Wow.. Its really an **Unad Diwas** of my life, **A day like never before…**

As I post on my page, we plan to visit Udachiwadi, a small village in the ranges of Sahyadri in Purandar tualuka, hardly 35 km away from Pune. The plan was to do Shramadaan, Community work for Villagers for Water harvesting and let them know that they are not alone to fight with Drought we are with them for the same cause and to bust their confidence.

As per the plan I left early morning at 6 on 27th April to make the plan success and to do necessary arrangements. I reached to the site where we are going to do the Sharmadaan and few minutes after the Villagers came to execute the plan. I personally met **Ambadas Sir** the head of Purandar Taluka for Paani Foundation. We discuss the plan for 1st May Mahasramadaan and he conveyed Do’s and Don’ts for the same.

We come to know that there was a JCB came from Forest Department which is going to help villagers for Deep CCT and they are going to do it for 2 kilometers absolutely free. My friends from village Namdev and Chetan told me that govement is doing great job to support us in this water harvesting and they ask me to come with them to view the site where Irrigation Department has done 2 big water storage where Pittching work is going on. They told me if it rains averagely in this village this year than their water issue will get resolved by almost 80 %.

After that there was a scheduled Gram Sabha in Panchayat and I got privilege to attain it. We discuss our hurdles coming while doing the work of Shramadaan and thoughts shared to resolve it.

Its almost 12 now, as I am the Gust for the Village, Chetan invited me for Lunch at his home so I had Awesome lunch at his home, prepared by him only. After that we plan to go to Saswad to purchase some needy things for Dinner. As I already made/ print some banners we started installing them on Roads so that Gusts coming in the evening and on 1st may should not get any trouble to locate this village as there is possibility of no network coverage on mobiles.

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We installed the banners from Dive ghat to Udachiwadi and From Saswad to Udachiwadi. Then we went to Sonori village to do some GramPanchayat work. It this time I am pretty much comfortable with my friends and the outside Atmosphere as we want to make the event successful then this is not a barrier for us.

I stopped my car near Juice center but my friends told me to visit another shop which gives better juice and I also appreciate their observation and test. We purchase all the required material and then we start our journey for Udachiwadi, meanwhile there was another member from Mumbai join us in sawad along with him we came back to Village and vent to the Spot where we are going to work. It’s almost 4:30 pm now.

We had some rest for 30 mins and at 5 all Bacha Company from Village started their work, it is very amazing to see the co-ordination between them. At 6 Team from Barclays came to the spot.

Pic -2

I was in touch with Sneha from Barclays for Todays event. The plan was to do some Shramadaan and then educate peoples on water Usage and Storage.

Barclays team did almost 1.30 hours of Shramadaan and showed the excellent team work. All the peoples came directly from office and they stared at 3 pm from Hinjewadi.

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At 7:30 they had another plan to show presentations to Villagers. Meanwhile Nandini Madam also came to the spot with her Avenger and immidiatly after that Tahasildaar visitied the spot. He interact with Barclays team and appreciate their work, also he sow the work done by Bachha Company and resolved some issues faced by Villagers related to organizing the event.

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Barclays team gathered all the villarges to show then presentations followed by some games for villegers.

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They had Dinner organized by us and I hope they liked it as it was the traditional Dinner

“ Pithala Bhakari”. We had Mashal rally after the dinner. It’s almost 9:30 now.

Dinesh Ruparel, he is Giryarohak and he mostly had camps in Sahyadri ranges. He will be there in this village till Sunday. He shared his experience of travelling, we had this discussion under open sky with Natural Air condition.

My Friend Tushar came for Shramadaan and he join us at 9:30. I must thank him because he after the office he travelled from Magarpatta tu Udachiwadi with Heavy Trafic with some headache from Gaundas. ☹ .

We resume our Shramadaan at 10. We installed sound system and played all Marathi songs to boost the work. In the mean time whenever we had break I meat with the Person from Mumbai. Me and few members from our team had dinner at 11 with my Village fiends Really awesome hospitality.

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We had Amit Muralkar, Assistant Vice President from Barclays. He stayed with us for Shramadaan.

We throw almost 800 ghamelach of mud and still we are fresh. We did this wotk till 1:30 but soon after we realize that we cannot go further as the hard rocks are not able to break by our instruments and we also don’t want to damage the instruments and Hands as we want to continue the Shramadaan coming days. So we hard Stop at 1:30 and travel back to Pune.

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We are sharing this experience to you because we live it a day like never before and encourage you to join us for great cause. Thanks to all Villegers, Barclays team and my friends to make this event successful.