

St. Mira's College for Girls
(Autonomous- affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University)

Department of NSS

Winter Camp short report -2022-23

6th January 2023 to 12th January, 2023

Department of NSS had organized a 7 days camp at Kondhawle village, Taluka-Mulshi, District Pune from 6th January, 2023 to 12th January, 2023. For this camp total 47 students were there.

Day 1 - Date: 6/01/2023 Friday

Journey from St. Mira's college to Kondhawale village, Taluka Mulshi started at 8:30 am after uploading all the luggage and equipment's for the camp and reached at Kondhawle till 11:30 am on our way we put the college NSS banner on the entrance of the village. Students unloaded their luggage from the bus, cleaned the school hall, the place where they have to stay and helped in setting up the kitchen for the camp, and shifted their luggage to the allocated hall. They had their lunch and after settling down the students were divided into 6 groups (6 teams) and each group was given a volunteer, teams were-cooking, cleaning, water filling, toilet cleaning and shoes arranging, cultural, utensils cleaning team. The teams dispersed with their respective task. Tree plantation (2 mongo saplings) in the village school campus and in the Grampanchayat campus was done by the students. Cooking team started to prepare evening tea and then arrangements of the dinner. Cultural committee started preparing for inauguration program.

Inauguration program

Program started at 5:30pm following people were present for the inauguration program- Shree Vijay Kandhare (Sarpanch), Mr. Yenpure (Group coordinator of Education, Panchayat Samiti) and Mr. Pawar (Gram Panchayat



Member) of Kondhawale village were there. Program was started by Ms. Manjita kulkarni, she had given the outline for 7 days of the NSS camp. Then felicitation of the guests happened and Mr. Vijay Kandhare (Sarpanch) welcomed everyone to the village and assured all the cooperation for these 7 days along with the information about the structure and function of village Kondhawale. Mr. Yenpure addressed NSS students and shared his personal experiences and told about the importance of practical knowledge in NSS on the topics such as cleanliness, importance of organ donation, importance of respecting elders, service to parents etc.

At the end of day 1 students visited village temple and interacted with villagers, after the dinner next day planning and discussion took place. Students prepared slogans for next day's morning rally on the topic voter's awareness.

Day 2 - Date: 7/01/2023 Saturday

Morning begun with prayer, i.e. Sanctuary, followed by university song, NSS song, yoga and exercise, conducted by the senior NSS volunteer Yashree Dahad. Then groups were divided into two teams and went for morning rally with slogans spreading awareness on "Importance of voting". Students encouraged people to vote for the nation as well as for their benefits. Cooking team prepared tea and breakfast till the morning rally was returned. After breakfast all the teams were working on their assigned task like- cleaning, cooking, water filling, cultural program preparation, utensil cleaning, toilet cleaning and shoes arranging. In the shramdan -village road cleaning and school ground cleaning was done and garbage was disposed safely.

Self-defense session was conducted by our NSS senior volunteer Yashree Dahad, 4-5 NSS students helped her for volunteering this session for school children. Later, the same group of children played games with the girls. In the afternoon lunch was brought by the English department of St. Mira's college, before lunch, the teachers organized games based on intelligence and



creativity. First game was to make a character out of a non-living object. (Whatever was available around). The second game was standing in alphabetical order in accordance to their respective names. The third game was, similar to atlas, only it was played with every word in the English dictionary instead of places. Students enjoyed working in team and used their brain, creativity and quickness for these brain and memory games. After the games, in the afternoon students started preparing for the upcoming activities (their skits).

Same day Dr. Shalini Iyer, (Vice principal, St. Mira's college) and Dr. Soniya Chavan (retired HOD of Economics department) came to visit and stay in the camp. Dr. Soniya chavan had given an effective and influencing speech on rural development and how students can do their work in the NSS camp more effectively. In this speech more focus was on rural productions, startups for women and their development. Followed by this, there was a practical session on paper bag making for sanitary pads. In this session many red dot newspaper bags were made by the students. At the end of the day, students presented a group discussion on the topic "Life without social media and Mobile phones". Here they shared advantages and disadvantages of life without social media and mobile phones. Day was concluded with experience sharing and plan sharing for the next day. Students prepared slogans for next day's morning rally on the topic "water conservation."

Day 3 Date: 8/01/2023 Sunday

Morning begun as usual with prayer, i.e. Sanctuary, followed by university song, NSS song, yoga and exercise. Morning rally was conducted on the topic "Water conservation". Students spread the awareness of water and preserving the water. Every team completed their daily task and went for village survey. Students collected basic socioeconomic information from the villagers on questionnaire and some of them helped people in their daily chores like collecting wood for their daily work. Some volunteers started preparing school children for 26th January's program (Republic Day program). In this,



some patriotic songs were chosen for singing, dancing even one skit was also taught to the school children. For boys - Chak de India song (dance), for girls- 'Des Rangila' song (dance), for singing 'Ae watan' song for the occasion. NSS students conducted games for the village children. Students organized and conducted games like- musical chair, lemon and spoon, colour game, for the winners gifts like crayons and eraser were also given. All attended arti with the villagers and performed skit on the topic "Freedom from Gender discrimination". Everyone praised and appreciated this effort and hard work for the acting and storytelling in a simple but effective way.

In the end the mid-week camp feedback session was taken, in that what can we do more for the improvement and what they feel about the camp and work done by them was discussed and planning for next day's activities was done and students prepared slogans for the next day on the topic- 'Nutrition and Health'.

Day 4 Date: 9/01/2023 Monday

Morning begun as usual with prayer, i.e. Sanctuary, followed by university song, NSS song, yoga and exercise. Morning rally in the village was conducted on the topic- 'Nutrition and Health'. Students daily cleaned the school building, staircases, and all toilets (4), school ground and along with this their daily tasks assigned to them.

St. Mira's college teachers Dr. Hasina Shaikh (Dept of Education) discussed about the importance of education and adult literacy. She gave knowledge about the National Education Policy, bridge course and how society's orthodox attitude or thoughts towards education affect the individual's career.

Dr. Meenal Sumant (Dept of Economics) took an interactive session on 'Organ donation'. She informed about the function and importance of the



organs like heart, bone marrow, hands, legs, eyes, ears, kidneys etc.... Conditions on which you can donate your organ (Do's and Don'ts). After the session a role play and a debate was conducted on this topic. Students were divided into 4 groups, 2 groups were for the topic and 2 groups were against the topic of organ donation. After these sessions all the students went for shramdan, they made one chain and cleaned the stones from the school campus while doing the work they sung patriotic songs to make work enjoyable. Some students made proper water holding space for the plants putting bricks around the trees and cleaning their roots and nearby area. Some students started drawing warli painting and flowers on the school ground wall, and some started to write instructions on the school entrance. In the evening villagers called us for dinner in the completion of 16 Somwar Vrat of lord Shivji. At the end of the day discussion on the work and next preparation for slogans on the topic "Beti Bachao" was done.

Day 5 Date: 10/01/2023 Tuesday

Morning begun as usual with prayer, i.e. Sanctuary, followed by university song, NSS song, sports department students took cardio and mass P.T. exercises and pranayam. Morning rally was conducted on the topic 'Beti Bachao'. Winter was in its pick in last few days, with freezing cold still students managed their voice and did their best to spread awareness about the topic. Students completed their daily duties and continued with school ground wall painting. Warli painting, flowers, different geometric shapes were painted on that wall. Some students have written instructions, emergency contact numbers and school timings on the entrance wall. Other students were taking practice of the school children for republic day program (dance, song, and skit).

Principal In-charge Dr. Jaya Rajgopalan and Registrar Gauri Mhalgi visited the camp and talked with the students. Appreciated their work and asked them about their issues. Educational material like- story books, colouring books, charts was given to the school principal Sunita Mali madam by the



college from the hands of our Principal In-charge Dr. Jaya Rajgopalan and Gauri Mhalgi mam. From the college our Sevak and sevika's Varsha maushi, Chhaya maushi, Reshma maushi, Hammid Bhaiya also visited the camp and appreciated the hard work of the students. Digital literacy survey was done by the students, again they went for the survey because village gram panchayat wanted to know the difficulties people have for registering on gram panchayat application. So students surveyed and collected the reasons and difficulties which people had for registration and helped some of them to register on gram panchayat app. (mahaegram Citizen Connect). In the evening students organized and conducted fun fair for the women in the village. Games like-musical chair, tongue twister, and word chain along with applying mehndi on the hands was organized for women even for girls. All women were extremely happy and enthusiastically took part for the games. Those who won got the price. On the occasion of Angarki Chaturthi lunch was there from the villagers. Students volunteered for it and served the villagers even cleaned the temple premises after the lunch was over. Students enjoyed the village food and doing social service for them. At the end of the day students analyzed the survey forms which they filled by the villagers and prepared slogans for the next day on the topic 'Cleanliness-Disposal of garbage -wet and dry'.

Day 6 Date: 11/01/2023 Wednesday

Morning begun as usual with prayer, i.e. Sanctuary, followed by university song , NSS song , then some sports volunteers - Ojaswini Joshi, Janya, Lakshika took exercise and 4 suryanamskar's along with pranayam. Morning rally was conducted in the village on the topic- 'cleanliness- Disposal of garbage- wet and dry. All the daily activities - cleaning the school- hall, staircases, toilets, filling the drinking water, other water, ground cleaning, cooking everything was done by the teams. They got some time where every team except cooking practiced for cultural program which was in the evening.

