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NSS SPECIAL WINTER CAMP REPORT(2023-24)

A one-week long NSS Camp was organized by the NSS Unit of JSPM.8 Rajarshi shahu college of Engineering Pune. This annual NSS camp was held for a week, commencing from the 25th Jan 2024 and concluding on the 31th Jan 2024 At Khamboli Tah, Mulshi Dist, Pune.

A collective of one hundred enrolled NSS volunteers actively engaged in the camp, evenly distributed between RSCOE and 121t College, with fifty representatives from each institution. The overarching aim of the National Service Scheme (NSS) is to foster personality development through dedicated involvement in community service endeavors.

We learned that socialization is a critical aspect of personal development and that it can enhance our communication, team work, and leadership skills. The experiences we have gained and the relationships we have built will stay with us for a lifetime, and we are committed to use these lessons to serve society and make a difference in the world.

We were fascinated by the diverse range of activities that where organized by us, such as Blood Donation Camp, Voter Registration, Eye checkup campaigns, Dindi, clean-up campaigns, and rural development initiatives. These activities helped us to foster a sense of social responsibility and allowed as to contribute to the betterment of the community. It was truly an eye- opening experience that helped us understand the importance of community service and the need to give back to the society.





Day 1: 25th Jan 2024

The camp received formal inauguration on January 25th, 2024, by the esteemed chief guest, Dr. R. K. Jain, Director of the College. The commencement ceremony was graciously welcomed by the NSS Programme Officer, Prof. B. B. Gadekar, who extended greetings to the Chief Guest, Prof. Sudhir Bhilla, Dr. Avinash Devasthai, along with all Heads of Departments (HoDs), and the dedicated NSS volunteers in attendance.

The inaugural session commenced with a moment of prayer, invoking success for the camp's proceedings, Subsequently, Prof. B. B. Gadekar, along with Prof. Rathod from the Electronics and Telecommunication Department, and Umesh Sir, delivered a comprehensive presentation highlighting the significance and pertinence of NSS within collegiate and educational settings.



Additionally, an overview of the primary activities slated for organization throughout the week-long camp was presented. During the inaugural address, the Chief Guest extended well wishes to the NSS volunteers and urged students to embrace self-reliance, aligning with the camp's central theme. Encouragingly, they emphasized that NSS should instill in students a readiness to assist others proportion.



The morning session concluded with a vote of thanks and a rendition of the National Anthem, fostering a sense of unity and patriotism among attendees.

We ensured all necessary supplies were loaded onto the buses and departed from RSCOE around 11 A.M. to pick up the I2FF volunteers. Upon arrival at I2FF, the Director extended best wishes to the students for the camp during his welcoming address.



Subsequently, we proceeded to Khamboli Village, which took approximately one hour to reach, arriving at 1 P.M. There, Mrs. Dipali Pradip Tawre, the Sarpanch, and Mr. Hanumant Baburav Barkar, the Vice-Sarpanch, warmly welcoined all NSS volunteers and the NSS Programme Officer.

Dr. Sandeep Warpe, the NSS Program Officer, delivered a speech titled "Naad Gavkaryanchya Matishi" from 3 to 5 P.M., fostering insightful discussions and engagement among participants.

All NSS volunteers undertook the initial task of cleaning the Vithaal Rukmini Mandir and the Gram Panchayat premises. This served as the primary activity for the day. Following dinner, the NSS Programme Officers organized teams to ensure an optimized distribution of work among the volunteers, facilitating efficient and effective completion of tasks.

Day 2: 26th Jan 2024

RSCOE

Republic Day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India and the country's transition to a republic on January 26, 1950. Each year, millions of Indians partake in witnessing the celebration, which showcases the nation's rich traditions, cultural heritage, and the spectacle of its progress and achievements. Alongside the entire nation, all NSS volunteers eagerly anticipated this significant day, embodying a sense of pride and excitement for the occasion.

