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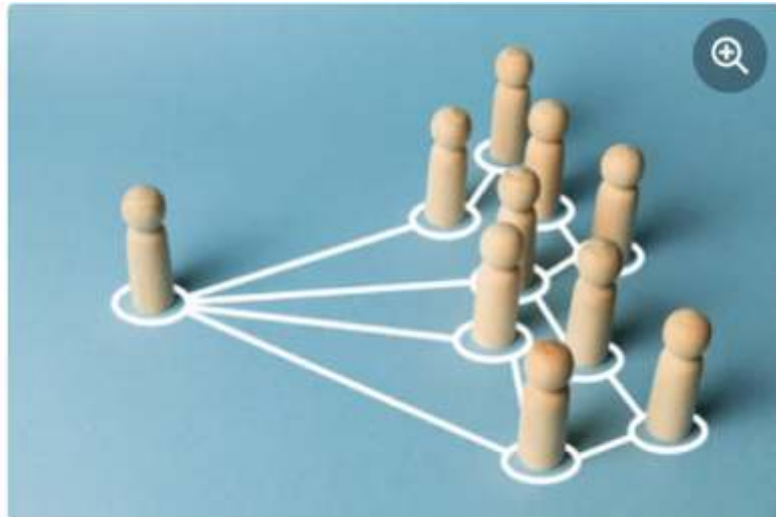
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The main challenge for most of us living in cities is maintaining our homes. Finding trained domestic help, whether it's in the kitchen or housekeeping services, is the key to live stress-free life. This issue gets more intense when it comes to farmhouses. Considering the fact that we spend mostly our weekends in our second home, the upkeep is mostly dependent on the help we hire. In addition to the other areas, farming gets added to the list of services we would need from our domestic staff.



The quality of life at Organo eco-habitats is all pervasive in terms of comforts and conveniences that we look for in and around our homes.

Nagesh Battula



At Organo eco-habitats, we have figured out the most effective way to find people to be at your service for any of your requirements. Of course, community living brings its own benefits, but we have gone a step ahead. In keeping with the triple bottom line approach, we arrived at a win-win situation through our social outreach programs. We identified workforce from the neighbouring villages who would be interested to receive training in the areas of farming,

cooking, housekeeping and other maintenance areas and upskilled them with the help of experts. Not only did we facilitate free upskilling programs but also placed them in the jobs of their interest. This worked like magic. Not only did the workforce get financially empowered but also made the residents of our eco-habitats a happy lot. With the hassles of day-to-day operations out of their way, they now look forward to their farm stays.



Next, we looked at another common issue faced by many families. They want to spend time doing other things and not cooking in the kitchen. Imagine not having to cook every day and yet relish home cooked meals without stepping out! So we added all day dining facilities

in our clubhouses. That's why many of our residents call Organo eco-habitats as hassle free homes with all conveniences at their beck and call. From housekeeping to laundry, swimming pool to gym, eatery to outdoor games, there is everything within the gated community.



With top-notch amenities including a fully loaded gym, rurban hive (clubhouse), on-demand dining, natural swimming pool, yoga deck, meditation hall, sports courts, cluster clubs (social spaces for every

cluster), housekeeping services, well-maintained farms, pedestrian free homes, every single aspect of your home needs are right within your community.





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We visualised all possible scenarios and came up with a list of services ranging from housekeeping to cooking, exercising to recreation.

Nagesh Battula

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Working from farm has been the highlight of my life these days. I feel one with every aspect of life when I sit in my garden. I switch on my laptop watching a spellbinding sunrise. I switch off from work as the glorious hues of the setting sun spread across the sky. Sometimes, I watch the rain as I work, sometimes I just soak in the cool breeze caressing my face.

Sathya Raghu, Agripreneur

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We don't have the stress of having to find domestic help for any service we need to run our home effortlessly. Collective farming and the added benefits of accessing a range of housekeeping services are a blessing.

Ashwini Raghu, Chartered Accountant

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OFS IS OPEN FOR **SAFE FOOD SEEKERS**



OFS is a signature farm store established by Organo Eco-Habitats with the intent of sourcing and providing safe and witnessed food to its customers. In today's world where we are clueless about the origin of the food we eat and feed our loved ones, Organo Farm Store (OFS) bridges the gap between consumers and farmers who implement safe farming methods and cultivate naturally.

