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Name of Activity Swarajya Water Conservation Initiative

Date of Conduction 20-06-2023

Organized By University General Administration in

Collaboration with Devgiri Nagri Sahkari Bank Ltd.

Student Participated 150

Brief Report

The Swarajya Water Conservation Initiative is a significant initiative aimed at addressing water scarcity in the arid region surrounding Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. The initiative, organized by the University General Administration in collaboration with Devgiri Nagri Sahkari Bank Limited, aims to promote sustainable water management practices and contribute to the upliftment of local groundwater situation. The inauguration of this initiative on 20th June, 2023 was marked by the dedication of a ferrocement Bandhara (water conservation structure) to the local community. The primary objectives of the Swarajya Water Conservation Initiative are to alleviate water scarcity in the university campus and nearby localities, promote sustainable water management practices, raise awareness about the importance of water conservation, strengthen community ties by involving local residents in conservation efforts, and demonstrate the university's commitment to social responsibility and environmental sustainability.



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Glimpses from Dedication Event of Swrajya Ferrocement Bandhara and Water Conservation Initiative to people. Presence of policitical academic digniteries and their deliberations enlightened everybody present for the event

The event began with an arrival and reception of esteemed guests and participants, including Shri Haribhau Bagade, the chief guest, the university administration, and other

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dignitaries. The inauguration included a traditional ceremony, reflecting the cultural heritage of the region, with the lighting of a ceremonial lamp performed by the chief guest and university dignitaries. The highlight of the event was the dedication of the ferrocement Bandhara to the local community. This structure is designed to enhance water conservation efforts by capturing and storing rainwater, thereby improving groundwater recharge and ensuring a sustainable water supply. Key activities included the inaugural address by Shri Haribhau Bagde, the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and a guided tour of the structure. Several dignitaries delivered speeches that underscored the importance of the initiative and the role of community involvement in water conservation. Key speakers included the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, who highlighted the university's commitment to sustainable development and its responsibility towards the community, and the representative from Devgiri Nagri Sahkari Bank Limited, who discussed the bank's involvement in community development projects and the significance of supporting water conservation initiatives. Community participation and support were crucial to the success of the initiative. Residents took a pledge to support water conservation efforts and promote sustainable water use in their daily lives. An interactive session allowed community members to share their views and suggestions on improving water management in the region, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility among participants. Key outcomes and impacts of the Swarajya Water Conservation Initiative include enhanced water availability, increased awareness, community engagement, educational impact, and university-community partnership. Future plans and recommendations include regular monitoring and maintenance, expansion of conservation efforts, educational campaigns, collaboration with NGOs and government agencies, and student involvement in conservation projects. In conclusion, the Swarajya Water Conservation Initiative represents a significant step towards addressing water scarcity in the arid region surrounding Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University. The successful inauguration of the ferrocement Bandhara, supported by the active participation of local residents and the collaboration with Devgiri Nagri Sahkari Bank Limited, underscores the university's commitment to sustainable development and community welfare. The initiative not only enhances water availability but also fosters a culture of environmental stewardship and social responsibility, setting a positive example for other institutions and communities.





