

## **Food Drive (07/04/2024)**

On 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, NSS Unit, Mariani College under the guidance of Programme Officer, Ms. Kritika Agarwal organised a meet-up and food drive at Sarathi Old Age Home located at Lichubari, Jorhat. Ten (10) volunteers took part in the event and went there at 11:00 a.m. along with the NSS, P.O to meet thirty (30) old and elderly loving grandmothers in the Ashram.

The event was part of the units ongoing commitment to community service and social welfare. The items for the lunch were carefully packed and carried to the Ashram. The main aim of the drive was to bring joy and support to the grandmothers living in the Ashram talking to them and spending quality time with them. Many of the grandmothers shared their life stories and experiences. The volunteers introduced themselves to the grandmothers, enjoyed by singing traditional songs, reciting poems and also sharing own experiences. All the volunteers also took active part in preparing the lunch to serve them. The grandmothers took lunch along with the volunteers. The grandmothers expressed their gratitude for the lunch and time spend with them. The drive ended successfully at 4:00 pm.

The volunteers gained deeper understanding of the challenges faced by the elderly mothers and the importance of empathy and compassion. The NSS Unit plans to continue such initiatives in future and the event served as a reminder of the importance of caring for the elderly people.



