



**GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
SECTOR 20-D, CHANDIGARH**

One Day NSS Camp

National Cleanliness Day and Leprosy Eradication Day

30th January 2025

The NSS Cell of Government College of Education, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh organized a one-day camp on January 30, 2025 to observe National Cleanliness Day and Leprosy Eradication Day. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene while also shedding light on leprosy, a disease that continues to carry social stigma despite medical advancements. Additionally, the camp served as an occasion to pay homage to the freedom fighters who laid down their lives for India's independence.

The camp began with the attendance of volunteers and a warm welcome was extended to Dean Madam, Resource Person and all participants. This was followed by the NSS Song, which instilled a sense of unity and dedication among the students. The students then presented a melodious Bhajan in the memory of freedom fighters. The performance created an uplifting atmosphere and reinforced the message of harmony and service.

First session of the camp was an informative session on leprosy, conducted by Doctor Monika from Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Sector 16, Chandigarh. Dr. Monika provided an in-depth understanding of leprosy, including its causes, symptoms, and treatment. She explained that leprosy is a bacterial infection that primarily affects the skin and nerves, and with early detection and appropriate medical care, it is entirely curable. She also addressed the myths and misconceptions associated with the disease, stressing the importance of social acceptance and the eradication of stigma. The session was highly engaging, with volunteers actively participating in the discussion and asking insightful questions about the disease and its impact on affected individuals.

A significant moment during the camp was the observance of silence from 11.00AM -11.02AM in memory of the martyrs who sacrificed their lives during India's freedom struggle. This tribute served as a poignant reminder of the country's history and the price paid for independence. It encouraged students to reflect on their responsibilities as citizens and the need to uphold values such as integrity, dedication, and selflessness.

After the refreshment break, second session was conducted on the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in Modern times by Dr Manoj Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, P.G. Govt. College for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh. The discussion revolved around Gandhi's principles of non-violence, truth, and self-reliance, examining how these ideals can be applied in today's society. The session also explored Gandhi's contributions to cleanliness and sanitation, particularly through his advocacy for 'Swachhata' as a fundamental aspect of social reform. The interactive nature of the discussion allowed participants to express their views on how Gandhian philosophy can help address contemporary issues, such as environmental degradation, social inequality, and ethical leadership.

In the Third session, a rally on Cleanliness Day was held. Volunteers designed and prepared posters with creative messages and visuals promoting cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental sustainability. The process of creating posters within the camp fostered teamwork and provided an opportunity for students to express their understanding of cleanliness through art and slogans. The rally aimed to sensitize the local community to the importance of hygiene and environmental conservation. Principal of the college Dr. Harsh Batra and the Vice President of NSS Ms. Diksha flagged off the rally. The volunteers carried banners and chanted slogans advocating cleanliness and disease prevention, reinforcing the message that small individual efforts can lead to significant collective impact.

Overall, the NSS One-Day Camp was a meaningful and impactful event that not only educated students about critical health and social issues but also inspired them to contribute actively to society. The combination of educational sessions, tribute to freedom fighters, and practical participation in the rally made the camp a well-rounded initiative promoting both awareness and action. The enthusiasm and commitment displayed by the volunteers reflected the true spirit of NSS, highlighting the importance of service, learning, and community engagement.

Glimpses:



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