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# NSS UNIT OF SIES GST

# **Event Report**

7 Days Residential NSS Special Camp at Bursunge Village, Taluka Murbad, Dist. Thane–From 08/01/2024 to 14/01/2024

#### **Event Information**

**Event Type: Outreach Activity** 

**Event Title: NSS Residential Camp 2023-24** 

Event Date: 8th January 2024 to 14th January 2024

Organized for: NSS Volunteers and residents of Bursunge village

Organized By: Prof. Mahesh Biradar & NSS Unit of SIESGST

Attachments: (1) Photos

(2) Impact Analysis





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## **Event Description**

The NSS Residential Camp, held from January 8th to 14<sup>th</sup>, proved to be an enriching and transformative experience for all participants. Organized with meticulous planning and a clear focus on community engagement and personal development, the camp provided an immersive journey into service and leadership.

#### **Arrival and Orientation:**

Participants assembled at Thane Station, Platform 10 ticket counter, on the morning of January 8th, before embarking on a journey to Aasangon Station followed by a 1-hour bus ride to the campsite. Upon arrival, they were warmly greeted and briefed on camp rules and regulations. Emphasis was placed on adhering to the specified list of items to bring, which included clothing, footwear, protective gear, utensils, personal care items, writing essentials, bedding, additional items like newspapers and sunscreen, and emergency cash. Notably, participants were encouraged to leave behind smartphones and watches to foster deeper connections with each other and the community.

#### Activities and Workshops:

The camp itinerary was diverse and engaging, encompassing a range of activities aimed at fostering teamwork, leadership skills, and community service. Participants were divided into groups and assigned various duties, including kitchen, administration, lost and found, cultural, and sports teams. To familiarize themselves with the village and its inhabitants, participants embarked on a village tour, engaging with locals to understand their daily lives and challenges. A visit to the proposed dam construction site provided insight into the upcoming project.

Throughout the camp, participants actively engaged in tasks such as village surveys, tree planting, dam construction, and sports activities like football. Workshops and sessions on yoga, cultural awareness, and personal growth were also conducted to provide holistic development opportunities.

## **Challenges and Achievements:**

Despite facing challenges such as inclement weather and physical fatigue, participants demonstrated resilience and dedication throughout the camp. Water management became a crucial task, with participants lifting 10 cans of water daily for various needs. The primary responsibilities were split between the digging and transportation teams, with the



actual construction work commencing on the third day. Teams worked tirelessly to dig, refine soil, and fill sacks, aiming to complete over 600 sacks within a limited timeframe.

#### **Culmination and Reflection:**

The arrival of super seniors injected motivation into the camp, spurring healthy competition among teams. With guidance from seniors, participants engaged in dam construction, stone clearance, and filling sacks of soil. As the camp progressed, breakfasts were efficiently carried to the dam site to optimize time. The culmination of efforts saw the completion of the dam, a moment marked by tears of joy and accomplishment. Additionally, a street play was performed for villagers, addressing taboo topics and disseminating important information.

#### Conclusion:

The NSS Residential Camp concluded with a bonfire surprise and an awards ceremony recognizing outstanding group performance. Participants received their NSS badges, symbolizing their commitment and contributions. With fond memories and valuable lessons, participants departed for Mumbai, enriched by their experiences at the camp. The NSS Residential Camp served as a platform for personal development, instilling a sense of responsibility and commitment to social change among participants, and leaving a lasting impact on both individuals and the community.

**TOTAL VOULENTEERS: 50** 

## **Photographs:**





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#### **Impact Analysis:**

The NSS Residential Camp offered a multitude of learning opportunities and left a profound impact on its participants. Through engaging in various tasks and activities, such as dam construction, village surveys, and community service projects, participants gained valuable insights and experiences. They learned the significance of teamwork and collaboration, realizing that collective effort is essential for achieving shared goals. Additionally, participants honed their leadership skills as they navigated different roles within teams, fostering qualities like communication, decision-making, and problem-solving. Interacting with villagers during the village tour and service projects deepened participants' understanding of community challenges and instilled empathy and compassion. Moreover, the camp provided a platform for personal growth, encouraging selfreflection and resilience in overcoming obstacles. Participants also developed a heightened awareness of environmental conservation and cultural sensitivity, recognizing their role in promoting social change and fostering sustainable practices. The friendships forged during the camp further enriched the experience, creating a supportive network and a sense of belonging. Overall, the NSS Residential Camp left an indelible mark on participants, equipping them with valuable skills, instilling a sense of social responsibility, and fostering a spirit of service towards the community.



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