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## "WALKATHON ON ACCOUNT OF GANDHI JAYANTI" - Event Report

### OBJECTIVE:

- Promote Cleanliness and Hygiene:** To inspire students, staff, and the community to contribute towards cleanliness, symbolizing Gandhi Ji's philosophy of "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." The event promotes a cleaner and more hygienic environment for all.
- Environmental Sustainability:** To increase awareness about environmental sustainability and emphasize the importance of responsible practices to maintain cleanliness and hygiene.
- Health and Well-being:** The Walkathon aimed at promoting physical activity while simultaneously focusing on the larger goal of community well-being through cleanliness and proper waste management practices.

### Event Description:

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, October 2, 2024, the NSS D. Y. Patil College of Engineering, Akurdi (DYPCOE) Unit A-106, organized a 'Walkathon' with the theme '**Walk Together for a Cleaner Tomorrow**'. The Walkathon commenced at 7:30 am from the college premises and concluded at Bhakti Shakti Garden. The primary goal of the event was to raise awareness about cleanliness, environmental hygiene, and sustainability through an engaging and impactful walkathon.

Participants from various colleges in and around Pune gathered early in the morning, armed with placards and banners promoting the message of

cleanliness. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, NSS volunteers, faculty members, and local residents. The participants spread messages of maintaining cleanliness in public places, proper waste disposal, and reducing pollution. The route was carefully chosen to pass through prominent public areas, allowing participants to engage with the community.

As part of the walkathon, volunteers actively cleaned the surroundings during the walk, demonstrating the importance of keeping public spaces tidy and hygienic. In addition to spreading awareness, the event included small interactive activities, where participants pledged their commitment to maintaining cleanliness. Gandhi Ji's principles were highlighted throughout, and his contributions towards promoting hygiene in society were reiterated.

### **Participants and Contributions:**

Over 200 participants, including students from different colleges, volunteers from the NSS Unit A-106, and faculty members from D. Y. Patil College, participated in the event. The students took the lead in designing banners and posters with slogans and artwork promoting cleanliness, environmental sustainability, and personal responsibility. Faculty members and NSS coordinators played a crucial role in organizing and managing the event, ensuring the smooth execution of the Walkathon.

In particular, the active involvement of NSS coordinators, volunteers, and student leaders made the event successful. The walkathon had a well-defined route, safety measures were taken, and refreshments were provided at the end to thank the participants for their efforts.



## IMAGE GALLERY:

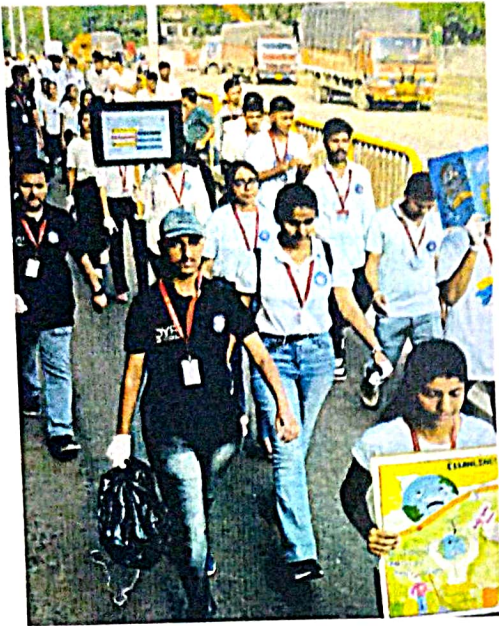


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### Outcome of Activity:

- 1. Increased Awareness:** The Walkathon significantly raised awareness about cleanliness and hygiene within the student community as well as the local public. The interactive discussions during the walk allowed participants to better understand the importance of maintaining clean public spaces.
- 2. Environmental Commitment:** Many participants pledged to follow cleanliness practices and promote them in their daily lives. By cleaning specific areas along the route, volunteers demonstrated a tangible commitment to a cleaner tomorrow.
- 3. Community Participation:** The event fostered a sense of responsibility and collaboration between students, faculty, and the local community. Several members of the community joined the walk, further emphasizing the event's reach.
- 4. Positive Impact:** By cleaning the surroundings during the walk, the participants set a positive example for others. The cleanliness drive highlighted the importance of maintaining public areas, reducing littering, and adopting sustainable habits.

### Challenges Faced:

While the event was largely successful, certain challenges were encountered, including ensuring adequate participation from students across all colleges and coordinating logistics for a large group of participants. However, these challenges were effectively managed through the diligent efforts of the NSS coordinators and volunteers.

### Conclusion:

The Walkathon organized by NSS Unit A-106 was a resounding success. The event not only raised awareness about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene but also provided an opportunity for students and community members to come together and work towards a shared goal of a cleaner, healthier environment. It underscored the values of Gandhi Ji and reminded participants of their responsibility towards society.

  
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