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NEW DELHI: Delhiites out shopping at the upscale malls in Vasant Kunj on Saturday evening, stopped in surprise at the entrance where student volunteers stood holding placards, asking people to protect trees.

At the same time, other volunteers, including NNC cadets, stood at the Nelson Mandela traffic light and along the road to Vasant Kunj, reminding passing motorists of the need to save forests. The ‘cities for forests’ campaign was kick-started in the city by WWF-India on Saturday.

The campaign is an attempt at raising awareness among citizens about the presence of forests in their city and what they can do to conserve them. Similar activities were also organized in Bangalore, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bhopal, Jabalpur and Dehradun on Saturday.

“Cities for forests aims to build environment awareness among citizens, to enlarge their support and understanding for the protection of India’s forests and her natural heritage,” said Ravi Singh, CEO, WWF-India.

Volunteers are encouraged to visit forest areas in their cities, document the flora and fauna there, and upload pictures, blogs and videos on the Internet.

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UNV Karamveer Chakra from September- November in news in the national and regional newspaper

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Reward for singing heroes

Staff Reporter

A nationwide campaign, "Karmayoga: The right every wrong generation", aiming to bring together and recognize citizen volunteers, encourage and award heroes trying to lead society towards a better tomorrow through their sustained efforts, was launched here on Tuesday.

The campaign was launched by Social Outreach and Accreditation Programme (SOAP) founder Girish Paranjape, in collaboration with International Confederation of NGOs (ICOGO), data centre Oxfam, United Nations Volunteers and NGO volunteer organisation VIMO.

The initiative seeks to reward the inspiring work done by ordinary people to "right a wrong that they see around them". To be a part of the "Karmayoga" campaign, affiliation with an organization is not necessary. The campaign will only look at the "simple acts of individuals, with commitment and involvement in addressing wrongs in society". Anyone with an inspiring story can post it on the official Karmayoga website www.righteverywrong.com.

The top 6 stories will be awarded Oxfam-ICOGO "Karmayoga Challenges", a medal along with a project which will help the community. All participants will be awarded the "Karmayoga Certificate: The Right Every Wrong Generation Award".

"The Karmayoga campaign is in its true meaning 'voluntary'. It is the most ethical concept ever put down to work. According to our own capabilities and discretion, volunteers are expected to work in their desired area of interest in their own way," said Mr. Paranjape.

The ICNDOO executive founding director Moses Cleopa said: "Our mission is to nourish in to encourage social justice through citizen action... Probably the most powerful healing for all socio-political evils is the creation of more and more citizen heroes."

She further said the campaign would introduce the "Karma Kerry" books on the same lines as the well known Chicken Soup for the Soul series.

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स्वयंसेवकों को यूएनवी कर्मचारी चक्कर मिलेगा

वैशाखः — इंटरनेशनल एंग्रेज आफ वालोविर्भास की 10वीं जयगांध के अवसर पर युनाइटेड नेशंस वोलंटियर्स हिंदी ने इंटरनेशनल अफ एनेक्सीसी और बीएसजी शिक्षा द्वारा शुरू किए गए कर्मयुग के पेंच को अपना साक्षरता दिया है। इस के पेंच के तहत सरकार स्वयंसेवकों को युपन्थी कर्मचारी चक्कर दिया आए। कर्मयुग के पेंच स्वयंसेवकों को समस्तता है और धेर ऊपर पहली बार सीटीआरएस-आईवीएन वोलंटियर्स पुरस्कार के तहत पेंच किया गया है।

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Karmaveer Chakra

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers, United Nations Volunteers (UNV) India, a nodal UN agency, is all set to unfold a new chapter by partnering with Karmayuga campaign, launched by the International Confederation of NGOs and VSO India, to confer UNV Karmaveer Chakra. Sharing the details of UNV Karmaveer Chakra, Amrita Dahiya, United Nations Volunteers, said, "UNV

Karmaveer Chakra is an endeavour to promote volunteerism and acknowledge exemplary voluntary actions by recognising invaluable role played by volunteers towards achieving the millennium development goals."
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Zee News organizes Eco-Friendly concert ‘My Earth My Duty’

Confers My Earth My Duty Samman to Earth Warriors on the occasion of India’s first Eco-Friendly concert

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The grand success of India’s biggest climate campaign – Zee News My Earth My Duty – was celebrated at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on 24th November 2011 in New Delhi. The celebration witnessed the country’s first Eco-Friendly concert and My Earth My Duty Samman. The celebration was aimed at creating awareness about global warming and its serious impact on mankind.

The samman is a form of recognition and acknowledgement of the earth warriors for their astounding work and indomitable spirit to save mother Earth by planting over 1.25 crore saplings in a span of two years under this green initiative. Thirty “Earth warriors” of reputed organisations viz; NYKS, NSS, ITBP, CRPF, ETF and Brahm Kumari etc were identified for their extraordinary contribution to mitigate climate change for – Zee News My Earth My Duty Samman. These warriors got assembled from remote corners of the country to celebrate the success of their efforts. Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Joint Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Director General, NYKS felicitated the Earth warriors of Zee News My Earth My Duty initiative.

