

Proceedings of Extra Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 24/08/2019 at 10.00 am in the premises of Panchayat Conference Hall, Buticas Navelim, This meeting is presided over by the Sarpanch Smt. Vilma D'Silva.

The signatures of the members present are taken on the attendance register where in 16 members are present. Earlier this meeting is adjourned by half an hour after waiting for 15 minutes and the same started at 10.45 am.

3. To discuss regarding action plan for Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

Franky Pires	Proposer
All Gram Sabha Members	Seconder

The Sarpanch placed the letter 19/08/2019 received from the Director of Panchayats, Panaji Goa in respect to convening this meeting. She informed that Water Conservation is an integral part of Indian identity and cultural history. That in India, water conservation in the form of rainwater harvesting is an ancient tradition which has become more relevant in present day scenario. Also, the issue of water conservation is not just about "saving" water, it is about having enough clean water at any given time and place to meet our needs and the conservation of our water resources depends on our wise use of these resources. She further brought to the notice of the Gram Sabha Members that several efforts have been made in India and other parts of world wherever water shortage has become an important issue. Various Government Departments have undertaken construction of water harvesting structures which has not only helped in storing water on surface but also enhanced recharge to ground water. The challenge can be effectively met by taking up programmes of artificial recharge to ground water in a big way throughout the country. The Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India has taken various initiatives for promoting Artificial Recharge and Rain water harvesting including preparation of a conceptual Master Plan for Artificial Recharge to Ground Water in India. Water conservation depends on our wise use of these resources. Such wise use, without a doubt, begins at home and in our community. Although rainwater harvesting continues to be practiced globally, and there is renewed interest in its revival, the system nonetheless has fallen to disrepair. Further, she informed that measures for water conservation has to be streamlined to promote rainwater harvesting as the water resources are fast depleting due to rapid increase in population and unrestricted use of water as due to over exploitation of water resources, it has become scarce. State Government have undertaken various programs in water conservation

and management. She requested the Gram Sabha members to make every effort to improve the village ground water level by collecting & conserving even a single drop of water. The Gram Sabha members present for this meeting applauded the information delivered by the Sarpanch and unanimously resolved to adopt measures for water conservation as an integral step towards Jal Shakti Abhiyan by preparing relevant action Plan in due course of time in collaboration with the Village Development Committee. It is further resolved to undertake trees plantation in the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat Navelim in order to contribute Jal Shakti Abhiyan to protect soil erosion at vulnerable places.

Dy. Sarpanch Shri. Paul Pereira extended vote of thanks to the Gram Sabha Members for their presence and active participation in the discussion and the meeting ended at 12.05 p.m.

Recorded by:

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