

Department of Social Work: NSS & UBA

*Report for
the month
of October
2022*

National Service Scheme – Unit I (Main campus)

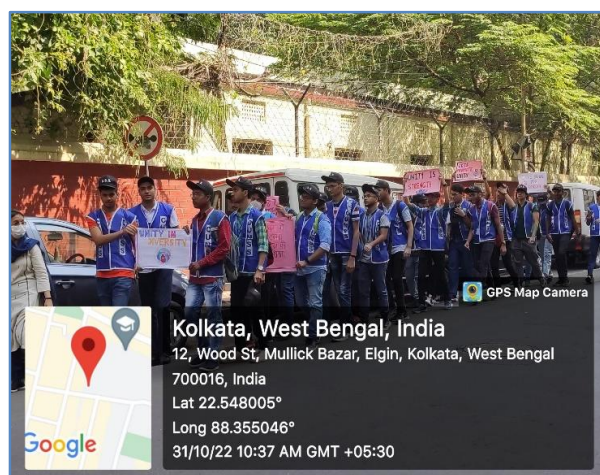
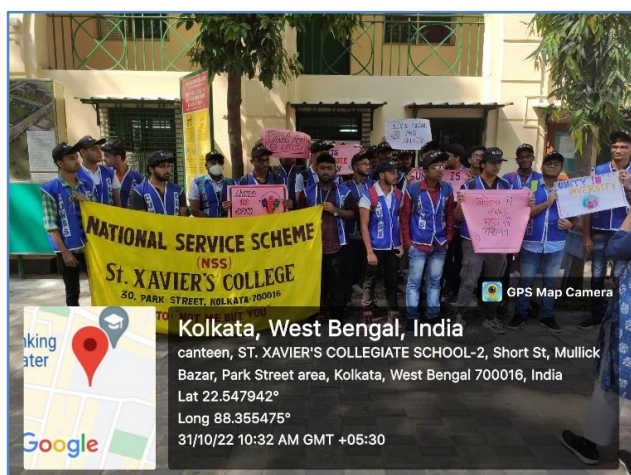
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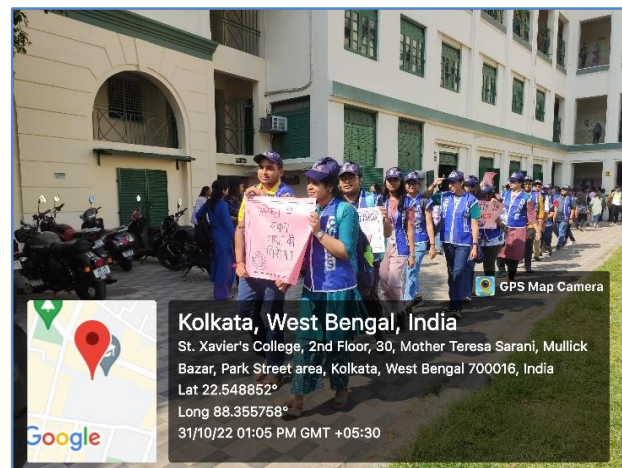
