized games and competitions for women and children in the adopted villages and prizes were distributed to the winners. Volunteers undertook a field visit to the Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs (RUSHA) at K.V. Kuppam to understand rural health and development initiatives. In addition, a Free Eye Camp and Dental Camp was organized in the college in collaboration with medical institutions.



Achievements and Recognition

The NSS Unit achieved significant recognition when a volunteer from the college participated in the Republic Day Parade held in New Delhi and received certificates from the President of India.

This achievement brought pride to the institution and highlighted the active involvement and dedication of NSS volunteers in national level programmes.

2012–2013

Seminars, Workshops and Leadership Programmes



The NSS Unit of Auxilium College organized several academic and leadership-oriented programmes during the year. An Art Exhibition was conducted to commemorate the 1806 Vellore Sepoy Mutiny, highlighting the historical significance of the event. An Inter-Collegiate Workshop for Leaders titled “Every Child Can” was organized in collaboration with an educational foundation, bringing together NSS programme officers, leaders from various colleges, and representatives from voluntary organizations. The workshop focused on leadership development and the role of youth in educational and social progress. In addition, a

Leadership Training Programme for Young Women Leaders was conducted to encourage young women to take active roles in leadership and social development.

Awareness and Social Education Programmes

Several awareness programmes were conducted addressing important social and health issues. An Awareness Programme on Suicide Prevention was organized during Suicide Awareness Week to highlight mental health concerns among youth. A Rubella Vaccination Awareness Programme was organized in collaboration with a service organization to educate students about preventive health care. The NSS unit also organized an Anti-Ragging Rally in collaboration with the police department to promote a safe and respectful campus environment. A Dengue Awareness Rally organized by the State Health Department witnessed the participation of around 200 NSS volunteers, who raised slogans to promote environmental cleanliness and mosquito control.

Community Outreach and Service Activities

NSS volunteers actively participated in community service initiatives throughout the year. Regular weekly coaching classes were conducted for children in the adopted villages to support their education. NSS volunteers also participated in the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme conducted at the Gandhi Nagar Panchayat Office. Around 200 NSS volunteers participated in an Energy Conservation Awareness Rally organized by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board to promote responsible use of energy resources



Communal Harmony and National Integration Activities

The NSS unit organized several programmes to promote communal harmony and national integration. The Communal Harmony and National Integration Week was observed with competitions and activities based on themes such as minority welfare, empowerment of weaker sections and women, and conservation of environmental resources. Competitions including poster presentation, singing and dance were conducted highlighting the theme of national integration. Students also took the National Integration Day oath and paid homage to the national leaders who contributed to the unity of the nation. A documentary film addressing social injustice faced by oppressed sections of society was screened followed by a discussion with students.

Civic Awareness and Democratic Participation

The NSS unit celebrated National Voters Day to promote democratic participation among youth. NSS volunteers enacted a street play titled "My Vote, My Future", followed by a debate on the topic "Is Voting a Right or Responsibility?". The programme concluded with students taking the Voters Day pledge, emphasizing the importance of responsible participation in democratic processes.

Annual NSS Special Camp

The Annual NSS Special Camp was organized in K.V. Kuppam Block under the theme "Healthy Youth for Healthy India." The camp activities focused on promoting awareness about health, sanitation and education in the adopted villages including P.K. Puram, Kavasampat, Maachanoor, Chennanguppam and Kavanoor. During the camp, a Diabetes Awareness Programme and diagnostic camp was organized for villagers. A programme on the role of youth in constructive social change was conducted to motivate young people to participate in social development activities. A mobile book exhibition was organized in the villages to encourage reading habits and promote education.

Health Camps and Rural Development Activities

Several health camps were organized for the benefit of the villagers during the special camp. A Free Asthma and Diabetes Detection Camp was conducted in collaboration with medical professionals, providing health check-ups for villagers. NSS volunteers also organized games and competitions for school children, and winners were awarded prizes. Volunteers visited a fruit and vegetable processing centre and interacted with women self-help group entrepreneurs to understand rural livelihood initiatives.



National Celebrations and Field Visits



To mark the 66th Independence Day, the pictures of local freedom fighters were unveiled at the Panchayat Office in the adopted village. NSS volunteers also undertook a field visit to a rural health and social affairs unit, where they learned about community health services and rural development initiatives. The special camp concluded with a valedictory programme reviewing the activities conducted during the week. Volunteers visited KYC agricultural University to better understand

crop cultivation and soil management.

2011-2012

Seminars, Workshops and Leadership Training



The NSS Unit of Auxilium College organized an International Seminar on “Redefining Media to Foster Cultural Harmony and World Peace” as part of the National Integration and Communal Harmony celebrations. The seminar aimed to promote understanding among young people about the constructive role of media in fostering cultural harmony and global peace. Renowned media professionals participated as resource persons and shared their experiences with the students. In addition,

the NSS Unit organized a Legal Awareness Programme highlighting the legal rights of women and the constitutional provisions supporting women’s empowerment. A Workshop on Gender Sensitization titled “Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women through Education” was also organized in collaboration with international and national organizations, where students

interacted with women entrepreneurs and members of self-help groups. A Leadership Training Programme was conducted in collaboration with a foundation organization to enhance the leadership skills of students and to motivate them to participate actively in social activities.

National and International Participation

NSS volunteers actively participated in several national and international programmes during the year. Students represented the NSS Unit at the International Youth Fest, Cultural and Homestay Programme held in Mizoram. Another volunteer represented the college at the National Integration Camp conducted at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. These programmes provided the volunteers with opportunities to interact with participants from different regions and to promote national integration and cultural exchange.

Health and Social Welfare Programmes

Several health-related initiatives were organized for students and the community. The NSS Unit organized an HB testing camp for college students in collaboration with voluntary organizations, and students diagnosed with anemia were provided with iron tablets. The Red Ribbon Club organized an Adolescent Training Programme titled “Celebrating Life” for volunteers. A Health Care Camp for truck drivers was also organized in collaboration with the Youth Red Cross Unit and a human rights organization, where drivers underwent general health check-ups including tests for diabetes, blood pressure and eye examinations.

Community Service and Social Outreach



NSS volunteers actively engaged in community service activities throughout the year. Around 50 NSS volunteers rendered service at the Government Hospital in Adukamparai by cleaning the hospital premises. Volunteers also offered voluntary service in several social service institutions such as homes for the aged, orphanages, refugee camps, boarding schools and charitable homes. These activities helped volunteers develop a sense of social responsibility

and compassion towards marginalized communities.

Annual NSS Special Camp and Rural Development Activities

The Annual NSS Special Camp was organized in villages of the K.V. Kuppam Block, including Kavasampet, Muthimanpet, P.K. Puram, Pилanthipet and Kavanoor. During the camp, NSS volunteers conducted a Participatory Rural Appraisal to study the village structure and collected data on school dropouts, unemployed youth and pregnant women. Volunteers carried out several community service activities such as cleaning the premises of panchayat schools and temples and planting saplings in the villages. Awareness programmes were conducted on women’s empowerment, literacy, environmental pollution, health and hygiene. Competitions, games, baby contests and cultural programmes were also organized for women and school children.

Health Camps and Agricultural Exposure



As part of the special camp, NSS volunteers visited the Krishi Vigyan Kendra Agricultural University to gain knowledge about agricultural practices. A Free Dental Medical Camp was organized for the villagers with the support of a dental clinic, benefiting more than 150 people including school students and the general public. In addition, a Free General Medical Camp was conducted in association with the District Health Department where

villagers underwent medical examinations for diabetes, blood pressure, HB level, ECG and eye check-up. Scanning services were also provided for pregnant women, and nearly 1000 villagers benefited from the medical camp.

2010–2011

National Events and Commemorative Programmes

The NSS unit organized programmes to commemorate the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny, honoring the freedom fighters of Vellore District. A human chain was also organized at the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny memorial to pay homage to the martyrs. In connection with these programmes, a petition was submitted to the District Collector requesting recognition of the Vellore Sepoy Revolt as the first war of Indian Independence, opening of historic monuments within the Vellore Fort for public access, and conservation and maintenance of the Palar river bed.



Awareness Programmes and Social Education

Various seminars and awareness programmes were organized throughout the year. To mark World Population Day, a seminar on population control was conducted in collaboration with the District Family Welfare Centre. A seminar on the Right to Information Act was also organized with resource persons from the police department, field publicity office and the legal profession, who interacted with the students on the importance of transparency and citizens' rights. Awareness programmes were also conducted in the adopted villages on tuberculosis prevention, where

information regarding government health schemes and preventive measures was shared with the villagers.



Communal Harmony and National Integration Activities

The NSS unit observed Sadhbhavana Diwas to promote communal harmony and national integration by administering the pledge during the morning assembly. To mark Communal Harmony and National Integration Week, several competitions such as essay writing, poetry writing, short story writing, logo designing and street play competitions were organized for students. These activities encouraged students to reflect on themes related to unity, peace and

national integration.

Health and Social Welfare Programmes

Several health-related programmes were organized for students and villagers. An awareness programme on tuberculosis was conducted in the adopted villages in collaboration with the Field Publicity Office and the Health Department. NSS volunteers also participated in a seminar on suicide prevention organized in collaboration with the District Health Department and an NGO working in the field of mental health awareness.

Environmental and Adventure Activities

The NSS volunteers participated in trekking activities in the Sathuvachari hills, where they explored the mountain fort, sowed seeds and planted saplings as part of efforts to promote environmental conservation and make the city greener. An Electricity Conservation Rally was also organized in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board to create awareness on energy conservation among the public.

Village Outreach and Community Service

Regular village visits were conducted throughout the year. NSS volunteers organized coaching classes for school students in the adopted villages and also conducted pre-examination orientation programmes for students appearing for government examinations. Volunteers also participated in various community service activities such as campus cleaning and supporting social service programmes organized in collaboration with voluntary organizations.

National Programmes and Civic Participation

NSS volunteers actively participated in programmes promoting civic responsibility. Around 500 volunteers participated in a human chain organized to mark National Voters Day, highlighting the importance of voting and greater participation for a stronger democracy. NSS volunteers also conducted essay writing, elocution and slogan writing competitions in connection with National Voters Day. As part of election awareness activities, volunteers carried out door-to-door campaigns in nearby areas and performed street plays to create awareness about voting rights.

Social Service and Women Development Activities

NSS volunteers rendered their service in programmes related to women development and social empowerment. Activities were organized in collaboration with organizations working for women's welfare. International Women's Day was celebrated in the college through talks and poster presentations. The celebration was extended through outreach programmes with inmates of the women's prison in collaboration with a social service organization.

Recognition and NSS Achievements

During the College Day celebration, Best NSS Volunteer Awards were presented to deserving volunteers from each NSS unit for their outstanding contribution and service. The NSS activities of the academic year were consolidated and evaluated by the volunteers, and a valedictory function was organized where certificates were distributed to final-year NSS volunteers who had completed the required hours of service.

NSS Special Camp

The seven-day NSS Special Camp was conducted at Kaniyambadi Panchayat Union under the theme "Healthy Youth for Healthy India." During the camp, a veterinary camp was organized for village farmers where cattle were examined and farmers were educated on artificial insemination for dairy animals. An awareness programme on natural farming was also conducted and soil samples were collected from the villages for testing. A diabetes screening and counselling programme was organized for the villagers with the support of a medical team. Villagers underwent screening tests and were provided counselling on preventive measures and healthy living. A baby contest and a talk on nutrition and diet for women and children were also conducted during the camp. A free general medical camp was organized for the villagers, where many people underwent medical examination and received medicines. An awareness programme on global warming was also conducted to educate villagers on environmental protection and sustainable practices.



2009-2010

Training, Participation and Skill Development

NSS volunteers actively participated in various training and development programmes during the year. A volunteer attended a National Level Camp at Sriperumbudur Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Development, organized by NSS and NYKS. Programme officers also participated in training and orientation programmes conducted at TORC, Chennai. An orientation programme for students was conducted highlighting the role and responsibility of youth in social transformation. Folk arts training was organized for students for ten days, where they learned traditional folk dances such as Thappattam and Oyilattam through the SaaraalKalaiKuzhu.

Community Service and Village Outreach



Regular village visits formed an important part of the NSS activities. Volunteers frequently visited the adopted villages and conducted coaching classes for school students. NSS volunteers also engaged in campus cleaning activities and continued their regular service programmes in the villages. During the Annual Seven-Day NSS Special Camp, volunteers worked in adopted villages including Vanjur, Senur, T.K. Puram, Thirumani and UnnamalaiSamuthiram, carrying out various community development activities.

Social Awareness and Public Health Programmes

Several awareness programmes were organized for students and the community. NSS conducted an awareness programme on suicide prevention, emphasizing the need for self-confidence among youth and addressing issues related to depression. A seminar on herbal medicine was conducted in collaboration with the field publicity office and traditional Siddha medical centre, where an exhibition on herbal products and demonstrations on preparing simple herbal medicines were arranged. NSS volunteers also organized a World Literacy Day awareness programme through street plays to highlight the importance of education for all.



