

Report

on

Cleanliness Drive in vicinity of Moraya Gosavi

Mandir, Chinchwad, Pune.

1.0 Introduction

Our country is an abode for worship places. Many pilgrims pay due visits to these places to seek blessings from the Almighty. But pilgrims usually forget to maintain cleanliness in and around the religious places. As said 'Cleanliness leads to Godliness' must be understood by one and all.

One such religious place known as 'Moraya Gosavi Mandir' is located in Chinchwad area of Pune city. It is a very ancient Ganapati temple known for its serene and calm structure. People from local as well as distant places come here to offer worship to their beloved Ganpati Bappa. Adding to its scenic beauty, the Pavana River flows very adjacent to this temple. As, so many pilgrims visit the temple, the Local Government of this place has crafted a beautiful garden alongside the temple on the banks of the river for recreation purpose. Increase in the number of pilgrims or tourists has led to increase in food stalls in the temple premises.

Crowding in one place leads to littering in the area. Same is the case at Moraya Gosavi Mandir. Considering the situation, a Cleanliness Drive was organized by the National Service Scheme, RSCOE, Tathawade and Faculty of Community Engagement Projects, Department of Engineering Sciences in collaboration with Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation and Tata Motors and Environmental Consulting Agency ECA, Pune on 28th September 2024.

2.0 Objectives of the Cleanliness Drive

The main objectives of conducting this drive were

- To clean up the litter in the temple area and maintain purity of the temple premises.
- Raising awareness about cleanliness among the near by people and pilgrims visiting the place.
- Imbibing sense of responsibility towards clean environment amongst the citizens.

3.0 Activities undertaken during the Cleanliness Drive

The cleanliness drive was mainly led by the Environmental Consulting Agency, Pune along with NSS team, RSCOE, Tathawade. There were three locations which were identified to be highly littered. In order to clean up these three locations, the first-year students of RSCOE

undertaking the course on Community Engagement, were divided into three groups. Each being deployed at one particular location. The locations were as below:

1. Location 1: Moraya Gosavi Ganesh Visarjan Ghat, Chinchwad, Pune.
2. Location 2: Jijau Tourism Centre, Chichwad, Pune.
3. Location 3: Aditya Birla Ghat, Chinchwad, Pune.

The students were provided with masks and hand gloves for safety purpose during picking up the garbage by the PCMC sanitation department. Every group was also provided with 2 dustbins for collection of the garbage. The students would collect garbage in their respective dustbins and dump it in a common area. This garbage was then lifted by the and dumped in the garbage truck by the PCMC individuals for further safe disposal.

4.0 Achievements of the Cleanliness Drive

The team of students, faculty, NSS team, Tata Motors team, ECA team and PCMC team as a whole worked together for a noble cause of protecting the environment and were successful in collecting a huge amount of garbage and disposing it away in a safer method.

5.0 Conclusion

The cleanliness drive was a big success and many more such drives shall be conducted in near future in order to spread the awareness of cleanliness amongst the citizens of our country.