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ABOUT GRI NSS CELL

A team of dedicated disciples and contemporaries of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr.T.S.Soundaram and Dr.G.Ramachandran, established Gandhigram Rural Institutions in 1947. The Gandhigram Rural Institute was created to promote rural development. Today, it has become a nationally and internationally recognized university for its contribution to rural higher education.

The NSS (National Service Scheme) Cell in the Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University (GRI) was started in the academic year in 1979. It has organized several programmes to tune the personality of the student volunteers to make them responsible for rural development. The unique feature of NSS in GRI is that all the students studying Diploma, Under Graduate, and Post Graduate (except one year programmes) are NSS volunteers. There are 19 NSS units in the GRI NSS Cell. Shramadhan, tree plantation in campus and in the adopted villages, and blood donation to the people admitted in the Kasturba Hospital, Gandhigram, and Government Hospital, Dindigul are regular features. Other important Regular Programmes organized during 2016-2017 were the celebrations and observations of the days of National important (NSS day, International yoga day, Voters’ day, Youth awakening day, Water day, World environmental day etc.), personality development programmes for volunteers, rally on social issues, training programmes on disaster management, skill development programmes, implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission in GRI, Youth employment skills development programme and awareness programmes on dengue prevention, health and hygiene, digital payment system etc.

The NSS Cell of GRI has conducted 11 Special Camps focusing on the special camp theme “Role of Youth in Implementing Swachh Bharat Abhiyan” during the year 2016-2017. These camps were conducted in the service villages of GRI and other nearby villages in Dindigul District. The detailed list of activities carried out under Regular Programme and Special Camps during the academic year 2016-2017 are presented in this consolidated report.



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General Information

1. Name of the University : The Gandhigram Rural Institute
(Deemed University)
Gandhigram - 624 302, Dindigul(Dt)

2. Total Number of Units : 19

3. Total NSS Volunteer Strength : 1900

4. Enrollment Details :

Category	Male	Female
OC	553	869
SC	182	258
ST	29	09
Total	764	1136
Total : 1900		

5. Special Camp Conducted :

No. of Camps : 11	
Male : 224	Female : 326
Total Volunteers : 550	

6. Plantation of Saplings : 350 Saplings

7. No. of Units of Blood Donated :

Male : 136	Female : 0
Total Units: 136	

8. Pulse - Polio Immunisation :

Male : 5	Female : 10
Total Children : 62	

Regular Programmes Organized from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

S. No.	Name of the Activity	Organized By	Date	Outcome	Participants / Beneficiaries/ No. of Volunteers
1	Yoga Fest	GRI	22.04.2016	<p>National Services Scheme, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science and the Yoga Centre of Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University, jointly organized YOGA FEST – 2016 on 22.04.2016 at the Yoga Centre, GRI. Three Hundred and Forty Four students from 26 educational Institutions in Dindigul District participated in the event. Dr.B.Subburaj, Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Science inaugurated the YOGA FEST-201 by lighting kuthuvillakku and in his inaugural speech said that yoga educates body, mind and spirit and the wholesome development of any individual can be achieved through yogic practices. Dr.L.Raja, Professor and Head, Department of Life Long Learning and Extension, GRI delivered a Lecture on “ Yoga for Life Style Modifications and Wellness” followed by that Dr.T. Ravichandran, Assistant Professor, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science, GRI delivered a Lecture on “Relevance of Yoga in Third Millennium”.</p> <p>The Yoga Competitions were held in Nine categories for both boys and girls. Dr.S.Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed University presided over the Valedictory function. In his</p>	344 School Children

				<p>presidential address, he emphasized that the young children must understand and imbibe the yogic values by practicing yoga in their everyday life.</p> <p>Shri.M.K. Dhamodharan, Director, Smart-World Community Service Centre, Dindigul Zone & Managing Trustee, Arivuthirukkoil, Dindigul was the chief Guest and he was happy to witness young children showing much interest in Yoga. In his valedictory address, he explained the importance of Dhyana and easy way of realising happiness is by sharing whatever we have with our fellowmen. Children must practice Dhyana and Yoga as their daily routine thereby reach greater heights. The distinguished guests distributed the prizes to the prize winners. Dr.R.Mani welcomed the gathering and Dr.D.Grace Nirmala proposed vote of thanks. Dr.P.Kalavathi, Programme Coordinator, NSS, GRI co-ordinated the successful conduct of the Yoga Fest - 2016.</p>	
2	Election Duty	State Election Commission	15.05.2016 & 16.05.2016	<p>NSS volunteers along with one NSS Programme Officer Dr.K.Dhevan, Assistant Professor, Department of Cooperation attended the Election bandobust duty on 15.05.2016 and 16.05.2016 at Election booths in Nilakkottai and Natham legislatives. Dr.P.Kalavathi, Programme Coordinator, coordinated the volunteers.</p>	32 Volunteers & 1 Programme Officer
3	International Yoga Day Celebration	NSS Cell, & Yoga Centre, GRI	21.06.2016	<p>In view of International Day of Yoga, the Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University organized Yoga Day Celebration on 21.06.2016 between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. It was a joint venture of three units of GRI namely Yoga Centre, NSS and Rural Energy Centre, GRI. As part of the</p>	235 (School children, Volunteers and Staff)

				<p>Celebration, a tree plantation programme was organized in the University premises. The Vice-Chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan initiated the tree plantation and fifty saplings were planted by the staff and students of GRI.</p> <p>Yoga is a traditional way of life which disciplines the mind, body and soul of every individual. Yoga and its practices need to be inculcated in the minds of the younger generation to build stronger Nation. Hence, a special address was delivered by Dr.L.Raja, Professor, GRI, on “Relevance of Yoga in Third Millenium Era”. In the presidential address, the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Dr.S.Natarajan, gave a motivational speech reflecting that the yoga moulds the mind, improves self esteem the self concept and concentration amongst the students. The Vice – Chancellor promised to promote yoga education in GRI and to create wider opportunity for young men and women of this Nation to learn yoga. The trainees of Suriyamitra and School children performed Yoga demonstration in a sequential and holistic manner. One hundred and ninety four students and Forty one staff participated in the programme. Dr.D.GraceNirmala, Deputy Director, Physical Education and Yoga Centre, Dr.P.Kalavathi, Programme Coordinator, National Service Scheme and Dr.V. Kirubakaran, Coordinator, Rural Energy Centre coordinated the Programme. All the NSS Programme officers participated in the celebration.</p>	
4	General Orientation Programme	NSS Cell	04.07.2016	General Orientation programme was given to all the first year students. The NSS coordinator Dr.P.Kalavathi, gave special talk in the orientation programme.	

