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THE RISE OF ANTHARAM'S PROSUMER COMMUNITY

6 Factors that make 'Antharam' an efficient 'Prosumer Community'



Antharam's sustainable practises transform the community and its resident's into prosumers at a micro-level. The primary difference between a consumer and a prosumer is that the consumer buys various products for consumption while the prosumer takes adequate

steps to produce the products and then consume them. Antharam's design is based on the model of a prosumer community where production and consumption happen parallelly. Here are simple measures taken in account for the execution of the same.

INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS

On the roadmap of becoming a self-sufficient community, Antharam generates its own electricity. For doing so, the parking lot of each eco-habitat cluster has provision for solar panels that absorb light from the sun and convert it into electricity. The photovoltaic cells are arranged in the form of a micro-grid interconnected by an electrical network between the parking areas of the eco-habitats. To further harness the community bond and maximise energy savings, the power generated in one cluster can also be shared and consumed anywhere in Organo Antharam community.



GROW YOUR KITCHEN GARDEN

The 'Rurban Food Culture' at Antharam encourages the residents to grow local and seasonal vegetables in their backyard which may be used for personal consumption. Another advantage here is that organic vegetables taste much better, are healthier and packed with more nutrients as compared to the vegetables sourced from the conventional marketplace. As a result of this farm to the kitchen concept, one can enjoy home-cooked meals and live a healthy farm-to-table lifestyle within the boundaries of the home.

In-house Goshala

Antharam's Goshala has a sufficient number of Gir cows, which produce nutritious A2 milk and thrive by consuming fresh produce. This milk caters to the overall milk consumption requirements of the community. One can enjoy easy access to unadulterated and nutritious farm-fresh milk from the Goshala. In addition, this milk is ideal to make a whole range of organic dairy products that includes yoghurt, paneer or cottage cheese, butter and even ghee.

Make your own Compost

Antharam encourages its residents to manage food waste

and recycle organic waste into soil-enriching compost. Here, the microorganisms help decompose the food and vegetable waste into organic matter -- thus resonating with our ethos of giving back to nature. Additionally, compost helps plants absorb nutrients from the soil making them healthier for consumption. The Bio-gas plan within the community supports families in diverting their wet waste, which gets converted into electricity and the manure which is put back into the farmland to enhance soil health.

Herb Garden

One can grow medicinal plants like Tulsi or holy basil in the backyard and include them in the daily diet. Antharam's herbal garden flourishes with at least 20 species of medicinal plants with therapeutic properties. These herbal plants are grown for the well-being of the residents in Antharam community.



Rainwater Harvesting

An expert team has carried out a detailed analysis of the existing water table and proposed to build a water storage structure or Pedda Baavi with an adequate capacity to reserve water. In case of water scarcity, groundwater depletion or low rainfall, the rainwater will be used for consumption as well as the daily activities of the Antharam community.

Read this blog to know more about rainwater strategies in Antharam: <https://www.organo.co.in/blog/why-are-we-building-the-water-storage-structures-pedda-baavi-at-antharam>



Hence the community at Organo Antharam is slowly emerging as a self-sustainable prosumer community that generates its own electricity, grows its own food, rears its own cows for milk supply and soon.

GREAT PLACE TO GROW-UP AMONGST NATURAL SURROUNDINGS



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Llhyz38sRg>

What @Harsha Vasudeva Vangala, MD at Amaze Global Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd really liked about Organo's Antharam community is that his home has a nice big forest and a water body behind it.

He wants his son to wake up to such natural surroundings, spend time at goshala and see how the farm produce is being grown, while playing with friends in the community.

UNLEARNING OLD HABITS – A WAY TO WALKABILITY AND HAPPINESS



There are various studies which state that our mindset, habits, moods and life all together depend on the way our homes, communities and cities are designed and this is because we spend more than 90% of our time indoors. It has a much larger impact on the children that are exposed to these environments and shapes their personality as they grow up. Hence the built environment plays a huge role in affecting the health and well-being of us and our family members.

A study by the Harvard university

suggests that Rapid urbanisation is a major cause for decrease in open spaces for people to walk. To top it up, sedentary lifestyle at work place and working from home further minimises the scope for body movement.

