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Title of the Event	Tree Plantation drive by the NSS unit		
Date of the Event	16th August 2025	Place of the event	Bhojdari village in Taluka Sangamner, District Ahilyanagar
Objectives of the Event	The Tree Plantation Drive aimed to promote environmental conservation through community action, foster a personal and cultural connection to nature by linking tree planting with maternal reverence under the theme “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam,” and strengthen collaboration between the college, local authorities, and rural communities for sustainable development.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Prof. Yogesh Mate, Coordinator of the Board of Student Development and Dr. Vishal Bhaware Coordinator of NSS		
A short narration of the program			
<b>Tree Plantation drive by the NSS unit</b>  On 16th August 2025, the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of St. Vincent College, Pune, in collaboration with the Board of Student Development, organized a One Day Tree Plantation Drive at Bhojdari village in Taluka Sangamner, District Ahilyanagar. The event was conducted under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," which aimed to create an emotional and social connection between tree planting and the respect and gratitude associated with motherhood. The drive began at 10:00 a.m. with an inaugural ceremony that included the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the chief guests, symbolizing knowledge, growth, and a collective commitment to environmental responsibility. Dr. Vishal Bhaware, NSS Programme Officer, welcomed the gathering and outlined the purpose and significance of the initiative, emphasizing the role of youth in environmental conservation.  The program was attended by several dignitaries, including Dr. Kiranji Lahamate, MLA of Akole Constituency, Shri. Amol Khatal, MLA of Sangamner Constituency, Shri. Mohan Tamhane, Forest Officer from Sangamner, Dr. Anil Adsule, Principal of St. Vincent College, and Prof. Yogesh Mate, Coordinator of the Board of Student Development. In their addresses, the guests spoke about the urgent need for afforestation, the long-term benefits of tree planting for ecological balance, and the importance of community participation in protecting the environment. They appreciated the symbolic gesture of dedicating			



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each sapling in the name of mothers, noting that it adds a cultural and emotional value to the act of planting trees and encourages a sense of personal responsibility toward nurturing them.

Following the inaugural session, the plantation activity was carried out with active participation from 50 NSS volunteers and 4 college staff members. A total of 1,000 saplings were planted, primarily consisting of Pam trees and coconut trees, which are well-suited to the local soil and climate conditions of the region.

Each participant planted a sapling and formally dedicated it to their mother, reinforcing the emotional and social message of the campaign. The site was coordinated with the help of local forest department officials, who also provided guidance on proper planting techniques and post-plantation care.

The event succeeded in fostering a strong sense of environmental awareness and civic responsibility among the students. It also strengthened the collaboration between the college, local authorities, and the rural community. The presence of elected representatives and forest officials underscored the importance of institutional and governmental support in sustainability initiatives. At the conclusion of the event, a formal vote of thanks was delivered by a faculty member, acknowledging the contributions of all stakeholders, including the guest dignitaries, NSS volunteers, support staff, and local community members.

The college has committed to periodic follow-ups to monitor the survival and growth of the planted saplings, with plans for future visits to ensure proper maintenance. This tree plantation drive is part of the NSS's broader annual action plan for the 2025–26 academic year, aimed at promoting sustainable development and community engagement. Overall, the event was a well-organized, meaningful, and impactful initiative that combined environmental action with social values, leaving a lasting impression on all participants.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	Board of Student Development and NSS
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	NSS volunteers gained hands-on experience in afforestation, learned about native species and proper planting techniques, and internalized the emotional and civic significance of environmental stewardship—viewing tree care as an act of gratitude and long-term responsibility.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The NSS unit and Board of Student Development enhanced their capacity to execute large-scale, value-integrated sustainability projects, built strong partnerships with local



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	government and forest officials, and established a model for future eco-initiatives that combine ecological action with cultural meaning and student engagement.
No. of Participants	50 Students of NSS and Faculty members of St. Vincent College
Faculty in Charge	Prof. Yogesh Mate, Coordinator of the Board of Student Development and Dr. Vishal Bhaware Coordinator of NSS
Documents Attached	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attendance Sheet</li><li>2. Geotag photographs</li><li>3. Resume of resource persons if any</li><li>4. Copy of remuneration paid if any</li><li>5. Notice of the event</li><li>6. Thank you letter to the resource persons</li></ol>