5	Awareness Programme on Drug Addiction	District Level Service Authority, Dindigul	05.07.2016	NSS volunteers from the Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science attended an awareness programme on Drug Addiction in connection with World Drug Addiction Day conducted by District Level Service Authority, Dindigul.	20 Volunteers
6	Regularizing Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	11.07.2016 to 15.07.2016	Volunteers of Faculty of English and Foreign Languages unit involved in Regularizing daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
7	Enrollment of NSS Volunteers and Unit Level Orientation	NSS Cell	11.07.2016 to 29.07.2016	From 11.07.2016 to 22.07.2016, all Programme Officers conducted unit-level orientation programme and enrolled the volunteers in their respective units.	1900 Volunteers
8	Regularizing Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	18.07.2016 to 22.07.2016	15 volunteers of Faculty of Tamil and Indian Languages unit involved in regularizing daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
9	Campus Cleaning Activity	NSS Cell	20.07.2016	The volunteers of Computer Science Department performed campus cleaning activity.	2 Programme Offices and 170 Volunteers
10	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	22.07.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
11	Regularizing Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	25.07.2016 to 29.07.2016	Volunteers of Department of Mathematics Unit were involved in regularizing daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
12	Tree plantation	NSS Cell	27.07.2016	NSS unit of Mathematics planted 25 tree saplings in memory of Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam.	50 Volunteers
13	Guest Lecture on Nutrition in Clinical Care	NSS Cell	27.07.2016	A guest lecture on Nutrition in Clinical Care was given to the NSS Volunteers of Home Science on 27 th July 2016 in the Basic Amenities for Women, GRI at 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Ms.Sunitha Zechariach, Division Director, Morrison Healthcare, Evns, Hunter Hove, Georgia gave very useful and informative lecture. The trends in nutritioncare process in US and India were compared. The students of II and	85 Volunteers

				III B.Sc. Home Science, II M.Sc. Food Science and Nutrition were the beneficiaries. Ms. Nethra of Food Science and Nutrition proposed the Vote of Thanks and concluded the programme.	
14	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	29.07.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
15	Regularizing Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	01.08.2016 to 05.07.2016	Volunteers of Department of Physics unit involved in regulating daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
16	Campus Cleaning Activity	NSS Cell	03.08.2016	Campus cleaning activity by the Department of Biology. Volunteers cleaned the surroundings of the department.	60 Volunteers
17	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	03.08.2016	Volunteers of Cooperation performed the shramadhan activity in the premises of their department.	85 Volunteers
18	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	03.08.2016	Volunteers of Agriculture faculty performed the shramadhan activity in the premises of their department.	90 Volunteers
19	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	05.08.2016	The Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural University Dr.S.Natarajan, inaugurated the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme at the Faculty of Tamil and Indian Languages. An awareness talk was given by the Vice-chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan, Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the faculty to the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	50 Volunteers
20	Wealth from Waste	NSS Cell	05.08.2016	The Programme Officer Dr.M.Muthukumar organized a programme on “Waelth from Waste” to the volunteers of B.Voc on 05.08.2016.	100 Volunteers
21	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	05.08.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers

22	Awareness Programme on Infant and Young Child Feeding	NSS Cell	05.08.2016	As a part of the National breast feeding week celebration, the NSS Unit of department of Home Science and Department of Political Science & Administration, GRI, has organized a lecture on infant and young child feeding and the Basic Amenities for Women, GRI on 05-08-16 at 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The resource person was Dr. A. Thahira Banu, Certified Breast Feeding Trainer, BPNI & Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science, GRI. She stressed on the importance and advantages of breast feeding. She also stressed on how to feed early infants, Do's and Don't's for breast feeding and disadvantages of artificial feeding. Ms.D.Keerthana of I-M.Sc. Food Science & Nutrition proposed the Vote of Thanks and concluded the program.	106 Volunteers (women)
23	Regulating Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	08.08.2016 to 12.08.2016	Volunteers of Department of Chemistry unit involved in regulating daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
24	Sharamadhan	NSS Cell	11.08.2016	The volunteers of Department of Home Science performed Shramadhan activity to clean the Department of Home Science and its surroundings.	85 Volunteers
25	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	12.08.2016	The Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural University Dr.S.Natarajan, inaugurated the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme at the Department of Education. An awareness talk was given by the Vice-chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan, Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the faculty to the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	35 Volunteers
26	International Youth Day	NSS Cell	12.08.2016	Volunteers from the NSS units of Department of Cooperation, Department of Home Science and Department of Education celebrated the International Youth Day at Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University. Mr.Mugugan and his Team, AIDS	150 Volunteers

				Awareness & Counselor, TANSAC, Kasthuriba Hospital interacted with the volunteers. The volunteers have also taken the pledge. Programme Officers of NSS Dr.K.Dhevan, Dr. A. Thahira Banu, Dr.P.S.Sri Devi, Programme Officer of RRC and the NSS Coordinator Dr.P.Kalavathi organized this programme.	
27	Training of Compost making from biomass	NSS Cell	12.08.2016	A training programme on compost making was organized for the volunteers of B.Sc. Agriculture on 12.08.2015 at the Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry.	90 Volunteers
28	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	12.08.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments as a weekly shramadhan activity.	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
29	Regulating Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	15.08.2016 to 19.07.2016	15 volunteers of Department of Home Science unit were involved in regularizing daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
30	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	19.08.2016	The Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural University Dr.S.Natarajan, inaugurated the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme at the Faculty of English and Foreign Languages. An awareness talk was given by the Vice-chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan, Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the faculty among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	45 Volunteers
31	Regulating Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	22.08.2016 to 26.08.2016	Volunteers of Department of Biology unit involved in regulating daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
32	Azadi 70-Yaad Karo Lurbani (Freedom Fortnight)	NSS Cell	23.08.2016	All the NSS volunteers have taken a mass recitation of National Anthem at 11:00 a.m. on 23.08.2016.	All the volunteers

33	Regulating Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	29.08.2016 to 02.09.2016	Volunteers of Department of Computer Science and Applications unit were involved in regulating daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
34	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	02.09.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
35	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	02.09.2016	The Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural University Dr.S.Natarajan, inaugurated the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme at the Department of Physics. An awareness talk was given by the Vice-chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan, Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the faculty to the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	180 Volunteers
36	Regulating Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	05.09.2016 to 09.09.2016	Volunteers of Department of RTC unit involved in regulating daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
37	Tree Plantation	NSS Cell	08.09.2016	Twenty five Tree saplings were planted by the NSS volunteers of the Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science around the Gandhi Museum, GRI.	50 Volunteers
38	Exhibition – World Tamil Internet Conference	NSS Cell	09.09.2016	Volunteers of Department of Computer Science involved in the World Tamil Internet Exhibition organized by the Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University	26 Volunteers
39	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	09.09.2016	Inaugurated the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – VC Make Clean India awareness programme at the Department of Chemistry. An awareness talk was given by the Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the faculty among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	200 Volunteers

40	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	09.09.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
41	World Nutrition Day Celebration	NSS Cell	09.09.2016	The volunteers of Food Science and Nutrition celebrated the World Nutrition Day on 09.09.2016 at the Department of Home Science. Dr.A.Thahira Banu, Programme Officer organized this programme.	70 Volunteers
42	Regulating Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	12.09.2016 to 16.09.2016	15 volunteers of Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry unit involved in regularizing daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
43	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	16.09.2016	The Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural University, Dr.S.Natarajan, inaugurated the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme organized at the Department of Home Science. An awareness talk was given by the Vice-chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan, Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the department among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	200 Volunteers
44	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	16.09.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
45	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	17.09.2016	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme was organized at the Department of Mathematics. An awareness talk was given by the Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer and the Staff of the faculty among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	190 Volunteers
46	A popular Lecture Series on “ Legal Literacy Camp on	NSS Cell	23.09.2016	A Popular Lecture Series on "Legal Literacy Camp on Cyber Laws" is arranged at 3:00 p.m. on 23.09.2016 at Multipurpose Auditorium. Selvi. R.Poornima, Principal District Judge/Chairman, District Legal Services	About 2000 participants

