

Visit to Phaltan, Kapsi via Hingan gav. 20/10/05

By MR, AT, MP

Dr. Pol has been working with the villages since about 2000. First few attempts with some villages failed in spite of financial assistance. Kapsi villagers especially youngsters took the initiative. In spite of non availability of funds put their own efforts (Sharamadaan) to construct two under ground bunds on the existing stream. Dr. Pol had collected Rs. 40000/- through AOL, went to AFARM for technical guidance, was of no use. Eventually he contacted Popatrao of Hiwrebajar, who deputed a person to help them out with the Gabian plugs, UG plugs. Eventually constructed two nos of KT wears.

The village also implemented a scheme of individual sanitary blocks for each household. These are fitted with Indian type of WC, connected to a soak pit out side the closet. These are working very well as against the public toilets - 'ownership' being the obvious reason.

Most of the houses are fitted with smoakless chulhas too courtesy ARTI.

The youngsters are aware of the importance of vermicompost and pesticide free farming.

Dr. Pol also referred to a person from Wardha who is promoting this concept of replacing pesticide with Desi GOMUTRA. [Subhash Pardbekar]

The success of Kapsi lies in -

Caste free working

Initiative through Sharamadaan

Unity due to AOL

Dr. Pol was not present while we visited the village Kapsi. He has his own pediatric hospital OPD to attend to till 2 pm. Also he is AOL teacher of basic course. His wife too is a teacher for basic AOL who incidentally was Admiral Awati's teacher in basic AOL too.

We met Dr. Pol in his hospital bet. 1 and 2 p.m. He gave the background of his work. Plans to expand this work in many other villages. We told him about the E.S. work experience and the ways in which the society can help them further their cause. Have invited them to Pune to visit the Panshet sites.

Told Dr. Pol about the importance of the experiments at Winchurni grass land. (He was not aware of it)

He took up the issue of expenditure of Pune visit. I have told him that this can be discussed and taken care of by the society.