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**Lecture on 'Water Conservation and Participation of Rural Community' by Dr. T. R. Patil (29-12-2018)**  
**REPORT**

Dr. T. R. Patil, Coordinator, NSS, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, sensitized the students about the value of water and stressed the need for community participation in water conservation. Sonali Bhaginath Salunke, B. Com. II, welcomed and introduced the resource person.

Dr. Patil reiterated that ever since the bore-well method has become accessible, the ground water level has gone down. Today at many places in Marathwada the bore-wells are dug below 700 feet from the earth surface. As a result, recharging the resources has become a dire need.

He said that as water comes very easily to the users and they do not pay for it, they do not any importance to this vital natural resource. That's why we have to sensitize the users about the value of water.

He further said that there is a contradiction in the field of water conservation: the sensitive users and reckless or lavish users. When the sensitive people in a particular village take steps in water conservation, they do benefit but the reckless users also benefit.

He said that water conservation projects receive poor response from the local communities because the people feel that for decades no change has taken place in their lives. Whenever, water conservation is done it takes years for the results to be visible. So there is a sort of apathy in the people.

He said that many times the local leadership fail to sensitize the people about the importance of conserving water. Rather, it has been seen that the leaders do not visit the projects and encourage people. It is the responsibility of the leaders to explain the people the importance of water conservation.

People also feel that their individual action is very small and water conservation is a massive project. Even if they use water carefully, at other places water is used recklessly and carelessly. So it may not bring any change. Dr. Patil call upon the students that each drop of water is important and so your small step is very important. Nirmala Raosaheb Chavan, B. Com. II, proposed the vote of thanks. Yogita Rajendra Nale, B. Sc. II, conducted the proceeding.



Dr. T. R. Patil speaking on 'Water Conservation and Participation of Rural Community'