

Successful Pond Adoption Initiative at Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh under HUL Prakriti Project



Rejuvenated pond adopted by Shivalik Valley School, Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh

Development Alternatives, Shivalik Valley School, and HUL Prabhat have teamed up to sustain the rejuvenated pond in Mhaisi Palasi Village, Nalagarh. This effort is part of the HUL Prakriti project, which aims to create an integrated village model focusing on water conservation, waste management, and providing potable water.

Pond rejuvenation is a vital part of DA's water conservation efforts. Shivalik Valley School has adopted the pond, taking responsibility for its upkeep. Their involvement highlights the importance of local and focused intervention to sustain environmental projects in the region.

The school has committed to undertake various activities such as plantation drives, maintaining existing plants, organising eco-friendly events, conducting cleaning drives, and maintain the grass around the pond. These efforts will not only help the pond's ecosystem but also encourage students to learn and care for the environment.



Plantation drive by Shivalik Valley School, Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh

This Environment Day, the school organised a successful plantation drive at the pond. Students, teachers, and community members planted native saplings, enhancing the area's natural beauty and contributing to local biodiversity.

Development Alternatives will be providing training for students and staff on how to maintain the pond. We will offer a checklist of activities to make the tasks engaging and educational while ensuring student safety. Additionally, students will map the biodiversity of the pond and keep data records.

This collaboration, which began in May 2024, demonstrates the positive impact of community and educational institution partnerships on environmental sustainability. Involving students in these activities helps instil a sense of responsibility and awareness about environmental conservation.

DA thanks Shivalik Valley School for their dedication and look forward to continuing this fruitful collaboration with the support of HUL Prabhat. This initiative is a great example of how schools and organisations can work together for a sustainable future.