## REPORT ON POSHAN PAKHWADA (8th -22nd April 2025)

**Date**: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Venue: Raidighi Nibodhata School, Companir Theek

**Age group of students:** 7 to 10 years

Total students: 58 School teachers: 04 Volunteers in Action –16

**Programme Officer** Dr. Arvinda Shaw, NSS Unit-1, PO.

#### **Introduction:**

**Poshan Pakhwada 2025** is a step towards building a strong and healthy Bharat with the main focus on women and children. All the ministries and departments of the Government of India along with anganwadi centres across the country organise various activities to sensitize the community to prioritize antenatal care, proper nutrition and regular health checkups, pledge for a healthier future by eating right, doing physical activities, staying hydrated, registration on poshan tracker app. On 17<sup>th</sup> April,2025, Raidighi College NSS Unit-1 organised an engaging and informative outreach program to spread awareness on healthy eating, a nutritious diet and personal hygiene for the school children of Raidighi Nibodhata School under the guidance of Programme Officer Dr. Arvinda Shaw (PO-1). The initiative aimed at promoting awareness among school children about essential health and nutrition topics, with a special emphasis on childhood malnutrition and obesity prevention.

#### **Event Overview:**

The volunteers meticulously prepared visual aids in the form of charts that covered a variety of important subjects related to health and wellness. Key topics included **Healthy Diets**, **Nutrition for Good Health**, and **Personal Hygiene Practices for Better Living**. These themes were selected to educate children about the foundational habits that contribute to a healthy lifestyle and to empower them with knowledge that could positively influence their daily routines.

## Focus on Childhood Malnutrition and Obesity:

A special highlight of the event was its focus on the pressing issues of **childhood malnutrition and obesity**, both of which are significant public health concerns globally. The volunteers demonstrated how balanced nutrition and proper lifestyle choices can prevent these conditions. They explained the causes, effects, and practical prevention strategies using interactive charts and relatable examples tailored for the young audience. This approach not only enhanced understanding but also encouraged children to adopt healthier habits early on. According to the National Family Health Survey (2019-21) (NFHS-5) the percentage of children under 5 years who are overweight has increased from 2.1% in 2015-16 (NFHS-4) to 3.4% in 2019-21 at national level. To address this consumption of foods high in fat, salt and sugar (HFSS) and promotion of healthy snacks in schools of India, the Ministry of Women and Child Development constituted a working group in 2015. The recommendations of the group were as follows:

- Ban on sale of all HFSS foods in school canteens and restriction on sale of such items by vendors around 200 m of school premises during school hours.
- School canteens should always offer green category foods like fruits and vegetables.
- Use of hydrogenated fat should be totally banned in school canteens
- Physical activity should be mandatory in schools.

## **Interactive Learning through Quiz:**

To reinforce the learning, the event concluded with a **quiz competition** designed to assess how well the students had absorbed the information presented. The quiz was thoughtfully crafted to be both fun and educational, encouraging active participation and engagement. The results were highly encouraging, with most students demonstrating a solid grasp of the topics covered. This positive outcome reflected the effectiveness of the volunteers' teaching methods and the receptiveness of the children.

## **Feedback and Impact:**

Feedback collected from both students and teachers was overwhelmingly positive. Participants appreciated the clarity and simplicity of the information, the interactive format, and the enthusiasm of the volunteers. Many expressed that the event not only enhanced their knowledge but also inspired them to make healthier choices in their lives. Teachers noted a noticeable increase in students' awareness about nutrition and personal hygiene following the session.

The success of this event underscores the importance of volunteer-driven educational initiatives in schools. By directly engaging with children and addressing critical health topics, the volunteers contributed significantly to building a foundation for lifelong wellness.

### **Conclusion:**

The Poshan Pakhwada outreach campaign proved to be a valuable and impactful program under the stewardship of Dr. Arvinda Shaw. Through well-prepared materials, focused content on nutrition and hygiene, and interactive activities, the volunteers effectively educated school children on key health issues. The focus on preventing childhood malnutrition and obesity was particularly timely and meaningful. The impressive quiz results and excellent feedback highlight the event's success in fostering health awareness among young learners. This initiative exemplifies the powerful role of volunteerism in promoting public health education and empowering the next generation.











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