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FOREWORD

The National Service Scheme was started in the University during 1976-77 with a student volunteer strength of 200 for regular activities and 150 for special camping programme spread over three units into three constituent colleges of the University. At present, there are eight units of NSS with a total volunteer strength of 1000 for regular activities and 500 for special camping programme drawn from the 5 constituent colleges of the University.

The activities undertaken by the various units of NSS during 1986-87 are reported in this bulletin. For obvious reasons, the KAU has been giving importance and priority to activities related to agriculture and allied subjects, unlike the general Universities. This emphasis on agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries etc. has made the activities of NSS of immediate use to the people. Another significant contribution is the special camping programmes conducted in the tribal areas. The tribals in the settlements where such camps were conducted welcome the presence of students and take advantage of the NSS activities.

I am happy to record that the student volunteers and programme officers of various units have worked with commitment and contributed substantially in effectively implementing the various NSS programmes of the University.

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NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

General objective

The general objective of the National Service Scheme is to develop the personality of the students through the experience they gain while doing community service. By providing opportunity to work with people in the villages, the social consciousness could be aroused among the students besides giving them a chance to utilise their knowledge for developing concrete social assets. The principles of "seeing is believing" and "learning by doing" are put into practice when the students implement different programmes taken up by the N. S. S. Units, thus giving opportunities for them to develop themselves into most effective citizens of our democratic country.

This is sought to be achieved by enabling the students to:

- i. understand the community in which they work;
- ii. understand themselves in relation to their community;
- iii. identify the needs and problems in the community in the solution of which they can be involved;
- iv. develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility;
- v. apply their education in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems;
- vi. develop competence for group living and sharing responsibilities;

- vii. gain skills in mobilising community participation;
- viii. acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitude
- ix. develop capacities to meet emergencies and natural calamities; and
- x. practice national integration.

Programmes under N. S. S.

A. Educational programmes:

Some of the common educational programmes undertaken by the N.S.S. Units are literacy campaign, adult literacy programme (short duration programme), pre-school education programme, functional literacy classes, book banks, programme of continuing education of school drop outs, coaching of students from economically weaker sections, work in creches, programmes including discussions on eradication of social evils like casteism, regionalism, corruption, untouchability, drugging etc. and non-formal education for the rural youth. These programmes are helpful in developing the knowledge of the students in the respective topics besides making awareness about the socio-economic and other problems preventing the youth from acquiring the minimum functional literacy levels.

B. Health programmes:

The health programmes include the health education classes for the men, women and adolescent girls and boys, medical check up camps organised and

conducted with the help of the experts from the respective fields, film shows, provision of safe and clean drinking water supply, population, education and family welfare programme, cleaning programmes etc. These programmes expose the student volunteers to the various health problems prevailing among the rural and urban communities and to the measures taken by the Government Departments for solving such problems.

C. Agricultural programmes:

Under agricultural programmes, organisation of educational programmes useful to the farmers with the help of experts, soil testing, agricultural demonstration programmes, campus beautification programmes, animal health coverage programmes, sterility camps, vaccination campaigns etc. are being taken up and these programmes will give exposure to the students to the problems under the field situations. The students will also become aware of the agricultural and animal husbandry programmes envisaged by the Government Departments for mitigating the maladies of the poor peasants.

D. Selfemployment programmes:

By providing training for the villagers and the students in cane work, basket making, cutting and tailoring embroidery works and allied activities, the skills required for self employment is developed among the villagers.

E. Recreational activities:

Organising community centres like children's clubs, women's clubs, book banks, craft training etc. with the co-operation of the beneficiaries.

F. Social works programmes:

Working with the organisations of child welfare, work in welfare organisations of woman, working hospitals as ward

visitors to cheer the patients, out door patients guidance service, guiding visitors in hospital, work in institutions for physically handicapped and mentally retarded, work in orphanages, home for aged etc are some of the social works taken up by the students under this programme.

