



Stepping towards sustainability...

This joint programme of the Kirloskar Company and the Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research, Pune aims to reach out to the local community at Kirloskarwadi. It focuses on knowledge building, skill development and harnessing of traditional knowledge to foster knowledge transfer and support the design of sustainability initiatives through a participatory approach.

A capacity building workshop for teachers on Sustainable development and Biodiversity was conducted on the 10th and 11th of August 2018 at Kirloskar High School, Kirloskarwadi by BVIEER, Pune in collaboration with Kirloskar Brothers Limited. The two day workshop oriented the teachers on Education for Environment and Sustainable Development the concept of working through a 'Whole School Approach'. The workshop was attended by 19 teachers from 10 schools of Sangli under the Vikas Charitable trust. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Ramesh Bijapur, H.R., G.M. of Kirloskar Brothers Ltd as the Chief Guest along with Dr. Erach Bharucha, Director of BVIEER; Dr. Kranti Yardi, Professor of BVIEER and Mrs. Sudha Mohite, Administrator of Kirloskar High School. Dr. Bharucha made a presentation on biodiversity of India. Dr. Kranti Yardi introduced the concept of Sustainable Development. The strategies for 'Whole school approach' was introduced by conducting several activities.

On the second day Dr. Shamita Kumar introduced the Green School Approach by showing various activities conducted by other schools.

Sangli, situated on the banks of River Krishna and its flourishing agricultural fields lies in the Deccan plateau region of Maharashtra, India. Pressures of unsustainable activities destroy the rich biodiversity in the area. While economic development is essential, it must be linked to Sustainable lifestyles. The requisited knowledge and skills to make these decisions that foster sustainability and result in long term benefit must become a part of school education.

The best way to attempt to bring a change in the society is through children. They have no vested interests and are the single most important influence in any family. Schools and school children are effective conduits to societal development.



Participants, BVIEER staff and Kirloskar Brothers Ltd. Members.



Inaugural ceremony of the workshop in the presence of Sir Ramesh Bijapur, H.R., G.M. of Kirloskar Brothers Ltd as the Chief Guest.

Greening minds greening communities.....

Education is a basic pedagogical tool for implementing any change in the society. Environment Education has three aspects i.e. awareness, attitude and action. This orients students towards conserving nature. Several exciting activities were conducted during the workshop to introduce the 'Whole School Approach' to the teachers.



Teachers discussing and noting down the issues related to waste.



Teachers calculating their Ecological footprint and handprint.



All the teachers who attended the workshop were felicitated with a certificate in the hands of the Educational Officer, D. P. Kulkarni.



Activity to understand that Environment Education cannot happen unless you are involved in doing positive actions towards environment.

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One of the teacher wrote a poem to express and share his experience on the workshop.