

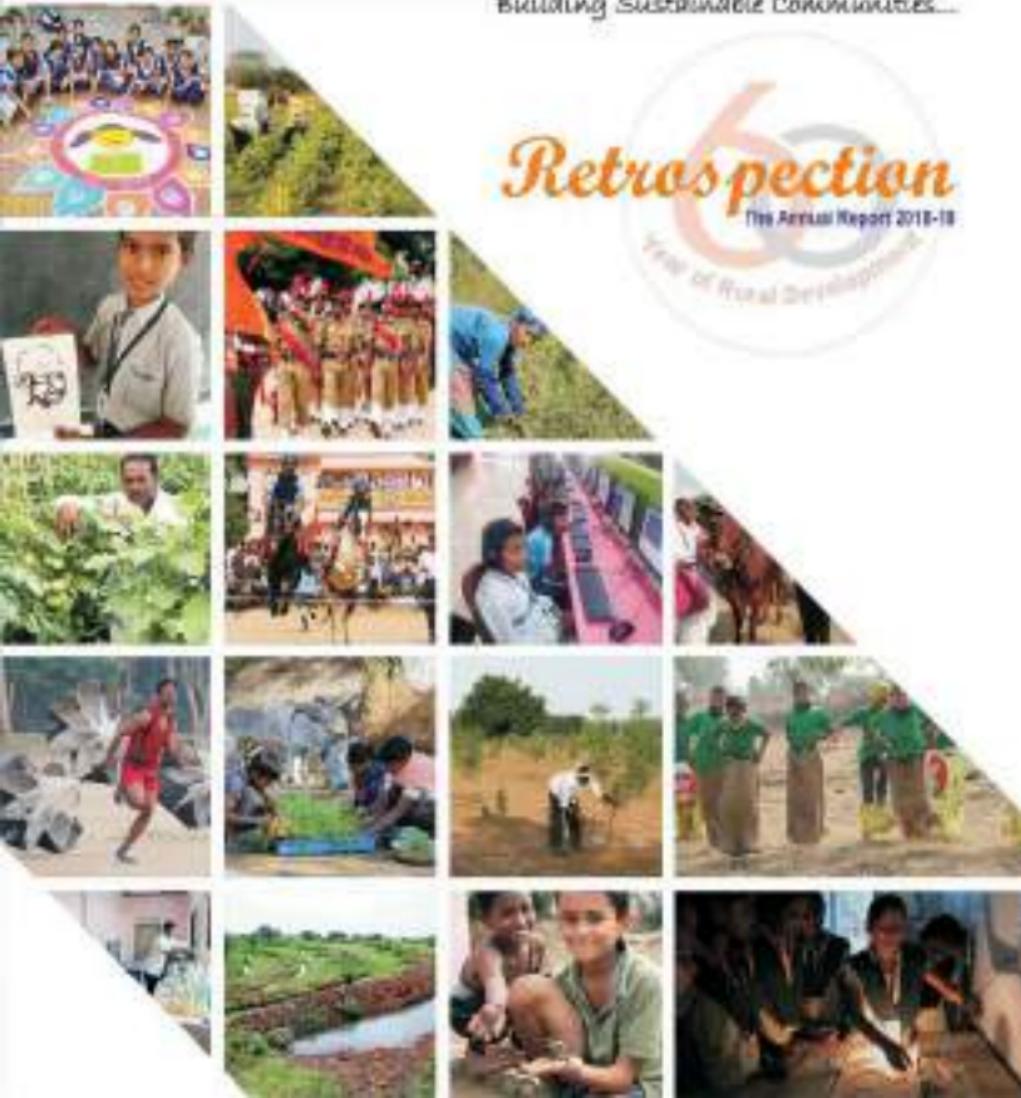


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Building Sustainable Communities

## Retros pection

The Annual Report 2018-19



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# PREFACE

Sankaliti Suravardhan Mumbai (SSM), a voluntary organization working for sustainable rural development since 1999 has entered the 20<sup>th</sup> year of its service for the rural communities. Celebrating **Diamond Jubilee Year**, series of activities have been taken up throughout the year. Transparency based on credibility is the strength of SSM while practicing best norms in human relations and financial management. The top priority of SSM is attaining sustainable rural development through Quality Education, Skill Development, Environment and Agriculture.

SSM's interventions in the field of education, skill development, natural resource management, agricultural development which are interdependent and linked with livelihood have led to the path of holistic development of rural community.

The synergy within the team and clear vision has helped us advance towards achieving our goal steadily. In this journey SSM has received overwhelming support from its well-wishers and the partner organizations. SSM will always be grateful for the support received from Caring Friends Mumbai, NABARD Pune, Aque Foundation USA, Drishti HRC Mumbai, Dvara Mumbai, Cleaning Corporation Of India Ltd. Mumbai, Adan COPCO Charitable Foundation, eClexServices Ltd, Habitat For Humanity Mumbai, Give Foundation Mumbai, Creditability Alliance Mumbai and many more organizations for making available the resources for the achievement of our vision and mission. We are also thankful to the Government of India, Government of Maharashtra for their support. We would also like to thank our individual Donors, Advisors and Chartered Accountants. We look forward to receiving their continued support in the endeavour.

I hope that the RETROSPECTION gives an account of the journey we have travelled together during the year 2018-19. Your valuable feedback is most welcome!

Truly Yours,



Dr. Jayant N. Jukate  
Secretary, SSM

Sandkriti Samarthan Mandal is celebrating Diamond Jubilee year this year. A seedling sown by Kansmyegi Babasaheb Deshmukh in the form of a residential girls school at Sagarki 54 years back, has grown into a huge Banyan Tree with its branches covering all spheres of human development. Sagarki a tiny Village located in Nanded district, where people were reeling under poverty and superstitions and where girls were deprived of education. Kansmyegi Babasaheb Deshmukh, moved by the plight of the rural poor people, decided to establish an organization "Sandkriti Samarthan Mandal" to improve the life of rural folk.

#### Vision

Educated, Cultured, Plenish and Prosperous Rural Community

#### Mission

Strive towards Rural Development with a need-based

Disruptive and Innovative approach through Education, Skill Development, Agriculture, Environment and Livelihood.

#### Our motto

Sandkriti Samarthan Mandal works in Nanded District on the issues of Education, Skill Development, Environment and Agricultural development. The organization also works in Latur and Osmanabad district along with the Nanded district in agriculture sector. SSM also implemented the drought proofing program in all districts of Marathwada and Vidarbha regions of Maharashtra.

#### Stake Holders

Sandkriti Samarthan Mandal works with:

- Small and Marginal Farmers - Women
- Children - Youth

# Fruitful 60 years of Human Service

Sandkriti Samarthan Mandal has completed the 60 years of its dedicated service for the rural development. To mark the Diamond Jubilee year, a formal function was held on February 16, 2019 on the occasion of Agro Tech Fair of KVK, under the auspices of Hon. Dr. Jayantirao Monk Prabhu Mhaiskar, president for SSM. On this occasion, long journey of 60 years, highlighted by the chairman of SSM, Sri Prafull Deshmukh. He also paid tributes to the former colleagues and volunteers by acknowledging their contribution for the growth of SSM. Marking Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, SSM has planned a series of events throughout the year.

JOURNEY  
OF SSMI  
(1959 TO 2019)

- Kristi Vigne Keshia  
Skill Development Center  
Tribeca Development  
Educational Quality Improve Program  
Professional Education  
Award - "Young Author" award for outstanding contribution to Encouragement Program  
Award - "Teen Author Society" Award by Book World Competition  
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Loyalty & Accountability

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Accord - "National Stakeholders' Accord for Rural Transformation" (2002)

Accord - "National Stakeholders' Accord for Sports Development" (2000)

Accord - "National Stakeholders' Accord for Education, Research & Innovation" (2000)

Accord - "National Stakeholders' Accord for Culture" by National Endowment for Democracy (2000)

Accord - "National Accord for Energy Conservation" by MELIA (2000)

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## EDUCATION

*Connecting children with the real world*

Education is the process of facilitating learning, the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, and good habits. SSM firmly believes that only education can play a role in bringing about the transformation of human race. Thus, education is the very aim and mission behind establishing Bankruti Bhawan Noida 100 years back.

### 1.1 Education Council

Education council is formed to have close monitoring & facilitation in educational activities, handholding in problem solving and direction for quality improvement, which is instrumental in all round development of children. The management

structure includes:



### **Objective:**

- To motivate teaching faculties to upgrade skills & subject knowledge
- Transform classroom into the learning tools
- Establish liaison between various teaching faculties
- To address the obstacles on the ways to students' overall development.

### **The activities undertaken through Education Council are:-**

- Brought up the modified examination and evaluation system
- Capacity building of teachers for Activity Based Teaching & Learning (ABTL)
- Devise need-based educational programs
- Monthly review of educational projects.
- Continuous process of Monitoring & Evaluation.

### **The key Outcomes of the interventions are**

- Used synergy of various teaching faculties to an advantage
- Students are more ready for better learning
- Activities marked all around development of children.
- Classrooms have become the learning tools.

