# QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME Report of the activities 2021-2022

National Service Scheme (NSS) aims at developing the personality, character, social and civic responsibility of the students through voluntary community service. Involving themselves in NSS activities would eventually enhance their knowledge to find practical solutions to individual and community problems.

The NSS Unit of Queen Mary's College which has 500 volunteers aims at establishing an emotional and social rapport between the students and the community. The students are encouraged to render self-less service to improve the well-being of the society. The five NSS Units are led by Dr. Vanaja. S, Assistant Professor of Computer Applications, Dr. Eswari Ramesh, Assistant Professor of Economics, Mrs. Daya Bhagya Sherin. M, Assistant Professor of English, Mrs. Mary Reena. C, Assistant Professor of English and Dr. Murugeswari. P. Assistant Professor of Tamil.

#### Planting Saplings on 24.09.2021

Planting saplings was organized at Queen Mary's College, Chennai through National Service Scheme. This activity was held in our campus on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Our Principal Dr. Uma Maheswari, faculty members of our college were present on this occasion and initiated this plantation drive.

NSS Volunteers Bharathi.C, Nandhini.S, Kavitha and Lakshmi R. S planted neem saplings in our college premises. The students actively participated in the programme and were happy to be a part of this plantation drive.



# Cleaning Drive on 28.10.2021

The NSS units of Queen Mary's College, Chennai conducted Swatch Bharat Campaign in the college campus on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The programme was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Uma Maheswari. The NSS volunteers actively involved themselves in cleaning the college campus under the leadership of the NSS Coordinators. Dr. Vanaja. S, Dr. Eswari Ramesh, Mrs. Daya

Bhagya Sherin. M, Mrs. Mary Reena. C and Dr. Murugeswari. P. More than 250 volunteers participated in this cleaning drive with much enthusiasm. They cleaned the campus, collected all the litter for disposal. Refreshments were distributed to volunteers. NSS programme officers co-ordinated the students for the successful completion of the cleaning drive.



#### Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week on 27.10.2021 & 30.10.2021

In connection with VAW (Vigilance Awareness Week) 2021, NSS of Queen Mary's College, Chennai conducted an oratorical competition on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 9:30 am on the topic "Wipe out corruption, Take the nation forward". Students from various departments participated.

Dr. Balamigai. N, Dr. Urmila. S and Dr. Sadhana. G, from Department of English acted as judges for the competition. The winners of the events were Ms. Haritha, III B. Sc Mathematics, .....



NSS units of Queen Mary's College observed VAW by organizing awareness programme on anticorruption on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Principal Dr. Uma Maheswari. B presided over the programme. Volunteers presented skit and shared their views on anti-corruption. Shri. V. Kumar DGM (HR) Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Shri. P. Kumaravel GM (RS-I) IOCL, Shri. Huma Rao (GM-Vigilance) IOCL, the chief guests of the day motivated the students by highlighting on the topic "Anti-corruption" followed by pledge. Winners of the oratorical competition were awarded prizes at the VAW function.



#### Carbon Neutral Event on 23.11.2021

Queen Mary's College, NSS Units and Eco Club joined together and conducted Carbon Neutral Event on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 in collaboration with Exnora, IOCL, Dream Green and Vidhai Vithaipom.

Sri.S. Sendhur Paari, President of Exnora, Sri. V. Kumar, Addl. Deputy General Manager, Shri. Anand Kumar Singh, Chief Vigilance Officer, IOCL, Shri. S. K Ralli, E D (Vigilance) IOCL, Shri. R. Jayadevan, Executive Director & State Head, IOCL, Shri Ved Prakash Sethi, ED (GR-E0, IOCL, CO, Shri. G. V Hymarao (GM- Vigilance) IOCL, Sri. Mohana Sundaram, Head, Green Team, Sri. M. Ragavelu, Head Co-ordinator Green Needa, Sri. N. Senthil Kumar, Deputy Coordinator, Ms. Padmapriya, Founder of Veedai Vadhaipom attended this event. The delegates who participated spoke about the importance of growing trees to neutralize the emission of carbon di oxide and methane, to control pollution of environment and to protect Ozone layer.