Health, Welfare and Women Development Programmes

NSS organized programmes focusing on health awareness and women's welfare. Breastfeeding Week was celebrated in collaboration with a service organization to educate women students on the importance of breastfeeding. A Young Women's Club was formed in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra to encourage leadership and social responsibility among young women. In addition, a Counselling, Training and Guidance Centre was established in the adopted village in collaboration with the Don Bosco Rural Development Centre to support community development initiatives.

National Integration and Social Awareness Activities

NSS volunteers actively participated in programmes promoting national unity and social awareness. National Integration Day was observed and competitions such as poster making, essay writing and elocution were organized during the National Integration Week. NSS volunteers also participated in a World AIDS Day rally, organized in collaboration with NCC and an NGO working for transgender welfare. Awareness activities and rallies were conducted to promote health education and social responsibility.

Celebrations, Cultural Activities and Social Service

The NSS unit celebrated the Joy of Giving Week as part of the NSS Ruby Jubilee celebrations. Students collected and distributed essential items such as food packets, clothes and stationery to the needy people in nearby areas. Volunteers also performed cultural programmes including traditional folk dances like Thappattam and Oyilattam. Documentary films produced by students were screened and awards were given to the participants.

Surveys, Community Studies and Achievements

NSS volunteers undertook several community-oriented studies and service projects. A survey on school dropouts, unemployed youth and pregnant women in the adopted villages was conducted and the consolidated report and statistics were submitted to the concerned authorities. A special study of the remote Panchayat Union area of Colorpalayam was also carried out, and a petition highlighting the problems and needs of the village was submitted to the District Collector along with the consolidated report of the special camp.

2008-2009

The academic year began after the summer holidays with NSS activities commencing with great enthusiasm and vigour. Programme officers participated in a ten-day orientation programme conducted by TORC, Chennai.

Community Service and Village Outreach

NSS volunteers continued their regular service in the adopted villages through various outreach activities. Volunteers conducted coaching classes for school-going children in the adopted areas. Around five NSS units rendered service to adopted villages such as Vanjur, Senur, Thirumani, T.K. Puram and UnnamalaiSamudhiram. A special camp for the year 2008–2009 was conducted in which around 200 NSS volunteers along with programme officers visited the adopted villages and carried out community development activities.



Social Awareness and Public Service Programmes

Several social awareness programmes were organized throughout the year. A rally against the use of plastics and environmental pollution was conducted with the participation of 150 NSS volunteers. NSS volunteers also participated in a rally on population control organized in collaboration with the district administration. A programme on AIDS awareness was conducted by the Red Ribbon Club to educate young students about health and preventive measures. In connection with World AIDS Day, NSS volunteers visited the female prison and presented street plays, mime shows, awareness songs and cultural programmes to spread awareness. An oath on national integrity was also taken at the end of the programme.

Health and Welfare Activities



Health awareness and welfare programmes formed an important part of the NSS activities during the year. A free eye camp was organized in collaboration with a hospital to provide eye care services. Breastfeeding Week was celebrated to

educate women students on the importance of breastfeeding. A programme related to adolescent health and AIDS awareness was also organized to create awareness among youth about health issues.

Environmental and National Events

Various programmes were organized to promote environmental awareness and national values. On Independence Day, a mass tree plantation programme was organized in collaboration with NCC and national flags were distributed across the campus. NSS volunteers also participated in programmes to promote environmental protection and awareness regarding pollution. In connection with National Integration Day, volunteers visited the male prison in Vellore where they performed mime shows, awareness songs and traditional dance performances to promote unity and national integration among prisoners.

Educational and Cultural Activities

Students actively participated in several inter-collegiate academic and cultural activities. A state-level inter-collegiate seminar on “Alternate Media” was organized in which more than 300 students from different colleges participated. Experts from the field of media, documentary film and journalism conducted discussions and screened documentary films followed by interactive sessions. NSS volunteers also participated in inter-collegiate essay writing and poetry writing competitions conducted in English, Tamil and Hindi. The results were announced with participation from many colleges and students of the institution secured prizes in these competitions.

National Integration and Communal Harmony Programmes

To promote communal harmony and national integration, various activities were organized during the Communal Harmony and National Integration Week. Programmes included discussions on social harmony, competitions and cultural events. A singing competition was conducted on the theme of the role of women in today’s society. In addition, a monograph titled “Towards Harmony”, containing selected poems and essays from the inter-collegiate competition conducted during the communal harmony week, was published.

Student Participation and Competitions

NSS volunteers actively participated in youth festivals and inter-collegiate competitions organized in the college and other institutions. Students also took part in portrait and painting competitions based on themes related to global development goals and secured prizes. In addition, volunteers attended programmes organized in connection with World Women’s Day, where various competitions and awareness activities were conducted in collaboration with government departments and health officials.

2007-2008

Community Service and Village Outreach

NSS volunteers actively participated in community service activities throughout the year. Around 100 volunteers were divided into groups and assigned to adopted villages such as T.K. Puram, Vanjur, Senur



and Thirumanipuram, they conducted coaching classes for school-going children and dropouts in several study centers. Regular village visits were organized, and volunteers continued their educational support programmes in the villages. Campus cleaning activities were also carried out to promote volunteers as part of their development of community service.

Health Awareness and Social Welfare Programmes

Several awareness programmes were organized for students and the public. An Adolescent Training Programme was conducted for NSS volunteers and members of the Red Ribbon Club to educate students about health and social issues. A Blood Donation Camp was organized in collaboration with a government medical institution where students voluntarily donated blood. An Awareness Programme on the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme was also conducted in collaboration with the Field Publicity Office and the Health Department to educate students about tuberculosis prevention and control.

Cultural Programmes and National Integration Activities



NSS volunteers actively participated in cultural and awareness programmes promoting communal harmony and national integration. A folk cultural programme including street play and folk dance was organized highlighting the theme of communal harmony and national integration. As part of the Communal Harmony Fortnight celebrations, several competitions such as slogan writing, essay writing and poetry writing were conducted to promote awareness on national integration. A communal lunch

programme was also organized for around 300 elementary school children, promoting the spirit of sharing and brotherhood.

NSS Day and Educational Activities

The NSS Day was celebrated in the college with a group discussion on learning disabilities, where students presented papers followed by an interactive discussion session. Volunteers also continued their weekly coaching classes for school students in the adopted villages, strengthening the educational support provided to rural children.

Participation in Awareness Camps and National Programmes

NSS volunteers participated in several awareness camps and programmes during the year. Students attended an HIV/AIDS awareness camp organized at Yelagiri Hills by the Red Ribbon Club, where they learned about prevention methods and health awareness. An Awareness

Programme on Cancer was also organized in collaboration with the Field Publicity Office and the Health Department. To mark World Diabetes Day, volunteers participated in a walkathon organized to promote awareness about diabetes prevention.

Annual NSS Special Camp

The Annual NSS Special Camp was organized under the theme “Healthy Youth for Healthy India.” The camp involved 215 NSS volunteers and staff members working in collaboration with government departments and voluntary organizations. The camp covered 15 villages under eight panchayats, where various development activities were undertaken. Volunteers conducted coaching classes for children, awareness programmes for villagers, and surveys to study social conditions in the villages. They also organized cleanliness drives and encouraged the local community to maintain hygiene and a healthy environment.



Social Awareness and Community Development Programmes



During the special camp, several sessions were conducted on women’s rights, consumer awareness, personality development, and social structure. Volunteers organized awareness songs, games and cultural activities for villagers and children. A free medical camp was conducted and villagers benefited from health services and medical consultation. An AIDS awareness rally was also organized in the villages to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention.

Educational Exposure and Leadership Development

NSS volunteers also participated in leadership and educational programmes organized by the university and other institutions. Students attended a leadership training programme, participated in folk dance competitions, and actively engaged in cultural activities representing the institution. NSS volunteers also visited an exhibition train highlighting the history of India’s freedom struggle, which helped create awareness about the country’s heritage and patriotism.

2006–2007

NSS Special Camp and Community Outreach

The NSS Special Camp for the academic year 2006–2007 was conducted from 22.09.2006 to 01.10.2006 with the theme “Healthy Youth for Healthy India.” The camp was organized in the adopted villages of Vanjur, Senur, T.K. Puram and Thirumani. The four NSS units organized the camp with the participation of 170 NSS volunteers, 30 non-volunteers and 5 staff members in collaboration with various governmental departments and non-governmental organizations. The camp focused on activities that promoted health awareness, community development and social

responsibility. Throughout the year, NSS volunteers regularly visited the adopted villages and conducted coaching classes for school-going children in several study centres.

Educational Support and Village Outreach



NSS volunteers carried out regular village visits and coaching classes for school children in the adopted villages. Groups of volunteers visited the villages several times during the year and conducted coaching classes in five to six study centres. Special coaching sessions were provided for students preparing for 10th and +2 examinations. In addition to these activities, volunteers also conducted coaching classes for physically challenged workers to help them prepare academically for higher secondary examinations. Regular coaching classes were also conducted for orphan students studying in a matriculation school. NSS volunteers actively participated in community development activities such as

planting saplings to promote environmental awareness and whitewashing the Panchayat school consisting of eight blocks in collaboration with the municipal authorities and the B.D.O., thereby contributing to the improvement of the village environment and public institutions.

Awareness Campaigns and Social Responsibility Programmes

Several awareness programmes were organized by the NSS units during the year. NSS volunteers participated in a Population Control Rally organized by the family welfare society in collaboration with the district administration. An AIDS Awareness Rally was conducted in which 150 NSS volunteers participated and spread awareness through slogans and public participation. Awareness programmes and competitions were also conducted during Communal Harmony Week, encouraging students to participate in drawing, poetry and essay writing competitions on themes related to national integration and social harmony.

Seminars and Educational Programmes

A seminar on Community Policing and Prevention of Accident and Safe Driving was organized in the college auditorium with participation from students of various colleges. The seminar aimed to create awareness on road safety and the importance of responsible driving. An inter-collegiate seminar on the Importance of Social Work and Leadership was also organized, where students actively participated and discussed issues related to social responsibility and leadership development.

Health and Social Service Activities

A Blood Donation Camp was organized jointly by NSS, NCC and the Blood Donors Club with the support of medical professionals. Around 197 students volunteered, and after medical screening 96 students were eligible and donated blood. Refreshments were provided to the donors and the programme was successfully conducted in the college indoor stadium. Such programmes encouraged students to develop a spirit of social service and responsibility.

Cultural and Awareness Activities

NSS volunteers participated in programmes promoting awareness on Renewable Energy Resources. Volunteers presented VilluPattu and street plays in villages and educational institutions to create awareness among the public. NSS volunteers also participated in cultural programmes organized by voluntary organizations where students showcased their talents through performances and awareness activities.



National Level Participation and Events

NSS volunteers participated in Pre-Republic Day Camp selections conducted by the university and were selected to attend the Pre-RD Camp held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai. NSS volunteers also participated in the Marathon 2006 organized by the Vellore Round Table and the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, demonstrating their enthusiasm in activities promoting physical fitness and social awareness.

Civic Responsibility and Community Participation

NSS volunteers played an important role in maintaining civic responsibility by assisting the administration during the Panchayat election, where 96 NSS volunteers participated in election duty to help maintain peace and order. NSS volunteers also participated in activities related to community welfare and social awareness programmes organized by different institutions.

Institutional Recognition and Special Initiatives

The institution received recognition for its NSS performance when it was selected as the Best Institution in the performance of NSS activities for the year 2004–2005, and the institution received the AkkiniSiraku Rolling Trophy from the University of Madras. During the year, the NSS unit also undertook a project to help staff and students obtain Learner's License (LLR) for two-wheelers, through which 181 students received the license with the support of the concerned authorities.

2005–2006

Special Camps and Community Outreach

The NSS Special Camp was organized at Senur and Vanjur villages from 23.09.2005 to 02.10.2005 with the theme "Role of Youth in the Enrichment of Water Flow in our Indian Rivers." The camp involved 120 NSS volunteers, 30 non-volunteers, and 5 staff members who worked in collaboration with various government departments and non-governmental

organizations. The activities focused on community development and awareness programmes. Volunteers actively participated in awareness rallies, Sadbhavana Yatras, and training sessions related to civil defense and traffic regulation. Throughout the year, NSS volunteers regularly visited adopted villages such as T.K. Puram, Senur, Vanjur and Thirumani and conducted coaching classes for school-going children and dropouts in several study centres.

Training Programmes and Workshops

NSS volunteers and leaders actively participated in several training programmes and workshops conducted during the year. Leadership training programmes were attended by NSS student leaders for the development of organizational and leadership skills. A three-day inter-collegiate street play training camp was organized to train volunteers in street theatre as a medium for social awareness. Volunteers also participated in a district-level workshop on the prevention of suicide conducted at D.K.M. College. Programme officers attended a one-day capacity enrichment training programme organized by the NSS Cell of Thiruvalluvar University. In addition, NSS volunteers participated in a training programme conducted at the university campus for the survey and collection of manuscripts.