### **1.2 Educational Quality Improvement Programmes (EQIP)**

The very concept of founding SSM emerged from the need to educate rural children, especially girls, who were most deprived. The basic objective of Project EQIP is to educate, encourage and enable rural girls to acquire sustainable and quality education. The project is supported by Ms. Saloni Mittal-Ghosh through Caring Friends, Mumbai. The major components of EQIP project are as under:

#### **a. Sponsor a Girl Child**

Often in the rural areas, girls are deprived of educational facilities due to weak financial condition at the household level, which leads to a situation where they have to look after their younger siblings or support their parents in the work. To avoid the pathetic and also the girls to get out of this situation, girls are provided education material, school uniform, and sports material. Along with that the girls are



also taken on separate trips, provided both the litres and nutritional food supplement. In the year 2013-14, 200 girls have been benefited through EQIP. This has helped in improving the nutrition of the girl children up to 85% in the schools.

#### **b. Project Bagru Ahad**

With an aim to create an educational environment in the village, the project was started in the year 2012. For more information on the project please refer the section "Project SREE".

### **1.3 Upgrade Technical School - Updating three workshops in the Technical School**

A technically educated person can stand on his/her own without desperately searching for the livelihood. SSM runs "Vishwakarma Technical School" with the trades in



Electrical and Electronic Technology since 1998, considering need of the market and scope in the rural children, we added 'Mechanical Technology' 4 years back. The course is known as MBB Vocational and is equivalent to ITI. The courses are recognized by the state board of education. Students completing the course can go for higher education or get placement immediately after the course.

For 100 students per year, we have regular workshops for Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical technology subjects. We have updated the workshops with new tools and equipment according to the new syllabus and market needs.

#### **1.3 Project Speak Well**

English language is considered the window that favours open global exposure. In India too, the higher education is conducted through English only. The students from the rural areas lack the confidence in speaking and writing in English. With an aim to instill confidence among the students, to develop their speaking skills and

make them believe that they have the potential to express themselves clearly in English, project Speak Well has been introduced in SSM schools in 2011. Various activities at the classroom level as well as at the district and state level have been organized for the students and teachers during



the year. This has helped students to converse in English and also to understand and explain concepts. The following table reflects activities carried out during the year to create an English conducive eco-system:

No.	Name of the activity	Description	Frequency	Participants
1.	Assembly	Story & other expression.	Twice a week	125 students
2.	Classroom activity as per action plan	All presentations.	Daily	150 students
3.	Blindfold competition	Designed for the application of acquired skills of language.	Annual	15 students
4.	Discourse by resource person	The English language.	Half yearly	15 teachers
5.	Competing professionals development sessions (CPD)	Presented by 2 English teachers	Half yearly	15 teachers
6.	Teacher interactionality the assembly	On social media & to create English awareness	Half yearly	95 teachers
7.	E.T.E.C English teacher Session (PD)	SOC, ETP	10 days	19 teachers
8.	District level symposium of Model	Presentation by 2 teachers	1 day	140 students
9.	State level symposium, Bangalore	Panel presentation by English faculty	10 days	136 teachers
10.	English Forum Exhibition	The 20 interviews based various points to create English requirement.	5 days	100 students

#### 1.4 Project Strengthening Resources for Emerging Excellence(SREE)

The project SREE is designed to impart verified quality education, providing learning opportunities to around 4000 students, especially girls. The project was started in 2015, supported by eCharn Services Ltd, through their CSR. The project focused on SSMS's resources to provide quality services. The project has two major components:

##### 1 Project Sagari Akash

The objective of the project is to create education friendly atmosphere in Sagari village by initiating well designed summer camps and extracurricular activities for the



overall development of the children. The students are categorized into A, B, C, and D grades according to their performance. Special efforts are put by the teachers to upgrade the students from D to A Category. The major focus was given in Mathematics, Science and languages.

##### Highlights

Major activities carried under the project are-

- Supervised study after school hours.
- Various cultural activities for personality development.
- Special guidance & coaching in core subjects.
- Small projects preparation and organizing exhibition.
- Encourage & provide financial support to economically weaker students.

##### Major outcomes of the initiative are-

- Increased attendance of the students in the school.
- Increased confidence level of the children.
- Students have a developmentalism in learning.
- Active participation of children in extra-curricular activities.
- Classrooms have become the learning tools.
- Parents volunteered to collect Rs. 1.5 lakh for setting



up computers at the center. SSM has contributed Rs. 2 Lakh as its share. Now, 400 children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> standard are learning computers.

## 2. Utkarsh Vocational Training Centre (VTC)

SSM runs a training center since 2009 with an aim to empower rural youth by imparting employable skills, providing them more **LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES**. The courses are both in well as non-farm sectors were facilitated, covering 2700 youths in the last year. Salary of the core staff was recovered in the project.



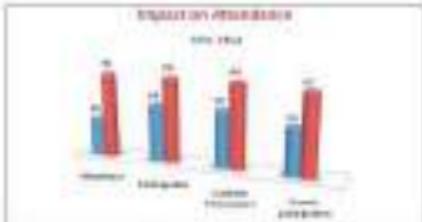
### b) Improving Infrastructure:

The total area of changed ceiling is 1200.00 Sq. Mt. consisting of 12 classrooms, 2 laboratories, and 1 teacher room. This has improved the learning atmosphere in the classrooms.

Now, the classrooms are safer and have more light and ventilation.

## 3. ATL TINKERING LABORATORY:

ATL is the only lab in the Nanded district that has been started with the support from Govt. of India. The basic



purpose of ATL is to create an environment of scientific temperament, innovation, creativity amongst Indian students. Activities carried by ATL Sugandha include:

## 3.6 OTHER PROJECTS

**SHEWA - (MATHEMATICAL EDUCATION WITH ACTIVITY):** Helps to create interest and induce fun among students about mathematics through exciting and innovative ideas and joyful activities. This project has developed the creativity among students. Complicated



mathematical concepts have been made simple using innovative activities. It has also helped students' performance in various competitive examinations like NTSE, NMNMS, Scholarship, Olympiads etc.

## 3.7 GREEN

Chiranjeevi Rao Reinforcement of Eloquent English through Novel Initiative; a computer assisted self-paced English skill development programme to increase level of understanding of 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> std. students. 350 students from 2 centers participated in the program.

**Vedanta Vaidikya Maha'** is a series of lectures arranged by inviting various scholars and cultural resources. The topics were carefully chosen from global historical dimensions.

No.	Event	Organizer	Benefited / participated Students
1.	Robot Assembling & controlling with arduino place	SSM ATL	20 students
2.	Robot racing competition- Robot Zest – 2019 time: November month	IIT Guwahati	ATL Sugandha model was selected among the best 10 Robots
3.	Robotic technology training by national research centre	SSM ATL	70 students benefited
4.	Every day workshop	SSM ATL	40 students

## **Activities under Para-Curricular Education**

**1. Vanamrita - Mass Plantation Drive:** Three days plantation program was conducted at various locations in and around Sogalji in the first week of May. Students and NCC Cadets from our educational units volunteered to



make this people's movement a great success. More than 1500 saplings were planted at the banks of Soofali of Balabhat and in Shrimati lake side. The District Collector, Shri Arun Dongre planted first sapling of Neem on the occasion.

**2. Capacity Building of Teachers:** To update the skill of teachers, matching with the new trends, SSM has taken up various initiatives during the reporting period. Guidance to the initiation of Activity Based Teaching & Learning process.



Mr. Mario Kita, an education expert who has the experience of working with UNICEF and institutions abroad, done education Audit of SSM's educational units. He had cohesive dialogue with the teachers, parents and students. Mr. Kita also guided the teachers at exclusive interactive sessions highlighting the point of activity based teaching learning, life skills in education and teaching methodology.

A session on 'Art of Living' was organized for the



teachers. This program was useful for the teachers to enhance their physical, emotional and intellectual capacities. This program also helped in instilling passion for education and creating the strong foundation for the organization building.

**3. Shri Shivaji High School Bags Eight Gold Medals in the Annual NCC Camps:** An Annual NCC Camp of Practical Manifestation of Training at Pabbani held to test the performance of NCC cadets of Shivaji High School in proving their potential. They bagged 8 Gold, 19 Silver and 13 Bronze medals. The camp, which was held between



15th and 20th Dec 2018 at Pabbani, was attended by 450 cadets from across Raigad, Hingoli and Purshottam districts. Such camps are organized to introduce cadets to regiment way of life and develop all-round personality. Besides, they get training on weapon handling, war strategy, war skills and recruitment skills. Shivaji High Akash secured first place in ARI for the 40th consecutive year. Corporal Rahul Waghmare got youngest commander best Cadet award. First five medals in 2.5 km crosscountry were grabbed by our cadets.

**4. Grand Appearance of Ashish at the International Cultural Festival:** Ashish Saito Urlikar, a student of Shriram High School, grabbed first place in the semi-classical folk-dance category of International Cultural Festival Contest 2018 held at Bangalore (CII Hall), earlier



Aishish had cleared qualifying round organized by Akhil Lok kala Cultural Organization at Pune and secured his entry in International Cultural Festival Contest scheduled at Bangalore on 24th December 2018.

