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National Service Scheme (N.S.S.)



NSS SPECIAL WINTER CAMP REPORT(2023-24)

A one-week long NSS Camp was organized by the NSS Unit of JSPM,s Rajarshi Shahu College of Engineering Pune . This annual NSS camp was held for a week, commencing from the 17th Jan 2025 and concluding on the 23rd Jan 2025 At Khamboli Ta. Mulshi Dist. Pune.

A collective of one hundred enrolled NSS volunteers actively engaged in the camp, evenly distributed between RSCOE and I2IT 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 endeavours.

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 check-up campaigns, Jal-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 of Camp

Our Special Winter Camp started with a fun trip from college. Our College Director, Dr. Bhosale sir, came to say goodbye and wish us a great camp. He did a traditional poojan ceremony to start the camp. Then our buses left for the camp location, stopping at I2IT college to pick up 50 more volunteers of I2IT.

When we got to Khamboli village, we were amazed by how beautiful it was. The village was perfect for our camp, with lots of green trees and peaceful surroundings. We quickly got off the buses and started unpacking our bags. We cleaned and arranged our rooms to make them comfortable.

After a short rest, we all got together for a snack. Then we did a traditional Bhajan and Kirtan session

In which Mrs.Dnyaneshawari Mohite (sangit visharad ,Chichwad) and Mr.Mohite Maharaj served us a beautiful kirtan and bhajan which is a big part of Maharashtrian culture. Everyone had a great time by singing and dancing along with the songs. We all felt happy and connected to each other.

After the session, we relaxed and enjoyed the peaceful village. As night came, we went to our rooms, feeling happy and excited about the start of our camp. The first day was a big success, and we were all looking forward to the next few days.

As we went to sleep, we felt refreshed and ready for the adventures ahead. Our Special Winter Camp had started on a high note, and we were eager to make the most of this opportunity to learn, grow, and become good friends.





DAY 2 :-

The second day of our NSS Winter Camp was filled with meaningful activities and impactful learning experiences. We started our day with a refreshing morning walk, followed by some exercise and a short meditation session, setting a positive tone for the day ahead.

The highlight of the day was our Bandhara construction, where we worked together to create a small stone pool to conserve water. Additionally, we placed plates in the dam to control the water flow, ensuring that farmers can use the stored water for agriculture and daily needs. This activity reinforced the importance of water conservation and its role in sustainable farming.

Later, we visited a local school, where we engaged the students in fun activities, bringing smiles to their faces and encouraging interactive learning. The enthusiasm and energy of the children made this session truly special.

To deepen our understanding of water management, we had an insightful guest session, where we learned about the importance of efficient water use and conservation techniques. This session emphasized the need for responsible water management in rural areas.

A renowned guest our beloved Ravasaheb Nichit Sir came to guide us on the most neglected topic nowadays that is the water pollution .He was the one who was with us during our Pawana

Jal Dindi campaign and was sharing his knowledge regarding the water pollution how it is taking place explaining us even the minute precautions and causes of water pollution nowadays .He told us how an individual self can stand up himself and how he can be the change by taking an effort at the start and how things start getting bigger and how it leads to a big change in future. He shared some insightful examples with us through which we learned a lot of things about what to do and what not to do.

Special thanks to sir for giving his valuable time and making all of us aware of such information which we are usually kept away.

Overall, Day 2 was a blend of physical effort, social interaction, and valuable learning, making it a truly rewarding experience for all of us





Day 3

Our day began at 5:30 AM with a quick warm-up session, followed by trekking, yoga, and meditation, which refreshed and energized us for the rest of the day.

In the afternoon, we participated in Jal Dindi, a rally where we dressed in traditional attire and carried banners promoting water conservation, cleanliness, and NSS values while marching to the temple.

Later, we attended a session on plastic pollution, where we learned about its harmful effects and sustainable solutions.

In the evening, NSS organized Haldi Kunku to honor women in our community. This was followed by a healthcare awareness session covering essential topics such as nutrition, menstrual hygiene, and mental health. Later, senior NSS members visited our camp, shared their experiences, and engaged us in interactive activities, making the evening even more memorable.

The day was a blend of learning, social awareness, and cultural engagement, reinforcing our commitment to NSS values and leaving us with valuable experiences.





Day 4

The day began early at 5:30 AM, ensuring an energetic start for all the volunteers. By 6:00 AM, we commenced with a quick warm-up session, followed by an engaging schedule of trekking, yoga, and meditation. These activities not only helped in enhancing our physical fitness but also provided mental relaxation, making us feel refreshed and energized for the rest of the day.

In the afternoon, all NSS volunteers took part in a plastic collection drive within the village, contributing to environmental cleanliness and sustainability. This initiative aimed to spread awareness about waste management and environmental conservation. Additionally, in collaboration with the ECA committee, a laptop was donated to the local school, a significant step towards enhancing digital education for the students and supporting their learning opportunities.

