



National Service Scheme

2019-20



The National Service Scheme (NSS) at Lady Shri Ram College for Women is a flourishing body of dedicated student volunteers and teachers who are devoted to the cause of bringing about positive social change and truly making a difference. Compassion and commitment resonates through the slogan 'We rise by lifting others', in all its initiatives. The vision and collective potential of the students is realised through grass-root level work with multiple on-ground community service endeavours. As a group, NSS also opens up space for dialogue and deliberation over a range of pertinent issues.

NSS-LSR, through its community outreach programs addresses a number of urgent social issues, including development of rural women, social entrepreneurship, animal welfare, care for the elderly, education, child rights and so on. With this purpose, it has built fruitful collaborations with 22 NGOs and has established 5 in-house projects and a volunteer base of over 800 students.

The year was extremely productive for the students at NSS LSR.

Date	Event Name	Description
21st June	International Yoga Day	Yoga with Yoga Acharya Kajal
26 July	Letter to Soldiers with iVolunteer	Kargil Vijay Divas was celebrated
6th August	NSS orientation	Induction of new batch of volunteers for 2019-20
4 August	Adoption event with Friendicoes in Diggin Cafe	#AdoptDontShop
1st-8th August	Swachta Pakhwara	Oath taking Cleanliness drives Best out of waste activity Awareness drive with ZDP

5th August	Josh Talks and UNDP #charchaforchange- climate chapter	Climate talks
19th-23rd August	project orientations/ training sessions	Sessions for affiliated NGOs of NSS LSR
6th September	Kala	till 31st aug (online)- Kala logo making Competition Kala - Khwaab held on 6th Sept.
26th-30th August	Stationery Collection Drive	Annual collection drive for children of affiliated NGOs
29th August	Fit India Movement	In collaboration with CDF, NSS LSR
19th sept	Macquarie University	Visit
18th sept- 23rd	Electoral Verification programme	Voter Awareness
19th October	Noor	24 September - Noor Logo making
1st October	Video screening on Mahatma Gandhi	Gandhi Jayanti celebration
3rd October	Panel discussion on relevance of Gandhian Ideologies	Gandhi Jayanti celebration
January	Guftugu Sessions	'Gender Inequality in household chores'.
6th January	Winter clothes collection drive	Collection of winter clothes for needy
27th January	Walkathon to Zamrudpur	Awareness campaign
5th - 14th February	Valentines for the Silenced (V4S)	Documentary Screening, vegan food tasting, Exhibition, tattoo Stall , NGO Sessions
6th February	Cancer literacy talk	Session with Dharamshila Cancer Foundation

24th - 29th February	Daan Utsav	Week long mega drive for items like sanitary napkins, notebooks , plastic, dog food,etc.
27th February	Sign Language workshop	In collaboration with the National Association of the Deaf
8th March	Cleanliness Drive	In collaboration with cleanliness group 'There is No Earth B'
April	NSS LSR COVID-19 - Contribution in the fight	-Face masks making -Online Webinars -Relief and donations for migrant workers and other needy

Apart from our flagship events Kala and Noor, following are some highlights of 2019-20.

The year kick-started with a vibrant orientation followed up by engaging training sessions for various NGOs

NSS LSR continued its initiative to interact with children from the less privileged sections of society by organising Kala—an interactive, educational art competition and workshop for children frequenting NSS LSR's NGO collaborations. Children from various NGOs were hosted on campus and interacted with the

volunteers while showing their creativity and artistic skills. This year's theme was "Khwaab-Experience art through imagination."

An interactive session with students of Macquarie University, Australia took place.

NSS Day 2019 was celebrated with a week-long campaign series "Swachhta hi Seva." This was followed by an opening ceremony, awareness campaign in collaboration with inhouse project ZDP - Zamrudpur Development Project and cleanliness drives along with best out of waste activities.

In accordance with its tradition, NSS-LSR organised its flagship event, the annual NSS Diwali Mela- Noor in the month of November 2019. The theme this year was INARA- light through darkness. Receiving a massive turnout, the event was a celebration of the innovative skills of students and NGOs, showcasing a wide range of student entrepreneurs and NGO-made products. Children from several associated NGOs were also a part of the Mela, having their own assigned 'Kids' Corner' and set of activities on campus. Noor, as the name suggests, was a manifestation of light and hope for all those involved with it in any capacity.

Valentines for Silenced was a pathbreaking event which saw the participation of FIAPO, Friendicoes and Campus Care volunteers who hosted a vegan tasting, exhibition, NGO

sessions, tattoo stall and documentary screening with an aim to engage with all about ideas of speciesism, animal welfare and caring for them in a bond of coexistence.

This year, the Editorial Board successfully published four copies of “The NSS Gazette”, a bimonthly periodical apart from rigorously maintaining Ibtida, the blog.

Gender sensitisation workshops were held at NSS-LSR affiliated NGOs including CDP(Child Development Programme), Adharshila, Udayan Care and Vidya , as a part of Guftugu programme. These sessions were based on the following subject matter:- 'Gender Inequality in household chores'. These sessions were planned with different age-appropriate interactive activities and were focussing on boosting the children's knowledge.

As the Coronavirus pandemic hit the world, NSS LSR initiated campaigns in collaboration with various NGOs with regards to donation campaigns for the needy to awareness programmes with HAIYYA to a mask- making session and much more.

The entire volunteer base came together to channelise their collective energies and achieve the common goal of social betterment. They helped NSS LSR realise its motive, living up to the LSR value of Leadership with Social Responsibility.