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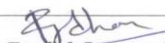
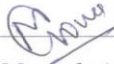

DATE: 28 MAY 2023	VENUE : Hanumaan Tekdi S.B Road Pune
DAY: Sunday	TIME:8:00 AM
NO OF STUDENTS VISITED :10	



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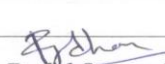

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Nelda is an Irish word that means 'champion'. People working for the environment are champions. Nelda's vision is to help people plant and grow a billion trees in India by 2041. On 26th June, 2016, first ever event of Project Nelda, planted over 200 trees with the help of 25+ volunteers at Hanuman Tekdi, Pune.

Nelda's first collaboration was with the IMERT, Pune, where the students volunteered for carrying out Nelda activities. On 28th May 2023 a group of 10 students with two faculty members visited Hanumaan Tekdi for the conservation of plants by watering them through tanks on the hill. Pune corporation pumps water in tanks built on Tekdi, volunteers during summer season need to take care of new planted small sapling because of extreme heat. Water is provided through buckets from the tanks by volunteers, human chain is formed to reach every corner of the hill and take care of every plant. Students through this activity come close to the environment and realize the importance of trees and efforts needed to grow the trees. Working together in team, planning, coordination and resource management are take away learning for the students.

Founder Director Mr. Vedarth Deshpande addressed the students and shared the mission of Nelda. Nelda believes that if more and more youngsters are involved in social work, then not only can the work be done more efficiently, but eventually it will also result into sustainable growth. Hence, at Nelda, focus is to try to inspire the young generation to work for the environment, Nelda generally plants trees like Karanj, Kanchan, Neem, Tamrind, Banyan and few others which are native to the Deccan Platter i.e. the geography of Pune. This will help regain the ecological balance. These native trees help to fight climate change and help in conserving wild habitat and water as they adjust to the local environment.

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