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### **Thalassemia and Diabetic awareness session**

Academic Year: 2023-24

Name of the Event: Thalassemia and Diabetic awareness session

**Date of the Event:** 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Venue: Mohini Chhabria Convention Centre, I2IT

Event Coordinator: Dr. Sandeep Varpe (NSS Programme Officer) and Mukul Madhav

Foundation.

Number of Participants: 200 students + 14 Staff members

#### Activity Description in Nutshell:

On 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023, an informative Thalassemia Awareness Session was conducted at our institute with the purpose of spreading awareness about Thalassemia, its impact, and prevention measures. The event was organized by NSS Unit in association with Mukul Madhav Foundation and aimed to educate participants about this genetic blood disorder prevalent in certain populations.

The session began with a comprehensive introduction to Thalassemia, explaining its genetic nature and how it affects the production of hemoglobin. Dr. Nita Munshi, Professor, Head and Director of the Laboratories, Ruby Hall Hospital, Pune elaborated on the genetic aspects of Thalassemia, explaining how the disorder is inherited and its implications for future generations. Total 200 students attended the session and 167 of them undergo thalassemia blood Test.



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Photo 1: Dr. Nita Munshi, Professor, Head, and Director of the Laboratories at Ruby Hall Hospital, Pune, elaborates on the genetic aspects of Thalassemia.



Photo 2: Students participate in Thalassemia blood testing

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## **Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign**

Academic Year: 2023-24

Name of the Event: Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign

Date and Time of the Event: 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023; 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm

Venue: Nigdi, Akurdi, and Hinjawadi

Event Coordinator: Dr. Sandeep Varpe (NSS Programme Officer)

Number of Participants: 22 NSS Volunteers

#### Activity Description in Nutshell:

The Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign organized by NSS volunteers during the Navratra festivals in Nigadi and Hinjawadi aimed to educate the community about breast health and raise awareness about the importance of early detection. Volunteers meticulously planned the event, ensuring it coincided with the festive atmosphere to maximize engagement. At the garba event in Nigadi, volunteers interacted with attendees, providing concise yet informative sessions on breast cancer and distributing coupons for breast cancer detection tests. This proactive approach facilitated meaningful discussions and encouraged individuals to prioritize their health amidst the festivities.

The campaign's impact was evident in the increased awareness and engagement within the community. Attendees gained a better understanding of breast cancer and its risk factors, empowering them to take proactive measures for early detection. By disseminating accurate information and resources, volunteers effectively bridged the gap between knowledge and action, fostering a supportive environment for open discussions about breast health. Moving forward,



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sustained efforts are essential to build upon the momentum generated by the campaign and ensure

continued education and support for breast health management in the community.



Photo 1: NSS volunteers engage participants, providing crucial information on breast cancer risk factors and symptoms during the awareness campaign



Photo 2: NSS Volunteers Enlighten Participants on Breast Cancer Risks and Symptoms during Awareness Drive



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Photo 3: Volunteers distribute coupons for Breast Cancer detection tests, empowering community members to prioritize their health and well-being

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# Lohagad Fort Cleanliness Drive

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Name of the Event: Lohagad Fort Cleanliness Drive

Date & Time of the Event: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Venue: Lohagad Fort, Malavali, Pune

Event Coordinator: Dr. Sandeep Varpe, NSS Programme Officer

Number of Participants: 10

#### Activity Description in Nutshell:

On 11 February 2024, volunteers from the I2IT NSS Committee embarked on a trip to Lohagad Fort, an ancient fort in Maharashtra. The primary objective of this initiative was to contribute to the preservation and cleanliness of the fort, ensuring its safety and sustainability.

The volunteers began by collecting litter, including plastic wrappers and bottles. Despite the challenging hot weather, the team worked diligently, fostering a strong sense of camaraderie. The clean-up effort focused on key areas of the fort, such as Ganesh Darwaja, Hanuman Darwaja, Narayan Darwaja, and Vinchu-kada, where a significant amount of plastic waste was found.

During the clean-up, it became apparent that many visitors lacked awareness about the historical significance and importance of maintaining heritage sites in India. The volunteers took the opportunity to educate the public on the need to preserve historical landmarks and



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protect the environment. Additionally, they encouraged other visitors to pledge to keep forts clean at Lohagad Paytha.

By the end of the day, the appearance of Lohagad Fort had improved significantly due to the volunteers' efforts. This initiative was not solely about cleaning; it was a demonstration of commitment to preserving historical heritage. The volunteers left with a sense of pride and accomplishment, knowing they had made a positive impact on both the fort and the community's awareness of its importance.

