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## Devrai Plantation all over Maharashtra:

**Locations:** Chiplun, Guhagar, Ratnagiri, Yavatmal, Sangmeshwar, Kolhapur, Sangli, Khed, Satara, Nashik, Baramati

**Total plants distributed:** 22,101

The rising temperature on Earth is setting new records every year, negatively impacting plant and animal life worldwide. In addition to the rising temperatures, 54% of India is experiencing high to extremely high water stress levels. Deforestation is a major contributor to global warming. To address this issue, the TWJ Foundation launched the "Devrai" initiative. "Devrai" refers to a land of God where the natural ecosystem is conserved with sacred emotion and not disturbed. As part of this initiative, a nursery named Vrukshvalli has been established in Devrukh, Ratnagiri district. This nursery produces 50,000 saplings of wild indigenous varieties annually, which are distributed during the monsoon season. The TWJ Foundation along with various collaborators has been organizing plantation drives of these saplings for the past 2 years, including this year. On World Environment Day, plantations were carried out in various locations of Maharashtra.

# Launch of Eco-Bricks campaign at government offices, schools and colleges in Nagpur:



**Date:** 05/06/2024 **Locations:** DLSA, Nagpur **Attendees:** 22

Plastic has been an essential part of human life, helping us in our daily chores. However, the non-degradable nature of plastics poses a significant threat to the environment. To combat this issue, the concept of "Eco-Bricks" has been introduced to minimize their widespread use and potential hazards. This campaign, launched jointly by the TWJ Foundation and the District Legislative Service Authority in Nagpur, aims to implement the initiative across all government schools, colleges, and offices in the region. The goal of this initiative is to repurpose plastic from a waste threat into a sustainable building material, thereby contributing to a cleaner and greener future.







## Blood Donation camps organized at Ratnagiri and Chiplun:

**Date:** 14/06/2024

**Locations:** Ratnagiri and Chiplun

**Events:** 2

**Donors:** 38

On World Blood Donor Day, our communities came together to make a difference. With the support of the Indian Red Cross Society in Ratnagiri and the Shree Swami Samarth Blood Bank in Dervan, we organized successful blood donation camps in both Ratnagiri and Chiplun. 20 donors from Ratnagiri and 18 from Chiplun generously participated, making a valuable contribution to society.





# Phenyl making workshops at Donavali and Gulavane:



**Date:** 11/06/2024  
22/06/2024

**Locations:** Donavali  
and Gulavane, Chiplun

**Events:** 2

**Beneficiaries:** 2

Unavailability of employment is a major social issue, despite the implementation of schemes like MGNREGA. Unemployment continues to rise, particularly in rural areas. In an effort to address this issue, skill development and livelihood programs have been introduced for individuals and self-help groups. For instance, phenyl-making workshops were recently conducted for women of SHGs at Donavali and Gulavane village in Ratnagiri district. The products made during these workshops are used for daily chores and have a significant market in local areas. By supporting such microscale enterprises, we aim to promote financial independence for every individual in rural areas.



# International Yoga Day (21st June):

**Locations:** Nagpur and Yavatmal    **Events:** 3    **Attendees:** 81

Yoga is a practice that connects the body, breath, and mind. Even if it was known as a spiritual practice, it has now become a popular way of promoting physical and mental wellbeing. To make people aware of the benefits of yoga in daily life, we organized yoga camps with District Legislative Service Authority of Nagpur and Beghar Manorugna Nivara Kendra of Yavatmal.





# Summer Solstice Day



**Locations:** Pimpli, Pophali  
and Akale, Chiplun Taluka

**Events:** 3

**Beneficiaries:** 296

21st June is celebrated as summer solstice day all over the world. This day is considered the longest day of the year and the start of summer in the northern hemisphere. Also, this day marks the time when the sun is directly over the Tropic of Cancer ( $23.5^{\circ}\text{N}$ ), marking the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere. During this time, the North Pole is inclined towards the sun, that makes it have 24 hours of daylight. Most of the students are unaware of this information and even teachers are unable to tell them about this phenomenon. To make the students knowledgeable about this, we conducted two sessions in the schools of Ratnagiri district. Our sessions included the presentation of the solar system, phases of moon through Oreo biscuit and other astronomical events. The planet coloring activity was also conducted during these sessions.



# Health Camp:

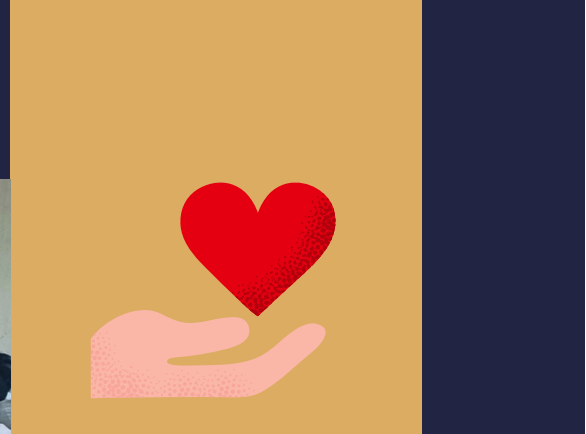


**Locations:** Nagpur,  
Yavatmal and Chiplun

**Events:** 4  
**Beneficiaries:** 156

TWJ Foundation regularly organizes camps in villages, schools, and colleges in collaboration with various institutes and agencies. Recently, we held free health checkup camps at the Vidyamane Jnanabhumi Medical Meditation Centre in Yavatmal, as well as in Pimpli village and Mahila Vidyalaya in Chiplun. These camps provided health evaluations, including hemoglobin and blood sugar tests, for all villagers and students. Along with this, a first aid awareness camp was arranged for the employees of Krushna Antioxidants Pvt Ltd in Khadpoli, Chiplun. These initiatives fulfill our objective that prevention is better than cure, no one should stay deprived of medical and providing affordable healthcare services.





## Mental Health Awareness Session at Navnirman College

**Date:** 24/06/2024

**Location:** Lovale, Sangmeshwar

**Attendees:** 97

A successful session of mental health awareness was conducted at Navnirman College, Sangmeshwar, for nursing department students. This insightful session provided detailed information on various mental disorders and their symptoms, along with guidance for families supporting members with mental health issues. The active participation of 98 students, who engaged actively by asking thoughtful questions, highlighted the importance and relevance of mental health education in our curriculum. This event marks a significant step towards empowering

our future healthcare professionals with the knowledge and sensitivity required to address mental health challenges effectively.



# COLLABORATORS

