

Event: Cleaning drive from 101 area to 3rd mile Upper Shillong**Date: 2nd October, 2019**

The N.O.W Eco-club participated in the Celebration of the 150th anniversary of Gandhi Jayanti where a cleaning drive was conducted in the College campus and a cleaning drive along National Highway from 101 area to 3rd mile Upper Shillong organised by the NSS Unit of St Edmund's College, Shillong in collaboration with the Social Work Department, St. Edmund's College and the NSS Unit of St. Anthony's College, Shillong on 2nd October, 2019. The programme on cleaning drive started with a speech by the Principal, Dr. S. Lamare welcomed everyone and spoke of the importance of cleanliness and Gandhi's push for a clean India. Following this, NOW Eco-club member and NSS PO, Sir E. Sumer, addressed the gathering and spoke of the need to become conscientious citizens with regards to cleanliness. The Swacch Bharat pledge was also taken by all those present. The cleaning drive then started with the volunteers enthusiastically getting on with the work at hand. At around 09:20 am, the students were availed refreshments and at 09:40 am made their way to the college bus to be taken to the next venue for the cleaning drive.

The students arrived at 101 Area, Shillong and were distributed gloves, masks and environment-friendly plastic bags for collection of wastes. The weather was rather grim and rainy but the volunteers carried on, nonetheless. The volunteers from St Anthony's College, Shillong arrived reached the venue at 10:05 am and the cleaning drive began at 10:15 am sharply. The combined force of around 100 participants were divided into two; one group would start from 101 Area and move ahead whereas the other would begin at Laimer and come towards the direction of 101 Area, the meeting point being Gorkha Secondary School. In spite of the inclement weather, the teams carried on and got much work done. The cleaning drive came to an end at around 12 noon. The collection bags were heaved on a vehicle, and after a group photograph, the team dispersed. The students of St. Edmund's College made their way back to college and arrived at 12:30 pm. Lunch was served to all afterwards. The students made much stride towards achieving the goal of a cleaner Shillong. The programme thus, ended on a high note.

