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Pune -411037

Title of the Event	My River My Valentine (River cleaning activity by NSS unit)		
Date of the Event	14th February 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	To promote environmental consciousness and instill a sense of civic responsibility among students through active participation in river-cleaning efforts. To spread awareness about the detrimental effects of river pollution and encourage sustainable and responsible waste management practices.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Dr. Vishal Bhaware.		
A short narration of the program			
On 14th February 2025, the NSS unit of St. Vincent College, Pune undertook a remarkable environmental initiative titled “My River, My Valentine”—a symbolic gesture of love and responsibility towards nature. On a day popularly celebrated for romantic affection, the college chose to extend that love towards Mother Earth by organizing a river-cleaning drive along the banks of the Mula and Mutha rivers. This activity was a part of the college’s ongoing commitment to sustainability and civic engagement and witnessed active participation from NSS volunteers, faculty members, and student volunteers from various streams. The event commenced early in the morning, with volunteers assembling at designated riverbank locations, equipped with gloves, biodegradable garbage bags, rakes, and protective gear. Under the supervision of NSS Program Officers and faculty members, the teams were divided into groups to target different stretches of the riverbanks. Over the course of several hours, they worked diligently to remove plastic waste, discarded clothing, thermocol, glass bottles, metal cans, and other pollutants that choke the rivers and pose a threat to aquatic and human life. Special care was taken to segregate waste and dispose of it through appropriate municipal channels. Apart from the hands-on cleaning effort, awareness placards and banners were displayed to educate passersby and local residents about the hazards of river pollution and the need for responsible waste disposal. Volunteers also interacted with locals, encouraging them to adopt eco-friendly practices and actively participate in the protection of their natural surroundings. The symbolic theme of “My River, My			



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Valentine” was a call to action—to express one’s affection not just for people but also for the environment that sustains life.

The event concluded with a reflection circle where volunteers shared their experiences, challenges faced during the activity, and personal takeaways. The principal, Dr. Anil Adsule, lauded the efforts of the NSS unit and emphasized the importance of youth leadership in driving environmental reform. He also reminded everyone of their collective duty as citizens to preserve the rich natural heritage of Pune, especially the rivers that are lifelines of the region.

The “My River, My Valentine” activity not only brought attention to the urgent need for river conservation but also helped foster a deeper emotional and ethical bond between the youth and their natural environment. It stood as a heartfelt reminder that love for the planet is just as vital as love for people.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	NSS unit of St. Vincent College.
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	• Students gained firsthand experience in environmental activism and understood the impact of human activity on natural ecosystems. • They developed teamwork, leadership, and community engagement skills while contributing to a meaningful cause.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	Students were imparted firsthand experience of the environmental problems facing their immediate neighborhood. The organizing team also successfully created an engagement of the students on such issues.
No. of Participants	NSS members and other volunteers from St. Vincent College. (50+ students)
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Vishal Bhaware.
Documents Attached	1. Attendance Sheet 2. Geotag photographs 3. Resume of resource persons if any 4. Copy of remuneration paid if any 5. Notice of the event 6. Thank you letter to the resource persons



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