Most of these programmes require regular and repeated visits of the student volunteers to the villages which are practically difficult with the students of the Agricultural Universities following the trimester/semester system of education in which the students will not get enough time for extra curricular activities. In spite of these constraints, few programmes were taken up and conducted by the students of this University giving emphasis to agricultural programmes, for obvious reasons.

Obligations of N. S. S. Volunteers

Every N. S. S. volunteer is expected to engage himself/herself in N.S.S. regular activities for 240 hours and for 10 days for the special camp during a period of two consecutive academic years.

Rewards to the NSS Volunteers

The greatest of all the rewards obtained by the student while engaging himself/herself in N. S. S. activities is his/her own self development. It also provides him/her with opportunities for extending services useful to atleast a section of the suffering millions of our people

The University also awards certificates to all the N. S. S. volunteers who have completed his/her obligation.

Special camping programmes

The theme of this programme is 'Youth for rural reconstruction'. The Universities and colleges have an important role in this regard. In collaboration with development departments and local authorities a

village or groups of villages/slums will be adopted for intensive work and special camps will be organised year after year to create tangible and durable community assets. The special camps are usually for a period of 10 days. But in Agricultural Universities these camps are accommodated in the inter-trimester breaks and will be for 5 or 6 days. These give an opportunity for the students to go to the people, live with them, learn from them, love them and start with what they know and build on what they have.

PROGRAMME—WISE CLASSIFICATION

I. Educational programmes

- 1 Adult education
- 2 Tuition classes for the educationally backward pupils including harijans and grijans in schools.
- 3 Organising libraries, reading rooms and book banks.
- 4 Sewing classes for the poor
- 5 Book binding and candle making
- 6 Nursery schools
- 7 Organising exhibitions and science clubs

II Health programmes

- 1 Hospital ward visits and cleaning works
- 2 Preventive vaccinations
- 3 Blood donation
- 4 Applied nutrition
- 5 Child care
- 6 Medical check up and aid
- 7 Health education
- 8 Supply of portable water
- 9 Providing occupational activity or hobby to long term patients
- 10 Organising friends-in-need for individual patients

- 11 Letter writing for general ward patients
- 12 Outdoor patients guidance service
- 13 Organising hospital libraries
- 14 Organising cultural programmes for the inpatients

III Agricultural Programmes

- 1 Introducing modern agricultural techniques
- 2 Introducing high yielding varieties of crops
- 3 Kitchen garden
- 4 Weed control
- 5 Repairs of agricultural machinery
- 6 Debates and agricultural seminars
- 7 Soil testing and soil health care programmes
- 8 Prevention of soil erosion
- 9 Rodent and pest control
- 10 Creation of bee consciousness
- 11 Tree plantation
- 12 Preservation and upkeep of bees
- 13 Helping the poor to get agricultural loans
- 14 Raising coconut nurseries in tribal colonies
- 15 Demonstration plots in schools, colleges and adopted villages

IV Animal Husbandry Programmes

- 1 Animal health campaign
- 2 Introduction of cross-bred germ plasm
- 3 Vaccination campaigns
- 4 Sterility camps
- 5 Cattle show
- 6 Mastitis control programme

V. Construction programme

- 1 Village roads
- 2 Irrigation canals and tanks

3. Childrens parks.
4. Manual labour for the construction of houses for the landless and poor.
5. Constructing wells and E. S. P. type latrines.
6. Emergency relief work.
7. Construction of Gobar gas plants and smokeless choolas.

VI. Campaign programmes

1. Preservation of ancient monuments campaign.
2. Family welfare and family planning campaign.
3. Campaign against drinking.
4. Small savings campaign.
5. Literacy campaign.
6. Send the children to school campaign.
7. Cleanliness in slums and disease eradication campaign.
8. Untouchability removal campaign.
9. National integration campaign.

VII. Recreation programmes

1. Making, renovating, collecting and distributing toys, pictures, books etc.
2. Conducting play groups for the children.
3. Organising competitions and contests
4. Organising student shows as entertainment for handicapped persons in institutions.

VIII. National days celebrations

1. Republic day.
2. Independence day.
3. Gandhi Jayanthi.

REPORT ON NSS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD 1986-87

Dr. A. G. G. Monon, Director of Extension continued to function as the Programme Co-ordinator of the National Service Scheme of the Kerala Agricultural University.

There were 8 N.S.S. units distributed in 5 colleges of the University. The volunteer strength during the period under report was 1000 for the university including the 500 for the special camping programmes. The college wise units and volunteer strength were as shown below:

Important activities

1. Functional literacy programme

Sri. A. Augustin, Programme Officer, College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara, was deputed to the Kerala Association for non-formal Education and Development (KANFED) to attend the training on this programme on 4th and 5th of September 1986. Apart from this, a one day training on this programme for the Programme Officers and volunteers was organised on 20-10-86 at the Directorate of Extension, KAU, Mannuthy in collaboration with KANFED. Six Programme Officers and 97 volunteers attended the training.

The kits received from the State Aduit Education Officer, Trivandrum were distributed among the colleges. Achievements of this programme for the year 86-87 were as detailed below:

Table 1

Distribution of student volunteers among the constituent colleges during 1986-'87

Name of college	Regular activity	No of units	Special camping	Enrolment		Total
	No. of students		No. of students	Male	Female	
1. College of Agriculture, Vellayani.	260	2	130	139	121	260
2. College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy.	260	2	130	171	89	260
3. College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara.	260	2	130	134	126	260
4. College of Fisheries, Panangad.	110	1	55	86	17	103
5. College of Co-operation and Banking, Mannuthy.	110	1	55	61	49	110
Total	1000	8	500	591	402	993

During the period under report the following teachers served as the Programme Officers in different colleges of the University.

1. College of Agriculture, Vellayani.	Unit 1.	Dr. Skariah Oommen, Associate Professor.
	Unit 2.	Sri. P. A. Rajan Asari Assistant Professor (upto 30-6-86) Sri. Motilal Nenru, Assistant Professor. (from 1-7-86)
2. College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Mannuthy.	Unit 1.	Dr. V. Raju, Assistant Professor.
	Unit 2.	Dr. M. K. Rajagopalan, Professor.
3. College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara.	Unit 1.	Dr. P. Balakrishna Pillai, Professor.
	Unit 2.	Sri. A. Augustine, Assistant Professor.
4. College of Fisheries, Panangad	Unit 1.	Sri. T. M. Sankaran, Associate Professor.
5. College of Co-operation & Banking, Mannuthy.	Unit 1.	Dr. U. Ramachandran, Assistant Professor.

I. A total of 141 volunteers were enrolled in this programme as follows:

1. College of Agriculture, Vellayani.	16
2. College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Mannuthy.	5
3. College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara.	50
4. College of Fisheries, Panangad	30
5. College of Co-operation & Banking, Mannuthy.	40
Total	141

II. No. of kits supplied. 435

III. No. of trainers trained.

a. Master trainers	6
	(Programme Officers)
b. Students.	97

IV. No. of learners identified. 240

2. Campus beautification programme

The beautification programme of the KAU avenue which was started during the previous year was continued and the volunteers from the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, and College of Co-operation and Banking, Mannuthy participated in the programme. The seedlings received from the State Department of Forest were planted in the campus and the maintenance of the seedlings planted during the previous year was done on soaced manner.

3. Orientation training for the Programme Officers

Dr. V. Raju, Programme Officer College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy and Dr. U. Ramachandran,

Programme Officer, College of Co-operation and Banking, Mannuthy were deputed for the Orientation Training at the Orientation Training Centre, Kalamassery, from June to July 86.

4. National Integration Camp at Ranchi

Nine volunteers from the different colleges of the University led by Dr. V. Raju attended the National Integration Camp organised by the Ranchi University from 22-2-87 to 25-2-87.

5. Youth Camp at Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari

Programme Officer Sri. S. Motilal Nehru along with 5 N. S. S. volunteers from the College of Agriculture, Vellayani participated in the Youth Camp at Vivekananda Kendra, from 2-8-86 to 11-8-86.