Awareness and Social Responsibility Programmes

Various social awareness programmes were organized by NSS and the Red Ribbon Club during the year. A blood donation camp was conducted in collaboration with medical professionals and paramedical staff, where more than 250 students volunteered, and 80 students donated blood. An AIDS awareness exhibition was organized in connection with Youth Day celebrations, where every department contributed exhibits highlighting important aspects of AIDS awareness. Essay writing and oratorical competitions on AIDS awareness were conducted, and poster presentations were organized to mark World AIDS Day. Volunteers also participated in activities promoting national unity and took the National Integration pledge during Quami Ekta Week celebrations.



Academic and Skill Development Activities

NSS volunteers were actively engaged in educational and skill development activities in the adopted villages. Regular coaching classes were conducted for school-going children and dropouts in



Gandhi Nagar Panchayat School and other village study centres. A career guidance seminar was organized for final year students in collaboration with the career guidance and placement of cell and the district employment office. A seminar on family life education was also organized for third-year students with resource persons from medical and social work backgrounds. NSS volunteers planted saplings to promote environmental awareness. NSS volunteers planted saplings to promote environmental awareness.

Competitions and Achievements

NSS volunteers participated in various competitions organized at the inter-collegiate and university levels. Volunteers won prizes in essay writing and oratorical competitions conducted as part of AIDS awareness programmes. NSS students also received recognition in university-level competitions and were awarded prizes and cash awards for their achievements. These accomplishments highlighted the active involvement and talents of NSS volunteers in academic and social awareness competitions.

National and Inter-Institutional Participation

NSS volunteers from the institution participated in the National Integration Camp held at Master Tara Singh Memorial College for Women in Ludhiana, Punjab. Volunteers represented Thiruvalluvar University and the state of Tamil Nadu along with programme officers. Around 200 volunteers from 15 states participated in the camp. The camp included interactive sessions, awareness rallies, Sadbhavana Yatras and training in civil defence and traffic regulation, providing the volunteers with a valuable national exposure and enriching experience.

Special Programmes and Celebrations

Several special programmes and commemorative events were organized during the year. Sadbhavana Diwas Week was celebrated with competitions in communal harmony. National Integration Week was observed with activities promoting unity and harmony among students. Programmes focusing on women's rights and anti-dowry awareness were organized in connection with Women's Day celebrations. NSS volunteers also participated in Life Appreciation Week organized by the Women's Cell. An inter-religious dialogue programme was conducted to promote mutual understanding and harmony among different religions and communities.

Awareness Campaigns

NSS volunteers conducted various awareness programmes on important social issues. These included programmes on cleanliness and health care, child labour, women empowerment, abolition of drugs, organ donation and the eradication of social evils. Activities were also organized to promote communal harmony and social responsibility among students and the community.

2004-2005

NSS Special Camp

The NSS Special Camp for the year 2004–2005 was organized at Kangeyanallur, Vellore on the theme “Role of Youth in the Enrichment of Water Flow in our Indian Rivers.”

Community Development Activities

During the camp, several development activities were carried out for the welfare of the villagers. A village pond measuring approximately 20 × 15 × 6 feet was dug to facilitate the flow of rainwater. Medical camps and health services were organized in which 400 villagers benefited, and medicines worth Rs. 35,000 were distributed free of cost. A computerized eye check-up camp benefited 90 people, and 150 villagers received free blood testing and diabetes screening. Regular coaching classes were also conducted for school children, dropouts and adults in the village.

Awareness and Educational Programmes

Various awareness programmes were organized on issues such as cancer, AIDS, groundwater conservation, small savings schemes, women’s issues, environmental protection, family planning, gender inequality, child labour, health and hygiene, national integration and rainwater harvesting. These programmes were conducted through lectures by experts, documentary films and cultural activities. Self-awareness and personality development programmes were also conducted for the NSS volunteers. A survey on the physically challenged, in collaboration with Worth Trust, Katpadi, was carried out in Kangeyanallur village.

Social Awareness and Observances



Throughout the year, the NSS unit observed important days such as World Population Day, World AIDS Day, World Day of the Disabled and International Women’s Day. Programmes included an intercollegiate seminar on consumer awareness, a workshop on techniques of interacting with the physically challenged, a seminar on the benefits of breast feeding, and a street play on women’s issues conducted at Vellore Town Hall on International Women’s Day. NSS volunteers took the National

Integration Pledge during *Quami Ekta Week*, promoting unity, harmony, and national solidarity among students.

Participation in Seminars and Training Programmes

The volunteers actively participated in several intercollegiate programmes including environmental awareness rallies organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra, a career guidance seminar at D.K.M. College, and seminars on dowry prohibition, women’s issues and HIV/AIDS awareness organized by various institutions and government departments. They also attended leadership and personality development training programmes conducted at Gudiyatham.

Disaster Relief and Outreach Activities

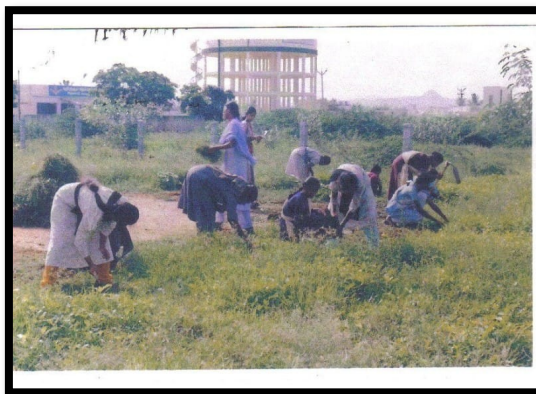
NSS volunteers extended their service during the Tsunami relief operations in association with Aid India, Chennai. Several batches of volunteers and programme officers were stationed at relief camps in Kanchipuram district, where they conducted surveys, provided counselling to affected families and distributed relief materials in the coastal villages.

Health and Welfare Initiatives

Health-related activities were regularly organized during the year. A Blood Donation Camp was conducted in collaboration with the College Blood Donors Club, and volunteers also donated blood to support patients at Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore. Volunteers further assisted doctors from SankaraNethralaya, Chennai in the conduct of Eye Care Camps held periodically in Vellore.

Environmental and Community Programmes

The NSS unit undertook several initiatives to promote environmental awareness and ecological preservation, including tree plantation in the campus and adopted villages in collaboration with the Enviro Club. Volunteers also participated in activities connected with Communal Harmony Week, Life Appreciation Week, Wildlife Week, Tree Plantation Week, National Integration Week, Independence Day, World Elder's Day and World Environment Day, thereby strengthening community engagement and social responsibility among students. NSS volunteers actively participated in cleaning and environmental maintenance activities in the surrounding area, demonstrating their commitment to community service and social responsibility.



2003-2004

Community Service and Cleanliness Drives



NSS volunteers actively participated in maintaining the cleanliness of the college campus and surrounding areas. Ground cleaning, NSS block cleaning, and campus cleaning were regularly carried out by the volunteers. Students from various departments also undertook cleaning activities on Auxilium Parish Road and planted saplings. Volunteers ensured proper disposal of waste and encouraged the use of dustbins to maintain a clean campus. Dr. Rathi Thelagam interacted with students and clarified their doubts during an awareness programme organized for NSS volunteers. NSS volunteers participated in a trekking activity at Sathvachari Hills, promoting teamwork, physical fitness, and appreciation for nature. NSS volunteers actively engaged in cleaning the college campus, contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment through community service

Awareness Programmes and Seminars

NSS volunteers attended seminars and awareness programmes on important social issues. A seminar on Rain Water Harvesting was organised by Government officials at Gandhi Nagar, Vellore. Another programme on “Breast Feeding in a Globalised World for Peace and Justice” was conducted in collaboration with the Publicity Department at the Collectorate. A seminar on World Tourism Day was also organised as part of Tourism Awareness Week.

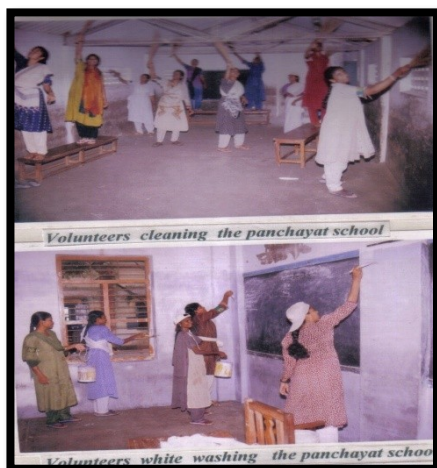
Social Awareness and Public Participation

The NSS units observed Social Awareness Day, during which volunteers formed a panel to discuss the Consumer Protection Act and its application in society. The volunteers also participated in programmes related to AIDS awareness and took pledges promoting social responsibility.

Health and Welfare Initiatives

A Blood Donation Camp was organised in collaboration with the College Blood Donors Club. Doctors and medical staff from CMC Hospital, Vellore participated in the camp, and several students and staff members volunteered to donate blood after screening tests.

Special Camp and Village Service



The NSS Special Camp was conducted at Gandhi Nagar, Main Kangeyanallur, and Kangeyanallur Colonies, with the camp site at ThirumurugaKirupanandaVariyar Government Boys Higher Secondary School. The camp was organised on the theme “Youth for Swachhata.”

NSS volunteers, along with staff members and government departments, implemented various village development and cleanliness activities.

Communal Activities

NSS volunteers also participated in Tourism Awareness Week, during which 200 volunteers undertook a mass cleaning campaign inside Vellore Fort. A group of 50 students participated in a trekking programme at the Sathuvachari hills, promoting physical fitness and team spirit among volunteers.

2002-2003

Training and Leadership Development



An Inter-collegiate Personality Development and Leadership Training Programme was organised at Auxilium College. Volunteers from six colleges participated in the programme. Resource persons from Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre, Ennore conducted sessions on self-confidence, self-image, self-esteem and personal values.



Educational Service Activities

NSS volunteers regularly visited Kangeyanallur and conducted tuition and coaching classes for the students of ThirumurugaKirupanandaVariyar Boys Higher Secondary School. Volunteers also taught Mathematics and assisted school-going children in their studies. Children's Day was celebrated in the adopted village where volunteers

entertained the village children through cultural activities such as dances and skits.

Awareness and Community Programmes

NSS volunteers participated in a district level panel discussion on popularising iodised salt usage in rural areas and conducted house visits at Kangeyanallur to create awareness on the importance of iodised salt. Volunteers also attended the Kaayakalpa course and participated in activities related to health and personal development.

NSS Special Camp

The NSS Special Camp was organised at Gandhi Nagar, Kangeyanallur and Kangeyanallur Colonies with the camp site at ThirumurugaKirupanandaVariyar Government Boys Higher Secondary School. The camp was conducted on the theme "Jal Samvardhan – Water Shed Management and Rain Water Harvesting." During the camp, volunteers conducted a door-to-door village survey to understand the socio-economic conditions of the villagers. Awareness programmes on rain water harvesting were organised in collaboration with TWAD, Exnora Green House, Vellore and Vellore Science Forum.

Community Development Activities

The NSS volunteers undertook several welfare and development activities in the villages. Twenty-one rain water harvesting pits were dug, 150 tree saplings were planted, and three roads each of 600 metres were prepared and sized. Volunteers also carried out cleaning and disposal of garbage and removed thorns and bushes from the open grounds of the schools in the village.

Health and Social Welfare Initiatives

A General Medical Camp benefited 1000 villagers, and free medicines worth Rs. 40,000 were distributed. The volunteers also conducted awareness programmes on rain water harvesting and

village sanitation. A detailed village survey was undertaken to facilitate the implementation of Exnora activities, and assistance was provided in installing the Government Individual Toilet Scheme with the help of the Block Development Office, Katpadi.

2001-2002

Literacy and Awareness Programmes

International Literacy Day was observed at the college where rescued girl child labourers shared their experiences and motivated students. NSS volunteers organised awareness programmes in T.K. Puram through songs, skits and street plays on literacy. They also conducted tuition classes for village students and taught tailoring girls to read and write. Anti-Plastic Week was organised in the college with skits, slogans, and awareness campaigns among students and neighbouring schools.



Village Service and Community Outreach

NSS volunteers regularly visited the adopted village T.K. Puram and neighbouring areas such as Kangeyanallur. They conducted tuition and coaching classes for school children, prepared them for examinations, and organised awareness programmes on health, hygiene and education. Volunteers watered saplings planted earlier and interacted with the village children through educational and cultural activities.

