



VISVESVARAYA NATIONAL  
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
NAGPUR

PRAYAAS CLUB  
ACTIVITIES REPORT  
2022-23



One can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

## **About Prayaas:**

PRAYAAS is a socially-driven club at VNIT, Nagpur that brings together a select group of thoughtful individuals with the aim of uplifting the less fortunate and promoting personal growth. Founded in September 2006 with an initial membership of 10 individuals, the club has since grown to encompass around 100 members, all of whom receive guidance and mentorship from esteemed Professors In-charge, Dr. D.R. Peshwe and Dr. G.N. Nimbarte.

At the core of our mission is the belief that every activity we undertake must instill a sense of responsibility within us to give back to society and make a positive impact. We continually strive to expand our outreach and extend our services to those who are in dire need of assistance.

For us, service is a thing of beauty, and we approach it with a wholehearted dedication and a free mind, finding joy in the act of giving and the knowledge that we are making a tangible difference in the world.

## List of events activities organized in the academic year 2022-23:

Sr. No	Event Name
1.	Club Orientation Program for 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year
2.	Tree Plantation Drive
3.	Blood Donation Camp
4.	Raksha Bandhan
5.	Guest lecture
6.	Daan Utsav
7.	Club Orientation Program for first year students
8.	Science Exhibition (VIGYAASA'23)
9.	Ngo Visit
10.	Wish Tree
11.	Other Activities

## Club Orientation for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year

On **8<sup>th</sup> August 2022**, we conducted an orientation program specifically designed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The primary objective of this program was to provide them with a comprehensive overview of our club's activities, events, and initiatives. We also aimed to enlighten them on how their participation in our organization would make a positive impact on society.

Since Prayaas Club was inactive for 2 years due to corona this orientation program, give detailed information about every aspect of our club's functioning. This included a thorough introduction to our club's mission, vision, and core values. Additionally, we highlighted the various events and initiatives that we have undertaken in the past and our plans for the future.



## Tree Plantation Drive

On the **15th of August 2022**, a tree plantation drive was organized near OAT, in our college premises. The event was graced by the Director, along with several faculty members and students who joined hands to plant a variety of saplings.

The objective of the drive was to create a green carpet in our college, which would not only beautify the surroundings but also promote environmental sustainability. The organizers firmly believed that trees are not just a plant coming from soil, but a life force uprooting from nature itself.

The plantation drive was a great success, and it marked the beginning of a green revolution on our campus. It was a step towards a greener future and a healthier planet. The event also served as a reminder to everyone that every small act of kindness towards the environment counts and can make a big difference.



## Blood Donation Camp

We hold high regard for every single drop of blood and strongly advocate for blood donation as the ultimate form of giving. Consequently, we organized two blood donation drives on **August 15, 2022 and January 26, 2023**, right within CRC. The event was a collaboration with four prominent blood banks in Nagpur, attracting 300 students who voluntarily donated blood for a noble cause. Furthermore, the ceremony saw the felicitation of frequent donors who had donated blood six times or more. The event proved to be a tremendous accomplishment, and we were able to make a significant contribution towards the aid of those in need.



## Raksha Bandhan

On **August 11th, 2022**, the Prayaas Club organized a Raksha Bandhan event at the Upay NGO. The event was aimed at celebrating the bond between siblings and promoting the spirit of unity and love. It was a festive occasion where people came together to tie rakhi, exchange gifts and sweets, and enjoy cultural activities. The Prayaas Club worked hard to ensure that the event was a success and that everyone had a memorable time. Overall, the Raksha Bandhan celebration brought joy and happiness to all who participated, strengthening the community's bonds and spreading positivity.



## Guest lecture

A Guest Lecture was held on **October 24th, 2022** at the Multiactivity Centre, where Mr. Amrut Bang, the Joint Director of SEARCH Organization, was invited to speak. During the lecture, Mr. Bang discussed the NIRMAN Initiative and provided insights on the framework for leading a fulfilling life. He also shared examples of youth who have successfully pursued purposeful lives and highlighted the NIRMAN Workshops. Additionally, he highlighted the educational resources available through the NIRMAN program.



## Daan utsav

From **12th October 2022 to 20th October 2022**, Prayaas hosted a week-long event called Daan Utsav, also known as the Joy of Giving Week, in collaboration with Goonj, a well-known Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) founded by Mr. Anshu Gupta, a recipient of the Raman Magsaysay Award. The event is celebrated annually with the aim of promoting the spirit of giving among people.