#### **Event Photos:**



Photo 1: NSS Volunteers at the starting point of Lohagad Fort, ready to begin their clean-up mission



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Photo 2: NSS volunteers collecting plastic waste at Hanuman Darwaja



Photo 3: NSS volunteers at Lohagad Paytha during the clean-up initiative





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## **Protection and Conservation of Visapur Fort Drive**

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Name of the Event: Protection and Conservation of Visapur Fort Drive

Date & Time of the Event: 12th & 13th February 2024

Venue: Visapur Fort, Malavali, Pune

Event Coordinator: TJ ACS College, Khadki

Number of Participants: 100

Participants from Our Institute: 02

Activity Description in Nutshell:

The two Days Protection and Conservation of Visapur Fort" drive, held at Bhaje Village near Malavali Railway Station Tal. Maval Dist. Pune, was organized by NSS of Savitribai Phule Pune University in association with Tikaram Jagannath Arts, Commerce and Science College, Khadki. This collaborative effort attracted NSS Volunteers from various colleges in Pune, Ahmednagar, and Nashik, aiming to engage youth in the preservation and restoration of local heritage sites.

The drive commenced with all selected NSS volunteers gathering at the ZP School, Bhaje, in the morning. Under the supervision of Principal Dr. Sanjay Chakane and NSS Program Officer Dr. Nilesh Kale, the volunteers convened for an afternoon lunch, adopting





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company and shared experiences. Principal Dr. Sanjay Chakane addressed the volunteers during the evening session, providing guidance and encouragement. Cultural activities, music performances, and interactive sessions were organized, underscoring the historical significance of Visapur Fort in the local context. The day concluded with a communal dinner, marking a successful start to the drive.

On the second day, volunteers began with an early breakfast before embarking on a trek to Visapur Fort, demonstrating unwavering enthusiasm and energy. When they got there, everyone started cleaning up the fort to make it look nice again. Equipped with gloves and garbage bags, volunteers diligently collected plastic wrappers and debris scattered across the fort premises. Dr. Nilesh Kale provided insights into the fort's historical background, enriching the volunteers' understanding and appreciation of the site. As the drive concluded, participants bid farewell, exchanging best wishes for future endeavors and reflecting on the rewarding experience of contributing to heritage conservation.



Photo 1: NSS Volunteers working together to clean up waste at Visapur Fort

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**Photo 2: Visapur Fort Pathway** 



Photo 2: NSS volunteers on Visapur Fort

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## **River Conservation Awareness and Mutha River Cleaning Program**

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Name of the Event: River Conservation Awareness and Mutha River Cleaning Program

Date and Time of the Event: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024; 8:30 am to 03:00 pm

Venue: Mamasaheb Mohal College, Pune

**Event Coordinator:** NSS of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) and Mamasaheb Mohal College, Pune

Number of Participants: 150

Participants from Our Institute: 08

Activity Description in Nutshell:

The River Conservation Awareness and Mutha River Cleaning Program, jointly organized by the NSS unit of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) and Mamasaheb Mohal College, Pune, on March 2, 2024, sought to promote environmental consciousness and address pollution issues in the Mutha River. The event commenced with a comprehensive briefing session at 8:30 AM, emphasizing the importance of river conservation and outlining the objectives of the cleaning program. Volunteers from both institutions, as well as NSS volunteers from the International Institute of Information Technology, Hinjawadi, Pune, actively participated in organizing the event, ensuring logistical arrangements were in place for efficient execution, including waste disposal facilities and safety measures.



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Throughout the day, volunteers engaged in cleaning activities along the banks of the Mutha River, targeting areas known for high pollution levels. Equipped with necessary cleaning materials, such as gloves and garbage bags, participants diligently collected litter and debris, with a particular focus on plastic waste and bottles. Concurrently, awareness sessions were conducted to educate participants and passersby about the adverse effects of river pollution and the significance of sustainable river management practices. The program yielded tangible outcomes, with a significant amount of waste properly disposed of, contributing to the restoration of the river's ecosystem. Moreover, the event successfully raised awareness among participants and the wider community, highlighting the pressing need for collective action in addressing environmental challenges. The collaborative efforts between NSS SPPU, Mamasaheb Mohal College, and International Institute of Information Technology, Hinjawadi, Pune underscored the pivotal role of youth-led initiatives in fostering environmental stewardship and advocating for the preservation of natural resources.



Photo 1: River Cleaning Awareness Session Conducted at Mamasaheb Mohal College, Pune



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Photo 1: NSS Volunteers from Mamasaheb Mohal College, Pune, Mobilizing for River Cleaning Activity



Photo 3: NSS Volunteers Actively Participate in The River Cleaning Process



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Photo 4: A Momentous Meeting with Adinath Dhakane Sir, Godamayi Pratisthan, Kopargaon

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