In the morning, we commenced our day by awakening at 5 A.M. and embarking on a refreshing morning walk to the temple near the Z.P. School. Following this, we engaged in exercises and meditation to invigorate ourselves for the day ahead.

At 7 A.M., a significant gathering took place in the premises of the Gram Panchayat, where Mrs. Dipali Pradip Tawre, the Sarpanch, and Mr. Hanumant Baburav Baarkar, the Vice-Sarpanch, along with other esteemed members of the Gram Panchayat, students of the Zilla Parishad School, and numerous others, convened. It was during this gathering that the Sarpanch ceremoniously unfurled the national flag, marking the commencement of Republic Day celebrations.

For the NSS volunteers of Rajarshi Shahu College of Engineering Pune, this event offered a unique and enriching experience, allowing them to partake in the solemnity and grandeur of the occasion while fostering a deeper sense of patriotism and community involvement.

After breakfast, all volumeers proceeded to the Zilla Parishad School in Khamboli to partake in the Republic Day celebrations. The atmosphere was vibrant with every student of the Z.P. school joyously participating in the cultural fest. The national flag was ceremoniously hoisted by the Principal of the Z.P. school, followed by the recitation of the pledge by all present.

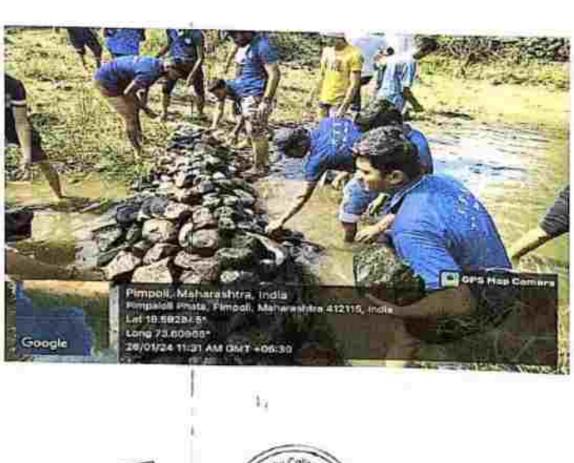
Teachers then addressed the gathering providing valuable insights into the significance of Republic Day and its importance in the nation's history.

The program concluded by 10 A.M. with everyone joining in the recitation

of the National Anthem, marking a fitting end to the commemoration of this auspicious day.

All volunteers proceeded towards the dam situated by the small river adjacent to the village. The Sarpanch outlined the necessary tasks, emphasizing the importance of installing gates at the dam and constructing barricades in front of it to regulate water flow, particularly beneficial during the summer season.

Divided into three teams, the volunteers efficiently executed their duties. Two teams diligently constructed barricades using stones along the riverbank, despite the chilling waters. Despite the challenging conditions, every student demonstrated resilience and dedication to completing the task at hand. The collaborative approach adopted by the teams proved fruitful, showcasing the effectiveness of teamwork over individual efforts.









Strategically positioning the stones, the students ensured the efficient storage of millions of liters of water for the upcoming summer months. During the rainy season, the dam gates are removed, and it falls upon the NSS unit to reset them. As summer approached, the timely installation of the gates was imperative. Notably, the efforts of the NSS unit resulted in a significant cost saving of 20,000 Rs for the gram panchayat, highlighting the impactful contribution of the volunteers towards community welfare.

After completing the work at the dam, every volunteer returned to the camp to refresh themselves. Following lunch, anticipation filled the air as everyone eagerly awaited Shubham Mote's speech on "Shivaji Maharajancha Jeevanpath" (The life journey of Shivaji Maharaj).

In his enlightening speech, Shubham Mote shed light on how Shivaji Maharaj carved out his own independent kingdom from the declining Adilshahi Sultanate of Bijapur, laying the foundation of the Maratha Empire. He emphasized Shivaji's historic coronation as the Chhatrapati of his realm at Raigad Fort in 1674.