	Cyber Laws”			Authority, Dindigul, Thiru.A.Saravanan, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Dindigul have delivered talks. The Vice-Chancellor, Dean Student Affairs, all the staff and students of GRI participated in this programme.	
47	NSS day Celebration – Soft Skills Development	NSS Cell	23.09.2016	As a part of NSS day celebration, NSS unit of Rural Industries and Management has organized a lecture on Soft Skill Development to the volunteers. Mr.Umanath, Master trainer from Unnathi Foundation trained the volunteers.	45 Volunteers
48	NSS day Celebration - Environmental Awareness Trekking to Sirumalai Hills	NSS Cell	24.09.2016	On 24.09.2016, NSS day was celebrated in our university, NSS coordinator and programme officers of three NSS units of GRI organized an “Environmental Awareness Trekking to Asali (Sirumalai) for 150 volunteers (50 from Department of Home Science, 50 from Department of Cooperation & 50 from Centre for Geoinformatics). The Volunteers assembled at Bell Maidhan, GRI at 8.30a.m. Our NSS Coordinator gave the welcome address to the gathering and our Honorable Vice-Chancellor, delivered the NSS day talk and inaugurated the trekking. In his inaugural address he motivated the students and informed the strategy of safe trekking. NSS programme officers Dr. A. Thahira Banu, Dr. K.Devan and Dr. M. Muthukumar accompanied the Volunteers. Faculty members from other departments also participated in the trekking Er.B.Sangeethavani, Assistant Professor, Rural Technology Centre, Ms.Abirami Assistant Professor, Ms.S.Mahalakshmi, Assistant Professor Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and M.Aswini Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science. Trekking was started at 8.30 a.m. from Gandhigram and reached chettiyapatti at 9.00 a.m. On the way, they raised the slogans related to environment pollution, importance of preserving water, water sanitation, air Pollution, organic farming etc., crossed vallaiyapatti village at 9.15 am and	150 Volunteers

				reached the foot hill at 9.30 am. Water packet, snacks and glucose packets were distributed to the individuals and rules to follow on trekking were clearly informed to the volunteers by the programme officers. Dr. K. Dhevan lead the volunteers, Dr. A. Thahira Banu lead the team in the middle and Dr. M.Muthukumar at the end. Most of the Volunteers were new to trekking but they started climbing the hill with great enthusiasm. At 11.30 a.m. all of them reached Asali with a lengthy breath and enjoyed the climate at the hilltop. Up to 12.30p.m. all relaxed and had their lunch. After lunch the cultural programme was organized by the Volunteers and all of them exhibited their talents by giving wonderful lectures, poems , skit and song on environmental issues about environment and ways and means to save the earth and few of them performed traditional dance and sillambattam. Volunteers also had the chance to interact with the tribal families residing in the hill. At 2.30 p.m. the team started to trek downhill and reached Gandhigram at 4.30 p.m.	
49	Regularizing Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	26.09.2016 to 30.09.2016	15 volunteers of Department of Cooperation unit involved in regularizing daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
50	One Day Workshop on Life Skills	NSS Cell	29.09.2016	One day workshop on life skills was conducted by the students of II nd M. Sc Home Science Extension and Communication to the III rd year NSS volunteers on 29.09.2016. The program was started at 10.30 a.m followed by prayer song, inaugural address given by Dr. R.I. Sathya, Head of the Department, and felicitation by Dr. K. S. Pushpa and Dr. A. Thahira Banu, gave very good introductory speech about life skills and its importance. Fifty students actively participated in the workshop. II nd M. Sc Home Science Extension and Communication students deliberated the ten life skills given by	50 Volunteers

				WHO. Life skills such as, self awareness, empathy, critical and creative thinking, decision making, problem solving, effective communication skill, interpersonal relationship, stress management and coping with emotions were covered in the workshop.	
51	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	30.09.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
52	Pre-RD Selection	NSS Cell	30.09.2016	As per the direction of the NSS Regional Centre, Chennai, a committee comprising of the Dr.C.Sugumar, Director, Dept. of Physical Education, GRI-DU, Gandhigram, Dr.S.Chidambaram, Coordinator, Cell for Culture &Arts,GRI-DU, Gandhigram, Dr.A.Ramanathan, Former NSS Coordinator, GRI-DU, Gandhigram, Dr.K.Dhevan, NSS Programme Officer, GRI-DU,Gandhigram, and Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator, GRI-DU, Gandhigram was constituted for the selection of 1 Male Volunteer and 1 Female Volunteer to participate in Pre-RD Camp to be held of National College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu from 7 th to 16 th October 2016. 30 Volunteers turned out for the selection out of this 12 male and 8 female were found to be fit. The Committee met on 30.09.2016 at Multipurpose Auditorium, GRI and selected the Volunteers for the Pre-RD Parade Camp as per the prescribed guidelines given by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, New Delhi by taking into consideration of Physical fitness, Parade performance, oral interview and cultural talents.	30 Volunteers

53	Regularizing Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	03.10.2016 to 07.10.2016	15 volunteers of Department of Economics unit involved in regularizing daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
54	Pre-RD Parade Camp	RD NSS	07.10.2016 to 15.10.2016	Two NSS Volunteers Mr R.Thamodharan, BA(GSW) and Ms. K.Iswarya, (M.Tech.) attended Pre-RD parade camp held at National College, Trichy from 7 th to 16 th October 2016.	2 Volunteers
55	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	07.10.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
56	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	07.10.2016	The Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural University, Dr.S.Natarajan, inaugurated the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme at the Rural Energy Centre. An awareness talk was given by the Vice-Chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan, Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the department among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	120 Volunteers
57	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	07.10.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
58	Regularizing Daily Morning Prayer	NSS Cell	10.10.2016 to 14.10.2016	15 volunteers of Department of Sociology unit involved in regularizing daily morning Prayer and Friday evening prayer.	15 Volunteers
59	Youth A wakening Day Celebration -	NSS Cell	14.10.2016	NSS unit of Geo-informatics, Cooperation, Home Science and Physics celebrated the Youth Awakening Day by conducting various competition among the volunteers	200 Volunteers
60	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	14.10.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
61	Youth Awakening	NSS Cell	15.10.2016	NSS volunteers of Biology celebrated the Youth Awakening Day at S.Vdipatti	75 Volunteers

	Day – Celebration			village during the Village Placement Programme	
62	Coordinating Maha Annadhana m at Thoppampatti Village	NSS Cell and Kovil Committee	15.10.2015	On the eve of Purattaci Maha Pooja, Maha Annadhana m was conducted at Shri Thiruvencatamudaiyan Thirukoil, Sirumalai Adivaram, Thoppampatti by the Kovil benefitted Committee. On this auspicious occasion 15,000 devotees by in the Annadhana m. NSS volunteers from Department of Computer Science and Applications, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Cooperation and Geo-informatics were involved in food serving, controlling crowd and regulating the public in MahaAnnadhana m at Thoppampatti. Hundred NSS volunteers participated in the programme and Dr.S.Sivagurunathan, Dr.N.Senthilkumaran, Dr.P.Kalimuthu, Dr.N.Seenivasa Perumal, Dr.M.Muthukumar and Dr.K.Dhevan Programme Officers has monitored. This programme was coordinated by Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Programme Coordinator.	6 Programme Officers, 200 NSS Volunteers & around 15000 public
63	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	21.10.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
64	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	21.10.2016	The Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural University, Dr.S.Natarajan, inaugurated the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme in the Department of Cooperation. An awareness talk was given by the Vice-chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan, Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the department among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	200 Volunteers
65	Programme Officers Meeting to implement NYLP programme	NSS Cell	27.10.2016	All NSS Programme Officers meeting along with the Registrar Dr.P.Balasubramaniam was held on 27.10.2016. The NSS Coordinator Dr.P.Kalavathi convened the meeting to discuss the action plan to implement the National Young Leader Programme (NYLP) at GRI.	All NSS Programme Officers

