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### Report of Social Work done by

### Volunteers of NSS-NITP during the Pandemic

The NSS Unit of NIT Patna in continuation to the social work done by it in other social fields also rose to address the requirements during the pandemic. Extensive works by the volunteers were done to help the society fight against the deadly Corona.



- More than 500 student volunteers have been working and putting their every possible effort to spread awareness regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

## वेबिनार से एनआईटी में चला जागरूकता कार्यक्रम

### आयोजन

**पटना | मुख्य संवाददाता**  
एनआईटी पटना में सोमवार को संस्थान के एनएसएस समूह द्वारा वेबिनार का आयोजन किया गया था। इसका उद्देश्य कैम्प से जुड़े सदस्यों में जागरूकता फैलाना और युवाओं को कोविड - 19 की रोकथाम उपायों पर अमल करना था। वेबिनार को नई दिल्ली के एनएसएस के निदेशक सौरव कुमार शाह ने संबोधित किया। उन्होंने छात्रों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए एनएसएस पटना के क्षेत्रीय निदेशक विनय कुमार ने भी संक्रमण के उपायों को अपनाने पर बल दिया। एनएसएस-एनआईटी

कार्यक्रम समन्वयक डॉ. कामिनी सिन्हा ने स्थिति को अच्छी तरह से समझाया और कोरोना योद्धाओं की भूमिका की बात की। उसने विस्तार से मौजूदा परिदृश्य के बारे में जानकारी दी। आगे एहतियात, सुरक्षा, जागरूकता, सामाजिक गड़बड़ी के बारे में बात की और कुछ मिथक और तथ्यों को अलग किया और उच्च जोखिम वाले समूहों को बचाने पर जोर दिया। युवा मामलों के मंत्रालय से प्रतिनिधि डॉ. कमलकांत कर ने स्वयंसेवकों को अपने विचारों और प्रौद्योगिकी में योगदान करने के लिए प्रेरित किया। कोरोना स्व-बचाव के लिए कई विभाग 24 घंटे काम कर रहे हैं। इस वेबिनार में लगभग 250 छात्रों ने संकाय सदस्यों के साथ भाग लिया।

The unit organized a webinar on the topic “COVID-19 Response and Containment Measures, Training of COVID Warriors” on 13th April, 2020 which was attended by approximately 250 members inclusive of both students and faculty from all over Bihar. The Programme Coordinator Dr. Kamini Sinha in collaboration with the Regional Directorate

NSS gave the presentation as an expert. Another webinar was conducted on the same day for participants from Jharkhand which was attended by 200 participants.

- The volunteers have worked around the clock for months to spread awareness regarding the Aarogya Setu app, and got approximately 15000 people registered over a period of nearly two months.

**वेबिनार से लोगों को किया गया जागरूक**  
पटना. एनआईटी पटना में सोमवार को वेबिनार (इंटरनेट के माध्यम से सेमिनार) का आयोजन हुआ. सेमिनार में कोविड-19 के रोकथाम के बारे में जानकारी दी गयी. एनएसएस के लोग इसमें शामिल थे. एनआईटी पटना के निदेशक प्रो पीके जैन के मार्गदर्शन में यह वेबिनार का आयोजन किया गया. वेबिनार को नयी दिल्ली एनएसएस के निदेशक सौरव कुमार शाह ने संबोधित किया.

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It was the strong determination of enthusiastic student volunteers of the NSS unit of NIT Patna which motivated approximately 600 people per day to register themselves on Aarogya Setu so that the Government can get Covid related data and plan safety measures accordingly.

- All dedicated volunteers of NSS NITP, used the social platform as a tool to learn and make themselves aware about the Covid appropriate behaviors, by registering on the **iGOT platform** – (A training module for management of COVID-19 named ‘Integrated Government Online training’ (iGOT) portal by the Department of Personnel and Training . The portal aimed to enhance capacity building of front



line workers to handle the pandemic efficiently. The volunteers spread awareness in the society when approximately 25,000 people were made aware of all the facts and figures regarding Covid through internet, mobiles or offline modes.

- Volunteers also made masks and distributed them to the needy throughout the duration of two months, at the end of which nearly 10,000 masks were distributed by NSS NIT Patna volunteers.

