

SGK GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE

Vinukonda, Palnadu District, Andhra Pradesh

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**PROGRAMME REPORT
ON
PLANTATION DRIVE (VANAM-MANAM)**

Organized by

National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit & Eco Club

Conducted on: **21-08-2025**

NSS Programme Officer

D. Siva Phanindra

Programme Summary

Name of the Programme	Joint Plantation Drive (Eco-Awareness)
Date	21-08-2025
Organized by	NSS Unit and Eco Club, SGK GDC
Venue	College Campus Premises
Number of Students Participated	53
Number of Staff Participated	06
Guests Attended	Dr. K. Srinivasarao (Principal), Sri Rama K Kishore Behara (Eco Club Coordinator).
Major Activities	Planting of 25 Saplings, Awareness Talk on Biodiversity, Soil Preparation, and Protection Fencing Setup.

Introduction

The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit in collaboration with the Eco Club of SGK Government Degree College organized a significant "Plantation Drive" on 21st August 2025. This initiative was part of the institution's ongoing commitment to environmental conservation and the "Green Campus" mission. Trees are the lungs of our planet, and involving students in plantation activities is the most effective way to foster a deep-seated respect for nature.

Environmental sustainability is no longer an option but a necessity. As educational institutions, we hold the responsibility of creating "Eco-Warriors" who understand the value of a balanced ecosystem. This drive was not just about planting trees but about educating the youth on the long-term benefits of afforestation, such as carbon sequestration, soil conservation, and temperature regulation. The programme provided a platform for students to engage in physical labor for a noble social cause.

The event was jointly organized under the leadership of the NSS Programme Officer, D. Siva Phanindra, and the Eco Club Coordinator, Sri Rama K Kishore Behara. A total of 53 students and 6 staff members participated with great enthusiasm. The presence of

the Principal, Dr. K. Srinivasarao, provided the necessary motivation for the volunteers. This report outlines the systematic execution of the plantation drive and the ecological impact it aims to achieve.

Objectives of the Programme

The "Plantation Drive" was conducted with the following primary objectives:

- To increase the green cover of the college campus by planting diverse saplings.
- To educate students about the role of trees in combating climate change and air pollution.
- To provide hands-on experience to Eco Club volunteers in proper plantation techniques.
- To instill a sense of ownership and responsibility among students toward campus trees.
- To promote biodiversity by selecting various types of shade-giving and fruit-bearing plants.
- To celebrate the spirit of "Vanam-Manam" through collective community action.

Programme Activities

The programme began in the morning with a briefing by the Eco Club Coordinator, Sri Rama K Kishore Behara. He explained the importance of selecting the right spots for different saplings to ensure their survival and growth. He also demonstrated the correct depth for digging pits and the importance of mixing organic manure with the soil. Following the briefing, the Principal, Dr. K. Srinivasarao, officially launched the drive by planting the first sapling near the college main building.

During the drive, the 53 volunteers were divided into small teams. Each team was assigned specific locations across the campus grounds. Under the guidance of the 6 staff members, the students planted a total of 25 saplings. These saplings included various native species known for their ability to thrive in the local climate. The students were

Careful to provide adequate spacing between the plants and ensured that each sapling was watered immediately after being placed in the ground.

A significant part of the activity involved securing the newly planted saplings. The volunteers set up basic protective fencing around the more vulnerable plants to prevent damage from grazing animals or accidental trampling. The NSS Programme Officer, D. Siva Phanindra, interacted with the teams, explaining how these 25 trees would significantly reduce the campus temperature and improve air quality in the years to come. The students showed great teamwork, with some digging pits while others carried water and manure.

The event concluded with a formal commitment from the Eco Club volunteers. Each student team took the responsibility for the "Adoption" of the saplings they planted. They promised to monitor the growth of these plants and ensure regular watering during the summer months. This "Plant-to-Tree" responsibility ensures that the plantation drive is not a one-day event but a continuous conservation project. The Principal thanked the Eco Club and NSS units for their efforts in making the college a greener place.

Outcome of the Programme

The immediate outcome of the drive was the successful addition of 25 new saplings to the college campus. This will lead to a more shaded and aesthetically pleasing environment for future batches of students. The volunteers gained practical knowledge of horticulture, soil health, and the technicalities of tree plantation, which they can now apply in their own homes and villages.

Socially, the programme strengthened the collaboration between the NSS and the Eco Club. It provided 53 students with a sense of accomplishment and a direct connection to the environment. The "Adoption" model ensures that the survival rate of these saplings will be high, turning a simple activity into a long-term ecological asset. The 6 staff members also benefited by participating in an activity that promotes institutional wellness.


Furthermore, the drive created a visible ripple effect across the college. Other students who witnessed the activity were inspired to learn more about environmental conservation. By involving the youth in such green initiatives, SGK Government Degree College is effectively contributing to the national goal of increasing green cover and protecting our natural heritage.

1 Conclusion

The Joint Plantation Drive held on 21st August 2025 was a highly successful environmental initiative. The leadership of Principal Dr. K. Srinivasarao and the coordination between the NSS unit and Sri Rama K Kishore Behara of the Eco Club ensured that the event was both educational and impactful.

Planting 25 saplings is a small but significant step toward a sustainable future. Through the hard work of 53 volunteers, the college has moved closer to its goal of being an eco-friendly institution. We believe that these trees will grow to be a testament to the dedication of our students toward the planet. The NSS and Eco Club will continue to host such drives to ensure that the message of "Green Earth" remains at the heart of our college culture.


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