Initially, OFS catered to the needs of the residents of Organo Eco habitats but soon we realized that the need to source safe food was universal. That motivated us to expand our horizons and spread our operations to fulfil the needs of people outside our communities. In keeping with our Triple Bottomline business

philosophy (People, Planet, Prosperity), OFS aids local farmers by helping them cultivate safe food, families that believe in eating safe food as well as the soil by not depleting the resources which is a byproduct of inorganic farming methods.



In addition to the farm and dairy produce from the Organo eco-habitats' farm, we also source from the local farmers nurtured by us to get the best of organic food to your

doorstep. From shudh desi cow ghee to butter and paneer to grains and millets, we produce and provide the finest range of healthy foods for you and your loved ones.

The need for growing safe food



Making the right choices at the grocery store for both you and your family can often be a daunting task. There are so many products to choose from that all seem to do the same thing: feed you.

Nevertheless, the vast majority of products at your grocery store are often associated with a number of different hidden costs. At OFS, we believe in providing natural, safe and witnessed food to aid you on your path to becoming happier and healthier.

Nature always adapts.

Spraying chemicals to kill bugs only makes them grow, adapt to overcome the horrible toxins we use to kill them. There will always be something that eats the plant, and it will continue to grow and adapt until

Just how your choices at the grocery store dictate your health, they also dictate the health of the earth. Non organic foods are sprayed with extremely toxic chemicals that kill everything other than the crop itself. This includes the living organisms that a plant needs to grow. Once those organisms are killed, they are replaced with synthetic fertilizers made from toxic chemicals.

we no longer have control over it. The toxins we use will eventually become ineffective and plants and pests will become much more harmful.

Safe farming supports pollinators.

Herbicides and Pesticides do not differentiate between good and bad bugs, it simply kills them all. In order for there to be life on earth we need to maintain a certain level of biodiversity; this includes everything

from the biggest mammals to the tiniest of insects. Organic farming practices healthy growing techniques that aim to maintain that necessary level of biodiversity.

OFS supports farmers.



For any society to flourish, farmers are the backbone who make that happen and when the small farmers do not find buyers for their locally grown products, they end up in huge debts. And that's not good for you, me and the society in general because that will force them to quit farming and move to the cities for a livelihood. Any society that moves away from farming lands up in huge food deficit.

At OFS, we empower farmers by imparting safe food growing know-

how, organic manures, pesticides and fertilisers to enable them to cultivate naturally, and once the crops are ready, we buy from them directly to ensure that they make good profits.

List of products available at OFS

Please click on the link below to view the OFS catalogue and order directly.

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DISCOVER A NEW WAY OF LIFE



Rediscover yourself with Rurban life. Go back to the simple days when health & relationships reigned supreme, and pursuit of wealth was more for providing comforts to our near and dear.



Organo eco-habitats are communities designed by architects who delved, deep dived, and researched different user groups for extended periods of time to understand their needs, wants and aspirations. The design of the gated communities facilitates being 'healthy, wealthy & wise' and reorienting with the way our

ancestors lived 'early to bed, early to rise' 'soak in the early rays of sun', 'dining in the moonlight' and 'working out naturally'. Inspired by the villages of India, the rural elements are merged with urban comforts and sprinkled with social spaces to create the perfect recipe for family and community bonding.



Life cannot be experienced in its full glory when we live isolated lives as single-family units. The beauty is in extending our families to all those who live with us and around us. First and foremost, it allows children to thrive with social bonding, find their peers for active living, hone their skills with intergenerational

interactions, witness safe food growing in the farms, and live a healthy, happy life. For young parents, the safety of pedestrian friendly streets, inclusive neighbourhood and play zones gives them the security to let their children out of their sight knowing fully well that they are taken care of.



In our first community, Organo Naandi, these benefits, both tangible and intangible were delivered.



At the upcoming Organo Antharam, cluster homes, zig zag streets, rachabanda kind of meeting junction emulate rural structure.