REPORT FROM THE COLLEGE N. S. S UNITS

1. COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, VELLAYANI.

The two community centres of the NSS units of the college at Kakkamoola and Palapoor continued to function with facilities to read news papers and weeklies. Facilities were also provided for indoor games.

A blood grouping camp was conducted and a list of blood donors was maintained and 40 NSS volunteers donated blood during the year.

The functional literacy programme at Kakkamoola continued and the NSS volunteers took classes for the participants.

The International Literacy Day was celebrated on 8th September 1986 by giving publicity to the importance of eradication of illiteracy. Posters were displayed in the community centres to publicise the importance of literacy.

N. S. S. volunteers collected disease and pest affected specimens from the farmers field in the adopted villages and remedial measures suggested to control them.

Vaccination campaigns were conducted at Palapoor and Kalliyoor vaccinating 560 birds against Ranikhet disease.

The NSS volunteers helped in the transportation and distribution of inputs to the farmers at Kalliyoor under Lab-to-land Programme.

Publicity was given by the volunteers for modern agricultural practices, by displaying posters in the community centres and in the adopted villages.

Vanamahotsava was celebrated by planting 400 seedlings in the college campus.

Leaflets and pamphlets on vegetable cultivation were collected from the Farm Information Bureau and distributed to the farmers in the adopted villages.

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated on 2nd October and the cleaning campaign was conducted at Vellayani Government Hospital premises. The drainage system in the hospital was also cleaned.

The volunteers participated in the World Food Day celebrations in the college on 16-10-86.

Sri. S. Motilal Nehru, Programme Officer attended the Leprosy Central Training Programme on 18th and 19th October 86 at Mitraniketan, Vellanad, Trivandrum.

The NSS volunteers gave publicity to Sasthra Sahithya Parishath Programmes in making the people aware of the social evils and also participated in the programme held at Trivandrum on 18-11-86.

A group of 40 NSS volunteers was taken to Vattiyoorkavu Panchayath area and information collected on the socio-economic status of 200 farmers. Income level, details of the adoption of scientific practices etc were taken. The volunteers visited the homesteads and taking into consideration of their present situation suggested feasible management practices to improve the yield of crops.

"Quami Ekta" Week celebrations: As part of the programme a meeting was convened on 19th November 1986 and theme relating to National Unity and Solidarity was explained to the volunteers. The National Integration pledge was also taken.

Since there was increased incidence of rabies in Vellayani area, a dog eradication campaign was conducted on 7-12-86 to eradicate the stray dogs in the college campus.

A meeting of farmers of Palapoor was organised on 23-12-86 and discussed the problems of vegetable cultivation.

The National Seminar on 'Youth for peace' organised at the Regional Engineering College, Calicut was attended by Sri. Sunilkumar, NSS volunteer.

An All Kerala Intercollegiate Debating Competition for the M.R.G.K. Nair, Rolling Trophy was organised on the forenoon of 7-2-87 at the College of Agriculture, Vallayani.

An Intercollegiate Quiz Competition was conducted on the afternoon of 7-2-87 at the college. Among the twelve teams participated, the team from the Medical College, Trivandrum won the first prize.

Sri. S. Motilal Nehru, Programme Officer delivered a talk on "vegetable cultivation and balanced diet" to the members of Y's Men's Club, Trivandrum North

at Pattom and another talk on 'Gardening' to the members of Y's Men's Club, Trivandrum East at Y.M.C.A. Trivandrum on 19-3-87.

Special Camping Programme:

The special camping programme of the college units was conducted at Melamcode village in Nedumangad, from 14th to 18th February 1987. The important activities during the camp were the following

A pond was constructed in the area for irrigation purposes. Hundred youth including the locals participated in the work for 4 days.

After the house visits by the volunteers, 40 houses were selected for kitchen gardening and seeds were distributed to them along with necessary technical advice.