Shubham elaborated on Shivaji's strategic prowess and valiant efforts in combating the sultanates of Bijago Shamshah, and the Mughals, ultimately establishing a Hintur kingdorf coaracterized by religious

toleration and a well-organized administration. Through his insightful discourse, Shubham Mote provided a deeper understanding of Shivaji Maharaj's significant contributions to history and his enduring legacy.

After dinner, a program was organized for the villagers at the temple, spearheaded by Darshan and Durvakur Kulkarni. The highlight of the evening was a performance of 'Bhartiya Abhijaat Sangit' (Indian classical music), which captivated the audience.

The villagers expressed their happiness and appreciation for the program, thoroughly enjoying the cultural spectacle. With the successful conclusion of the event, the day came to a fulfilling end, fostering a sense of camaraderic and joy among all participants.

Day 3: 27th Jan 2024

The next day on 27th January one team had to cook food and the rest of the team was given the remaining tasks and they were doing it, although there was not much work that day. In this place, and the other 2 The team was successful in creating awareness about Abhay Card and Voter Card.

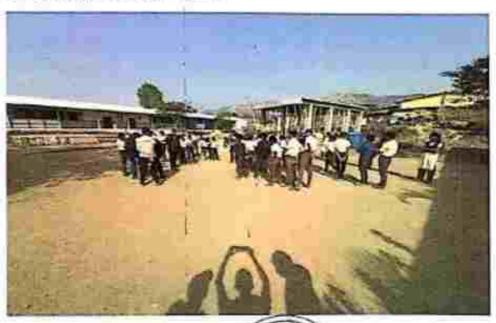




While the other 2 teams went to school to play and teach with the children but in the afternoon Dr. Pravin More's comment on "The need for water literacy time" was great after that. In the evening we took up team sports

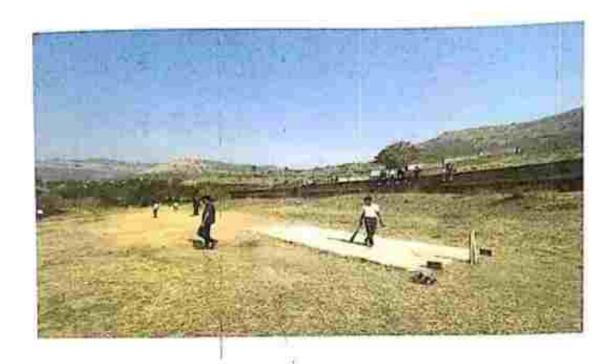
and it was played vigorously by the students.

At around 10 o'clock in the same night, a meeting of all was held, in which the daily report was to be submitted, after which the tasks for the next day were distributed.









Day 4: 28th Jan 2024

The fourth day of the winter camp dawned with the same vibrant energy and eagerness that had characterized the preceding days, as participants eagerly gathered to commence another day of enriching experiences and communal endeavors.

The morning commenced with an exhilarating trek through the verdant landscapes surrounding the campsite. As participants traversed winding paths and lush forests, they were enveloped by the tranquil beauty of nature, fostering a deep sense of connection and reverence for the environment. The trek provided a serene opportunity for introspection and contemplation, allowing individuals to immerse themselves in the natural splendor that surrounded them.









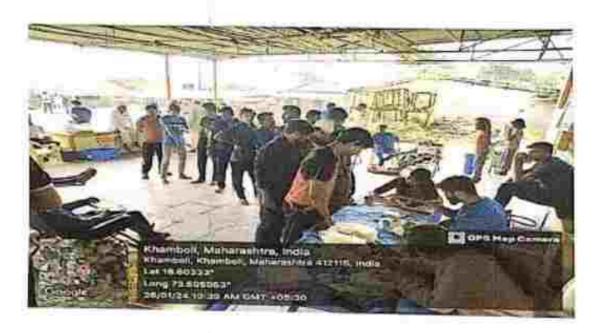
Upon their return, weary but invigorated from their outdoor adventure, the campers were greeted with a hearty breakfast meticulously prepared by the dedicated members of Team Shivneri. The communal meal served not only to replenish their physical strength but also to foster a sense of camaraderie and unity among the participants, as they shared laughter and stories from their morning excursion.

