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## ACTIVITY REPORT : 2018-19

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### Introduction

The NSS unit of BCM College is proud that it could actively involve in the daily life of the NSS volunteers, students and staff of our college and of the general public during the academic year 2018-19, especially in the context of the deadly floods that hit Kerala this year. The fulcrum point of the activities of the year was the 7 day special camp *Sukrutham* 2018 conducted from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Mariyabhavan English Medium School, Kumarakom, one of the most flood affected areas of Kottayam District where it could host the University level inauguration of *Sukrutham* 2018.

### MGU NSS Certificate of Appreciation 2017-18



The admirable services of BCM NSS under the guidance of Dr George Mathew and the leadership of Prof. Anil Steephen and CA Reshma Rachel Kuruvila, programme officers, in the near yester years made it to be selected as one among the Best Four Units of the University in 2016-17 and for the Certificate of Appreciation in 2017-18. The activities of this year had the great task of maintaining this legacy of BCM NSS.



### Advisory Board creation

BCM NSS advisory board was constituted with Josephina Simon, the principal, as the Chairperson. Other members include the Rev. Fr Alex Akkaparambil (College Manager), Sri. Salimon A.P. (Kumarakom Gramapanchayath President), Dr Maghi John (Kumarakom gramapanchayath ward member as well as former PO of BCM NSS), Rev. Fr Philmon Kalathara (College Bursar), Dr George Mathew and Dr Naveena J. Narithookkil (former POs), etc.

### Adopted Village selection





We decided to take four colonies of Kumarakom village as adopted village of BCM NSS. Though in the world tourism map, Kumarakom has found a commendable place, the life in many of the distant areas of Kumarakom is not satisfactory. Many basic problems like shortage of pure water, road facilities, quality educational facilities are lacking. Since BCM College was selected to be a partner of Unnat Bharath Abhiyan with five villages including Kumarakom Grama-panchayath, we decided to adopt Kumarakom as our working village. The heavy floods that affected Kerala has doubled our responsibility at Kumarakom.

### **Annual activity inauguration**

Mr Sreekumar P.K., cleaning worker of Kottayam Municipality, inaugurated this year's activities on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 by which BCM NSS tried to valorize the hard yet valuable and marvelous services of the janitors of our environment and to inculcate a sense of gratitude towards such persons. By this gesture, BCM NSS emphasized the prioritized orientation of the NSS activities of the year for the GREEN KERALA. P. Vidyadharan, Health Supervisor and Health Officer in Charge of Kottayam Municipality took a class on "Waste Management for a Healthy Living". Prof. Anil Steephen, former Program Officer of BCM NSS and coordinator of *Sahapaddikkoru Snehaveedu* project, briefed on the project of helping house construction through the amount accumulated by scrap collection to be done by students and staff of the college from nearby 10 houses each and by distributing pamphlets in those houses and thereby to create awareness on the importance of green environment.

## **Sahapaddikkoru Snehaveedu project**



A pioneering project, first of its kind in the colleges of Kerala, was carried very enthusiastically, even though the two floods slowed down the pace of the project. Kottayam Municipality, Kerala State Scrap Merchants Association and Kottayam District Suchitwa Mission and NCC unit of BCM collaborated with the project. Various meetings were held with the participation of Dr Sona R., Kottayam Muncipal Chairperson, Sri Faisal, President of Kerala State Scrap Merchants Association, Philip Joseph, coordinator, Kottayam District Suchitwa Mission, etc.





Leaflets of the project with green living messages provided by Suchitwa Mission were distributed to more than 8,000 families by the students and staff, scraps were collected from more than 300 families by around 60 students and staff.





With these efforts, we collected Rs. 58,000/- and handed it over to the principal on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 which will be used in the construction of a house in Kumarakom under the auspices of BCM OJASS, the nodal agency of social services of BCM which has already started.





## Seven day special camp university inauguration



Due to floods, Seven Day Special Camps of the year of all NSS units of MG University were conducted from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 with the common name *Sukrutham* 2018. The university level inauguration of the Camps was hosted by BCM NSS unit. It was held at Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial Auditorium of St John Nepumsianos' Church (Vallara Puthenpally), Kumarakom on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at 4.30 pm. Dr Sabu Thomas, the honourable Vice



Chancellor, inaugurated the camps and Adv. Suresh Kurup, MLA, presided over the meeting. Three Syndicate members, NSS programme co-ordinator, members of local self-governing bodies, etc. were present.