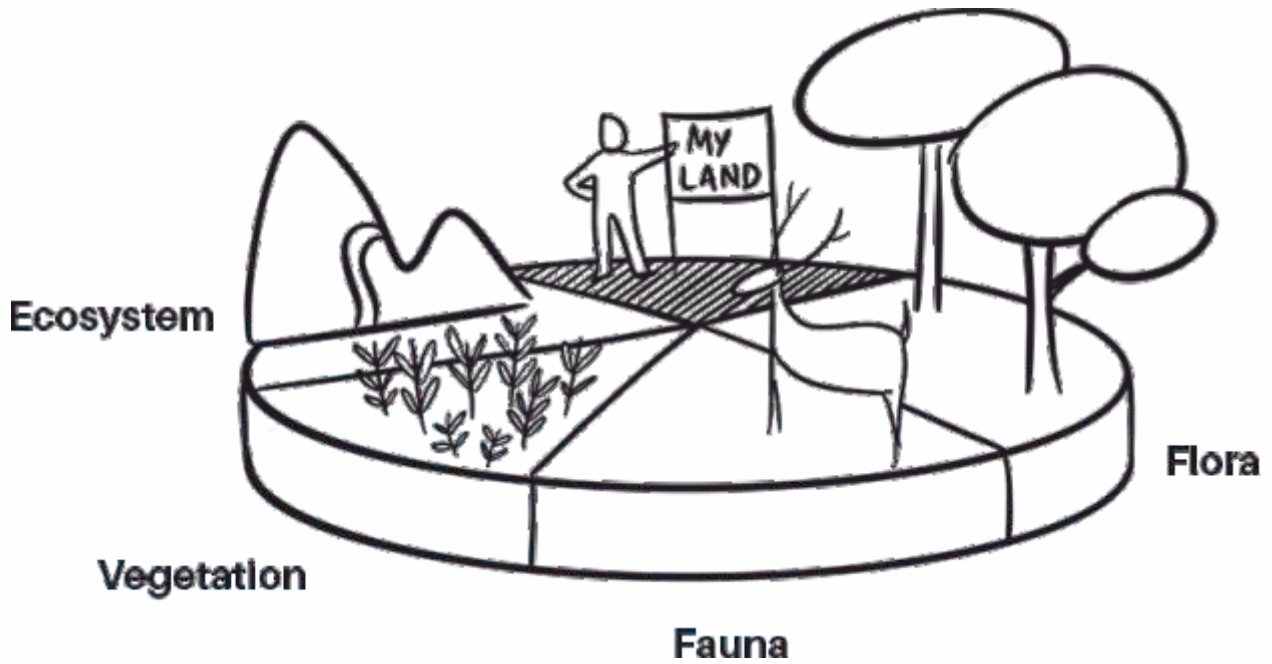


Organo Kandawada is another gated community of multigenerational bespoke homes designed to facilitate family bonding across generations and, with spaces where individuals can find their own niche.



Organo Damaragidda is yet another upcoming community of eco-habitats for people who want to keep it minimalistic and yet have the expanse of shared spaces. All the communities other than Naandi are named after the villages they are being developed in.

RURBAN ECO-HABITATS



Natural farming and Sapthapatha (Seven Strands of Sustainability) are at the core of all eco-habitats built and developed by Organo. Samavridhi and Triple Bottom Line drive Organo's business philosophy.

We would love to have a conversation with you to assist you in arriving at an apt solution for you and your loved ones.

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“WATER LITERATE - RURBAN COMMUNITY” OF INDIA..... **BY ORGANO ECO HABITATS**



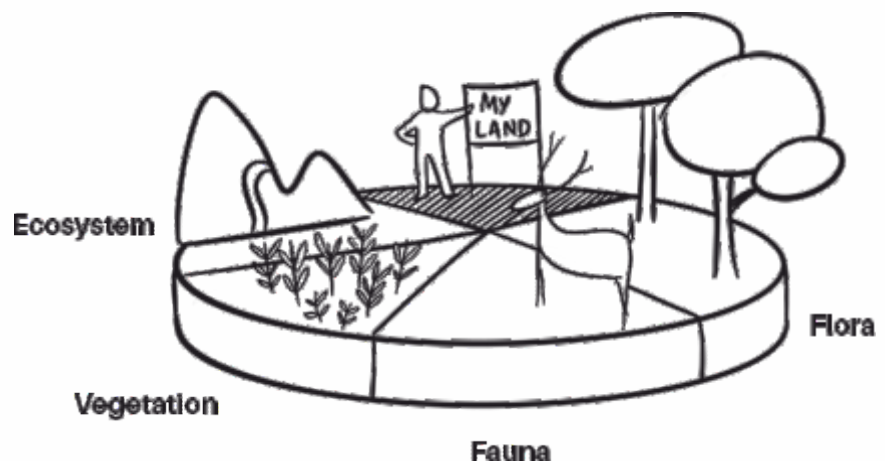
By Vishvas Ghawate, AVG Sustainable GreenSolutions LLP ,Pune

Food, Water, Air, Earth, Energy , Shelter and Peoples are the Seven Strands of Sustainable Living (Sapthapatha) atOrgano Eco Habitats.