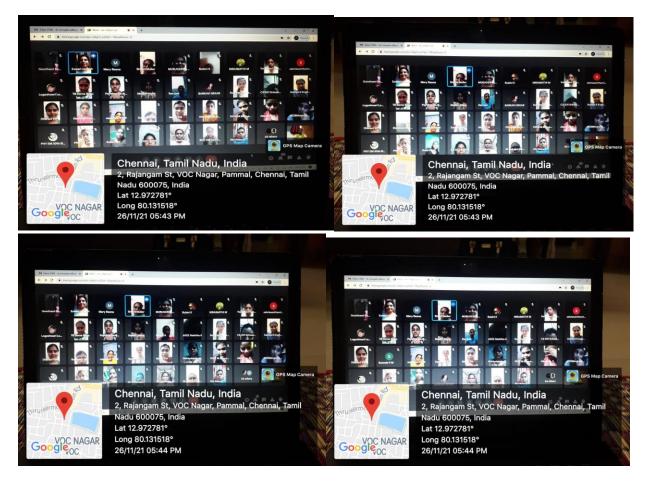
Principal Dr. (Tmt) B. Uma Maheshwari presided over the programme. The Eco-Club Coordinators Dr. Malathy, Head of the Department of Zoology Dr. Karpakam, Head of the Department of Botany, Dr. Maria Preethi Srinivasan, Head of the Department of English, Dr. Bhavani Govindarajulu, Assistant Professor of Zoology made their presence felt in the event to encourage the students. The NSS Coordinators. Dr. Vanaja. S, Dr. Eswari Ramesh, Mrs. Daya Bhagya Sherin. M, Mrs Mary Reena. C and Dr. Murugeswari. P were present to encourage the NSS volunteers. The volunteers joined together in the plantation of Miyawaki Forest in our college campus and planted 300 saplings. Lunch was provided to the students and to the persons who were involved in the plantation drive.





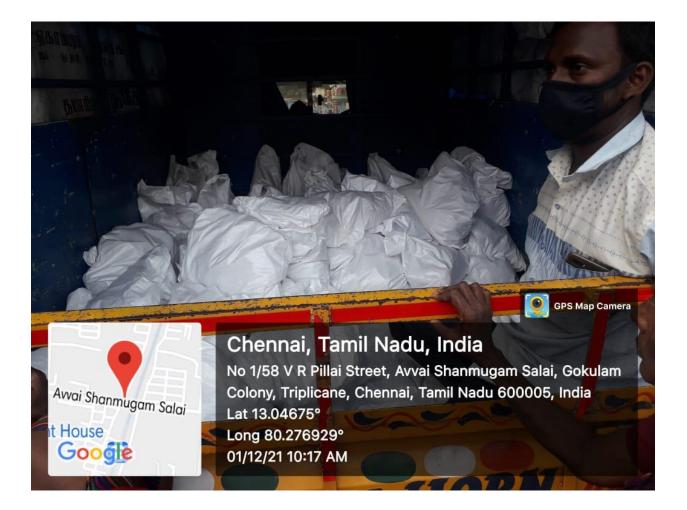
### Celebration of Constitution Day on 26.11.2021

The NSS staff members and students of Queen Mary's College read the Preamble of the Constitution of India on 26th November 2021 through Google Meet Platform at Queen Mary's College, Chennai at 5:44 PM. More than 100 students joined the Google Meet.



# Flood-relief Activity on 1.12.2021

NSS Unit of Queen Mary's College distributed ration kits to nearly 130 deserving families living on the banks of Canal, Venkatrangam Street, Triplicane, as a part of flood-relief drive. This initiative was carried out successfully under the prudent guidance of Dr. Vaneeta Aggarwal, NSS Coordinator, University of Madras and with the unconditional support extended by our Principal Dr. B. Uma Maheshwari, Queen Mary's College, Chennai.











