

Tree Planting

On June 8th NSS unit of Marian Engineering College organized a tree planting event in celebration of Environment Day. The event was inaugurated by our college bursar Reverend Father Jim Carvin Roach. The initiative commenced with a campus cleaning drive which was conducted on June 7th , emphasizing environmental consciousness. Subsequently, 50 passion fruit trees were planted, contributing to the enhancement of the campus greenery and fostering a sustainable environment. By nurturing the planted trees and fostering a sense of responsibility, we aim to continue making a positive impact on both our campus and the broader environment.

Independence Day

The NSS Unit of Marian Engineering College celebrated Independence Day with great fervor and enthusiasm. The event was marked by the hoisting of the national flag by the esteemed Dean of the college, Dr. A. Samson. The celebration also included the recognition of outstanding volunteers, with the Best Volunteer Trophy being awarded to Joshva, the previous Volunteer Secretary, as a testament to the commitment and dedication.

Following the formalities, the NSS Unit embarked on a visit to a house earmarked for renovation as part of their community service initiatives. This endeavour underscored the NSS Unit's commitment to social responsibility and community welfare.

Onam

The Onam celebration at Sun Auditorium, organized under the banner of "Yuva Utsav " on August 22nd witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers of Marian Engineering College. The event began with a spectacular flower carpet competition, where our team secured the 1st prize, showcasing creativity and dedication.

Session on Start-up Schemes and Opportunities:

Following the competition, a session on start-up schemes and opportunities was conducted. Renowned speaker K.C.C Nair, the President of the Indian Society for Training and Development, shared valuable insights, enlightening participants on the vast potential in the entrepreneurial landscape.

Meri Mati Meri Dhesh - Mann Ki Baat Experience Sharing:

Continuing the festivities, a captivating session featuring an engaging quiz experience shared by MS Ajay, a student from AJ College. This interactive segment added an educational element to the celebration, fostering knowledge exchange.

Session on National Educational Policy and Employability for the 21st Century:

Dr. Arun Surendran led an informative session on the National Educational Policy and employability in the 21st century. The session provided valuable insights into the evolving educational landscape and its correlation with employability prospects.

The event concluded on a high note with a Nadan Pattu/Onam song competition, bringing the cultural essence of Onam to the forefront. The collective efforts of NSS volunteers from Marian Engineering College made the Onam celebration at Sun Auditorium a memorable and enriching experience, blending tradition, education, and creativity.

Food Donation

The NSS unit at Marian Engineering College organized a successful food donation drive to commemorate Kerala Piravi. The initiative, carried out on November 1st, saw a remarkable display of generosity as collection boxes

were placed in front of the college's admin block, beckoning students, professors, and staff to contribute. With an overwhelming response that resulted in an estimated 600 food packets being gathered within a few hours. By noon, the volunteers had efficiently organized the distribution. This initiative not only celebrated the occasion but also highlighted the spirit of community service and solidarity within the college.

Blood Donation Camp

Regional Blood Donation Camp, organized by NSS in collaboration with Rudhirasena, POL Blood of Kerala Police, and Medical College, took place on November 10th at Marian Engineering College. The event was inaugurated by His Highness Prince Avittom Thirunal Adithya Varma, who was warmly welcomed and honoured by NSS.

During the camp, a remarkable total of 70 units of blood were collected, showcasing the enthusiasm and altruism of the participating students. The event drew participants from nearly eight different colleges, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility for a vital cause.

The post-blood donation activities included an informative session led by members of Haritha Keralam mission. The focus of this session was on creating awareness about maintaining a plastic-free campus. The participants engaged in discussions about the challenges posed by plastic usage within the campus and brainstormed effective strategies to overcome these issues.

Green Campus

The National Service Scheme (NSS) at Marian Engineering College, in collaboration with Haritha Kerala Mission, undertook a significant Green Campus Initiative on November 16th aimed at introducing and implementing a comprehensive Green Protocol. The inauguration of this initiative was graced by Dr. T.N. Seema, the State Coordinator of Nava Keralam Karma Padhathi and Vice Chairperson of Haritha Kerala Mission. Her insights into holistic development aligned seamlessly with the goals of the initiative. The event marked the beginning of a concerted effort to make Marian Engineering College a beacon of eco-friendly practices.

Flash Mob for Awareness:

To engage the college community and spread awareness about the Green Campus Initiative, NSS volunteers organized a captivating flash mob. The dynamic performance not only entertained but also effectively conveyed the message of environmental responsibility.

Campus Cleaning :

Followed by green campus initiative , On November 18th

We witnessed an active participation of NSS volunteers in a campus cleaning drive, a crucial step in implementing the green protocol. The initiative aimed not only at maintaining cleanliness but also at instilling a sense of responsibility among students and staff towards the environment.

The ongoing commitment to green practices will contribute to a sustainable and eco-friendly learning environment for the entire college community.