66	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	28.10.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
67	National Unity Day Celebration	NSS Cell	31.10.2016 to 04.11.2016	<p>As per the direction of Government of India, New Delhi and the NSS Regional Directorate, Tamil Nadu, the National Service Scheme (NSS) of Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University (GRI-DU) celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) from 31.10.2016 to 04.11.2016 as a mark of befitting respect to our great leader Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.</p> <p>The NSS of GRI-DU conducted various programmes and events as per the guidelines given by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to foster and reinforce our dedication and to strengthen the unity, integrity and security of our Nation.</p> <p>The Unity Day celebration was started with a pledge taking ceremony by all the staffs and students of the institute at 11:30 a.m on 31.10.2016. Followed by, various competitions were conducted to reflect Patel’s effort in unifying our Nation. An Essay writing and Elocution competition was conducted on 2.11.2016 both in the regional language-Tamil and in the international language-English on the theme “Relevance and Importance of Sardar Patel in Today’s India”.</p> <p>The volunteers have also developed and demonstrated Short Clips on the theme “Unification” on 3.11.2016. Drama and Singing competitions among the NSS volunteers on the theme “Unity” was organized on 3.11.2016. Competition on designing T-Shirts and Caps on the theme “Unification” also conducted on 3.11.2016.</p> <p>As a final mark of this National Unity Day celebration, a March Past was</p>	All Students and Staffs of GRI

				<p>organized in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education, GRI-DU. Dr.C.Sugumar, Deputy Director of Physical Education trained the volunteers for about a week and finally one hundred volunteers turned out and performed March Past on 4.11.2016 in front of the staffs and students of GRI to reflect the unity, integrity and security of our Nation. Around 170 volunteers participated in the various competitions conducted for this ceremony, the certificates for the winners were distributed by the Registrar, Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, GRI-DU and the Dean, Students Affairs, Dr.B.Padmanabha Pillai on 4.11.2016. All these events were organized by Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and all the NSS Programme Officers of GRI-DU.</p>	
68	Vigilance Awareness-Pledge Taking Ceremony	NSS Cell	03.11.2016	<p>As per the directions of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), New Delhi and NSS Regional Office, Chennai, this year the Vigilance Awareness Week was observed from 31st October to 5th November, 2016 and the theme for the year is “Public Participation in Promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption”.</p> <p>In this regard, a Pledge Taking Ceremony was organized on 31.10.2015 at 11:30 A.M. All the Authorities, Teaching Staff, Non-teaching Staff and students of the institute took the pledge.</p>	All Students and Staffs of GRI & 300 Volunteers
69	Vigilance Awareness-Rally against Corruption	NSS Cell	03.11.2016	<p>As per the directions of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), New Delhi and NSS Regional Office, Chennai, this year the Vigilance Awareness Week was observed from 31st October to 5th November, 2016 and the theme for the year is “Public Participation in Promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption”.</p>	All Students and Staffs of GRI & 300 Volunteers

				<p>In the evening of 03.11.2015, the National Service Scheme of GRI conducted a Rally against Corruption. The Rally was inaugurated by Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, Gandhigram, Dindigul. In his speech, he stressed that the students should come forward to make corruption-free Nation. The rally started at 3.30 P.M from Bell Maidan and went through Pooncholai and Chinnalapatti areas. Slogans highlighting the Anti-Corruption were raised wherever human congregation was noted and also on the public places so as to draw their attention towards the programme. More than three hundred NSS volunteers participated in the rally. The rally team was accompanied by the NSS Programme Officers: Dr.K.Dhevan, Dr.R.Ramasubbu, Dr.M.Muthukumar, Dr.S.Sivagurunathan, Dr.N.Senthilkumaran, Dr.P.Nithinanthi, Mr.M.SureshKumar, Dr.A.ThahiraBanu, and the NSS Programme Coordinator Dr.P.Kalavathi.</p>	
70	Volunteer Selection for National Integration Camp	NSS Cell	16.11.2016	<p>Ten Volunteers (5 Male and 5 Female) have been selected based on their cultural talents to participate in the National Integration Camp organized at St.Michael’s College, Cherthala, Alappuzha, Kerala from 25th to 31st December, 2016 (7 Days). This programme was coordinated by Dr.S.Chidambaram, Programme Officer and Dr.P.kalavathi, NSS Programme Coordinator, GRI-DU, Gandhigram.</p>	10 Volunteers and one Programme Officers
71	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	09.12.2016	<p>All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments</p>	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers

72	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	09.12.2016	The Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural University, Dr.S.Natarajan, inaugurated the Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme organized in the Department of Biology. An awareness talk was given by the Vice-chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan, Dr.K.Rousseau. Health Officer, and the Staff of the department among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	200 Volunteers
73	UGC- Review Committee Meeting	NSS Cell	13.12.2016	All the NSS programme Officers and 30 NSS volunteers attended the UGC review Committee meeting. The Programme Coordinator, Dr.P.Kalavathi, presented the activities of NSS in GRI to the committee members.	All Programme Officers, Coordinator and 30 NSS volunteers
74	Gold Medal Selection Committee Meeting	NSS Cell	16.12.2016	The meeting of the selection committee to select the Best NSS volunteer from among the nominations submitted by GRI NSS volunteers for the award of Gold Medal was held on 16.12.2016 at 11:20 am at the Office of Placement Bureau, GRI-DU, Gandhigram. The NSS Programme Coordinator convened the meeting and the meeting started with one minute silent prayer. The committee scrutinized the applications submitted by NSS volunteers. The committee has formulated criteria including Academic Performance, Participation in Regular Activities, Participation in Special Camps, Leadership Quality, Demonstration of Multi-dimensional Skills, Blood Donation and other Achievements to evaluate the performance of the nominee. After verifying the submitted applications and relevant documents based on the above said criteria, the committee unanimously recommended Mr.M.SARAVANAN, Diploma in	One Volunteer

				Agriculture, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry of our institute for the Award of Gold Medal for the Best NSS Volunteer for 2015-2016 batch. The meeting came to end at 12.30 p.m with the vote of thanks proposed by Programme Coordinator, NSS, GRI-DU, Gandhigram.	
75	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	16.12.2016	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme was organized in the Department of Economics on 16.12.2016. An awareness talk was given by Dr.K.Rousseau, Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the department among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	50 Volunteers
76	Shramadhan	NSS Cell,	16.12.2016	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
77	De-weeding of water channels	NSS Cell,	17-12.2016 to 28.12.2016	De-weeding of water channels up to 0.5 km radius was done. 57 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture involved in the programme.	57 NSS Volunteers
78	Training on Cashless Economy	NSS Cell and Canara Bank, Dindigul	19.12.2016	20 NSS volunteers to attended the training programme on Promoting Cashless Economy organized by Canara Bank at Dindigul Main Branch.	20 Volunteers
79	Blood Donation Camp	NSS Cell	20.12.2016	The National Service Scheme of Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University organized a blood donation camp on 20.12.2016 at Multipurpose Auditorium between 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. in collaboration with Dindigul Blood Bank. The camp was inaugurated by Dr.S.Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor, GRI-DU. A team consisting of Dr.D.Gunasekaran, Deputy Director, Health Service, Dindigul District, Dr.S.Kennedy Raja, Block Medical Officer, Dr.S.Bhuvaneshwari, District Blood Bank Medical Officer, Mr.Sheik	85 Volunteers

