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NSS Special Camp Begins with a Green Pledge and Educational Mission at Pahantoli

St. Xavier's College Ranchi | Unit 2 & 3 | Location: Pahantoli, Namkum | 20th April 2025



With the break of dawn at 6:30 AM, the Seven Days Special Camp of the National Service Scheme (NSS), Units 2 and 3 of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, commenced its journey in the adopted village of Pahantoli, Namkum. Day One was marked by a harmonious blend of environmental action and educational outreach, as volunteers stepped into their roles as change-makers with a strong sense of commitment.



In a thoughtful act to promote environmental conservation, the volunteers installed handcrafted sparrow water feeders throughout the village. This initiative, aimed at aiding local birdlife during the scorching summer, was not just symbolic but also a practical step towards fostering ecological balance. It resonated deeply with NSS's ethos of sustainable service and respect for all life forms.





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The day progressed with a door-to-door survey focused on assessing school attendance among children under the age of 14. The findings of this survey will serve as a cornerstone for an enrolment drive planned in the following days, reaffirming the team's dedication to the cause of education for all.



Adding a layer of community bonding and team-building, the volunteers collectively prepared their midday meal. This seemingly simple activity reinforced self-reliance, discipline, and camaraderie—values that form the backbone of the NSS experience.

With purposeful beginnings and tangible action, the first day concluded on a note of accomplishment and inspiration. The volunteers not only left a footprint of service in the village lanes but also carried back a deeper understanding of their social responsibility.





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Empowering Rural Livelihoods: Day Two of NSS Special Camp Focuses on Self-Reliance and Skill Building

St. Xavier's College Ranchi | Unit 2 & 3 | Location: Kumhartoli, Ranchi | 21st April 2025



The second day of the Seven Days Special Camp, organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS) units of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, unfolded with an insightful focus on rural entrepreneurship and self-reliance. Held in the village of Kumhartoli, the day's theme revolved around equipping local communities with practical knowledge and sustainable livelihood alternatives.



The morning commenced with an engaging and hands-on training session on mushroom cultivation, led by agricultural experts. Participants were introduced to the essentials of mushroom farming—including methods of cultivation, environmental requirements, disease control techniques, and market strategies. The training aimed to familiarize villagers and youth with this low-investment, high-yield agro-practice, potentially transforming it into a profitable home-based enterprise.





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Later in the afternoon, a seminar on rural employment generation brought together volunteers and villagers for an in-depth dialogue on self-employment opportunities. The session shed light on:

- Skill development schemes
- Entrepreneurship in rural settings
- Awareness of government welfare programs
- Inspiring success stories of grassroots entrepreneurs

The guest speakers emphasized how tapping into local resources and initiatives could help bridge the gap between dependency and self-sufficiency. They motivated the youth to take ownership of their community's future through innovation and resilience.



Crucially, the day's programs were not limited to academic exercises—they fostered genuine community engagement. Local villagers participated with enthusiasm, absorbing practical knowledge and expressing a keen interest in implementing these learnings. The collaborative spirit shared between NSS volunteers and residents further enriched the impact of the sessions.

As the camp journeyed into its second day, the ripple effects of meaningful dialogue and action were already visible—laying strong foundations for the transformative days ahead.





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Yoga, Cleanliness & Community Spirit Mark Day Three of NSS Special Camp

St. Xavier's College Ranchi | Unit 2 & 3 | Location: Pahan Toli & Kumhartoli, Ranchi | 22nd April 2025



On the third day of the ongoing Seven Days Special Camp organized by the NSS Units 2 and 3 of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, the volunteers deepened their engagement with the community through holistic health awareness, environmental responsibility, and collaborative living.



The morning began on a serene note in Pahan Toli, where volunteers conducted a guided yoga session for the villagers, emphasizing its benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Volunteers not only demonstrated basic yoga postures but also sensitized participants to the importance of making yoga a regular practice, especially in today's fast-paced and stress-laden world.





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In observance of Earth Day, the afternoon was dedicated to a comprehensive cleanliness drive in Kumhartoli village. Volunteers took to the streets, community spaces, and water sources—cleaning, sweeping, and encouraging locals to take ownership of their environment. Alongside the physical effort, the team carried out an awareness campaign on sanitation and environmental protection, reminding the villagers of their role in maintaining ecological balance and public hygiene.

As the sun began to set, the spirit of togetherness came alive in the campgrounds with a community kitchen initiative. Volunteers prepared meals collectively and dined together in a display of solidarity and cooperation—deepening bonds and instilling a sense of shared responsibility.

A notable highlight of the day was the presence of NSS Programme Officer Dr. Anirban Gupta, who actively engaged with the volunteers throughout the day. His encouragement and appreciation for the efforts made added a new wave of motivation among the team.

Dr. Gupta shared that the overarching objective of the camp is to foster a sense of social responsibility, service, and rural development, while nurturing students into compassionate citizens. With every passing day, the camp continues to blend purpose with participation—nurturing values of mindfulness, cleanliness, and community spirit in equal measure.





