**NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) 2015-16**

The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of the institute rendered a variety of community services during the reporting year. The major services among them are given below.

**Classes for Students:** Ms Aditi Rao and Ms Divya Seth, II M.Sc (SLP) had taken Neurology classes for I B.Sc students for 17 hours in the month of April and May 2015.

**Orientation program:** A**n o**rientation programme on the activities of NSS unit was conducted to the students **o**n 21st August 2015 and 100 students participated in the event.

**Shramdaan:** A Shramdaan activity was conducted from the foothills of the Chamundi Hills on 29th August 2015. NSS volunteers cleaned the surroundings of the Foothill of Chamundi. Also all the steps from foothills to the top of Chamundi hills were cleaned. 100 students participated in the activity.

**Poster making:** On 12th September 2015, 100 NSS volunteers made posters, placards etc related to hazardous effect of noise on health as a preparatory phase of noise awareness rally.

**NSS Day Celebration:** A cultural programme was kept on 24th September 2015 on the eve of NSS day celebrations. Also, Dr. Animesh Barman, Professor in Audiology and Ex NSS programme officer gave a general orientation about NSS history at AIISH, Mysore. 100 NSS volunteers participated in the event.

**Campus Cleaning:** 100 NSS volunteers cleaned the whole Institute campus and also area outside the AIISH campus on 2nd October 2015.

**Essay Writing Competition:** NSS volunteers participated in essay competition related to various current issues on 24th October 2015. 100 NSS volunteers participated in the event.

**Noise Awareness Rally:** On 31st October 2015, Walakathon was organized from K.R.Hospital circle to the Ballal Circle via Ramaswamy circle. People were educated about hazard of noise. Also different skits related to the hazard of noise were performed. Dr. Rudraaiah the NSS programme officer, University of Mysore inaugurated the rally.

**Visit to Deaf Blind School:** NSS volunteers visited Sri Rangarao Blind School, Mysore and donated food materials and stationeries collected from students and staff of AIISH for children of the school on 7th November 2015. NSS volunteers also participated in cultural programme organized by the school.

**Orphanage Visit:** The volunteers visited Ashadayaka Seva Trust in Mysore and distributed the clothes, food items and stationeries among the inmates, collected from students and staff of AIISH on 16th January 2016. The volunteers also conducted small cultural programme with the children of the orphanages.

**Pre Camp Meeting:** On 21st January 2016,a meeting for the camp was organized for all the volunteers attending the camp. Issues pertaining to organization of the camp were discussed in the meeting. The meeting was also attended by the Director and the other staff members who later helped the NSS in screening of the individuals with communication disorders.

**Special Camp:** The NSS Unit conducted aSpecial Camping Programme at Chamarajanagara, Karnataka from 23rd January to 31st January, 2016 under the coordination of Dr. Sujeet Kumar Sinha, NSS Officer and Ms Rekha D, Assistant NSS Officer. Karuna Trust was the supporting agency of the programme. Dr Nagaraj B, Medical Officer, PHC, Gumballi, Chamrajanagara, Dr. Mahadevappa T M, E.N.T doctor, AIISH, Mysuru and Ms. Jyothi, S, Research Assistant, AIISH, Mysuru spoke during the inaugural function. The Speech-Language Pathologists, Audiologists, ENT Specialist, Clinical, Psychologists, Ear mold technician and the Electronic Engineer of the Institute attended programme along with 48 NSS volunteers. The main focus of the camp was identification, assessment and rehabilitation of individuals with communication disorders. Survey was conducted in Chamarajanagara town. The volunteers also visited various schools, addressed the teachers regarding communication disorders and their identification and pamphlets were distributed. Totally, 23763 populations were surveyed and 970 were identified with various types of communication disorders. The statistical details of the survey at Chamarajanagara Town are as listed below:

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| **Sl. no.** | **Date** | **Population surveyed** | **No. of individuals with communication disorders** |
|  | 27.02.2015 | 6267 | 227 |
|  | 28.02.2015 | 6170 | 225 |
|  | 29.02.2015 | 7839 | 348 |
|  | 30.02.2015 | 3487 | 170 |
| **TOTAL** | | 23763 | 970 |

The statistical details of the clinical services provided at Gumballi (24.01.2016) and Ummathuru (25.01.2016 & 26.01.2016), Chamarajanagara are as listed below:

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| **Sl. No.** | **Clinical services rendered** | **No. of individuals who received the facility** |
| **1** | Speech Language Evaluation+Therapy +Counseling | 147 |
| **2** | Psychological evaluation | 83 |
| **3** | Audiological testing | 580 |
| **4** | Issue of hearing aids | 324 |
| **5** | Issues of the ear molds | 648 |
| **6** | ENT evaluation | 280 |
| **7** | Free Medicine distribution | 280 |

School screenings were done in Government Primary school Chamarajanagara Town to identify children with communication disorders. A total of 168 students were screened for communication disorders, 8 out of 168 were referred for communication disorders.

Cultural exchange programme was conducted on 30.01.2016 evening 6 to 8.30pm at Dr B.R. Ambedkar Samudhaya Bhavana, Heggavadi. In the cultural exchange programme NSS volunteers from All India Institute of Speech and Hearing presented 1 Skit on awareness of communication disorders, Group Song and 2 Group dance. School students from Heggavadi Village performed group dances. The programme was attended by almost 100 people.

**AIISH premises and area near to AIISH cleaning:** NSS volunteers cleaned the whole college campus and also area outside the AIISH campus on 6th March 2016.

**Fire extinguisher demonstration and lecture:** Official from the fire department visited the institute to give lecture and demonstration on fire extinguisher on 19th March 2016. The activity was conducted for the volunteers to learn the fire management as a part of disaster management. 80 students participated in the event.

**Flora and Fauna Education:** Around 50 NSS volunteers participated in Flora and Fauna Educational camp conducted at Tadiyandamol, Virajpet on 26th and 27th March 2016.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:**

* Ms. Shalini Banerjee of III B.Sc participated for the selection of republic day parade held at university of Mysore on 10th September 2015.
* Three NSS volunteers served as scribe for the visually impaired students in the month of November 2015.
* Total 10 student volunteers donated blood (1 unit each) for emergency wards in various hospitals in Mysuru.
* Total 10 students have audio recorded books for visually impaired students in Kannada and English Language.