

Corporate Social Responsibility

1. Inauguration of Phase II Plantation Programme at Panawadi Village, Taluka Purandar, Dist. Pune on 22nd June, 2021

Science and Technology Park, Pune with an aim of socio-economic and ecological development of Panawadi village and convert it into a model replicable sustainable village with highest United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, has taken a mission of planting 50,000 fruit trees within three years as an effort to enhance ecology as well as economy and nutrition status of the Panawadi population.

Since last year, Scitech Park has already completed plantation of around 5000 saplings which were a mix of fruit trees, medicinal plants as well as varieties which are indigenous to the Western Ghats.

The Phase II plantation programme was inaugurated on Tuesday, 22nd June, 2021 at Pathar Plantation site, Vadachi Wadi, village Panawadi, Tq. Purandar, Dist. Pune. This was to initiate the plantation programme by planting the first batch of 60 fruit trees consisting of Guavas, Mangoes, Custard Apple, Black Plum, Jack Fruit and Indian Gooseberry. The varieties of saplings planted are as per the request made by the villagers and a total of 500 such saplings were planted under this Phase II plantation programme at Panawadi.

The project has been jointly supported by OneLess, Finolex Industries Ltd. Pune, and its CSR partner Mukul Madhav Foundation, Pune. The dignitaries present for the plantation programme were Mr. Raj Louis, Head, Human Resource Department, Finolex Industries Ltd., Pune; Dr. Rajendra Jagdale, DG & CEO, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Dr. Prashant Varkey, Scientist, Zum Heilen Diagnostic & Therapeutics Pvt Ltd; Dr. Puja Kanwar, Group Director, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Ms. Aarti Sood, Manager Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mr. Jivraj Chole, Journalist, Mukul Madhav Foundation, Pune, Mr. Sanmati Shetgar, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mr. Vaibhav Nimgire, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mrs. Nalini Lole, President, Panchayat Samiti, Panawadi; Mrs. Sunita Sapkal, Gramsevak, Panawadi; Mr. Aaba Lole, Sarpanch, Panawadi; Mr. Haribhau Lole; Mr. Sandip Bhise; Mrs. Sushma Bhise; Mr. Anil Magar, members of Waghzai Mata Shetmal Utpadak Company, Panawadi.



2. Training Programme on Conservation and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants Conducted on Wednesday, 18th August, 2021 at Panawadi Village, Taluka Purandar, Dist. Pune

In recent years, cultivation of medicinal plants has started gaining momentum. Medicinal plants are not only a major resource base for the traditional medicine & herbal industry but they also provide livelihood and health security to a large segment of Indian population. Considering the geography, water and land availability, Panawadi village has a huge potential for sustainable medicinal plantations across its four wadis.

Science and Technology Park, Pune in association with Regional-Cum-Facilitation Center, Western Region (RCFC-WR), National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush, Govt, of India, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune organized a training programme on Preservation and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants on Wednesday, 18th August, 2021 for the farmers of its adopted village; Panawadi.

The dignitaries present for the programme were Dr. K.N. Dhumal, Dy. Director, RCFC-WR, NMPB, SPPU, Pune, Mr. Vigyan Arya, Science and Technology Park, Mrs. Nalini Lole, President, Panchayat Samiti, Panawadi; Mrs. Sunita Sapkal, Gramsevak, Panawadi; Mr.Aaba Lole, Sarpanch, Panawadi; Mr. Haribhau Lole; Mr. Sachin Salunke, Paani Foundation, Panawadi, Mr. Sandip Bhise; Mrs. Sushma Bhise; Mr. Sanmati Shetgar, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mr. Vaibhav Nimgire, Science and Technology Park, Pune and farmers of Panawadi village.

The programme facilitated farmers with information on selection of variety of medicinal saplings, land, soil and water requirement, maintenance and plant care, harvesting, current market demand, value, supply etc. The information of important medicinal plants viz; *Tinospora cordifolia*, *Premna serratifolia*, *Rauwolfia* sp, *Croton tiglium*, *Plumbago zeylanica*, *Vitex negundo*, *Ficus religiosa* etc. which are suitable for cultivation at Panawadi village was shared during the programme and sample saplings were also distributed among the farmers.

The farmers are very keen to support medicinal plantations and they have agreed to plant around 5000 medicinal plants across the available land and create a unique medicinal plantation belt within the village in coming years. This initiative under Scitech Park's mission of 50,000 tree plantation in the village will ultimately stimulate rural economy, create jobs and help maintain critical ecosystem of the place and strengthen climate resilience of the rural poor.