**6. Alumni of Shri Sankalp Vidya Mandir Sagari, Deonar, Mumbai (SAS) - Rohan Gokhale**, Ex-student of 1999 batch of Rajabai Smt. Chhatrapati Shahu Sanskruti Vidyalaya, pursued his higher education in Computer Engineering later. In the

UPSC results declared this year, he secured All India 249 Rank and 12th Rank in Mathematics and has been selected as IAS. Aspirant is currently in 11th Standard of Motilal Nehru School, Mankhurd and an IIT aspirant. He is a graduate in H.Tech graduate, has qualified at the UPSC Exam 2015 and has been selected as Intelligence Bureau Officer.

**7. Annual Day Celebrated at Sankalp Vidyalaya** - On 16th December, all the students and staff of Sankalp Vidyalaya celebrated their Annual Day event with much



enthusiasm. Shri Samarth Tambe, a well known Marathi Storyteller and story teller and an alumnus of Sankalp Vidyalaya Shri Mayer Mahadev were the esteemed guests. Initially prize distribution ceremony was conducted to felicitate the talents of students in various fields like academics, art, culture and sports. Parents were visibly impressed by the impressive performances showcased by the students across all three grades.

**8. Bhavani Rathy Gold at Bhavani Gold Skating Meet** - Sagriff's skater Bhavani N. Ankleskar brought laurels to SASA by capturing Gold Medal in the International Roller



Skating Competition under U1 category held at Nanded on 30th & 31st October hosted by Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs Government of Maharashtra. Bhavani is a regular member of Sagriff Sports Academy and has been representing Nanded District for the last few years.

**9. 317 Students selected at Campus Interview** - 317 students of HSC Vocational study SSM College and ITI in the district have been selected at Campus interview organised at SSM campus. More than 200 aspirants



attended the recruitment drive organized jointly by Adaniya Technologix Private Limited (Kurnool) and SSM.

**10. One Little Star Twinkle in Rotary Water Olympiad**

Gaurav Ahalia Sontakke, daughter of a farm-worker having tried to mouth assistance done in Rotary Water Olympiad held at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research(IISER), Pune on 23rd



February 2019. She inspired 2000 students from across Maharashtra and entered in the semi-final round of selective 120 competitors.

**III. "Saamrashtha to derive our own Roots," Young Monk at ATI - ATI is an approach of Central Government of India to create an environment of facile self-improvement, innovation, and creativity amongst Indian**



Students Atal Tinkering Lab that was established two years ago at Shriya High school under Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of National Institute Of Transforming India started creating Arts. In this laboratory young students have a free hand to shape their ideas. Here they get a chance to work with tools and equipment to understand aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Young Students of Shriya High school recently made a Line Follower Robot which won second among the first ten in Racing Robot Category at Robocon 2019 at Gurukul.

**II. Cleanliness campaign by NCC cadets - Around 100 NCC cadets and their NCC officer of Sri Chhatrapati Shriya High School had taken the initiative in cleaning roads and different localities in Srigunj on 10th September 2018 at around 5 o'clock in the morning under Shriya High Authority. On this occasion, they also enacted a skit play that message about disease caused due to unhygienic conditions, importance of cleanliness, how to segregate wet waste and dry waste, how to decompose wet waste and make manure out of it. Villagers also**



extended their support for the noble initiative.

**II. Proven To 'Be Prepared' - Thirty nine students and three teachers of Shriya High school participated in Scout & Guide Camp at Hadapsar Dist. Nanded during Jan**



16 to 4th 2019. All the four days witnessed passionate participation in Competition like Story tellers, Corner decoration, Inn layout, wealth out of waste and flag carving. Our Scouts stood in first in Storytellers and third in Yoga competition. Awards were honored by The State Chief Commissioner on 2nd last day.

**II. Teaching Height - Our Project at the National Science Exhibition - Our project- An Automatic Toilet designed and made by Motu Bhushan Tekade of Satyaki Vidyakalyan brought many applauds to SHS as he exhibited his innovative and creative idea in the National Science EXHIBITION held at IIT-Delhi Campus during 13th to 16th February 2019. The 10th National**



Inspire Award Science Exhibition was organized by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India in association with the National Innovation Foundation (NIF) India to align it with the action plan for "Start-up India" initiative. The Inspire Awards were known as MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) is intended to attract talented young students to study Science and pursue career in research.

**14. NSM Summer Camp for Trainees** - A residential Summer Camp, held during 15th to 16th April 2019, was organized with an aim to make students more courageous, confident and creative. Camp comprising physical activities like Yoga, Karate, Sports, Shooting, Horse



Riding, Swimming, and Mathematics strengthened the capabilities of students from physical activities to intellectual skills. Valuable inputs regarding reading, writing, drawing and story narration were given.

**15. We are with You- NSM comes forward to help Kerala Flood Victims** - Understanding the gravity of the situation, NSM had organized blood relief initiatives with an aim to do their bit for the victims of Kerala deluge.

School and college students pooling together their pocket money joined this drive and contributed generously. As a part of this initiative, students of Sankalpa Hostel took out rally in Sagrol on Date: 10 Sept 2019 to collect relief fund for Kerala. Resulting their efforts fruitful, at amount of Rupees Rs.653K+ raised within three hours.



The said amount has been donated to the Chief Minister Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF).

**Aerowing phyto for SSN**: State Level Football League at Sagrol

Department of Sports and Youth Devt., Maharashtra, Sports Council Nanded, Divi Sports Office Nanded and Sankalpa Sankarshan Mandal Sagrol jointly organized U/14 State Level Football League at SSN campus during 11th to 13th November 2018. 100 players from 18 Teams across 4 Districts of Maharashtra participated in the event. Two grounds meeting the national level standards have been prepared for the event. Though organized in a far and remote location, the players, parents, coaches expressed satisfaction for the arrangements, grounds, dressing and accommodation facilities and decent hospitality. Some of the participants of the participant speak about the success of organizing the event.





## SAGROLI SUNRISE

*Rising with the Sun...*

With the broader vision of providing equal opportunities for the weaker athletes from the rural areas, SSM visionaries started the sports academy named "Sagoli Sunrise" in 2004. Sagoli Sunrise is the platform for these athletes, who have the passion to excel despite the adversities.

The philanthropist and the sports lover Mr. Carlton Purvis, Mumbai has been instrumental in promoting the talents from the grassroots level at Sagoli, over a decade.

The objective of this endeavour is to provide an opportunity to choose sports as a career option for a better tomorrow. The athletes participated in the national and international events. Rigorous and professional training is given to the athletes to prepare them for the challenges.

### Sports Camp at Panchgani

Sports camp was organized for the athletes of Sagoli Sunrise from 13th to 19th April 2018 at Panchgani.

**12** Mr. Carlton Purvis was instrumental in organizing



The camp for the athletes, Mr. Keith, an experienced coach from England, provided coaching to the athletes in various disciplines.

### Health Check-up

To keep the athletes physically fit and mentally healthy, regular health check-



up dose in the hospital at the SSM campus. Phoenixpuri volunteered twice during the year to help athletes to stay fit.

#### **Enrolment in the Megarace:**

The athletes of Project Starfire enrolled in various mega events at district, state and national level.

#### **1. Achievement in TATA Mumbai Marathon:**

Two Senior athletes of Sagrishi Starfire Project of SSM improved their performance by reaching their targets in good shape. Sagrishi Senior Arti Dhadhe stood at 3rd position in women category and 3rd in her age group finishing TATA Mumbai Half Marathon in 1:22:44 hrs. Our second athlete Divyanshuwar Kondalade secured 176 rank in Men and 7th in his age group finishing half marathon in 1:14:35 hrs. Their age group is between 18 to 24 years.



#### **2. Vidya Sparked In Dhanbad Half Marathon Race:**

On 1st September 2018,



Giving the standard performance, Sagrishi Senior Meena Vidya Lavali

Following table reflects the key outcomes of the initiative:

#### **3. One Gold and Three Silvers in VCMA Athletes Meet 2019:**

Sagrishi Athletes crossed another milestone in this initial meeting of the year by grabbing One Gold, Three Silvers and Three Bronze Medals in Young Men Christian Association (YMCA) State Level Annual Athlete Meet 2019 organized at University Sports Pavilion, Marwar Lane, Mumbai between 10th to 13th January. Easman Kasbej, U10 boys' category got Gold Medal in 800 meters running in 02:38 minutes. Arti Dhadhe and Takshay Rayyan won bigged Silver Medals in 1000 meters, women and 800 meters boys' category respectively. Athlete Vishal Lavali, Sulka Chaitanya and Adi Taipalekar won bronze medals.



#### **4. Achievement in Thanjavur Marathon:**

The 29th Thanjavur Marathon that was held on 2nd September 2018 proved total of Sagrishi Jamshedra race again. They participated in both men and women categories. Athlete Arti Dhadhe secured 7th Place in 15 KM long distance race out of 486 athletes in 01:00:49. Master Vishal Lavali stood at 6th position out of 1426 athletes in 10 KM race in 00:56 minutes.



successfully defended his second position in 10 KM Half Marathon in 34:15:02 seconds held at TajJubharat Stadium in Dhanbad on 23rd December 2018. Grammabandhu Sports Club and SIKHAR 35 associate organisations adhering to the concept of Green and Clean City had organised race. Race for runners from all walks of life to spread word message at TajJubharat Stadium.