Prior to the inaugural meeting, there was a proclamation rally of NSS volunteers of CMS College, Kottayam, Baselius College, Kottayam and SN College, Kumarakom from the premises of Attamangalam church to Vallara BCM parish hall. The volunteers of our College took special care in organizing and leading the rally.







### Seven day special camp – *Sukrutham* 2018

The focal activity of the year of BCM NSS is the seven day special camp. The camp, *Sukrutham* 2018, was conducted from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Mariyabhavan English Medium School, Kumarakom. The inauguration of the camp was held as part of university level inauguration. Dr



Sabu Thomas, the Honourable Vice Chancellor of our University, inaugurated the camp in the presence of Prof. Josephina Simon, the principal, and many other dignitaries. The highlighted activities of the camp are given below:

### **Aid for house construction**



Our volunteers participated in the construction of two houses (one at Aappithara of Smt Kumari Viswambharan and another at Kannadichal of Smt. Lakshmy) during the camp. The houses, damaged during the floods, are being reconstructed with the help of Kumarakom Vadakkumbhagam service co-operative bank (no. 1070) ltd as part of Rebuild Kerala. We helped in the transportation of two trucks of cement bricks and m-sands for a considerable distance. The house-warming of the house of Smt Kumari Viswambharan was on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and we were invited and participated in it as well.









**Family visits and survey on green living**







A Survey was conducted in 4 colonies in four wards of Kumarakom Gramapanchayath which are our adopted colonies/villages: Mattithara colony of Mooleppadam, Mankuzhy, Krishnavilasam Thoppe and Pallithoppe. More than 400 families were visited in three days. We have collected 352 filled in survey forms. The survey form of Unnath Bharath Abhiyan was utilized for the survey. Many issues of the colonies were highlighted through the survey like, lack of pure drinking water, wastes like plastic deposal in the area, lack of proper means of transport, lack of basic health and hygienic amenities like hospitals, etc.

### **Pamphlet distribution**



Pamphlets related to clean village were distributed in all the houses visited which provided awareness about keeping the surroundings. It also highlights the methods of precaution to eliminate harmful mosquitoes from the village.



### **Morning walk through the paddy fields**

A nearly morning walk of around 5 kms through the greenly paddy fields of Kumarakom helped the students to unravel the beauty of nature: the water, the dawn, the lullabies of birds and frogs, etc. Practice of Yoga on the river bank in front of the paddy fields facing the Sun was a marvelous experience. The fresh air filled the mind and body of the students and spread positive and vibrant energy in them.



## Street play on plastic reduction



A street play with the message **“Green Village, Clean Village”** was performed after the Christmas holy Masses at Vallarappally and St Mary’s Malankara Church. The street play highlighted the three ‘R’s on plastics, i.e., reduce, reuse and recycle. There were more than 500 people as spectators.



### ***Saikkilarivu (bicycle knowledge)***



Prof. Luke Leon Kurian delivered a class on eco-friendly benefits of cycling for the body and society. The students were motivated and encouraged to use bicycles.

### **Workshop on eco- friendly bag and pouch making**



A workshop on eco- friendly bag and pouch making was organized in order to promote production and use of eco-friendly products and to reduce plastic bags. Mrs. Thasneem and Kumari Sivaprabha, Trainees of St. Theresa's College, Ernakulam led the workshop. Volunteers were trained to stitch bags with old cloths and jeans materials and cloth pouches. After the session it was decided to make bags in the college and to exhibit and distribute the same among the students.





### Dialogue with S. Hareesh: local seeds of stories



S. Hareesh, one of the most prominent new-gen writers of modern Malayalam literature and winner of Kerala Sahithya Academy award for short stories of last year and author of the renowned novel “*Meesa*”, made a cordial colloquium with the volunteers. The dialogue highlighted the nadan, i.e., the folk elements in literature, like nadan foods. He opined that almost all the writers find their stories from their own surroundings as in the case of *Meesa*, where the characters as well as the location of the story is centered around Kaipuzha and Neendoor, the native place of the author. The paddy fields, the rivers, the ordinary people of the land become prominent figures in the novel. The historic as well as ecological relevance of Kumarakom in the renaissance history of Kerala also was described.

