



NAVA SAMAJ MANDAL DEGREE COLLEGE

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

NAAC Accredited "B" Grade (Cycle-I)

Nava Samaj Mandal Marg, Dixit Cross Road No.01, Vile Parle – East, Mumbai – 400057.

BEST PRACTICES

— ♦ 2025-26 ♦ —

*Excellence in Practice.
Impact in Action.*



ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE



STUDENT
EMPOWERMENT



INNOVATION &
INITIATIVES



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

Together We Learn, Together We Grow.

BEST PRACTICE - 1

Title: Green Campus and Community Sustainability Initiative

1. Objectives of the Practice

- To promote environmental awareness and sustainable living among students.
- To encourage active participation in conservation activities.
- To inculcate responsibility towards environmental protection.
- To contribute towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2. The Context

Environmental sustainability has become a global priority. The college integrated environmental awareness with community engagement through the Eco Club, NSS, DLLE, Nature Club and Social Impact Cell.

3. The Practice

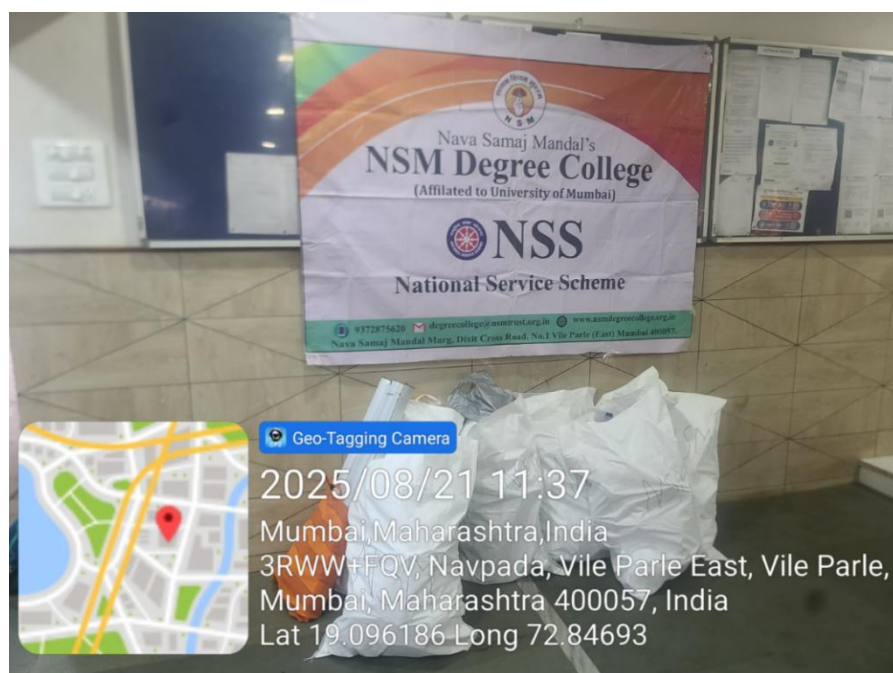
❖ Beach Cleaning Drive

Students of Nava Samaj Mandal Degree College actively participated in a Beach Cleaning Drive at Juhu Beach. Volunteers collected plastic waste, wrappers, bottles, and non-biodegradable materials along the shoreline, promoting awareness about marine pollution and environmental responsibility. The activity instilled values of civic engagement and community service. Students were felicitated with certificates by the Rajani Foundation in recognition of their valuable contribution.



❖ Plastic Waste Collection Drive

Students of Nava Samaj Mandal Degree College, in collaboration with Mumbai Pro, organised a Plastic Waste Collection Drive on campus. Students enthusiastically collected and segregated plastic waste from different areas of the college. A representative from Mumbai Pro guided students on proper disposal and recycling methods, highlighting the harmful effects of single-use plastic. The event concluded with a pledge to continue eco-friendly practices. E-certificates were awarded to all participants in recognition of their active contribution.



❖ Tree Plantation Drive

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Nava Samaj Mandal Degree College organised a Tree Plantation Drive on its campus. Faculty members and students came together to plant approximately 20 saplings, reinforcing the institution's commitment to a greener and sustainable environment. The activity created awareness about the importance of trees in combating climate change and reducing carbon footprint. Participants were encouraged to nurture the saplings and take responsibility for the environment beyond the classroom. The drive reflected the college's vision of holistic education — one that extends to civic and environmental responsibility.



