

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BY STUDENTS OF NITK**

### **Blood Donation Camp:**

Blood donation camp is conducted every year in the campus. Students, teaching and non-teaching staff donate blood. Refreshments and certificates are provided to donors. More than 250 units of blood are collected every year.

### **Candle Light March:**

A candlelight walk was organized as an event to remember our National Leaders who sacrificed their life for the sake of Independent India. It was organized as a part of “AZAADI 70” Freedom fortnight celebrations. Around 200 candles were distributed to them and were lit up. Participants then walked along the roads on the campus shouting patriotic slogans and effusing their reverence towards national leaders and Independent India. The event was concluded by an excellent speech by Nutan, a second year B.Tech student.

### **Swachh Bharath:**

NITK students organize campus cleanliness programmes. Students did a campus clean-up drive to encourage the cleanliness. A lot of students from all the branches and programmes turned up to clean the campus areas like Main building, department buildings etc.

### **Tree Plantation:**

Green Brigade is an initiative taken up by the NITK Alumni Association where students from the college plant trees across the campus. Around 2000 saplings were planted all over the campus by the NITK students. This is a great initiative to promote the greenery in the NITK campus.

### **KREC School Teaching:**

Students from the NITK College believe that education is the most important for the development of the nation and that quality education is to be imparted from the childhood. NITK students take English and Computer skills teaching classes for KREC Kannada Medium school children who lack many resources. Students teach for the kids from Monday to Saturday in different batches.

### **Beach Schooling:**

Some students from NITK teach for the kids who live in the area near Surathkal beach, Sadashiva temple. Students live in the huts which lack even electricity and who find it difficult to study during nights. Sometimes textbooks, notebooks, etc are donated to the kids to encourage them.

### **KREC School Sports Day:**

A sports day was conducted for the KREC Kannada Medium school kids on January 26 this year. Here students of the school from 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> standards. Many sports like Hockey, football, Khokho etc were conducted and students actively

participated. Prizes were given away to the winners and runner-ups of the competitions.

### **News Paper and Cloth Collection Drive:**

NITK students organize a newspaper and cloth collection drive where old newspapers are collected from students and staff on the campus. Then the newspapers are sold and the money obtained is used to buy books, solar lamps etc for poor kids living near the Surathkal beach and for some kids in KREC School. Clothes collected during the drive are donated to Seva Barathi, an NGO based in Mangalore.

### **Lions School Visit:**

Lions school is a school for disabled children in Surathkal town. Students from NITK visit the Lions school once a month where students organize a lot of games, recreational activities etc. Sometimes pens and books are distributed to the kids in the Lions school.

### **Old-age Home Visit:**

Students from NITK visit old age homes in Mangalore every semester. Students spend time with old age citizens, organize some fun activities etc. so that they feel rejoiced. Fruits, biscuit packets etc are distributed to them.

### **Street Plays:**

Street plays are very effective in spreading awareness. Students from NITK conduct street plays to promote awareness on topics like safety of women, pollution etc. The street plays are also held during the college festivals and thereby creating awareness among the students who visit the college from all over India.