Sant Ramdas Arts, Comm. & Science College, Ghansawngi, Dist. Jalna

Department of Geography organized UGC sponsor National Conference on

"Rain Water Harvesting: A lifeline for Human Well-Being"

Activity Report

The major themes of this conference are

- 1. To spread awareness in society about water saving
- 2. To focus water scarcity as a serious problem throughout urban and rural community.
- 3. To control overexploitation of ground water and recharging water table.
- 4. Use of excess rain water by artificial means for future use of mankind.
- 5. To speared water literacy in society.
- 6. To save rain water for future use of human being.

The research scholars from different colleges of Maharashtra participated in this seminar. Forty two research students, seventy nine professors were participated in this seminar. Forty research papers in Marathi and eighty four papers in English were presents. All these papers were published in the seminar proceeding and the souvenir under Rain Water Harvesting head was at the time of inauguration.

Dr. R. S. Dhamanaskar ,Joint Director,Higher Education inaugurated the seminar on 22 Sept. 2016 on 10.00 and Mr. Shivajirao Chothe presided the function. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. B. N. Gophane, Dr. R. K. Pardeshi, Principal, Mr. Kailas Andil, Tahsildar of Ghansawangi, Dr. Satish Jadhav, Dr. Madan Surawanshi and others were present on the stage.

Joint director Dr. Dhamanaskar presented the objectives of this seminar and appealed all staff for the success of this conference. Dr. B. N. Gophane in his keynote address stated the importance of water in human life. He said that water is the source of life and our planet has 71% water and only 2.6% drinking water and 1.98% of this water is in the form of snow, so only 0.62% water is available for human use and the rainwater is the only source of this water. India get 4000 billion cubic mts water from rainwater and only 690 billion cubic mts water is used. 1859 Billion cubic mtr water flows from river and 1179 billion cubic mtrs water flows to sea. There is no equal distribution fall in India. Though India has three months rainfall season but we get only hundred hours rainfall and all India don't get equal rainfall. Ninety one districts suffer from draught and at the same time eighty three districts from floods in India.

Maharashtra is also not an exception to his scenario, Marathwada region gets only 826 mm rainfall. Inadequate rainfall and lack of planning cause water scarcity. Growing demand for water can

only met by saving every drop of water. So rainwater harvesting can be a remedy for water scarcity. Rainwater harvesting is saving every drop of water and to take measures to stop evaporation of water.

In his presidential speech he expressed his views on water scarcity, sufficient rainfall, geographical factions and intensity of water problem. Dr. Madan Suryawanshi and Sunil Khandebharad expressed their thoughts in this session and twenty one research scholars presented their papers.

Second session was chaired by Dr. B. P. Lahane former Joint Director, Higher Education and Dr. Dilip Phoke. The discussion was taken place on drinking water and awareness about its proper use. Twenty one researchers presented their papers.

Third session was chaired by Dr. Raju Rupvate and the chief guest was Dr. Sachin more. Rainfall in Maharashtra was discussed in this session. Twenty one research papers were presented in this session. Twenty one researchers presented papers. Dr. Haribhau Rathod was the chief guest of the valediction function. Dr. Dayanand Ujalambe and Principal Dr. R. K. Pardeshi and Vice-Principal Dr. Subhash Jadhav were present on the stage. The certificates were given to participants. Participants gave positive feedback on meal, residence and organization of the seminar.

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