				Abdulla, Block Health Supervisor, Mr.M.Vijayanandh, Health Inspector and their team of technical members carried out Health Check-up, Blood Screening, Blood Collection and Preservation work. 85 NSS volunteers and staff registered for blood donation out of which 30 volunteers donated their blood. This camp was organized and coordinated by Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Programme Coordinator and Programme Officers Dr.K.Dhevan, Dr.S.Sivagurunathan, Dr.N.Senthikumar, Dr.M.Muthu Kumar, Dr.B.Senthil Kumar, Dr.A.Thahira Banu, Er.R.T.Balamurali, Dr.C.Raja Mohan, Dr.P.Kalimuthu and Dr.M.Seenivasa Perumal	
80	Promotion of Cashless Economy to the Community	NSS Cell & Canara Bank, Dindigul	20.12.2016 to 31.12.2016	20 NSS volunteers involved in popularizing mobile based technology products /customer education in Canara Bank Branches in Dindigul District during 20.12.2016 to 31.12.2016.	20 NSS Volunteers and more than 2000 Bank customer
81	NAAC- Review Committee Meeting	NSS Cell	23.12.2016	All the NSS programme Officers and 30 NSS volunteers attended the NAAC peer review Committee meeting. The Programme Coordinator, Dr.P.Kalavathi, presented the activities of NSS in GRI to the committee members.	All NSS Programme Offices and 25 Volunteers
82	State Level Advisory Committee – NSS Programme Coordinator	State NSS Cell	24.12.2016	Programme Coordinator Dr.P.Kalavathi attended the State level NSS Advisory Committee on 24.12.2014 at Anna University, Chennai. Thiru. K.Pandiyarajan, Honorable Minister for School Education, Archaeology & Youth Welfare & Sports Development was the Chairman of the meeting. Dr.Rajendra Kumar, I.A.S, Principle Secretary to Government, Youth Welfare & Sports Development Department gave the Presidential Address. Dr.J.Majula, State, Co-ordinator NSS & Director of Collegiate Education, Dr.C.Samuel Chelliah, Regional Director, NSS, Dr.S.Rajsekaran, State NSS Officer, 43 NSS Programme Coordinator of various University and other members	NSS Programme Coordinator

				participated in the meeting.	
83	National Integration Camp	NSS Regional Directorate and St.Michael's College, Cherthala, Alappuzha, kerala	25.12.2016 to 31.12.2016	Ten Volunteers (5 Male and 5 Female) along with One Programme Officer participated in the National Integration Camp organized at St.Michael's College, Cherthala, Alappuzha, Kerala from 25 th to 31 st December, 2016 (7 Days) with the support of Regional Directorate, NSS, Chennai.	10 Volunteers and 1 Programme Officer
84	Interaction with Village People	NSS Cell GRI and Extension Education	04.01.2017	NSS Programme Coordinator Dr.P.Kalavathi, and Three Programme Officer Dr.M.Muthukumar, Er.R.T.Balamurali and Dr.R.Sahul Hameed visited the Thoppinayakanpatti village along with the staff from Department of Extension Education Dr..Narayanasamy, Mr.Ashok and Mr.Perumal regarding the road construction work at the village by the NSS volunteers.	10Members
85	Personality Development Programme	NSS Cell	06.01.2017	Dr.K.Dhevan, Programme Officers of Cooperation Unit organized a Personality Development Programme for the volunteers of Cooperation.	56 Volunteers
86	Medical Camp at Sirumalai Palayur and Pdhur	NSS Cell	07.01.2017	The NSS Programmes Officers of Chemistry Unit Dr.P.Kalimuthu and Dr.M.Seenivasa Perumal organized a General Medical Check-up Camp at Sirumalai Palayur and Pdhur on 07.01.2017. About 80 village people benefited out of this programme.	25 Volunteers
87	De-silting and leveling of the water channels	NSS Cell	07.01.2017 to 15.01.2017	De-silting and levelling of the water channels up to 0.5 km radius were carried out. 57 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture participated in the programme.	57 Volunteers
88	Shramadhan Activity	NSS Cell	10.01.2017	NSS Volunteers of Cooperation unit performed shramadhan work at the premises of Cooperation Department.	60 Volunteers
89	Republic Day Pre-parade Camp at Chennai	State NSS Cell, Tamilnadu	16.01.2017 to 25.01.2017	Mr.R.Thamodharan, NSS Volunteers of B.A. Gandhian Thought and Peace Science participated in the Republic Day parade Pre-camp held at Chennai from 16.01.2017 to 25.01.2017.	One Volunteer

90	De-silting and leveling of the water channels	NSS Cell,	21.01.2017 to 22.01.2017	De-silting and leveling of the water channels up to 0.5 km radius were carried out. 57 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture participated in the programme.	57 Volunteers
91	Republic Day Parade at Chennai	State NSS Cell, Tamilnadu	26.01.2017	Mr.R.Thamodharan, NSS Volunteers of B.A. Gandhian Thought and Peace Science has participated in the Tamilnadu State 68 th Republic Day Ceremonial March Past at Chennai on 26.01.2017. This is the first time NSS volunteer of this university has participated in the RD parade.	One Volunteer
92	Participated in the NSS Orientation Programme	ETI, Coimbatore	01.02.2017 to 07.02.2017	Five NSS Programme Officers Dr.R.Sahul Hameed, Dr.C.Raja Mohan, Dr.S.Arivazhagan, Mr.M.Suresh Kumar and Mrs.N.R.Deepa attended NSS orientation Programme at ETI, Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore.	5 Programme Officers
93	Bio-farm Cleaning	NSS Cell	04.02.2017	Cleaned Bio-farm consists of 300 trees/plants. 57 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture participated in the programme.	57 NSS Volunteers
94	Blood Donation	NSS Cell	04.02.2017	Five NSS volunteers donated 5 Units of O+ Blood to the patient admitted in the Kasthuriba Hospital, Chinnalapatti	5 Volunteers
95	Bio-farm Cleaning	NSS Cell	05.02.2017	Cleaned Bio-farm consists of 300 trees/plants. 50 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture participated in the programme.	50 NSS Volunteers
96	Blood Donation	NSS Cell	06.02.2017	Five NSS volunteers donated 5 Units of B+ Blood to the patient admitted in the Kasthuriba Hospital, Chinnalapatti	5 Volunteers
97	Volunteer Blood Donor Online Registration Campaign	NSS Cell and TANSAC Gandhigram	06.02.2017 to 10.02.2017	All NSS Volunteers involved in volunteers Blood Donor Registration from 06.02.2017 to 10.07.2017. Nearly 550 NSS volunteers registered their volunteership	550 NSS Volunteers
98	Promotion of Digital Payments	NSS, Cell and Canara Bank, GRI Branch	08.02.2017	The Digital India programme is a dynamic programme of the Government of India with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. One of the mile stones of this	500 staff and Students

				<p>programme is to make India as one of the “Faceless, Paperless, Cashless” economic country. In order to encourage digital payment and cashless transaction by the staff and student of Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, the National Service Scheme (NSS) of GRI-DU organized a programme on “Promotion of Digital Payments” in collaboration with Canara Bank, GRI Branch on 08.02.2016. The programme was started at 10:30 a.m near Canara Bank, GRI Branch and was inaugurated by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the Institute Dr.S.Natarajan. Sri.N.Manivannan, Assistant General Manager, Canara Bank and Sri.Akilan, Divisional Manager participated in the programme and created the awareness on various modes of digital payments. Twelve NSS volunteers who have already trained by Canara Bank, on using the mobile-based apps for digital payments has given a training to the staffs and students of GRI between 11:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. More than 500 staffs and students get trained on Canara Bank Empower App for digital payments. This programme was organized by Dr.P.Kalavathi, Coordinator, NSS, GRI-DU, Mr.N.S.Vinayagam, Manager, Canara Bank, GRI Branch, and all the Programme Officers of NSS.</p>	
99	Blood Donation	NSS Cell	08.02.2017	Two units of AB+ blood have been donated to the patient admitted at Kasthuriba Hospital, Chinnalapatti by the NSS volunteers	2 Volunteers
100	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	10.02.2017	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme was organized in the Department of Extension Education and Centre for Geoinformatics on 10.02.2017. An awareness talk was given by Dr.S.Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor,	50 Volunteers