### **Class on women empowerment as a tool for green village**



Dr Maghi John, former HOD of the Department of Chemistry of BCM College and Programme Officer of BCM NSS and present member of Kumarakom Gramapanchayath, took a class on the Chemistry of Women Empowerment. This class was very interesting since she herself, a loved and honoured (as we ourselves witnessed during those days) member of the Panchayath, made us understand how the involvement of women in the policy making in politics, especially in the local self-governing bodies, would help the empowerment and progress of the villages, its eco-friendly living and cleanliness.

### **Kaayalarivu**



Water sources of Kerala like, rivers, lakes and lagoons, are much polluted. Vembanadu Lake and back waters of Kumarakom are not an exception. Hence an attempt was made to have a better understanding on the history and life of these areas with their flora and fauna and the effect of pollution on them. A class led by Reji and Prathap, two former employees of Kerala state water transport department was held on boat in the Vembanad Lake itself. An awareness on the



ecological benefits of backwaters and lakes and on the harmful human intervention on the water sources like throwing plastic bags and bottles and other organic and non-organic waste deposits was created.



**Class on organic farming and green living**





Dr George Mathew, former Programme Officer of BCM NSS and head of the department of Mathematics took a class on organic farming and green living. He shared his experiences at the organic farm of BCM NSS at Eranjal in the last years and his own personal attempts for an eco-friendly life style with organic agriculture and cattle farming at home.

### **Visit to Karshika Vijnana Kendra**





We visited Karshika Vijnana Kendra, Kumarakom on 26<sup>th</sup> and spent the whole day there. Apart from visiting the whole campus, an organic farmhouse, we had two classes on organic food preservation (*Pazhakkilla Pazhavum*) by Dr Elizabeth Joseph and on Mushroom Cultivation by Prof. Rani R.



### **School and road cleaning**

During the camp, the surroundings of Maria Bhavan English Medium School where we stayed and the road in front of the school were cleaned.





## OTHER ECOFRIENDLY ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR

### *Jaivakrishi* (organic farming)



In a land of 29 cents near to the college and leased from Caritas Secular Institute, NSS volunteers is doing organic farming. We planted tapioca, plantain, ladies finger, sweet potato, koval, pea, etc. using organic farming method. Though the volunteers tried their level best, unfortunately we



could not get a good harvest due to the climatic conditions of this year. Yet this fact acts as an eye opener for the students to valorise the hardships that the farmers encounter day by day.





## Flood relief activities



The two major floods that hit Kerala in July and August in last year took the life of 483 people and 14 are still missing according to the official records. The flood heavily affected Kottayam District and town as well. Though BCM College, situated at the heart of Kottayam town, did not suffer directly, most of the students as well as teachers and other staff and their families were badly hit by it. The surrounding areas of Kottayam town were under water. Thus it was imperative for BCM NSS to show our nation building spirit in the right time by reacting meaningfully.

Almost all the students of the college got involved in the relief activities under the guidance of NSS unit. The immediate step was to rescue persons from the afflicted areas. Fr Byju Mathew, PO, and Prof. Anil Steephen, former PO, took initiative in rescuing few persons with an air boat and provided them with elementary items.

In the second phase, with the collaboration of NSS volunteers and other students of the college we distributed food packets, dress items, cleaned houses, dispensaries schools and roads, in the flood affected areas and assisted the chlorination as well as survey programme of the General Hospital, Kottayam.





## Preparation and distribution of food packets







At the time of the first flood Rs. 1200/- was spent for buying dinner for 40 persons at East Nattassery. During the second flood, the preparation of food was organized by BCM NSS under the guidance of Dr George Mathew, former PO at MSP Seminary, S.H. Mount, Kottayam, the residence of Fr Byju Mathew, PO. Many retired and working teachers and non-teaching staff, NSS volunteers, other students, and neighbours wholeheartedly participated in the preparation, packing and distribution of food which altogether arrived to 640 packets in five days.



and arranged distribution of 850 food packets collected from Visitation Congregation, Thuvanisa Prayer House and Mannamala Seminary. Thus an aggregate of 1490 food packets were distributed through Kottayam Social Service Society and through the brothers of Prof. Alphonsa Kurian, PO at Chengannur, Ranny, Alappuzha and Payippad.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Food packets distributed</b>
18/8/2018	Chenganur & Ranni (KSSS)	80
19/8/2018	Chenganur & Ranni (KSSS)	160
21/8/2018	Alappuzha & Payippad	500 (College - 200, Visitation Sisters - 100, Thuvanisa Prayer House - 200)
22/8/2018	Alappuzha & Payippad	500 (College - 200, Mannamala Seminary - 300)
23/8/2018	Alappuzha & Payippad	250 (Mannamala Seminary)

