

ACTIVITY REPORT

Sustainable Summer Care Drive

GTU-SET | NSS Sports & Cultural Club

Activity Name	Sustainable Summer Care Drive
Organized By	NSS Sports & Cultural Club, GTU-SET, Chandkheda Campus, Ahmedabad
Date	12 May 2026
Venue	Open Courtyard, GTU-SET Campus, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad
Time	Evening (Post Academic Hours)
Participants	Faculty Members and Staff of GTU-SET (approx. 25–30 participants)
Theme	"Small actions today, a better tomorrow."

Background and Rationale

As temperatures rise significantly during the summer months in Ahmedabad, birds and stray animals face acute water scarcity. The NSS Sports & Cultural Club of Gujarat Technological University – School of Engineering and Technology (GTU-SET) recognized this pressing ecological concern and initiated the 'Sustainable Summer Care Drive' as part of its commitment to environmental stewardship and community welfare.

The activity aimed to sensitize faculty and staff towards the importance of small, consistent acts of kindness towards nature and to model sustainable behaviour on the campus premises.

3. Objectives

- To set up earthen water pots (matkas) at strategic locations across the GTU-SET campus for birds and stray animals.
- To demonstrate collective responsibility and care for urban wildlife during peak summer.
- To encourage faculty participation in campus-based green and sustainable initiatives.
- To promote environmental awareness aligned with the NSS mandate of community service.
- To initiate a regular morning/evening watering schedule for wilting campus plants.

Setting Up Earthen Water Pots

Earthen water pots (clay matkas/bowls) were placed on stone tables in the shaded outdoor area of the campus. Senior faculty members and the HOD personally participated in filling the pots with fresh water, symbolizing leadership commitment to the initiative. The clay vessels were selected deliberately as they keep water cool naturally and are eco-friendly. Faculty members from across departments joined the activity enthusiastically. A group photograph was taken to mark the launch of the drive. The event fostered a sense of community and shared environmental responsibility among the staff.

Future Action Plan Shared

During the activity, participants were encouraged to:

- refill water pots daily in the morning and evening;

- adopt one or two plants near their office or locality;
- create 'water bowl maps' so that maintenance is distributed; and
- put small reminder signs near the pots.

Outcomes and Impact

- Successfully launched the Sustainable Summer Care Drive with active faculty participation.
- Earthen water pots installed at the campus courtyard, ensuring water availability for birds and stray animals.
- Positive enthusiasm among staff, with many volunteering for continued upkeep.
- Enhanced campus awareness around urban wildlife welfare and sustainable practices.
- Initiative shared on the college staff WhatsApp group, inspiring broader community participation.

The Sustainable Summer Care Drive was a successful and meaningful initiative that reinforced the values of compassion, environmental responsibility, and collective action among the GTU-SET community. The simple act of placing water for birds and animals resonated deeply with participants and set the tone for a sustained green campus movement. The NSS Sports & Cultural Club remains committed to organizing such impactful drives throughout the academic year.

"Together, let's care for nature this summer."

Acknowledgements

The organizing team sincerely thanks all faculty and staff members of GTU-SET who participated enthusiastically and made this drive a success. Special gratitude is extended to the HOD and senior faculty for their leadership and visible commitment to the initiative.

Glimpses of the Activity

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Faculty and staff assembled for the launch of the Sustainable Summer Care Drive.



A senior faculty member filling earthen water pots for birds and stray animals.



The HOD personally participating in setting up water bowls — leading by example.



Collective participation of faculty in the drive.



Group photo of participants after the activity.

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