	Programme			Dr.K.Rousseau, Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the department among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	
101	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	10.02.2017	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
102	Motivational Talk	NSS Cell	10.02.2017	A motivational Talk was given to the NSS volunteers of Department of Computer Science and Application. About 72 NSS volunteers participated.	72 Volunteers
103	Bio-farm Cleaning	NSS Cell	11.02.2017	Cleaned Bio-farm consists of 300 trees/plants. 53 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture participated in the programme.	53 NSS Volunteers
104	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	17.02.2017	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme was organized in the Faculty of Sanitation on 17.02.2017. An awareness talk was given by Dr.S.Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor, Dr.K.Rousseau, Health Officer, Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Coordinator and the Staff of the department among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean India Movement.	100 Volunteers
105	Shramadhan	NSS Cell	17.02.2017	All the volunteers of 19 units performed cleaning work in their respective departments	All NSS Programme Officers & Volunteers
106	Bio-farm Cleaning	NSS Cell	18.02.2017 & 19.02.2017	Cleaned Bio-farm consists of 300 trees/plants. 57 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture participated in the programme.	57 NSS Volunteers
107	Blood Donation	NSS Cell	21.02.2017	Five units of O+ve blood is donated by our NSS Volunteers for the patient admitted at Dindigul Govt. Hospital	5 Volunteers
108	National Science Day Rally	NSS Cell	23.02.2017	In connection with the National Science Day Celebration-2017, the NSS Cell and Eco Club of GRI jointly organized a Cycle Rally programme on 23.02.2017. The Rally was inaugurated by Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed	114 Volunteers

				University. The rally started at 9.30 A.M from Bell Maidan of the institute and went through Annanagar – Samiyarpatti – Thoppampatti – Kollapatti– Jathigoundanpatti – Perumal Kovil Patti - Murugampatti – Chinnalapatti Pirivu and came back to the institute at 12:30 am. Slogans highlighting the importance of Innovations in Science and Technology particularly for specially abled person for making better India were raised wherever human congregation was noted and they also carried in the form of placards so as to draw their attention in the programme. Nearly 114 NSS volunteers participated in the cycle rally. The cycle rally programme was organized and coordinated by Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Programme Coordinator & Convener, Cycle Rally Programme, NSDC-2017, Dr.V. Kirubaharan, Director, Eco Club, GRI, and NSS Programme Officers of Science Faculty Dr.P.Kalimunthu, Dr.M.Seenivasa Perumal, Dr.M.Muthukumar, Dr.S.Sivagurunathan, Dr.N.Senthilkumaran, Dr.A.Thahira Banu, Dr.M.Suresh Kumar, Dr.C.Raja Mohan, Dr.R.T.Balamurali.	
109	Gardening Work	NSS Cell	24.02.2017	NSS volunteers of Rural Industries and Management involved in Gardening work at Star Gardening, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, Gandhigram	45 Volunteers
110	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme	NSS Cell and Sanitation Faculty	24.02.2017	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India awareness programme was organized in the Faculty of Tamil and Indian Languages on 24.02.2017. An awareness talk was given by Dr.S.Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor, Dr.K.Rousseau, Health Officer, and the Staff of the department among the volunteers and initiated the Make Clean	100 Volunteers

				India Movement.	
111	Bio-farm Cleaning	NSS Cell	25.02.2017 to 27.02.2017	57 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture Cleaned Bio-farm Consists of 300 trees/plants.	57 NSS Volunteers
112	Blood Donation	NSS Cell	25.02.2017	Five units of blood have been donated by the NSS volunteers of Mathematics department.	5 Volunteers
113	Soft Skills	NSS Cell	28.02.2017	A programme on Soft Skills was given to the NSS volunteers of Department of Rural Industries and Management	56 Volunteers
114	Forming Basins around Trees	NSS Cell	05.03.2017	57 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture involved Forming basins around 300 trees/plants in the Bio-farm.	57 NSS Volunteers
115	NSS Special Camp at Kamalapuram	NSS Cell	09.03.2017 to 15.03.2017	Dr.B.Senthilkumar organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers Department of Rural Industries of and Management at Kamalapuram Village from 09.03.2017 to 15.03.2017	50 Volunteers
116	Forming Basins around Trees	NSS Cell	10.03.2017 to 14.03.2017	Formed basins around 300 trees/plants in the Bio-farm. 57 NSS volunteers from II year Diploma in Agriculture involved in the programme	57 NSS Volunteers
117	NSS Special Camp at Thoppampatti	NSS Cell	10.03.2017 to 16.03.2017	Dr.C.Raja Mohan organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of Department of Physics at Thoppampatti Village.	50 Volunteers
118	NYLP Selection Committee	NSS Cell	16.03.2017	The meeting of the selection committee to scrutinize and select the Best NSS unit from among the nominations submitted by GRI-DU NSS units for the award of National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP) Award 2015-2016 was held on 16.03.2017 at 02:30 p.m in the Board Room, GRI-DU, Gandhigram.	--
119	NYLP Award Function	NSS Cell	17.03.2017	The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India has instituted Special Awards for National Service Scheme (NSS) Units under National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP) wherein the NSS Volunteers are encouraged to do additional 100 hrs excluding 120 hrs of Regular Activities in Shramdhan (Voluntary Manual	120 Volunteers and Staff

			<p>Labour). The objective of NYLP is to channelize the Youth energy towards Nation building activities. These voluntary activities will indeed help NSS Volunteers to develop their personality and leadership qualities and promote the spirit of dignity of labour. The NSS cell of Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University applied for the NYLP award in the month of June 2016 and received the award money during October 2016. All the NSS units of GRI were actively involved to implement the NYLP activities. One NSS unit from GRI-DU successfully completed additional 100 hours of shramadhan activity and submitted the application for the NYLP award. The committee constituted for the selection of NYLP award scrutinized the application and verified the relevant documents supporting their outstanding contribution of 100 hours of community service under this scheme. After due verifying the application with relevant documents, the committee recommended to award First Prize to the NSS Unit of Diploma in Agriculture for National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP) Award 2015-2016.</p> <p>The NYLP award function was organized on 17.03.2017 at Silver Jubilee Hall between 3:30 p.m and 4:30 p.m. The guests, staff and volunteers were welcomed by Dr. P.Kalavathi, Programme Coordinator, NSS, GRI-DU. The Honorable Vice-Chancellor of our University Dr.S.Natarajan delivered the Presidential address and distributed the Award Certificate and Prize Money of Rs.25,000/- to the NSS Unit of Diploma in Agriculture. The Programme Officer Dr.R. Sahul Hameed and the NSS volunteers of</p>	
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				Diploma Agriculture Unit received the award certificate and cash prize. Dr.S.Ganesh, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Dr.N.D.Mani, Dean, Faculty of Rural Development and Dr.L.Raja, Prof. and Head, Dept. of Lifelong Learning and Extension felicitated the gathering. Dr. R. Sahul Hameed, NSS Programme Officer, proposed vote of thanks.	
120	Essay and Elocution competition on De-Alcoholism	NSS Cell	17.03.2017	Elocution and Essay competition on De-alcoholism was conducted on 17.03.2017 among the NSS volunteers in support with District Collectorate, Dindigul. About 74 volunteers participated in the competitions.	74 NSS Volunteers.
121	NSS Special Camp at Chettiapatti	NSS Cell	24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	Mr.M.Suresh Kumar organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of B.Sc. Mathematics at Chettiapatti Village from 24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	50 Volunteers
122	NSS Special Camp at Kallupatti	NSS Cell	24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	Dr.R.Rajkumar organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of M.Sc. Mathematics at Kallupatti Village from 24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	50 Volunteers
123	NSS Special Camp at S.V.P.Nagar	NSS Cell	24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	Dr.N.Senthilkumaran organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of M.Sc. Information Technology at S.V.P.Nagar Village from 24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	50 Volunteers
124	NSS Special Camp at Muthampatti	NSS Cell	24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	Dr.S.Sivagurunathan organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of Master of Computer Applications at Muthampatti Village from 24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	50 Volunteers
125	NSS Special Camp at AD colony	NSS Cell, GRI	24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	Er.R.T.Balamurali organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of B.Tech (Civil Engineering) at AD colony Village from 24.03.2017 to 30.03.2017	50 Volunteers
126	NSS Special Camp at Ernagampatti	NSS Cell, GRI	25.03.2017 to 31.03.2017	Dr.R.Ramasubbu organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of Department of Biology at Ernagrmpatti Village from 25.03.2017 to 31.03.2017	50 Volunteers