3. Plantation Programme for Senior Citizens from Shantivan Care Centre and Abhal Maya Old Age Home From Pune

In order to support the senior citizens of Pune and to give them a pleasant experience of planting trees at a village which will be eventually a part of integrated village development plan, Science and Technology Park, Pune with the support of One Less in collaboration with Mukul Madhav Foundation, Pune, has carried out a plantation programme for senior citizens of two old age homes namely Shantivan Care Centre and Abhal Maya Old Age Home from Pune on Monday, 13th December, 2021 at Gram Panchayat Office, Panawadi village, Purandar Taluka, Pune.

The dignitaries present at the event were Mrs. Nalini Haribhau Lole, President, Purandar Panchayat Samiti, Ms. Anita Devkar from Shantivan Care Centre, Mr. Ramesh Sabu from Aabhal Maya Old Age Home, Mr. Babalu Mokale and Mr. Jitendra Jadhav from Mukul Madhav Foundation, Pune, Mr. Aabasaheb Lole, Sarpanch, Panawadi, Mr. Mauli Bhise, Deputy Sarpanch, Panawadi, Mr. Haribhau Lole, Mrs. Sushma Bhise, Mr. Sandeep Bhise from Panawadi, Mr. Vaibhav Nimgire and Mr. Sanmati Shetgar from Science and Technology Park, Pune, Members of Waghzai Mata Shetmal Utpadak Company, Panawadi and Members of Adarsh Mahila Bachat Gat, Panawadi.



4. Plantation Programme Phase II Carried out with the Support of FICCI Flo, Pune Chapter, on Wednesday, 21st December, 2021 at Panawadi

Aligned with the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals and as a part of Science and Technology Park's ambitious mission of planting 50,000 fruit trees within next three years at Panawadi, the Phase II plantation programme was carried out with the support of FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter, on Wednesday, 22nd December, 2021 at Gat No. 1209 farmland near Babdev site at Panawadi. A total of 50 saplings of unique Singapore Wada and Ramchandra variety of Jack Fruit have been planted during the programme. These rare, grafted and red fleshed jackfruit varieties which will start fruiting within 3-5 years of its plantation.

The dignitaries present for the plantation programme were Ms. Usha Poonawalla, Chairperson, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter; Ms. Mariam Daruwala, Member, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter; Dr. Gayatri Tiwari, Member, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter; Ms. Sabiya Poonawala, Member, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter, Dr. Rajendra Jagdale, DG & CEO, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mr. Vigyan Arya, Science and Technology Park, Pune, Mrs. Nalini Lole, President, Panchayat Samiti, Panawadi; Mr. Abasaheb Lole, Sarpanch, Panawadi; Mr. Vaibhav Nimgire, Science and Technology Park, Pune, Mr. Sanmati Shetgar, Science and Technology Park, Pune, Mr. Haribhau Lole; Mr. Sandip Bhise; Mrs. Sushma Bhise and members of Adarsh Mahila Bachat Gat and Waghjai Mata Shetmal Utpadak Company, Panawadi.



5. New Vision for Panawadi: Scitech Park, Pune Organized An Eye-care Camp for Villagers of Panawadi on 22nd February, 2022 at Panawadi

The villagers of Panawadi were given a “New Vision” at an Eye-Care Camp organized by the Science and Technology Park, Pune with support from Rotary Club of Centre Pune. More than 175 villagers availed of this NEW VISION Eye Camp held on 24th February 2022, that included students as young as 7 years of age and the oldest was 85-year-old senior resident of the village.

Senior residents of the village were also given 72 reading classes, free of cost as a goodwill gesture by the Community Eye Care Foundation of Dr. Gogate’s Eye Clinic. Young students were also tested for color blindness, and thankfully, none tested positive to Color Blindness in the village.

The village of Panawadi, in the Purandar Tehsil, is approximately 40kms from Pune City and has a resident population of around 600 as per the last census. The NEW VISION Eye Care camp was organized in the Zilla Parishad Primary School, Panawadi and was supported by school teachers and Aanganwadis in the village. It was enthusiastically supported by Shri. Haribhau Lole, Social worker and Ex-Sarpanch, Panawadi and Shri. Abasaheb Lole, Sarpanch, Panawadi village.

This is first of the many health camps planned to be organized at Panawadi Village. Scitech Park, Pune has adopted this village with the intention of making it self-sustaining in every aspect of life by providing good health, quality education and improve the standard of life by making changes at grass root level. Panawadi is also developing as a tourist destination with aquatic activities, outdoor exercises and expected to evolve as a staycation tourist destination for residents of Pune and nearby cities.



6. Scitech Soymate Training and Distribution Programme at Mokhada, Dist. Palghar on 4th March, 2022

Science and Technology Park, Pune, Finolex Industries Ltd, Pune along with its CSR partners Mukul Madhav Foundation Pune and Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's, Arts, Science and Commerce College, Mokhada, jointly conducted Scitech Soymate Training and Distribution Programme at the nodal centre, ASCC Mokhada, Dist. Palghar on 4th March, 2022.

