



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)



Not Me.... But You...!

Name of Event: Environment-Friendly Ganapati Visarjan
Date of Event: 17th September 2024
Time: 09:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Venue: Godavari River Ghat, Ramkund, Panchwati, Nashik

In Association with: Nashik Municipal Corporation

Coordinator: Prof. S.M. Mahajan, NSS Program Officer

Attendee: 45 NSS student volunteers

On 17th September 2024, the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of **Sandip Institute of Engineering and Management (SIEM)**, in collaboration with the **Nashik Municipal Corporation**, organized a special initiative for an **Environment-Friendly Ganapati Visarjan** at the **Godavari River Ghat**, Ramkund, Nashik. The primary goal of this initiative was to promote an eco-friendly approach to the **Ganpati Visarjan** process, preventing pollution of the **Godavari River** and raising awareness among the public about the environmental impact of idol immersion in water bodies. The event encouraged the collection of **Ganpati idols** from devotees for proper and environmentally responsible disposal.

Idol Collection Booths: The NSS volunteers set up dedicated collection booths at various points along the Godavari Ghat. Devotees were encouraged to hand over their Ganapati idols for immersion at designated eco-friendly sites rather than



directly into the river. Volunteers ensured that the idols made of plaster of Paris and toxic paints were separated from natural clay idols.

Public Awareness Campaign: The volunteers interacted with the public, spreading awareness about the harmful effects of immersing idols made from non-biodegradable materials into the river. They provided information on the environmental benefits of opting for eco-friendly idols and alternative forms of visarjan like artificial tanks.

Assistance During Visarjan: NSS volunteers actively helped in managing the crowd during the Visarjan process, guiding devotees to appropriate locations for idol immersion and ensuring smooth and respectful proceedings.

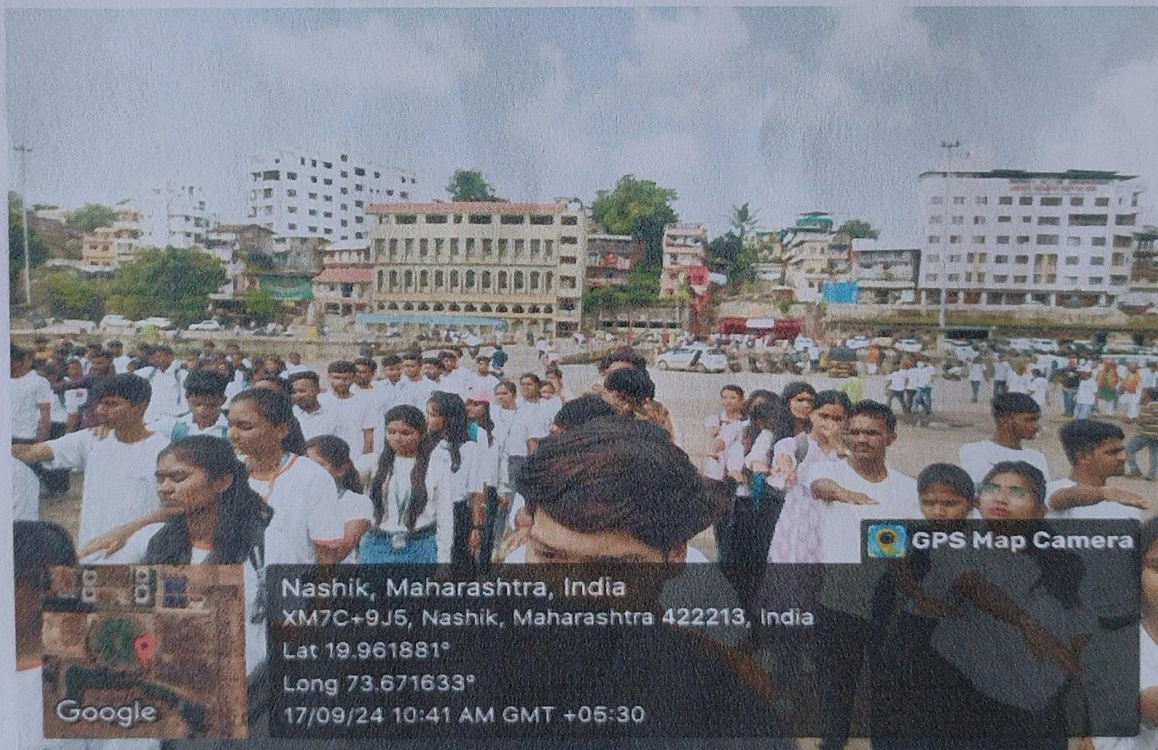
The event was coordinated by **Prof. Sunil M. Mahajan**, NSS Program Officer, with full support from the **Nashik Municipal Corporation**. The guidance of **Dr. Dipak P. Patil**, Principal of SIEM, ensured that the initiative was conducted in a systematic and effective manner.