127	NSS Special Camp at Jathigoundanpatti	NSS Cell, GRI	25.03.2017 to 31.03.2017	Dr.K.Dhevan organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of Department of Cooperation at Jathigoundanpatti Village from 25.03.2017 to 31.03.2017	50 Volunteers
128	NSS Special Camp at Jathigoundanpatti	NSS Cell, GRI	25.03.2017 to 31.03.2017	Dr.M.Muthukumar organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of Geoinformatics and Agriculture at Jathigoundanpatti Village from 25.03.2017 to 31.03.2017	50 Volunteers
129	NSS Special Camp at Nesavalar Colony	NSS Cell, GRI	25.03.2017 to 31.03.2017	Dr.R.Sahul Hameed organized NSS Special Camp programme for the volunteers of Diploma in Agriculture at Nesavalar colony from 25.03.2017 to 31.03.2017	50 Volunteers
130	Inauguration of Special Camp at Nesavalar Colony	NSS Cell, GRI	25.03.2017	Dr.P.Kalavathi, NSS Programme Coordinator presided over the function, Mr. Selva Pandi, President of the colony & Dr.Mahalingam, GRI were felicitated the volunteers. Dr. R. Sahul Hameed, NSS programme officer has welcomed the gathering and Mr. Mukesh Kanna, NSS volunteer proposed vote of thanks.	50 Volunteers
131	Cleaning of temple at Nesavalar Colony	NSS Cell	25.03.2017	Based on the shramdhan activity committee recommendation, cleaning of in and around the temple premises was carried out by the NSS volunteers. In the afternoon, Mr. Mahendra Mani, Local farmer addressed the issues of agriculture situation in the villages and the need to be done by the agriculturists. It was an eye-opening lecture for the NSS volunteers. The programme organizer introduced the speaker to the audience and Mr.Sellapandi, Organizing committee proposed vote of thanks for the session.	50 Volunteers
132	Tree Plantation	NSS Cell	28.03.2017	The volunteers planted of tree saplings in the village. Nearly 12 tree saplings were planted by the volunteers and the villages. They gave their assurance for take care the plants.	20 Volunteers

133	Shramadhan at the Village	NSS Cell	29.03.2017	The volunteers have done shramadhan activities in the community as directed by the President of the Nesavalar Colony.	25 Volunteers
134	Prize distribution for the winner of Essay and Elocution Competition on De-Alcoholism	NSS Cell	31.03.2017	The Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, Dr.S.Natarajan distributed the cash prize to the winners of Elocution and Essay competition on De-alcoholism conducted on 17.03.2017. Dr.P.Kalavathi, Programme Coordinator and Dr.S.Chidambaram, Programme Officer organized the programme.	6 NSS volunteers.

PHOTO GALLERY



Yoga Fest conducted at GRI-DU on 24.04.2016 (Inauguration)



Yoga Fest conducted at GRI-DU on 22.04.2016 (School Children performing Yoga)



Yoga Fest conducted at GRI-DU on 22.04.2016 (Invited Talk on “Relevance of Yoga in Third Millennium Era”)



Yoga Fest conducted at GRI on 22.04.2016 (Distribution of Certificates by The Vice-Chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan at Valedictory function)



Tree plantation on the eve of International Day of Yoga (21.06.2016)



Dr.S.Natarajan ,Vice Chancellor delivering presidential address on the eve of International Day of Yoga (21.06.2016)



Dr.L.Raja, Professor, GRI delivering Special Address on “Relevance of Yoga in Third Millennium Era” on the eve of International Day of Yoga (21.06.2016)



Yoga Demonstrations by the Students



Yoga Demonstrations by the Students on the eve of International Day of Yoga (21.06.2016)



News Paper clipping on the international Yoga Day Celebration (21.06.2016)



**NSS General Orientation Programme at Multipurpose Auditorium, GRI-DU on
04.07.2016**



NSS unit level orientation on 28.07.2016



Shramadhan activity on 22.07.2016



Inauguration of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan by the Vice-Chancellor on 05.08.2016 at GRI



Awareness Programme on Infant and Young Child Feeding on 05.08.2016



International Youth Day Celebration at GRI-DU on 12.08.2016



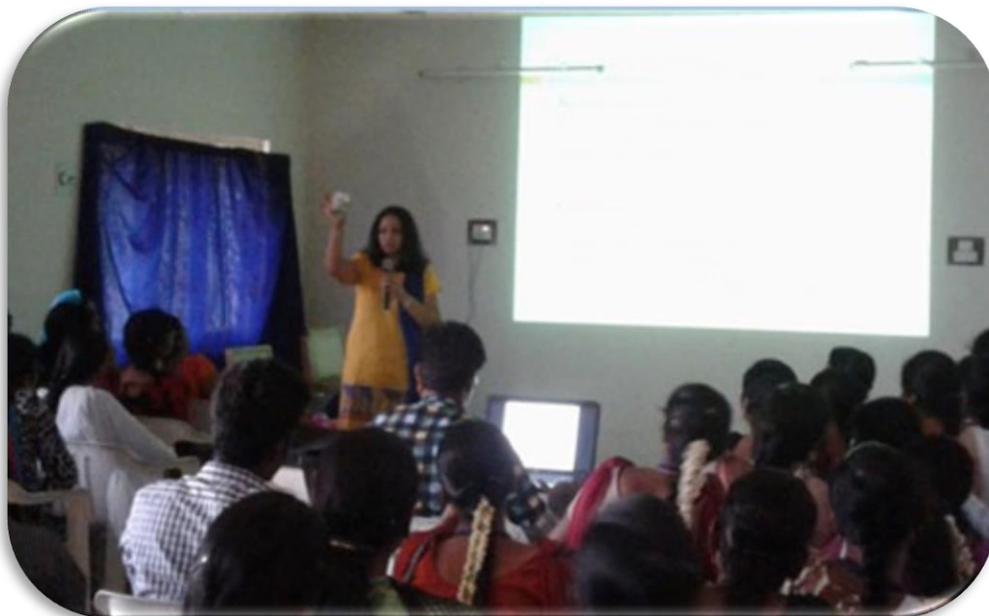
Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme on 12.08.2016



Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme on 19.08.2016



Shrmadhan activity at Computer Lab on 02.09.2016



Nutrition Day Celebration at GRI-DU on 09.09.2016



Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme on 09.09.2016



Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme on 16.09.2016



Soft Skills Training on 23.09.2016



Vice-Chancellor and the NSS Coordinator inaugurated the Environmental Awareness trekking to Sirumalai Hills on 24.09.2016



