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FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Henry Baker College, Melukavu Is a Christian, Minority, Co-Educational, Government-aided Arts and Science College Established In 1981, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

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1. WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY 2018

The *World Environmental Day* celebration of the college was held in association with Melukavu Gramapanchayath on 5th June 2018. The programme commenced with a procession from the college to the Melukavumattom junction. More than 50 volunteers participated in the programme. The meeting was presided over by the Melukavu Gramapanchayath, Vice- President, Mr. Alex T. Joseph and Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, Principal and nodal officer of the *Swachhta Hi Seva Mission*, of the college delivered Environment Day message. After the meeting a sapling was planted in front of the Melukavu Police Station.



At 1.15 pm, a gathering of the whole students was held in front of the college auditorium and on this occasion, we took *Suchithwa Prathinja*. To keep our surroundings clean and tidy NSS HBC took an oath which is provided by *Suchithwa Mission*, Kerala.



As part of the Environment Day celebration Mr. Anurag KR (Ward Member (12), Melukavu Grama Panchayath) gave us an Environmental Day message. A sapling was planted in front of the College Indoor stadium by our Principal and Mr. Anurag KR. Kudumsree members and NSS Volunteers planted 24 fruit trees within the campus. Around 200 students actively participated in this programme.



2. UNNATH BHARATH ABHIYAN SURVEY- PAZHUKKAKANAM

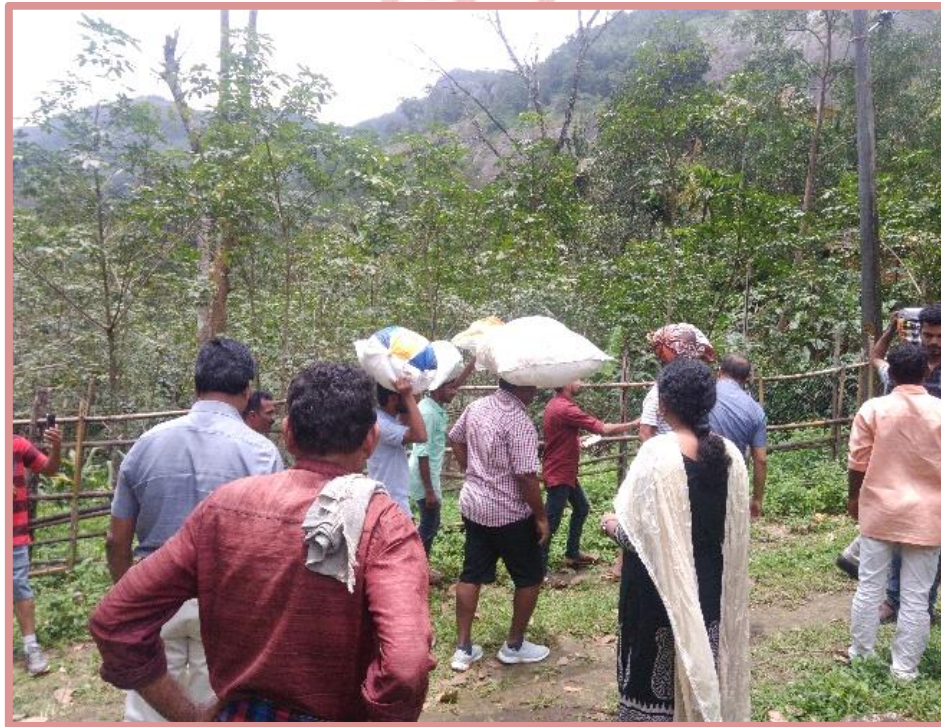
Unnath Bharath Abhiyan survey was held on 14th July 2018, at Pazhukkakkanam a remote tribal village of our nearby Grama Panchayath (Moonnilavu), eleven NSS volunteers had participated in this programme. The purpose of the survey was to find extreme poor people from the rural area. This was a very helpful and successful programme.



3. VISIT TO NJANDUKULAM TRIBAL SETTLEMENT

NSS unit of our college had visited Njandukulam tribal settlement which is a small village inside Mankulam forest range. This region is an abode particularly of Muthuvan and Mannan tribes. They were just a group of fifteen to twenty families inhabiting the forest. In the rainy season they remain in their hut without much food. Their main occupation is collection of forest produce and small-scale cultivation. We identified the real problem and difficulties of the tribal people; they were exploited by the outside non-tribals without mercy. The people from their own community who are living outside are ready to give land for them, but still they prefer living inside the forest even though they have the opportunity to leave this hazardous life. During the time of flood their condition was very pathetic; teachers and

students of our NSS unit collected food and clothes for them and handed over on 31.06.2018 as a relief.