#### Webinar to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence on 1.12.2021

The National Service Scheme Unit of Queen Mary's College commemorated the 75 th year of Independence by organising a webinar on the topic "The Unsung Tribal Freedom Fighters in Nation Building". Dr.Varalakshmi Anandhakumar, Vice Principal of Queen Mary's College gave the welcome address. Dr. Vaneeta Aggarwal. NSS Coordinator, University of Madras delivered the Presidential address. Dr. C. Swathanthira Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Presidency College spoke on - Tribal Freedom Fighters Sidhu and Kanhu, and Dr A.Ravisankar, Assistant Professor, PG and Research Department of History, Govt Arts College (Autonomous) Coimbatore focused on Khond Uprising: Role of Chakra Bisoi (1837 to 1856).

# Plantation Drive – A Tribute to 'Nel Jayaraman' on 6.12.2021

The NSS unit of Queen Mary's College, in collaboration with Exnora and Green Needa organised Plantation of palmyra seeds in the campus on 6/12/2021 as a befitting tribute to 'Nel Jayaraman', who is celebrated as Tamilnadu's Visionary Agriculturalist and Organic Farming Crusader. Dr. Varalakshmi Anandhakumar, the Vice Principal initiated this plantation drive and the officials who graced the occasion with their presence spoke on the importance of organic farming and cultivation of traditional paddy varieties. NSS volunteers showed their enthusiastic participation and involvement in the plantation drive, coordinated by the NSS programme officers of QMC.





### Vaccination Camp on 8.12.2021

NSS Unit of Queen Mary's College organised Mega Corona Vaccination Camp in association with Greater Chennai Corporation on 8/12/2021 at the college dispensary. The vaccines were administered to the staff members and students under the guidance of Dr. Shobarani, the College Medical Officer, Queen Mary's College, Chennai.



#### Walkthon on 11.12.2021

The NSS students of Queen Mary's College, Chennai participated in the celebrations commemorating the birthday of Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathiar on 11.12.2021. As a part of the celebrations, the students participated in the Walkaton from Sri Parthasarthy Swamy Temple to Bharathiar House.



# ExNoRa Climate Change Forum on 12.12.2021

The NSS students took part in the event "ExNoRa Climate Change Forum" organized by Exnora International to create general awareness on drastic climatic changes and on the negative impacts on people and environment.

### **Beach Cleaning Drive on 12.12.2021**

The NSS students of Queen Mary's College actively participated in Beach Cleanup Drive 2021 organised by the University of Madras on 12.12.2021 to spread awareness on keeping the environment clean and plastic-free.



# Mega-Campus Cleaning Drive on 13.12.2021

The NSS units of Queen Mary's College, Chennai conducted Mega-Campus Cleaning Drive in the college campus on 13.12.2021. The NSS volunteers actively involved themselves in cleaning the college campus. More than 250 volunteers participated in this cleaning drive with much enthusiasm. They cleaned the campus, collected all the litter for disposal. Refreshments were distributed to volunteers. NSS programme officers co-ordinated the students for the successful completion of the cleaning drive.



#### **Special Vaccination Camp on 15.12.2021**

A Special Vaccination Camp was conducted in the GJ Hall of our college on 15.12.2021. Hon'ble Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamilnadu, Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Thiu. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS, Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation and Thiru. Dha. Velu, MLA, Mylapore graced the occasion with their distinguished presence. The Tamil Nadu health department announced that the students of the state-run Queen Mary's College will henceforth be ambassadors for Covid-19 vaccination and with government photo identity cards, nearly 5,500 students from this college would meet people living in their neighbourhood and encourage them to take up vaccination. A street play was enacted to promote awareness among the students and the public about the significance of getting vaccinated.



Orientation for the first year students by Dr. Vaneeta Aggarwal

The orientation programme was conducted in the forenoon after the special vaccination camp and the chief guest Dr. Vaneeta Aggarwal, the Coordinator, National Service Scheme, University of Madras gave a comprehensive overview of the objectives of NSS and elaborated on the role of a socially-committed volunteer of NSS. The Principal Dr. B Uma Maheshwari graced the occasion with her presence. All the NSS volunteers were highly motivated by the highly inspiring speech.

