

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (MS) Reports for Extension/Outreach Activities Carried out in Year 2023

Name of Activity Laying of Foundation Stone for Water

Conservation Initiative

Date of Conduction 31-05-2023

Organized by Student Development Section in collaboration

with Jaldhoot NGO

Student Participated 100

Brief Report

Water scarcity is a pressing issue for Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, and its surrounding localities. The university, in collaboration with Jaldhoot NGO, embarked on a major water conservation initiative on 31st May 2023, marking the beginning of a concerted effort to address water scarcity and promote sustainable water management practices. The primary objectives of the water conservation initiative are to enhance groundwater recharge and improve water availability in the campus and surrounding areas. To promote sustainable water management practices among the university community and local residents, a culture of environmental responsibility and conservation through community engagement and education is fostered.





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Glimpses from the Event. Digniteries enlightened the participants and water activists in very simple manner. Encouragements were given to continue with such holy efforts.

Key attendees at the event included the Central Cabinet Minister Dr. B. Karad, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, Management Council Members, Jaldhoot NGO Representatives, Local Dignitaries and Political Leaders, University Faculty, Students, and Staff, and Residents of Pahadsingpura and Jaysingpura. The event highlighted the importance of water conservation and the role of community involvement in ensuring the success of such initiatives. The foundation stone laying ceremony marked the formal initiation of the water conservation project. Key activities included a welcome address by the university's Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, speeches and addresses by dignitaries, and planting of saplings around the site to symbolize growth and renewal. Community interaction and pledges were also taken by attendees to support and sustain the water conservation initiative. Technical experts from Jaldhoot NGO provided an overview of the water conservation techniques to be used, including rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge methods, and efficient water management practices. Demonstrations were conducted to illustrate these techniques. Rainwater harvesting systems were demonstrated, while percolation pits were used for groundwater recharge. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from a diverse group of attendees, including university staff, students, local residents, and members of Jaldhoot NGO. The active involvement of the community highlighted the collective commitment to addressing water scarcity and promoting sustainable water management practices. Key outcomes of the event include increased awareness about the importance of water conservation, strong community engagement, and a shared commitment to sustainability. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing appreciation for the university's proactive approach to addressing water scarcity and the involvement of the local community in the project. Future plans for the university and Jaldhoot NGO include construction of rainwater harvesting structures, development of groundwater recharge facilities, educational workshops, and regular monitoring and evaluation of water levels and project outcomes. In conclusion, the

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foundation stone laying ceremony for the water conservation initiative at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad marks a pivotal step towards addressing the critical issue of water scarcity in the region. The collaboration between the university, Jaldhoot NGO, and the local community reflects a unified effort to promote sustainable water management practices and ensure a secure water future for all. This project not only addresses immediate water challenges but also fosters a culture of conservation and environmental stewardship among students and residents alike.