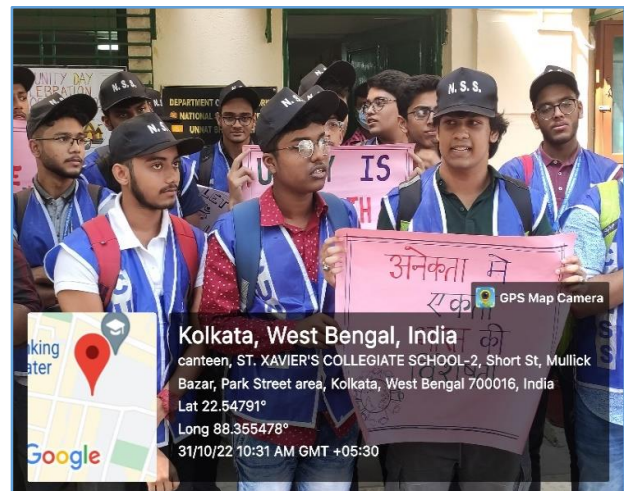
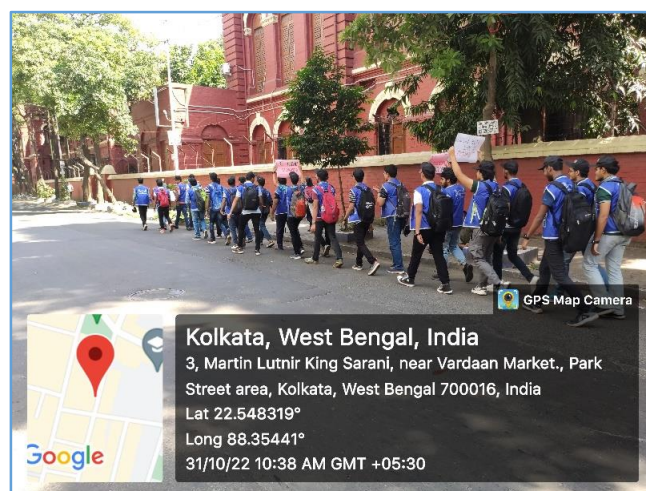
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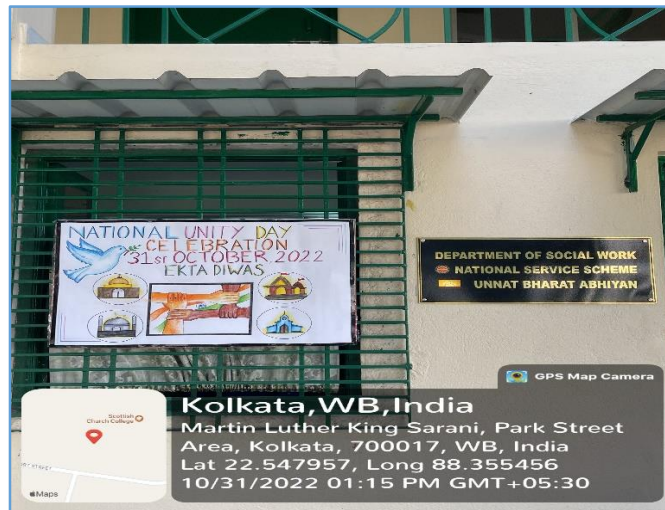
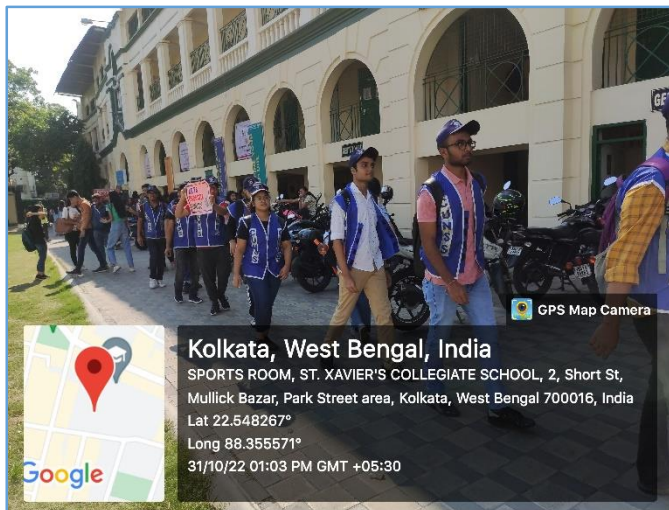
Celebration of Unity Day as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

