

Swachh Bharat Summer Internship Orientation Workshop Held at GMFC



(Principal Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Parvez Al-Usmani with Dr. Jyoti D. Pawar, Dr. Rajendra Gad, Shri Kishore M. Shah, and GMFC Staff In-Charge of NSS & NSS volunteers)

On Saturday, 8th February 2020, a special orientation and training workshop was held at Goa Multi-Faculty College for the students who had enrolled themselves into the SBSI programme.

Dr. Jyoti D. Pawar, SBSI 2019-20 Nodal Officer from Goa University, Dr. Rajendra Gad, Professor in Department of Electronics at Goa University, and Shri Kishore M. Shah, Managing Trustee of GDP took the initiative to organize this workshop for the Student Interns of S.P.E.S's Goa Multi-Faculty College.

This workshop was the result of the collaborative effort between the Directorate of All India Survey on Higher Education(D-AISHE), Directorate of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (D-UBA) and GDP Foundation.



(Lamp lighting ceremony at SBSI workshop)

The workshop began at 9.30 am. Associate Professor Dr. Manasvi Kamat's welcome address was followed by the floral welcome and the lamp lighting ceremony. Next, Dr. Jyoti D. Pawar introduced the Resource Person Shri. Kishore M. Shah, Managing Trustee of GDP Foundation.

Shri. Kishore M. Shah, Managing Trustee of GDP Foundation, explained the purpose of the SBSI programme and told students how to streamline strategic initiatives. The workshop sessions covered these key areas: Initial Training for Strategic Planning and Implementation, Mid Term Impact Assessment Tips, Feedback & Report writing and Work Presentation tips.

The resource person told the students how to identify a problem in the village and how to go to the source of the issue and see if there is a potential problem there that might need a solution. The interns can try to find workable solutions to fix such problems at the source.

Shri. Kishore Shah also felt it was imperative that every intern, in their own communities, should function as an example of swachh living. Interns should not only spread the message of Swachh Bharat orally, but also live this message through daily actions.

The Resource Person provided another interesting analogy. A rose can be utilised by multiple people for diverse purposes. For example, a priest can use the rose for worship in a temple, a poet can use a rose as inspiration for a poem, a lover can use it as an expression of affection for the beloved and a curious child will pull away the petals and use the flower as a plaything. Similarly, the interns could try to undertake such projects that would benefit multiple parties in the future. Such a project report could benefit the Panchayat or Primary Health Centres formulate special schemes, the data could benefit young entrepreneurs who intend to try their hand at a small scale Start-Up venture. It could also benefit the college and, perhaps, teachers could use the data to propose a research project or author an academic paper.



Later, as a token of encouragement, the resource person, gave away many spot prizes and gifts.

Finally, the Principal Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Parvez Al-Usmani, delivered the Vote of Thanks where he praised the resource person's style and skill of delivering a talk. He said that exposure to such brilliant speakers would help students develop excellent oratory skills in the future. He also thanked Dr. Jyoti D. Pawar and Dr. Rajendra Gad for being instrumental in setting up this workshop in the GMFC campus. The workshop motivated the students immensely and the NSS volunteers have begun planning activities around the idea of Swachh Bharat.