

# **The chipko Architect**

## **TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Q.(i) What are the five Fs given by trees ?**

**Ans :-** The five Fs given by trees are food, fodder, fertiliser, fuel and fibre.

**Q.(ii) Who was Sunderlal Bahuguna ?**

**Ans :-** Sunderlal Bahuguna was a leader of Chipko Movement. He was born on 9 January, 1927, in a small village Marora, on the bank of Bhagirathi in Tehri Garhwal.

**Q.(iii) What does 'Chipko' mean in Hindi ?**

**Ans :-** Chipko in Hindi means to cling to or to hug, hence it is the Hug-the-Trees movement.

**Q.(iv) When did Sunder Lal start the Chipko movement ?**

**Ans :-** Sunderlal started the Chipko Movement in 1927.

**Q.(v) When and where was Sunderlal Bahuguna born ?**

**Ans :-** Sunder Lal was born on 9th January, 1927, in small hill village Marora, on the banks of the Bhagirathi in Tehri Garhwal.

**Q.(vi) Who inspired Sunderlal to take pledge to serve the people ?**

**Ans :-** Dev Suman, a young Gandhian inspired Sunderlal to take pledge to serve the people.

**Q.(vii) What inspired Sunderlal to open a school for scavengers ?**

**Ans :-** The meeting with two social workers, Mira Behn and Thakkar Bapa inspired Sunderlal to open a school for Scavengers.

**Q.(viii) What did the villagers do to protect trees ?**

**Ans :-** The villagers hugged the tree trunk continuously and they also watched the trees during the very cold night. Thus they protect the trees from cutting by the workers.

**2. (a) Write a paragraph on the life and works of Sunderlal Bahuguna.**

**Ans :-** Sunderlal was born on 9th January, 1927, in a small hill villages, Marora, on the bank of the Bhagirathi in Tehrai, Garhwal. In 1942, Dev Suman, a young Gandhian inspired Sunderlal at the age of fifteen, to serve the people. Sunderlal determined to improve poor and oppressed villagers. At twenty years old Sunderlal met two social workers, Mira Behn and Thakkar Bapa. The meeting inspired him to open a school for scavengers. Sunderlal worked as a zamadar, a labourer, and a hawker to realise the poor people. In 1956, at twenty-nine, he married Vimla Nautial and they established an ashram in silyara village of Tehri Garhwal.

**(b) Write a paragraph on the eating habits of Sunderlal Bahuguna.**

**Ans :-** Sunderlal Bahuguna's eating habits are simple. When he was eighteen years old he became a vegetarian. He ate only coarse, dry farming cereals like jowar and mandua, certain vegetables and pulses, and fruits and nuts. He does not eat rice and wheat, as these crops require too much of water to cultivate and there is an increasing shortage of water. He does not drink tea as it is a luxury and costs too much.

**3. Complete the following sentences :**

(i) Sunderlal started the 'Chipko Movement' to save the forests of .....

**Ans :-** Sunderlal started the 'Chipko Movement' to save the forests of the Himalayas.

(ii) The 'Chipko Movement' took root in the .....

**Ans :-** The 'Chipko Movement' took root in the western Himalayas.

(iii) Sunderlal took a pledge to serve the people at the age of .....

**Ans :-** Sunderlal took a pledge to serve the people at the age of fifteen.

(iv) The name of Sunderlal's wife was .....

**Ans :-** The name of Sunderlal's wife was Vimla Nautiyal.

(v) ..... are called the home of the 'Chipko Movement'.

**Ans :-** The Uttar Pradesh Hills are called the home of the 'Chipko Movement'.

#### **4. Write true or false :-**

(i) Mira Behn and Thakkar Bapa were two social workers.

**Ans :-** True.

(ii) The Chipko Movement could not impress the Uttar Pradesh Government.

**Ans :-** False.

(iii) Sunderlal's started a long march in 1983.

**Ans :-** False.

(iv) Sunderlal's slogan was – "Don't axe these oaks and pines. Nurture them, protect them. We have to preserve them for posterity."

**Ans :-** 'What do the forests bear? Soil, Water and pure Air !'

(v) Sunderlal could create environmental awareness among people.