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Day Four of NSS Special Camp Observes Tribute, Health & Environmental Action

St. Xavier's College Ranchi | Unit 2 & 3 | Location: Pahan Toli, Ranchi | 23rd April 2025



The fourth day of the Seven-Day Special Camp organized by the NSS Units 2 and 3 of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi began on a solemn and reflective note. Volunteers gathered early in the morning to observe two minutes of silence in memory of the innocent civilians who lost their lives in the Pahalgam terrorist attack, paying heartfelt homage and standing in solidarity with the nation.



Following this tribute, the day progressed with a revitalizing yoga session, reinforcing the significance of physical and mental well-being for both the volunteers and the rural community.





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In a proactive move to enhance rural health and safety, the volunteers facilitated a rabies vaccination drive for stray dogs in the village. This initiative, welcomed warmly by the villagers, aimed at reducing the threat of rabies and ensuring safer surroundings—particularly for children and the elderly.



Continuing the momentum, the NSS team planted 50 saplings across several village households as part of their environmental awareness and sustainability drive. This green step served as a call to action for long-term ecological balance and local participation in climate action.





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A major highlight of the day was a free dental check-up camp conducted by Dr. Anubhav Kumar from The Smile Architects (Dental and Implant Centre). Dozens of villagers availed this much-needed service, receiving dental consultations and advice on oral hygiene.



As with previous days, the evening concluded with the volunteers preparing and sharing a community meal, reinforcing bonds of cooperation, equality, and unity. Day Four emerged as a powerful symbol of service, empathy, and social responsibility, marking yet another chapter in the camp's evolving impact.





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Day Five of NSS Special Camp Highlights Team Building, Cleanliness Drive & Health Outreach

St. Xavier's College Ranchi | Unit 2 & 3 | Location: Pahan Toli, Ranchi | 24th April 2025



The fifth day of the Seven-Day NSS Special Camp, organized by Units 2 and 3 of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, began with high energy and enthusiasm. At 7 AM, volunteers participated in the traditional team-building game "Pittoh", aimed at fostering coordination, collaboration, and leadership among team members. The game brought laughter, energy, and a strong sense of unity among the participants.



Following the energizing start, the volunteers conducted a cleanliness drive along the riverbank, taking significant steps to improve the hygiene of the local environment. During the campaign, villagers were educated about the importance of cleanliness, hygiene, and proper waste disposal.





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In the afternoon, a health check-up camp was organized in the village, offering free medical consultations to nearly 50 villagers. This outreach was a critical step toward ensuring rural health awareness and access to basic healthcare facilities.

The camp was graced by the presence of distinguished guests including:

- Dr. Anirban Gupta, NSS Programme Officer, St. Xavier's College,
- Mr. Ravi Prakash, Joint Director, IEC, Jharkhand State AIDS Control Society, and
- Dr. Asbab from Sadar Hospital.

The dignitaries commended the initiative and inspired the youth to stay conscious of their social responsibilities, emphasizing the role of young volunteers in building a healthier, more aware society.



As a continuation of the daily tradition, the evening concluded with the volunteers cooking and dining together, reinforcing the values of unity, cooperation, and shared responsibility.

Day Five emerged as a celebration of community spirit, proactive health engagement, and the strength of collective effort.





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Unity in Diversity: Day Six of NSS Special Camp at St. Xavier's College Marks a Blend of Culture, Awareness & Service

St. Xavier's College Ranchi | Unit 2 & 3 | Location: Pahan Toli, Ranchi | 25th April 2025



The sixth day of the Seven-Day Special NSS Camp organized by Units 2 and 3 of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi unfolded with a spirited celebration of teamwork, awareness, and community service.



The morning commenced with a burst of enthusiasm as volunteers engaged in traditional Indian games such as Tug of War, Pittoh, and Kabaddi. These games not only revived cultural roots but also strengthened team spirit, physical agility, and collective energy among the participants.





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In the afternoon, the focus shifted to social awareness and women's health. A dedicated AIDS Awareness and Women's Counselling Session was organized, led by Dr. Roopa from Sadar Hospital. Addressing vital topics like family planning, sexual and reproductive health, Dr. Roopa inspired open dialogue and empowered rural women to take charge of their health and wellbeing. The active participation of women from the community marked a significant milestone in health education outreach.





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Following the session, sanitary pads were distributed to women and girls in the village, reinforcing the message of menstrual hygiene and dignity. Simultaneously, stationery kits were gifted to local children, spreading joy and encouraging educational interest among the younger generation.



As with each day, the evening concluded with volunteers preparing and sharing meals together — a symbolic act that reinforced the values of service, unity, and self-reliance.

With just one day left, excitement and anticipation for the grand closing ceremony are rising. The volunteers are determined to wrap up this remarkable journey with an event that reflects the impact, learning, and memories created over the past six days.