The volunteers collected 25 soil samples from the coconut gardens in the area and the results of analysis were communicated to them later with the recommendations.

An animal husbandry mela was also conducted on 18-2-87 with the co-operation of the State Animal Husbandry Department and the Division of Animal Husbandry of the College.

As part of this mela, 22 animals were examined for sterility and suggested remedial measures. A calf rally was also conducted and prizes distributed to the winners. The calves brought for the rally were examined and deworming medicines were distributed to the owners of 15 calves. Anti Rabic vaccinations were also done for 30 dogs during the camp period.

Discussion classes were arranged in the afternoons during the camp period. Topics like 'Agricultural Financing by

Commercial Banks', 'Role of Youth in Agricultural Development' etc. were taken up.

Every day evening there were film shows. Films on food, nutrition, environmental pollution, dehydration, Khadi and Village Industries, Gobar gas plant etc. were screened.

Besides the film shows other cultural programmes like dance, song, mimicry, monoact etc. were organised in which the volunteers and the local youth participated cheerfully.

Follow up action of the special camping programme was also undertaken after three months in which also the local public participated wholeheartedly.

2. COLLEGE OF VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES MANNUTHY.

Blood donation to the Trichur Hospital was a major activity during the period under report. Blood grouping camp was organised with the help of Dr. Sangameswaran, District Hospital, Trichur and identity cards were distributed to new blood donors of the college. A total of 131 students participated in this camp.

During May, the volunteers visited the houses of the farmers at Chirakkakode area to find out the possibility of poultry rearing in the area. Few houses were identified for this and the farmers were given advice regarding the various poultry husbandry practices.

During June, the seedling required for the tree planting programme were collected from the State Forest Department and maintained in the campus. During July the campus cleaning programme was undertaken and planted the seedlings.

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Sri. T. Madhava Menon, Vice-Chancellor inaugurating Vanamahotsava organised by the NSS Unit of College of Horticulture



Celebrating marriage of a poor harijan woman at Mullakkara (College of Horticulture NSS Unit)



Constructing a road in the Harijan Colony, Thalore, Ambalavayal
(NSS Special Camp organised by the College of Horticulture)



Cleaning campaign at the College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara



Tree planting programme in the KAU Main Campus at Vellianikkara
(College of Horticulture)



Kum. Jayamala, N.S.S. Volunteer, College of Horticulture donating
blood to a patient in the Medical College Hospital, Trichur



NSS volunteers digging a well for drinking water



NSS volunteers organised a Vegetable Exhibition at Palapoor

During August also the tree planting programme continued with the help and co-operation of the students and staff of the College of Forestry.

On 9-8-1987 and 10-8-87 the volunteers participated in the animal health coverage programme in connection with the special camp organised at Thaloor, by the College of Horticulture. Animals brought during the day were examined for sterility and remedial measures advised. The calves were examined for worm infestation and medicines for deworming given to the infected animals.

As part of the Rabies Eradication Programme antirabic vaccination was conducted for the dogs in the Municipal area.

On 2-10-86 the volunteers and the Programme Officers participated in the cattle show, sterility camp and the animal health coverage programme organised in connection with the special camping programme of the college of co-operation and banking at 30 acre colony at Parambikulam.

The Programme Officers also participated in the sterility camp and the animal husbandry seminar organised at Kanjirappally. Advice was given on the various animal husbandry practices to the participating farmers besides examining the animals brought for examination for sterility.

Children's Day was celebrated during November 1987 at Tribal Hostel, Peechi. Sports and cultural activities were conducted and prizes distributed. Visits to the nearby houses were also undertaken by the students for giving advice on the animal rearing practices.

The volunteers visited the Leprosy colony at Koratty and conducted animal

health coverage programme. After the discussion, there were cultural programmes in the evening.

On 1-3-87 an animal health coverage programme was organised in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Trichur, at Kuttanellur. Animals were examined for diseases and sterility and medicines were distributed. On 4-3-87 the volunteers participated in the animal health camp at Eloor and conducted treatment against worms and sterility. The volunteers also assisted in collecting water and fodder samples for environmental pollution studies.

