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Tree Plantation – Taljai

On July 9, 2021, the NSS Unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth's College of Engineering for Women, along with other college teaching faculty and NSS program officers Prof. S A Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam, visited Taljai for tree plantation. Principal of Bharati Vidyapeeth, Women's college Dr. S. R. Patil also joined the NSS unit in support of this good initiative.

Everyone planted a tree in Taljai's grove. Everyone enthusiastically participated in the activity. Trees such as neem, pipal, banyan, baabul, mango, and others were planted. This effort was taken to raise public awareness about the value of trees and measures to preserve them. How we should care for our planet. Save trees, the world, and the environment by adhering to the 3Rs credo of reuse, reduce, and recycle.

Taljai is a popular spot for a morning stroll, and many people can be seen there every morning. The locals applauded the NSS unit's action since it was an effort to protect the surviving trees while contributing little to fight climate change.





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AIDS Awareness Campaign

Since 1988, the first of December has been recognised as World AIDS Day, a worldwide day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and grieving those who have died as a result of the disease. The human immunodeficiency virus causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), a potentially fatal illness (HIV). The HIV virus targets the patient's immune system, reducing resistance to other 'diseases.' Around the world, government and health authorities, non-governmental organisations, and people mark the day, frequently with education on AIDS prevention and control.

The NSS Unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth's College of Engineering for Women, together with all other college teachers and NSS program officers Prof. S A Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam, began a campaign to promote awareness about this disease on December 1, 2021.

Volunteers shared their opinions on the AIDS pandemic and the measures that must be made to raise awareness. Following the COVID-19 epidemic, various awareness actions were discussed. Volunteers created several posters with statements about the Earth and the environment to raise awareness. Volunteers also read poems and gave short speeches about the importance of this epidemic. That is how the event was set up in order to increase awareness among the youth.





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Visit to Asara Foundation

The Helping Hands Foundation is a non-profit organisation that does social work for the underprivileged. It is a female-run institution. During the visit, a seminar was held for all guests to learn about how the foundation was run and the institution's inspiration. This organisation is primarily concerned with the well-being of the underprivileged and needy.

On January 1, 2022, the NSS Unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women in Pune paid a visit to the Helping Hands Foundation. This activity was attended by around 4 volunteers in addition to the NSS program officers Prof. S. A. Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam.

The NSS Unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women in Pune donated some food and a few other items to the foundation, which would be distributed to those in need. The volunteers gladly participated in this exercise. The NSS unit celebrated and greeted the New Year in this manner.





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Visit to Jijau Foundation

Rajmata Jijau, Chatrapathi Shivaji Maharaj's mother, was born on January 12. Rajmata Jijau Jayanti, observed on January 12 each year, honours Rajmata for her role in moulding Shivaji Maharaj's life, the solid upbringing she provided him, and how it helped him become the great leader of the Maratha Empire.

The NSS unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women in Pune arranged the event on January 13 2022, which was supervised by NSS Program Officers Prof. S A Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam at the Jijau Foundation. Principal Dr. S. R. Patil also joined the NSS unit for the visit to Jijau Foundation.

For this celebration, ten NSS volunteers arranged various activities such as Shiv Vandana, speeches, songs, and so on. This day was so commemorated with tremendous zeal and enthusiasm. The volunteers also distributed various books to the girls of the foundation.





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Heritage Conservation at Parvati Hills

Parvati Hill is a hillock in Bibewadi in Pune. Atop the hillock is the Parvati Temple, one of the most scenic locations in Pune. The temple is the oldest heritage structure in Pune and was built during the rule of the Peshwa dynasty. Besides the temple, the Peshwa Museum is situated there. The museum houses the weaponry, coins, utensils, wooden furniture, modes of transport (palanquin) and gifts acquired from the times of the Peshwas.

On the 31st of January 2022, the NSS unit at Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women in Pune took the initiative to conserve this historical landmark by cleaning its environs and educating people about the necessity of preserving these historical monuments.

NSS programme officers Prof. S.A. Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam, as well as other college staff members, participated heartily in this exercise. Together with NSS volunteers. This endeavour was a step toward cultural preservation.



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Savitribai Phule Jayanti

Savitribai Phule is considered to be the pioneer of India's feminist movement. Savitribai and her husband founded one of the first modern Indian girl's school in Pune, at Bhide wada in 1848. She worked to abolish the discrimination and unfair treatment of people based on caste and gender. She is regarded as an important figure of the social reform movement in Maharashtra.

