



2023 NSS CAMP REPORT

DIGITAL UNIVERSITY KERALA

SPARSHAM

A TRANSFORMATIVE SEVEN-DAY NSS CAMP - DIGITAL UNIVERSITY KERALA

Digital University Kerala conducted its first ever NSS camp, “ Sparsham, “ at the Mar Ivanios Bethany Vidyalaya in the Bhaskar Nagar ward of Athiyannoor, one of the five adopted villages of DUK, for a week, 24-30, 2023. Thirty-six DUK students participated in this transformative week-long experience. The camp featured activities aimed at providing social service and helping participants with personality development. The Hon’ble Registrar of DUK, Prof. A. Mujeeb, inaugurated the camp on December 24, 2023, at the Mar Ivanios Bethany Vidyalaya campus. Mr. V.P. Sunil Kumar (Athiyannoor Panchayat President), Mr. Premraj (Ward Member, Bhaskar Nagar), Ms. Sunitha Rani (Vice President, Athiyannoor Block Panchayat) and Mr. Pradeep Kumar K., Programme Officer, DUK also participated in the inaugural function.

The major project during the camp involved establishing a library in the Bhaskar Nagar colony. Volunteers from the Social Engagement Centre have been gathering books from students, faculty, and various organizations with a view to provide the library with the best possible collection of reading material. NSS volunteers organized the books and set up the library with the assistance of the Knowledge Centre, Digital University Kerala.

On 25th December NSS volunteers joined the Bhaskar Nagar Community in celebrating Christmas. School children from Pullampara Panchayat accepted an invitation extended by the NSS Unit of DUK to showcase their talent before the Athiyannoor community. Student artists presented a well-scripted docudrama addressing themes such as waste management, drugs, and the role of youth in the Indian Independence Movement, adding a message of social responsibility to the entire celebration.

Additionally, as part of the "Sneharamam Project,” NSS volunteers cleaned the Anganwadi and the town of Bhaskar Nagar. They conducted household visits to educate residents about the proper methods of diaper disposal. Simultaneously, the volunteers carried out a household survey using the mobile app developed by Digital University Kerala to gain insights into the community. During the survey, the volunteers also conducted a digital literacy campaign to make people aware of the importance of digital literacy.

An indoor session was conducted to reinforce students' leadership skills, communication abilities, and teamwork. Mr. Vinod Damodaran, Founder & Director of Consultise Consulting Solutions Pvt Ltd, an organization specializing in Learning and Development (L&D), Organizational Development (OD) interventions, and Business Consulting, led participants through various activities. These activities included designing superhero posters, engaging in hula hoop games, and enhancing interpersonal and leadership skills. Practical takeaways from the session encompassed adaptability, time management, empathy, and effective communication.

Additionally, volunteers participated in a first aid and fire safety training program conducted by the Department of Fire and Rescue, Neyyattinkara. They also attended a session by the Haritha Keralam Mission on the contribution of youth to a waste-free Kerala. Participants showcased their talent during the specific time dedicated to the purpose in the evenings. There were talented singers and

A campfire was organized on the last evening of their stay on 29th December and was enjoyed by all the participants. On 30th December 2023, marking the conclusion of the seven-day camp, Prof. Saji Gopinath, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Digital University Kerala, officially dedicated the Library to the community. The function took place in the presence of esteemed individuals, including Prof. Satheesh Kumar (Faculty, DUK) and Prof. Pradeep Kumar (NSS Programme Officer, DUK), Mr. Sunil Kumar (Athiyannoor Panchayat President), Mr. Premraj (Ward Member, Bhaskar Nagar), and Dr. Sreelekha Nair (Consultant, SEC)









CITIZEN SERVICE CENTRE AND LIBRARY

Athiyannor is one of the villages adopted by the UBA cell of DUK. The student volunteers identified an unused library building during the visit to the Basker Nagar colony in the Athiyannor village. The volunteers interacted with the panchayat representatives and discussed the scope of setting up a citizen service center and library in the Building. A book donation drive was conducted on the campus to collect the books for the library. During the seven-day camp at the Athiyannor, the NSS volunteers set up the library with the assistance of the Digital University Library. Pfo: Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor, Digital University Kerala, dedicated the library to the community on December 30, 2023.