A Section of volunteers participated in Environmental Awareness Programme on 24.09.2016



One Day Workshop on Life Skills at GRI-DU on 29.09.2016



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Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme on 07.10.2016



Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme on 14.10.2016



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Volunteers support on Maha Annadhanam at Thiru Venkadamudayan Thirukovil, Thoppampatti on 15.10.2016



Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Make Clean India Awareness Programme on 21.10.2016



Vigilance Awareness Week– Pledge taking by the section of students on 31.10.2016



Unity Day Pledge taking by a section of Volunteers on 31.10.2016



Volunteers designing T-Shirts on the theme 'Unification' on 3.11.2016



Samples of designed paintings and knitting's for T-shirts and Caps by the volunteers



Rally against Corruption in connection with Vigilance Awareness Week on 03.11.2016



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Volunteers performing March Past on 04.11.2016



Address by the Programme Coordinator on the valedictory function on 04.11.2016



Distribution of Certificates on the valedictory function on 04.11.2016



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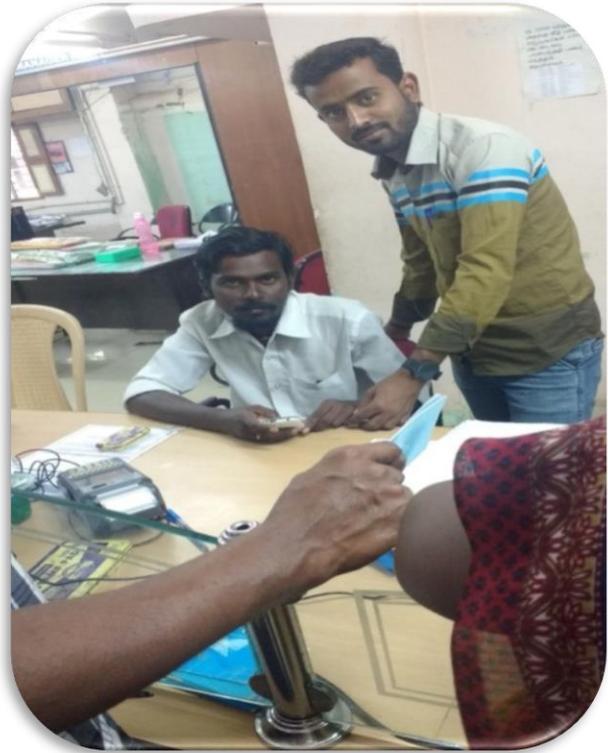
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Blood Donation Camp organized on 20.12.2016 at GRI-DU



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NSS Volunteers promoting the Cashless Economy for Canara Bank Customers from 20.12.2016 to 31.12.2016



NSS volunteers participated in the cultural event at the National Integration Camp organized at St.Michael's College, Cherthala, Alappuzha, Kerala from 25.12.2016 to 31.12.2106



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Interaction with Thoppinayakanpatti Village on 04.01.2017



Mr.R.Thamodharan Receiving the Certificate from State NSS Officials on 26.01.2017 for Participating in the 68th Republic Day Parade at Chennai



Our Vice-Chancellor appreciated Mr.R.Thamodharan in the Morning Prayer



Promotion of Digital Payments Programme on 08.02.2017 at GRI-DU –Inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Dr.S.Natarajan



Inaugural address by Dr.S.Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor, GRI-DU on 08.02.2017



Presidential address by Sri.N.Manivannan, Assistant General Manager, Canara Bank on 08.02.2017



Training on Mobile App by the NSS Volunteers on 08.02.2017



Swachh Bharat programme at Dept. of Extension Education and GIS on 10.02.2017



Swachh Bharath programme at Dept. of Extension Education and GIS (Pledge Taking) on 10.02.2017



Opening of Sanitary Park at Dept. of Sanitation on 17.02.2017 as part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Programme



Inauguration of National Science Day Celebration - Cycle Rally by Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Registrar, GRI on 23.02.2017



A section of National Science Day Celebration - Cycle Rally on 23.02.2017



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Shramadhan activity at Star Garden, GRI-DU on 24.02.2017



NYLP Award Function organized at GRI-DU on 17.03.2017



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Elocution competition on De-Alcoholism conducted on 17.03.2017



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Essay Writing competition on De-Alcoholism conducted on 17.03.2017



Swachh Bharat Abhiyan – Clean India Programme on 17-03-2017



Inauguration of Special Camp by the NSS coordinator at Nesavalar Colony on 25.03.2016



NSS Volunteers cleaning the Temple Site at Nesavalar Colony on 26.03.2016



Tree Plantation on 28.03.2017 at Nesavalar Colony



Shramadhan activity on 29.03.2017



**Prize distribution for the winner of Essay and Elocution competition on
De-Alcoholism on 31.03.2017**



Shramadhan Activity at Nanbarpuram Village on 01.04.2017



Intercation with the Villagers on 02.04.2017 at Velakannipuram



Shramadhan Activity at Velakannipuram on 02.04.2017



Participation in Pulse Polio Immunization on 02.04.2017



Awareness Speech on 'Food and Thought' at Nanbarpuram village on 03.04.2017



Awareness Programme on “Nutrition” on 03.04.2017



Lecture on “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan” on 07.04.2017



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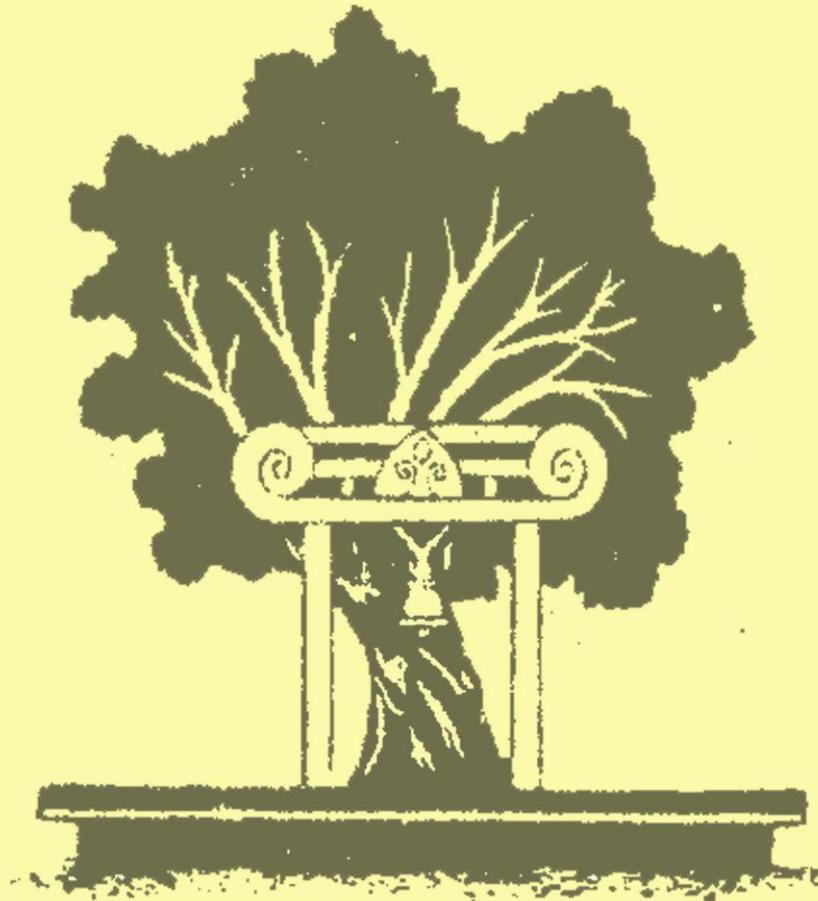
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