On the occasion of Birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule, on 3 rd of January the NSS unit at Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women in Pune held a program celebrating her life. This program was attended enthusiastically by the Principal Dr. S. R. Patil, NSS Officers Prof. S. A. Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam and volunteers.

During this occasion, NSS volunteers shared their thoughts about India's first female teacher. Dr. S. R. Patil, the principal, advised pupils to emulate Savitribai. The program went smoothly.



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Heritage Conservation at Sinhgad Fort

Sinhgad is a hill fortress located at around 49 km southwest of the city of Pune. Some of the information available about this fort, suggests that the fort could have been built 2000 years ago. Previously known as Kondhana, the fort had been the site of many battles, most notably the Battle of Sinhgad in 1670. This most famous battles on Sinhgad was fought by Tanaji Malusare, general of Shivaji Maharaj of the Maratha Empire in order to recapture the fort in March 1670.

On February 6, 2022, the NSS unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women in Pune took the initiative to maintain this historical landmark by planting trees, cleaning the fort area, and participating in a few other activities. Cleanliness Drive, Swachhta, and Shramdaan efforts were carried out in the fort.

This visit was carried out by NSS volunteers along with NSS Program Officers Prof. S A Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam.



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Cleanliness Drive on S.M. Joshi Bridge

The NSS Unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth's College of Engineering for Women in Pune organised a cleanliness drive at the S.M Joshi Bridge in Pune on February 2, 2022. This activity was attended by around 13 volunteers from the NSS unit, as well as NSS program officers Prof. S A Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam.

The volunteers cleaned the area around the S.M. Joshi bridge by picking up debris and sorting it into dry and wet waste. They filled garbage bags and disposed them properly. They also attempted to raise public awareness about the need of hygiene.

This activity was carried out in order to urge students and the people of the city to keep their surroundings clean and to appreciate the value of a clean environment. This effort of the NSS unit was highly appreciated by the locals.





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SPPU visit for Statue Inauguration

Members of the Savitribai Phule Pune University paid a visit to the Savitribai Phule statue on February 14, 2022, in preparation for its inauguration.

The event was organised by volunteers of the NSS unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women Pune under the supervision of NSS program officers Prof. S A Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam.

The statue was beautifully decorated, and rangolis were made around it. The volunteers wore gorgeous navari sarees and performed skits, songs, and poems.





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Shiv Jayanti

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti, often known as Shiv Jayanti, is the birth anniversary of Maratha king Shivaji Maharaj. Every year on February 19, Shiv Jayanti is observed to commemorate the founder of the Maratha Empire.

On the 19th of February 2022, the NSS unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women, Pune, marked this momentous anniversary by assembling at the Shivaji Maharaj statue on the Bharati Vidyapeeth campus, as they do every year.

Five NSS volunteers, coordinated by NSS Program Officers Prof. S. A. Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam, decorated the statue's environs with lighting and flowers. On Maharaj's statue, a garland was also draped.

Officers from the nearby police station also arrived to witness this wonderful site. The NSS unit did an amazing job of honouring this occasion in this way, and they were well appreciated by everyone.





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Women's Day

NSS Unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth's College of Engineering for Women, Pune celebrated Women's Day and Tree plantation activity on 8th March 2022, Tuesday.

Tree plantation activity was held at Gorhe BK, Pune focusing on the concept of 'Nakshatravan' which 'Nakshatra' means star constellation and 'van' means forests, simply put together is Nakshatravan which is forming a garden or a forest with these trees associated with stars as per the Vedic astrology. A Nakshatra or lunar mansion is one of the 27 or 28 divisions of the sky that the Moon passes through during its monthly cycle, as used in Hindu astronomy and Hindu astrology. Each Nakshatra is identified by its prominent star(s) and is associated with a Zodiac. Hindu astrologers believe that each constellation of the zodiac is associated with a tree. Those trees are of medicinal, social, aesthetic or economic value.