**Ans :-** Yes, Sunderlal could create environmental awareness among people.

#### **B. Turn the following sentences into passive voice.**

(i) The police hold him for the theft.

**Ans :-** He is held by the police for the theft.

(ii) The teacher is examining the answer scripts.

**Ans :-** The answer scripts is being examiner by the teacher.

(iii) Lucy has composed this poem.

**Ans :-** This poem has been composed by Lucy.

### **5. Fill in the blanks with correct preposition.**

(a) The labourers cut the trees \_\_\_\_\_ an axe.

**Ans :-** The labourers cut the trees with an axe.

(b) She wrote the letter \_\_\_\_ ink.

**Ans :-** She wrote the letter in ink.

(c) Please send the letter \_\_\_\_\_ post.

**Ans :-** Please send the letter by post.

(d) The letter was written \_\_\_\_ his sister.

**Ans :-** The letter was written for his sister.

(e) He entered \_\_\_\_\_ into the room.

**Ans :-** He entered into the room.

### **Voice change**

6.(i). Everybody remembers him as a great teacher.

**Ans :-** He is remembered by everybody as a great teacher.

(ii) The wind had uprooted the trees.

**Ans :-** The trees had been uprooted by the wind.

**Discuss :-**

**Discuss in the class how trees help in saving our environment ?**

**Ans :-** Trees are the part and parcel of human beings. Without trees one can't survive in the world. It produce fresh air, reduce air pollution and control soil erosion. They regulate the climate and help to hold rain water in the ground and prevent from flood. It also gives shelter to birds and animals.

### **Additional Questions and Answers**

**Q.1. "Just stop and think." Who says this ? What does he want to say ?**

**Ans :-** Sunderlal Bahuguna says this line. He wants to say that trees are living being. They give us oxygen and keep the air clean and regulate the climate and to hold rain water in the ground and it also keep the soil from being washed away. So we should not cut the trees.

**Q.2. Write the name of the home of Chipko Movement ?**

**Ans :-** The Uttar Pradesh Hills are the home of Chipko Movement.

**Q.3. What was the folk song in Garhwal ?**

**Ans :-** The folk song in Garhwal was "Do not axe these oaks, and pines nature them, protect them. We have to preserve them for posterity.

### **TRANSCENDENTALISM**

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**Write :-**

**1. Suppose you are the secretary of a Eco-Club. Your club has organized a cleaning drive in your locality next week. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the members of the Eco Club to participate in the drive.**

**Ans :-**

NOTICE

Dear Members

You are aware that prime Minister of India has told the Citizen of India to make sincere effort to clean our country always. We in our locality need take up cleaning drive regularly. Therefore, it is decided in our last executive committee meeting to undertake works of removing garbage's by the side of the road our part area, road-side drain on next Sunday. It is hereby requested that all the members of our club assembled on the club premises by 9 A.M. of next Sunday with personal cleaning tools and so that we can take up cleaning our area for about three hours. Tea and snacks will be served at the end of the meeting.

Your sincerely

Secretary of the Club

Date : 4-8-2021

**2. Suppose there is a hill in front of your house. A lot of people come and cut the trees everyday for firewood. Write a letter to your friend telling him about your feelings.**

**Ans :-**

My dear Dev

Date : 4-5-2021

Guwahati

Kahilipara

How are you ? I hope you are well. I am also feeling fine.

Now I am writing this letter to you to release some of my ill-feeling to you so as to have a sympathiser of need for keeping the surface of the earth green to the maximum extent as possible.

It pains one to tell you that lot of people are coming now a days every day to the hill in front of our house and cut the branches of the trees every day and take away lot of branches to sell in the market as a fire-wood. I understand those-people are very poor and need money to make their livelihood. But they should realised that it is very dangerous to reduce the greenery of earth surface. Lot of trees are already cut and the whole surface will be barren within a very short time. I feel very sad that I along cannot do anything to prevent this as there are lot of people cutting these trees and I am alone. I told my parents but they are also not taking any positive step and asked me to do my study work without diverting my mind to outside work. Can you give me some advice how to get relief from the sadness ?

Please reply to me within a short time.

Yours Affectionate

Raju

To

Mr. Dev Kirtonia

Dibrugarh

(Assam)