

Brief Report of EEP with AAJ

(5th December to 7th December, 2010)

EEP at Bhekadia

Facilitated by AAJ at their ashram hostel. Attended by 115 students from classes 1 to 8. Eight posters depicting plants, birds, insects, butterflies, scenery/ water bodies, medicinal plants were shown (divided into nine groups of different ages) and the children were asked to identify. The children exhibited great knowledge of the same.

Children were asked to distinguish between forest and trees i.e why trees in the homestead did not constitute a forest.

The nuances of trees make use of solar energy and how this is the source of most life on earth was explained. The necessity of human beings to understand deeply the secrets of nature in order to work along with nature and not against it was explained. This included how earthworms work on the soil to make it useful for plants.

The children exhibited great enthusiasm and expressed desire that more such programmes be conducted.

More than 25 seeds of agro diversity of the region were also displayed, which were collected by the AAJ members. It is important to note that the area is rich in its agro diversity especially indigenous seeds including different Millet varieties.