Achievements 2018-19

No	Competition	Date	Time	Athlete Name	Distance	Rank	Time/Score	Medal
1	Half Marathon race	2nd Sept 2018	01:00:49	Arti Dhadhe	15 Km	7	01:00:49	
2	VCMA Athlete Meet	10-13 Jan 2019		Easman Kasbej	800 m	1	02:38	
3	VCMA Athlete Meet	10-13 Jan 2019		Takshay Rayyan	800 m	2	02:40:10	
4	VCMA Athlete Meet	10-13 Jan 2019		Vishal Lavali	1000 m	2	03:00:14	
5	VCMA Athlete Meet	10-13 Jan 2019		Meena Vidya Lavali	1000 m	3	03:00:16	
6	VCMA Athlete Meet	10-13 Jan 2019		Adi Taipalekar	1000 m	3	03:00:16	
7	Thanjavur Marathon	2nd Sept 2018	00:56:00	Vishal Lavali	10 Km	6	00:56:00	
8	Dhanbad Half Marathon	23 Dec 2018	34:15:02	Arti Dhadhe	10 Km	2	34:15:02	
9	Grammabandhu Sports Club	23 Dec 2018	34:15:02	Arti Dhadhe	10 Km	2	34:15:02	
10	TajJubharat Stadium	23 Dec 2018	34:15:02	Arti Dhadhe	10 Km	2	34:15:02	
11	TajJubharat Stadium	23 Dec 2018	34:15:02	Arti Dhadhe	10 Km	2	34:15:02	



## AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

*Converting challenges into new opportunities...*

Santosh Samarthan Mandal has focused his intervention for the development of small and marginal farmers with an aim to raise the income of farmers by providing income support, knowledge and agricultural technology to them across the P. Mags (Bhola), Dhamtari, Nagpur, Kadurh, Uri, Deoghar, Madholi) of Narsedai District and to enable them to be self-dependent in terms of agriculture and their expense.

### A. KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA (KVK)

With the recognition of the work of Santosh Samarthan Mandal in the field of agriculture development, Krishi Vigyan Kendra was constituted in the year 2012 at Nagpur with the support of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under Ministry of Agriculture.



#### Functions of KVK:

The mandate of KVK is Technology Assessment and Dissemination for its Application and Capacity Development.

To implement the mandate effectively, the following activities are envisaged for each KVK.

- On-farm testing to assess the location specificity of agricultural technologies under various farming systems.
- Frontline demonstrations to establish production potential of technologies in the farmers' fields.
- Capacity development of farmers and extension personnel to update their knowledge and skills on modern agricultural technologies.
- To work as Knowledge and Resource Centre of agricultural technologies for supporting initiatives of public, private and voluntary sectors in improving the agricultural economy of the district.
- Provide farm advisory using ICT and other media sources on varied subjects of interest to farmers. In addition, KVK produces quality technological products (seed, planting material, bio-agents, livestock) and make it available to farmers, organize frontline extension activities, identify and document selected farm innovations and converge with ongoing schemes and programmes within the mandate of KVK.



### **1. Training/Capacity Building**

Following trainings have been imparted to the farmers, which have enabled them to adopt the appropriate technology for increasing the production and productivity of fruits, cattle, and reducing the cost of the production, productivity enhancement in field crops, integrated pest & varietal management, and management of farm animals, women & child care, Livestock care & management, horticultural crop management etc.

Sl.	Department	No. OF FLD.	Area (Ha)	No. of Participants
1.	Agriculture	7	156	325
2.	Horticulture	1	0.0	10
3.	Phytoprotection	4	30.96	40
4.	Agri-Bagg	5	8	30
5.	Home Sci.	2	N/A	124
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>368.86</b>	<b>529</b>

### **2. On-Farm Testing (OFT)**

Following table reflect on-farm testing with 191 trials laid out in the Farmers' fields on 26 ha/crore with 15 different technologies to demonstrate the highest production potential of the technology including Cropping system, dredger reduction, farm machinery, waste management, vermiculture, animal conservation technologies, natural evaluation for cereals, pulses, wheat, & commercial crops.

Sl.	Particulars	No. of Courses	Male	Female	Total participants
1.	Farmers & Farm Women	48	831	252	1083
2.	Rural Youth	8	315	44	359
3.	Education Facilitators	9	238	52	290
4.	Sponsorial Training	41	979	130	1109
5.	Vocational Training	10	399	96	495
<b>Total</b>		<b>114</b>	<b>3278</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>3092</b>

### **3. Front Line Demonstrations (FLD)**

Frontline demonstrations have been carried out on various agricultural practices such as integrated pest management, fodder management and integrated nutrient management, vegetable crops, farm tools, water management dredger reduction with 129 farmers on 368.86 ha farm. These demonstrations have shown the highest production potential and have succeeded in creating awareness and confidence among the farmers. The details of these training cum demonstration are reflected in the following table:



No.	Department	No. OF OFF. OFF.	Associate	No. of Participants
1.	Agronomy	2	164	23
2.	Horticulture	2	143	23
3.	Plant protection	2	429	28
4.	Agri Engg.	4	18	25
5.	Home Sci.	1	56	66
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>151</b>

campaign and different campaigns about the technologies to the farmers, farm women and extension functionaries.



Following advisory services were provided to the farmers in the working area:

No.	Extension activities	No. of programs	No. of Participants
1.	Information Services	40	1715
2.	Field visits, demo.	30	225
3.	Meetings, camp.	30	225
4.	Training programmes	10	204
5.	Field Visits	10	134
6.	Meet. Camp.	10	136
7.	Field Workshops	10	205
8.	Field Visits	10	205
9.	Exhibition	4	200
10.	Workshop "Yield is Future, Yield is Future with Organic Crop Protection"	20	210
11.	Workshop with Organic Crop Protection	20	200
12.	Organic Health Camps	10	407
13.	Organic Health Camps	7	114
14.	Self Help Group Committee, Meeting	11	211
15.	Meeting with Government, Meeting	10	210
16.	Meetings with Government	7	21
17.	Meetings with Government	10	210
18.	Interaction Committee	9	804
19.	Organic Business Workshop	9	99
20.	Organic Demonstrations	20	20
21.	Participation in various fairs	15	100
22.	Business meet Government Officers	100	2447
23.	Business Agreements with NGOs	100	2447
24.	Special Day Committee	10	31
25.	Business Study	10	211
26.	Workshop on Organic - Women Health camp	10	204
27.	Health Camp	10	211
28.	Interaction Camp	10	200
29.	Meetings with NGOs	10	20
30.	Organic Camps	10	20
31.	Organic vehicles	10	20
32.	Trade Fair	10	20
33.	TV Talk	10	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>20044</b>

## 8. Following program/activities have led to the Development of Farmers.

No.	Programme	Organized by	No. of participants	Impact/Impactivity	Comments
1	Self reliance of rural families for food security	KVK in Agriculture Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh	10000	improvement	1. Commercialized food production increased in Andhra Pradesh
2	Training programme on Organic Agriculture	KVK, AP	100	improvement over existing practices	2. Increased interest in organic agriculture increasing in the KVK. Presently 100% of the KVK's production is organic. A number of farmers are also interested in organic agriculture
3	Organic crop & animal husbandry activities & extension services	KVK, AP	10000	Improving and enhancing of practices	3. Increased interest in organic agriculture increasing in the KVK. Presently 100% of the KVK's production is organic. A number of farmers are also interested in organic agriculture

## 4. Starting projects to the farmers

KVK Vigyan Kendra is providing technical guidance through trainings, farm advisory and extension activities as mentioned above. In addition, farmers are provided with agriculture inputs which are not easily available in the market with reasonable rates. Other demonstration farm production units such as unit of Bio Fertilizer & Pesticides, as Vermicompost, Vegetable and Fruit Nursery, Seed Production etc. are working in the Krishnamayee Kendra since inception to the returning year. The KVK provided 281.62 q. seed to 196 farmers, 3057 kg of bio products to 881 farmers and \$46891. Rice and Vegetable seedlings to 1221 farmers.

## 7. Soil and Water Testing

KVK Vigyan Kendra has tested 19027 soil samples and 45 water samples in the year 2018-19 and Soil Health Cards were distributed along with personal guidance to the farmers.

## 8. Live Demonstrations Units

The KVK has live Demonstration units of Aerila, Custom Hiring Centre, NADEP, Vermi Composting, Dairy, Poultry, Dairy, Sericulture, Poly house, Food Processing, Soil & Water Testing Laboratory and Nisin Oil Extraction unit etc. Also we have model truck and horticultural orchard of mango, Caesal pomegranate, Loquat and Orange on 11 acres of Agricultural Land.

