

Motivation and information to join Civil Defense Warrior/ Volunteers initiative by My Bharat

Date: 13th May 2025

Venue: Raidighi College Campus and Hall-1

Time: 10 am to 12 noon

Organised by: Raidighi College NSS Unit-1

Program officer: Dr Arvinda Shaw, NSS, PO-1

Introduction:

The Raidighi College NSS Unit-1 conducted a campaign on 13th May 2025, on an important and timely subject: "Motivation and Information to Join the Civil Defence Warrior/Volunteers Initiative", spearheaded by the My Bharat platform, a youth-centric mission under the Government of India. The event aimed to encourage youth participation in national resilience-building and civil defence readiness through structured volunteering.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers, students, faculty members, and non-teaching staff members. The program proved to be both motivational and informative, instilling a spirit of service, patriotism, and civic responsibility among the youth.

Objectives of the Event:

- To create awareness about the Civil Defence Warrior/Volunteer program.
- To educate NSS students about the role of civil defence in emergencies.
- To motivate students to register as volunteers through the My Bharat platform.
- To promote national integration and community service values.
- To discuss real-life success stories and opportunities available for youth in disaster response and relief.

Event Highlights:

1. Inauguration and Welcome Address:

The event commenced at 10:00 am with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Principal, Dr Sasabindu Jana. He emphasized the importance of youth involvement in

community welfare and praised the Government's initiative to engage students in national service through My Bharat.

2. Keynote Speech: Understanding Civil Defence:

The NSS Program officer Dr Arvinda Shaw, delivered an insightful presentation on the history, purpose, and functioning of Civil Defence in India. She explained how civil defence acts as a secondary line of defence during natural and man-made disasters, ensuring the protection of citizens and infrastructure. She also elaborated on how youth volunteers play a vital role in first aid, evacuation, traffic control, public communication, and relief efforts during emergencies like floods, earthquakes, pandemics, and other crises.

3. Information on My Bharat Platform:

Then Dr Shaw highlighted the utility and benefits of the My Bharat digital platform, a Government of India initiative to institutionalize youth engagement across India. She demonstrated how students can register, take up volunteering roles, access training programs, and earn certifications through the platform.

4. Registration Drive and Live Demonstration:

The most engaging part of the event was the on-spot registration drive. Students were guided on how to register as Civil Defence Warriors using their smartphones and college ID. The merits of becoming a Civil defence volunteer was explained to them so that they could overcome their inhibitions and voluntarily join the great cause.

5. Q&A Session and Feedback:

An interactive session followed, where students asked questions regarding eligibility, training, volunteering hours, certification, and career prospects. The speakers addressed each query enthusiastically, ensuring all participants left with clarity and inspiration.

Relevance to NSS Motto and Values:

The motto of the NSS – "Not Me, But You" – was truly reflected in the spirit of the event. The Civil Defence Warrior initiative is a natural extension of NSS's vision to foster selfless service, national integration, and civic consciousness.

NSS volunteers, as responsible youth, can serve as the first line of support to civil authorities in case of crises. The program not only prepares them to save lives but also gives them opportunities for leadership, teamwork, and moral development.

Suggestions for Future Events:

Organize hands-on training workshops in first aid, CPR, and rescue operations.

Invite more real-life heroes and Civil Defence volunteers for motivational talks.

Arrange field visits to disaster-affected zones to provide on-ground exposure.

Conduct awareness drives in local communities to promote public readiness.

Conclusion:

The NSS event was a resounding success, serving its objective of educating and inspiring the youth to participate in national service through the Civil Defence Warrior initiative. It provided a platform for young citizens to realize their potential in disaster response and emergency services.

In times of increasing climate threats, health crises, and urban hazards, such initiatives are not only relevant but necessary. The enthusiastic response from NSS volunteers shows that today's youth are ready to serve, lead, and protect. The partnership between NSS, Civil Defence, and My Bharat is a significant step toward building a more resilient, responsible, and responsive India.





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