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CALLS 2.0

INAUGURATION OF PROJECT CALLS 2.0

The two prestigious and people centred organizations: Shevaroyhills Tribal Development Institute (STDi) a wing of SPS INDIA FOUNDATION, The Retreat – Don Bosco, Yercaud and Jugend Eine Welt (JEW) inaugurated their Project CALLS 2.0 (Covid19 Alternative Livelihood and Living Services), i.e., their second intervention during the time of Covid19 to give alternative livelihood for the tribals of Yercaud. The event was held on 24th January 2021, on the feast of St. Francis de Sales.



The programme is to train in nursery plant growing and income generation. The event began with the registration of the beneficiaries and a prayer song. Fr. Raj, SDB, Rector of the Retreat – Don Bosco welcomed the gathering and thanked JEW for its accompaniment and support for people-centred innovative initiatives.



The event marked was by the presence of Fr. Agilan, SDB, Provincial of the Salesian province of Tiruchy, who inaugurated the project, Mrs. Rajalakshmi, an Organic Farmer who will also join the training team, Mrs. Jayanthi, the Assistant Engineer of Yercaud Union presented her life experience about nature and Agriculture. Mr. Ramachandiran, the Panchayat President of Manjakuttai Panchayat thanked STDi and JEW for their initiatives for being part of the people's growth. Fr. Selvakumar, the Coordinator organized the event with his staff.

“Hands in the dirt, head in the sun, Heart With nature. To Nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul.” Alfred Austin. The project will train 80 persons and a stipend of standard daily wage will be given during the training. These eighty will be divided into four batches (20 each) for on-field training. They will have training in three phases. With this training, we are moving ahead in preservation of nature and enhancing the lives of people and nature.

ON-FIELD TRAINING

After a day of training on preparing Organic Manure and pesticides, beneficiaries of Project CALLS 2.0 (Covid19 Alternative Livelihood & Living Services) of STDi & JEW prepared Jeevamirtha Karaisal on 12th of February, 2021. Recap was done by Fr. Selvakumar SDB. Jeevamirtha Karaisal gives organic boost to the plants, improves the soil and helps to get more yields from the plants. Beneficiaries shared their knowledge about Jeevamirtha karaisal. Then the trainees prepared twenty litres of Jeevamirtha karaisal. They mixed ingredients in a big barrel and covered it with a plastic cover. After three days, Jeevamirtha karaisal will be ready to use for the plants.

Meen Amilam Group Prepared Panchagavya on 18th February. Panchagavya is known to boost immunity and promote plant growth. Cow dung and cow urine are the key ingredients of the preparation and the plants show an increase in the growth of side shoots. Trainees were very much interested and they prepared 20 liters of Panchagavya. They added the ingredients in a big barrel and mixed it with a big stick. They used the formula to mix the ingredients in the form of 50 times clockwise and anticlockwise and covered the barrel for the Fermentation process. After fifteen days, Panchagavya will be ready to use for the plants.



NaSH

TRIBALS IN PRODUCTION OF PLANTS

In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. STDi is in its second year of Project Nash (Firstly, to develop a sustainable livelihood option to the tribal Malayali community. Secondly, to promote an organic farming culture in the region among the tribals in particular and other people in general). After training the Tribals in nursery plant production, STDi has begun its production of plants through the Tribals in the villages. After the production of the plant, the STDi will buy the plants from them and create Market Avenue for the Tribals through REO Nursery.



NaSH Plantation Training for the Melpiliyur village people



“Who plants a plant, Plants a hope.” - Lucy Larcom. STDi is in its second year of Project Nash (Firstly, to develop a sustainable livelihood option to the tribal Malayali community. Secondly, to promote an organic farming culture in the region among the tribals in particular and other people in general). On 21st February, 2021, conducted an training program in Melpiliyur village. Training was started with a small prayer. Orientation about the project (NaSH) was given to the beneficiaries. Then the session was conducted on How to do plantation, Methods of planting, Cover changing method, Soil types, and different type of plantation. Trainees were participated eagerly in the rainy situation. After the tea break, Recap was done by the trainer. Trainees were given grow bags and seedlings. They will grow plants in their home. After the production of the plant, the STDi will buy the plants from them and create Market Avenue for the Tribals through REO Nursery.