

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME



REPORT (2020-2021)



NSS CELL

The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University)
(Ministry of Education)

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GANDHIGRAM - 624 302, DINDIGUL DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

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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 The Gandhigram Rural Institute 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 to be University) was started in the academic year 1979-1980. 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, Undergraduate, and Postgraduate (except for one-year programmes) are NSS volunteers. There are 19 NSS units in the GRI NSS Cell. Shramadhan, tree plantation on campus and in the adopted villages and blood donation to the people admitted to the Kasturba Hospital, Gandhigram and Government Hospital, Dindigul are regular features. Other important Regular Programmes organized from April 2020 to March 2021 were the celebrations and observations of the days of National importance (NSS day, International yoga day, unity day, Swachhata Pahkawada, Quit India Movement, 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 health care etc.

The academic year 2020-2021 presented a unique challenge for the activities of the NSS since almost all classes were shifted to the online mode due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the resultant lockdowns. Despite these challenges, the NSS units of the institute organized programmes in the online and offline modes wherever and whenever possible.



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Annual Report for the Academic

Year

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General Information

1. Name of the University : The Gandhigram Rural Institute
(Deemed to be 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	9	28
OBC	530	854
SC	168	258
ST	33	20
Total	740	1160

Regular Programmes 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

The 19 units of the National Service Scheme (NSS) of the Gandhigram Rural Institute function with the NSS motto: “Not Me; But You”, involving a total of 1900 students under the guidance and supervision of a programme coordinator and 19 programme officers. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation, only NSS regular activities have been carried out through online and offline modes.

The following is a summary of the various NSS activities for the academic year 2020-2021.

Sl.No	Name of the Activity	Organized by	Date	Outcome	Participants / Beneficiaries/ No.of Volunteers
1	FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN	NSS and Physical Education, GRI	02.10.2020	<p>As part of the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence and part of the ‘Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav’, the NSS units organized Freedom Runs in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSS Volunteers of all Units took the Fit India pledge and ran a distance of 2 km on campus and off-campus. • NSS volunteers and NSS programme officers participated in Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 organized by NSS in cooperation with 	200

				<p>Department of Physical Education on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi. The freedom run was inaugurated by the District Collector Mr. Visakan, IAS. The freedom run started from the Municipal Corporation and ended at the District Collectorate. Around 200 volunteers and programme officers participated in the Freedom Run programme.</p>	
2	<p>Awareness programme on WORLD WATER DAY</p>	<p>NSS, GRI & Nehru Yuva Kendra, Dindigul</p>	<p>22.03.2021</p>	<p>The NSS and Nehru Yuva Kendra(NYK), Dindigul jointly organized a webinar on “Catch the Rain Where it Falls When it Falls” as a part of World Water Day observation on 22-03-2021. Dr. S. Balasundari, NSS Coordinator, GRI and Mr. Saran V Gopal, District Youth Officer, NYK, Dindigul felicitated. Mr. R.T Balamurali, Assistant Professor, Center for Rural Technology, GRI, delivered an invited talk on “Catch the Rain Where it Falls When it Falls”. Around 100 volunteers participated in this online event</p>	<p>100</p>
4	<p>Yuwaah Program Launch</p>	<p>NSS, GRI (Unit 6)</p>	<p>22.07.2020</p>	<p>The NSS Volunteers of Unit No.6 B.Tech. Civil Engineering Programme Students participated in the Yuwaah Program Launch (Facebook Live) by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and</p>	<p>33</p>