## Other Activities Conducted during the year, Agro-Tech Festival-

A Brilliant Opportunity for Farmers and Traders through three days Agro-Tech festival, organized by the KVK, Sagar and District Agriculture Office, Nanded was inaugurated by Honorable Chairman of BSM, Sri Dr. Dnyaneshwar Prabhakar Melkar on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The chief guest Hon. Minister of State for Agriculture Sri Satish Kumar Khati inaugurated the Gokhale Jubilee Market specially constituted for gathering of weekly market day. Various demonstrations, seminars and lectures from well-known personalities in agriculture, marketing and industrial sectors were organized during the festival. Stalls showcasing agro-technological tools, biotechnology tools, seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, farm-savvy management systems,



irrigation facilities etc. were set-up on the spot. Farmers had an opportunity to discuss their problems with experts. Women involved in Self-Help Groups and Small Scale Industries also gained valuable guidance from successful women entrepreneurs. Shri Prakash Patole, Editor-in-Chief of Dhadkanak Newspaper also graced the occasion.

#### **The District Collector Inaugurated Shade-cum-Shed-unit at Krishnayya Keshava**

A Shade-cum-created under National Horticulture Mission in KVK Campus was formally inaugurated by Shri. Arun Desai, the DOL-Nautal at the SSM premises, Sugoda on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The key objective is to develop horticulture to its maximum potential and provide employment



opportunities to rural youth. It would also serve as stock and supply of vegetable saplings to the farmers.

#### **Training on safe handling of pesticides**

Lack of awareness on pesticide handling may cause major damage to crops as well as humans. Sensing seriousness of the issue, KVK, Sugoda had held a three day training programme on safe handling of pesticides and its utilization at Sugoda between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018. It is an attempt to create awareness about pesticides among farmers and labours. Large number of farmers and agricultural labourers attended the training programme. Free kits of hand gloves, eye masks, cap and apron are given to some farmers and labourers.

#### **B. Maharashtra Gene Bank (MGB)**

The project **Maharashtra Gene Bank** was initiated in 2014. While diversity in the form of mixed crop pattern was prevalent till 1990, but after promotion of hybrid high yielding varieties, the crop pattern changed in to monoculture cropping pattern at the larger level, but mix cropping pattern still followed by small farmers. SSM has focused on 3 crops of drought stress varieties in Chik, Seethan and Od seeds with an aim of developing crop genetic diversity through conservation of indigenous and



varieties in Nanded, Latur and Osmanabad districts of Maharashtra. The project is supported by Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune.

#### **Objectives**

- To build up systematic inventory of crop genetic resources of Nanded, Latur and Osmanabad districts of Maharashtra.



- Making quality seeds available through community seed-banks.
- To establish district level seed bank focusing on traditional cultivation of vegetables/quality
- To engage with educational institutions to study and promote crop genetic resources.

## **Seed Conservation Initiatives in 2019-20**

- Systematic inventory of crop genetic resources from Nanded, Latur and Osmanabad has been carried.
- 3 farmers in 3 districts have been identified for pilot scale efforts at on-farm conservation, ex-germination, varietal addition, multiplying and regeneration.



1. Nanded - chilli (small variety)
  2. Latur - oil seed (kandil)
  3. Osmanabad - Sorghum (Dapadi)
- Local minor minor groups have been recruited to farm seed banks. 3 seed banks producing quality seed production have been formed. Around 5 crops and 26 varieties are conserved through these seed banks.

No.	District	Seed Bank	Crops	Seed Production in kg/season
1.	Nanded	Vihare	3	Chilli - 0.5 T. Kandil - 0.5 T. Sugarcane - 1.0
2.	Latur	Kalkar	3	Kandil - 0.5
3.	Osmanabad	Vidya	1	Sorghum - 1.0

## **I. Study of the Methods and Techniques of Seed Conservation**

SSM conducted the study on the practices of the farmers about seed conservation and propagation with 240 small farmers. The key findings of the study are reflected in the following table:

No.	District	Crops	Seed selection	Seed storage
1.	Nanded	Chilli - Savali - Methi	Tagging to healthy plant for free flowering flower and harvested.	Plastic bags, jute bags, mud pot, bamboo, dried, long mixing with leaves leaves
		Sorghum - Takk - Dabdi	Tagging plant with bags and protected them from birds with the help of plastic bag or colored cloth	The whole kernel
2.	Latur	Oil Seed/Kandil	Selected good quality of kandil seeds	Kept in mud pot covered with soil and leaves leaves
3.	Osmanabad	Sorghum - Dapadi	Tagging plant with bags and protect them from birds with the help of plastic bag or colored cloth	The whole corn

## **2. Networking and Advisory**

Promotion of traditional seed varieties cannot be done in isolation. SSM has developed linkages and network with the agencies like SVAK, Maharashtra. The team also participated in Nagpur seed festival.

## **Other Activities in Agriculture Development**

**Gift of Bio-diversity Seeds Box to School Children**  
A Magic Box of Bio-Diversity under the Mahatma Gandhi Bank Project has been gifted to school children at



(Below) By Shri. Kothare, Block Education Officer, Motra of such Magic box is to let students experience and learn know the importance of bio-diversity conservation.

## **SSM Team Participated in National Seed Festival**

**Being Seed Savers**: SSM has established Mahatma Gandhi Bio-diversity Seed Bank 7 years ago. The bank has been successfully working to conserve diverse seeds and boost organic farming in Nanded, Latur and Osmanabad districts. Using their network, spread over these three districts, SSM team led by Sh. Madhav Tale participated in the National Seed Festival at Nagpur between 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Organic products developed by SSM were put on display at the seed festival.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Purnodji unanimously elected as AFARM Chairperson

SSM's Chairman, Shri. Purnodji Deshmukh has been elected unopposed as chairperson of Action for



Agricultural Renewal in Maharashtra (AFARM) on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the forty sixth General Body Meet held at Pune. AFARM is an apex institution established in 1969 with a sole aim to coordinate various NGOs in their task of providing drinking water and extending agriculture services to villages in drought affected Maharashtra. 90 NGOs from different parts of Maharashtra are the Institutional Members of AFARM. Along with that 241 NGOs across the State are also entitled as associate members. SSM has extended its valuable services in various fields like Education, Health, Environment, Women Empowerment, Water Conservation and Agriculture for the past sixty year. Responding to the election as AFARM Chairperson, Purnodji said, "Need of Water Resource Management has been increased due to climate change. My priority will be suggesting positive changes in Government Policies and working together with the individuals and organizations to seek a long lasting remedy."

## SSM Chairman honored with 'Gram Vikas Paraskar' of Bharat Vikas Sangam

Bharti Vikas Sangam conferred 'Gram Vikas Paraskar' on SSM's Chairman Shri. Purnodji Deshmukh at the fifth vasodare 'Bhartiya Sanskruti Utsav' on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 held at Banashankari Bhagya Prada Hall (Yatrali) Omraksha Kendra in Kaggodi Village of Vijayapur (Karnataka). The



conclave was held in the divine presence of Shri. Sadguru Swami Ji and the National coordinator Shri. Bhawani Prad Sedam and others.

## "JALNAVAK" and "JALPREMI" conferred on Rabit Deshmukh

In a recognition recently issued by Aaranyak Devotional Commissioner, Shri Rohit Deshmukh, the Director of SSM has been conferred the title of JALNAVAK and JALPREMI. He is one of those who have been working for water related issues through individuals and community campaigns with the help of School children and other volunteers. His work in the field of water augmentation is commendable.

## 68 teachers honored with Guru Gaurav Paraskar

Shri. Vyankat Kulkarni, the Principal, Saikchi Vidyalaya and Shri. Vittal Jathore, Head Master, Shringi High School were awarded the Best Teachers of the year 2018-19 for their innovative approach towards teaching methodology.



# OTHER INITIATIVES OF SSM

The following stories won't begin without a big thanks to Shri. Naresh Bhandwala, for his philanthropic support in running soil-based projects for rural reconstruction.

## Seed Keeping Unit (November 2017)

50 seed keeping boxes were installed at SSM's farm for demonstrating the farmers as an allied business and also how are an essential part of agriculture ecosystems. Newly



100 farmers were given detailed information about seed saving and its management. The unit been having pure money and amount collected by selling keep units exceed in the project.

## Soil Processing Unit

A Nitrate oil extraction unit has been installed and sales outlet was opened at KVK, in May 2017. In addition,



Vermi cake and Neem powder are also processed to come in use as a bio-fungicide, bio-pesticide, repellent, soil conditioner, organic manure. The local farmers

are extensively using their products and the demand is rising. Farmers are glad that the cost of growing crops has considerably reduced, in addition to increasing the soil fertility and yield.

## Installation of RO Plant in the school

An RO plant was installed on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the school to facilitate purified drinking water. The students are happy over providing such a facility. The RO treated water has proved extremely effective in reducing digestive disorders among the school children and the trained farmers as well.



## Establishment of Rural Hall

Hundreds of people from 20 surrounding villages visit weekly vegetable market at Segoli. As there was no



adequate place for the purpose, the residents would set up their stalls on the main road blocking the entire passage. It has been very inconvenient for the traffic. As the road was cluttered with garbage it was disgracefully unhygienic to buy vegetables there. Considering demand of vendors and local people, SSM took an initiative to build a **Rural Hall** (**gosth ghar**), providing all essential facilities with the support from NABARD. The complex was opened for use this year being the Diamond jubilee year of SSM, in the auspices of Sri Sudarshana Khot, Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra.