NSS Special Camp

The NSS Special Camp for the year 2001–2002 was held at ThandalamKrishnapuram (T.K. Puram) at Don Bosco Rural Centre. The theme of the camp was “Youth for a Healthy Society” with emphasis on Green Revolution and Women Empowerment. Around 150 volunteers participated in the camp under the guidance of the NSS Programme Officers. During the camp, volunteers carried out field work such as cleaning village areas, widening roads, and planting saplings along the roadside. Awareness programmes on health, hygiene, malaria and filaria prevention were conducted. Yoga sessions, leadership talks and interactive sessions with experts were organised for the campers.

Medical and Welfare Activities

A General Medical Camp was organised in collaboration with the Primary Health Centre at Senur, benefiting about 600 villagers. Free medicines were distributed to the people. NSS volunteers also distributed medicines in Senur and neighbouring areas as part of their outreach activities.

Educational and Cultural Programmes

The volunteers organised games and cultural programmes for children, women and youth in the village. Children from the VanchinathanSiruvarMandram participated in cultural events including songs, dances and plays. The volunteers also organised Children's Day celebrations and educational awareness rallies in the village.

Achievements and Recognition



During the camp period, volunteers planted 150 saplings, contributed funds for the construction of a septic tank at Don Bosco Rural Centre, and presented 300 books for the library at T.K. Puram. Petitions for pensions and loans were collected from the villagers and submitted to the District Collector.

NSS volunteers also participated in academic competitions and seminars. Volunteers Usha M. and Regina Mary R. presented papers at an intercollegiate seminar on water level management. In a conference organised in collaboration with the NSS unit of C. Abdul Hakeem College, volunteers won prizes in elocution and skit competitions.

A valedictory function was held at T.K. Puram in the presence of district officials and community leaders. Certificates were distributed to the volunteers and the activities of the special camp were reviewed in a post-camp meeting with the Programme Officers and volunteers.

2000-2001

Personality and Leadership Development

Dr. Sugirtha J. and five NSS volunteers attended a ten-day special camp at Tirupathi University, Kuppam. Twenty volunteers received special training in street play at Auxilium College. Two students, Usha B. and Vimala Auxilia, attended a Youth Leadership Training Programme at Thanthaiperiyar Government Institute of Technology, Vellore.

NSS Special Camp

A ten-day NSS Special Camp was conducted at T.K. Puram, the adopted village of the NSS units of Auxilium College, with Don Bosco Welfare Centre as the camp site. The inauguration took place at the Panchayat School with the presence of the Principal of Voorhees College and local officials. During the camp, awareness programmes on health, hygiene and sanitation were organised with the support of the SOLAI and WATSAN teams. Rallies, street plays and house visits were conducted to educate villagers. Volunteers also carried out cleaning activities in Vaniyur and Senur, and organised games for about 200 children, distributing snacks.



Community Outreach and Village Service

Volunteers regularly visited T.K. Puram, conducted coaching classes for village children and interacted with residents to build rapport. Around 75 volunteers tutored nearly 120 village children during these visits. A free medical eye camp was organised in T.K. Puram with the assistance of 60 volunteers.

Awareness Programmes and Seminars



NSS volunteers participated in a Multi-Disciplinary Activities Awareness Camp organised by the Collectorate at Katpadi. Volunteers also attended seminars such as the State Level Seminar on Eve-teasing at Kumararani Meena Muthiah College, Madras, and a seminar on Women Empowerment at Voorhees College, Vellore.

Campus Service Activities

NSS volunteers actively participated in campus service. III year volunteers cleaned the campus, 25 volunteers undertook campus cleaning, and 50 volunteers cleaned the games field. In preparation for College Day, 300 volunteers cleaned the campus for four consecutive days.

Health and Social Service Activities

A First Aid programme was conducted by members of the Red Cross Society. A Blood Donation Camp was organised at Auxilium College with the assistance of Christian Medical College Hospital, where 60 staff and students donated blood.

Welfare Activities

NSS volunteers participated in organ donation and transplant awareness rallies, and collected cash, food grains and clothes for the Gujarat earthquake victims. Volunteers also visited Don Bosco Rural Welfare Centre during Christmas and New Year celebrations and regularly inspected the saplings planted during earlier NSS activities.



Meetings and Leadership Development



The NSS Advisory Committee Meeting at the University of Madras was attended by Sr. Alphonsa Mary, Principal, Auxilium College, as a nominated member. An NSS State Level Symposium was attended by Dr. Sugirtha J. and Amala Suganthi at Stella Maris College.

Campus Service Activities

NSS volunteers actively participated in campus service activities. They prepared the college grounds for the Independence Day celebrations, and the first-year NSS volunteers cleaned parts of the college campus as part of regular service activities.

Visits and Community Interaction

NSS volunteers visited several service institutions. The Home for the Aged at Cluny Convent, Katpadi was visited by NSS volunteers. Volunteers also visited Nambikkai Illam, Vellore, a home for the handicapped.

Village Adoption and Pre-Camp Activities

Programme Officers and NSS leaders visited Tandalam Krishnapuram to decide on its adoption.

Several preparatory meetings were held with the District Collector, officials of Arivoli Valarkalvi Thittam, the Health Department, the Block Development Officer, the Rural Welfare Officer, and the Panchayat President and ward members. Arrangements were also made for a permanent water connection at Don Bosco Rural Welfare Centre, the camp site.



Health, Social Welfare and Awareness Activities

A General Health Medical Camp was organised at T.K. Puram Panchayat School. Doctors from different hospitals provided medical consultation and treatment, and free medicines were distributed to 445 patients. Awareness programmes were conducted on health, hygiene, drug addiction and AIDS. A survey of senior citizens was carried out in T.K. Puram, identifying applications for old age pensions, ration cards, land patta and assistance for the disabled.

Tree Planting and Environmental Initiatives

During the special camp, 100 coconut saplings donated by the District Collector were distributed to the residents of TandalamKrishnapuram, and 500 additional saplings were planted by the volunteers. The soil was prepared and planting was supervised by the campers, with periodic visits made to monitor the growth of the saplings.

Other Community Service Programmes

NSS volunteers organised programmes on Inter-Religious Harmony, Drug Addiction and AIDS Awareness, and participated in the New Millennium Vandemataram Programme conducted by the University of Madras. Essay and oratorical competitions were conducted, in which several students participated. A First Aid Programme was conducted by the Red Cross Society, Vellore in Auxilium College. Volunteers also took part in celebrations marking the Year of the Elderly, where 50 elderly persons were felicitated and entertained, and refreshments, clothes and other items were distributed.

Blood Donation

A Blood Donation Camp was organised with the assistance of Christian Medical Hospital (CMC), which sent four doctors and ten assistants. Sixty staff members and students donated blood during the camp.

NSS Special Camp

A ten-day NSS Special Camp was organised at TandalamKrishnapuram with the Don Bosco Rural Welfare Centre, T.K. Puram, as the camp site. During the camp, volunteers conducted surveys in the village and interacted with residents to understand their needs.



Village Adoption and Community Development



The Programme Officers visited Vandranthangal village. They studied the situation of the village and found Vandranthangal and Dindhar village suitable for adoption. Through the consent of the Principal, Vandranthangal village was selected for adoption. Preparations for the Special Camp were discussed with officials of the Katpadi Panchayat Union. Discussions were held regarding the organisation of a medical camp, road laying, small savings schemes, and tree plantation.

Health and Social Awareness Programmes

A National Blood Donation Rally was organised by the District Collector to promote blood donation awareness among the public. NSS volunteers participated in the rally. A meeting was held at Anna KalaiArangam, where the District Collector, District Medical Officer, District Health Extension Officer, and other eminent personalities delivered speeches emphasising the importance of blood donation. The NSS volunteers also worked to tie Rakhi for the District Collector and the Superintendent of Police, promoting a sense of brotherhood.



National Integration and Commemorative Events

On the eve of Independence Day, a human chain was organised by the members of the Educational Institution and ManithamManram, Memputhal Jubilee. NSS volunteers actively participated in the human chain and also presented a tableau. During the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence, NSS volunteers participated in flag hoisting ceremonies at different places, wearing tricolour garments to symbolise national unity.

Environmental and Civic Initiatives



To promote environmental protection, NSS volunteers planted saplings in and around the college campus and took responsibility for nurturing them. In response to the concerns of residents of V.G. Rao Nagar, the NSS officers of Auxilium College appealed to the District Collector regarding the removal of a compound wall that obstructed public access to the well, which created difficulties for the residents of Jagannath Nagar and Gandhi Nagar. Additionally, the volunteers white washed the school building.

Participation in National Workshop

One NSS volunteer represented India at an international workshop held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, with participants from India, Singapore, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. The programme was inaugurated by Sr. Colombo, Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sri Lanka. Delegates exchanged views on various youth development schemes organised in their respective countries. The workshop included sessions on entrepreneurship development and economic progress, along with field visits to observe small-scale entrepreneurship schemes. Cultural programmes by Sri Lankan youth were also organised during the event. The participants were asked to develop action plans highlighting projects for youth development in their respective countries.

1997–1998

Awareness Campaigns and Public Participation

NSS volunteers actively participated in a rally organised by the Junior Chamber of Vellore to abolish alcoholism. In connection with World Alcohol Day, a rally was organised by Padma Sarashwathi Manram, Vellore, in which NSS volunteers participated, raising slogans against alcohol consumption. At the end of the rally, an effigy symbolising alcoholism was burnt. The participants were addressed by Mr. Gnanasekaran, M.C., and the Chairman of Vellore Municipality. In commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of India's Independence, Manavar Mandram, Vellore, organised a rally in which 500 NSS volunteers from the college participated. The chief guest addressed the gathering on the importance of youth participation in building an independent India. The Superintendent of Police, Vellore, led the students in an oath-taking ceremony. NSS volunteers also participated in a rally at Vellore voicing the abolition of drug abuse.

Training Programmes and Seminars

A two-day intercollegiate training programme on HIV/AIDS was organised by Dhanalakshmi College on 1997 in coordination with AIDS Cell and the Vellore District Administration. Students from Auxilium College, Voorhees College, DKM College and D.A. Guhan College, Walajah, participated in the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Thiru P.W.C. David, District Collector, Vellore. Dr. A.V. Raman Kapali, Project Director, AIDS Prevention and

Control, Chennai, delivered the keynote address. Sr. Alphonsa Mary, Principal of Auxilium College, addressed the gathering. Dr. Sugirtha also attended the U.G.C. AIDS Awareness Programme at Madras University, and along with two NSS volunteers participated in the Vellore District Conference on Health, held under the chairmanship of the District Collector at the Collectorate. A five-day seminar on Entrepreneurship Motivation Training Camp was organised by the Cell of Madras University at Thanthai Periyar Government Arts College, Vellore. Y.T. Vidya Ignatius and Sophia of II Zoology attended the seminar. Dr. Sugirtha also attended a two-day Regional Seminar on Women and Children: Rights and Development, organised by the Guild of Service at the School of Social Work, Chennai.

Village Service and Rural Development

NSS volunteers undertook several developmental activities in Serkaadu village. The volunteers cleaned the colony and surroundings of the church. They also encouraged villagers to join small savings schemes and collected information regarding child labour, living standards and social problems faced by the villagers. Awareness programmes on education, environmental protection and rural development were organised. During the programme, 47 villagers joined the small savings scheme.



Health Awareness and Social Service Activities

Several programmes were organised to promote health awareness among students and the public. Counselling sessions on HIV/AIDS were conducted by medical professionals including Dr. S. Ramach, Medical Officer, Government Pentland Hospital, Vellore, and Dr. Francis, Medical Officer for Infection and Control at CMC Hospital, Vellore. Individual counselling was also provided to students. An Elephantiasis Awareness Programme was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. Vimala Sathiaraj, Deputy Medical Director, Vellore, in collaboration with the Junior Chamber, Vellore. NSS volunteers undertook a door-to-door awareness campaign in Gandhi Nagar, V.G. Rao Nagar, Kalinjur, Thiruvalluvar Nagar and Kangeyanallur. Pamphlets explaining preventive measures for elephantiasis were distributed. Awareness was also created through cycle rallies and television announcements. A Blood Screening Tent was organised to identify the blood groups of the entire college students. In connection with World Blood Donation Day, the Social Circle of the Indian Bank, Vellore Zone Office, organised a blood donation camp. Five NSS volunteers, including Programme Officer Dr. Sugirtha, donated blood and became regular voluntary donors.

National Integration and Inter-University Participation

Ten NSS volunteers from Auxilium College were selected to participate in the National Integration Camp organised by Bankim Sardar College, Calcutta University. Nine universities from different parts of India participated in the camp. The volunteers represented Madras University.

The programme included vocational training under the “Each One Train One” scheme. Twenty-five unemployed boys and girls were trained in fields such as welding, plumbing, turning and tailoring. The trainees were provided free food and accommodation and were given a stipend of Rs.100 each.

Community Development Initiatives

Under the “Each One Train One” scheme, Auxilium College collaborated with Thiruthani Periyar Government Polytechnic College, Vellore.