### **Cleaning the flood affected areas**

We took initiative to clean the flood affected areas like schools, hospitals, Panchayath office, roads and houses (of aged people). They include Parampuzha P.H.C., Thiruvvarppu P.H.C., Thiruvvarppu Gramapanchayath office, Amala Maria Nursery School & St. Thomas L.P. School, Mallusseri, Govt U.P. School, Parampuzha, Govt Higher Secondary School, Chengalam, St. Johns U.P. School, Velloor, Mullamkuzhi Road (1.5 km), 8 houses in Thiruvvarppu, Parampuzha and Mallusseri.











Date	Place
22/8/2018	Parampuzha P.H.C.
23/8/2018	Thiruvorppu Gramapanchayath office
	Thiruvorppu P.H.C.
	5 Houses in Thiruvorppu
	Mallusseri (Amala Maria Nursery School & St. Thomas L.P. School)
	Parampuzha Govt U.P. School
	2 houses in Parampuzha
24/8/2018	Chengalam Govt H.S.S.
	1 house in Mallusseri
25/8/2018	Road cleaning – Mullankuzhi (1.5 km)
	Veloor St. Johns U.P. School

### **Chlorination, survey, Doxycycline tablet distribution**

In order to avoid potential diffusion of epidemics due to flood, we actively collaborated with Dr Linto of General Hospital, Kottayam for chlorination, distribution of doxycycline tablets and survey. We did the same in collaboration with Kottayam Municipality and Vijayapuram Gramapanchayath.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
24/8/2018	Mullamkuzhi, Kottayam Municipality ward no. 4, Vijayapuram Gramapanchayath ward no. 3
25/8/2018	Parampuzha
27/8/2018	Thazhathangady
28/8/2018	Thazhathangady
30/8/2018	Thiruvathukal
31/8/2018	Thiruvathukal
01/9/2018	Muttambalam
04/9/2018	Karapuzha

### **Coordination for cleaning activities related to flood**

The BCM NSS coordinated and assisted volunteers of two institutions who came to clean the surroundings affected by the flood. From the Oriental Research Institute and Manuscripts library, Kariavattom, of Kerala University, Dr Sainaba M., HOD, visited our college with a team of 15 comprising the staff and research scholars, and we have arranged for chlorination assistance with the activities of the General Hospital Kottayam.

A group of youth from Kanjirappally Cathedral Church came here and we have arranged for the cleaning activities at Parampuzha PHC.

### **“I challenge plastic bottle”**







In order to fight the monster of plastic, Fr. Davis Chiramel, Chairman of Kidney Federation of India, put forward a movement named “I Challenge Plastic Bottle”. The state level inauguration of this movement was organized at S.H. Mount High School ground, Kottayam. Taking this as a golden opportunity BCM NSS unit collaborated with this movement and collected plastic bottles from our college surroundings and from different streets of Kottayam Municipality. We could collect 98 kilograms of plastic bottles and we earned Rs. 2450/- since the organisers of the challenge gave Rs.25 for each kilo of plastics. The collected plastic bottles were taken to Kochi for recycling. This has helped a lot in creating public awareness and an awareness to the volunteers.









### **Yoga day and anti-drug abuse day**

The NSS activities of the year began with the observances of International day of Yoga in association with BCM NCC and St Annes NCC on 21st June 2018 and International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking in association with BCM NCC on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018. On the occasion the students of the College affixed the image of their palms with various colours on the banners provided in front of the auditorium and made a pledge declaring that they will not use drugs or alcohol.

### **New Voters (NVSP) Promotion**

In view of the coming parliamentary elections, a wide propaganda was made so that maximum students of our college participate in the election process. As part of it, Vinod Sir and Anil Sir of Kottayam Collectorate took a training class on 13<sup>th</sup> November for selected volunteers. They explained how to enroll in the voter's id through the portal. On November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> NSS volunteers took a class for the students in BCM college about National Voter Service Portal (NVSP). As a result 335 students of the college applied for voter id. BCM NSS participated actively in the movement for complete voter literacy at Kottayam District through social media messages including facebook, whatsapp, etc. during the month of March.









