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'TREE PLANTATION DRIVE' AND 'SENSORY GARDEN EVENT'

A REPORT

'Van Mahotsav, the festival of trees' was celebrated by our college between 1st to 7th of July'22 with great exuberance. This noble initiative was spearheaded by Maharashtra University of health sciences (M.U.H.S.) under auspicious occasion of 75th anniversary of our independence 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.' A tree plantation drive and sensory garden event was organised by our college NSS unit to inculcate environmental awareness among students and to incorporate environmental social governance by the college.

The event commenced from 1th July. A tree plantation drive was organised from 7 am onwards at Anandvan-2 in collaboration with Anandvan Foundation on 4th July. All the staff members and students assembled at the venue. An enthralling speech was given by Mr. Kumar, head of Anandvan Foundation regarding importance of planting trees and how to properly nurture them. It was followed by felicitation of Anandvan volunteers by Dr.Sangeeta Muglikar, head of dept. of Periodontology and Dr.Arun Kamble, head of dept. of General Medicine. Tree plantation drive followed shortly with each student and staff member planting two saplings each. This event concluded at 10 am. A sensory garden event was organised on 5th July at Empress Botanical Garden. The event commenced from 7am onwards. Students and members of the staff assembled at the venue and strolled through the garden. Main objective of this event was to enjoy a wide variety of sensory experiences. Every person present were in an awe describing the beauty and serenity of the place. We called it a day at 9:30 am. Tree plantation drive was again conducted on 6th July and 7th July at two different locations, namely Mhatoba Tekdi, Pashan and NDA tekdi, Bavdhan. The drive commenced from 9 am onwards. Members of staff and students participated in these events on rotational basis. Each department and under graduate students were allocated different event to participate so as to holistically involve everyone to be part of this noble initiative. '**One student, one tree**' an initiative by M.U.H.S. was taken into consideration positively. Each student was instructed to plant atleast one sapling and to nurture it until his/her graduation. This event concluded at 2pm.

These events will definitely bring a positive impact among students and members of staff alike. Every tree we plant is a breath of life. We should be earnest in taking advantage of these events to change perception regarding our environment and to take pragmatic approach in protecting ecological balance thereby improving relationship between human and the nature.

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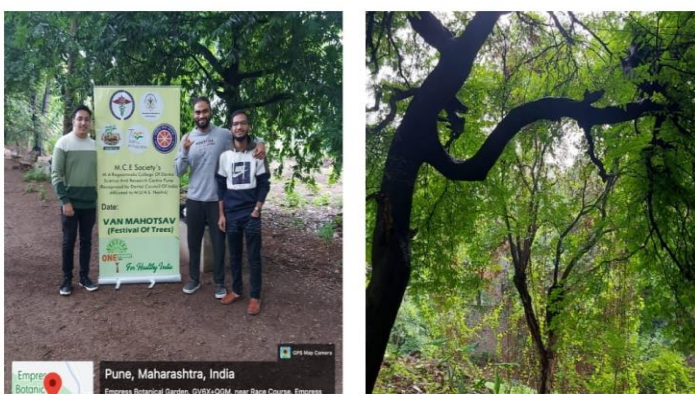
DAY 1

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE AT ANANDVAN-2 IN COLLABORATION WITH ANANDVAN FOUNDATION



DAY 2

SENSORY GARDEN EVENT AT EMPRESS BOTANICAL GARDEN





DAY 3
TREE PLANTATION DRIVE
AT MHATOBA TEKDI,
PASHAN



DAY 4
TREE PLANTATION DRIVE AT
NDA TEKDI, BAVDHAN