❖ Activities included Seed Ball Making

The Nature Club of Nava Samaj Mandal Degree College is pleased to announce a Seed Ball Making Activity to be held on Friday, 22nd August 2025, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am in the Classroom. The activity will be conducted by Ms. Rashmi Joshi, an esteemed Environment Consultant and Gender Equality Activist. This initiative offers students a valuable opportunity to learn eco-friendly practices, contribute to environmental conservation, engage in hands-on sustainable action, and interact with an experienced environmental expert.



4. Evidence of Success

- Increased student participation in sustainability initiatives.
- Improved awareness regarding environmental conservation.

- Development of environmentally responsible behaviour.
- Positive feedback from stakeholders.

5. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Problems: Weather-related challenges, maintaining participation, limited resources.

Resources: Saplings, awareness materials, NGO support, faculty mentors and volunteers.

6. Outcomes

Enhanced environmental consciousness, stronger community engagement and contribution towards sustainable development.

BEST PRACTICE - 2

Title: Holistic Student Development through Employability, Financial Literacy and Social Awareness Programmes

1. Objectives of the Practice

- To enhance employability skills among students.
- To improve financial literacy and career readiness.
- To create awareness regarding health, safety and social issues.
- To develop responsible and confident graduates.

2. The Context

The college implemented a comprehensive student development framework involving Placement Committee, Commerce Association, NSS, DLLE, Social Impact Cell, Red Ribbon Club and other committees.

3. The Practice

❖ Anti-Drug Awareness Marathon,

Students of Nava Samaj Mandal Degree College participated in the Say No to Drugs Marathon to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The marathon commenced from NSMDC and concluded at Vile Parle Railway Station. Students carried placards and banners, took an anti-drug pledge, and committed to remaining drug-free. Police officials were present throughout to ensure safety and discipline. The activity conveyed a strong social message on physical fitness, social responsibility, and collective action against substance abuse.

❖ Budget 2026 Seminar

NSM Degree College's IQAC Department, in association with the Accountancy Department and Commerce Association, organized an Interactive Session on Literacy – Budget 2026 on 9th February 2026 in the College Auditorium for BMS, BAF, and B.Com students. The session was conducted by Dr. (CA) Chandrasekhar Ashok Sawant, Assistant Professor and Course Co-Coordinator at SIES College of Commerce and Economics, Sion, who explained key highlights of the Union Budget 2026, covering taxation, government expenditure, and fiscal policy. The interactive discussion helped students gain a clearer understanding of the budget's impact and strengthened their financial literacy.



❖ Financial Literacy Programme

NSM College's IQAC Department organized an Investment Awareness Program for SYBAF students on 29th July 2025, conducted by Mr. Manoj Nahak, a certified SEBI SMART Trainer. The session covered investment basics, financial planning, risk management, and SEBI's role in investor protection, concluding with an interactive Q&A. With 42 students in attendance, the program successfully strengthened students' investment literacy and encouraged informed financial decision-making.

❖ Health and Wellness Activities and Leadership Development Programmes.

NSM College's Women's Development Cell (WDC) organized a Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session on 23rd July 2025, in collaboration with Whisper. The session focused on educating students about menstrual health, hygiene practices, and breaking taboos surrounding the topic, and concluded with the distribution of sanitary pads to 100 students. The initiative was well-received and reinforced the importance of accessible menstrual hygiene resources for young women.



❖ Self-Defence Awareness Programmes.

The second day of Mission Sahashi was conducted on 13th January 2026 at Nava Samaj Mandal Degree College under the YUVAARAMBH programme, in collaboration with ABVP, and organized by NSS. The session was led by Mr. Hemant Poojari, along with his six-member defence training team. The trainers conducted practical demonstrations and interactive activities focusing on self-defence techniques, situational awareness, and personal safety. Students actively participated and learned basic defence skills useful for real-life situations. The session was informative and empowering, further strengthening students' confidence and preparedness. The programme was successfully conducted and appreciated by the participants.



4. Evidence of Success

- Improved participation in career-oriented activities.
- Enhanced financial literacy and employability readiness.
- Better awareness regarding health and social issues.
- Improved confidence and leadership skills.

5. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Problems: Scheduling experts, balancing academics and activities, budget limitations.

Resources: Industry experts, placement partners, training materials and faculty coordinators.

6. Outcomes

Industry-ready graduates, stronger institution-industry interaction, enhanced life skills and employability.