## Rural Entrepreneurship

The rural entrepreneurs don't have enough capital funds to start an enterprise or scale it up. Therefore, many youth

have to compromise with some labor work in the village or migrate in search of livelihood. SSND in coordination with Drishti HBC, Mumbai supported such potential rural entrepreneurs to set up an enterprise that can be run from its existing UMs.

The entrepreneurs in the year are as follows –

#### 1) Water-wheels - Rotating Dryer

SSM has been partnering with Habitat for Humanity India for a better living condition in rural areas. The time, physical and health burden of water collection trap families in a vicious cycle of poverty.



The job of every has to be done particularly by women or older girls from home. They have to spend 3-4 hours per day to fetch water from a long distance, in rural pots around 20 liters per day. Thus, wheel, a cylindrical drum, can hold over 45 liters of water and can be rolled on the ground, eliminating the physical strain.

No.	Name of the Entrepreneur	Source of capital for	Value (approximate Rs.)
1	Shivapuri Khatiwadi	Water Attenuated latrine	Rs.1000
2	Kamal Verma	Laundry business	Rs.1000
3	Himanshu Prasad Acharya	Iron and colour business	Rs.1000
4	Chandrapur Jagannath Khatiwadi	Brick kiln/wood cutting shop	Rs.1000
5	Ashwini Bhakta Devkarmi	Brick Making	Rs.1000
6	Widya Bhakta Devkarmi	Brick kiln/wood cutting shop	Rs.1000
7	Chandrapur Singh	Brick Making	Rs.1000
8	Sukla Bhakta Devkarmi	Brick kiln/wood cutting shop	Rs.1000
9	Ram Mohan Luitka	Brick shop	Rs.1000
10	Bikash Khatiwadi	Water Attenuated latrine	Rs.1000
11	Mitali Rajpal Acharya	Brick shop	Rs.1000
12	Umesh Khatiwadi	Water Attenuated latrine	Rs.1000

carrying water containers.

SSM, in collaboration with IEDH supported water-wheels to 400 families from 8 villages in Nandigram district.

#### Outcome

- The water-wheels levered the burden of women, that result in increased health status.
- The men also understood importance of sharing the load of water transportation.
- Now women could finish their household works in time and give sufficient time to her family.
- Instead of multiple tedious manual, new clean and more water is transported in less time.

#### 4) Support for Home Repairs

A home remains a social status for the owner. It is always more than a home, especially for the poor. A house with good space & ventilation encourages the dwellers to think positively and the kids to study. It helps in maintaining personal and community health & hygiene. Dry land agriculture is the only source of livelihood for the people of the area. Most of the houses in the area are constructed in mud, stones and roof with mud tiles. The houses lack light, ventilation and nutrition leading to many health problems.

Habitat for Humanity India is a non-profit organization that provides housing-related services to low-income, marginalized families across India. SSM signed MoU with the HHFI in March 2010 to select 50 needy and marginalized families and support them with Rs. 3000/- each for house repairing. The support is interest-free to be repaid in easy EMIs. All the 50 families will complete their repairing work before June 2014.



#### A story of Rajendra : Support to Small scale entrepreneurs- "Drishti" lends a hand.

Rajendra Shukla, physically challenged above 20% was struggling to make a living and stand by his family by running a small grocery shop. Later, he sole work as a community health worker, helped his daughter and old in-laws, who still have work as wages. This child in general developed under-privilege programs.

With a meager Rs.2000/- a month income, Rajendra was struggling from poor or pillars to meet the monthly expenditure.

Sankarika Intekhabuddin Mawali, working to raise the road lifts and constantly exploring all possible routes for the past 30 years, has not failed to identify him. He was eventually supported by Drishti HBC Mumbai with an interest free loan of Rs. 2000/- to be repaid in easy EMIs of Rs. 200/-.

The Mawali Mawali, a denizen of ND RDH, guided by SSM has played a key role in surfacing the plight of Rajendra enlisting a home for him that he would see better days ahead. As a practice, The Mawali Mawali fulfills his social obligation of fiscal and requirements of India's EoR 2009.

Today, Rajendra, his wife and son happy and feel secured. His small grocery shop flourished and started yielding better income. He has purchased a refrigerator and selling condiments and dairy products.





## NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

*Managing natural resources to provide better quality of human life*

### Watershed development

Watershed development refers to the conservation, regeneration, and the judicious use of human and natural (like soil, water, plants, animals) resources within a particular watershed. Watershed development attempts to bring about the best possible balance in the environment between natural resources on one side and man and grazing animals on the other. It requires people's participation because conservation is possible only through the whole-hearted involvement and ownership of the entire community.

Watershed Development Program, one of the major programs, initiated in 1992 by SSSD, the program works on the principle of a family in the unit. The major components of this program are soil and water Management, Afforestation Agroforestry, sustainable Livelihood, self-help groups movement and

capacity building. People's participation is the key to success. In the last 27 years we brought a positive change in 15 watershed projects covering about 15000 families from 37 villages in Narsedi and Reed districts of Maharashtra.

### Integrated Watershed Management Program (IWMP)

The main objective of the IWMP is to restore the ecological balance by harnessing, conserving and developing degraded natural resources such as soil, vegetative cover and water. The outcomes are prevention of soil run-off (erosion), regeneration of natural vegetation, safe water harvesting and recharge of the ground water table. They enabled multi-cropping and the introduction of diverse agricultural activities, which helped to provide sustainable livelihoods to the people residing in the watershed area. This Government of India

& Government of Maharashtra are the major partners in the program.

BNM has been playing the role of Project Implementing Agency. The cluster includes five villages in Dharmatala block. We have completed watershed measures, mainly Gravel banks on 1127 hectares out of 2089.20 hectares total

located at Latitude: 18.4789° & Longitude: 77.5812°, covering an area of 1670.05 hectares. The location has been selected not only on the basis of Geographical situation but also high rate of unemployment, lack of irrigation facilities and the existence of shadow and poor-quality land.

After preparing a proposal for Capacity Building Phase

(CBP) for 133.86 hectare area,

NABARD sanctioned the project. We conducted the following activities to complete this capacity building phase:

#### **Awareness:**

We created awareness on watershed development, community contribution, project ownership, maintenance, etc. among the community through Gramabarta, Exposure visit to a successfully completed watershed village at Katorwadi, Dist. Nanded and see the Videos on watershed, Rally with School Children etc.

5 villages. At the reporting year, we worked on 661 hectares in the 5 villages as per the graph below:

**The NABARD-Watershed Development Fund (WDF) Project** is an integrated programme for rehabilitation of watershed for regeneration of natural resources.

#### **Objectives of WDF**

The objective of the Fund is to spread the message of participatory watershed development. The Fund will be utilized to create the necessary framework conditions to replicate and consolidate the already successful initiatives under different programs in the government, semi-government and NGO sectors. Thereby, all the partners involved viz., watershed community, central and state government departments, banks, agricultural research institutions, NGOs and NABARD can act as leaders to make a breakthrough in participatory watershed development. WDF is proposed to be operationalized in close coordination with the Central and State Ministers on a continuous basis but with a distinct identity.

The program administered and managed by the National Bank for Agriculture and rural Development (NABARD) and Resource Support Organizations with the support of Government of Maharashtra and corporate sector through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). In the year we selected Hatal and Kadalekote villages for the watershed development.

#### **1 Hatal**

Considering the drought-prone situation in the last 2-3 years in the Deghat block, we have selected village Hatal

#### **Shramdan**

According to NABARD guidelines, if the project is desired for the village, then ideally all the villages, i.e., every family, should give their equal equity by working & disease their contribution in the project, which is the



primary condition. Therefore, the BNM encouraged ownership among the people. Total 475 families from Hatal, Kadalekote and Kankawadi participated proactively in the campaign and made Shramdan equivalent 1653. 5462W%. The Shramdan is applied labour work like Continuous Contour trenches (CCT), Water Absorption Trenches (WAT), Cuttis Plugs (CP), Earth Banks (EB), De-silting, etc. The community had showed that they have a strong will in being change in their village.

#### **Net Planning (NP)**

We selected the area of 133.86 ha. for CBP and prepared the proposal through Participatory Net planning with Ridge to Valley concept. The Capacity

Building Phase Plan was approved by NABARD on January 22, 2019.

#### **Actual Start the work**

The actual work started on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in the jurisdiction of Mr. Pravesh Deshpande (Tawarla, SSM) and Sri. Rajesh Dhamne (DDM, NABARD, Nasik) along with the representatives of all the four villages.

In the reporting period, we could procure from Bank on 23.22 Hectars.

**II. Kankatumba Watershed Development Project** The Kankatumba watershed has been adopted by Saroiki Graminik Mandal on the basis of high unemployment of the local community. Lack of irrigation facility and the extent of shallow and poor quality land is soil wise class III, IV, V, VI and VII which is up to 90 % in Total Geographical area is 1221 hectares.

