



Engagement of Japanese Delegation with Tavgard Technology Stakeholders

To showcase the functionality of the Taisei Soil System (TSS), a decentralised waste water treatment technology, piloted in Varanasi, a visit was organized by TARA (Development Alternatives Group) in association with its Japanese partners Taisei Kougyou and Original Engineering Consultants (OEC). Over the course of the visit, the team met with stakeholders from state departments of Varanasi Municipal Corporation (VMC), Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) and JICA-PMU (Japanese International Cooperation Agency – Project Management Unit) office to discuss and create a dissemination strategy for wide-scale adoption of TSS technology. During these interactions, potential partner organisations like Sant Atulanand Residential Academy (SARA) and San-In Associate were also invited to explore the potential of TSS technology.

NHK (Nippon Hoso Kyokai), Japan Broadcasting Corporation, broadcasted a detailed interview on the functionality of TSS technology where 22 members of the San-in association were also present to deepen their understanding on TSS technology in India. On the second day, the Japanese partners briefed local government stakeholders on the business plan to disseminate the TSS technology. The team also visited potential sites for implementation of technology including a school where they shared the importance of sanitation with the students and teachers.

The three-day-long intensive visit concluded with the finalisation of the project location with school authorities, surveys of 5 ponds, promotion of the application of TSS technology in gardening and construction activities, and initiation of collaborations with Government Primary School officials.