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## **National Service Scheme (NSS) – Special Camp Day 7**

Date: - 9th January 2024

Time: - 7:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Place: - Tandulwadi Village, Saphale

Platform: - Offline

January 9th, 2024, Saphale.

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Council of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering successfully organized the Seventh Day of our NSS camp. Day 7 began at 7:00 AM with a nostalgic cup of tea, bringing back memories of the brotherhood and shared experiences that defined our time together.

Our 39 NSS volunteers were organized into three groups, each with a unique set of responsibilities. Group 1, the kitchen team, enthusiastically took on the duty of assisting in the preparation of breakfast and lunch. Meanwhile, Group 2, the cleanliness squad, was tasked with cleaning the entire Naik Foundation campus, including the collection and segregation of seven days' worth of camp garbage into wet and dry categories. Lastly, Group 3, the cultural group, embarked on a meaningful journey to Tandulwadi village school to conduct a parenting seminar with the school kids, imparting essential ethics and values of the modern era.

Commencing their tasks at 8:00 AM after a hearty breakfast, each group demonstrated commendable dedication and teamwork. The kitchen team showcased their culinary skills, the cleanliness group transformed the campsite into a spotless environment, and the cultural group engaged with the local community, leaving a positive impact on the village school.

The cultural team went to the school. We organized an activity session for the students as well as for the teachers present in the school. One group of volunteers engaged in a wonderful session with the school students, imparting essential ethics and values and teaching them the importance of the Internet in our day-to-day lives. It was a lifetime experience engaging with the students as we got to live the inner child in ourselves. The second group interacted with the school teachers, conducting a parenting seminar on the new teaching methods.

As the clock struck 2:00 PM, all groups reconvened for lunch, sharing stories and laughter, cherishing the memories of the diverse activities they had undertaken throughout the camp. Post-lunch, every volunteer began packing their backpacks, symbolizing the end of a remarkable chapter in their lives.

At 4:00 PM, with a sense of fulfilment and accomplishment, all volunteers gathered with the program officers to board the bus, bringing an end to their seven-day sojourn. The journey back to Virar and Borivali was filled with a mix of joy and reflection, as each volunteer carried with them a bag full of memories and a heart full of satisfaction.

The NSS camp of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering had not only tested the physical endurance of the volunteers but had also woven a tapestry of shared experiences, brotherhood, and personal growth. As the bus reached its destination, the volunteers dispersed with a sense of achievement, knowing that the memories created during the camp would resonate with them for a lifetime. The NSS Council and its dedicated program officers successfully orchestrated a camp that not only instilled a spirit of community service but also fostered lasting bonds among the participants. The impact of the camp would undoubtedly extend beyond its conclusion, inspiring each volunteer to continue their journey towards excellence in their respective fields.

A Report by Ronak Raut, Event Coordinator.

## An Insight into the Program:







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