

GROW GREEN initiative by NSS Unit of JSS University

NSS Unit of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara University, Mysuru initiated a **GROW GREEN** movement. As a part of this initiative, **Seed Ball Sowing** program was organized on Sunday 16th July 2017 at **Muthathi Forest**, Malavalli Tq, Mandya Dt. The program was jointly organized by **NSS Unit of JSS University**, **NSS Unit of Maharani's College**, Mysuru and **Vruksha Ropana 2017**, an volunteer organization, Halaguru, Malavalli Tq, Mandya Dt. About 4 lakh seed balls were sowed in **Muthathi forest** stretching around 12 km deep inside the forest. About 100 NSS volunteers/Officers/Staff of JSS University and Maharani's College Mysuru were participated.

The activity was conducted to create awareness about deforestation and a need for reforestation in the young minds. All participants felt that, such initiatives are very much important in keeping our future forest green and dense. The activity was started at 9 am and ended by 5 pm and the volunteers participated enthusiastically.

The activity was initiated with brief talk on concept of Seed Ball by Mr. Ashvin, the main volunteer of **Vruksha Ropana** volunteer organization and the person behind this activity. He briefly explained the concept of seed ball and how the seed balls were prepared. He appreciated JSS University movement **GROW GREEN** concept and thanked all volunteers for joining hands with his volunteer organization. Dr. K.L. Krishna, NSS Program Coordinator of JSS University briefed about the program and asked all volunteers to actively participate and help this movement to get success. He explained precaution to be followed inside the forest and guided how to go ahead with seed ball sowing. Mr. Praveen Kumar, Forest officer, Muthathi Forest and his team guided the route and helped the program in successful completion.

The activity was coordinated by Mr. Ashvin, Vruksha Ropana, a volunteer organization and Dr. K.L. Krishna, NSS Program Coordinator, JSS University. NSS Program Officers, Dr. Gowrav MP, Dr. Sunilkumar D, Dr. Raghu Ram Achar, Mrs. Manonmani, Dr. Jagadish and staff Dr. H.V. Gangadharappa, Dr. M.P. Gowrav and Mr. Hemanth were present in the program.