				Sports on 22.07.2020. Totally 33 students participated in this event.	
5	Fit India Youth Club Launch	NSS, GRI (Unit 6)	15.08.2020	The NSS Volunteers of Unit No.6 B.Tech. Civil Engineering Programme Students watched the Fit India Youth Club Launch under FIT India Mission on 15 th August 2020 at 11.00 am.	100
6	COVID 19 Pledge	NSS, GRI		All NSS Volunteers took the COVID Pledge to protect themselves, their family, and their neighbours by following Covid appropriate behaviour. The volunteers also helped in Covid mitigation programmes	
7	Capacity Building Programme	NSS Units 8,18 & 19, GRI	19-23 October 2020	Units 8, 18 & 19, organized a <i>One Week Capacity Building Programme on NSS: "A Path towards Peace and Prosperity during Pandemic Period"</i> from 19-23 October 2020. The Vice-Chancellor i/c and the Registrar, GRI felicitated the programme. The following resource persons spoke on relevant topics during the programme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr.R.Baskar, NSS Coordinator i/c, Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, • Dr.Rajkumar, NSS Programme Coordinator i/c, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai • Dr.M.Nagalingam, Assistant Professor Department of Social Work 	

				<p>Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms.R.Rani Training Coordinator, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science & Higher Education, Coimbatore • Dr.S.Balasundari NSS Programme Coordinator, GRI 	
8	NUTRITION MONTH CELEBRATIONS	NSS (unit 15), GRI	September 2020	All Volunteers of Unit 15 participated in the Nutrition Month Celebrations held online in September 2020 and participated in competitions held online	100
9	WORLD FOOD DAY CELEBRATIONS	NSS (unit 15), GRI	October 2020	45 volunteers of Unit 15 participated in the World Food Day celebrations and the competitions held online in the month of October 2020.	100
10	WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS	NSS (unit 15), GRI	08.03.2021	58 volunteers from Unit 15 participated in the Women's Day Celebrations held online on 8 March 2021.	58
11	VOTERS AWARENESS RALLY	NSS, GRI	27.03.2021	150 volunteers from all units participated in the Voters Awareness Rally held on 27 March 2021 to educate people on their right to vote during the General Elections to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly held on 6 April 2021. The volunteers also took the Voters Day Pledge	150
12	YOUNG WARRIOR MOVEMENT	NSS (unit 15), GRI	02.05.2021	30 Volunteers from Unit 15 registered themselves online for the Young Warrior Movement on 27 May 2021	30

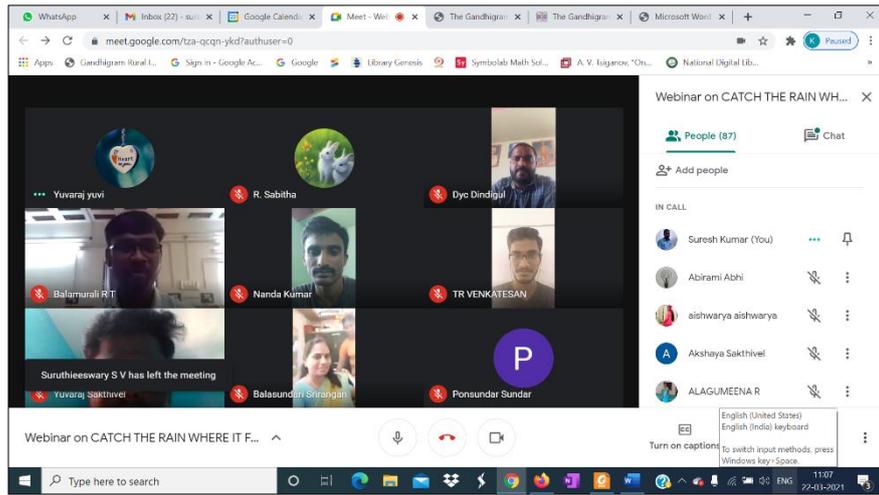
13	COVID RELIEF	NSS (unit 16), GRI		As a part of the NSS activity Unit-16 volunteer, Ms. Santhiya P of M.A. Economics as a combined activity with other local volunteer members involved themselves in social service during the lockdown period of COVID – 19 first spell. She joined hand with local service volunteers and distributed food to old age people	100
14	FIT INDIA WALKATHON	NSS, GRI	13.01.2020	A Walkathon was organized as part of the Fit India Movement as a joint activity of all NSS units of GRI on	
15	ROAD SAFETY MONTH		24.01.2020	All NSS units of GRI together organized the Road Safety Month Celebrations on 24 January 2020. It was presided by Dr. Sundaravadivelu, Vice-Chancellor i/c and Dr. VPR Sivakumar, Registrar. The SP and DSP of Tamil Nadu Police, Dindigul region participated in the programme as special guests and emphasized on road safety. Around 150 NSS volunteers and Programme Officers took part in the programme and also participated in the cyclotron. A signature campaign was also arranged to emphasize road safety measures.	150
16	ROAD SAFETY MONTH	NSS Unit 18, GRI	17.02.2021	The volunteers of Unit 18 took part in a poster-making event to commemorate Road Safety Month on 17 February 2021.	