## Blind walk



3<sup>rd</sup> December, International day of differently abled persons was commemorated in Kottayam with special reference to the blind people. Blind walk, an initiative of Darsana Cultural Centre of Kottayam in collaboration with the colleges of Kottayam, was taken at heart by BCM NSS volunteers as well. The walk from Thirunakkara Gandhi Square to CMS College was inaugurated by Dr Sabu Thomas, honourable Vice Chancellor of MG University. The concluding



meeting at Great Hall, CMS College was inaugurated by Prof. K.J. Mathew, Programme Coordinator, M.G. University.



### ***Snehannam – Food Distribution***



Snehannam is a prestigious project of concern for the less fortunate persons of our surrounding areas by BCM NSS. It began three years back at the request of P.U. Thomas, founder of Navajeevan Trust. BCM family members prepare and bring homely food packets on every Friday to be distributed to the inmates of Abhayabhavanam, a charitable hospice run by the

Sisters of Charity for the homeless persons. Different departments are assigned the task of bringing the packets on each Fridays. Around 70 packets are distributed on each Friday.



### Blood donation



In collaboration with Blood Donors Kottayam, a WhatsApp movement, the NSS unit tries its best to provide blood for the needy persons, one of the best gift a person can offer. Out of the 25 volunteers who went to the hospital proposed to offer blood, 15 could donate blood for different persons. The work is coordinated through the WhatsApp group BCM NSS UNIT & BDK KTM.









Oriented to reduce air and sound pollution for a healthy body by utilizing bicycles for short distance journeys. Fr Byju Mathew, PO, is a model to the students who utilizes bicycle as a means of journey to the college. In addition, he has travelled from Kottayam to Mylapore in Chennai covering 765+ kilometers in bicycle all alone from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**Trip to Kumarakom in bicycle**







A team of 14 volunteers of BCM NSS made a ride to Kumarakom from Decathlon Kottayam through the paddy fields of Kaipuzha, Kallara, Idayazham covering 53 kms. BCM Kottayam associated with the programme organized jointly by Kims Hospital, Kottayam, Taj Kumarakom and Decathlon Kottayam in which more than 100 riders participated. Prof. Luke Leon Kurian made a class on precautions to be taken for cycling.









## *WheelOlam Penma*



This was a venture to attract attention of the general public, especially the women folk of our college towards pedaling, which is very essential for health, environment and finance saving. 15



girls under the leadership of Fr Byju Mathew and Prof. Karthika Elizabeth made a bicycle trip from BCM College to Alappuzha at 6am in the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019, covering more than 60 kms which was a wonderful experience. Decathlon, Kottayam gave us the bicycles free of rent, Prof. Luke Leon Kurian and Pramod Madappalli gave technical assistance and the Alappuzha cycle riders group welcomed and accompanied us from Neelamperoor. There were 11 bicycles and the riders rotated in turn and the others accompanied in car. The return journey was in the KWTD boat up to Kodimatha.







### ***Harithadinam Celebration***

The discussions after the class of Prof. Luke Leon Kurian during the special camp advanced the proposal to celebrate in the college every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month as *Harithadinam* (green day). The proposals included: come to college on foot or on bicycle by those nearby or to descend in the bus stop prior to the college and to walk the remaining distance, bring eco-friendly items like steel bottle and lunch box, paper bags and pens, cloth bags and pouches, etc.







The first *Harithadinam* was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. Eight students came on bicycle as a rally from Thellakom to Sastri Road in collaboration with Decathlon, Kottayam. There was a rally of more than 300 students holding placards from there to college, Prof. Josephina Simon, the principal flagged off the rally. NCC cadets and other students participated in it.







### ***Harithadinam II***

The second *Harithadinam* was held on 27<sup>th</sup> February and students came on foot from Chootuveli Junction to BCM College covering a distance of 3.2kms led by Fr Byju Mathew, PO and Anil Steephen, former PO.

In connection with the celebration of Harithadinam for the second time, we arranged a textile pouch and bag making workshop on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The class was led by Prof. Remany Tharayil, former principal of BCM College and a renowned eco-friendly utensils manufacturer. 32 students participated in this workshop and the products were exhibited on 27<sup>th</sup> February.





## Haritha Refreshment distribution

As part of Harithadinam and Green Protocol, the BCM NSS has proposed to distribute refreshments free of cost during major events of the college like sports and arts days. For the same purpose, 100 steel glasses and steel plates were bought and lime juice, butter milk, etc. were distributed to the judges, officials, and participants which reduced the use of bottled water and thereby the plastic bottles in the campus as well as the velenous drinks like colas.

