

**Name of the Event:** Haloli Donation Drive

**Types of Hours:** Area

**Date:** 26th August 2023

**Venue:** Haloli Village, Palghar

**Time:** 7am - 3pm

**Number of volunteers attended:** 23

**Number of beneficiaries:** 56

**Brief report of the event:**

The NSS Unit of Sophia College organised a donation drive at their adopted village Haloli on 26th August 2023. 23 NSS volunteers along with Programme officer, Dr. Vaishali Pachunde started their journey from Virar station to Haloli at 7:00 a.m. After reaching they headed straight to the local Zila Parishad School at Haloli. They received the warmest welcomes by the school faculty and the students. Volunteers were served refreshments as they reached. Dr. Vaishali Pachunde, P O was facilitated by the school staff. Dr. Vaishali Pachunde gave a session on the importance of education, cleanliness and the NSS motto "NOT ME BUT YOU" to the school students. There was an interaction session with the students of Haloli and DR. Vaishali Pachunde in which volunteers and students participated and enjoyed it .

Main Staff from the School gave vote of thanks to the NSS unit of Sophia College and PO, Dr. Vaishali Pachunde for their help and efforts. Volunteers and the school children interacted with each other and the donations received from the students and faculty of Sophia College were distributed amongst the students. Cash received in donations from the staff members of Sophia College, from that self cleaning kits including Self hygiene products such as toothpaste, toothbrush, hair oil, soap and face powder were distributed to the students to make them understand about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene. This will help the students to know the importance of keeping themselves clean. Donations also received 8 dozen of new long books, colour boxes, colour pens. A total of 200 books were given to the library of the school which was opened by the Sophia College NSS unit in 2019 consist of small story books and other 10 novels in Hindi and also some story books were in English to make the students understand the importance of education. Scholar students were given a Diary and pens as a token of their Appreciation, to encourage them.

**Volunteer's response:** The experience was very wholesome, fulfilling and nurturing. They became more aware towards protecting nature and using resources carefully. The NSS unit of Sophia College keeps coming up with such activities again and again.





