

7.1.11 Institution celebrates / organizes national and international commemorative days, events and festivals

Response:

Arul Anandar College organizes various national and international commemorative days, events and festivals with active participation of students and staff members.

Independence Day and Republic Day are celebrated in an official manner. NCC and NSS units conduct flag hoisting ceremony with parades, thereby instilling patriotism. **Cultural festivals** of different states like Pongal and Onam are celebrated to bolster the cultural and traditional integration.

In commemoration of **International Yoga Day**, public performances of yoga are arranged on June 21 on and off the campus. Awareness programmes are arranged to promote the importance of yoga for health, harmony, peace, and inner well-being.

Constitution Day is celebrated by the AICUF unit of the College on 26th November, to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution.

On the 30th January, **Martyrs' Day** is commemorated by observing two minutes of silence in remembrance of martyrs of freedom struggle.

Sadbhavana Diwas is commemorated on August 20 by taking pledge to eschew violence and promote social harmony.

Different Extension Units of the College participate in the **Swatch Bharath and Jal Shakthi Abhiyan** activities and awareness programmes.

National Youth Festival is celebrated in January, showcasing the young talents.

To promote the awareness of dangers associated with illicit drugs, the Institution commemorates the **United Nations' International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** on 26th June. On this day, a mega awareness rally is organised in nearby villages to eradicate drug abuse.

NCC remembers the valour of our soldiers by celebrating **Kargil Diwas Day** on 26th July, saluting the martyrs of the Kargil War. The Cadets commemorate **Surgical Strike Day** on 29th September, remembering the surgical strike to counter the Uri attack.

NSS volunteers celebrate **National Service Scheme (NSS) Day** on 24th September to uphold the essence of democracy and selfless service. The Institution spreads awareness on AIDS

by observing **National AIDS Awareness Day**. A grand signature campaign is conducted to educate the students about HIV AIDS prevention and safety measures.

As a mark of tribute and honour to the former President Bharat Ratna **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, his birth anniversary on 15th October is celebrated.

The Institution celebrates **National Science Day** on 28th February, emphasising on the importance of science education, and various competitions and activities are conducted. **International Day for Dmitri Mendeleev** is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Dmitri Mendeleev who is credited with the formulation of the Periodic table.

Every year on 5th September, the Institution celebrates **Teachers' Day** to honour teachers for their significant contributions in shaping the life of students. As a mark of respect and gratitude to teachers, the Student Council organises a grand function in the campus.

International Women's Day is celebrated annually to promote the values of gender equity and women's rights. The celebration is an occasion to remember the contributions and achievements of women and project outstanding women as role models.