Following breakfast, the camp community rallied together for a village eleanup initiative, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship and committee velfare. With sleeves rolled up and hearts brimming with determination, participants worked in unison to



restore the pristine beauty of their surroundings, ensuring that their temporary home reflected the spirit of care and respect they held for the environment.

The highlight of the day came in the form of the Blood Donation and Health Checkup Camp organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS). Volunteers from the camp enthusiastically contributed to the organization and execution of the camp, embodying the spirit of selflessness and compassion as they generously donated blood to save lives and underwent health screenings to prioritize their well-being.







Post-lunch, the camp community gathered eagerly to listen to an enlightening lecture delivered by Dro Brikuwar Dubal on the topic of women empowerment. Dr. Dubal impressioned discourse sparked



meaningful conversations and reflections among the attendees, inspiring them to become advocates for gender equality and champions of women's rights in their communities and beyond.

The day continued with spirited sports activities, as participants engaged in friendly competition and teamwork, further strengthening the bonds of camaraderie and solidarity that had been forged throughout the duration of the camp.

In the evening, the villagers extended a warm invitation to the NSS volunteers for a cultural program at the Vitthal-Rukmini temple, providing an opportunity for cross-cultural exchange and mutual celebration. The shared experiences of music, dance, and storytelling served to deepen the connections between the camp community and the villagers, fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect and appreciation.

As the day drew to a close, a volunteers' meeting provided a platform for each group to reflect on and share their experiences and achievements of the day. The evening culminated in a soul-stirring Jagran-Gondhal program at the temple, where participants immersed themselves in moments of spiritual reflection and communal harmony, forging memories that would linger in their hearts long after the camp had concluded.

Day 4 epitomized the essence of community engagement, service, and cultural celebration, serving as a testament to the transformative power of collective action and shared experiences in fostering meaningful connections and lasting impact within the community.





Day 5: 29th Jan 2024

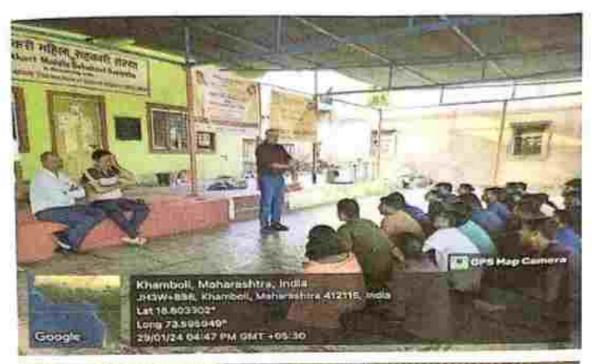
On 29th in the morning we went for treaking then had breakfast and cleaned the entire village the same day felt a bit too much work then On that day checkup camp was held. Free eye checkup was done on the same day.





in the afternoon Prof. Mandar Datar had a session on "things home stars" it was very awesome.







The session was conducted after lunch and then in the evening" Dindi" was taken out in which the children participated with full joy in which the villagers and the children took white caps and gumchha along with them.









Later took Vitthala's palanquin and carried the dindi in all the temples.

See I mean Balaji Khankare, my luck that I got the honor to shoulder the dindi and the students participated fully in that dindi along with the villagers.







The teams of both the colleges presented one street play in front of the entire village and convinced the people about things like hundabali, girl learned and progressed through this street play.









On the same day dinner was prepared by the villagers for all the NSS Students and we students enjoyed it

Due to so many activities that day, we woke up at 6am straight from the sleep we got in the night.





Day 6: 30th Jan 2024

Day 6 of the winter camp dawned with the familiar anticipation and punctuality that had come to define the participants' daily routines. As the first rays of sunlight pierced through the canopy of trees, the campsite bustled with energy and enthusiasm as everyone gathered for another day of adventure and camaraderie.