Special camping programme

One special camp was organised at Appankappu Girijan Colony, Nilambur from 7-4-86 to 12-4-86 with 120 volunteers participating in the camp. Following work programmes were taken up during the camp.

Since the animal population in the colony was negligible a group of students engaged themselves in vaccinating the animals and birds in the nearby villages. The other students in rotation engaged themselves in the work programmes like repair to the existing road leading to the colony, and repairs to some of the dilapidated houses in the colony.

Socio-economic survey was another work taken up during the camp. All the Girijan houses in the colony were included in the study besides some selected houses in the nearby village.

The lay out of kitchen garden as well as the practices for maintaining the kitchen garden were shown to the colony people and seeds were distributed to each family. The volunteers also helped in laying out the kitchen gardens in almost all houses.

A medical health camp was organised with the help of the local primary health

centre authorities and almost all the colony people were examined and medicines were distributed to the needy. During the afternoon the medical officer also took a class on the different contagious diseases and the preventive measures followed by a film show.

Sports competitions were also arranged and conducted for the children and youth in the colony and prizes were distributed to the winners.

During the evening hours various cultural programmes were also organised on every day and the local people participated in all the programmes with keen interest.

On 13th and 14th November 86 the follow up work was taken up. All the households were visited and advice was given for better maintenance of the kitchen gardens. Cloths were distributed to the tribal children. Medicines for deworming were distributed for the needy and some cultural competitions were conducted for the children and prizes distributed. The girl students gave necessary advice for better home management to the housewives in the colony.

3. COLLEGE OF HORTICULTURE, VELLANIKKARA

The volunteers continued to maintain close contact with the farmers of the adopted village, Mullakkara and they helped them in production oriented programmes like rodent control, pest management, weed control, soil testing, awareness in the use of fertilizers and hybrid seeds, etc.

The community centre at Mullakkara continued to function with facilities for reading new papers, leaflets etc.

The Vanamohatsava was celebrated by the students by planting 700 seedlings

in the K. A. U. main campus. A total of 1200 seedlings of neem, mango, eucalyptus etc. were distributed to the farmers of the adopted village.

The kitchen garden were laid out and maintained by the NSS students at Government School, Ramavarmapuram and Holy Family Convent School, Mannuthy. Two coconut nurseries were raised at the Girijan colonies at Poovanchira and Payyanam and seedlings were distributed to the inmates of the colonies.

Twenty four NSS volunteers donated blood during the period under report.

Adult education classes were organised and conducted for the illiterate labourers of the Estate Office by the NSS students. Thirty four labourers attended the classes regularly for three days per week. Besides, tuition classes for the school going children were also held in the college. Fifty two students attended the classes. Seventy eight students were actively involved in the Mass Functional Literacy programme.

Republic Day, Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanthi and International Literacy Day were celebrated. The labourers working in the Estate Office presented cultural programme on 8th September, 86. Sri. Narayanan, Principal, Sree Kerala Varma College and Sri. Sethumadhavan, Secretary of KANFED spoke on the occasion.

The sprayer purchased under the scheme of the lab to land was given free of rent to the farmers of the adopted village and the use of insecticides and fungicides were shown to them by the student volunteers. Spraying was done wherever necessary.

An agricultural seminar was organised and conducted at the Horticultural College on 7th March.

The NSS students won the 1st prize on the Republic Day parade on 26-1-87.

Special Camping Programme

A special camp for five days was organised and conducted at Thaloor, Wynad District from 9th to 13th August 1986. A total of 130 students including boys and girls participated in the camp, besides the local youths.

The work programmes chosen during the camp were the following: Banana suckers were distributed to the farmers free of cost and the volunteers also demonstrated how to plant them scientifically.

The method of planting the coconut seedlings distributed was also demonstrated by the volunteers which was followed by the planting of the rest of the seedlings by the farmers.