4. INDEPENDENCE DAY

Principal of our college Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S. and 7 teachers attended the programme. Due to heavy rain and flood, most of the students could not attend the programme. Unfortunately, we have postponed cleaning of public places which is delegated by *Suchhithwa Mission*.



5. FLOOD RELIEF ACTIVITIES

From August 19th 2018 onwards NSS volunteers of the college along with the Krishibhavan of Thodupuzha had jointly started the collection and distribution of vegetables and other food materials for the flood affected areas at Idukki district. It was a great relief to the people staying in the flood rehabilitation camps. There was an active participation of 100 volunteers in every activity with dedication and commitment.



On 23rd August 2018 our NSS unit organized “*Shoonyathayilekk Orukaisahaym*” a second stage flood relief exclusively for selected houses at Panniyarkutty, Idukki district. As part of it, we have opened a collection centre at Melukavumattom. All generous persons from Melukavu contributed enormously to this programme. Through the shop we collected many household items like kitchen wares, dress materials, study materials for school-college students.



This was solely held by the support of NSS volunteers, they always remained in the shop for collecting goods. Some of them also contributed to this programme. And all the collected provisions were distributed to the Kudumbasree hotel at Melukavumattom on 5th September 2018 and a part of the collected materials was distributed to people at Panniyarkutty on 9th September 2018.



Our second programme was to clean the flood affected villages; our students and teachers were actively participated in this programme at their own villages. And we provide food for the 75 Kudumsree members of Melukavu Gramapanchayath who were actively involved in the village cleaning programme at Vaikom taluk on 24th August 2018.

6. SWACHHHA –ONE DAY SEMINAR

On 4th September 2018 a one-day seminar was organized jointly by the *Suchithwa Mission* and NSS unit of Henry Baker College at our college auditorium. It was attended by twenty-one NSS volunteers and the theme of the seminar was protection of nature from pollution. The seminar was very fruitful and effective for our students. This programme was also a continuation of *Swachhtha Pakhwada Programme* initiated by the Central Government.



7. THREE DAY ORIENTATION CAMP

Orientation camp for new NSS volunteers was held from 3rd to 5th November 2018. Our College principal Dr. G.S. Gireesh Kumar had inaugurated the meeting and Mr. Aniyankunju, IHRD Trainer led the orientation classes, the personality development classes was taken by Mr. Manesh, Department of Commerce, Govt. College, Munnar.



8. NSS SPECIAL CAMP- “Sukrtham 2018” (21.012.2018-27.12.2019)

Seven-day special camp was held at Girijyothi College, Vazhathope, Cheruthoni. Prof. M J Mathew, NSS Coordinator of Mahatma Gandhi University, had visited the camp. The main activity of this camp was cleaning flood affected houses at Cheruthoni area. The Excise Department had given sessions on Drugs and Alcohol abuses. In order to make the volunteers aware about the natural disasters and its consequences a visit to flood affected Cheruthoni Dam was conducted. Ms. Soumya Paul and Adv. P.D. Joseph visited the camp and took classes on personality development and social responsibilities of NSS volunteers. Nearly 105 volunteers had participated in the camp. The camp ended by 27.12.2018 with valedictory function.



9. SAMAKSHAM SCREENING 23rd January 2019

Screening of the movie *SAMAKSHAM* was conducted with 300 students, (scheduled for 3 shows). The movie was produced by the MGU Creations, scripted and directed by Dr. Aju K Narayanan and Anwar Abdullah, faculty members of school of Letters at MG University. This Movie which revolves around the perils of chemical intensive agriculture, assumes

significance in the wake of the deaths of two farmers in Upper Kuttanad, allegedly after inhaling insecticide while spraying it.



10. BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The concerted efforts by the government, non-governmental organizations and staff in the blood transfusion services have witnessed a progressive increase in voluntary blood donation (VBD) in the country. There is a gradual increase in the rate of blood donation from 2008 onwards and however there is short of 1.9 million units of blood this year. At this crucial situation it is our mission to make our youth aware of it. To promote such

philanthropic activities, Henry Baker College, NSS unit and IMA blood bank Thodupuzha, jointly organized a blood donation camp on 2nd February 2019. Forty six NSS volunteers and teachers generously donated their blood. During this academic year we have donated 46 units of blood.