



Goals:

- Construction of Forest Check Dam by involving local villagers through Joint Forest Management Committee for solving Water Scarcity problems in the area.
- Train rural inhabitants of the village in identifying potential livelihood options.
- Enhance the natural resources of the area

State : Maharashtra

Location : Village Vitave, Dhule-Nandurbar

Issue : Environment

Brief of the activity : Agriculture is the major occupation that a majority of Rural India depends on, for their livelihood. At Vitave Village in Dhule-Nandurbar, the community was facing an acute problem of water scarcity. Though due to its location and climate it is an ideal location for water harvesting. Suzlon Foundation, in order to cater to this problem built a Forest Check Dam in collaboration with the community, Forest Department and the employees. The activity was a unique example of how collaborative CSR can take place involving the ultimate beneficiaries of the project. The activity has not only created an ownership amongst the community but also helped in positively enhancing the natural resources in the area.

Progress : Water harvesting structure of 39.88 TCM is constructed successfully
The ground level water of the area has increased by 40, 000 cubic meters.

Benefits : Downstream forestland used for plantation is getting water supply due to this check dam
Farmers are getting the benefit of water percolation

Quick Information : April 2008 to October 2008

Partners : Government of Maharashtra, Department of Forest and Joint Forest Management Committee at Vitave