Planting of the pepper cuttings was also done by the farmers under the supervision of the NSS student volunteers. The plant protection measures were also described to them by the volunteers.

Construction of an approach road to the colony was one important work project taken up during the camp period. Besides the volunteers, the local youth also participated in this programme enthusiastically.

Construction of E. S. P. type latrines was another work programme taken up. For this programme also there was considerable local participation.

An animal health camp was organised during the camp period and the animals brought were examined for sterility and other ailments and medicines were distributed.

A medical camp also was organised with the help of the local medical officer and there was good response for this programme.

On all days there were film shows and other cultural programmes staged by the students as well as local youth.

4. COLLEGE OF FISHERIES, PANANGAD

The NSS unit of the college took up diversified activities during the period under report. A permanent NSS name board was placed in front of the college.

Cleaning the premises of the Government School, Udayathumvathukkal near Panangad was the first programme organised and carried out by the unit. The school was not having fencing around the compound and the volunteers made a fencing for the school with the locally collected materials. The school well was also cleaned by drawing the water completely out of it.

On Gandhi Jayanthi day the volunteers joined the development activities organised by the N. E. S. Block, Vyttila and with the local youth repaired the Kumbalam road. The Block Officials along with the student volunteers visited the Madavana colony near the college which could make the people aware about the various facilities available through different agencies for the development of the farmers.

Seven volunteers donated blood during the period under report.

The NSS day and the Youth week were celebrated organising a seminar for the volunteers and sports for the locals. About hundred children and youth belonging to Panangad region participated in the rural sports. Prizes were distributed to the winners.

As per the request of the Training Co-ordinator (NSS), Kalamasseri, Sri. K. S. Aniyar participated in the short story competition.

from 12th to 18th January 1987. Prof. K. Vikramadithyan, from Sree Kerala Varma College, highlighted the contributions of Swami Vivekananda and Sri. Ramakrishna Paramahansa. Competitions such as quiz, elocution, essay writing, drawing etc. were conducted during the week and prizes distributed to the winners.

Sri. Sunny. C. E. and Sabu, P. C. participated in the Youth Camp at Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari from 1st to 12th August, 1986.

Sri. Babu, V. N. and James, P. L. took part in the elocution competition organised at Bishop Moore College, Mavelikkara.

The National integration Camp at Ranchi was attended by Sri. Anil-kumar. T. V., Sri. Babu, V. N. and Sri. Sebastian, K.J. from 22nd to 26th February 1987.

The seminar on Untouchability organised by the Calicut University at the Government College, Kasaragod was attended by Sri. Praveenkumar, P. V. and Manojkumar, A. K.

The seminar on 'Youth for Peace' organised at the Regional Engineering College, Calicut was attended by Sri. S. Sreedharanunni.

Special Camping Programme

A special camping programme for six days was organised at 30 acre Tribal Colony at Parambikulam from 1st to 6th October, 1986. The camp was inaugurated by the Colony Mooppan with Tribal customs and traditions. The programmes taken up during the camp period were the following.

Laying out of kitchen gardens in the colony houses with the seeds given free of cost. The local youth also co-operated with this programme sincerely.

The volunteers conducted a socio-economic survey of all the households in the colony.

Construction of a road leading to the colony was another major work project taken up during the camp period. Repair work for the minor irrigation canals was also done which could reinstate the possibility for irrigating the plots of the households.

Whitewashing the houses in the colony was another work project carried out with the co-operation of the local youth and the volunteers.

Cleaning a common well was also done by the volunteers which helped the colonists to get good drinking water.

An animal health coverage programme and an exhibition was organised during the camp. Prizes were distributed for the good animals in the show and the animals which required some treatment were given the necessary medicines. All the animals were vaccinated against H. S.

A medical check up camp with the help of the D.M.O. Palghat was also organised during the camp period.

Discussion classes on agriculture, animal husbandry, co-operation, tribal welfare, development etc. were also arranged for the campers as well as for the colonists.

Sports competitions and cultural programmes were organised besides the film shows on all these days.