This is An integrated Eco-system as a living space, consciously created with sustainability principles at its core; designed for having a minimal impact without contaminating the environment in or around it. integrated eco harmlessly integrated into the natural world, supportive of a healthy way of leaving.

Organo Eco Habitats is responsible for all the stakeholders and environmental concerns equally. It helps to create community development models on triple success (Social, environmental and economic areas) andnet-zero thinking.

RURBAN ECO-HABITATS Fair share of prosperity for all



Water is One of the key factor of Sustainable living anywhere. From last few decades, all efforts were made and still in progress for identification of adequate Water resources and its effective and inexpensive use for all our Basic Domestic and Agriculture needs.

Efforts are done on large scale at Government level, Policy Level ,Private Sector to supply adequate water and fulfil need of different sectors like Farming, Villages, Cities, Industries, Construction, animals etc.

We as a human, tried and still trying every possible options to get adequate good quality of water. This includes Rainwater, GroundWater, Dams, Pipelines through dams / Canals/Rivers ,Ponds etc.

Water- At Organo Eco Habitats

Organo is Rurban farming community model in which urban and village lifestyle is combined in more Natural ways. These communities are developed on areas like 50 plus acres of land...

Water sustainability is the key factor in such Community Base models.

Organo has done extensive Scientific efforts on water part in their first multiple Award Winning Project - "Naandi" in 2016.

This includes water source Identification, Watershed management Programs, creation of Bioswales, Water Recharge techniques, Stormwater Management ,CCT work ,Collection of Rain water in large capacity water ponds etc.

In Current Scenario , different thoughts, facts, debates, data, past experiences, experts opinion is available with all of us on which water source is pure, sustainable in long term availability and with less expenditures.. !!

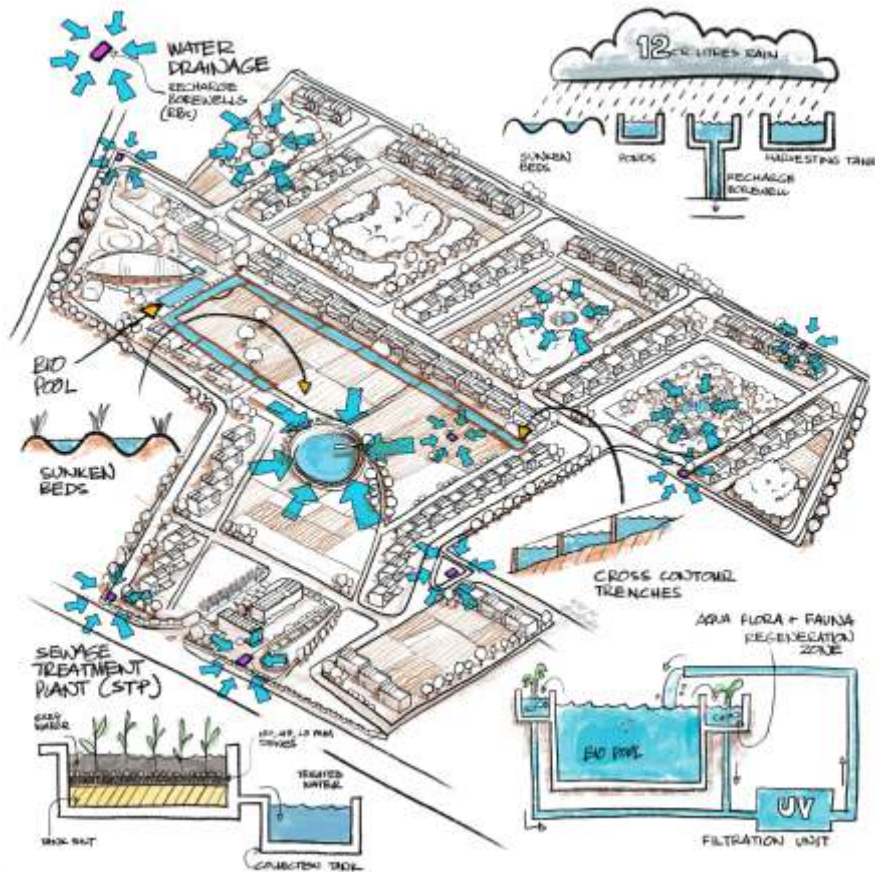
Currently the fact globally and nationally is, water everywhere is inadequate and we are felling Water Stressed Life and will become more severe in future.