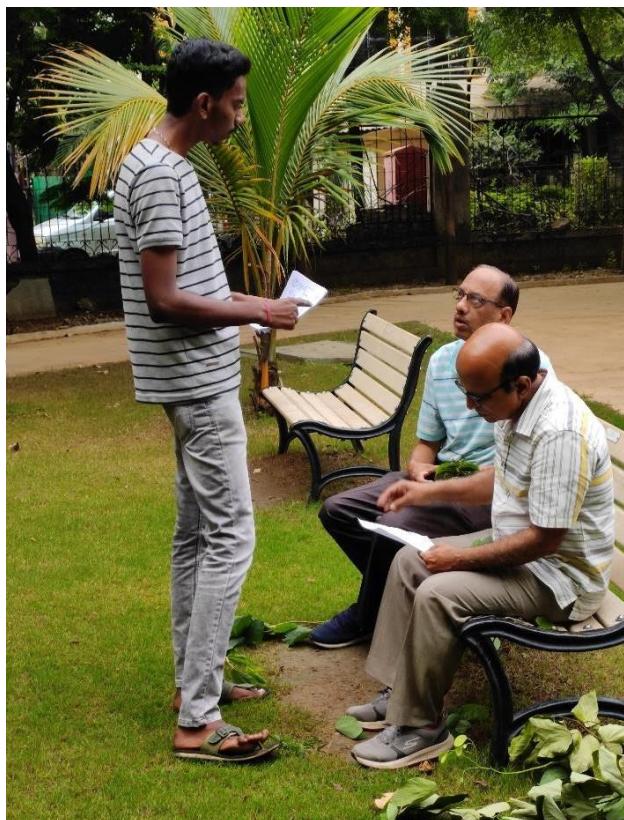
To expand the scale of this event for a noble cause, Prayaas teamed up with IOCL Petrol bunks, Rotary Club of Nagpur and Rotary Mihan. Together, they established 35 collection centres across Nagpur, making it easier for donors to contribute their support by donating quality reusable items.

The event was widely publicized, and many people took part in the campaign by donating items to the collection centres. It is considered one of the largest civil participation movements, providing a platform for everyone to contribute their support by donating items.

At the end of the week-long campaign, the collected material (more than 10,000kgs) was sent to Goonj where it was sorted into three categories: Family Kit, School Kit, and Dignity Kit (primarily for women). These kits were then distributed to those in need, including those affected by disasters.

Overall, the Daan Utsav event was a great success, thanks to the collaboration between Prayaas, Goonj, IOCL Petrol bunks, Rotary Club of Nagpur, and Rotary Mihan. The event's success was measured by the amount of material collected and the impact it had on the lives of those who received the kits. The event helped spread awareness about the importance of giving and encouraged people to contribute to the betterment of society.





# Club orientation program for first year students

On **20th November 2022**, we conducted an orientation program specifically designed for the recently enrolled students. The primary objective of this program was to provide them with a comprehensive overview of our club's activities, events, and initiatives. We also aimed to enlighten them on how their participation in our organization would make a positive impact on society.

During the orientation program, the newcomers received detailed information about every aspect of our club's functioning. This included a thorough introduction to our club's mission, vision, and core values. Additionally, we highlighted the various events and initiatives that we have undertaken in the past and our plans for the future.

Moreover, we emphasized the significance of self-development and the role it plays in contributing to society. We encouraged the new students to take an active part in our club's activities and work towards achieving our collective goals.



# Science Exhibition (VIGYAASA'23)

We, in Prayaas invest quality time and effort for a better society. The Science of today is the technology of tomorrow. With this view, Prayaasis organised VIGYAASA on **29th January 2023**, a science exhibition for the school students of Nagpur. The main motive of the event is to foster the culture of practical scientific education and innovation in the school students. The students of classes 6 to 10 pro-actively took part in the event and exhibited their technical soundness.

The students in a group of 3-4 per team, each team with the help of 2 members of Prayaas, exhibited their science models in the gathering where they were exposed to an atmosphere of questions and suggestions posed by the crowd which gave them innate knowledge. The bonding between the children and the members of Prayaas is stronger because Prayaas members are involved in regular teaching at those schools. In order to give their best, the students did a lot of keen study on their experiment in the short span of time they got.

More than 50 science models were displayed by children, out of which the top 10 exhibits were awarded. The Event was indeed a great success in terms of the knowledge gained by the students and it was an enthralling experience for them being exposed to diversity and broad thinking. The thirst for learning which the students showed was above all.



## Ngo Visit

On March 4th, 2023, our group had the opportunity to visit **Anandwan SMART Village**, a non-profit, non-governmental organization that has successfully empowered over 2.7 million people suffering from leprosy, other disabilities, and socially disadvantaged tribal communities through effective and sustained economic rehabilitation programs.

During our visit, club members engaged in meaningful discussions with the organization's staff and volunteers, learned about their mission, and gained valuable insights into the challenges they confront.



# Wish Tree

“A wish on the tree is what you addressed,

A smile on the face is what you got.”

Prayaas family hosted a Wish Tree event from **April 7th to April 9th, 2023**, where individuals contributed to the cause. Wishes were collected from children associated with the UPAY NGO and Valmiki NMC school. With the generous assistance of donors, we were able to fulfill the wishes of over 150 underprivileged kids, bringing smiles to



## **Other Activities**

We also worked as Scribe for blind people through Atmadeepam NGO. We helped them write their competitive examinations. Also, we provided books to first years through Prayaas Book Bank at the start of semesters. We regularly went for teaching students of municipal schools to guide them for scholarship examination conducted by the Maharashtra Board.

## **Organizing Committee of the club**

1. Ayush Jain
2. Raj Srivastava
3. Girraj Sharma
4. Malla Nagajyothi
5. Sai Keerthana bandreddy
6. Kathula Lahari Reddy
7. Lekhana
8. Jatin Rathore
9. Emani Sravya
10. Goldeep Bhanwar
11. Pallikonda Bharathisri
12. Shoumik Mahapatra
13. Mahendra Yadav
14. Praddyumna Durge
15. Praneeth chunduri