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Eighteen National Service Scheme(NSS) members were supervised by the respective programme officers( both from Sonada & Siliguri campuses) for a two-day camp in Malat(below Sonada) on the 1st & 2nd of May 2014. On DAY 1 the members assembled at the college compound by 8 am and started the planned trek to the spot. We reached the spot by 12.15 pm. As per the scheduled programme the DAY 1 of the camp started with the assembly where the three groups were assigned their respective duties. This was followed by the lunch. The members in the post-lunch period attended the teachers' sessions where all the accompanying teaching faculty shared their valuable insights on grave social issues. The sessions were given a patient listening by the three groups and they actively participated in the interactive session by raising questions and sharing their views. This was followed by a short tea-break. The members assembled for an open discussion session after the tea-break; it was a sort of an informal classroom where each member shared or problematised a social issue and others put forward their insights. It was a conducive session which was followed by dinner. The three groups in the post-dinner session were guided by the teachers for some interactive game sessions which were thoroughly enjoyed by the members and teachers alike. We all retired for bed after the game sessions. DAY 2 started with the cleaning campaign where the members cleaned the school halls, playground and the adjoining areas. This was followed by the morning tea where we discussed about the much awaited programme in the programme list i.e. the 'Survey' on Balasun Water Project; the members were also given a short overview on important higher education exercises like survey and research. The members expressed their earnest willingness to be acquainted with such important academic exercises. The three groups led by a group leader each and supervised by the teachers started off for the field survey at the Malat village in three directions. It was indeed a new and an enriching experience for the members. This was followed by the interactive games, singing ,dancing and quiz sessions with the Don Bosco school kids. The NSS members actively involved the school kids and provided them the perfect ambience for participation. Sweets and mementos were also distributed to the school kids. Our fruitful stay at the village concluded with a small picnic where all the members involved themselves in cooking. We boarded the cab for Sonada at 4pm on DAY 2. It was indeed the "camp of good hope".

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