



YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENT CONSCIOUSNESS

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ABSTRACT:

Environmental awareness essentially serves as an educational tool helping people around the world understand the economic, aesthetic and biological importance of pre-reducing harmful effects of man-made alterations. Environment Studies Department, Rajaram College has initiated different innovative subjects for students. In the year 2016-17 the department conducted a youth initiative programme about environment awareness in school children. The youth had to conduct various programmes under five themes viz. natural colours, E-waste, water conservation, best from waste, field visit/garden visit. The students were asked to frame and conduct programmes for the school children on the given themes. They had to submit all the resource materials used and sample products produced by them in the department. In this initiative total 575 students participated as facilitators. The activity benefited 1421 students (1st-10th Std.) from 185 schools in Kolhapur district.

Keywords- Awareness, Water Conservation, E-waste, School

INTRODUCTION:

Environmental awareness essentially serves as an educational tool helping people around the world understand the economic aesthetic and biological important of pre-reducing harmful effect of manmade alterations. Awareness is a tool beginning the solution to every environmental problem. In the present initiative programme, environment consciousness was developed not only among the college students (facilitators) but also school children. The youth initiative programme is helpful for capacity building of students. The initiative programme also promoted improvement in the overall personality of students. The initiative programmes helps to improve the quality of

environment and find solutions about environment problems.

METHODOLOGY:

The youth participants were divided into groups and allotted five themes viz. Natural colours, E-Waste, water conservation, best from waste, Field visit/ Garden visit. The facilitators approached various school children and formed groups of their own in their own residential areas. The students framed and conducted programmes for these school children on the given themes. They submitted all the resource materials generated and used and sample products produced by them in the department along with photographic evidences. In this initiative total 575 students participated as facilitators.

Results:

Sr. No.	College participants Faculty and Class	Number of college students participating in the programme	No. of schools benefited by the programme	No. of Students Benefitted by the programme	Classes addressed
1	B.A. Part II	195	185	538	1 st – 10 th Std.
2	B.Sc. Part II Division A	199		449	
3	B.Sc. Part II Division B	181		434	
	Total	575		1421	

CONCLUSION:

As seen in the table above total five hundred seventy five students of B.A and B.Sc. Part II participated in this initiative programme. The awareness created among the 1421 school students. The school students belonged to class 1st to 10th std. The activity was conducted in 185 schools from Kolhapur District. The schools were from urban and rural areas. The diverse medium of language

was used for interactions and conducting awareness.

The analysis is based on activity method. The collection of E-waste, making of natural colors, recycling and reusing of waste material, making articles of waste materials is the successful step towards the environment conservation.

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Photographs- Youth initiative activities

