

REPORT ON THE GREEN ACTION WEEK INDIA 2020

SHARING COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN AT BANGALORE

29 SEPTEMBER 2020: Inauguration of GAW 2020

CDEW Society in collaboration with CUTs International organized Green Action Week 2020

Rev. Sr. Celine Jacob, President of CDEW Society, Bangalore, presided over the function. Mr. Rajasekhar-Panchayat Development Officer (P.D.O) of Doddabanhalli Grama Panchayat inaugurated the programme and Mr. Pradeep Poojary K, Sub Inspector, Avalahalli Police Station was the special invitee on this occasion.

Sr. Rosy Lopez, Director of CDEW Society welcomed all the participants. Rev. Sr. Celine Jacob in her precedential address delivered an inspirational message on *Sharing* and briefed the importance of caring for the common home in this pandemic time. She reminded all the participants that we are enjoying all the benefits of Mother Earth. We take everything for granted and even exploit the earth to the maximum and never giving a thought of preservation of the nature or the future generation. She made us to think over our responsibilities as adults for the present day calamities and to change our attitudes on consumption that would favor sustainability. She concluded by wishing all the best for the campaign and appreciated CDEW for taking up the campaign. It was followed by the official inauguration of the GAW campaign by lighting the lamp by the dignitaries and women and youth representatives.

Mr. Rajashekhar (P.D.O) appreciated CDEW Society for organizing this campaign in this area to educate the people on waste management, organic farming and kitchen garden in his felicitation address. He also spoke about the initiatives taken by the Grama panchayat in Karnataka working relentlessly to promote household kitchen by providing herbs, vegetables seeds and plants to the families to start kitchen garden keeping in mind the food security. He assured his support and collaboration in promoting sustainable consumption and awareness on environmental issues.

There was a demonstration session on Pipe Composting after the formal inauguration. A video clipping related to organic kitchen garden was shown to the participants to make the topic better understood. It was followed by group discussion to plan out the village level activities. Women representatives from SHG groups and youth representatives from Kaveri Nagar and Ulsoor and a few volunteers from Bandapura were present for the program.

The participants discussed the pros and cons of the theme. The outcome of the discussion was-

- * There should be the meetings for the youth and women in Kaveri Nagar and Ulsoor villages to develop a Sharing attitude among the people.
- * Create an awareness on organic kitchen garden
- * Bicycle rally for the creation of mass awareness on waste management

The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks followed by photo session and lunch at 2 pm.



10th October 2020 the awareness on **Three R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** was organized for women and youth at Ulsoor, Bangalore as part of Green Action Week India 2020 - Sharing Community Campaign. 64 women and 18 youth participated.

Mr. Maria Anthony Solomon was the resource person for the program. He explained the topic in Kannada and showed short videos to make the participants understand well and its importance in this era. The sessions were conducted separately for the youth and women and we followed the norms set by for the safety of all because of Covid-19 pandemic.

The program was appreciated by the participants as they found it very useful and practical for them. The resource person showed the plants planted in the plastic bottles and cloth

bags stitched out of used sarees to explain how the used materials are to be **Reused** to **Reduce** waste, pollution and protect environment. They were also happy about the Pipe composting method introduced for waste management and also to produce organic manure.

There was a core group meeting after the session to plan out the cycle rally to be conducted at Ulsoor for mass awareness creation on Green Action and Sharing Community concepts.



The same programme was organized on 11th October in Kaverinagar village, Bangalore. There were 60 participants and we arranged separate sessions for the youth and women. Mr. Maria Anthony Solomon was the resource person.

After the session there was a group discussion to plan out the cycle rally as part of GAW Campaign.

The outcome of the discussion was:

- Miss Shakthi is selected as overall coordinator for the program.
- Probable date set for the Cycle rally is 8th November 2020 and starting time is 10 am. After the rally the volunteers will go to the selected beneficiaries' house to fix the pipes

to start Pipe composting at the households.

- Publicity materials for the rally will be prepared by the youth group and Miss Lavanya is in charge for it.
- Lunch will be provided to the participants after the rally.



05 November 2020, 20 women and 20 youth gathered in Ulsoor. . Sr. Ancy Mathew gave a detailed explanation on solid waste management. 20 women were given Kitchen compost bins to start proper waste management at the households.



STAKEHOLDER MEETING 3rd December 2020

The meeting was started with prayer led by youth group followed by formal welcome by Mr. Samuel, field supervisor of FIDES Bangalore. Mr. George Cheriyan, Director of CUTS International was the Chief Guest, Dr.



Ajith Kumar, President of KSP presided over the function. Mr. S.M. Shivaram, one of the Community Leader of Kaverinagar, Sr. Monica Thomas F.M.A, Superior of Sacred Heart Salesian Sisters Convent Bandapura and Sr. Agnes Fernandez, Director of FIDES Bangalore were the special invitees. Sr. Rosy Lopez, Director of CDEW Society introduced the GAW 2020 theme - Sharing Community to the participants.



Mr. George Cheiryan and the dignitaries jointly inaugurated the event symbolically pouring water to a plant and he spoke extensively drawing attention to the reality of our cities where huge waste is accumulated and finding no way out for its disposal and consequently harming the mother earth and causing damage to the human life.



Dr. S.M. Shivram shared about Kaverinagar which was once upon a time a dumping yard for Bangalore and how they strenuously worked to remove it and he brought in lives' example to work together for a better tomorrow. Mr. Ajith Kumar once again highlighted the importance of protecting the environment and the need of treasuring ones' own culture and life style. The CDEW Society distributed 20 Bins to 20 women who voluntarily took upon themselves to **reduce** the amount of garbage generated at home and **Recycle** the food and kitchen waste into organic manure.

SOUVENIR:

CDEW Society published a Souvenir of GAW 2020 Sharing Community Campaign and released for the stakeholders



**DISTRIBUTION OF 20
KITCHEN COMPOST
BINS TO 20 WOMEN**



CYCLE RALLY

The cycle rally by 25 youth spreading the message of clean environment assuring their collaboration to achieve the sustainable development by reduce, reuse and recycle the solid waste was the climax. The rally was flagged off by Dr. George Cheriyan, te Ddirector of CUTs Intrnational. The cyclists raised slogans and went around the surrounding area.

The women and youth of Kaverinagar have consciously pledged themselves to promote and protect the environment.



The participants of the Cycle Rally were given Certificate of Participation



TECHINICAL SESSION

The culmination of the event was the technical session at 2pm. Sr. Rosy Lopez presented a short report of the programmes implemented in connection with GAW 2020 from September 29th. Then Dr. George Cheriyan briefed how CUTS started the GAW campaign in India. CUTS started partnering with SSNC (Swedish Society for Nature Conservation) in 2011 to implement GAW programmes in India and gradually developed the nationwide networking to reach more people to create awareness on **Sustainable Development Goal 12**. i.e. **Responsible Consumption and Production**. All have the right to Healthy Environment and the SDG 12 focus to promote ethical consumption “Better and more with less”. 12 principles of ethical consumption are Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Redesign, Repurpose, Renovate, Recreate, Reprocess, Remarket, Redistribute and Recycle. The culture of consumerism increases the production and use of resources. Data of consumption all over the world shows that a whole resource for the year is ended long back and now we are using the borrowed resources meant for future. It leads to increase in production and unlimited use of natural resources which cannot be retrieved by the nature and also increase pollution and wastes. So it is our responsibility to create awareness among the people minimum use of all kinds of resources for a sustainable environment.

All the participants shared their views related to consumption and consumerism and promised to try their level best to protect environment and work for sustainability.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Manjunath, special invitee from Ulsoor.



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