

## Centre of Science for Villages, Dattapur, Wardha

# Ba Bapu 150

Centre of Science for Villages is celebrating Ba Bapu 150 by organizing number of programs listed below.

1. Dr. Soham Pandya, Secretary and Executive Director of "Centre of Science for Villages", delivered a lecture on the life and work carried out by Shri Krishnadas jajooji in "**Shrikrishnadas Jajoo Gramin Seva Mahavidyalaya**", Piper, Wardha on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to celebrate his 133<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary. He was an imminent disciple of Mahatma Gandhi and carried out extensive work on khadi as a secretary of "Charkha Sangh" since 1936 onwards. He elaborated in details the economics of Cotton to nearly 200 students. Raw cotton has hidden potentials to create decentralized jobs in Rural India and it involves removing seeds from cotton; making for Ambar Charkha; Spinning cotton in to yarn; weaving yarn in to cloth; making



apparels for people and marketing it in local markets. One kilogram cotton lint can be converted in to 08 meters cloth – while raw cotton fetches merely Rs. 50/- per kilogram its value can be raised up to Rs. 960/- by converting it in to cloth. All activities involved in this system of production, processing and marketing can be carried out in the rural background.

Dr. Soham Pandya asked students to work on spinning wheel and purchase at least one dress of Khadi every year.

2. As a part of networking "Centre of Science for Villages is organizing a workshop in association with "**STARS Forum**", Pune (Contact person Mr. Chaitanya Nadkarny, Executive Director, STARS Forum, Tel: 9923700626) during Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018. In all about 100 participants from across the Maharashtra will participate in this workshop. The agenda of the workshop



is i) Celebrating "Ba Bapu 150" a long term and permanent strategy; ii) Networking of institutions for working in collaboration etc.

3. Dr. Soham Pandya went to address a program "IGNITE 3 – Startup Summit" organized by e-Cell of **"G. H. Rasoni College of Engineering"**, Nagpur. More than 600 students participated in the event For seeking participation of students of Civil Engineering Department in "Ba Bapu 150" program, Dr. Soham Pandya asked students to make 150 designs of housing for poorest of the poor using local materials. The Director of institute Ms. Preeti Bajaj have ta ken a note of the same. The program was held during Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018.



4. Delivered an expert lecture to students of Civil Engineering Department of **"Datta Meghe Institute of Engineering Technology and Research"** (DMIETR), Salod, Wardha and interacted with them with respect to appropriate housing technologies and also materials and methods to be used. 175 students are asked to make an album of 150 drawings of cost effective houses for poorest of the poor. Program was conducted on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018

5. 45 students and 05 faculty members of **"D. Y. Patil School of Architecture"**, Pune came to "Centre of Science for Villages", Wardha to conduct a survey of tribal families living in Kinhi (Moi) and Sindivihari village of Ashti and Karanja Blocks of Wardha District on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Students interacted with families members of tribal community and got first hand report of their socio-economic conditions. These students will make 150 drawings for housing of families which they surveyed.



6. "Centre of Science for Villages" Dattapur, Wardha conducted a exposure training program in the subject of Bee Keeping (*Apis dorsata*) for 18 Baiga tribal in Khatiya on Sunday the 08<sup>th</sup> April 2018. These tribal are associated with "Tiger Centre", Khtatiya. CSV distributed four sting proof dresses to them for harvesting honey from rock bees.



"Centre of Science for Villages" Dattapur, Wardha conducted a three days training program in the subject of Bee keeping for five candidates from Prof. Nishikant Mukerji sir's "Tiger Centre", Khatiya, M.P. Names of candidates are 1) Mr. Amit Lakera (945855092); 2) Mr. Ashish Kachhavah (945485193); 3) Mr. Amar Sing Baiga (6265148507); 4) Mr. Sukh Sing Baiga (7697409276); 5) Mr. Sumarit Baiga (8959679434) . The team will start honey production on behalf of CSV. Also an assurance is given to market the honey produced by them either from *Apis cerena indica* or *Apis dorsata*. The program was conducted during Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018.



7. Under **"Ba Bapu – 150"** programs, CSV staff went to 25 villages of Ashti Block and met with 78 family members of farmers affected by suicide. Farmers family members were given help (Seeds for Agriculture, Grocery material) by people's civil societal organization located in Wardha city.
8. J. D. Birla Institute, Kolkata organized "Handloom and Khadi Day on 01<sup>st</sup> October 2018. As a part of **"Ba Bapu – 150"** program Dr. Soham Pandya delivered a lecture on **"Ecological, Socio-Economical and Spiritual Aspects of Khadi"** to 200+ student and teachers of fashion designing course.