# Special Camp Activities from 16.12.2021 to 22.12.2021

The NSS Volunteers of QMC attended an Inauguration session at Ayodhiya Nagar, Triplicane where an orientation was given to the students about the importance of camping activities by Dr.Eswari Ramesh in the forenoon of 16.12.2021. And in the afternoon, students indulged in cleaning the surrounding and took efforts to prepare the place for vaccination camp that was to be held in the following day. Volunteers cleaned and sanitized the place to arrange for the vaccination camp that was held on 17.12.2021. Vaccination camp was inaugurated by Dr.Vaneeta Agarwal, Coodinator, National Service Scheme, University of Madras. The students collected the statistics of young and aged people, both vaccinated and unvaccinated peoples, and distributed the kabasura kudineer healthy drink to the common people. In the afternoon, children who resided around Sivarajapuram were gathered together by our NSS Volunteers, and the children were taught drawing skills and basic education knowledge by the scheme name called "வீடு தேடி வரும்

The NSS unit of Queen Mary's College organised a motivational talk for the NSS volunteers by Shri. C. Kamaraj, IAS, Director of Backward classes on 18.12.2021. He highlighted on the importance of education for women's empowerment and for the advancement of social justice in the society at Matton kuppam. The students also engaged themselves in cleaning drive. A Street Play was enacted by the NSS volunteers at Ayothi nagar to create awareness among the residents on how to combat the spread of Corona Virus in the afternoon session. The NSS volunteers got the privilege to plant trees which would benefit not only this generation but also the next generation. Students joined together to plant saplings at Sivarajpuram, as a small initiative to plant more trees

as a service to the society in the forenoon of 19.12.2021. In the afternoon, Chief Guest Mr. Sathyamoorthy, International Wheelchair Tennis Player, motivational speaker, social activist made an invigorating speech on the importance of time management, professionalism, self-discipline and integrity in the process of becoming socially committed citizens. He himself being a champion and fighter in real life motivated the students to overcome hurdles and achieve success against all odds in life.

On 20.12.2021 Mr. Anandhakumar, Founder President of India Turns Pink, (A Breast Cancer Awareness Movement) delivered a highly informative speech to raise awareness among the students about the signs and symptoms of breast cancer and to emphasize the need for early-detection through self-examination. He also gave some valuable suggestions in terms of food and lifestyle that would lower the risk of breast cancer. Students interacted with the expert in the forenoon session. Special vaccination camp was organised in association with Greater

Corporation Chennai at Ayothi nagar, Naadukupam and Neela Bhasha Darga. A cleaning drive at Sivarajanagar and an anti-dengue campaign were initiated among the residents of these places to emphasize on the prevention and control of Dengue.

Our NSS volunteers attended a lecture by Advocate Mrs.Parvathi, who taught basic law and acts for ladies on 21.12.2021 and in the afternoon they actively participated in the medical camp. On 22.12.2021 a public awareness human chain was organised by the NSS Unit of Queen Mary's College, Chennai to sensitise people to adhere to safety rules while driving in two wheelers, four wheelers and walking on roads. The NSS volunteers made human chain near Lady Willington Model Government School. The volunteers (carrying placards depicting the consequences of rash driving and violation of traffic rules, raised slogans insisting the necessity to follow the traffic rulesA public awareness human chain was organised by the NSS Unit of Queen Mary's College, Chennai to sensitize people to adhere to safety rules while driving in two wheelers, four wheelers and walking on roads.

The NSS volunteers cleaned the campus of Lady Willington Model Government School and planted saplings in the campus in the forenoon session. "PLANT MORE BREATHE MORE". The afternoon session was engaged by Dr. Arul Kamaraj, Assistant Professor of Social Science, Loyola College, Chennai. He taught laughing therapy to the students inorder to help them ease the stress and tension during Covid time.

# Cleaning Drive on 30.12.2021

The NSS Unit of Queen Mary's College, Chennai, organised CAMPUS CLEANING in collaboration with Exnora. The Principal Dr. B. Uma Maheswari motivated the volunteers about the importance of cleanliness. The volunteers enthusiastically involved in Cleaning activities in the college campus.

