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Blood Donation Camp

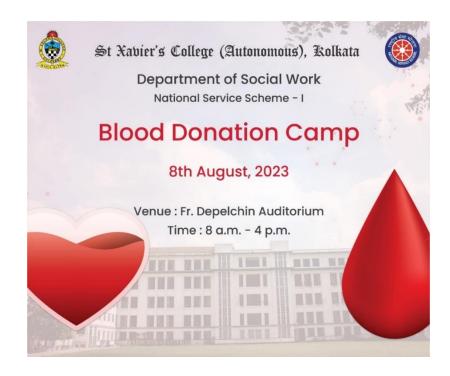
"THE VEIN TO VEIN CONNECTION"

The annual Blood Donation Camp was organised by NSS Unit I, on the 8th of August 2023, in collaboration with the Association of Voluntary Blood Donors, Bhoruka Blood Bank and Cancer Hospital, Thakurpukur, in which 540 units of blood were collected between 8 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. There were a total of 7 blood banks. The refreshments were sponsored by the Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Midtown and St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association.

The Blood Donation Camp began with a brief inauguration by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, along with the Vice Principals. Fr. Principal shared the background of Blood Donation camps in the College over the years. He appreciated and motivated the students and NSS Members for their hard work put in throughout the year. In order to encourage the donors Fr. Principal visited the camp venue along with all the Core Committee members of the College during the day, which was very reassuring.

Due to the pandemic, this camp was organised after a gap of three years. About **100 volunteers** lead by the NSS Board Members helped to make this camp a grand success. The planning for the camp began almost one month ahead. The volunteers were divided into different committees – Attendance, Registration, Security, Food, Certificates, Doctor's Assistant and TLC (Tender, Loving Care). Each committee was headed by a coordinator. The volunteers underwent a series of training sessions and each committee was guided on their responsibilities. The volunteers worked extremely hard and ensured that the whole camp was organised in a systemic and well-coordinated manner.

It was more than 10 hours that day, the volunteers had put it and one could see how tired they were, but the joy on their faces helped to overcome that tiredness and with smiles and a feel good factor, everyone dispersed with one slogan, "Once a Xaverian, Always a Xaverian"!







Fr. Principal, Vice Principals and faculty members - the motivating force behind the camp









Enthusiastic donors from the Commerce Morning department beginning the camp



















The true spirit of a Xavierian!!!











NSS Volunteers on their toes....







"My see is back here because you donated blood"