

NSS UNIT

SHRI VIJAYSINHA YADAV COLLEGE, PETHVADGAON

Report on the Guest Lecture on "Gad-Kille Sanvardhan"

Date: 23rd January 2024

Venue: Vitthal Mandir, Tasgaon Village, Tahasil Hatkanangale

As part of the week-long special residential camp organized by the NSS Unit of Shri Vijaysinha Yadav College, Pethvadgaon, under the guidance of the NSS Unit of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, a guest lecture on the topic "**Gad-Kille Sanvardhan**" (Fort Preservation) was held on the first day of the camp, 23rd January 2024, at Vitthal Mandir, Tasgaon.

Objective

The guest lecture aimed to create awareness among students about the historical and cultural significance of forts in Maharashtra and to inspire them to take an active role in their preservation and restoration.

Speaker

The guest speaker for the session was **Mr. Ajaykumar Vange**, a well-known expert in fort preservation and cultural heritage. Mr. Vange has dedicated years to promoting the importance of safeguarding Maharashtra's rich history through fort conservation efforts.

Details of the Session

- The session began after lunch with a brief introduction of the speaker by Programme Officer **Dr. A. V. Jadhav**.
- Mr. Vange spoke passionately about the historical importance of forts and their role in shaping the socio-political and cultural history of Maharashtra.
- He highlighted the challenges these forts face today, including neglect, encroachment, and environmental degradation, stressing the urgent need for their preservation.
- The speaker also shared inspiring stories of successful fort conservation initiatives undertaken by various organizations and individuals.

- Emphasis was placed on the role of youth in these efforts. Mr. Wange encouraged the NSS volunteers to participate in fort conservation projects and spread awareness about the importance of preserving this invaluable heritage.
- The session concluded with an interactive Q&A session where students actively engaged with the speaker, asking insightful questions about practical steps to contribute to fort preservation.

Participation and Attendance

The guest lecture was attended by 105 NSS volunteers, along with both **Programme Officers, Dr. A. V. Jadhav and Mr. D. B. Patil**, and other faculty members, including:

- Dr. S. J. Pawar
- Dr. M. A. Patil
- Mr. P. A. Khabade
- Dr. R. H. Karande

Their presence added to the importance of the session, ensuring students felt motivated and supported in their learning.

Outcome

The lecture left a profound impact on the students. They gained valuable knowledge about the historical significance of forts and the pressing need for their preservation. Many students expressed interest in participating in future fort conservation projects and pledged to spread awareness in their communities.

Conclusion

The guest lecture on “Gad-Kille Sanvardhan” was a resounding success, achieving its goal of educating and inspiring the students about fort preservation. It served as a perfect example of how education can empower youth to contribute to preserving cultural heritage.

The NSS Unit of Shri Vijaysinha Yadav College extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Ajaykumar Wange for his insightful lecture and to all faculty members and students for their active participation in making the session a success.



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