The evening also witnessed the launch of Zee News Hindi portal www.zeenews.com/hindi making “news” accessible to online users of Hindi heartland and to be updated with the pace of modern world.

The concert witnessed live performances by Indian rock band “Parikrama” and the New York based ‘Solar’ band Solar Punch to spread out a message of harmony and peaceful coexistence with nature. The concert indulged music aficionados with rocking music for earth promoting the use of solar energy for playing the musical instruments! This was the first eco friendly initiative in India and aims at being a Zero Carbon Emission concert which will be duly audited.

Marketing Head, Zee News, Rohit Kumar said, “Zee News My Earth My Duty campaign, since its inception in 2010 has been instrumental in spreading environmental awareness and encouraging people to plant trees. The
concert is an extension to the objective and is aimed at awakening people’s thought to the use of eco-friendly practices to save mother earth.”

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PEACE FEST in September – October 2011
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Volunteer Work - September 2011 in Hindu Business Line

Savior in Calamity in November 2011 by Deccan Chronicle/ Volunteering for Hospital Patients in December 2011 by Indian Express
On the International Volunteers Day, a UN report emphasises on people’s voluntary engagement and participation as key to achieve the MDGs.

**New Delhi:** “Volunteerism is a spirit we inherited from the Father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi,” said Dr Sayeda Hameed, Member of India’s Planning Commission, at the launch of the first State of the World Volunteerism Report (SWVR) in New Delhi on Dec 5. The day marks the inevitable and crucial role of volunteers in implementing development policies globally.

The SWVR focuses on the universal values that motivate people all over the world to engage for the common good. The report cites examples good. The report cites examples of the Chipko movement and the panchayats in India are among others to Technology Operation and illustrate the profound changes produced and Content Services experienced by volunteers.
Volunteers for Development we work

Volunteerism is more than a tool for development. Around the world, people are increasingly recognising that the unsustainable production and consumption Partners patterns need to change. Mere political will is not sufficient, people’s engagement is important. Volunteerism provides the opportunity for many to be Other OWSA active members of the society and agents of change.

In his special message on International Volunteers Day, UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon said, “With the world population having surpassed seven billion this year, we must tap every person’s potential to help others. Everyone can make a difference.” He congratulated the UN Volunteers programme and commended the many millions of volunteers working for sustainable development, humanitarian assistance and progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

Indian legacy Addressing the gathering at the report launch in New Delhi, Patrice Coeur-Bizot, UN Resident Co-ordinator & UNDP Resident Representative, India, commended the Teach India campaign, which mustered 83,000 volunteers to teach disadvantaged children and adults in Indian cities. Its is the largest literacy campaign ever led with volunteers.

Dr Sayeda Hameed, emphasised how the values of volunteerism are ingrained within each Indian as a legacy by Mahatma Gandhi. She cited examples from the times of 1947, when the partition of India led to the massacre of some 1 million people and displacing about 3 million people. Gandhiji then trusted volunteers for humanitarian assistance where women like Sucheta Kriplani played a key role.

In the contemporary societies, the efforts of governments and international actors need to be reinforced by the people. Meeting and sustaining the Millennium Development Goals needs the voluntary engagement and support of the people.

The SWVR report emphasises on constructing a new development architecture by which volunteerism should become an integral part of the agenda for sustainable development and well-being.

Keeping this in mind, the approach paper to India’s 12th five year plan calls for an active role of the civil society to strengthen the volunteer sector & institutions. The meeting of the steering committee on voluntary sector under the plan process is due on Dec 8 and will decide on a concrete plan to hone the potential of this sector for sustainable development.

Among other dignitaries present at the launch were UNDP Country Director Caitlin Wiesen; UNIC Director Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman; Alexandra Solovieva, Deputy Country Director (Programme), UNDP; and Indira Dasgupta, Executive Director, Peoples Institute for Development and Training.

Planning Commission for the Voluntary Sector in December 2011 covered by DNA India
DNA: India - Planning panel to chalk out proposals for voluntary sector.
Planning panel to chalk out proposals for voluntary sector

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After consultations with over 900 NGOs and civil society groups, a steering committee of the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on December 8 to give final touches to actions and strategies for the voluntary sector during the next Five Year Plan.

The steering committee on Voluntary Sector is headed by Plan Panel member Syeda Hameed.

"The steering committee will meet on December 8 where we shall give a final shape to the proposals for the voluntary sector, actions to be taken to increase its participation in the economy and also on mobilising resources for the segment," Hameed said while speaking at the launch of the United Nation's 'State if World's Volunteerism Report' here.

The Planning Commission had sought to bring the voluntary sector on board its national plan for the first time in a big way during the current 11th Five Year Plan as part if its policy of inclusive growth.

A report on the national policy for the voluntary sector was released by the Hameed-led steering committee in 2007.

"Even the government was late in coming out with a separate policy for the voluntary section. However, the voluntary sector finds mention in the Approach Paper to to the 12th Plan (2012-17)and we have consulted 900 organisations while forming our plans for the sector," Hameed said.

The UN report of volunteerism, the first of its kinds by the global body, was released in 80 countries across the world today.

The UN report mentioned that volunteer work contributes to less than one per cent of GDP in India but noted that such efforts could increase though greater participation of civil society and panchayati raj institutions.

In countries like Sweden, Norway, France and UK, volunteer work contributes to over 3.5 per cent of their GDP.

The UN report also said that citizen-to-citizen contacts could help in better management of communal conflicts in the country and cross-border disputes.

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People-to-people contacts can help manage conflicts' ~ ACRA
Communal conflicts in the country and cross-border disputes could be better managed with increased people-to-people contacts, said a UN report.
The UN's 'State of World's Volunteerism Report', the first-ever such study released by the world body, underlined that voluntary efforts could play a role in combating communal tensions.
In India, where confrontation between religious groups are not uncommon, it has been observed that inter-religious participation in festivals helps to prevent conflict.
"Hindus and Muslims participate in each others' celebrations and share each others' food. Joint peace vigils and marches are further examples of cross-ethnic collaborations," it said.
The report said that youth exchanges between India and Pakistan could reduce the potential for conflict by strengthening mutual understanding.
"This is a Gandhian peace approach with young people living together with one another's families and engaging in actions for peace. These programmes are entirely volunteer-based," the report said.
It also cited different examples of volunteerism in public and private sectors in India where voluntary efforts have impacted the lives of the common people.
The report, however, said that volunteer work in money terms was less than one per cent of the country's GDP while noting that such efforts could increase though greater participation of civil society and panchayati raj institutions.
It said in countries like Sweden, Norway, France and the UK, volunteer work contributes to over 3.5 per cent of their GDPs.
The report said that volunteerism was paramount to achieving the eighth millennium development goals framed by the world body which seek to reduce the number of people in absolute poverty and increase retro-viral treatment for HIV patients, among others.
"There is lot of scope for increasing volunteerism in countries like India keeping in pace expansion in South-South cooperation, increasing penetration of the private sector and rise and spread of information and communication technology," said UN Development Programme Deputy Country Director, India, Alexandra Solovieva while releasing the report here.
The report comes a decade after the UN observed the International Volunteers' year in 2001. The report has been released simultaneously in 80 countries.
"Volunteerism contributes to laying a sound basis for citizen' participation in governance. It promotes and sustains feeling of being able to express one's views and to influence decisions that have an impact on one's community. This may come about through formal channels of civic engagements such as...Panchayats in India," it said.

On 5th December in Greater Kashmir

People-to-people contact can help manage conflicts: UN Report PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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Just like actor Sanjay Dutt’s character in the film Lage Raho Munna Bhai, some 50-odd children in Haryana’s Nainangla village often get to learn about Mahatma Gandhi’s principles. These values are instilled in them by Shivani Rathee, a Delhi University alumnus, who visits the village in Mewat district every week as part of a project to mark the International Year of Volunteers.

“My visits are solely motivated by Gandhian values and are aimed at promoting active citizenship among children and training them to contribute to community building work,” says Rathee, who spearheaded the Shishu Panchayat Programme in the village three months ago.

At 21, Rathee is part of a new breed of Gandhians who have embraced, reclaimed and redefined Bapu’s principles. “Gandhiji’s thoughts have influenced me since childhood. After working with these children, I realised that they are relevant even today,” says this history graduate from Ramjas College. “We conduct workshops for the children so that they can contribute to peace, environment protection and disaster management,” adds Rathee, who plans to do a course in Gandhian studies.

Like Rathee, Raunak Ahmad believes in being the change she wants to see. A few years ago, when Ahmad had to choose a master’s programme, she didn’t think much before taking up social work. While studying for a master’s at Aligarh, Ahmad read books on Gandhi and was deeply influenced by them. “That is when I started relating social work with Bapu. I decided to be a professional social worker. I worked as a project officer with several NGOs to build a jobs programme for refugees from Myanmar, Palestine and Afghanistan. I also tried to involve as many youngsters as possible in my work as Gandhiji identified youth as agents of change,” says Ahmad, a PhD research and teaching assistant in Gandhian and peace studies at Indira Gandhi National Open University in Delhi. The 29-year-old uses only khadi products, be it clothes or cosmetics.

As October 2 approaches, Ahmad urges youngsters to take up Gandhian studies not just to keep the Mahatma’s ideologies alive, but also as a career option. “I get a monthly fellowship of Rs 23,000, an annual contingency grant of Rs 20,000 plus benefits.” Both Rathee and Ahmad are fine examples of proud GenY Gandhians.