As the evening approached, the Principal of IIIT College visited our NSS camp, where she delivered an inspiring session, motivating students to focus on improving their skills and overall development. Following this, the program officers of both JSPM RSCOE and IIIT conducted a joint meeting with all NSS volunteers, discussing key aspects of teamwork, leadership, and community service. Later in the evening, the Dean and faculty members of the A&R Department visited the camp, interacting with the students and appreciating their efforts in making the camp successful.

After dinner, a cultural program was organized where students showcased their talents through performances, adding a touch of entertainment and creativity to the day's events. To conclude the day's activities, a detailed report of all the engagements and initiatives was submitted to the program officer. Finally, after an eventful and fulfilling day, all volunteers retired to bed, feeling a sense of accomplishment and motivation for the days ahead.





Day 5

Moving towards the activities, we engaged in various tasks throughout the day. The first activity was a **self-defence training session** conducted at the school. Understanding that self-defence is crucial for personal safety, boosting confidence, and empowering individuals to protect themselves in dangerous situations, we focused on practical techniques. The training was conducted by **8 NSS volunteers**, who taught self-defence techniques to students of **8th and 9th grade**. We also demonstrated tricks to use in different situations. After completing the training, we gathered feedback from the students, which was overwhelmingly positive. They shared the beneficial impact of the training and on safety awareness.

Additionally, we carried out a **plastic collection drive** around the school and on our way back.

Meanwhile, other volunteers were engaged in updating **Aadhar cards, Ayushman Bharat cards, and voter ID cards** for the villagers by going door to door. The volunteers divided different regions among themselves to carry out this task efficiently. Through this activity, they were able to spread awareness about the importance of these documents. By interacting with the villagers, the volunteers developed meaningful connections and gained a deeper understanding of their problems.

Later in the day, we had an esteemed visit from **Principal Sir of JSPM's Rajarshi Shahu College of Engineering, Director Dr. S.P. Bhosle, Vice Principal Dr. Avinash Devsthali, Vice Principal Dr. Avinash Badhade, Administrative Officer Dr. Sunil Kandalkar, and SPPU Board of Studies member Dr. Mujumdar**. During their visit, students shared their feedback and insights about the NSS camp and its activities.

They also taught us the difference between **coordination and cooperation** through a great example. They discussed the role of NSS in society and shared various ways in which volunteers can contribute to the betterment of the community. Their words inspired us to take even greater initiatives for social change, ensuring a better future for ourselves and the next generations.

1. self Defence: volunteers while giving self-defence training to students



2. Volunteers with students



3. Students with villagers while updating aadhar card and Ayushman Bharat



4. Principal Sir visited to NSS camp 2025



Day 6

A bonfire session commenced at 10:30 PM, featuring poetry, shayari, and antakshari. Masala Milk was served at 2:30 AM, concluding the eventful day at 3:00 AM.

The day was filled with teamwork, learning, and memorable experiences, truly embodying the NSS motto: 'NOT ME BUT YOU.'

1. Morning Warm-Up : Volunteers participating in morning warm-up to start the day with positivity.



2. Kitchen Preparation: Volunteers working together to prepare kitchen.



Day 7

The last day of camp was filled with mixed emotions. Last night, we gathered around a bonfire, celebrating our culture through dance, poetry, and the shared joy of creativity. The entire camp experience had been full of energy, social commitment, and self-discovery. However, as the final day arrived, a sense of resilience was needed to face the inevitable goodbyes—to the villagers and the new friends we had made in such a short span of time. No one was ready to accept that we would be leaving in just a few hours.

The atmosphere was emotional as people shared their last conversations with the villagers. The bonds formed over these days felt as strong as family ties, and we could see the unspoken plea in everyone's eyes—don't go yet. The village had taught us valuable lessons, from punctuality to discipline, and we knew this experience would stay with us for a lifetime.

Throughout the day, volunteers continued engaging with the villagers. Some of us visited the local government school, where we interacted with students and conducted a career guidance session. We introduced them to various career paths beyond just medical and engineering fields, and the enthusiastic response from the students was incredibly rewarding. Their positive energy was contagious, inspiring us as much as we hoped to inspire them.

Around 1 PM, we returned from the school and had lunch, which was exceptionally delicious.

Then, the inevitable moment arrived—saying goodbye. Departing from such a beautiful village, where we had learned, shared, and contributed, was not easy. Every moment spent here was worth remembering, and as we left, we carried with us memories, lessons, and a deep sense of gratitude.

As the last day of our NSS camp dawns, a wave of emotions fills the air. The village that has been our home for the past few days now feels like a part of us, and saying goodbye is harder than we ever imagined. We've shared laughter, work, and meals with the villagers, learned from their stories, and helped in small ways to improve their lives. The bonds we've formed with each other—our fellow volunteers, the village children, and the elders—will remain in our hearts forever. With a mix of gratitude and sorrow, we bid farewell, promising to carry forward the lessons of compassion, teamwork, and selflessness we've gained here. Around 7 we reached at JSPM's Rajarshi Shahu College of Engineering and that's how our camp concluded.





*** 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 the camp.

THANK YOU

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