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Lohagad Fort Cleanliness Drive

Academic Year: 2023-24

Name of the Event: Lohagad Fort Cleanliness Drive

Date & Time of the Event: 11ᵗʰ 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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