Metabolic rate in our bodies goes further down when we don't move enough as the physical well-being is directly associated with mental and social well-being of ourselves.

If we analyse the journey of a person living inside a gated villa community, we depend on

our automobiles (car or bike) to move around for essentials like groceries, gymnasium, salon, meeting neighbours, etc., This is more so the case for communities which are larger than 10 acres in land area. With busy lifestyles, saving those few minutes takes top priority, combined with lethargy.

Some communities have dedicated tracks and cycle parking spaces to encourage cycling but the what percentage of residents use it?

“The question we asked ourselves is, how do we change the way people commute inside a community? How do we really encourage residents to use their feet? Can we nudge people to change old habits? Can pedestrian friendly design not be limited to a mere marketing USP?”

If you look closely at the floor plans in any gated villa community, one can evidently observe that at least 10% of the usable land area is allocated for

vehicular parking. It ends up not only occupying usable space and expensive real estate, but also blows harmful vehicular emissions consisting of carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NOx), Sulphur oxides (SOx) etc., inside our homes. Inhalation of these toxic gases leads to long term negative impacts due to poor indoor ventilation, compromising the health of residents. There is only one way to break this negative ripple effect.

So what if we removed the cars from the homes?

What if we created collective parking spaces located at a reasonable walking distance from our homes?

This design idea would potentially solve the problem of cutting out vehicular emissions from entering our homes and also allow us to use this space for productive landscaping, resulting in better health and well-being of the residents and community.



At Organo Antharam, each cluster has a walkway designed for people to walk & cycle, and electric buggies to transport residents. By design, the cluster walkway restricts vehicles from entering inside (except during emergency).





The residents park their cars in non-designated parking spaces in the cluster parking area and walk inside the cluster.



The maximum walking distance between the parking area and the home in each cluster is around 300 meters. As per Indian Green Building Council's (IGBCs) rating tools, the maximum allowable walking distance is 800 meters.



There is also another benefit through this design, as it fundamentally removes the fear of speeding vehicles approaching elders and children as they play inside the clusters. It brings back the old world charm of children playing and elders socializing in front of homes. Thus creating a naturally inclusive and safe community living experience for all age groups.

A PERFECT PLACE TO STAY CONNECTED WITH NATURE AND A HAPPY INVESTMENT



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0gK3JbjR4g>

Organo Antharam is a perfect place for @Renu Dalavi. The cycle track, walking track, water body, and almost everything she saw and experienced felt like connecting back to nature.

For Renu, it is not just about monetary investment, but Organo Antharam was the right investment at the right place. Moreover, it is a happy investment for her and her family.



SKILLING RURAL YOUTH- ORGANO'S APPROACH

The eco-habitats by design are located away from the cities and in rural or per-urban areas. For any community to become an eco-habitat, there should be a symbiotic relationship between the community and its surroundings. The relationship can be with respect to any physical aspects like water, air, food etc., as well as people to people connect. The influence of this relationship is more pronounced to a certain extent of physical and emotional space. In order to define this space, we at Organo have taken the seven strands of sustainability or saptapatha (earth, water, air, people,

food, shelter, and energy) as parameters around which the influence zone is defined.

This influence zone can be called as eco-habitat boundary which is a key aspect of eco-habitats built by Organo. It can be defined as "the physical and social space around the eco-habitat which acts as an influence zone whose environment has a direct impact on the well-being of the residents of the eco-habitat".

Like any other residential community there are various requirements in terms of maintenance for the eco-habitats as well. These requirements may be material, manpower and natural resources. Of the above mentioned three aspects the "manpower/ people" aspect

is key to ensuring that the Eco-habitats are maintained in a sustainable and cohesive manner. Specific villages around the eco-habitat are identified and interventions are under taken by Organo to ensure the cohesive relationship is established gradually between the residents of eco-habitats and people living in the villages nearby.

At Organo we have made a conscious choice to hire at least 75% of the staff/ manpower required for maintenance/ operation of the eco-habitat from the local villages. Since most of the people in the villages come from different educational and skill levels, it was sought to train them both on the job and through classroom method of education. This will ensure that the skill levels are standardized.



MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL

Through this approach both the residents of the eco-habitats and their neighbors (villagers living nearby) benefit. The villagers get a predictable livelihood option, upgradation of skills which bring better earning capacity and the residents get the benefit of reliable and trained manpower.

OUR APPROACH

Based on our experience gained in our earlier projects we have decided to have skill targeted development training sessions for interested youth. Towards these four trades or courses were identified namely Food & Beverage Steward, Kitchen Steward, Housekeeping Trainee, Multi Skill Trainee (Plumbing & Electrical).



One of the leading National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC) empaneled vocational and skill training partners B-Able was onboarded for undertaking the mobilization of rural youth in villages near projects. Once the trades/ courses were shortlisted we identified key skills that that the course curriculum should cover. A customized curriculum for Organo was developed.

Post this, village mobilizers (persons skilled in motivating villagers) from B-Able and Organo have started doing door to door campaigns and village meets to motivate the candidates who are willing to take up the 2 months course for certification and employment. This exercise is currently underway and is expected to be completed by April 2022.



Living in a Biodiverse Habitat - Snake Awareness Program



A When we live in bio-diverse habitats, it is important that we understand that we share this land with other species like birds, insects, animals and reptiles. That our neighbourhoods offer habitats for other species, and not just our human neighbours. That the richness of life unfolds when we learn to live empathically with them.

Snakes are amongst the most maligned reptiles. And often, the fear of snakes is disproportionate to the actual threat they pose. Many snakes in Telangana (and in fact, the world over) are harmless. And the ones that are venomous usually avoid human settlements. Yet, there is a deep-rooted fear amongst us that we react with violence when we see a snake in our neighbourhood. It is sad that many times a snake

is killed not because it is a threat, but they are killed because it was there.

At OES, we believe it is important to attend and learn how to understand snakes, appreciate their contribution to biodiversity, confront & overcome our fear, and learn how to react empathically to the our slithering friends if we chance to meet them.

OES PRESENTS FRIENDS OF SNAKES SOCIETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Friends of Snakes Society (FOSS) is an Indian non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of, and public education about, snakes. It was founded and registered under Society Registration Act in the year 1995 by Late Shri. Rajkumar Kanuri. With the help of Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, the Friends of Snakes Society has been rescuing snakes from urban areas and rehabilitating them in reserve forest areas and attempting to generate a system

of alternate, natural pest control using non venomous snakes in farming. The organization also conducts awareness programs to spread awareness about these gravely misunderstood creatures, eradicating age old myths and misconceptions about them through live demonstrations.

DETAILS ABOUT THE AWARENESS PROGRAM

FOSS's awareness workshops are designed to alleviate unwarranted fears, to mitigate snakebites, and conserve snakes. The 60-minute session would cover important topics such as identification of

common snakes, distinguishing between venomous and nonvenomous snakes, importance of snakes to nature, myths, snake bites, first-aid, etc are covered.

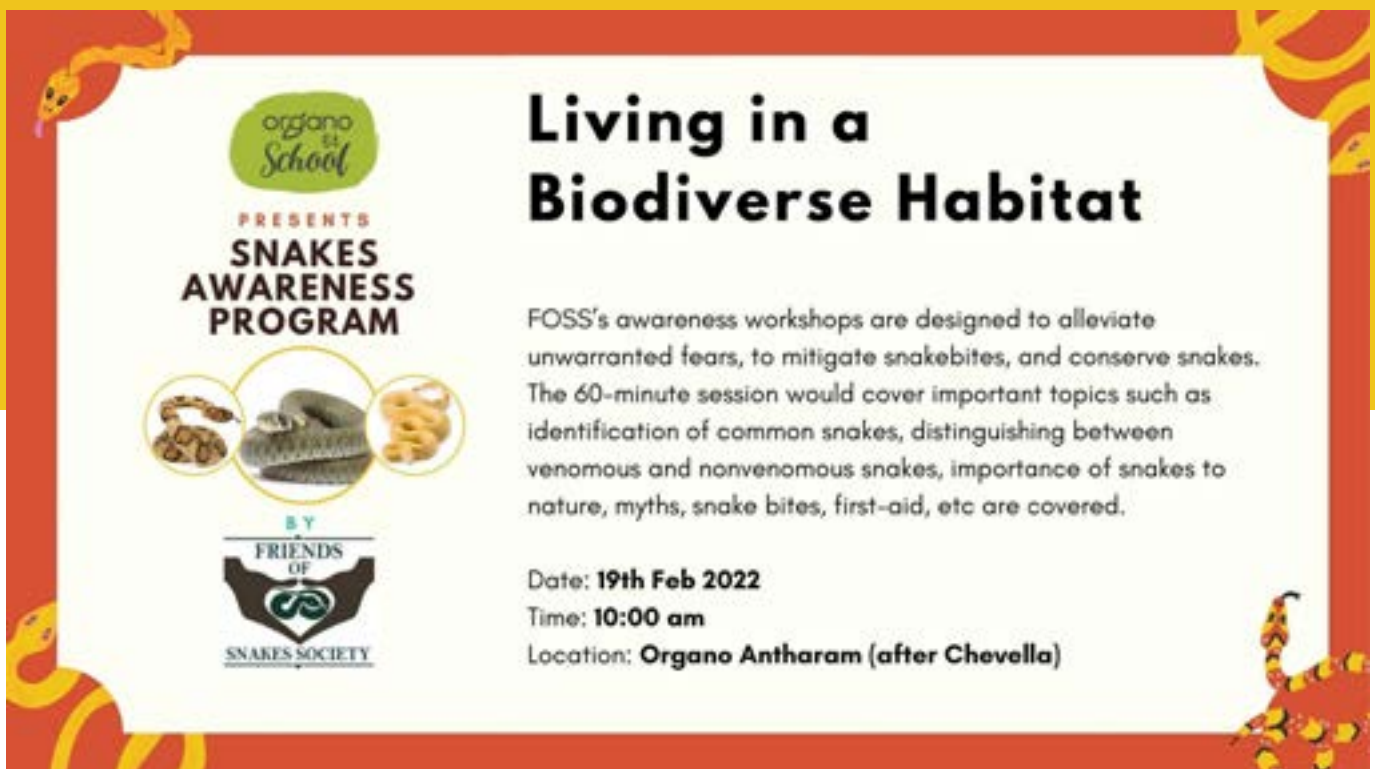
Kindly register here: <https://forms.gle/fj4gKhL8oH71jdwN8>

Date: 19th Feb 2022

Time: 10:00 am

Ticket price is Rs.1,000/- per participant (incl. lunch).

Location: Organo Antharam (after Chevella) <https://goo.gl/maps/A15wqQbWPppPCvCK9>



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Launching Organo@Corporates in 2022!



About Organo@Corporates program

In 2022, we are launching our next ambitious program: Organo@Corporates! Here, our aim is simple – educate & assist progressive corporate teams to become more earth-conscious.

Want your office and your team to reflect your brand and your vision? Want to demonstrate your firm's commitment to sustainability? Want to help your people become more earth-friendly and mindful in their everyday choices?

From increasing workplace wellness to encouraging

your people to think of the bigger picture, encouraging environmentally-conscious practices in the workplace will help your people be healthier, stay inspired by your commitment to sustainability, and be more driven to thrive.

While we know many teams & organisations are already adopting several sustainability practises, we also know that the need of the hour is a holistic approach to sustainability and earth-conscious habit building. This includes looking at Sapthapatha, our 7 strands of sustainability,

- 1) Energy
- 2) Water
- 3) Fresh Air
- 4) Earth/soil
- 5) Shelter
- 6) Food
- 7) People Impact

ABOUT ORGANO ET SCHOOL (OES)

We recognize that for any positive impact to be sustainable, it must be long-term and inter-generational. Organo Et School strives to create an apt learning environment that will support and empower families as well as individuals to embrace sustainable living mindsets and habits.

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Et School has had over 25+ schools, 6000+ students and 2500+ adults participate over the last 5 years.

All our programs are categorized under Saptha Pathas, the seven strands of sustainable living that are Food, Water, Air, Earth, Energy, Shelter, and People.

How does the program work?

On engagement, OES will do a presentation for your organisation/team, on "What is Sustainability?" and set the stage for the 12-month program during which your people will be introduced, through

experiential learning, concepts of earth-friendly living and habit setting.

As part of the introduction presentation, OES will conduct a pilot workshop for select 30 employees on "Microgreens Macro benefits", a How-to workshop with a starter kit and expert guidance.

OES will have a calendar of monthly workshops, along with associated experts, lined for the annual programme at your premises. Below is short sample of workshops as an example:

Introduction

Introduction to Sustainability for all team members + Hands-on workshop on Microgreens for smaller group

Food

What is Kitchen Gardening? Why and how should do it?

Turning Waste into Resources (Composting, Recycling, Reuse, Upgrading, Donation)

Mindful Shopping and Decluttering (incl. Digital Declutter)

My Green Workspace (Choose Better, Shop Better)

Skill Development- How to support local communities

(How to organise & positively impact within your local neighbourhood)

Water

Water Demand Reduction is the 1st responsible step (How to become Water Smart)

Energy

Energy Demand Reduction is also the 1st responsible step (How to become Energy Smart)

Shelter

Public spaces and Community Activities - How to incorporate Employee Art, Craft, etc into public spaces within offices

Air

Bio-Purifiers! How to grow plants that improve air quality

Celebrate the Living

Phone Filmmaking - How to Photo/Video document better...film better, reduce junk images and declutter your gallery

HOW WILL THIS PROGRAM BENEFIT YOU?

Here's why we think your people should undergo experiential workshops on sustainability in your organisation:

1. Attracts a New Generation of employees
2. Encourages Environmental Stewardship among your people
3. Demonstrates your company's Commitment to Sustainability
4. Futurize without Expensive Interventions
5. Increases your Brand Mileage through this low-cost, high-value program

WHY IS OES OFFERING THIS PROGRAM?

We know that sustainability is a long-term journey and needs collective efforts. Through this new expansion into Corporate Teams & Organisations, Organo Et School is expected to reach

out to a larger audience to educate and help more people make sustainable choices. Thus helping them lead this collective movement towards a better future.

While our education programs help individuals make those changes, we also strongly believe it is important to help companies to commence their journey towards converting to eco-workspaces. It is with this intent that we are launching this program.

CONCLUSION

If you are a Management team member looking to empower your employees, kindly connect with us to know more. Together, let us walk towards a more sustainable future!

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Reach us: oes@organo.co.in

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Launching II batch of Be a Farmer Kinder Gardeners Program



Do you want to introduce farming to your child? Do you want them to know where and how their food is grown? Do you have kids who are not afraid to get dirty, jump in and help, learn fast and work hard? Then, be sure to enroll them in the “Kinder-gardeners” program at OES Children’s Farm,

Program duration : 13 Feb 2022 till 6 Mar 2022, 1 Month.
Time: 9:00am - 10:00am
Sundays

Here’s why we think every child should experience farming:

1. Farming teaches children where their food comes from
2. Farming teaches children how to care for the soil
3. Farming teaches children nature and weather awareness
4. Farming teaches children a better appreciation for food
5. Farming teaches children responsibility
6. Farming teaches children self-reliance
7. Farming teaches children the joy of reward after hard work

We are offering a sensorial learning experience for small children through this program. [Click here to enrol your child!](#)



ABOUT KINDER GARDENERS' PROGRAM

Once enrolled, 15 children will be allotted 5-6 sq. ft patch each to grow their leafys. They will be given a harvest program for 30 days (a typical Green leafy harvest cycle). They will be guided by our farming team members and OES team members on natural farming techniques. They will have sensorial learning from observing soil preparation, seeding, tending, weeding, plant health care, and harvesting. They will have to visit the patch (along with their parent/guardian) every weekend during designated hours and care for their crops.

For this Batch, there are 15 slots only. We are opening the program to 6-8 years age group on 13 Feb 22, Sunday. There is a nominal program fee of Rs.1499/- per child.

WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE

8. Approx. 5-6 sq. ft farm patch for each child to farm on during the program duration of 30 days (1-month leafy crop cycle, seed to mulching)
9. Seasonal saplings (2-leafys), bio-fertilizers and basic natural farming guidance on what to do on the weekend.
10. Farming coaches, who will guide children on the activities for these crops
11. Source of water for watering the plants
12. Informal seating for parents/guardians under a tent near the farm patches

What the children are requested to do

13. Engage in farming tasks such as soil preparation, seeding, weeding, tending, growing, harvesting, and more

14. Come and leave at designated time every weekend to tend to their farm patch
15. Bring their own gardening tools (gloves, spades, watering cans, child-safe scissors), and apt attire (including weather appropriate gear & sturdy boots/shoes)
16. Follow farm-friendly behaviour & follow necessary Covid protocols
17. Bring food, drinking water & snacks for themselves
18. Bring hand towels, cloth napkins, sanitizers, masks for themselves
19. Bring paper/cloth bags to carry the fresh produce harvested by them and take it back home
20. As there are no toilets on site, we request parents to prepare the children accordingly.

At the end of the Crop Cycle in March, the children would

21. Have sensorial learning on raising seasonal leafy greens
22. Have gained an introduction on natural farming methods
23. Get a certificate from OES on course completion
24. Get featured on OES website and Social Media Channels recognizing their efforts



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BAF Spring Batch Session-1 Sowing and Mulching



Good to welcome a new bunch of young and enthusiastic farmers on OES Children's farm campus. Start of a fresh batch of Be A Farmer program for this spring crop cycle was exciting for us as well as children. Eleven kids aged 9-13 from Hyderabad's urban families joined us on Sunday the 6 Feb 2022.

These young farmers in the making were introduced to a natural farming program by our expert permaculturist Ms. Shilpa Teja. She asked them some basic questions, what is soil?

They were asked to identify the seeds that they were about to sow in their patches. Then she told them the names of 4 seeds- coriander and onions 2 green leafy vegetables along with 2 root vegetables - beet root and radish. In addition to these 4 saplings each of brinjal and tomatoes were also shown.

Then came the most interesting activity of the day! Sowing and transplanting of saplings in kids farm patches. Shilpa demonstrated two methods of sowing seeds to our Be a Farmers. Broadcasting and

row sowing. Now came the children's turn to sow these seeds given to them presoaked by Organo Et School farming staff in terracotta deepams set on Areca plates along with 8 saplings each. Children followed their farm coach broadcasting the coriander and onion seeds by disbursing them on raked and loosened soil. Then they covered these seeds with the remaining soil layer, so that all the seeds were evenly covered. Row sowing involves digging a line, 1-2 inch deep in loose soil, spreading the seeds within this line and covering the

seeds with soil properly to cover them. Children sowed Beetroot and Radish seeds by row sowing method.

Having done that, they saw Shilpa demonstrate transplanting the Tomato and Brinjal saplings. Then they followed suit..... by digging a hole 3-4 inches deep, with their trowels. Then they placed the small plants within these holes ensuring the delicate roots are inside the soil and the sapling is erected properly to face the sun! This is done by pressing the soil lightly with your fingers around the plant.

Once they were through with sowing, they all went to get water in their watering buckets. Shilpa demonstrated watering the sowed seeds and saplings carefully. Children were to ensure they sprinkled water over the seed beds, avoiding over watering.

Watering the saplings was also carefully demonstrated by Shilpa. Here kids made sure not to over spray water, to maintain the sapling stood straight and not droop under the weight of water or fall because of loosened up soil, due to over watering.

Having done with sowing and watering, kids learnt how to mulch their farm patches properly to prevent over exposure to harsh sun and conserving soil moisture.

This brought the first session of spring batch to an end.

The children enjoyed themselves learning these farming activities.

The parents enjoyed too, as they got farm fresh vegetables, grown 100% naturally at OES farm.



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Nature Journal for February 2022!

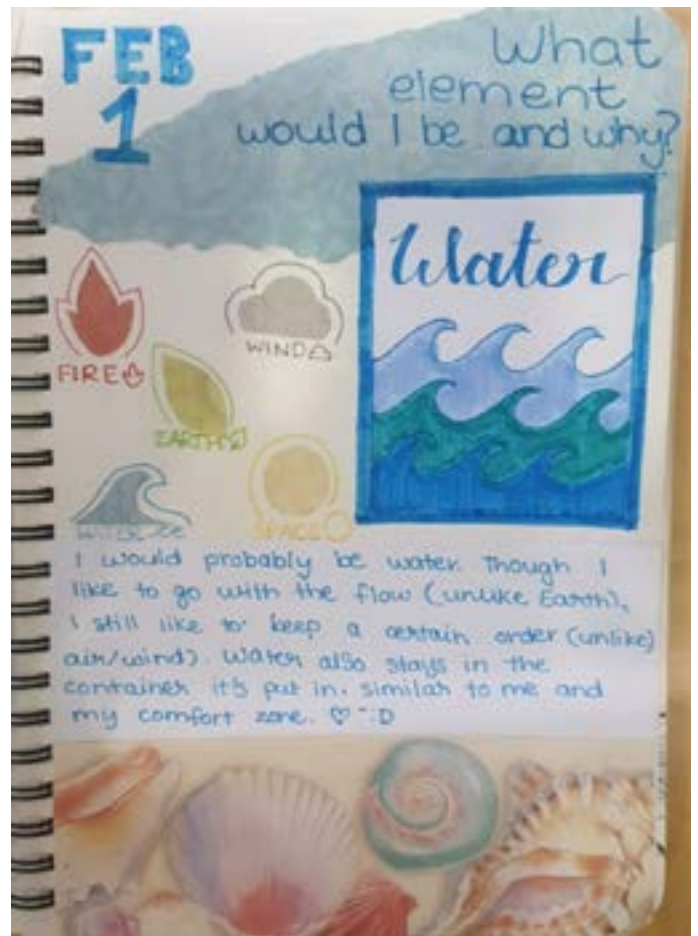
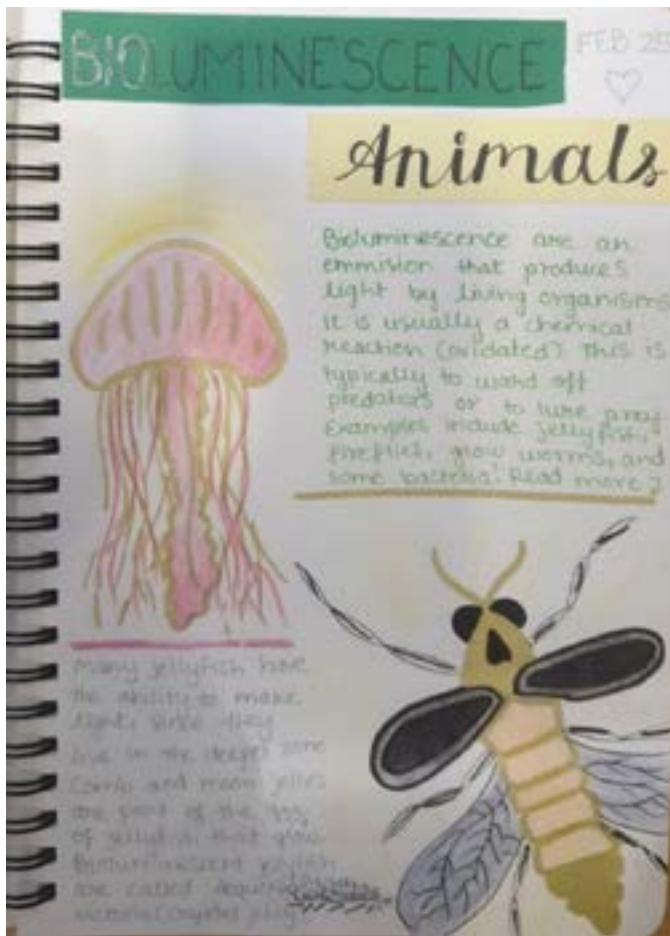


Organo Et School (OES) launches February Month Nature Journal. OES brings this month's journal with joy and brightness of spring. We want you to look around and observe the freshness of blossoming flowers and newness of baby leaves on trees.

February Nature Journal is designed and conceptualized by our young volunteer writer, Adhirai Mathan. She is as young as 13 years and highly creative in her endeavors.



She lives in Hyderabad where she loves the weather and the surroundings. She has crafted the prompts for this month's journal, with Nature and Ecosystem as this month's theme.



Journaling will make you think and immerse in this interesting voyage of caring about nature and natural things around you.

So, get ready to wear your thinking cap on and get started.

[Click](#) here to download the Nature Journal Prompts, and set out on an enjoyable journey.