At least, all new developments needs to be selfsustainable and water disciplined while using every drop of water. This will minimize the burden on existing demand of huge water requirements all over.

From previous experience, Organo is in opinion that tapping water from deep bore holes is not solution in longer run, equally not suited to their Ideology of combined social development of premised nearby the community projects.

Tapping more water from deeper bore wells may impact on nearby premises as well.

Organo is already engaged and working on different method to improve social and economic life nearby localities, farmers by different ways and Methods.



“WaterPolicy” at Organo Eco Habitats -

As a Significant Water Policy in terms of Water Resilient Community, Organo is looking and focusing at capturing as much Rainfall as possible directly as a source of water in combination of municipal water.

This is achieved by construction of infrastructure to tap Rain water directly in to huge dug wells (More than 1 crore plus of tanks c

strategically located in premise) along with Rain Water Harvesting Methods in entire area of Community. This fulfills maximum water need of the community and other requirement such as Community collective farming, Afforestation, Go-Shala ,Herbal Gardens, Personal Farming and Green areas.





Organo Community is already **Energy Net Zero Community** and **Zero Discharge community** and is **moving towards Net Zero Water Community** by different methods.

In Organo habitats, (a Green Building Certified Community), Water is precisely identified, calculated, used, reused and measures all the times at different stages like data

“Water Literate Community” -

Organo Eco Habitats believes that each Stake Holder plays a vital role in long run impact of Water Sustainability.

Hence , after Completion of all effective water infrastructure related with Water management ,its necessary that all Stake Holders/ End Users gets 100 %acquainted with effective use of water.

This involves - Awareness Programs for all Community Members like -

1. Water Stress - and the area where the community is based in line with Water stress
2. Tounderstand Total Water demand and Supply of the Community

collection, developmental and post development.

While using water as a natural resources, all stakeholders, peoples and other eco system have equal right to use.

3. Tounderstand about Water Infrastructure laid within the Community and effective use of same.

4. Their actions on Day to Day basis about water and its effective use at Individual level and at Collective level.

5. Establishment of Water Committee for Community for Post Observations and remedies required in connection with Technical operation and Maintenance Team

6. Continuous Participation through different Gatherings, Social Programs , Technical seminars in Community.

YOUNG FARMERS KICK START THEIR FARMING JOURNEY



A new chapter begins for 20 young aspiring farmers on January 29th, 2023, as they gather at the OES farm to embark on an immersive 8-10 week farming program. Brimming with excitement, these 9-13 year olds were eager to dive into the world of agriculture and learn the secrets of growing six diverse crops using only natural methods. With a team of experienced farmers guiding them every step of the way, these young learners were ready to get their hands dirty, and cultivate a deeper appreciation for the wonders of the land.

Getting to Know One Another



Children assembled around Ms. Shilpa Teja, a practitioner of permaculture. With her engaging personality and friendly demeanor, Ms. Teja led the group through a fun ice breaker, helping each participant

break out of their shell and get to know one another. As introductions were made and nerves were put to ease, the stage was set for a day full of discovery and new experiences.

Soil Preparation, Sowing Seeds and Mulching



After the ice breaker behind them, the eager young farmers were ready to delve into the world of soil. Guided by the knowledgeable

Ms. Shilpa Teja, they got hands-on with soil preparation, carefully removing any rocks or pebbles and leveling the ground.



Then, with wide eyes and attentive ears, they followed along as Ms. Teja showed them how to sow seeds for four delicious crops: Beetroot, Methi, Radish, and Coriander. As the tiny Methi and Coriander seeds were

carefully placed in the soil using a broadcasting method and Radish and Beetroot by row sowing method, they were ready to plant the saplings of Brinjal and Tomato.



Under the guidance of their farm coach, they expertly covered the soil around each sapling with coconut fiber used for mulching, helping to preserve the precious humus,

moisture, and protect their precious plants from unwanted weeds. After mulching the watered the seeds and saplings gently.

The Delight of Harvesting



As an extension to all these exciting activities they are invited to harvest Amaranthus, all our farming team

helped the children to harvest them properly and remove the mud attached to the roots.



After harvesting these they all were guided to enter the OES netted house where they harvested healthy radishes bulging out of soil.


And with that, the day at the OES farm came to a close, leaving the young farmers-in-training inspired and motivated to come next week.


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KINDER-GARDENERS EXPLORE LOVE FOR NATURE THROUGH FARMING



Introducing children at an early age to the wonders of farming has numerous benefits that will stay with them for a lifetime. By participating in the hard work and joys of growing their own food, they will develop a deeper appreciation and respect for the sources of their sustenance.

Month-long journey of growing Leafy greens

On a beautiful Sunday morning, January 29th, 16 young children aged 4 to 8, accompanied by their enthusiastic parents, embarked on a month-long journey of green-leafys.

They gathered at the farm bright and early at 8:30 am, eager to embrace the day and experience the magic of sunrise farming.

Getting hands-on learning through soil preparation

The 16 young farmers were greeted by their knowledgeable farm coach, Ms. Sreedevi Ande. She got the group going with a fun icebreaker introduction, allowing the young gardeners to share their excitement

and get to know each other. Ms. Sreedevi, an experienced urban gardener at OES, then introduced the group to the magic of soil and its unique properties.



With newfound knowledge and eagerness, the young farmers followed Ms. Sreedevi to their

designated farm patches, ready to prepare the soil for the sowing of seeds.



Sowing Coriander and Methi seeds with joy



With eager hands, the young farmers followed their expert coach, Ms. Sreedevi, as she showed them how to sow coriander and methi

seeds using the broadcast method. Some sought the help of their parents, but all approached the task with excitement and determination.



After successfully planting their seeds, the young gardeners proudly carried their watering cans to the water station, ready to give their new seeds a gentle drink to help them grow strong.

With a sense of accomplishment and excitement, the young farmers said goodbye to their coach, Ms. Sreedevi, and the supportive farm team. Anticipating the wonders to come, they eagerly look forward to their next visit, where they will see the magic of their seeds come to life.

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LEARNING PEST MANAGEMENT WITH NEEM OIL AND STICKY TRAPS



As we reach the fourth session of the Be A Farmer program, it's time for the young farmers to learn about more complicated concepts of natural farming. Introducing pest management using natural techniques was the main objective of the 19th February session.

Introduction to natural pest management

When all the BAF Children gathered at the farm, their farm coaches Shilpa Teja and Shaik Basheer took them to their patches and made them observe the plants to find the ones affected by pests. They found that their beetroot plants were affected by 'leaf spot' and radish saplings are attacked by 'dung beetles'.

Basheer and Shilpa Teja explained to the children what a pest attack is, the different types of pests, and how to prevent and control pests. They have also introduced the difference between harmful and beneficial insects to them.

Benefits of neem oil as a natural pesticide

Neem oil has been used as a natural pesticide by Indian farmers from ancient times. Its benefits to plants are immense. It contains an element called Azadirachtin which is capable

of controlling over 200 types of insect pests, as well as some species of mites and nematodes. It acts as pesticide only on harmful insects and helps the beneficial insects.



After their observing their crops, they were guided by Shilpa Teja in making Neem Oil Solution. Children learned from their farm coaches that Neem Oil can't be directly applied to the plants due to its highly potent nature. To reduce its potency, it has to be diluted with soapnut solution along with water. Soapnut solution is added to make this neem oil

solution stick to the leaves for making its effect on the pests. All the young farmers eagerly mixed both neem oil and soapnut water in the required proportions to make a natural pesticide. This solution was gently taken into their spray bottles and applied it to the plants under pest attack.

Using sticky traps in controlling pests



Sticky traps are glued-based traps that attract insects and immobilize them. This method is used by farmers not only to control pests but also to monitor what kind of pests are present and measure how effective their pest control methods are.

Children were introduced to the blue and yellow sticky traps and their benefits in farming. Each of them was given a sticky trap to attach to the sticks already placed in their farm patches. They have taken a small rope and tied the traps to the sticks.

Recording their Pest Control Measures



Children took out their log books and learned about Integrated Pest Management before recording the measures they have taken to control the pests. They entered their observations and solutions in the Pest and Diseases section of their log books.

After completing their logbooks they were given OES activity books that

are based on sustainability to work on at home and instructed to send pictures of their worksheets after completing them.

They waved goodbyes to OES team and their coaches, taking 2 bunches of spring onions grown at OES farm with them.

