

BEST PRACTICE - II



1. Title of the Practice:

Water Angel Movement: An Attempt to Meet the Water Scarcity of Latur

2. Objectives:

- To involve our students as Angels in water conservation movement.
- To encourage Rainwater Harvesting and groundwater recharge.
- To promote water conservation, augmentation and preservation.
- To ensure the reliability of water supply and efficient water usage.
- To make surroundings of Latur green and prosperous.
- To protect right to water.

3. The Context:

The Latur district lies on the Balaghat plateau and geographically it comes under shadow rainfall region. Hence, Latur and its adjacent areas face water scarcity every year. The major occupation of population is agriculture. The development of Latur is affected due to scarcity of water. In 2016, the situation was so adverse that the water was supplied by train to meet the needs, from Krishna River, 350 Km away from Latur. To overcome such a situation, we have initiated the Water Angel Movement with the slogan 'Save Water Save Latur'. The movement focuses on educating the people about importance of water conservation, preservation and rejuvenating the underground water. The institution believes that the natural resources must be preserved by involving the present generation, so that the future generations will inherit the earth for their survival.

4. The Practice:

The Water Angel Movement is one of the best practices of the college to make the people aware about the water conservation, rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge, water conservation, augmentation and preservation, reliability of water supply and efficient water usage, the water related problems such as drought and famine etc. So following programs were conducted by involving the local NGOs like Vanshree, Latur Vruksha Chalval, etc.

- Tree Plantation in and around Latur city
- Survey of 500 houses for rainwater harvesting awareness drive among citizens
- Rainwater Harvesting at residence of the staff
- Guest Lecture on Water Conservation Awareness
- Orientation program on landscaping
- One Student-One Tree and One Faculty-One Tree movement for Students and College Staff

5. Evidence of Success:

- Created awareness about Tree Plantation to increase water table and make Green Latur
- Water table was increased in the houses where Rainwater Harvesting was done.

- Water Angel Volunteers and interested students benefited with the guest lecture on water conservation which proved useful while conducting the survey and Rainwater Harvesting Program.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Problems Encountered:

- Limited financial resources of the institute stand as a bigger hurdle for solving major developmental issues.

Resources Required

- Earth movers and polythene sheets.
- Drought and water experts.
- Funds.
- Human resource.



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