

## **SOPHIA COLLEGE NSS UNIT ORGANISED EVENT**

Name of the event: **Swacchata hi seva**, Virar station cleanup

Type of hours: Area

Date: 1st October 2023.

Venue: Virar station.

Timing: 9:00 am to 11am

Number of volunteers: 15

Number of beneficiaries: 1200 OR MORE.

A brief report of the event:

On 1st October 2023, under the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, a cleanliness drive was initiated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Under this campaign the NSS unit of Sophia College in association with Railways organized a Virar railway station cleanup drive. 15 Volunteers from Sophia College volunteered to clean the station premises. The event aimed to enhance the overall passenger experience, promote civic responsibility and create a cleaner and more welcoming environment for travelers. The clean-up event commenced at 9:00 am, with the enthusiasts including NSS volunteers, railway staff, students, local community members, and members of various organizations and political gathering at platform no. 2. Participants were provided with cleaning supplies such as brooms, gloves, trash bags, and masks. The railway station was divided into sections, and participants were assigned specific areas for cleaning. This division allowed for efficient coverage and ensured that all parts of the station were addressed.

All the volunteers from Sophia College worked extremely hard towards the cleanliness and beautification of the railway station premises. The cleanliness drive ended around 11:00 am. A small rally was also organized by the participants including railway authorities and other organizations and political parties, to promote the campaign of "Swacchata hi seva". The participants marched around the station premises with slogans and banners to spread the word and awareness. The NSS volunteers of Sophia College felicitated the railway authorities, station supt. MR. Rajesh Mhatre and Sr. Div. Operations Manager, Mumbai, Mr. Abhay Sanap for their unwavering support. Thanks to all the participants the campaign was a great success.

### **Beneficiary's response**

The hard work exhibited by the NSS volunteers during the railway station cleanup was truly inspiring. Everyone's collective efforts not only contributed to a cleaner and safer commuting environment but also served as a shining example of what can be achieved through teamwork and a shared commitment to a noble cause.