**Athen Cooper Charitable Foundation and NABARD** Pune are the major partners in the project. The project is now in Capacity Building phase. Mainly the Community contribution (30% contribution) Charkha Board and kharbandi are main conditions accepted by the villagers in the Graminik. All the villagers actively participated in the discussions on Community Contribution and completed 80% of the discussion with a financial output of Rs. 1,27,000/- involving 1611 members. The rest of the 500 families participated in the orientation work. Simultaneously, the Detailed Preparation work is also in progress, to be submitted to NABARD in the project proposal.

#### **Problems definition through survey and investigation:-**

- Low agricultural production with no water addition
- High rainfall
- No irrigation available
- The farmers have yet not adopted the improved seed selection and farming practices to their full potential
- Milk production is very low in comparison to the milk animal population.

#### **Strategies proposed**

We'll start with soil and water conservation activities to strengthen the natural resources. Then we'll establish common interest groups of the community, ex. Women SHG, Farmers, dairy farmers, etc. We'll arrange programs for capacity building for groups and optimum utilization of the developed natural resources. The user groups will maintain the resources for their livelihood.

#### **Activities undertaken during the reporting period**

- Awareness program on Watershed development and rules and regulations of this project.

- First four qualifying orientation (Community Contribution).
- LCD - Digital Visual show - Successful watershed village story (Palegaonshinde, Bhira, Baram & Poddar Gangapur).
- Bhairav Pora, Adardharpuranchi gram panchayat AdardGanv.
- Youth Meetings
- DPR Preparation - Soil planning, Drainage line Survey, PRA
- Primary Data collection, Farmers household collection of community data.
- Secondary Data collection.

#### **III. Bhatachhapurachi watershed development (DPR Preparation)- Bujaj watershed Project - Bhatachhapurachi cluster Tq. Bhigwadi Dist. Nasik**

Bhatachhapurachi cluster with a total geographical area of 4331.37 ha. Including villages Bhatachhapur, Chirarwadi, Loni, Masajivadi, and Panjarpur.



located in Dighor taluka of Nasik district of Maharashtra State.

- Baji Auto Ltd. through its CSR had approved to prepare Detailed Project report for watershed development in the Bhatachhapur cluster. During the reporting period we conducted following activities

#### **E. Meeting and Group Discussions with the villagers**

To get a sense of the problems and behavior of the community in the cluster.

#### **F. Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)**

The project orientation was taken during group discussions and Gram sabha. A Resource map was drawn by the villagers. All obtained resources like crop types, soils, rainfall, proposed activities, and change of crops were discussed and shown in the map by villages which will be helpful in planning project activities and implementation strategies.

#### **G. Participatory Land Use Planning - (One Plan)**

##### **Survey豪妄wise planning for overall drainage line treatment**

The watershed treatments were planned by SSMs technical person in coordination with the farmers and Gram Panchayat members. Through Participatory One

planning a detailed plan for parish-wise NRM activities (afforestation, horticulture area, etc.). Engineering survey was conducted for determining the longitudinal section of major drains of the watershed area, that will be helpful in drainage management plan.

#### 4. Primary Data Collection

Primary data from each village of this cluster was collected through a semi-structured survey. The household survey was conducted according to land, income, expenditures, assets available, impact of self-employment, experience regarding self-employment. Village wise and household wise primary data was collected and then analysed, reported for landless and farming families.

#### 5. Secondary Data Collection

Secondary data such as climate data is collected from Tabel Office at Deoghar, Census data collected from Panchayat Samiti for DPR preparation.

The Detailed Project Report is now submitted to the JAM/JAI/Amr.Ltd for approval.

#### A) Dams Building

##### (Supported by Caring Friends)

Water bodies are the major factors for the sustainable development of an area which adds social, psychological and environmental values. Considering this, the project of Gaon Nukkad Bharatmala Pradhikar (Bhushal Dam and Shild Fergy) was launched in May 2017 by the Department of Water Conservation, Govt of Maharashtra. This program, in the working area of SSM, was formally inaugurated in the auspicious presence of His Excellency Shri. C. Yeddyurappa Rao, Honorable Governor of Maharashtra. Under this scheme, the Government bears the cost of earthmoving machine, farmers will bear the cost of soil transportation to their farms and the cost towards rest of the earth moving machine was borne by SSM, with the support of Caring Friends, Mumbai.

Completion of the Drought Mitigating Work.

#### Outcome

- Soil fertility increased due to farms brought under cult.
- The farm production increased.
- Livestock and other human activities got relief from drought.
- Farmer community was able to engage in the livelihood activities.

#### B) Human Mobility Monitoring and Relocation -Recreational natural resources

The Bhulan village and the area faced acute drought in last year. The villagers approached SSM to help to solve the village water-sufficiency. After a survey we suggested them to increase water holding capacity of the natural drainage line passing through the village and farms. The villagers agreed to contribute 10% of the total project cost. We worked for 3 months with the help of excavating machine and made the Ditch model on 2 different water streams (canal/ways) of 3 KMs length each in the village. The Young Volunteers Organization and a philanthropist Mr. Faris Binley supported for the same. After the work, water holding capacity of the waterway has been increased by 60 TCM. Now, the farmers of the village have sufficient water for emergency irrigation during dry spells in monsoon. ground water increased, availability of water round the year is increased, irrigated farming area is increased, helping to start off business like dairy, pottery etc.



District	Blocks	Villages	Date	De-silting (Haas)	De-silting (Ct. M)	Benefited Farmers	Covered Land (Ares)
Nanded	9	24	24	84115	235522	540	419
Latur	2	10	05	30261	84730	105	146
Total	11	28	29	114376	320253	645	565



#### Impact of Hails





## Sustainable Development Plan (SDP)

A post-watershed developmental program...

Generally, in watershed development projects, the major focus is given for the implementation of soil and water conservation measures and very little is left for optimum utilization of developed natural resources and increasing livelihood.

Among the watershed development projects SWD has implemented so far, the 10 watershed villages were selected where the project has been implemented successfully viz. Dongon, Nighawadi, Kharwadgaon, Baner, Lath (Khed), Ghorai, Ghodai, Sheotai, Balawewali and Babbalgung in Nasik district. This project was started with the support of NABARD in April 2017.

### Objectives of the Sustainable Development Plan

The major objective of the program is to create livelihood opportunities for the watershed community.

Specific objectives are as follows

- To strengthen VWCs and enable them to continue ultimately assuming responsibility;
- To ensure 100% financial inclusion in the area;
- To ensure that each of the beneficiaries is a part of FCU IL Go SHG or VSHGs/FCOs;
- To ensure that there is an RPO to take care of the credit needs;
- To establish a link with at least one technical agency to facilitate technology transfer in the completed project;
- To form at least one produce company promoted by VWC and other beneficiaries;
- To ensure the continuance of watershed practices.

### Methodology

The Village Watershed Committee (VWC) is

empowered enough to take the survey, identify livelihood opportunities and implement the sustainable development plan. SSM's role in the project was to extend technical support to the VWCs.

#### Activities conducted

1. The village watershed committee members are the key persons to implement the project by the involvement of all the villagers. They are expected to be a change agent for the village to adopt the new technology for the socio-economic development of the farmers, landless laborers and other stakeholders through the increased income. Guidance of the financial agency and technology provider SSM had organized awareness among the 20 VWC members including 5 panchayat chairman from 10 project villages.
2. Women's Health Camps were organized in coordination with Primary Health Centers and private hospitals by linking the Mahatma Phule Yojna. Similarly, the vaccinations were given to the children and pregnant women in all the villages in coordination with the local Primary Health Care Centres. A total of 107 women including 5 pregnant women and 12 children were benefited in the camp.
3. Programs on Health and sanitation for women and children: A total of 20 programs were organized on Health improvement in the women and children; and 98 cleanliness programs were organized by involving the villagers, women and children, teachers, etc. The cleaning of the public places on schools, temples, and roads was majorly focused.
4. We, In coordination with MGH project, BHP and State Government Veterinary Hospitals, 6 Animal Health Camps and vaccination were organized. Farmers were motivated for green fodder production, we supported for the sowing of improved varieties of Ajwain, Yashwant and DH 86. This has now spread to 133 farmers in project villages.
5. Pashai Sikkha, which is treatment to animals (First Aid) in the villages. We organized training on basic treatments for 20 rural youths from the project villages. All of them got very good knowledge and 7 of them have started practice in nearby villages, earning Rs. 1000-1500 per month as an additional income.
6. 2 Exposure visits were organized to the MPKV Baheri, Krish Vigyan Kendra Bhubaneswar, and Bhawanipatna, Abua, near the Meen village - Kalinga Sikkha and Ahire Betar to get acquainted with rural development and agricultural technology.
7. Credit support was given to 20 small, marginal farmers and landless laborers in Dongria village. Most support from the project, they purchased oxagot each. They have earned Rs. 4000 to 5000 and cost of two feridki gari (the approximate price of Rs. 38000 to 42000). They are very happy with this support.
8. Through 12 training programs, 669 farmers are made aware of the importance of soil testing and soil nutrition management. To improve the fertility status of the soil, 262 soil samples were tested and the report was shared with the farmers. The farmers are using the same for fertilizer application and soil nutrition management which resulted in reduced production cost and improved soil fertility.
9. The agriculture technology is disseminated to the farming community through different activities in the villages. 12 training programs, 25 demonstrations, 7 field visits were organized in the field. The technologies like IMP, ISM good agricultural practices along with the planning of the cropping system were well transferred to the farmers. Emphasis was given on soil testing based fertilizer application and manure management.
10. Micro-irrigation method was promoted in the project, 71 farmers have installed drip and sprinkler irrigation systems in the farms of watermelon, sugarcane, vegetable, jowar, etc. which proved useful to increase the area under irrigation and efficient use of the water.
11. Solar lanterns were provided to the 207 families and small farmers to make them aware of the use of solar energy. 7 Training programs were also organized about natural resource management, solar energy use in household consumption and agriculture.
12. A Berlin Rally was organized at Chabua Tanda in coordination with the MGH project and KVK, on 27/06/2018. 206 farmers and of Red Kaanchan breed cows have participated. 3 prizes were distributed in the first three ranked heifers-Sugri.