We planted saplings namely Kajra, Aavla, Vad, Sal, Phanas, Ambaa, Rue, Shaami, Umbar, Jambhul, Arjun, Surangi, Bel etc. In this tree plantation activity, Dr. S. R. Patil Sir (Principal), NSS program officers Prof. S. A. Itkarkar, Prof. Dr. Sonali P. Kadam, Dr. Deepali. A. Godse (H.O.D. IT), and Prof. Anjali Kadam along with the NSS Volunteers of our college and teachers and students of Z-P School attended the event.

Women's day program was conducted at Z-P School, Gorhe Bk, and Pune. NSS volunteers of our college prepared various activities and competitions for students of the school. That included Drawing competition, Storytelling activity, dance, singing, poetry, games etc. Topics for the drawing competition were as follows:

(i) Save Trees, Grow Trees

(ii) Festival

(iii) Women empowerment

The students participated actively in the events and enjoyed them a lot. At the end of the event, results were declared succeeding with the prize distribution ceremony and jelly fruit candies.







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Visit to Shriramnagar (Pre Camp Visit)

The NSS unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women, Pune, made a visit to Shriramnagar on March 17, 2022.

Shriramnagar village is in the Ambegaon tehsil in the Pune district of Maharashtra, India. It is 17 kilometres from the sub-district headquarters at Ghodegaon (tehsildar office) and 55 kilometres from the district headquarters in Pune.

The goal of this trip was to inspect the location before the real camp. This survey included Program Officers Prof. S. A. Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam, as well as some NSS volunteers. The volunteers talked with the village residents about their lives and how they might try to assist them during their camp.



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Ram Krishna Math

The NSS unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women, on March 21, 2022 paid a visit to the Ramkrishna Math with 5 volunteers and NSS Officers Prof. S A Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam. The Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission are twin institutions at the heart of the Ramakrishna Movement, also known as the Vedanta Movement.

Inspired by the ideals of renunciation and service, the monks and lay devotees of the Math and Mission serve millions of men, women and children, without any distinction of caste, religion or race, because they see the living God in them.

This Math's goal is as follows: It will be a magnificent center of tolerance and international acceptance, of grand concord of all religions, creeds, and beliefs, sending forth a dazzling message of goodwill, peace, and harmony, leading the entire universe to emancipation.



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Workshop on International Women's Day

International Women's Day is an annual global celebration held on March 8 to honour women's cultural, political, and social achievements. It also serves as a focal point in the women's rights movement, drawing attention to topics such as gender equality, violence, and reproductive rights and abuse against women.

NSS volunteers, of the NSS unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women, Pune, along by NSS Program Officers Prof. S. A. Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam, attended a workshop on Women's day on March 23, 2022. The workshop was incredibly enlightening and provided insights into the lives of several females in various occupations.



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Workshop on Gender Sensitization

Volunteers from Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women in Pune, together with NSS Program Officers Prof. S. A. Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam, attended a workshop on Gender Sensitization at the University on March 24, 2022.

Gender sensitization is the practise of educating gender sensitivity and encouraging behaviour change by boosting knowledge of gender equality issues. Gender sensitization aims to discuss gender equality concerns and inspire participants to seek solutions.

The workshop helped in understanding the concept & insight of the law relating to Prevention of Sexual Harassment of woman at work place. The workshop was suitable for both genders. This will create a safe and healthy environment for women in the organisation resulting into better output.



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NSS Camp to Shriramnagar

The NSS unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering for Women, Pune, went on a 7-day camp to Shriramnagar with over 200 volunteers and NSS Program Officers Prof. S A Itkarkar and Prof. Dr. Sonali Kadam.

Shriramnagar village is in the Ambegaon tehsil in the Pune district of Maharashtra, India. It is 17 kilometres from the sub-district headquarters at Ghodegaon (tehsildar office) and 55 kilometres from the district headquarters in Pune.

During these seven days, the volunteers participated in a variety of activities for the children and elders of the village. They also planned some activities among themselves. The volunteers prepared their own meals. Some of the activities are listed below:

1. Adult Women Health Seminar
2. Home Minister for Villagers
3. Seminar on Communication Skills
4. Session by Mama's Kitchen

5. Session on Generation Gap
6. Annual Function for Villagers
7. Self-defence Workshop
8. Trek to Kadjai peak
9. Fancy dress competition for children and Anand Melava
10. Debate Competition
11. Bhajan

Health camp was also organized for the volunteers and the people of the village. The volunteers had a great time at Shriram Nagar. They gained an understanding of village life and formed wonderful relationships with the villagers.