With spirits high and backpacks slung over their shoulders, participants set out on a trek, eager to explore the natural wonders that surrounded them. Amidst the tranquil beauty of the wilderness, bonds of friendship grew stronger, and spirits soared as laughter and conversation filled the air.

Upon their return, participants were greeted with the comforting aroma of a hearty breakfast prepared by Team Sinhgad. The communal meal served not only to satisfy hunger but also to nourish the soul, fostering a sense of camaraderie and togetherness among the campers.

Following breakfast, the camp kitchen buzzed with activity as everyone lent a helping hand in preparing a special lunch menu. With teamwork and collaboration at the forefront, participants worked side by side to create a feast fit for the occasion, showcasing their culinary skills and dedication to shared goals.







As the sun dipped below the horizon, the camp transformed into a hub of intellectual discourse and laughter with the arrival of journalist Mahadeo Waghmare, affectionately known as Mini Makarand Anaspure. With wit and wisdom, Mini Makarand regaled the audience with tales of humor and insight, emphasizing the importance of laughter in navigating life's challenges.



The enlightening session stretched into the evening, with participants hanging onto every word, their hearts uplifted and spirits buoyed by the power of shared laughter and wisdom. As dinner was served, participants gathered to reflect on the day's events and accomplishments, sharing stories and insights that further strengthened the bonds of friendship and community.

As night fell, the camp came alive with the vibrant rhythms of cultural activities, marking the significance of the camp's final night. Amidst traditional music and dance, participants reveled in the richness of their shared heritage, celebrating the diversity and unity that defined their collective experience.

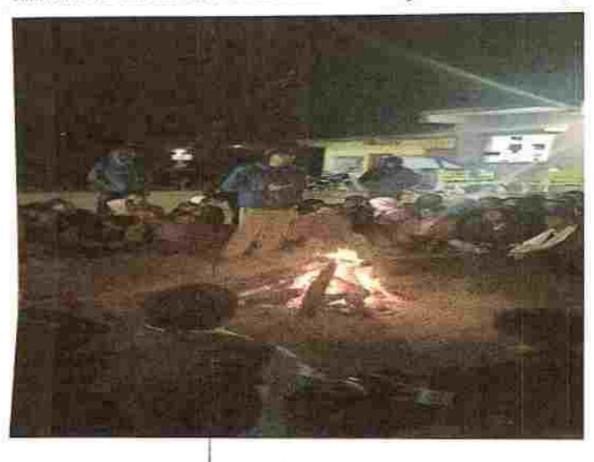
A crackling bonfire illuminated the night sky, casting dancing shadows on the faces of participants gathered around its warmth. In the flickering glow, spirited rounds of antakshari echoed through the night, filling the air with melodies of joy and companionship.

As the clock ticked past midnight and into the early hours of the morning, participants lingered beneath the start sky, cherishing the moments of



shared laughter and camaraderie that would forever remain etched in their memories.

With hearts full and spirits soaring, participants bid farewell to the night, their anticipation for the journey ahead tempered by the bittersweet realization that their time together was drawing to a close. Day 6 served as a poignant reminder of the transformative power of community, laughter, and shared experiences, reaffirming the bonds of friendship and camaraderie that had blossomed amidst the beauty of the winter camp.







Day 7: 31th Jan 2024

The last day dawned on January 31st early in the morning, everyone started packing their bags, breakfast was finished and we swept the room, leaving the bags out of the room, was not We didn't want to leave the friendship between I2IT and RSCOE, but after the Khamboli Winter camp ended, we had to go back to our respective colleges.



That day Misalpav means lunch was served by Sir. from where we left for our respective colleges.





* Conclusion *

We want to say here..

In fact, there we learned real life, learned to face situations, learned to get out of those situations, learned why to keep body fit through daily morning drills and exercises in the camp, learned the true meaning of National Service Scheme from this camp.

If we get a chance to come back, we will leave everything and join camp..

THANK YOU

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