

NSS UNIT

SHRI VIJAYSINHA YADAV COLLEGE, PETHVADGAON

Report on NSS Special Residential Camp - Cleaning of Grampanchayat and Samaj Mandir Areas at Tasgaon Village

Date of Event: 25th January 2024

Venue: Tasgaon Village

Organized by: National Service Scheme (NSS), Shri Vijaysinha Yadav College, Pethvadgaon

In Collaboration with: NSS Unit, Shivaji University, Kolhapur

Introduction:

On **26th January 2024**, the **third day** of the **Special Residential Camp** organized by the **NSS Unit of Shri Vijaysinha Yadav College, Pethvadgaon** at **Tasgaon Village**, the volunteers focused on cleaning the **Grampanchayat (village council) area** and the **Samaj Mandir (community hall)**. This activity aimed to improve the cleanliness of two significant public spaces in the village, which serve as key centers for community gatherings and administrative functions.

The **cleanliness drive** was part of the larger effort of the NSS camp to contribute to the development of the village and promote a sense of environmental responsibility among students. The day's activities highlighted the importance of maintaining clean public spaces that are used by a large number of villagers for various communal and official purposes.

Objectives of the Activity:

- To **clean and maintain** the **Grampanchayat** and **Samaj Mandir areas**, which are important hubs for community activities in the village.
- To foster awareness about the need for cleanliness in public spaces and the impact of hygiene on the overall well-being of the community.
- To encourage students to engage in social service, promoting the values of **community service, teamwork, and environmental responsibility**.

- To empower the students to take leadership roles in **community development** by actively participating in cleanliness drives and awareness campaigns.

Organizers and Participants:

The following individuals were responsible for organizing and overseeing the cleanliness activity:

- **Dr. A. V. Jadhav** (NSS Programme Coordinator)
- **Mr. D. B. Patil** (NSS Programme Coordinator)

The faculty members who were present and guided the students during the activity were:

- **Dr. S. S. Patil**
- **Dr. S. V. Maske**
- **Mr. R. R. Chavan**

A total of **105 NSS students** from **first and second-year** participated in this cleanliness drive. The students were divided into teams, each assigned specific tasks related to cleaning and maintaining different sections of the Grampanchayat and Samaj Mandir areas.

Activities Conducted:

1. **Cleaning of the Grampanchayat Area:** The **Grampanchayat area**, being the administrative center of the village, was given special attention. The students worked together to clean the surroundings, removing **plastic waste, dry leaves, paper**, and other debris that had accumulated in the area. The volunteers also cleared any dirt and dust from the pathways and the vicinity, ensuring a cleaner and more welcoming environment for villagers who visit the Grampanchayat for official work.
2. **Cleaning of Samaj Mandir Area:** The **Samaj Mandir**, which is the community hall used for social and cultural events, was also thoroughly cleaned. The students removed **plastic bags, broken bottles**, and **other waste materials** that had been left behind in and around the Mandir. They

also cleared the area of dry leaves and swept the floors, making the space more accessible and comfortable for future community gatherings.

3. **Waste Segregation and Disposal:** As in the previous activities, the students practiced **waste segregation** during the cleaning process. The biodegradable waste (such as dry leaves) was separated from the non-biodegradable waste (plastic, paper, and other waste). This approach ensured that the waste was disposed of responsibly, with the biodegradable waste being used for composting and non-biodegradable materials being set aside for recycling or proper disposal.
4. **Public Awareness and Interaction:** During the cleaning drive, the students interacted with the local residents, discussing the importance of cleanliness and waste management. They encouraged villagers to keep the public spaces clean and shared tips on reducing plastic usage. This interaction helped strengthen the bond between the volunteers and the local community and further emphasized the importance of community participation in maintaining a clean environment.
5. **Teamwork and Coordination:** The volunteers were organized into small groups, each tasked with specific sections of the Grampanchayat and Samaj Mandir areas. This efficient organization ensured that the cleaning activity was completed in a timely manner. The students worked together seamlessly, demonstrating effective coordination, time management, and leadership skills.
6. **Briefing and Motivation:** Before starting the cleaning tasks, **Dr. A. V. Jadhav** and **Mr. D. B. Patil** gave a motivational briefing to the students, explaining the significance of the day's activities. They emphasized the role of the NSS in promoting community service and urged the students to adopt sustainable habits for a cleaner environment. **Dr. S. S. Patil, Dr. S. V. Maske, and Mr. R. R. Chavan** were present to supervise the volunteers and ensure the smooth execution of the tasks.

Outcomes and Impact:

- **Clean Grampanchayat and Samaj Mandir Areas:** The cleaning of the Grampanchayat and Samaj Mandir areas significantly improved the cleanliness and hygiene of these vital public spaces. Both the Grampanchayat office and Samaj Mandir are regularly used by the villagers, and the efforts of the volunteers helped make these spaces more inviting and hygienic.

- **Awareness of Waste Management:** The activity helped increase awareness about waste segregation, recycling, and the importance of maintaining cleanliness in public spaces. Many students and local residents expressed a renewed commitment to adopting cleaner habits and reducing waste in their surroundings.
- **Community Engagement and Cooperation:** The interaction between the NSS volunteers and the local community members was an important outcome of this activity. The villagers appreciated the volunteers' efforts and showed a keen interest in maintaining cleanliness in the village. The event demonstrated the power of collective action in creating a cleaner and healthier environment.
- **Skill Development and Teamwork:** The volunteers learned valuable skills in teamwork, leadership, and community engagement. By working together, they developed a sense of responsibility and ownership towards the cleanliness of public spaces, which will likely translate into their personal lives and future endeavors.

Conclusion:

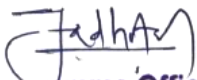
The **cleaning of the Grampanchayat and Samaj Mandir areas** on the **third day** of the **NSS Residential Camp at Tasgaon Village** was a highly successful and impactful activity. The efforts of the **100 NSS students**, under the guidance of their **programme coordinators and faculty members**, led to a cleaner, more welcoming environment in two important public spaces in the village.

This activity reinforced the importance of **community service, environmental responsibility, and teamwork**. The NSS volunteers not only contributed to the physical cleanliness of the village but also helped raise awareness about waste management and the role of every individual in maintaining public spaces.

The NSS unit of **Shri Vijaysinha Yadav College** continues to be committed to organizing meaningful activities that contribute to community development and promote environmental sustainability.




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