

# Cleanliness drive by NSS Volunteers on 24<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2021 around River JHELUM

## REPORT

The NSS volunteers assembled on 24<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2021 in the college campus with the intention to clean the River Jhelum in the Srinagar city as most of the garbage are being thrown into the Jhelum through by the people settled around the river banks. The river Jhelum is the lone drainage system of the valley and life line of Kashmir as most of the economy is directly or indirectly depend on this water body. The NSS Programme Officers before moving to river Jhelum speak about the importance of water bodies for the people which play a major role in ecotourism; sustenance of livelihood on the water bodies especially River Jhelum. The programme officers laid emphasis on to maintain discipline during the entire field visit and follow strict covid SOP protocol. The NSS Volunteers on reaching the river bank at Jamalata ghat saw heaps of garbage, polythene wrappers, bottles which not only had put a shabby scenario but also a deep concern towards the mind set of people who use this water body for various activities. The Volunteers of NSS collected the bottles, wrappers etc and talked to the people about importance of water body and how to protect this water body. It was also seen that most of the families are directly or indirectly throw their house hold drainage into the river without knowing the consequences of this malpractice. Volunteers took a pedestrian path around the banks of river

Jhelum up to Chattabal Ghat and cleaned the banks of river Jhelum. We were surprised to see number of drainage pipes from houses even from cow sheds had a direct entry towards the River which is a great concern for all of us as these water bodies are shrinking day by day due to this ignorance. The students talked to heads of the families, ladies and children about the ill effects of this practice which they do by throwing their garbage and drainage and toilet wastes to the water bodies. The people were also sensitized about the importance of clean water to them and also they were shown the different ways of segregating their house hold wastes in different bins for proper disposal.

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