

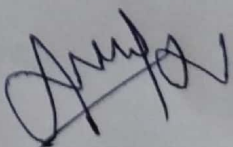
Distinctiveness of Our College

Preservation and Conservation of Historical Fort Ajinkyatara.

The distinctiveness of our institute is to protect and preserve the historical fort Ajinkyatara in Satara City. There are 360 historical forts in the state of Maharashtra. Due to the negligence of the Government and indifferent attitude of the people, many of these forts are on the ruin. These forts are the real monuments of our great heritage and culture. These forts can be the culture. Therefore, it is necessary to protect and preserve these forts. Taking into consideration the historical importance of Ajinkyatara Fort, which was once the capital of Maratha Empire, our institute has decided to play a vital role to protect, preserve and develop this fort. The N.S.S department of our institute has chosen this historical place to exercise the regular activities and for special camping programme from 2012-13 to 2019-20. Two hundred N.S.S volunteers of our institute have been working on the Ajinkyatara fort since 2012. The following work has been undertaken during this period.

i) Cleanliness of age-old temples and palace on the fort. ii) Distillation of old well & tank on the fort iii) Tree – plantation on the fort. iv) Continuation contour trenching [CCT] v) Organization of lectures of renowned speakers on Maratha Empire, preservation of historical places, Eradication of superstitions, watershed management and Environmental Conservation. The well and tank on the fort are full with potable water. The planted trees on the fort are growing well. They are saved from forest fire. Due to CCT the soil erosion is reduced. The road leading towards the fort is narrow and steep. It is difficult to take the volunteers to the top of the fort. There are limitations to work in order to protect and preserve the fort due to the vast area of the fort. It is necessary that the Govt. and the NGOs should take initiative to protect and preserve this historically important fort. There is need to preserve and protect such historic forts in Maharashtra .Our college's National Service Scheme (NSS) can play and important role in this kind of work.




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