At Organo Et School, we believe in connecting children & adults with nature. Connecting children with the natural world at a young age is the first step in creating responsible stewards of our collective future.

If you'd like to volunteer & add interesting prompts in the March Calendar, please connect to us at oes@organo.co.in or by phone **9154100775**.



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Be A Farmer Winter Batch-Session 6 an Interesting Farm Day



Having young farmers collect at the OES Children's farm campus each Sunday is a delight for us all. And especially on a day when there are loads in store during the farming session.

Children were very excited to be back at the farm and ran to their farm patches to have a look. As the farm coaches Meena and Venkatesh called them all to the table, all of them came to listen to the briefing. The natural farming activities planned for this Sunday were:

1. Resowing green leafy vegetable seeds.
2. Pouring buttermilk at the roots
3. Spraying Neem Oil and soap solution on the Leaves.

As the children got the soaked seeds of Coriander and

Fenugreek (Methi), they all went to prepare the soil beds at their farm patches. Having removed all the pebbles and gravel from the little soil patches, they spread the seeds by broadcast method. Then they covered these seeds with a thin layer of loose soil. After this they watered the sown seeds by sprinkling some water over them.

The second activity was applying butter milk to the vegetable plants of Tomatoes and Bhendi at the root level. This is a Natural farming technique to help in growth and pest control of vegetables plants. Children helped themselves with mugs of butter milk provided by OES and poured it around the roots of their plants.

Having done the second activity, they all came to the

table again, to listen to farm Coach Venkatesh. He told them how neem oil is extracted from the neem tree. This neem oil acts as a good pesticide for the plants, when mixed with soap solution made from soap nuts and water. This neem oil solution was sprayed by children, onto the leaves of vegetable plants all over the foliage .

This brought kids to the end of this session. But there's always some surprise for them at the end of it all. They all harvested cabbages from the OES farm and some of them were bought by their parents. These were totally fresh and naturally cultivated vegetables that our young farmers were to enjoy back home. So, coming to OES farms is a celebration for all "Be A Farmer" families.

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Be A Farmer Winter Batch Learns Mulching and Staking

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BAF Winter Batch

Be A Farmer - Session 5

On 19 Dec 22, the sun was out as the farm patches all ready, with a quick clean-up of weeds done by farming support staff during the week. Our farm coaches Shilpa Teja and Venkatesh were ready with the kids for new activities. Kids learnt about mulching and its benefits in natural farming. They spread rice husk over their farm patches around the small plants of tomatoes and okra. Having done this, they went on to learn about staking the tomato plants. This is done to help small tomato plants from bending down under the weight of tomatoes and thereby prevent fruits from touching the

soil, while they mature. Then came the watering bit. Children watered over the mulch hay, to let the soil and mulch retain moisture even if there is scarcity of water under hot Sun. So, all this was a very engaging and interesting bit for the kids. They all enjoyed these farm activities a lot.

At OES, we continue to admire the enthusiasm and resilience with which the parents and children participate in our BAF program. Having said that, OES had organized some more activities at the Children's farm this Sunday. There was a sale of fresh vegetable produce from

our Natural farm for parents to buy. We had Cabbage, Coriander, Thotakura, Brinjals, Tomatoes, Soya and more.

In addition to this there was a craft activity lined up for kids. They learnt Terrarium building for the upcoming festival decorations. Everybody decorated small glass fishbowls, setting natural succulent plants along with wooden and clay decorative toys and ornaments in them. All of them took these home with a lot of joy. It makes us want to continue to work hard to deliver a substantial and natural learning experience.

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If you or your children are interested in future Be a Farmer programs, please contact us at **oes@organo.co.in** and by phone **9154100775** today! You can also click here to express your interest. We will keep you posted on our future farm cycles.

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Subscribe to our channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVe5InTKtyGsGgNVNZ5sOw>



Natural medicine: Wild asparagus

Wild Asparagus is actually an uncultivated asparagus that grows on its own in the wild. It is now a popular herb in both Chinese and Korean medicine, and grows in the mountainous regions of both countries. The root is used medicinally and is known to improve Mental Happiness, Sleep, Lungs Health, Skin Health and Sexual Health.

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