Group Photo with Hon. Council Member of SPPU

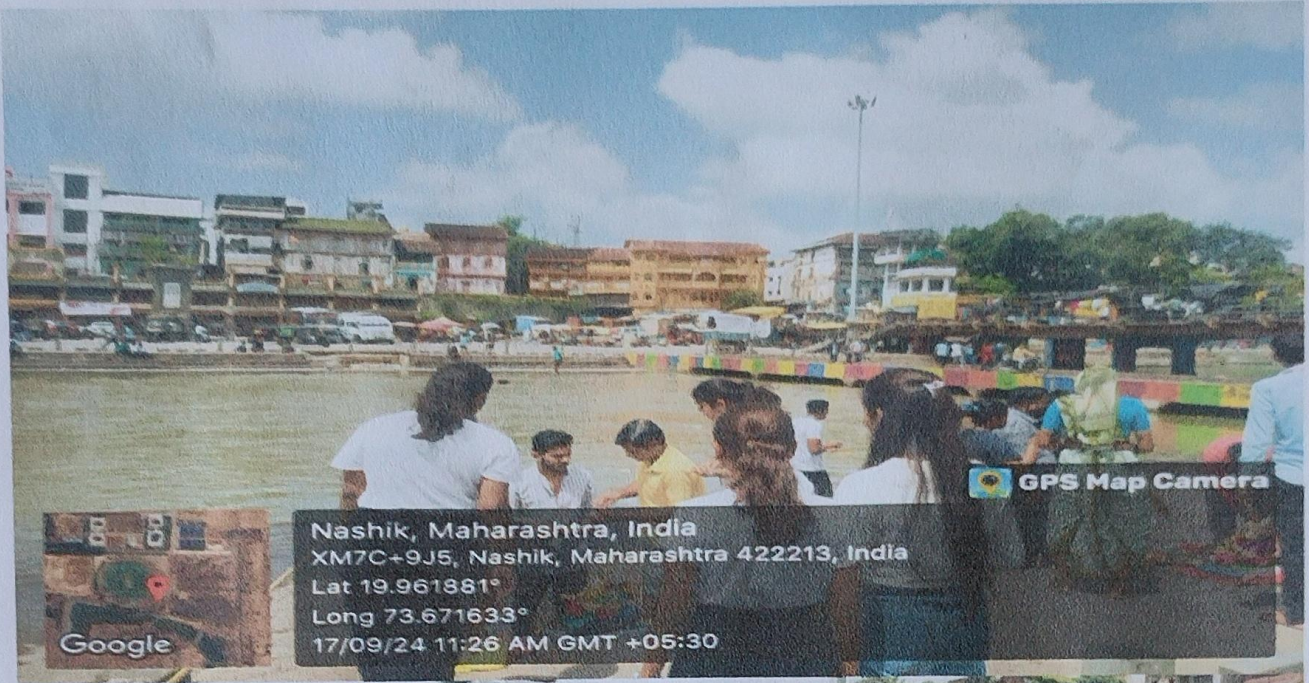


NSS program Officer with volunteers



NSS Volunteer taken a Pledge





NSS volunteer collected the Ganesha Idol



NSS volunteer Group Photo



Prof. Sunil M. Mahajan
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