

Report of Green Protocol activities held at ThiruIranikulam Temple premises From 1st to 12th Jan.2018 by NSS volunteers of SSET.

The students of SCMS Engineering college volunteered for monitoring and enforcing the green protocol rule suggested by the district collector at Thiruvairanikulam temple during January 1st to January 12th as part of Nadathurappu Maholsavam lead by the NSS Technical Cell of SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, Karukutty .

The district collector of ernakulam Mr. Mohammed Y Saifarulla enforced the green protocol during the celebration of “Nadathurappu Maholsavam” from January 1st to January 12th. The first choice of the district collector was the NSS technical cell of SSET to do the job.

Even though the information was provided, the duty was officially announced on 29th of December 2017 where 3 students of SSET had participated in an official meeting by the temple and the coordinator of Haritha Keralam Mr. Jose Joseph.

The idea behind the project is that there shouldn't be any waste in the end of the festival. The waste generated was proposed to be separated initially as organic and non organic using different disposal bags and then the non organic wastes are further sorted in MCF(material collection facility) as paper wastes plastic bottles, plastic covers, etc. all these are then recycled.

The whole system was a three tier unit which had cleaning staffs, waste monitors and enforcers and finally the security staffs.

The duty provided for students of SSET was to monitor and enforce the rules enforced by the collector. The students were instructed to make sure that no licensed sellers were using disposable cups ,plates ,plastic carry bags and other materials which could become a waste.

The whole temple was divided into 4 zones and 3 parking areas and the temple recommended 150 volunteers for the job.

The whole duty was lead by the NSS units of SSET including program officers Mr. SujayK and Mr. Rakesh, and Volunteer Secretaries Ambady anil, Aswathy R R, Manju Davis and Jayakrishnan P. and an executive committee including Sajeeha Sajudeen, Vivek Nair, Midhun Raj, Delvin Johnson, Anjala khan, Devika Jayaram and Gayathri V Marar

Since the temple opens at 3am in the morning and closes only at 11pm. it was impossible for volunteers to provide a full day service. Due to this the timing was divided into 3 shift morning shift from 3am to 11 am , afternoon shift from 11 am to 6pm and night shift from 6pm to 11 pm.

The executive committee informed the requirement for volunteers for the project but the response was poor, so on the first day just 10 volunteers came for the volunteering.

The students had an inaugural session by Mr. Jose Joseph and then was given the duty. As it was the first day the volunteers had a very difficult job monitoring the waste. They came to know that almost every stores sell in plastic covers and uses disposable items. Information to switch to steel plate and glass were provided. As the time passed the waste started increasing, in the absence of cleaning staffs the volunteers take up the duty of cleaning the premises.

The following day the volunteers of morning shift had to do the same task and ended the shift around 9am.the next shift started followed by an official meeting and feedback session were the volunteers identified all the hazards. This include the bus parking area, so information on what's happening was provided from the parking area itself. Volunteers enter the bus before parking and passed the information.

The second day the volunteers start enforcing and a small raid was performed to bring the seriousness of the issue. This lead many sellers to start following the rule enforced.

The third day the number of volunteers started to increase. The number of volunteers per shift was between 20-30 on that particular day and this made the job easy. the amount of waste disposed on the premises was also reduced drastically.

The team worked in background lead by miss Sajeeha Sajudeen and Miss Aswathy R.R collected the name of volunteers and divided the shift and created the list everyday. The list was made by not letting the volunteers losing much classes and not making the work a big burden for them.

The fourth day the police started to provide complete support and general awareness rally was conducted lead by DYSP Mr. venu sir. He promised to provide maximum support for the volunteers at the temple premises. Miss Ashna shared experience of the students in front of the authorities. The action of the volunteers were praised and because their work was so successful the committee decided to shift the enforcing team to security of the temple as their service was no longer needed.

The following day the first newspaper report on the event was published. It was a great motivation for the volunteers that the number of volunteers increased that day to over 30. The executive committee decided to limit the number of volunteers to 30 to make the system more efficient. However foreseeing the big crowd on Saturday and Sunday, almost 50 volunteers were listed per shift for two days.

The next two days had the biggest crowd the festival had and the volunteers had a challenge monitoring the waste. Because the crowd in the queue was large in number the executive authority decided to help the other volunteers working for the temple providing refreshment for the visitors. The help of the volunteers made system more efficient.

On the 8th day MLA of aluva Mr. Anwar Sadath visited the temple along with local leaders of panchayath. He went on for a rally with few of our volunteers and delivered the message where he said he was very impressed with the contribution of SCMS. The afternoon shift ended with a drive by the whole volunteers by picking up waste through whole zone to deliver the message of making the surroundings clean.

The following day started with 3 newspapers reporting the efforts of the volunteers of SCMS. this brought the event more into the public and much more aware of the issues of waste in our society. It was the same day when Mr. Abdul Jabbar Ahmed the state coordinator of NSS technical cell visited the site and provided the message on importance of the work the volunteers are doing to them.he also said he was very impressed and it was a work like anything else.

Later at around 6pm the district collector Mr. Mohammed Y Saifairulla visited the temple he went for a rally which ended at MCF and he addressed the student along with other local leaders and Mr. jose. The volunteer secretary of NSS technical cell of SCMS unit no 182 Mr. Ambady Anil shared the experiences, the way the project became a success and the future plans of SCMS.

The next day the rush reduced and the waste became very less. This marked the success of the efforts by students of SCMS

The last day there were over 30 volunteers at the temple premises in every shift. The students made sure that no one is burning the leftovers and properly dispose them. By 8pm the the temple closed and volunteers left with a big satisfaction.

The full effort of around 300 volunteers, the support from the locals, the police, the temple committee and the management of SCMS GROUP made it a very successful.

On 21st January Sunday the volunteers returned to the temple for the appreciation ceremony conducted by the temple committee and collector. Mrs T N Seema,vice chair person of HARITHA KERALM was present for the ceremony,other dignitaries include Mr. Pramod P Thevanoor vice chairman of SCMS group , Mr. Abdul Jabbar Ahmed In the absence of collector who couldnt reach due to his busy schedule Mr. Abdul Jabbar Ahmed presented every volunteer with certificate provided by the district collector and a memento from the temple committee.

The support in all respect from the part of Dr. Praveensal CJ, Principal ,Prof.M.Madhavan Director, helped a higher extent to make a complete success this program . Bus facilities were provided in all days from college to thiruiranikulam and to return in all needed times. Also let us mention the service provided from MV Muraleedharan and B Retheesh the staff members of SSET as well as the local residents of ThiruIranikulam.