A ten-day training programme was organised for 25 unemployed youth from the adopted village Serkaadu, with the assistance of trained NSS volunteers from the Polytechnic College. The initiative aimed to motivate unemployed youth towards self-employment and productive utilisation of time.

Special Camp at Serkaadu

With the motto “Not Me But You”, the volunteers began the camp with projects related to Kondaneri Lake management and water resource development. Volunteers were divided into groups to conduct village work and children’s programmes. Cultural programmes, discussions and street plays were organised to create awareness on education, eradication of alcoholism and caste discrimination. Nearly seventy villagers received medical check-ups and medicines during the camp. The valedictory function was attended by several distinguished guests including Dr. M.R. Reddy, Administrator of Hotel Park Sheraton, Chennai, and officials from the Panchayat Union and local administration.



Observances and Competitions

NSS volunteers organised and participated in several competitions and commemorative programmes. A poster writing competition on the theme “I am an Indian” was organised as part of the celebration of the 50th year of Indian independence. NSS volunteers also participated in a programme titled “Indian National Movement” conducted by Voorhees College, where they won the first prize. During Independence Day celebrations, volunteers enlightened students about the role of freedom fighters and organised a street play on literacy and child labour in the adopted village Serkaadu. A rangoli competition was also conducted in which students created sketches of national leaders. NSS volunteers rendered commendable service on Environment Day, including cleaning the auditorium and organising arrangements for the programme.

1996–1997

Independence Day and Sadbhavana Observances

Independence Day was celebrated in the college by the N.S.S. volunteers. A group song and a flag dance were performed. In connection with the observance of SadbhavanaDiwas, a prayer service was conducted at the college. Important aspects in the life of Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi were highlighted by the guest speaker from the Department of Defence. A competition on patriotic songs was held in view of the Sadbhavana fortnight celebrations. The students took part enthusiastically and the N.S.S. volunteers helped to conduct the programme. The SadbhavanaDiwas celebrations included the celebration of Raksha Bandhan. Rakhis were tied on the hands of the Vellore Collector Mr. David, the Superintendent of Police Mr. Radhakrishnan, and the Additional Superintendent of Police.



The N.S.S. volunteers actively participated in promoting the feeling of brotherhood. A human chain was formed by 250 N.S.S. volunteers as the last programme of the Sadbhavana fortnight celebrations. A procession from Auxilium College to Kamaraj Statue, Gandhi Nagar, was conducted. A Sadbhavana pledge was administered, concluding the celebrations. An All Faith Prayer was held to emphasise the need for religious harmony. NSS volunteers actively participated in a community outreach programme, engaging in service activities to support and improve the local environment. The initiative encouraged teamwork, social responsibility, and a spirit of service among the students while contributing to community development.

Community Outreach Programmes

A visit to VishvanthiIllam, Viruthambattu, a home for the aged and destitute, was carried out by the N.S.S. volunteers. A skit and a dance based on communal harmony were performed by the volunteers. An inter-departmental competition on community singing was conducted by the

N.S.S. volunteers. The Computer Department won the prize. The N.S.S. volunteers observed World AIDS Day by enacting a street play conveying the message on the need to prevent AIDS.

About 50 N.S.S. volunteers participated in the Polio Vaccination Campaign. They were divided into two groups: one group served at Vellore Municipality and the other at Gandhi Nagar, Vellore. The N.S.S. volunteers, together with members of the organisation “ManithaManbu Mempoatulyakkam,” staged a demonstration in front of Crown Theatre and Krishna Theatre, Vellore, protesting against the pasting of vulgar posters and the screening of obscene films, the same group of students who took part in the Polio Vaccination Campaign rendered service on Immunisation Day at the same places. N.S.S. volunteers enthusiastically participated in cleaning the Vellore Fort. The cleaning was a great success with good co-operation from the public. On the same day, a group of N.S.S. volunteers were discipline at the venue of the programme.



The Director of PudhuVazhvu Centre delivered an informative session to the students, highlighting the importance of social responsibility and community development. The interaction motivated the students to actively participate in service-oriented activities. The Volunteers were keenly listening and engaged in a discussion session. It was an engaging and interesting session.

N.S.S. Special Camp

The N.S.S. volunteers of Auxilium College participated in the N.S.S. Camp held at Jawadhi Hills. The ultimate aim of the camp was to know about the culture and the way of living of the inhabitants and to create awareness among them for a better living. The N.S.S. Programme Officers visited Jawadhi Hills to locate the site for the camp. A meeting was held to discuss the camp and it was decided to conduct it at Jawadhi Hills. Preparation for the camp was made, volunteers enrolled their names, and the final list of students was prepared. The volunteers were determined to work wholeheartedly to create awareness programmes among the village people and to serve the community.



1995–1996

Participation in Sadbhavana Day Rally and Civic Awareness Programme

Fifty N.S.S. volunteers participated in the Inter-Collegiate Rally conducted by the Nehru Yuva Kendra in connection with the Sadbhavana Day. A meeting was conducted by the Inner Wheel Club of Vellore North beginning with tree plantation. Saplings were planted along the main road from Don Bosco to Rountana. The inauguration of “Civic Exnora” in Vellore formed the main event. The Assistant Collector addressed the gathering on the role of youth in maintaining cleanliness. The volunteers promised to co-operate with the Inner Wheel Club to promote cleanliness in the town. Assistant Collector also spoke on Social Forestry, highlighting the need to preserve and plant trees. She further briefed the volunteers on helping women and children in rural areas through the scheme “DWCRA” (Development of Women and Child in Rural Area).

Intercollegiate Seminar on Untouchability

In connection with Untouchability Month celebration, an Intercollegiate Seminar, Group Discussion, and Poster Exhibition were conducted by the N.S.S. Unit. Students from various colleges participated. Poster exhibitions and street plays on untouchability were conducted separately for Arts and Science students.

N.S.S. Special Camp

The N.S.S. Special Camp was held at Pappambadi Village, Tiruvannamalai District. The volunteers divided themselves into groups of ten and conducted a general survey of the village, introducing themselves to the residents. Students gathered village children and taught them recreational songs. Visits were made to families, especially women, who were addressed on “Woman’s Role in the Family and Society,” health, hygiene, and the importance of nutritious cereals such as ragi, wheat, bajra, and maize.

The District Collector inaugurated the NSS Special Camp and encouraged volunteers to actively participate in community service and rural development activities. During the camp, NSS volunteers undertook initiatives such as road development and community interaction programmes to improve the welfare of the villagers



During the camp Street play training was conducted under the guidance of Sr. Clara and Mr. Mathew with a group of 25 girls, Volunteers laid the road in front of the Forest Higher Secondary School. They visited the nursery and learned about tissue culture. Volunteers visited nearby villages such as Komatteri and joined members of Arivoliyakkam to highlight the importance of education

1994–1995

The adopted communities during the year were:

- Thiruvalluvar Nagar (Population: 800)
- Jothi Colony, Anna Nagar (Population: 400)
- Koviloor, Jamunamarathur, Jawadhi Hills (Population: 500)

Orientation and Training Programmes

The year began with orientation courses on Personality and Social Concern, conducted by faculty from Sacred Heart College, Tirupathur. Several structured training programmes were organised for volunteers, including Youth Leadership training, Family Life Education, Mass Media training, First Aid training, Street Play training, An Inter-Collegiate Personality Development Programme was conducted at Auxilium College. Volunteers also attended personality development programmes at Voorhees College, Vellore, and other intercollegiate training camps.

Special Camp

A group of 136 students along with five staff members participated in the Special Camp at Jawadhi Hills. The camp focused on Literacy awareness, Health and hygiene education, Community interaction, Eco-development initiatives. Volunteers engaged in regular house visits, interacted with women's groups, and strengthened their earlier community ties. The camp reinforced rural outreach and collective responsibility among students.

AIDS Awareness Week (September 1994)



AIDS Awareness Week was observed extensively with a series of educational and participatory programmes. Talks by medical specialists from the Department of Virology, CMC Vellore, AIDS awareness role plays by various departments, Interdepartmental quiz competitions (Zoology department secured first place), Exhibition of charts and models on AIDS, Essay Competition on “Challenges before the Nation and the Role of Youth.” Volunteers also attended AIDS Awareness training at Voorhees College and conducted awareness sessions in the college assembly. An

AIDS awareness and evaluation programme was conducted for selected volunteers with Ms. Devapriya (Virology Department, CMC) as the resource person.

National Integration and Social Responsibility

The NSS unit actively promoted national unity and social harmony like celebration of Sadbhavana Week, human Chain against nuclear weapons and social injustice, participation in Sadbhavana Race organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations with student speeches and pledge-taking, Inter-collegiate debate on “Mass Media promotes or destroys Human relationship in a family.” Volunteers also participated in university-level Silver Jubilee competitions and essay contests.

Women’s Development and Community Outreach

Regular visits were made to Thiruvalluvar Nagar, Jothi Colony (adopted village), Women’s Jail at Thorapadi, After-care homes and rehabilitation centres. A significant milestone was the formation of Mathar Sangam (Women’s Association) in the adopted villages. Nearly 94 women attended a seminar on self-employment (gem cutting, tailoring, handicrafts). The District Collector inaugurated the Mathar Sangam and distributed prizes during the Pongal celebration. These initiatives strengthened women’s empowerment at the grassroots level.

Environmental Initiatives

Environmental protection was given importance through planting of 500 tree saplings in the college campus, Maintenance of the NSS Silver Jubilee Garden, Regular campus cleaning drives. Eco-consciousness became an integral part of NSS functioning throughout the year.



Health and Social Awareness Campaigns

Health and social awareness activities included family Life Education sessions by experts, Talks on “Obscenity in Mass Media,” Street play training for social awareness campaigns, Mass rally against obscenity and violence in films. Volunteers also took active part in first aid training and youth development initiatives.

Career Guidance and Academic Support

Career guidance programmes were conducted in collaboration with Rotary Clubs and Aptech Computers for final-year students.

1993–1994

Leadership and Organisation

The year began with an Advisory Meeting in June 1993, during which activities for the academic year were planned. Motivation talks were delivered by the Programme Officers, and elections were conducted to select NSS Leaders and Assistant Leaders for the three units.

A total of 281 students (II and III year) were enrolled as NSS volunteers. The volunteers were divided into groups and entrusted with specific responsibilities such as coaching classes, eco-development, health initiatives, and social awareness programmes.

Special Camp 1993

The Ten-Day Special Camp was organised at Azhaganandal village under the inspiring theme



“Youth for Eco-development and Literacy.”

The camp was led by Programme Officers: Ninety students and seven staff members participated in the camp. The camp was inaugurated by Mr. Jayagopal, Project Officer of the District. Distinguished guests included Block Development Officers, engineers, school heads, and local leaders. The speakers urged the villagers to cooperate with volunteers in promoting literacy, hygiene, afforestation, anti-alcoholism, and national integration. The

highlight of the inaugural evening was a villupattu performance covering the objectives of the camp — eco-development, literacy, health awareness, anti-alcoholism, and national unity.

Eco-Development and Afforestation

Tree plantation formed a major component of the year’s activities. With the support of Forest Department officials, saplings were supplied and planted in Azhaganandal and Kannapanthal villages. Approximately 200 saplings of neem and pungai were planted with active participation from villagers. Volunteers repaired the approach road to the village and undertook regular campus cleaning drives. Tree planting was also carried out along the college road and within the campus as part of eco-development efforts.

Literacy and Coaching Programmes

Literacy outreach was one of the primary missions of the unit. Volunteers Conducted coaching classes at Panchayat School, Gandhinagar. Conducted regular coaching at Auxilium Elementary School. Motivated school dropouts and village women to pursue literacy. Nearly 30–40 students regularly attended coaching sessions. Beyond academics, volunteers taught discipline, cleanliness, cooperation, respect for elders, and moral values.

Health, Hygiene and Medical Outreach

A medical camp was organised during the NSS Silver Jubilee observance (24 September 1993), where nearly 300 patients were examined by doctors with the support of nurses and volunteers. Awareness programmes were conducted on Vaccination and cleanliness, Blood and eye donation, Family planning and early marriage, Anti-alcoholism and drug de-addiction. Talks were delivered by social workers, medical professionals, and educators. Many volunteers pledged for blood and eye donation.



National Integration and Social Awareness

The year witnessed several programmes promoting unity and harmony, Celebration of Youth Week with competitions and debates, Participation in Republic Day Parade at Gandhinagar, Celebration of Sadbhavana Divas, Golden Jubilee celebration of the Quit India Movement, Skits on dowry, drug abuse, and gender injustice, Talks on National Integration, Communal Harmony, and National Unity. Essay competitions were conducted on themes such as literacy and communal harmony at the national collegiate level.

Personality Development and Leadership Training

Volunteers attended personality development camps at Yelagiri Hills and participated in intercollegiate camps. Sessions on leadership styles, interview skills, and career guidance were conducted by distinguished professors and Rotarians. A one-day orientation programme on personality development and leadership was organised, which greatly enhanced the confidence and awareness of volunteers.

