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SCI Sri Lanka



The Volunteer Work Camp held in Muthur from 13th to 15th February 2026 focused on post-flood recovery efforts at the Muthur Peace Centre and the 3CD Centre. The camp brought together volunteers to support the restoration of these community spaces, which were affected by recent flooding.

Key activities included cleaning the premises, carrying out painting work, and repairing drainage systems to improve the functionality and safety of the centres. These efforts contributed to restoring a safe and usable environment for community members.

Volunteer Work Camp – Muthur (13–15 February 2026)



In addition to the physical recovery work, several educational and community-based programmes were conducted during the camp. An Environmental Awareness Programme was organized for schoolchildren under the ECO Stories Project, aiming to promote environmental responsibility and awareness among young participants.

Furthermore, Non-Violent Peace Campaign activities were carried out with children, encouraging values such as peace, cooperation, and mutual respect through interactive sessions.

Overall, the work camp successfully integrated physical rehabilitation with educational initiatives and peacebuilding efforts, creating a holistic impact within the community.



A Journey of Connection, Culture, and Service: DDHA–SCI Workcamp 2.0

The DDHA–SCI Workcamp 2.0 brought together volunteers for an unforgettable journey rooted in rural immersion, climate awareness, and community connection. The experience began with a peaceful evening walk to the Suswa River along the edge of Rajaji National Park, where the sights and sounds of nature set a serene backdrop for building new friendships and reflecting on shared purpose. The immersion continued as volunteers explored the surrounding countryside, taking in the fresh air and quiet open fields before gathering for a traditional hawan to offer gratitude and seek blessings for their collective journey. Embracing simple living and sustainable traditions, volunteers also took part in a hands-on cooking masterclass, learning to prepare traditional Sarson ka Saag and Makki ki Roti using a traditional firewood chulha. Through shared meals, cultural exchange, and moments of quiet reflection, the workcamp perfectly captured the spirit of volunteering—learning together, living simply, and creating a meaningful impact from self to society.





Bangalore, Feb 13, 14 2026 – We were grateful to SCI India Bangalore for hosting us at AIRD School. Three friends and I from Sri Lanka led a Youth Leadership Program for 70 students.

We also had the opportunity to meet the members of the SCI India Bangalore Group. We had a warm and friendly conversation and shared our experiences.

A big thank you to the SCI India team for their great support, warm welcome, and wonderful hospitality. We truly appreciated the time we spent together and the kindness they showed us.

It was an inspiring and memorable day filled with learning, sharing, friendship, and connection.

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Celebrating Rita Warleigh – Goulburn Citizen of the Year 2026

We were delighted to hear that Rita Warleigh from Australia was recently honored with the Goulburn Citizen of the Year Award 2026, recognizing her outstanding contribution to the local community. The award, presented as part of the Australia Day Awards by Goulburn Mulwaree Council, recognized Rita’s remarkable volunteer journey and her long-standing commitment to community development, peace, and environmental activities. Rita founded International Volunteers for Peace (IVP) in Australia and has been actively involved in volunteer work for nearly four decades. She also helped establish the Goulburn Farmers Market and has led various tree-planting and environmental initiatives, bringing people together through meaningful community activities. Her recognition is a wonderful reflection of a lifetime dedicated to volunteering, peace, environmental care, and strengthening communities. In May, I am planning to visit Australia and hope to meet Rita and other SCI/IVP friends in Goulburn. If there is a workcamp taking place during my visit, I also hope to join and spend some time with the local volunteer community.



Karnataka Sumana Sadhaka Prashasti 2026 Celebrated in Grand Style

The prestigious "Karnataka Sumana Sadhaka Prashasti 2026" award ceremony, organized by Suman TV Kannada, was successfully held on March 28, 2026, at the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium in Bengaluru. The event recognized and honored outstanding individuals for their exceptional contributions across various fields. Srimathi Dr. Shobha, Senior Medical Officer in the Department of Health, was conferred with the distinguished award in recognition of her remarkable service to the healthcare sector. Attended by a distinguished audience, the successful event marked another significant milestone for the Suman TV Global Network.

As part of International Women's Day, we had the opportunity to address around 100 women on the importance of women's empowerment and building peaceful communities. The session focused on encouraging women to recognize their strengths, share their experiences, and contribute to creating more peaceful and supportive communities. The program was organized with the support of the SCI India Bangalore Group, creating a meaningful space for learning, sharing, and connecting with one another. In the afternoon, we also enjoyed a fashion show program, which brought a joyful and energetic atmosphere to the event. The participants actively took part and enjoyed the program together. It was a meaningful and memorable celebration that combined empowerment, community connection, and enjoyment.



The SCI India, West Bengal Group celebrated International Women's Day with a meaningful program focused on women's empowerment, equality, and building peaceful communities. The program brought together women from the community and created a space for sharing experiences, discussing important issues, and encouraging women to recognize their strengths and abilities. The celebration also included enjoyable activities that created a friendly and positive atmosphere among the participants. It was a valuable opportunity to connect, share, and celebrate the strength and contribution of women in society. The program was a meaningful celebration that promoted women's empowerment, friendship, equality, and peace.





The Blood Donation Camp, organized by Service Civil International India, W.B. Group and sponsored by HUMAN WAVE, was successfully held on 22nd March 2026 at Baroaritala, Mankundu starting from 10.00 AM. Thanks to the overwhelming support of our community, dedicated volunteers, and generous donors, the event saw an outstanding turnout. Every unit of blood collected during this drive will go directly toward saving precious lives. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who participated, supported, and donated to make this noble initiative a grand success!

