## **Deekshaarambh- An Educational Visit to Villages**

A Visit to Schools in the adopted Villages was organised during "Deekshaarambh"-Orientation Session for the Newly admitted batch of 2023 under the Manav Rachna Life Skill Program and Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan on 13.07.23 and 14.07.23. The aim of the visit was to provide students with exposure to rural life, community engagement, and environmental awareness. The students were accompanied by Clan Chiefs, Clan Vice-Chiefs and Faculty Coordinators from the Clans.

Students of Clan Air Falcons visited the Govt. Middle School, Heerapur. The objective of the visit was to engage with the students and educators, understand the challenges faced by rural schools, and contribute through various activities to enrich the learning experience for the students in the village and to spread awareness for a clean Environment. The team conducted various activities with the school students for imparting knowledge and encouraging the students to pursue their interests and talents. The activities involved Interactive Learning Sessions, Environmental Awareness Workshops, Poster Making Competition and Plantation Drive. Through engaging in activities and games, they introduced various subjects, emphasizing the importance of education in shaping the future, instilling eco-friendly practices among the students and encouraging them to be responsible environmental stewards.

Students of Clan Forest Rhinos visited the School in Nariyala Village where students interacted with school students and disseminated awareness regarding Plastic Pollution, Waste Segregation, E-Waste Management, Sustainable Goals and Renewable Energy. Students also participated in the Plantation Drive and distributed Stationary among the School Students. Activities undertaken for engagement and enjoyment were: Yoga, Acrobatics - Cartwheeling and Headstands, Singing and dancing, Games, Discussions on goals and aspirations of the students, Quiz on Plastic Pollution and E-Waste.

Students from Clan Water Sharks along with the Faculty Coordinators visited the Panhera Village. With the purpose to engage students in meaningful conversations and encourage them to take responsible initiatives, a Plantation Drive, Session on Career Counselling, Quiz on Environment, and an Awareness Session on Environment and Water Conservation for school students were conducted. The visit exemplified the significance of student engagement and transformative impact that community-oriented approach to education can have on the lives of students. Through this event, students inculcated the habits of keeping Environment clean and also imbibed the skill and power of motivation and persuasion.

Students of the Clan Wild Cats visited Government Primary School, Maujpur at Ballabhgarh to meet and interact with the school students up to 5<sup>th</sup> standard. On arrival at school, the students divided themselves into different groups, and each group interacted with 2- 3 students each in their classrooms. Each group of students facilitated the young children to participate whole heartedly and to expose their talents.

They drew tender and beautiful paintings, some danced on popular songs, sang songs, uttered alphabetical orders and numerical with confidence. The team of students also planted saplings in the School Campus. The visit was thought provoking to motivate and encourage our newly admitted students to realize their existence which allows them to work for social welfare and to sustain amiability with the social sphere in contemporary time.

The village visit and orientation activities provided the students with a valuable learning experience beyond the classroom. It allowed them to engage with the rural community, understand the challenges faced by them and gain awareness about Environmental Issues. The visit fostered a spirit of social responsibility, empathy, and a deeper understanding of the importance of Sustainable Practices. It is expected that such initiatives will contribute to the holistic development of the students and their commitment to creating a better future for themselves and the Society at large.





