



P. Manisankar, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, receiving the 'Best University Award' from President Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi. •

BDU receives 'Best University Award'

For excellence in NSS activities

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Bharathidasan University has been honoured with the Centre's Best University Award for execution of National Service Scheme.

President Ram Nath Kovind handed over the trophy to Vice-Chancellor P. Manisankar at a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Tuesday. On behalf of the university's NSS Cell, A. Lakshmi Praba received the Best Co-ordinator Award that comprised a certificate, medal and cash prize of ₹3 lakh.

The NSS Cell of BDU has in its fold 313 NSS units in 122 colleges across eight districts. Each NSS unit with 100 volunteers adopt a village.

BDU has the largest number of NSS units in a State university in Tamil Nadu. With funding from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, the NSS Cell, through its NSS volunteers in affiliated colleges, planned to do 100 NSS villages in 2017-18.

36,502 units of blood, conducted 972 medical camps, conducted 2,27,259 awareness Programmes related to various social issues, and performed 421 Swachh Bharat activities in the last three years (from 2015-16 to 2017-18) in the adopted villages.

The NSS Cell of BDU leveraged Corporate Social Responsibility funding of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Tiruchi, to supply and install electrical incinerators in government schools and colleges for safe disposal of sanitary napkins. In all, 181 incinerators worth ₹60 lakh were installed in 174 institutions.

Besides, various assets worth ₹4 crore were created through NSS.

In appreciation of the activities, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, honoured BDU with the NSS Award in the university category, a press release said.

Only two universities in the country were chosen for the NSS award for 2017-18 in the category of university.