## Report: State Republic Day Parade 2023-2024

**Event:** State Republic Day Parade 2023-2024.

Date: 17th January, 2024 to 26th January, 2024.

**Objectives:** To showcase the patriotism and unity of the state through the participation of volunteers in the parade.

**Highlight:** The NSS volunteers of S.M. Shetty College of Science, Commerce, and Management Studies, Powai participated in the State Republic Day Parade Camp 2023-2024 at Kalina University, Mumbai. Volunteers reported at Kalina University at 8 am. Volunteers registered themselves with their program offices and Sushil was also present to observe everything. Volunteers then were allotted their rooms and had breakfast and took rest, after lunch volunteers had some parade practice. Volunteers also tried their outfits for the parade of 26<sup>th</sup> January to know their fit. After dinner, everyone was called for meet for the next day's plan.

The next day volunteers woke up at 5:30 and freshened up. For girls, 8 figure (type of hairstyle) were compulsory for the parade. Volunteers were made to run all over the university campus and also the round after running volunteers did little exercise. After breakfast volunteers did parade practice till 9 to 12 and after lunch and little rest volunteers were again called up for parade practice. Volunteers also had meet at end of the day for next day schedule. Volunteer's also got Zipper with the university logo.

On the third day, Volunteers woke up at 5 freshened up and had an early breakfast volunteers were taken to Shivaji Park and were taken to practice with the band, prayer same as the Republic Day parade. Volunteers were provided with biscuits and bananas for refreshment. After reaching the campsite volunteers had lunch and rested. Volunteers were called again for practice in the evening and the day ended with a meeting for the next day's schedule.

For the next two days, volunteers woke up at 5 am and got ready and were again taken to Shivaji Park for parade practice with the band till 12 pm. Volunteers had lunch and rested and volunteers were called aging for parade practice in the evening. Volunteers were training hard for the parade. The day ended with the meet of acknowledging the volunteers about the next day's schedule.

On day 6 volunteers didn't go to Shivaji Park because of a holiday. Volunteers did running inside the Kalina campus. Volunteers also went to visit the Kalina campus, Sushil sir guided volunteers while visiting the campus. After the parade practice volunteers put on traditional clothes and have some fun time with the singing and dancing of volunteers.

The next day volunteers woke up at 5 am, freshened up and were taken to Shivaji Park for parade practice with the band. Volunteers reached campsite till 12 Am. After Lunch and little rest volunteers were again called up for Parade practice till 6 Pm in the evening. As the usual the day ended with the meet for next day schedules.

On day 8 volunteers woke up at 5am in morning and volunteers got freshened up and assembled down for bus to Shivaji Park. Volunteers practice the same as they

were going to perform on republic day parade with band. After reaching camp site volunteers had breakfast and had rested. Volunteers were called up for practice again at ground at Kalina campus. Volunteers practiced till 6 pm. Volunteers had dinner and were acknowledge by sir about the next day schedule.

Next Day volunteers wake up at 5 am and warm up with some exercise and did running at Kalina Campus. Today there was no practice at Shivaji Park so volunteers had little free time. Volunteers used their free time for ironing there uniform. Sir also took a small meet to acknowledge volunteers about the parade. Then volunteers were called up for parade practice. Volunteers had dinner and slept early.

It was 26<sup>th</sup> January, volunteers wake up at 4 am and get ready wearing there parade uniform and make their hair as per the rules. Volunteers reached Shivaji Park till 7:30. The Republic Day Parade started at 9 am. It was a very heartwarming scene to watch parade of NSS volunteers at Shivaji Park in front of all dignities. After the parade Volunteers were taken back to campsite. Volunteers also did cleaning at campsite and had farewell from the camp.

**Total Number of Volunteers- 2** 

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