- A **COVID Pledge** meeting was conducted in the online mode on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 where the students took oath to wear mask and follow the standard operating procedures during the pandemic.

- Village surveys were conducted in Sabalpur and Jethuli in the month of November and December,

2020 to understand their situation during the COVID and provide them online and offline help as per their need.

- Before March 2021 volunteers were moving in their neighbourhood and doing social work following the protocols of Covid-19. They made citizens aware of correct conduct during the pandemic. Once the Second wave struck, the major work was done through internet and mobile while few volunteers moved out to do social work in places where it was possible. The types of work done by the volunteers during the second wave were as follows :



- Use of social media-** Volunteers used social media to help people by sharing verified information regarding covid related resources (oxygen, beds, remdesivir, plasma, food etc). They also posted blogs about covid including facts from authentic sources.
- Sharing authentic Contact details for help:** They also shared the contact details of helplines / social organisations to people in need.

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iii. **Awareness drive-** Volunteers were creating awareness among people in their neighborhood / society / social circle by sharing informations about covid 19 virus and its effects, benefits of wearing mask, following proper SOPs and taking all the precaution prescribed by the Government of India and Health Ministry.

Some volunteers did social work during Panchayat election. They went to almost every booth of their village and spread awareness about covid. They tried to educate them of the feared fallout in case they gathered as crowd during announcement of results after election.”

iv. **Donations-** Volunteers have distributed masks, sanitizer and food to the needy.

v. **Teaching-** Volunteers were teaching underprivileged children for free and some of them are even

teaching their neighbours with proper precautions who cannot go to school during pandemic.



Online classes are being taken by some volunteers for those students who can manage to do so.

vi. **Mental Support:** Some volunteers also gave emotional support to people who were covid positive.

vii. **Helping Animals-** Many volunteers helped stranded animals and birds during lockdown by

providing them with the food and water.

viii. **Helping in registering for vaccination:** Volunteers helped people to register for COVID Vaccine by demonstrating them how to register.

ix. **Clearing Misconceptions:** Volunteers cleared misconceptions about Covid19 in their acquaintances through personal counselling. They also regularly did fact check about different social media messages, which is very important these days.

x. **Helping Patients:** Volunteers helped patients in arranging bed in hospitals and also helped by arranging blood.

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- NSS NIT Patna Cell in collaboration with the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Cell successfully conducted two webinars in the month of April and May, 2021 respectively under the “**Unnat Bharat Gram Arogya Series**” in regional language. Expert from renowned medical Institutions gave expert lecture on relevant topics making the participants aware of all recent developments regarding COVID 19 and the importance of vaccination. They enlightened them the audience with knowledge regarding COVID appropriate behaviours and precautionary measures. This series was conducted with the aim to spread awareness among the masses uptill the grass root level.



- A meeting for evaluating the conducted task and giving further directions to the volunteers was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021. New compiled information from authentic sources were shared with volunteers so that they could further spread awareness. This included information regarding various facts, symptoms, testing methods, precautions to be taken, vaccinations, etc. about COVID 19.
- NSS unit of NIT Patna organized an interactive workshop on “**Psycho-Social Skills of a Good Helper**” in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education(MGNCRE), Ministry of Education, GoI on 26th June,2021 . The key speaker explained the concept of helping Covid affected people through effective skills like attentive listening, selfless service and non-discriminative treatment required when any grievance comes to ask for support. As a result 173 students enrolled under the five teams formed for preparedness for third wave of the Pandemic
  - i. Team 1-29 students
  - ii. Team 2-39 students
  - iii. Team 3-46 students
  - iv. Team 4-29 students
  - v. Team 5-30 students
- NIT Patna has conducted four vaccination camps till date when more than 2000 persons including students, faculties and staff were given vaccine doses under the guidance of the doctors.

The NSS unit of NIT Patna is continuously mentoring student volunteers via online mode and guiding the students by engaging them to work in their vicinity to tackle current pandemic situation. Various on-going plans are being chalked out and worked upon by the student volunteers and faculty of NSS cell of NIT Patna to tackle the third wave of Covid before it hits the state. A blood donation camp has been proposed for 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

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