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TINY SAPPLINGS BRING SMILES AND MOTIVATION TO LEARN MORE



Young Kinder gardeners were all smiles and cheers to see fresh tiny speck of life on their farm patches as they went to have a look at them. Came Sunday morning of 5 Feb 2023, and kids came to the OES farm all excited to learn the next step of natural farming.

Happiness on seeing the tiny saplings



It was a sight to watch the kids gleaming with happiness on seeing the tiny saplings of Fenugreek plants, springing out of soil. These kids were all joy after looking at the spot where they had sown seeds, the previous Sunday. They came up to me and shared their exuberant feelings. And I find it difficult to put it in words, how it made me feel!

When coach Sreedevi called them all to greet them, they wanted to

show her the wonder they all had witnessed on their small farm patches. She shared their excitement and explained to them about this stage to be Microgreens stage of the plants and told them a little about nutritional wonders of microgreens. She further explained about proper watering method at this stage.

Joy of planting flowering plants



Next, Sreedevi guided them to a planned activity for the day. She took them all towards a newly created bed within the kinder garden area. Here they saw some flowering plants with flowers of various colors like yellow, orange, pink, red etc. She told them that they were going to learn how to plant flowering plants today. She helped

them by demonstrating the process for 2 plants, one Xenia and one Madagascar Periwinkle, which she planted inside the bed. The kids followed their coach in planting these flowering plants in 2 rows. All of them are going to enjoy seeing these plants grow and blossom with loads of flowers over the next 25-30 days.

Learning to make Jeevmrutham a natural bio-fertilizer



There was another interesting natural farming activity lined up for the kinder gardeners, learning to make Jeevmrutham a natural bio-fertilizer, made with all natural ingredients. They all sat in a big circle and made jevamrutham in small buckets individually, which were kept for fermentation with their

names written on the buckets. This was a new exposure for all of them to touch and feel natural material with their own hands. Sreedevi told them the advantages of using Jeevamrutham over chemical fertilizers and shared the benefits it has for the soil. With this they finished the learnings for the day.

Immense joy of harvesting Radishes



Now was the time to reap some rewards for the hard day's work. I took them all for a harvest activity to the netted house. All of them were to harvest radishes growing there by natural farming methods. They were all thrilled at the thought of this. They keenly observed Basheer Sheikh, Asst. Manager Farming, harvest one radish out of the ground for them. Of course, it just took a

small swing of hand signal from me for them to begin the action themselves. Most of them were able to harvest 3-5 radishes on their own. They even weighed their harvest and put them in the cloth bags they carried from home.


This brought us to the close of a very happy and successful second session of this Kinder Gardener program.


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OES INVITED TO SPRINGUP'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM'S GRADUATION



Organo Et School aims to educate families to embrace eco-living mindsets, behaviours and habits. At Organo Et School, we support, encourage and collaborate with like-minded teams and communities working towards creating a more Earth- and Well-being focused future. One such team is SpringUp <<https://springup.in/>>

SpringUP's transformational programs help children build mastery over their emotional, behavioural and social skills. Their age-appropriate experiential programs are hands-on, fun, and designed for the children of today. The programs are science-based and are designed around the 5 domains of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). SpringUP works with children in the age group of 5-12 years.

SpringUP's recent program 'Leadership voice' concluded with closing presentations by the learners. The 12 learners shared their Thought Pieces on topics that they find relevant as part of their 'My Voice and My Thoughts' Project.

The session started with opening remarks by Anjali Kariappa, Founder, SpringUP on the journey of the

children through the program. The program ended with good cheer, as its closing marks the beginning of our learners' journeys to self-expression. Our panel of esteemed guests included,

Ms. Meena Murugappan, the Director of Organo Et School. She believes in connecting children to nature and building awareness around sustainable living to create responsible stewards for our collective future.

Mr. Karthik Mangu, the Head of School of Diploma at Indus International School. He integrated his passion for science and technology into education and believes in synchronising the heart and mind to make learning meaningful.

Ms. Rishu Talwar, the Academic Coordinator for the IB MYP program at Indus International School. She is a huge advocate of Social Emotional Learning and believes in holistic education for the whole child.

Their presence, feedback and motivating words added so much value for the learners to take their Oracy journey forward.



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SITE
PROGRESS



House Of Activity - Aerial View



House Of Activity - Swimming Pool



Rurban Hive - Shingles work completed



Rurban Hive - Stayunits



Temple pillars



Rurban Hive - Temple Pillar



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