House Renovation

The NSS unit of Marian Engineering College embarked on a transformative social service initiative to renovate

the dilapidated home of a 10th-grade student from St. Michael's Higher Secondary School. This young scholar, along with his sister, was being raised by their elderly grandmother, as their mother had passed away, and their father had abandoned them. Despite the family's financial constraints, the decision was made to educate the student, leaving his sister at home.

Upon discovering the deplorable conditions of their residence—covered in dust with no proper roof, leaving them vulnerable to environmental elements—the compassionate NSS volunteers of Marian engaged with the family to understand their plight. Fueled by a sense of responsibility and empathy, the NSS unit raised a commendable sum of **Rs 1 Lakh** to initiate the much-needed renovation process.

With dedication and collective effort, the NSS volunteers undertook the task of refurbishing the house. By the 25th of August 2023, the once decrepit dwelling had been transformed into a safe and stimulating environment for the student to pursue his education. The culmination of this heartwarming endeavor saw the official handing over of the keys to the renovated house to the grateful family, a moment presided over by the College Manager, **Rev Father**

John. This initiative not only provided a tangible improvement in living conditions but also underscored the power of community-driven social service in creating positive change.

Beach cleanup

On September 23rd, the NSS unit of Marian Engineering College collaborated with Sustera Foundation for a beach cleanup at Shangumugham Beach. This event also marked the first official activity for the new recruits. We joined forces with students from other institutes to raise awareness about waste deposits in beaches and the harm it causes.. Pairs of participants were equipped with bags and specific instructions to collect distinct types of waste, including glass, cloth, jute material, and plastics. The beach cleanup fostered enthusiastic participation and a commitment to environmental responsibility. Following the cleanup, a class on waste deposit awareness was conducted, educating attendees on proper waste handling. The participants were invited to future cleanup campaigns, emphasizing

an ongoing dedication to raising awareness. The event concluded with participants capturing moments through photos alongside the waste collected, creating a visual testament to their environmental efforts.

Environment Day Activity- Museum Cleanup

On June 5th, the NSS Marian Unit actively participated in an Environment Day commemoration activity, joining forces with other units for a city-wide cleanup initiative. The day commenced with an enlightening session on environmental awareness, underscoring the importance of sustainable practices. Subsequently, the volunteers were grouped and assigned diverse locations for cleanup. The NSS Marian Unit took charge of the Natural History Museum in Trivandrum. Armed with wheelbarrows provided by the museum, the volunteers diligently collected and segregated waste materials, including plastic bottles, chips packets, and soda cans, fostering a cleaner environment. This collaborative effort not only showcased the NSS Marian Unit's commitment to environmental conservation but also highlighted the power of collective action in promoting a greener, healthier community.

Genesis

On September 7th, the NSS Marian Unit dedicated their efforts to volunteering for the "Genesis" welcoming event, extending a warm reception to freshers and their parents as they joined the Marian family. The volunteers actively participated in various tasks, including pre-event preparations such as arranging seats and ensuring logistical readiness. On the day of the event, their responsibilities encompass welcoming and guiding guests to their seats, distributing candles for the blessing ceremony, and providing assistance to professors when required. Additionally, volunteers played a crucial role in the smooth distribution of snack boxes, contributing to the overall positive experience for attendees. The NSS Marian Unit's commitment to community and support was evident through their enthusiastic volunteering efforts, showcasing a spirit of collaboration and unity within the Marian family. Their contributions were instrumental in making the Genesis welcoming program a memorable and

inclusive introduction for the incoming students and their families.

Student Induction Program-SIP 2023

From September 8th to 13th, the NSS Marian Unit actively participated in a 6-day student induction program, where volunteers played a crucial role in assisting professors to conduct engaging activities for the freshers. The dedicated volunteers showcased their commitment by contributing to various aspects of the program, ensuring a smooth and welcoming introduction for the new students. Notable events included environmentally-conscious activities like paper bag making classes, an illuminating Zoom meeting featuring the honorable chief minister, and informative sessions led by alumni and recruiting companies. Each day featured a different group of volunteers, reflecting the diversity and inclusivity of the NSS Marian Unit. Professors expressed their appreciation for the volunteers, recognizing their enthusiasm, helpfulness, and ability to maintain discipline, highlighting the successful collaboration between volunteers and academic

staff to make the induction program a meaningful and positive experience for the incoming students.

Orientation

On September 23rd, the NSS-Marian unit organized a dynamic orientation program at Benzinger Hall, bringing together new and senior recruits for an engaging session. The event aimed to foster camaraderie and networking among the new recruits. The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm. Introductory activities, including dancing and games, were conducted to impart the values of social service, empathy, kindness, sympathy etc.. The participants actively participated, imbibing essential life skills. A special one-hour class on blood donation awareness heightened their understanding of community service. The orientation provided a comprehensive overview of the year's upcoming activities, ensuring recruits are well-prepared for their NSS journey. The event successfully blended education with entertainment, setting a positive tone for a year filled with impactful initiatives and meaningful contributions to society.