Campus and Social Service Initiatives

Throughout the year, the volunteers engaged in Cleaning of the college campus and volleyball court, Blood grouping and health check-up drives, Dental care awareness, Women's development initiatives, Collection of unused medicines, Distribution of old clothes, Repair assistance for Panchayat School facilities (with support from Rotary Club). These initiatives strengthened the bond between the college and the local community.

1992–1993

Special Camp: Youth for Literacy and Awareness

The Ten-Day Special Camp was organised at Koviloor in Jawadhi Hills under the theme “Youth for Literacy and Awareness”, as suggested by the University of Madras. Eighty-six NSS volunteers, accompanied by Programme Officers and staff members, dedicated their summer vacation to serve the tribal community. The camp began with an orientation session led by Rev. Fr. Antony Swamy SDB of Bosco Tribal Welfare Society. He emphasised the importance of

education as a means of recognising human dignity and equality. The volunteers were divided into seven groups and assigned responsibilities including kitchen, serving, cleanliness, literacy, manual labour, and cultural programmes.



Daily village visits were conducted to establish personal contact with women and children. Volunteers went door-to-door motivating illiterate women and school dropouts to attend literacy sessions. Training in handwork, needlework, and handicrafts such as basket-making and garland preparation was also provided.

Health, Hygiene and Medical Outreach

A general medical camp was organised in collaboration with the Primary Health Centre. Dr.Dileepan, Medical Officer of Jamunamarathur, along with nurses, conducted health check-ups and immunisation programmes for pregnant women and children. Sessions on nutrition, sanitation, and hygiene were conducted through talks, demonstrations, and cultural presentations. Awareness on alcoholism and drug abuse was created with the support of PuthuVazhvu Centre and other social organisations.



Community Development and Manual Labour

The volunteers undertook constructive manual labour during the camp. A road leading to the village well was repaired and constructed with the active participation of village youth, women, and children. The initiative symbolised collective effort and solidarity between the volunteers and villagers. Village-level competitions, debates, and games were organised to encourage participation and social interaction. An oratorical competition on “The Role of Youth in Nation Building” and debates on the role of men and women in society stimulated thoughtful discussions among villagers.

World AIDS Day and AIDS Awareness Week (November–December 1992)

A major highlight of the year was the extensive observance of AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day. Programmes included



Intercom broadcasts on “AIDS and Pregnancy, Debates on “Is an AIDS-free society in our hands?”, AIDS-related quizzes and questionnaire surveys, Poster, slogan, and model competitions, Case study demonstrations and skits by various departments, Blood Donation Camp in which students voluntarily donated blood. An Exhibition on AIDS was inaugurated by Mr. V. Balakrishnan,

General Manager, Tamil Nadu Explosives Limited, Vellore. The exhibition displayed charts, models of the HIV virus, and informative materials explaining causes, consequences, and preventive measures. A Rally involving nearly 300 NSS volunteers, along with the principal and staff members, marched through the main roads of Vellore with slogans and placards to spread awareness. The rally concluded at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School grounds. The entire campus was transformed into an awareness centre with notice boards, posters, AV aids, and educational materials highlighting prevention and compassion towards affected individuals.

Campus and Social Outreach Activities

Throughout the year, the NSS Unit actively collaborated with district authorities and social organisations. Participation in Anti-TB Week with essay, slogan, and poster competitions. One-Day Bull’s Eye Camp conducted with the Rotaract Club focusing on traffic awareness and eye donation. Peace March organised by the District Collector and Peace Forum. Pongal celebration in Jawadhi Hills strengthening rural bonds. Seminar on “Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances” conducted in collaboration with the Department of Social Defence. Celebration of Sadbhavana Day with inter-religious prayer session. PudhuVazhvu Centre training on drug de-addiction awareness and rehabilitation approaches.

1991–1992

Special Camp at Jawadhu Hills

The NSS Unit of Auxilium College organised a Ten-Day Special Camp at Keelapannai, Jawadhu Hills. Fifty volunteers, accompanied by the Principal and Programme Officers, participated in this rural outreach programme with the objective of empowering tribal women through literacy, awareness, and community engagement.

The camp began with a cordial reception by the villagers. After initial settling, the team was briefed by Rev. Fr. Antony Raj, Lecturer in Economics, Sacred Heart College, and representatives from Bosco Institute of Social Work, who oriented the volunteers to the historical, cultural, and social background of the tribal community. A village round helped the volunteers interact closely with the women and understand their living conditions.

Literacy and Women's Empowerment

Literacy awareness formed the backbone of the camp. Daily sessions were conducted to teach women to read, write their names, and identify numbers and addresses. The enthusiasm of the women was remarkable, especially considering their demanding daily wage labour and household responsibilities.

Interactive sessions revealed several social realities, including early marriages and limited educational exposure. Without offending cultural sensibilities, discussions were held on improving lifestyle, dignity, and the status of women.



Skill-based training such as needlework was also provided, helping women develop practical abilities alongside literacy.

Health, Hygiene and Medical Awareness

The theme of the day was Health, Hygiene, and Sanitation. A general medical check-up camp was conducted with the support of doctors from Christian Medical College (CMC),

Vellore. Pregnant women and children received immunisation against polio and smallpox. An awareness film on leprosy was screened to dispel myths and reduce stigma. Through discussion sessions, villagers were helped to understand that leprosy is not highly contagious and can be cured with proper treatment. Sessions on sex education and family planning methods were conducted with seriousness and sensitivity. A film on a well-planned healthy family was screened to reinforce the message of responsible parenthood.

Social Awareness and Civic Responsibility

Citizenship Training was organised in view of the election season. Women were educated about leadership, voting rights, and the importance of exercising their franchise responsibly. Officials spoke about self-employment schemes available for women, broadening their awareness of government support systems. Delegates from the PuthuVazhuvu Centre, Vellore, addressed the women on the causes and consequences of alcohol abuse.

Environment and National Integration

The theme on 19th April 1991 was Women and Environment. Awareness was given on environmental protection, pollution control, and afforestation. A cultural presentation (Kathakalakshebham) on the role of women in society made the session both educative and engaging. An evening visit to Kavalur Observatory enriched the volunteers' exposure. National Integration was the central theme. Through talks supported by maps of India, the women were helped to understand the broader national context and their place within it. The session fostered a sense of belonging and unity in diversity.

1990–1991

Special Camp

A ten-day Special Camp titled “Youth for Development” was organised at Keelapannai in the Jawadhu Hills. The camp focused on rural development and awareness initiatives.

The camp was inaugurated by Miss Celsie Nirmalam and Miss Gnana, who motivated the volunteers to serve society with commitment and compassion.

Campus and Public Cleaning Drives

NSS volunteers actively engaged in cleaning the village surroundings and public spaces. A significant campus cleaning drive was also conducted, reinforcing the importance of sanitation and collective responsibility.

Awareness Programme

Street plays, skits, and public awareness activities were organised focusing on the Women’s welfare, dowry prohibition, child marriage, social evils and health issues. This programme helped in sensitising villagers and especially women about social and health concerns.



Health and Social Outreach

The volunteers visited the village jail and interacted with inmates. Fruits and biscuits were distributed as part of a goodwill initiative. Participation was also extended to important national observances such as National Integration Day Polio Eradication Campaign NSS volunteers assisted in distributing polio drops as part of the immunisation programme.

1989–1990

Orientation and Village Adoption

During the academic year 1989–90, the NSS activities of Auxilium College commenced with an orientation programme for volunteers organized by the Programme Officer. Students were introduced to the objectives and responsibilities of the National Service Scheme and were encouraged to actively participate in community development initiatives.

As part of the NSS outreach programme, Barathi Nagar was identified as the adopted village for the year. An initial visit was conducted by the programme officers to understand the village profile, which included details regarding the population, number of families, and the literacy status of residents. This preliminary survey helped the volunteers identify areas where service activities could be effectively implemented.

Mass Functional Literacy Programme



A major focus of the year was the implementation of the Mass Functional Literacy Programme (MFLP) in the adopted village. Selected NSS volunteers visited the village regularly and conducted literacy classes for residents, encouraging them to develop basic reading and writing skills. Through these efforts, volunteers worked directly with villagers, motivating them to value education and improving

awareness about the importance of literacy in everyday life. NSS volunteers and community members formed a human chain to promote social awareness and unity. The initiative highlighted the importance of collective action for the welfare and development of society

Leadership Training and Skill Development

Leadership development programmes were organized to strengthen the capabilities of NSS volunteers. Selected student leaders participated in a leadership training course conducted by the Youth Animation Centre, which focused on developing leadership qualities and communication skills among volunteers.

In addition, lectures and motivational sessions were conducted for students on topics such as self-confidence, leadership, and positive thinking, encouraging them to cultivate personal growth while engaging in social service.

Employment Awareness and Educational Programmes

Several awareness programmes were conducted to guide students and villagers on educational and employment opportunities. An exhibition on employment opportunities for women in India was organized in the college to create awareness about career prospects and self-reliance.

Lectures were also delivered for NSS volunteers on self-confidence and leadership development, emphasizing the importance of personal initiative and motivation.

Health Awareness and Medical Services

Health awareness activities were undertaken as part of the NSS outreach initiatives. A survey was conducted in Tokki village to identify tuberculosis patients, and the findings were reported to the District Medical authorities. Subsequently, a medical check-up camp was organized in collaboration with doctors from the Government Pentland Hospital, Vellore. Medical treatment and outpatient services were provided to villagers affected by tuberculosis.

Another medical check-up camp was organized for children of Auxilium Elementary School, where a large number of students underwent health examinations. Vitamin tablets were distributed with the assistance of the Lions Club, promoting better health and nutrition among the children.

Women's Development and Social Awareness

Programmes focusing on women's welfare and empowerment were also conducted during the year. Awareness sessions on family planning and women's legal rights in property and marriage were organized for women in the village. These programmes aimed to educate women about their rights and promote informed decision-making within families and communities.



In addition, discussions on women's development were held in collaboration with district authorities, highlighting issues faced by women and exploring ways to address them through community initiatives.

Community Awareness and Educational Films

Educational and awareness programmes were conducted for villagers through documentary film screenings on health, hygiene, immunization, and

sanitation. Experts explained these topics in Tamil to ensure better understanding among the rural audience.

A social awareness film was also screened for villagers at their request, providing an engaging platform for learning and reflection on social themes.

Community Activities and Public Participation

Community engagement activities were organized to encourage participation and strengthen the relationship between the NSS volunteers and the villagers. Sports and games were conducted for villagers, and prizes were distributed to the winners during the closing events.

Students also participated in competitions and awareness programme related to population education, organized with the support of the District Family Welfare Office. These initiatives encouraged youth participation in addressing important social issues.

1988–1989

Orientation and Leadership Development

During the academic year 1988–89, the NSS Unit of Auxilium College resumed its activities with renewed enthusiasm after the summer vacation, guided by the objective of reaching out to the poor, particularly women and youth. NSS student leaders participated in a Leadership Programme on Effective Communication, which strengthened their skills in organizing and guiding volunteer activities.

An orientation programme for NSS volunteers was also conducted, enabling students to understand the role of voluntary organizations and the various avenues available for social service. These programmes laid a strong foundation for the year's activities and encouraged students to engage actively in community development.

Educational Outreach and Literacy Initiatives

Education and literacy promotion formed an important focus of the NSS programmes during the year. Volunteers actively participated in adult education initiatives and the Mass Literacy Programme, and several students registered themselves to work in the adopted village of Aruppumedu.



NSS volunteers conducted coaching classes for illiterate boys and girls, helping them acquire basic learning skills and preparing school students for their examinations. These efforts strengthened the educational support system in the rural community and reinforced the importance of literacy and learning.

Village Development and Community Welfare

Various developmental initiatives were undertaken in the adopted village to improve the living conditions of the residents. Volunteers engaged in tree plantation drives, distributing and planting saplings in the village.

Health and welfare programmes were also organized for the villagers. With the support of medical professionals, a general medical check-up camp was conducted in Aruppumedu village, where nearly one hundred villagers received medical consultation and medicines. NSS volunteers assisted the medical team in organizing and carrying out the camp successfully.

Special Camp and Rural Development Activities

A Special NSS Camp was organized at Nangathur village in South Arcot District from 23 September to 2 October 1988. About one hundred volunteers accompanied by programme officers and staff members participated in the camp with the aim of promoting dignity of labour and community development.

During the camp, several development-oriented activities were undertaken, including tree plantation, digging pits for pipelines, widening the village approach road, and improving sanitation. Volunteers also participated in whitewashing school buildings, blackening blackboards, filling unused wells, and covering drainage areas, thereby contributing to the improvement of public infrastructure.

Community Education and Awareness Programmes

Educational and awareness programmes formed an important part of the NSS initiatives. Volunteers conducted talks on social issues, screened educational films, and created awareness about cleanliness and hygiene in the village.

