4. Vivekanand College's NSS: Pioneering Change in Vasagade Village

Introduction:

Vivekanand College, Kolhapur, has been engaging in exceptional work for society through its National Service Scheme (NSS). The college's NSS has adopted the village of Vasagade for a five-year period with the goal of transforming the village into a clean, healthy, and aware community. This initiative includes a range of community services and awareness programs aimed at enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Vasagade.

Initiatives in adopted Vasagade Village:

- **Cleaning Drives:**

Volunteers continuously engaged in cleaning the village's lake, streets, and temple areas. These efforts not only improved the aesthetics of the village but also promoted hygiene and cleanliness.

- **Tree Plantation:**

The NSS volunteers conducted tree plantation drives throughout the village, contributing to environmental sustainability and enhancing the village's green cover.

- **Health and Hygiene Awareness:**

The NSS organized eye check-up camps for villagers and provided expert opinions and advice. Additionally, the program conducted cleanliness drives to create awareness about the impact of hygiene on public health.

- **Educational Awareness:**

Volunteers engaged in educational awareness campaigns, emphasizing the importance of education for both children and adults.

- **Social and Environmental Rallies:**

The NSS organized rallies to address various social issues, from basic things like importance of cleanliness in daily life. Volunteers educated villagers about proper waste disposal, the significance of maintaining clean public spaces, and the positive effects of a clean environment on health and well-being, also focusing on women empowerment, aiming to break down gender barriers and promote equality. These rallies highlighted the role of women in society, the importance of education for girls,

and the need for equal opportunities in all aspects of life. These rallies organised with the aim to educate villagers and encourage positive change.

- **Letter of adopted Vasagade Village for Five Years**

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तसेच सन 2015-16 या शैक्षणिक वर्षातील विशेष श्रमसंस्कार शिबिराचे आयोजन दिनांक 19.01.2016 ते 25.01.2016 या कालावधीत घेण्याचे निश्चित केले आहे. तेव्हा आपली परवानगी व सहकार्य मिळावे ही विनंती.

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Community Impact: Vivekanand College had a considerable impact on adopted Vasagade village:

- The cleaning drives and awareness campaigns improved the overall cleanliness and hygiene of the village, leading to better health outcomes for the residents.
- Tree plantation efforts contributed to environmental conservation and provided long-term benefits such as air purification and increased biodiversity.
- The educational and health awareness programs helped villagers with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.
- The rallies and awareness lectures helped to bring important social issues to the forefront, fostering a sense of community engagement and responsibility.
- **Cleaning activities at vasagade Village Photos :**

- **Tree plantation, Health check-up and cleaning activity at Vasagade :**

Photo: Tree plantation in presence of Dr. S. Y. Hongekar, Principal Vivekanad College, Kolhapur.

Photo : Tree plantation activity at Vasagade Village.