For **Celebration of Unity Day as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, NSS volunteers rallied for the cause of unity on 31st October 2022. Around 60 volunteers from the main campus rallied from Short Street to Park Street spreading the message of Unity. The rally was organised in two different slots to accommodate students of all departments. The students prepared posters on Unity (Unity in Diversity, Let’s Stand for Unity, India Stands for Unity, Let’s promote unity etc). During the event, the students shared their views on Unity with their peers. Vatsal Agarwal, a Commerce student shared, *“It is important for today’s youth to stand united in all circumstances. We, the youth must come together to share our thoughts, learning with each other wherein we can grow together”*. While Shreya Agarwal, a B.A student opined, *“Each one of us have different skill sets, if we unitedly put together our skills, we will be able to meaningfully contribute towards the growth of our nation”*

Celebrating Unity Day inside and around the College campus on 31st October 2022 by volunteers of NSS Unit I (main campus)







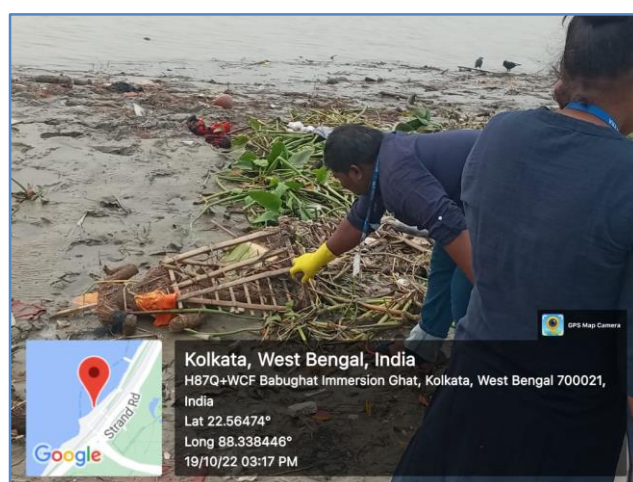
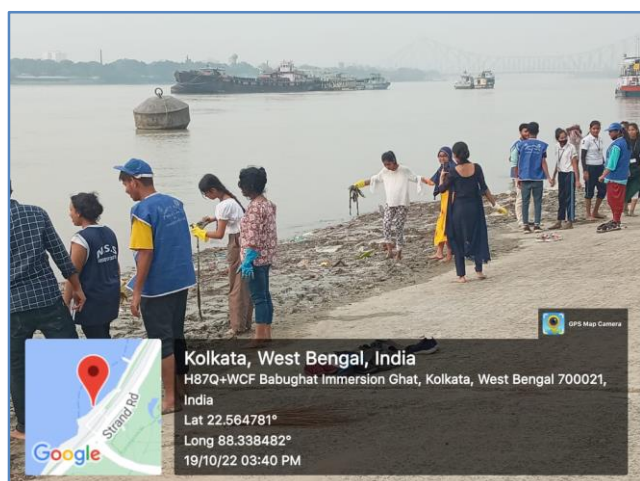
National Service Scheme – Unit II (Rural campus)

Clean India Campaign (Swachh Kaal: Amrit Kaal)

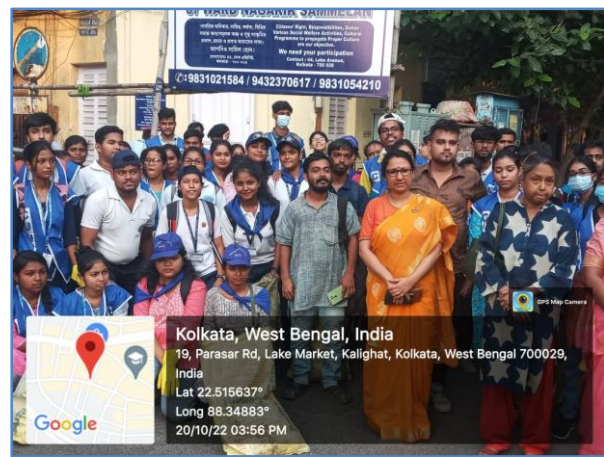
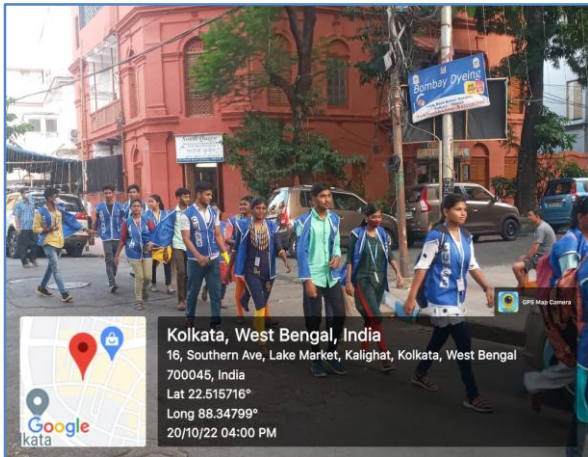
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On 25th October, the college organised cleanliness drive around its rural campus and covered Magurkhali, Bakeswar, and Gobrachak villages. A total of 45 NSS volunteers participated in the drive. The NSS volunteers collected plastic waste from the villages, local markets and created awareness about keeping the environment clean. The volunteers rallied around the villages propagating the mantra of ‘*Swachh Kaal: Amrit Kaal*’.