Coaching sessions for school children were organized regularly, and volunteers engaged with the villagers through discussions on topics related to community welfare and development.

Training and Skill Development Programmes

To enhance the capacity of volunteers, the NSS Unit organized an Entrepreneurial Motivation Training Programme, which encouraged students to develop skills related to self-employment and economic independence.

In addition, training sessions and awareness programmes were conducted to motivate students to participate actively in social initiatives and to develop leadership qualities.

Community Service and Social Outreach

The NSS volunteers also participated in community service activities such as collecting essential items including clothes, soap, and stationery for distribution to the poor. Volunteers visited welfare institutions and organized cultural programmes to support residents and promote social interaction.

Major festivals such as Deepavali, Christmas, and Pongal were celebrated in the adopted village together with the villagers, strengthening the bond between the NSS volunteers and the community.

Women's Empowerment and Village Initiatives

A significant initiative undertaken during the year was the establishment of a tailoring unit in Aruppumedu village, aimed at providing skill development opportunities for women. The unit was inaugurated during the NSS Day celebrations in collaboration with the Nehru Yuvakendra, with the participation of local leaders and community members.

Competitions and community programmes were also organized for villagers, encouraging participation and fostering a sense of unity and social engagement.

1987–1988

Social Awareness Week

During the academic year 1987–88, the NSS Unit of Auxilium College actively participated in the Social Awareness Week conducted from 21 January to 26 January. The programme was organized in collaboration with NSS units of North Arcot District, and the inaugural function was held at Sri Venkateswara Higher Secondary School, Vellore.

A group of 75 NSS volunteers along with programme officers attended the inaugural meeting. The event was presided over by Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal of KanchiKamakotiPeetham, with the participation of university officials and representatives of the Tamil Nadu Government. During the programme, volunteers from various colleges took a pledge against the social evil of dowry, and the Swamiji delivered an address emphasizing the responsibility of society, particularly parents, in eradicating this practice.

As part of the observance, Women's Development Day was conducted, during which the Programme Officer spoke to volunteers on the history of women's education in India and highlighted the role of educated women in social service. The NSS volunteers also visited the adopted village of Aruppumedu to conduct a survey on the status of women, using a questionnaire prepared by the STEP Project Organizer.

In addition, awareness programmes were organized for students, including a lecture on Consumer Protection delivered by a faculty member of the college and a talk on self-employment opportunities for women by the District Employment Officer of Vellore. These programmes helped create awareness among students regarding social responsibility, economic independence, and consumer rights.

Special Camp – Youth for Development

A ten-day NSS Special Camp under the theme "Youth for Development" was organized from 23 September to 2 October 1988 at Nangathur village in South Arcot District. Nearly 100 NSS volunteers, accompanied by programme officers and staff members, participated in the camp with the objective of serving rural communities and promoting social development.

The camp began with an inaugural function attended by local officials and Panchayat representatives, who encouraged the volunteers and appreciated the initiative. During the camp, students were exposed to the realities of rural life and were motivated to become active agents of social change.

Village Infrastructure and Development Work

One of the major initiatives undertaken during the camp was the levelling of the road connecting Muttathur and Nangathur, making it more accessible for the villagers. Volunteers worked in groups to transport materials and assist in the improvement of the road infrastructure.



Students participated in the construction of a community hall, by carrying bricks and helping with the basic construction work. In addition, volunteers undertook activities such as digging pits for laying pipelines and improving water supply facilities for the village.

Environmental and Village Improvement Activities

Environmental improvement initiatives formed an important component of the camp activities. Volunteers planted tamarind saplings along the roadside and ensured their maintenance by watering the plants.

They also engaged in repairing and whitewashing the village school, painting blackboards, and cleaning the surroundings of the community hall and public areas. These activities contributed to improving the physical environment and infrastructure of the village.

Educational and Community Outreach

Educational outreach was another significant aspect of the camp. NSS volunteers conducted coaching classes for school children, helping them prepare for their quarterly examinations. They also interacted with villagers through visits and discussions, strengthening the relationship between the NSS unit and the rural community.

Awareness programmes and discussions were organized on topics such as the status of women, native medicine, child care, village economy, and self-awareness, encouraging villagers to reflect on issues affecting their daily lives.

Community Engagement and Cultural Activities

The camp also included games and recreational activities for children, youth, and elders of the village, which fostered participation and community bonding. Through these programmes, the volunteers created a lively atmosphere and encouraged villagers to engage actively in the development activities.



1986–1987

Special Camp – Youth for Rural Reconstruction

During the academic year 1986–87, the NSS Unit of Auxilium College organized a Special Camp under the theme “Youth for Rural Reconstruction” at Aruppumedu village from 19 September to 28 September 1986. About one hundred NSS volunteers from the two NSS units participated in the camp and were organized into groups to carry out various developmental activities in the village.

The camp commenced with an inaugural function presided over by the Block Development Officer, attended by village panchayat members and local residents. The volunteers began their activities with enthusiasm, guided by the NSS motto “Not Me, But You.” The camp focused on exposing students to the realities of rural life while encouraging cooperation, service, and social responsibility.

Village Development and Infrastructure Initiatives

Volunteers actively engaged in several village development activities aimed at improving basic infrastructure and community facilities. The students undertook work to level and improve the playground near the village school, cleared thorny plants and bushes, and planted trees to enhance the village environment.



Another group of volunteers worked on laying a road leading to the graveyard, improving accessibility for villagers. Drainage work was also undertaken in nearby areas, contributing to better sanitation and environmental conditions within the village. These initiatives reflected the volunteers' commitment to practical rural development.

Educational Outreach and Adult Education

Education and literacy promotion formed an important component of the camp activities. Volunteers taught children in the village school and engaged them in basic learning activities. Adult education sessions were also organized, allowing villagers to participate in literacy and awareness programmes.



Through these efforts, the volunteers contributed to strengthening educational awareness and encouraged both children and adults to value learning and self-improvement.

Health Services and Medical Support

Health services were provided as part of the camp outreach. A general medical check-up camp was conducted for the villagers with the support of doctors from the Primary Health Centre at Thiruvalem, where women, children, and men received medical attention.

In addition, a dental and eye check-up camp was organized with the assistance of doctors from the Government Hospital, Vellore. Nearly one hundred villagers benefited from these services, which helped improve health awareness and access to basic medical care within the community.

Environmental Awareness and Tree Planting

Environmental conservation was another important focus of the camp. Volunteers participated in tree planting activities, which were inaugurated by the Forest Extension Officer. Talks were delivered highlighting the importance of afforestation and environmental protection.

These programmes helped create awareness among villagers about the need to protect natural resources and maintain a healthy environment.

Community Interaction and Awareness Programmes

Several programmes were conducted to promote community participation and social awareness. Demonstrations on nutritious food preparation using locally available ingredients were organized, encouraging healthy dietary practices among rural families.

Community events such as village competitions and a baby show for children generated enthusiasm among villagers and strengthened the bond between the NSS volunteers and the community.

Sports and Youth Engagement

Sports activities and games were organized for the youth of the village, attracting participation from nearby localities. These programmes provided opportunities for recreation and interaction while fostering unity and cooperation among the villagers and volunteers.

Special Camp on Fort Beautification and Training Programmes

In addition to the rural camp, the NSS Unit organized another Special Camp for the beautification of Vellore Fort in June 1987. Volunteers participated in cleaning the historic fort area and removing waste materials, thereby contributing to environmental sanitation and heritage preservation.

Training sessions were also conducted in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society, covering topics such as home nursing, first aid, child care, immunization, accident prevention, and disaster preparedness. These sessions provided valuable practical knowledge to the volunteers.

Peace March and Public Awareness

As part of the NSS activities, the volunteers organized a Peace March beginning from the Gandhi statue near Vellore Fort. During the march, pamphlets were distributed and awareness messages were conveyed through placards, promoting peace and social harmony among the public.

1985–1986

NSS Week and Institutional Engagement

During the academic year 1985–86, the NSS Unit of Auxilium College carried out several structured activities reflecting its commitment to social responsibility and community engagement. As part of the NSS observances, NSS students visited an orphanage where they



spent time interacting with the residents and sharing fellowship with them. The programme highlighted the spirit of compassion and service among the volunteers.

In addition, an NSS Day celebration was organized in the college with the participation of university representatives. The Programme Officer delivered a special lecture explaining the objectives and significance of social work through the National Service Scheme, emphasizing the role of youth in community development.

Village Survey and Regular Outreach

Volunteers continued their engagement with the adopted village through regular visits and outreach activities. NSS volunteers conducted surveys to understand the social conditions and needs of the village community. The interaction with villagers helped volunteers gain practical insights into rural life and strengthened the bond between the college and the community.

As part of their regular programmes, volunteers also visited nearby educational institutions such as primary and elementary schools to understand the needs and realities of children in rural areas. These visits helped volunteers recognize the challenges faced by students and encouraged them to contribute meaningfully to community welfare.

International Youth Year Observance

The year also witnessed the celebration of International Youth Year (1985). Various programmes were organized to commemorate the occasion and highlight the importance of youth participation in national development. Activities included discussions, awareness sessions, and programmes emphasizing the themes of peace, development, and youth participation.

Special gatherings and talks encouraged students to reflect on their responsibilities toward society and to actively contribute to community development initiatives through the NSS platform.

Health Awareness and Community Welfare

Health awareness programmes were organized to address the well-being of rural communities. Volunteers participated in initiatives aimed at spreading awareness on sanitation, hygiene, and preventive healthcare practices. These activities emphasized the importance of maintaining healthy living conditions and encouraged villagers to adopt improved health practices.

Special Camp – Youth for Rural Reconstruction

A Special Camp was organized under the theme “Youth for Rural Reconstruction.” The camp was conducted in the adopted village with the participation of NSS volunteers who undertook several development-oriented activities. The programme aimed to involve young volunteers directly in practical rural service while encouraging cooperation between the community and educational institutions.

The camp activities included environmental sanitation, cleaning of village surroundings, desilting of wells, and road cleaning. Tree planting and environmental conservation initiatives were also undertaken, promoting awareness about the importance of protecting natural resources.



Development and Educational Initiatives

During the camp, volunteers participated in activities related to adult education and literacy promotion. Awareness programmes and discussions were conducted to encourage education and social responsibility within the community.

Demonstrations related to nutrition and preparation of nutritious food were also organized, highlighting the importance of balanced diets and healthy living practices among rural families.

Community Interaction and Cultural Programmes

Cultural programmes, public meetings, and community gatherings formed an important part of the camp activities. These programmes provided a platform for dialogue between villagers, volunteers, and local leaders, fostering mutual understanding and cooperation.

Through these interactions, villagers were encouraged to participate actively in development activities and to work collectively for the improvement of their community.

1984–1985

Special Camp – Youth for Rural Reconstruction

During the academic year 1984–85, the NSS Unit organized a Special Camp under the theme “Youth for Rural Reconstruction.” The camp was conducted in the adopted village and focused on structured rural development initiatives. Volunteers actively participated in service-oriented activities aimed at contributing to the reconstruction and improvement of village life.

Rural Development and Sanitation Works

Sanitation and developmental works constituted a significant portion of the camp activities. Cleaning drives and drainage-related works were undertaken to improve hygienic conditions and enhance the overall environment of the village. These efforts reflected the commitment of the volunteers towards creating a healthier rural setting.

Infrastructure and Community Improvement

Constructive initiatives were carried out to strengthen basic infrastructure facilities. Volunteers engaged in manual labour to support community improvement projects. The active participation of villagers during the execution of these works reinforced the spirit of collective responsibility.

Health and Welfare Initiatives

Health awareness and public welfare programmes were integrated into the annual activities. These initiatives addressed essential rural needs and contributed to improving community well-being.

Social Awareness and Community Participation

Awareness programmes were organized to promote social responsibility and community involvement. Volunteers encouraged villagers to actively participate in development-oriented initiatives, thereby strengthening cooperation between the NSS Unit and the rural community.

1983–1984

NSS Activities and Institutional Coordination

During the academic year 1983–84, the NSS Unit carried out its regular programmes with structured organization and institutional coordination. Volunteers actively participated in planned service initiatives, ensuring systematic implementation of activities throughout the year.

Special Camp

A Special Camp was organized as the central activity of the year in the adopted village. The camp was conducted according to a structured schedule, and volunteers rendered meaningful service through organized camp-based initiatives.

Rural Development and Community Service



Developmental works were undertaken during the camp period to improve village conditions. Volunteers engaged in village improvement activities with the participation and cooperation of the local community. The initiatives aimed at strengthening basic facilities and promoting collective responsibility. NSS volunteers visited the village and interacted with local children, encouraging them through educational and cultural activities. The children are seen holding pictures distributed during the

program, symbolizing motivation for learning and participation. Such initiatives aim to support rural communities, promote education among children, and strengthen the bond between volunteers and villagers

Health and Welfare Initiatives

Health-related awareness and public welfare programmes formed an important component of the year's activities. Efforts were made to address community needs and enhance overall well-being among rural residents.