## Exhibition of film: *Samaksham*



The NSS unit of this college has taken special interest in propagating as well as exhibiting the film *Samaksham*, an admirable venture of our University focusing on the organic way of living. We do believe that the film would produce a longstanding impact on the students, their families, and teachers as well as on the general public. At the request of the University, we have taken the following steps for its propaganda. Our volunteers affixed five banners of the film *Samaksham* provided from the University in the walls of the campus on the instruction of NSS cell of the University. After instruction in two meetings of our unit, 62 students voluntarily watched the film at Asha Theatre, Kottayam on 30<sup>th</sup> November. The film was exhibited to the UG students of Arts and Commerce streams of the college in the auditorium on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, as part of *Harithadinam* and for the science students on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. A total of 982 students watched it during these two sessions. During the show the students were asked to sign in the register papers. The 53 signed in pages and filed as a register is kept in the NSS archives. Thus a total of 1044 students and around 20 teaching and non-teaching staff viewed the film.



### Eye test campaign and seminar

BCM NSS conducted an eye test campaign and seminar in association with Edimannickal opticals, Kottayam on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Prof. Josephina Simon, the Principal of the college inaugurated the seminar and Dr Jevan Paul led the seminar on the important eye diseases and on the ideal ways to protect the eyes. Around 200 students and teachers made use of the eye test.





### **Driving license coaching**

BCM NSS, in association with Popular Maruti Driving School, S.H. Mount, is organizing driving classes for students and staff of the college for the last four years as part of women empowerment. The classes enable them to attain driving licenses and safe driving skills. 51 persons has attained driving license this year. Admission for the classes of next year has already begun and 16 students participate in it.

### **Participation in various University and inter university NSS programmes and Fests**

The Programme Officers and volunteers participated in the various training programmes for the Programme Officers and volunteers like, national intergration camp at Ranebennur, Green Campus, Clean Campus training workshop at Adichira, PFMS training at St Xavier's College, Aluva, PO orientation programmes at University Campus and St Mary's College, Manarcadu, SVEEP training at collectorate, Volunteer Secretaries training at B.K. College, Amalagiri, M.G. University NSS fest, University youth fest rally assistance, etc.

### **National Integration camp participation: Maneesha Mathew**



Miss Maneesha Mathew, first year NSS volunteer from the department of English of our college participated in the National integration camp held at Government First Grade College, Ranebennur, Karnataka from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March. She was one among the 10 students selected from



our University to attend this camp. The marvelous experience was shared with our NSS volunteers on 15<sup>th</sup> March for half an hour by her.





## PFMS training at St Xavier's College, Aluva





## University Youth festival rally assistance





## University NSS Fest



BCM NSS volunteers participated in three items for the NSS University Fest held at Saint Berchmans College, Changanacherry on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the group dance performance.



### **One act play performance**

Our volunteers performed a one act play at Nehru Stadium, Nagampadam on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in connection with Kerala Renaissance week celebration organized by the State Government.

### **Assistance in University NSS office management**

23 volunteers of BCM NSS assisted university NSS office in discharging its duties like certificate writing.



## DONATION TO BUY A HOUSE

BCM NSS activities of this year ended by donating Rs. 3,00,000/- (3 lakh Rupees only) on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for buying a house for Navamy Rajesh, a 2<sup>nd</sup> year NSS volunteer of our college from the department of History. Navamy, along with her younger brother, whose father is no more, live in a rented house with the meager wage of their mother, a peon of an aided school. The NSS unit made arrangements so that the present house in which they live in rent be bought with Rs. 10,00,000/-. BCM NSS has collected Rs. 3,00,000/- through donations and the rest is arranged as loan from bank. Thus we could conclude the BCM NSS activities of this year in a decorous way.



## Conclusion

We are extremely happy and proud that the Almighty has enabled us to do effective service to the society in which we live and to mould our volunteers with a holistic humanitarian concern for the human beings and the eco-system and biodiversity in which we live. While offering a special word of thanks and gratitude to the NSS Cell of MG University, especially to the person of Prof. M.J. Mathew, the Programme Coordinator, and to the management and staff of BCM College and to the Advisory Board of BCM NSS, let us submit this annual activity report of NSS Unit of BCM College on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 for your kind perusal.

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