



THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, UNDRI

REPORT ON

'STREET PLAY – LAND RESTORATION, DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT RESILIENCE

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"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." —Albert Einstein

"**The World Environment Day** theme this year addresses the urgent need in a time when the world is witnessing culminating weather changes, which result from 'Land restoration, Desertification, and drought resilience.'

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change held a **national-level street play competition**. The students at **The Bishop's Co-ed School, Undri, Pune**, participated in reaching the community at the grassroot level to raise awareness of the theme. Under the guidance of teachers Mrs. Amrita Bhaduri, Mrs. Sarika Thorat, Peter Victor and Santosh Javheri, the students put up a street play in English, which was also summarized in Hindi for the benefit of the local population. The play was conducted in the surrounding residential colony. It revolved around a poor farmer who was finding his agricultural land losing its fertility. Several reasons for the dire situation were portrayed as human characters, such as abuse of groundwater, lack of rainwater harvesting, deforestation, etc. Each reason finds its origin in the improper attitude and abuse of the natural environment around them. The characters first engage in a blame game to determine who is at fault.

The play depicted the need for **teamwork** where everyone doing their part could make a change in the present situation. The play concluded by listing human activities that cause drought-like conditions. The highlights lay in the solutions proposed for these human activities. The solution was listed in points and explained to the audience of the play through a question-answer session.

Banners and slogans were displayed to enhance the positive message. The students then interacted with the residents in the colony. People of all ages interacted with the students and carried the message across homes. The street play was prompt and simple, reaching the masses with the message of '**SAVE WATER- SAVE EARTH**'."

'Nukkad Natak' cast and crew

CHARACTERS:

- Land: Soumya Chandra 11A (Commerce)
- Tree: Alisha Shaikh 11A (Commerce)
- Deforestation: Jasmeh Sachdev 11A (Science)
- Climate Change: Sarina Master 11B (Science)
- Municipal officer 1: Nazar Meher 11B (Science)
- Water: Shoubhit Panday 10 C
- Farmer: Avaneesh Kshirsagar 10 C

- Industries and narrator: Bhuvi Minch 10 F
- Municipal officer 2: Tanishka Sindkhedkar 9 G
- Overpopulation: Aditi Prasad 9 B

BACKSTAGE CREW: - FILMING AND PROPS

- Sarthak Mathuriya 12B (Science)
- Sharon Benjamin 12B (Commerce)
- Rishi Rennish 12A (Science)
- Rachael Bell 11A (Science)
- Shaista Khan 11B (Science)
- Harsidak Kaur Bakshi 10C
- Tanmay Thorat 10G
- Eva Monteiro 10I

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