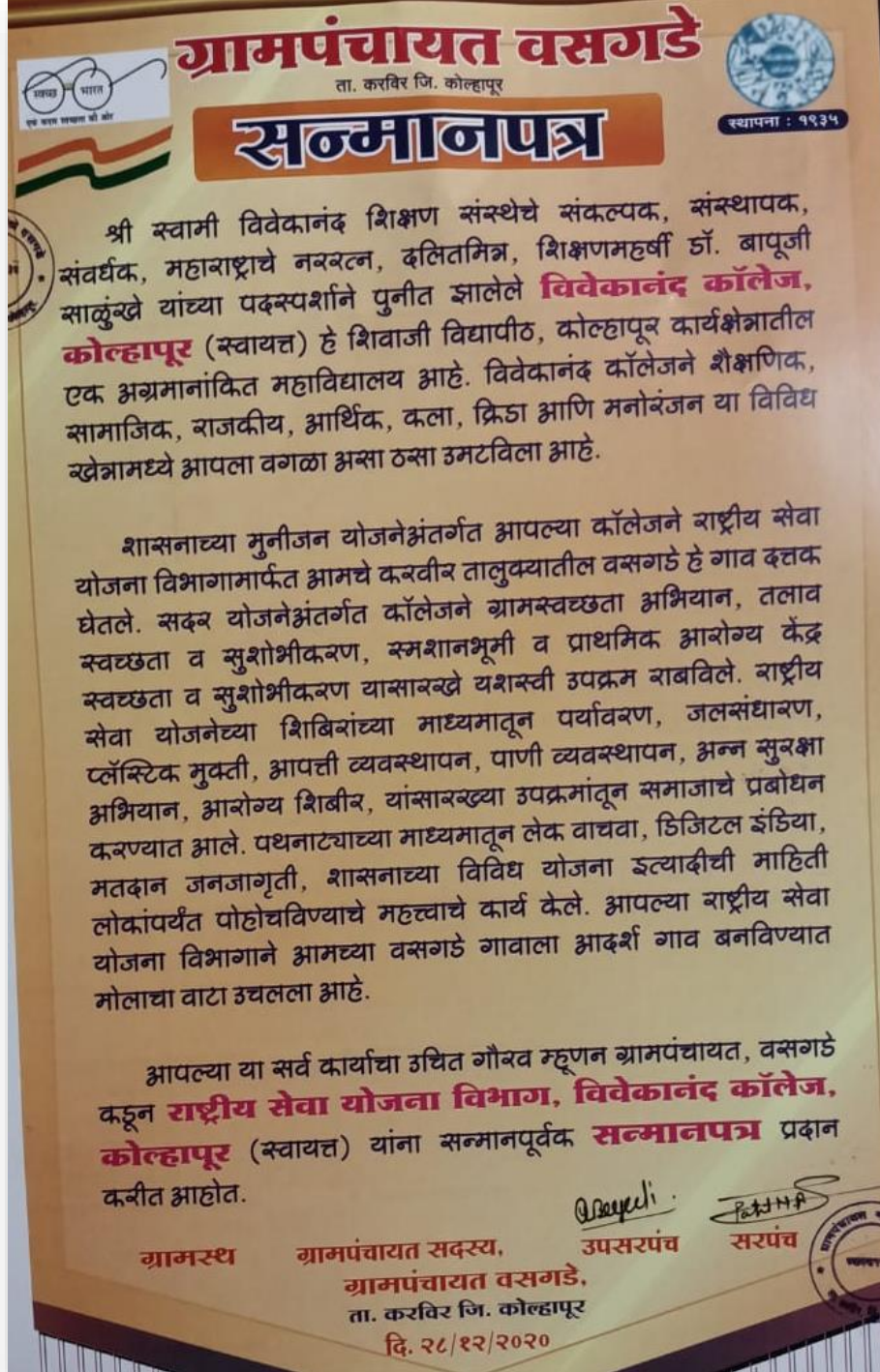Photo: Tree plantation at Vasagade Villagae

The NSS volunteers are actively participated in the lake cleaning, Plastic eradication, street cleaning, temple cleaning, tree plantation, rally regarding social issues, cleaning, and woman empowerment, and various awareness activities eye check-up activities.

- **News Cuttings:**

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Recognition:

Vivekanand College's NSS has made significant contributions to the Vasagade village through its dedicated community service, resulting in a cleaner, healthier, and more aware community. The Grampanchayat Vasagade recognized the college's impactful work by presenting it with a Sanman Chinha, honoring its commitment to pioneering positive change.

Translation of Award in Short: "Sri Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha's Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Autonomous) has made significant contributions to various fields, including academic, social, and environmental domains. Under the National Service Scheme Department, the college successfully adopted Vasgade village, implementing initiatives such as Gram Swachhata Abhiyan, lake cleaning, and health centre beautification. Through impactful activities like environmental conservation, water management, and awareness campaigns, the college has transformed Vasgade into an ideal village. In recognition of this exceptional work, the Vasgade Gram Panchayat has honourably presented Vivekananda College with a certificate of appreciation for its excellence."

Conclusion:

The Vivekanand College's NSS initiative in Vasagade village has made a substantial positive impact by fostering cleanliness, environmental sustainability, health awareness, and education among residents. Through cleaning drives, tree plantation, and awareness campaigns, the program has improved the quality of life in the village. The recognition from the Grampanchayat Vasagade through the Sanman Chinha highlights the college's success and dedication to community service and social change.

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