PHOTO GALLERY

FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN



WORLD WATER DAY on 22.03.2021



Yuwaah Program Launch



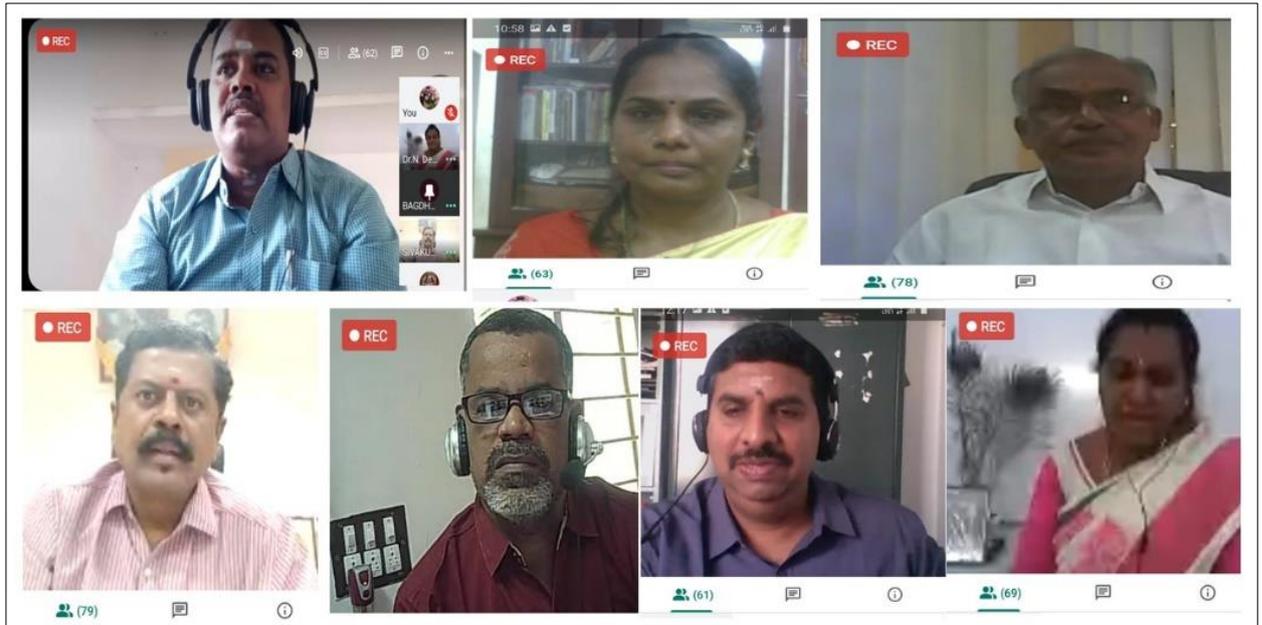
COVID 19 Pledge



Fit India Youth Club Launch



NUTRITION MONTH CELEBRATIONS



VOTERS AWARENESS RALLY



COVID RELIEF



ROAD SAFETY MONTH



FIT INDIA WALKATHON



EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARATH (EBSB) ACTIVITIES



UNITY DAY