Then guest lecture was there on the topic "Structure and function of self-help group" by Mrs. Maheshwari Bhame madam (Head of the self-help group-



Kondhawle village). It was an interactive session. She discussed the history of self-help group (Bachat Gat), talked about the difficulties which comes to start a Bachat Gat. She shared her own experience how she has dealt with all the difficulties in starting a Bachat Gat (self-help group). Bhame madam explained the process of starting a Bachat Gat and about the requirements which you need to fulfil. Then she explained the benefits of this Bachat gat for women and girls above 18 years and how they can become self-sufficient.

Another guest lecture on the topic 'Banking Awareness' was taken by Mr. Shailesh Kalekar (Mulshi taluka Coordinator, Pune District Central Bank). He told many different ways in which we can do bank transactions. He told students how and why should open an account in the bank and explained the process of opening the account as well as the documents which are require for it. He spread awareness about all digital ways in which we could do online bank transactions. Even dos and don'ts when we are using online platforms for banking. Sir talked about government health and life insurance schemes also. Pradhan Mantri Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jevan Jyoti yojana etc. And he encouraged students for safe banking process for saving. After the guest lectures, final dance performances by the school children were shown to the school principal. Students started to draw slogans and images on the gram panchayat wall and on the office. Then students practiced for the cultural program.

In this cultural program all the teams performed different things. One team performed skit on 'stop child marriage and educate the girl'. One more skit was presented by students on 'The differences in generations'. Dance was presented on the songs- 'Dilbaro' and 'Aise kyu ma', another skit was presented on the topic 'Adarsh Gao' and one team sung song fusion (songs from all decades 1 stanza of each song). Last team presented a mesmerising dance on the song 'Navrai mazi'. After the performances prize distribution was done for the games of children and women. St. Mira's college teacher's Dr.



Dimple Buche and Mrs. Shanthi Fernandis along with Ms. Manjita Kulkarni (NSS PO), Helping hand Mrs. Manda Gaikwad (Sevika) distributed the prizes, women and children were very happy and all the villagers appreciated the performance done by the students. Cultural program was ended on a happy note.

After the lunch students analyzed the survey forms which they filled by the villagers, prepared slogans for the next day on the topic 'Plant trees, save trees- preserve the environment'. Dr. Dimple Buche and Mrs. Shanthi Fernandis helped the students with survey form analysis and in the end all played a memory game conducted by the teachers, Dr. Dimple Buche and Mrs. Shanthi Fernandis.

Day 7 Date: 12/01/2023 Thursday

Morning begun as usual with prayer, i.e. Sanctuary, followed by university song, NSS song and exercise. Girls were divided into three teams one team was cleaning the school campus and garbage, second team went for morning rally on the topic 'Plant trees, save trees- preserve the environment'. One team planted the trees near Ancient Shiv temple in the village. Three trees- Mango, Jamun, Chikoo were planted in the temple and wad tree was handed over to the villagers due to no proper place for tree to plant. In the village many places were full with stones soil was very less, so it was difficult to plant saplings. Daily duties were completed by the teams and students who were doing painting on Gram panchayat office wall continued with their work. All school campus, building, toilets, ground everything was cleaned by the students and garbage disposal was done.

In the afternoon valedictory program was started at 12pm and following members were present for the program. Shree. Sunil Chandere (Vice president of Pune District Central Cooperative bank), Shree. Vijay Kandhare (Sarpanch), Shree Bhagwan Dhole (Member Gram Panchayat) Shree. Amitdada Kandhare



(Member, Pune District Planning Committee), Shree Nilesh Kandhare (Gram panchayat worker) from St. Mira's College Dr. Dimple Buche, Mrs. Shanthi Fernandes were present for this program. Ms. Manjita Kulkarni (NSS PO) welcomed all and given the review of seven days' work completed by the students in this camp. Chief Guest Mr. Sunil Chandere addressed the students, first he listened to their experiences of the camp, what they learned in this, observed and experienced during these seven days. Mr. Sunit Chandere was also a NSS student in his college days so he shared his experiences of his NSS days. He explained about how we become independent and self-sufficient while we are in this camp, he explained the exact meaning of NSS - 'NOT ME BUT YOU' through his experiences. He gave different female leader examples like Jijamata, Indira Gandhi, and Kiran Bedi etc... How they single handedly lead everyone towards development. He said females have the power to change the world, he also gave example of Gandhiji, how he never considered any work low, he never degraded anything, we shouldn't complain about anything. When individual acts in this manner he/she is always successful. He focused on time management, equality even he said the qualities you get through this NSS camp are more important and life changing. After Mr. Sunil Chandere, Shree Amitdada Kandhare addressed the students he appreciated the efforts taken by the students, everyone liked the painting on the school wall and on Gram Panchayat wall. Students gave white colour to flag hosting place also.

School hall and premises was handed over with clean and tidy building, campus, toilets etc... And dully completed work which was assigned to us by the authority. The NSS volunteers learned lot of things in these seven days, the volunteers bid a tearful farewell to all the villagers and came back to Pune with fond memories in their heart and learning's of simplicity, service and gratitude to remember forever.



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