NSS Volunteers in action on 19th October 2022 around Babughat



NSS volunteers undertaking cleanliness drive on 20th October 2022 around Lake Market



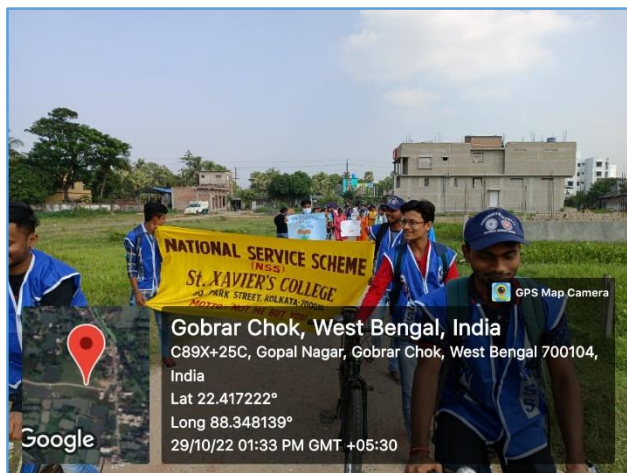
Cleanliness drive by volunteers of NSS Unit II around Bakeswar, Gobrachawk and Magurkhali villages



Celebration of Unity Day as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

For Celebration of Unity Day as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, volunteers of NSS Unit II rallied for the cause of unity on 29th October 2022. Around 110 volunteers rallied with handmade posters, from Gobrachak to Raghabpur church, spreading the message of Unity.

Spreading the message of Unity in Gobrachak and Raghabpur villages on 29th October 2022





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Awareness-cum-career counselling session for high school students of Shalpurkur village

On 23rd October 2022, the department organised a day long programme for around 40 high school students of Shalpurkur village. A total of 15 volunteers participated in this event. The programme was divided into two parts – (i) awareness session on child rights and child protection conducted by Save the Children NGO (ii) session on career guidance and government schemes conducted by the Volunteers.

The first part began with an input session on Child Rights which were based on the needs of children from infancy stage itself. These needs were also their Rights which the duty bearers would have to protect. While the group activity enabled the volunteers and children to bond together, it was an eye opener as most people take children for granted. In conclusion, the high school students were given the duty of being the task force to ensure that children in their villages were protected from all forms of exploitation. A community lunch prepared by the village women was organised for all to further strengthen the bond between the college and the village.

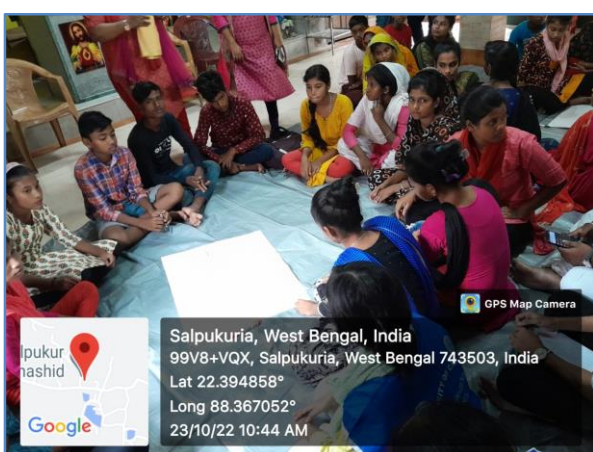
The post lunch session dealt with career counselling. Often middle and high school children struggled to decide on the course of studies they would opt for during their graduation. The volunteers shared tips on how to choose a subject. Further to this they shared with them

1. Information regarding various colleges and its application procedure
2. Various vocational courses
3. Government schemes for students

The session was extremely informative which was evident when some of the students shared during the feedback sessions. Saniya Laskar, a student of class XI shared, ***“Ami boro hoye nurse hote chai, aaj dada didira jokhon bolchilo nursing course er kotha amar khub anando hochilo karon ekhon ami jaani amar school er por kothai jete hobe admission er jonno”*** (I want to become a nurse once I grow up, I was very happy, when the *dadas* and *didis* told us all about nursing course, now I know where I have to go to take admission in nursing course). Some said that this session gave them a sense of direction and a lot of awareness. Rukaiya Sheikh, a student of class VIII shared, ***“Aaj ami onek kichu janlam shishu odhikar er bishoy, ami nishoi egulo niye bhabbo aar onno der ke o shekhabo ja ja aaj ami shiklam.”*** (Today I learnt a lot about child rights, I will definitely reflect on this and also teach others whatever I learnt today). While Shumaiya Pailan of class VII reflected, ***“Aaj amaar shob theke boro shekha holo je ami chahida aar proyojon er parthokko janlam. Amar proyojon holo amar adhikar.”*** (My major learning today is that I learnt the difference between ‘needs’ and ‘wants’. My need is my right.)

The volunteers too had a learning experience. Ayushi Banerjee of Sociology department shared ***“When I was in school, some of my seniors guided me about the course of study I should pursue, I am happy that I am now able to guide someone else in the same manner.”***

Session on child rights and protection underway



Career counselling session underway