Social Awareness and Environmental Responsibility

The NSS Unit emphasized social awareness and environmental responsibility through organized programmes. Activities encouraged community involvement and promoted a sense of shared commitment toward village development.

1982–1983

Camp – Youth for Ecology Development

During the academic year 1982–83, the NSS Unit organized a Special Camp under the theme “Youth for Ecology Development.” The camp was conducted in the adopted villages and focused on structured rural service and ecological awareness. Volunteers actively participated in planned activities aimed at promoting environmental responsibility and sustainable development.



Rural Development and Infrastructure Works

Manual labour and developmental works constituted a major portion of the camp activities. Volunteers engaged in village improvement initiatives designed to enhance basic infrastructure facilities. These efforts were carried out with the cooperation and participation of the local community, reinforcing the spirit of collective service.

Health and Community Welfare Initiatives

Health-oriented programmes were organized to address the needs of rural residents. Medical assistance and public health awareness activities were conducted during the camp. These initiatives reflected the commitment of the NSS Unit towards improving hygiene, well-being, and overall community welfare.

Environmental Awareness and Social Responsibility

The theme of ecology development was reflected through activities that promoted environmental consciousness. Villagers were encouraged to participate in development programmes and to adopt practices beneficial to their surroundings. The volunteers' efforts fostered awareness and a sense of shared responsibility.

1981–1982

Village Adoption and Survey Activities

During the academic year 1981–82, the NSS Unit continued its structured rural engagement in the adopted villages. Volunteers undertook survey work to identify local needs and understand village conditions.

Medical and Health Initiatives

Health-oriented programmes formed a vital component of the year's activities. A medical camp was organized with the support of doctors, during which villagers received health check-ups and guidance. Awareness on common health concerns was promoted, reflecting the unit's commitment to preventive healthcare and community well-being.

Special Camp – Youth for Ecology Development



A Special Camp was conducted under the theme “Youth for Ecology Development.” The camp focused on environmental awareness and rural development initiatives. Volunteers actively participated in ecology-related and constructive activities aimed at improving village conditions and fostering environmental responsibility.

Rural Development Works

During the camp period, volunteers engaged in manual labour and developmental works that contributed to village improvement. Infrastructure-related initiatives were undertaken with community participation, reinforcing the spirit of collective effort and responsibility.

Community Welfare and Impact



The NSS Unit extended meaningful support to the surrounding villages, particularly focusing on the economically weaker sections of the community. Through various service activities and outreach programs, the volunteers worked to improve basic facilities, promote hygiene and sanitation, and raise awareness about health, education, and environmental responsibility. Their efforts contributed to improving the living conditions of the villagers and reflected the true spirit of social service and community engagement that the National Service Scheme stands for. The dedication and active participation of the volunteers strengthened the bond between the

institution and the local community. The year concluded on a positive note with appreciation from local authorities and community members, who acknowledged the commitment, discipline, and sincerity demonstrated by the NSS volunteers in carrying out their responsibilities.

1980–1981

Rural Engagement

During the academic year 1980–81, the NSS Unit continued its committed engagement with the adopted village, ensuring sustained community interaction and developmental support. Regular visits were undertaken to maintain close contact with the villagers, strengthening the relationship established in previous years and reinforcing the continuity of rural service.



Special Camp and Developmental Work

A Special Camp was organized as part of the annual programme. Volunteers actively participated in developmental works aimed at benefiting the rural community. Constructive manual labour and organized activities formed the central focus of the camp, reinforcing the values of collective service and social responsibility.

Health, Sanitation, and Literacy Initiatives

Health and sanitation awareness programmes were conducted to promote hygienic practices among villagers. Volunteers undertook cleanliness activities to improve environmental conditions while also encouraging literacy and educational support initiatives within the community. These programmes aimed to raise awareness and enhance the quality of life for rural residents.



Observance of National Days and Cultural Activities

Nationally important days were observed with appropriate programmes that promoted civic awareness and social responsibility. Cultural activities and public gatherings were organized to strengthen unity, participation, and community engagement among the villagers.

1979–1980

Special Camp at Thiruvalluvar Nagar

During the academic year 1979–80, the NSS Unit organized a Special Camp at Thiruvalluvar Nagar, marking a significant phase of rural engagement and community-oriented service. The camp commenced with the formal inauguration of a road construction project connecting Gandhinagar to Thiruvalluvar Nagar. The inauguration was carried out by the Block Development Officer in the presence of Panchayat officials, reflecting institutional encouragement and local administrative support for the initiative.

Road Construction and Infrastructure Development

Road construction formed the central activity of the camp. NSS volunteers actively participated in strengthening and extending the village road through sustained manual effort. Bushes along the pathways were cleared, and access routes were widened, significantly improving connectivity within the village. The physical labour undertaken by the volunteers demonstrated their dedication to practical rural development and community service.



Community Interaction and Village Survey



In addition to infrastructure work, the volunteers undertook systematic house-to-house visits to understand the needs and concerns of the villagers. These interactions enabled closer engagement with the community and encouraged participatory involvement in the camp activities. The initiative fostered mutual trust and strengthened the relationship between the NSS unit and the village residents.

Health, Literacy, and Environmental Initiatives

Literacy efforts, health awareness programmes, cleanliness drives, and environmental improvement activities were conducted throughout the camp period. Volunteers emphasized the importance of hygiene, education, and collective responsibility while working closely with the villagers to promote better living conditions.

Cultural and Public Awareness Programmes

Cultural programmes and public meetings were organized to promote social awareness and unity within the community. These activities created opportunities for dialogue, participation, and collective reflection on village development. They also encouraged villagers to share their concerns and ideas, strengthening community involvement in local initiatives. Such gatherings helped foster a sense of cooperation and responsibility among residents toward the overall progress of the village.

1978–1979

Special Camp and Village Engagement

During the academic year 1978–79, the NSS Unit of Auxilium College organized a Special Camp in its adopted village in close coordination with Panchayat leaders and government officials. The initiative reflected the continued commitment of the volunteers to rural development and community engagement, strengthening the partnership between the NSS unit and the village community.

Village Infrastructure Development

One of the major highlights of the year was the active participation of NSS volunteers in village infrastructure development. Nearly one and a half kilometres of road work was undertaken during the camp. Volunteers cleared bushes and improved pathways, making them more accessible and safer for the residents. This practical effort significantly enhanced connectivity within the village and stood as a visible example of youth participation in community development and nation-building.

Adult Education and Literacy Initiatives

In alignment with the objectives of the National Adult Education Programme, the NSS volunteers conducted literacy classes for adults. These sessions aimed to motivate villagers to acquire basic reading and writing skills. The initiative reflected the volunteers' commitment to empowering rural residents through education and promoting the importance of lifelong learning.



Health, Hygiene, and Community Awareness

Health and hygiene awareness formed an integral part of the camp activities. Volunteers visited homes to educate villagers on sanitation practices and preventive health measures. Cleaning drives were also carried out to improve the overall environment of the village. These efforts emphasized the importance of maintaining community hygiene and encouraged villagers to adopt healthier living practices.

Public Interaction and Awareness Programmes

Public meetings, awareness sessions, and documentary screenings were organized to enhance community participation and dialogue. These activities provided an opportunity for villagers to interact with development officials and gain greater awareness of social and developmental issues. The programmes strengthened the spirit of cooperation between the community and the NSS volunteers.

Community Impact and Service Spirit

The NSS activities of 1978–79 reflected sustained engagement, disciplined service, and meaningful rural outreach. Through infrastructure improvement, literacy initiatives, and health awareness programmes, the volunteers demonstrated a strong commitment to community development and social responsibility.

1977–78

Historic Rural Reconstruction Camp

During the academic year 1977–78, the NSS Unit of Auxilium College organized a pioneering Rural Reconstruction Camp at Thiruvalluvar Village from 22 September to 1 October 1977. The camp marked an important milestone in collaborative rural development and brought together government officials, Panchayat leaders, and community representatives. The initiative reflected the true spirit of the National Service Scheme motto, “Not Me, But You,” emphasizing service, cooperation, and collective responsibility toward rural progress.

Road Construction and Village Infrastructure

One of the most remarkable achievements of the camp was the construction of a village road, which symbolized the practical contribution of youth in rural development. NSS volunteers worked in groups with dedication and discipline, carrying out manual labour under the guidance of government engineers and local authorities. Villagers, including both youth and elders, actively participated in the effort, creating a strong partnership between students and the community. The road construction project demonstrated how collective action could lead to meaningful improvements in rural infrastructure.



Health Outreach and Medical Assistance

Health awareness and medical assistance formed a major pillar of the camp’s activities. A medical camp was organized with the participation of doctors and health officials, through which nearly 280 villagers received medical aid. Volunteers promoted awareness about immunization among parents and emphasized preventive healthcare practices and hygiene education. Special attention was given to maternal and child health, contributing to greater awareness of essential healthcare practices in the village.

Nutrition and Kitchen Garden Promotion

To promote self-sufficiency and healthy living among rural families, the NSS volunteers initiated a nutrition and kitchen garden movement. Villagers were educated about balanced diets and the importance of proper nutrition. Vegetable seeds were distributed to households, and families were encouraged to develop kitchen gardens rather than relying solely on market produce. This initiative strengthened food security at the household level while encouraging sustainable and healthy living practices.

Adult Education and Skill Development

Recognizing literacy and skill development as important tools for empowerment, NSS volunteers conducted adult education programmes within the village. In addition to literacy initiatives, needlework training sessions were organized for women, helping them develop practical skills.



Social awareness sessions were also conducted to encourage participation in community development activities. These programmes enhanced confidence and self-reliance among rural residents and promoted greater community engagement.

Public Awareness and Community Participation

The camp also served as a platform for social awareness and public engagement. Public meetings and debates were organized on issues related to village development and community welfare. Educational film screenings on health and social issues were conducted for villagers, while government officials delivered talks highlighting the importance of cooperation between the community and the administration. These activities reinforced the message that sustainable village development depends on collective participation.

Environmental and Cleanliness Initiatives

Environmental improvement and sanitation activities were undertaken as part of the camp's service programmes. Volunteers cleared thorny bushes, cleaned pathways, and worked to improve the general surroundings of the village. These efforts contributed to better sanitation conditions and created safer and cleaner public spaces for the community.

Community Service and Relief Activities



The spirit of service extended beyond the duration of the special camp. NSS volunteers continued their community engagement by organizing relief activities and social service initiatives. Funds were collected for flood relief efforts, and clothes and essential items were gathered for those in need. Volunteers also conducted public games and activities to raise contributions while continuing literacy programmes and hospital visits. These initiatives reflected the sustained commitment of the NSS volunteers toward social service.

Government and Community Collaboration

The camp witnessed a very strong collaboration between students, local authorities, and the village community. Block Development Officers, Panchayat Union leaders, health officials, and agricultural officers actively participated in the programmes. Their involvement and the appreciation reinforced the value of student-led initiatives in the supporting rural development and strengthening cooperation between institutions and local communities.



A Model of Youth Leadership

The NSS camp of 1977–78 stands as a significant example of youth participation in nation-building and rural transformation. Through disciplined volunteerism and organized service activities, the volunteers of Auxilium College demonstrated leadership in areas such as infrastructure development, health awareness, education, and social reform. The camp remains a powerful example of how committed youth can contribute meaningfully to community development and social progress.

1976–77

Follow-up Socio-Economic Survey



During the year 1976–77, a follow-up survey was carried out in the adopted Thiruvalluvar Village, Katpadi, covering 100 households with a total population of 611. The survey revealed that the majority belonged to the backward community and were from low-income groups, with most families earning below ₹200 per month and engaged mainly as daily wage labourers. The literacy rate was recorded at 65.14% while 34.86% remained illiterate, and 34 unemployed persons above the age of twenty were identified. Housing conditions were poor, with 81% of families living in thatched houses. Details regarding family size, occupation and economic condition were documented, and the assessment indicated the need for continued community development and welfare activities in the

village.

1975–76

Special Camp and Community Development Activities

During the year, a special NSS camp was conducted at Thiruvalluvar Village, Katpadi from April 26 to May 5. A mass health survey and health education programme were carried out, and drainage and sanitation problems in the village were addressed. Awareness was created on diseases and preventive health care with active participation from villagers and youth. Volunteers also rendered service at the Missionaries of Charity Children's Home, Vellore.

Free medical and dental camps were organised and medicines distributed, along with vaccination and immunisation programmes. Malaria prevention awareness and DDT spraying were demonstrated, and garbage pits and soakage pits were constructed for proper waste disposal. Adult literacy initiatives helped villagers learn to sign their names, while kitchen gardens were prepared and tree saplings planted. Roads were cleaned and levelled, thorny bushes removed, and posters on health, family planning and nutrition displayed. Rural sports were conducted for villagers and children, and the camp was later evaluated by the District Collector, with certificates distributed to volunteers.



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