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A REPORT OF ACTIVITY:

WEBINAR ON **“RAINWATER HARVESTING”** Under

JALSHAKTI ABHIYAN “Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls”



A Webinar on “Rainwater Harvesting: Catch the rain, Where it falls, When it falls” organized by Department of Civil Engineering, A.G. Patil Institute of Technology, Solapur, Maharashtra.

Date of the Activity	19/05/2021
Category of the Activity	Jal Shakti Abhiyan
Title of the Activity	Webinar on “Rainwater harvesting: Catch the rain, Where it falls, When it falls”
Guest Speaker	Mr. Ajit Vijay Oak
Venue	Online: Google meet

As a part of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative by AICTE, an awareness session on “Rainwater harvesting” was organised by Department of Civil Engineering on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, on online google meet.

Time	Activity
10:00 to 10:05	Inauguration and Saraswati Vandan
10:05 to 10:15	Introduction of Guest speaker
10:15 to 11:40	Expert talk by Mr. Ajit Vijay. Oak
11:40 to 11:55	Discussion- Question Answer session
11:55 to 12:00	Vote of thanks and Conclusion

## **About the Speaker:**

Mr. Ajit Oak has completed his B.Com and obtained his MBA degree. Since his school days, he had a special interest in the sport. And being good at Sports, he was able to get a job in the Indian Central Railway. He was also the Best Sports man while in the service of Central Railway. After his long experience of 23 years, he decided to retire voluntarily from Central Railway.

Due to his passion for the environment and his passion for agriculture, he turned to farming after his retirement. He has always experimented with sustainable agriculture in his field. In which till now he has developed various eco-friendly projects in his field such as hydroponics, biogas project, vermicomposting, silk industry.

He is always ready to guide the farmers in organic farming and other experiments. He has always kept his farm open not only for farmers but also for school and college students. His sole purpose is to eat better himself and to feed as many people as he can with good organic products.

Along with agriculture, his performance in the social field is remarkable. He has been associated with Vivekananda Kendra for the last 22 years. He is the Head of Environment Department at Solapur Branch of Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari.

He guided not only by words but also by deeds. He has installed an ideal system of rainwater harvesting in his house in which roof top rain water as well as the runoff from the surrounding area are collected as much as possible and the underground well is recharged.

He has so far provided guidance on rainwater harvesting in more than 700 buildings in the city of Solapur. This includes not only individual houses, bungalows, residential colonies, but also schools, colleges, institutes and hospital buildings.. He is always eager to provide information on the technology needed to install a rainwater harvesting system, equipment filter design and installation of filters, and much more.

His article on “Water Recharge” was published in the book “Samarth Solapur 2020: Vedh Solapurchya Bhavishyacha” by Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth in the year 2008. In 2015, he was honored with the “Vasundhara Award” by the Kirloskar Group.

In 2017, he has given a lecture on Water Bank at A.G. Patil Institute of Technology, Solapur.

No. of Participants: 60

	Name of Participant	Designation
1	Dr.Vishwajeet Potdar	Vice Principal AGPIT
2	Trupti Maslekar-Deshmukh	HOD, Dept of Civil Engineering
3	Dr.Padma Vedula	Associate Professor
4	Prashant Swami	Associate Professor
5	Rajani Mudgundi	(Host)Assistant Professor
6	Yogendra Patil	Assistant Professor
7	Kalyani Mamdyaal	Assistant Professor
8	Rajkumar Manure	Lab Assistant
9	Dr Anil Narayanpetkar	Geologist, PAHSUS.
10	Vallabhdas Goydani	Social worker, Vivekananda Kendra
11	Neha Swami	Teacher
12	Alka Oak	Teacher
13	Ritesh Andhare	Student
14	Akeeb.M Bagwan	Student
15	Snehal Bashetti	Student
16	Pushpa Bhandare	Student
17	Onkar Birajdar	Student
18	Ganesh Bolegaon	Student
19	Vaishnavi Borade	Student
20	Sonali Chavan	Student
21	Rohit Gaikwad	Student
22	Laxmi Gavade	Student
23	Praveen Hiremath	Student
24	Yunus Inamdar	Student
25	Jayshri Kadam	Student
26	Abrar Kadichur	Student
27	Dipak Kamble	Student
28	Puja Kare	Student
29	Prajakta Khalsode	Student
30	Pooja Khare	Student
31	Yasmeen Makandar	Student
32	Kanchan Metgar	Student
33	Sakshi Mhetre	Student
34	Kaif Naikwadi	Student
35	Shreyash Nandurkar	Student
36	Shrikant Parit	Student
37	Sanket Pawar	Student
38	Shubham Rathod	Student
39	Vaish Sagar	Student
40	Rushi Salunke	Student
41	Revati Sargam	Student
42	Abulhasan Shaikh	Student

43	Aquib Shaikh	Student
44	Furquan Shaikh	Student
45	Suhana Shaikh	Student
46	Shivani Shevatekar	Student
47	Nityanand Swami	Student
48	Swapnil Vhanmare	Student
49	Amisha Walikar	Student
50	Mihir Waychal	Student
51	Ishwari Yadav	Student
52	Shruti Yatkari	Student
53	Prasad Yemul	Student
54	Yash Oza	Student
55	Aviraj Pawar	Student
56	Rushi Patil	Student
57	Shivanand Patil	Farmer
58	Suryakant Patil	Farmer
59	Datta Rathod	Student
60	Nidan Rathod	Student

Recording of the Webinar had been uploaded on AGPIT E-Learning youtube channel.

YouTube link of the Session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AD57U-Exz48&t=1339s>

## Snapshots of the Webinar:

