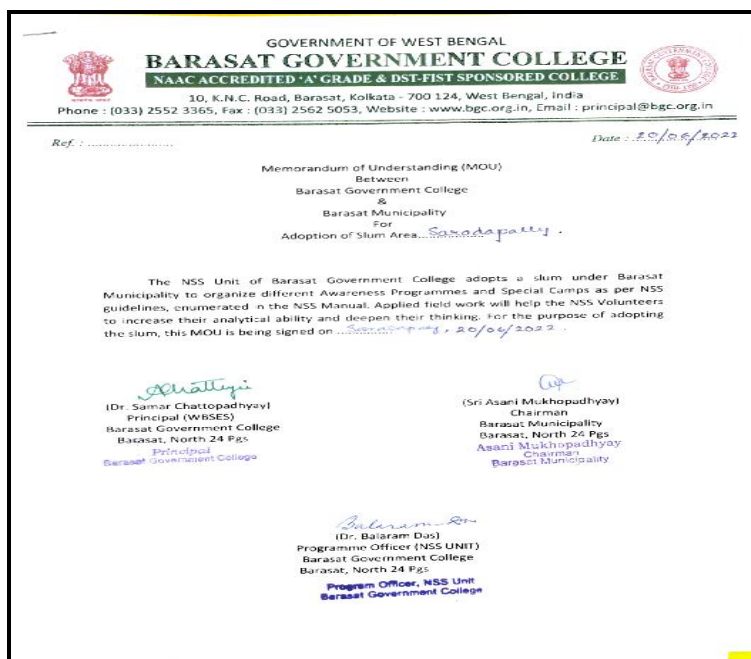


GREEN OUTREACH PROGRAM AT SARADAPALLY SLUM

LOCATION: Slum 'Saradapally' is located in Ward No.29, Barasat, Kolkata 700124

OBJECTIVE: Saradapally is a congested urban slum area, where 1500 people live within a small space of 0.04sq.km. The inhabitants are socially and economically deprived with extremely poor rates of literacy, hygiene and health awareness. The objective of the adoption project was to raise awareness on health and environmental issues.

CONTEXT: A MOU was signed between the NSS Unit of Barasat Govt. College and Barasat Municipality for adoption of Slum area, Saradapally, Barasat situated at a distance of 4 kms from the college premises, on 20th June 2022. Following the adoption the slum has been visited frequently by the NSS volunteers for different awareness programmes. Between the period July 2022 to June 2023, almost 49 student volunteers out of the total 100 member NSS unit of the college has visited the slum for seven various outreach programmes with the accompaniment of the Programme Officer, teacher members and resource persons from different fields.

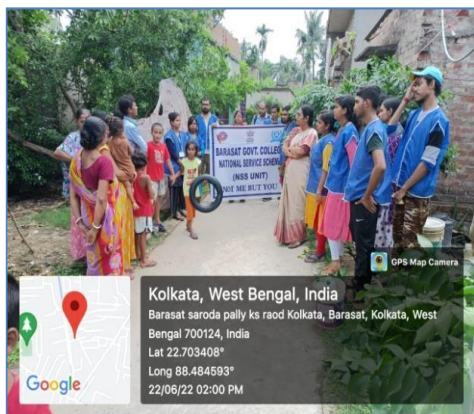


PRACTICE:

1. On 21st June, 2022 a **survey was conducted at Saradapally** (adopted slum) to identify and understand the problems and potentials of this area with the aim of organizing Awareness and Developmental Programmes in future. The common problems of this slum were found lack of proper garbage disposal, lack of safe drinking water, water logging, open drains, and diseases like dengue and malaria.



2. On 22nd June, 2022 an **Awareness Programme on water-borne and vector-borne diseases** was conducted at Saradapally (adopted slum) followed by a **sanitization drive** in different pockets of the adopted slum. The Resource Person, Dr. Jayati Ghosh, Associate Professor of Zoology, Barasat Government College made the local residents aware of maintenance of clean environment, disposal of garbage, prevention of dengue and malaria and safe drinking water. The NSS volunteers sanitized the physical environment by sprinkling bleaching powder, phenyl and making the residents aware of how to keep the surroundings clean.



3. On 23rd June, 2022, the NSS Unit, Barasat Government College conducted an **Awareness Programme on Anti Drug** in the adopted slum. This Programme was organized for discussion on eradication of the social evil- Drug Abuse. Smt. Payel Biswas, Sub-Inspector of Barasat Police Station was the resource person and she focused on how to get rid of this problem at the local level by the collective efforts of the local people.



4. **Awareness Programme on Prevention of Plastic Pollution** was organized by the NSS Unit, in collaboration with Barasat Municipality. In this Programme, Sri Prasanta Debnath, Department of Conservancy and Public Health, Barasat Municipality was the resource person. He offered practical suggestions for clean plastic-free environment and for conservation of healthy environment. At the end, leaflets on Plastic-free environment, as a part of anti-plastic campaign were distributed among the residents of Saradapally by the NSS volunteers.



- On 19th December, 2022 NSS conducted an **anti-addiction drive** by the help of resource person Dr. Olivia Ganguly, Assistant Professor of Human Development & Psychological Counsellor, RKVM Sarada Ma Girls' College. Dr. Ganguly talked about the causes and forms of addiction, its spread across gender and age, impact of addiction and finally the measures to handle this addiction problem.



- Smt. Soma Basu Dutta, Counsellor, ICTC, Barasat Govt. Medical College & Hospital and Smt. Mousumi Chatterjee, Folk Singer & her Troup acted as resource persons to conduct **AIDS awareness program** among the slum dwellers through discussions, talks and cultural performances.



- On 20th December, 2022 Sri Somnath Das (Trained from Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, Faculty of Art of Living) visited the slum, to teach **Yogasana for physical and mental health** to the children of the area to improve their concentration powers and for general well-being.



- Smt. Pratyasha Agrawal, Consultant Nutritionist, Department of Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics, held a **'Nutrition Programme'** on the same day to make the residents of Saradapally aware of healthy food habits, sources of cheap nutritious food, and importance of nutrition during pregnancy.



9. On 21st December Smt. Madhumita Samanta, Counsellor, Thalassaemia Control Unit, Dept. of Haematology, Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine, Govt. of West Bengal, with her team conducted **thalassaemia test** on 83 local people of the slum. Many residents were found to be positive and advised to contact the local health centre for further follow up.



10. A **sanitization drive** was undertaken on 21st December, 2022 in and around the slum area by spreading bleaching powder and phenyl to eradicate vector borne diseases.



EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS:

The different outreach programmes conducted by the NSS units in Saradapally slum had two distinct outcomes.

1. Firstly it helped to build awareness among the residents of the slum area on different social and health issues. The anti-drug programme led to the admission of two local youths to the government run drug rehabilitation unit in Barasat. Thalassaemia screening helped families identify their diseases and take precautionary steps. Other programmes on nutrition and sanitization were also greeted enthusiastically by the local residents.
2. Secondly it helped the NSS volunteers of the college to build resources of organizing capabilities, social awareness, community responsibility etc.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED:

Saradapally is situated at a distance of 4 kms. from the college. Considerable time and money is required for the to and fro travel to the slum area by NSS volunteers. The heavy academic schedule of the university and the lack of sufficient funds has restricted the NSS unit from taking up more meaningful programmes.

ATTENDANCE : 1. 21-23.06.2022

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