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Protection and Conservation of Visapur Fort Drive

Academic Year: 2023-24

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

Event Photos:



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Photo 2: Visapur Fort Pathway



Photo 2: NSS volunteers on Visapur Fort

Dr. Sandeep Varpe NSS Programme Officer





Dr. Vaishali Patil Principal