

**D. A. V. PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE**  
**NATURE WALK AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVE**

D. A. V. Public School, Thane always plan and organize community outreach programmes and awareness campaign regularly among students with a purpose of developing them into responsible citizens.

On 16 th September, 2023 the students of STD X embarked on a journey that combined the joys of a nature walk to Yeoor Hills with a heart-warming community outreach initiative. This event was aimed at instilling a sense of environmental responsibility and social awareness among the students. Additionally, the students also visited the Vivekanand Balakashram for Boys to provide essential items and paid a visit to a local Gaushala.

The expedition commenced from the entrance gate near Upvan Lake. As students and teachers ventured into the breath-taking landscape of Yeoor Hills, they were immediately captivated by the serene surroundings, which served as a reminder for preserving nature.

Following nature walk, the students proceeded to the Vivekanand Balakashram, where the students had the privilege of interacting with the children in the orphanage. Essential items such as napkins, towels, sanitary items, stationery items, groceries, attires and edible items like biscuits, and chocolates were donated to the boys, bringing smiles in their faces and warmth in the hearts of students. This act of kindness underlined the importance of community service and empathy.

The students were taken to Gaushala, where they learned about the significance of cows in Indian culture and the efforts taken to care for them. This visit fostered a deeper understanding of the importance of animal welfare and compassion towards all living beings.

The nature-walk to Yeoor Hills and the subsequent community outreach activities were a resounding success. This holistic experience instilled values of environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and compassion among the students. The placards with messages "Save Trees," "Save Animals," "Nurture Nature," "Save Water," and "Educate Girl Child" resonated with all participants and passers-by, creating awareness not only about these vital issues but also about the power of collective action.

The institute is committed to nurturing socially conscious and environmentally responsible citizens, and events like these will continue to be an integral part of the school's educational endeavours.



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