

## TREE PLANTATION

Date: - 16th August 2023

**Time**: - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Place: - Palghar, Maharashtra

Platform: - Offline

August 16th, 2023, Mumbai.

Meri Maati Mera Desh", with the tagline 'Mitti ko naman, veeron ka vandan', is a nationwide and people-led "Jan bhagidari" initiative to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' celebrates the many achievements of the nation. It involves paying tribute to the 'Veers' who protect our nation. Under the Meri Matti Mera Desh Campaign, the NSS (National Service Scheme) Council of Fr. CRCE College organized a significant tree plantation event in Palghar intending to promote environmental awareness and contribute to the local ecosystem. The event was carried out under the guidance of the NSS Program Officers, who actively participated in and supervised the entire program.

Upon reaching the volunteers were provided with breakfast which was arranged by our Program officer and they helped us explore the nearby areas that would be suitable for Tree Plantation. The tree plantation event commenced at 09:30 AM with a brief gathering of NSS volunteers and Program Officers at the designated location in Palghar. The favourable weather provided an ideal atmosphere for tree planting. The event began with an opening address by one of the NSS Program Officers, emphasizing the importance of tree plantation in combating climate change, conserving biodiversity, and enhancing the overall quality of the environment.

Volunteers and Program Officers actively engaged in the tree-planting process. The area was divided into multiple planting zones and each group was assigned a specific number of saplings to be planted. The process involved digging appropriate-sized pits, adding organic compost to enhance soil fertility followed by careful placing of the saplings, and finally backfilling the pits. The volunteers demonstrated great enthusiasm and responsibility throughout this process, ensuring proper care and placement of each sapling.

The NSS Program Officers played a pivotal role in overseeing the entire event, providing guidance to the volunteers on appropriate planting techniques, emphasizing the importance of maintaining ecological balance and sharing insights into the long-term benefits of the planted trees. Their presence and active involvement inspired the volunteers and added a level of expertise to the event.

The tree plantation event was a resounding success, with a total of 75 saplings planted. The active participation of NSS volunteers, coupled with the guidance of dedicated Program Officers, contributed to the event's effectiveness and success. This initiative demonstrated the commitment of the NSS Council to environmental conservation and served as an inspiration for sustainable practices among the college community. The event enriched the local ecosystem and provided insight for the participating volunteers, into the advantages of such activities.

The NSS Council aims to build upon the success of this tree plantation event by organizing many such activities that promote environmental awareness and contribute to the betterment of society.

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## An Insight into the Program:







