

Reviving Nature: Tree Plantation Drive by Yogada Satsang Palpara College's Alumni Association

Introduction

ফিরে চল, ফিরে চল, ফিরে চল মাটির টানে-- যে মাটি আঁচল পেতে চেয়ে আছে মুখের পানে ॥
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ডাক দিল যে গানে গানে ॥ দিক হতে ওই দিগন্তরে কোল রয়েছে

পাতা,

জন্মমরণ তারি হাতের অলখ সুতোয়

গাঁথা।

ওর হৃদয়-গলা জলের ধারা সাগর-পানে আত্মহারা রে

প্রাণের বাণী বয়ে আনে ॥

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রচনাস্থান: শান্তিনিকেতন

The Yogada Satsang Palpara 's Alumni Association celebrated World Environment Day by planting 170 trees along the Talchitkini village embankment. This initiative, echoing the song “ফিরে চল, ফিরে চল, ফিরে চল মাটির টানে,” aimed to restore nature and foster a sustainable future, involving villagers, elders, and students in a collective effort



On the 5th of June, 2024, coinciding with World Environment Day, the Yogoda Satsang Palpara College's Alumni Association in collaboration with Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya, located in Palpara, Purba Medinipur 721458, West Bengal, India, orchestrated a remarkable tree plantation drive, bringing together community members, villagers, and students in a collective effort to restore ecological balance. This initiative was not merely a symbolic act but a significant step towards mitigating the impacts of global warming and restoring the natural rhythm of the fauna along the banks of the Keleghai River, particularly in Talchitkini village.

Historical Context

Talchitkini village, situated adjacent to the Amgachia bungalow of Patashpur police station, had been severely affected by a devastating flood in 2021. The flood, which caused the embankment to break, led to extensive damage, flooding multiple villages, and resulting in significant losses of households and livestock. Though the dam was later repaired, no substantial efforts were made to

replant trees along the embankment, leaving the area vulnerable to further ecological degradation and reducing the natural habitat for local wildlife.

The Initiative



Prof. (Dr.) Pradipta Kumar Mishra the Principal of the college gave **embrace this Green Movement with a message**

"Every small step towards sustainability counts. From planting trees to reducing waste, each action contributes to a healthier planet. Let's embrace the green movement and work together to preserve our environment for future generations. Remember, the Earth is our home; let's treat it with the care and respect it deserves. #GoGreen #Sustainability #WorldEnvironmentDay"

Alone with a message pitched by the Alumni Association Convener of the College Dr. Srimati Pandit on Environmental Protection



"Our environment is facing unprecedented challenges, from deforestation to climate change. It's time to act! By making eco-friendly choices and supporting conservation efforts, we can protect our planet and ensure a thriving ecosystem for all. Your actions today shape the world of tomorrow. #ProtectOurPlanet #ClimateAction #EcoWarrior"

Recognizing the need for a sustainable solution, the Yogada Satsang Palpara College's Alumni Association took the initiative to plant 170 sapling trees along the embankment of Talchitkini village. This effort aimed to bring back the fauna to their natural rhythm, counteracting the adverse effects of global warming and coral grazing. The plantation drive was held in the late afternoon, from 4 PM to 6 PM, ensuring that the saplings were planted during the cooler part of the day to minimize transplant shock and maximize their chances of survival.

Alumni and Community Involvement

The tree plantation drive was a community-centric event. Villagers, elders, alumni, and students all participated with enthusiasm, transforming the initiative into a joyous occasion that fostered a

sense of unity and shared responsibility. There were more than 100 participants. The participation of villagers and elders was particularly significant, as they brought in a wealth of traditional knowledge and a deep understanding of the local ecology. Their involvement ensured that the saplings were planted in the most suitable locations and were given the best possible start.





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Student Participation

More than 100 students of the college participated in this initiatives. The involvement of college students in the plantation drive added a vibrant and energetic dimension to the event. These young volunteers not only contributed their labor but also brought in fresh ideas and a strong sense of environmental stewardship. By engaging in this hands-on activity, the students gained a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental conservation. Their participation also symbolized the passing of the torch to the next generation, highlighting the importance of fostering a culture of sustainability among the youth.





Environmental Impact

The plantation of 170 sapling trees along the embankment is expected to have a significant positive impact on the local environment. Trees play a crucial role in stabilizing the soil, preventing erosion, and providing habitat for various species of fauna. Over time, these saplings will grow into mature trees, forming a protective green belt along the riverbank that will help mitigate the effects of future floods. The increased tree cover will also enhance the local biodiversity, providing food and shelter for birds, insects, and other wildlife, thus helping to restore the ecological balance in the area.



Symbolic Significance

The tree plantation drive held on World Environment Day carried profound symbolic significance. It was a demonstration of the collective will to heal and protect the environment, a call to action for sustainable practices, and a reminder of the interconnectedness of all life forms. By planting

trees, the participants not only contributed to the immediate needs of the environment but also made a long-term investment in the health and well-being of future generations.



Community Feedback

The feedback from the community was overwhelmingly positive. Villagers expressed their gratitude to the alumni association for initiating this drive and acknowledged the importance of reforestation for their future. Elders shared stories of how the area once thrived with diverse flora and fauna, and how this initiative rekindled hope for a return to those times. The alumni association

received commendations for their thoughtful and impactful contribution, highlighting the event as a model for other communities to follow.



Conclusion

The tree plantation drive by the Yogada Satsang Palpara College's Alumni Association was a resounding success, marked by community involvement, student participation, and a clear focus on environmental restoration. As the saplings take root and grow, they will stand as living symbols of resilience and hope, embodying the spirit of World Environment Day. This initiative not only addressed the immediate ecological needs of Talchitkini village but also set a precedent for sustainable environmental practices. By planting trees today, the alumni association has sown the seeds for a healthier, greener, and more sustainable future for generations to come.

The efforts of the Yogada Satsang Palpara College's Alumni Association underscore the importance of community-led environmental initiatives and demonstrate the powerful impact of collective action in addressing global challenges such as climate change and biodiversity loss. Let this event inspire others to take similar steps in their communities, ensuring that our planet remains vibrant and thriving for all forms of life.