

## Environment Awareness Workshop Report(TPD3)

Considering the need of environment protection, the students and faculty members of the Department of Economics of Tuljaram Chaturchand College decided to embark a tree plantation drive with arange Workshop. For this tree plantation drive, this year (2020-21) Aasu village in Phaltan Tehsil was selected. Aasu is a historical village situated on the banks of Nira River. This village was chosen due to the 100 Tamarind seedlings planted last year were completely 100% preserved, co-operation and willingness expressed by the Gram Panchayat functionaries.

1. **The Preliminary work:** This initiative was led by Dr. Jotiram Ghadage. He convinced the students to participate in this annual activity of the department. Students hailing from Aasu village, namely, Mr. Mahesh Kamble, Mr. Atul Sonawane, Mr. Vikas Sonawane, Mr. Tejas Phalke assured about the help of the Gram Panchayat in this regard. Dr. Ghadage was also encouraged by the guidance he received from our Principal Dr. Chandrashekhar Murumkar Sir.
2. **Role of Sarpanch and other dignitaries of Gram Panchayat of Aasu:** The Sarpanch of the Village Mr. Mahadeo Sakunde, Up-Sarpanch Mr. Dhanajay Ghorpade and other elected members of the Gram Panchayat, Police Patil, President of the Tanta Mukti Abhiyan, Gramsevak and other Social Workers wholeheartedly welcomed the organization of this drive. They assured that a land of around 1 acre would be made available for the Tree Plantation Drive for which the Gram Panchayat cleared the thorny offshoots from the area reserved for *Gay-ran* or Grazing Land. The Gram Panchayat also assured us that they will provide logistics support such as tractor, water tank and other tools required for this drive. A total number of 50 people participated in this programme and donated their labour for this social cause. The college sponsored the breakfast and snacks for all the participants.
3. **Actual Tree Plantation on 17 January, 2021:** A total number of 50 participants including 11 students, 4 faculty members (Dr. Samadhan

Patil, Dr. Rahul Dhumal, Mr. Krushna Kulkarni and Dr. Jotiram Ghadage) and 35 villagers participated in the tree plantation drive which began at 8 a.m. In all 100 tamarind trees were planted and watered. The faculty members reached the spot at 6.30 in the morning and did the necessary arrangements with the help of Gram Panchayat Functionaries.

**Guests also planted tree saplings:**

The tree plantation drive was over at 10.30 am. The plantation site was visited by Dr. Amita Gawade, Block Development Officer, Phaltan Panchayat Samiti, Phaltan and Dr. Ramchandra Sapkal, Vice Principal of the T C College. The guests also planted tree saplings on this occasion.


4. **The Workshop:** After the visit of the plantation site, the Guests arrived at the Society Hall for the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Amita Gawade, BDO and Vice Principal Dr. Ramchandra Sapkal. The programme chart is attached with this report.

After the introduction by Dr. Ghadage, the invited speaker Mr. Pruthviraj Lad of Pani Foundation, Baramati and Dr. Madhuri Patil, Department of Botany delivered insightful lectures on the subject of Water and Soil Conservation where in they suggested a number of measures to take forward the environment conservations efforts of the Gram Panchayat. They explained the concept of Dev Rai, medicinal use of plants, plantation of trees suitable trees based on soil testing, benefits of bamboo plantation, liquid waste management and recycling of waste water, need of changing the crop pattern, importance of trees in religious values and making use of them in environmental conservation.

The Block Development Officer commended the efforts of Department of Economics, T C College and The Gram Panchayat Aasu. She suggested the concept of making a tree bank, donating and planting

Trees on birthdays etc. The Chairman of the function Dr. Ramchandra Sapkal, assured continuous support for the activity in future. The Village Development Officer Mr. Appaso Salunke extended the vote of thanks.

The students, villagers and faculty members departed the venue with a new energy and with a new mission of undertaking more such initiatives in the future.



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Enclosed:

1. List of Participated students, faculty members and Villagers.
2. Photos of the event
3. Itinerary of the event/







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