During the programme an extensive hands-on training programme on operation and maintenance of Scitech Soymate machine was conducted by Mr. Sanmati Shetgar, Science and Technology Park, Pune. Representatives from the following 10 Zilla Parishad Schools were present for the Scitech Soymate Training and Distribution Programme namely Shri. Namdev Gangurde, District Primary School, Takpada, Shri. Jayaram Badade, ZP School, Ambepani, Shri. Damu Dhondmare, ZP, Kavalpada, Shri. Arif Syed, ZP School, Warghadpada, Shri. Dattu Ghodke, ZP School, Bhendichapada, Shri. Vishal Jogdand, ZP School, Warghadpada, Shri. Atmaram Joshi, ZP School, Loharpada, Shri. Amol Ghodke, District Primary School, Telipada, Shri. Gopal Damse, ZP School, Gumbadpada and Shri. Dattu Gorale, ZP School, Gabhalpada. Along with these selected teachers of ZP Primary Schools, Mrs. Rekha Darekar, Group Education Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Mokhada also attended the training programme.

The dignitaries present for the Scitech Soymate Training and Distribution Programme were Shri. Pawan Chandratrey, Finolex Industries Ltd, Pune. Honourable Principal of ASCC Mokhada, Dr. L. D. Bhor, Principal, ASCC, Mokhada, Shri. Dilip Aware, Extension Officer, Panchayat Samiti Office, Mokhada, Mr. Vaibhav Nimgire, Science and Technology Park, Pune.

Total 10 Scitech Soymate machines were distributed to the ten selected teachers from the ZP Schools, Mokhada after the training programme.



7. Two Pedal Boats Launched in Panawadi by Scitech Park, Pune on 28th March, 2022 at Patzai Dam, Bhisewadi, Panawadi

Village Panawadi, adopted by Scitech Park is taking strong strides to evolve into a self-sustaining Model Village, and working to provide employment and business opportunities to its residents. One such activity planned is the Introduction of Boating in the water bodies of Panawadi. FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter and Ayugen Biosciences Pvt. Ltd. Scitech Park, Pune, Start-up have extended their generous support for procurement of two 4-seater pedal boats to encourage and empower women of the Panawadi in becoming economically independent with a regular and sustainable business that will grow with time with the popularity of Panawadi as a tourist destination.

Two Pedal Boats were launched on 28th March 2022 at Patzai Dam, Bhisewadi, Panawadi at the hands of Shri. Pratap Pawar, Chairman & MD, Sakal Papers Pvt. Ltd., Pune & Vice President, Scitech Park, Pune and Shri. Dilip Band, IAS (Retd.), President, Scitech Park, Pune. Two girls and two boys from the village were identified and trained by the Scitech Park team in special boat skills and emergency rescue techniques prior to the launch of the pedal boats.

The dignitaries present for the launch of the pedal boat were Ms. Usha Poonawalla, Chairperson, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter; Ms. Noopur Pawar, Member, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter, Ms. Pooja Anand, Member, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter, Ms. Mariam Daruwala, Member, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter; Dr. Gayatri Tewari, Member, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter; Ms. Seniorita Issac, FICCI FLO, Pune Chapter, Dr. Rajendra Jagdale, DG & CEO, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mr. Gurvinder Singh, Mentor, Blogger and Entrepreneur, Pune; Mr. Paresh Parekh, MD, Autofina Ltd., UK; Mr. Badri Poonawalla, Interior Designer, Artist, Pune; Dr. John Kurien, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala; Mr. Hector Andrade, Educationist, Pune, Mr. Arvind Patole, Adventure Sports Expert and wildlife Photographer, Pune; Mr. Manish Pungliya, Entrepreneur and Incubatee Company of Scitech Park, Pune; Mrs. Supriya Sankpal, Entrepreneur, Pune; Mr. Subhash Kankariya, Director, Kankariya Corporation, Pune; Mr. Abasaheb Lole, Sarpanch, Panawadi, Mrs. Nalini Lole, President, Panchayat Samiti, Panawadi; Dr. Shubhangi Jadhav, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mr. Vigyan Arya, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mr. Vaibhav Nimgire, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mr. Sanmati Shetgar, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mrs. Sushma Bhise, Mrs. Neelam Bhise, Mr. Sandip Bhise, Mr. Mauli Bhise, Mr. Haribhau Lole , Mr. Lakhan Dhivar and members of Adarsh Mahila Bachat Gat and Waghzai Mata Shetmal Utpadak Company., Panawadi.