# Drought Mitigation Program

## Bridging Sustainable rural communities...

### Introduction

Farmers from Nanded district, experiencing frequent drought and extreme weather events over the past five to ten years, agriculture is the main source of income for drought like situation made the farmers economically challenged. Farmers could not manage themselves what they have to deal with an erratic monsoon, debt and poor price year after year. In this situation, the cost of generate more cash pushes farmer in to the vicious debt cycle resulted. Farmers are committing suicide at hardly



struggling to survive. SSMI has dedicatedly worked for drought mitigation by supporting an agriculture based livelihood program for sustainable change in rural communities in partnership with Clearing Corporation of India (CCI) in collaboration with Dvara, Mumbai.

### 1. Custom Hiring Center

To provide Agriculture Implements (Machinery) to small and marginal farmers on rental cost in pre-pricing time to decrease the cost of cultivation. We have established a new station hiring center at Anakdi village and strengthened the old centre of Sagori by adding some new and necessary implements. More than 70% of the beneficiaries were other small or marginal farmers who could not afford their own pair of bullocks nor purchase their implements. Custom Hiring Centre provided agricultural implements for free of cost to marginal farmers and farmers under below poverty line and additional rent has to other farmers in the area. Total 650 small and marginal farmers, widows of suicide committed farmers, farmers from SC & ST and those from BPL community who are cultivating land on lease, etc.

### Outcome

Timely availability of farm implements leads to decreased losses, saved time and efforts of the farmer. More area comes under cultivation, 12 % yield increased due to timely seed preparation, sowing and other operations.

### 2. Animal Husbandry Services

To increase the income of rural families through dairy as an additional source of livelihood. Provided veterinary support, Green fodder planting material, animal vaccines, animal culture to the animal owners and conducted 42 demonstrations like urine salt treatment on dry fodder, 20 health and vaccination camps, 8 exposure



vans and built the capacities of Farming families through 40 different trainings. We provided animal husbandry services to around 3000 animals of 874 farmers from 28 villages.

### Outcome

- Cost of animal feed reduced up to 30% by using value added dry fodder and seeds.
- Green fodder storage was available in summer in drought like situation due to supply of silage bags for feed storage.
- Dry Fodder - CTDI is entirely utilized with the help of Urine Treatment center which was burnt after freezing.



- Health of Animals was improved drastically.
- Started 6 soil collection centers at 6 villages to avoid pollution by farmers collecting 500 liters of soil per day.

### **1. Climate Smart Agriculture**

To promote climate smart agriculture among the farming community with an aim to lower the risks of climate change to ensure sustainability.



The component of Promoting 'Climate Smart Agriculture' is mainly for capacity building of 1200 farmers from 10 villages. With an aim to lower the risk of climate change to ensure sustainability. We facilitated training to the 1221 farmers. Training programs were organized to spread climate resilient agricultural techniques in accordance with the ill effects of climate change on agriculture. We organized "Dhanya Mahotsav" in February 2019 to soil health seeds to the farmers also to provide platform to sell their crop produce, value added products, fruits and vegetables etc.

#### **Outcome**

- 1221 Farmers were trained to adopt recent climate resilient technologies which was scientifically demonstrated at the Kisan Vigyan Kendra. Getting good Yield with minimum losses.
- Improvement in the knowledge, skill and health of the farmers.



### **4. Upgrading Soil Testing Lab**

To provide a more accurate notifications of the soil to the farmers by strengthening Soil Testing Lab.



With the help of the new equipment, SSM provided Soil Health Card to the farmers in the area. The soil health card has nutrient status in soil sample from farm and recommendation of crop accordingly. It helped farmers to follow management and reduce agri-input cost. SSM provided soil report and advisory to 3000 farmers in the reporting year.

#### **Outcome**

- Earlier farmers were not aware about the soil test based fertilizer application. They used to apply fertilizer indiscriminately that deteriorated the soil health. Now the problem will be solved because of right fertilizer application in right time with right quantity.
- Now the farmers realized the importance of soil test based fertilizer application which resulted in saving 20% cost on fertilizers and increase the productivity of crop.
- Well equipped lab helps us to analyze in timely and timely manner.



## SKILL DEVELOPMENT

*Skilling Rural Youth for a better Tomorrow...*

In changing world, job skills are very important. Possessing we can meet the challenges of everyday life, especially in the rural areas. The successive rainfall and the changing climatic conditions have made the agriculture debt-ridden. The youth in the rural areas are getting frustrated as the agriculture is failing day-by-day and the youth are not skilled enough to get employment opportunities. Realizing this fact, SSM started skill development program with a focus at giving support, motivation and strength for enhancing the livelihood opportunities. While imparting skill training to the rural youth, SSM always ensured to impart such training programs that suit the needs of the industry and also makes decent quality of life for the rural population.

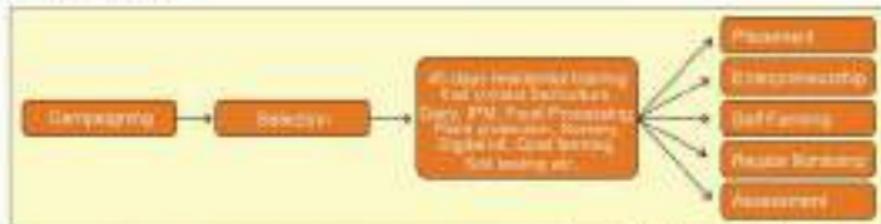
### SURYA (Graduation of Rural Youth in Agriculture) (SURYA)

SURYA - The SURYA project started in 2017 in



partnership with Syngenta Foundation with an aim to equip rural youth with employable skills and avail employment through Job or Self Employment in their area. The 45 day course is of 2 types; one is job oriented 'Agriculture Extension' course and another is Agriculture Entrepreneurship.

## Overview of programs



### Overview of the year:

- Candidates Trained-1852
- On campus placement-141
- Agriculture Entrepreneur-152
- Self Employed-161
- Self Farming-129
- Higher Education-34

### An overview of the programs

Sl.	Technical skill imparted	Duration	No. of participants	
		Training	State	Total
1	Agriculture Technologies	21	306	316
2	Food Processing	34	84	108
3	Quality Management	10	17	37
4	Sanitization Management	34	67	120
5	Chain Management	39	68	106
6	Business Operation and Maintenance Management	91	0	25
7	Tractor Machinery Operation and Maintenance Management	82	0	40
8	Agriculture Technology Assistant SURETA	8	0	0
9	Hoggar - 10000	14	261	376
10	Remote + Smart Tech	19	846	975
11	Tooling & Technical Designing	97	126	129
12	Electrification	82	0	22
<b>Total</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>3766</b>	<b>5448</b>

Other activities conducted during year 2018-19:

Training course on skill upgrading concluded at KVK Nagrota

A five days training course on Skill Upgrading concluded at KVK Nagrota on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The course



was organized under SURETA project for the benefit of farmers and young entrepreneurs. It focused on three basic aspects-

1. Rural youths should get an employment in agriculture based industry.
2. They should have sound technical knowledge of agricultural equipment business.
3. They should be acquainted with modern farming, scientific information and technology, post control and marketing skill for agro products.

### Training on Agriculture Machinery Repair & Maintenance

Twenty one farmers took benefit of a 5 days training course on Agricultural Machinery Repair and Maintenance organized by SURETA, KVK Nagrota during 17 to 19 November 2018. In this training, trainees were learnt how to operate and repair farm machineries like Thresher, Mobile Shredder, Turmeric Planter,



Turmeric Digger, Roto-cultivator, BDF Planter etc. Trainees were given basic knowledge of engines, transmissions and electrical systems used in farm machineries. It will help them to diagnose faults, maintain and operate

machines. The training has provided them opportunity to work as operators, mechanics and purchase and provide such machinery on rent to the farmers.

#### 28 youths become Tractor operator

The center in coordination with the KVK, Sagrol and Agriculture staff of India (ASCI) organized a training program during 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 for rural youths on Tractor Operation & Maintenance. In this 30 days training program 28 youths from Nanded district participated. Trainees were demonstrated different parts of tractor such as engine, clutch, gear, cooling, break, steering etc. An additional training regarding how to repair the Power Spraying Pump and Motor Rewinding was also given. After the successful completion of this training, 15

youths have started working as tractor operators and service providers and rest of the 5 working as a mechanic in the area.

#### JCB (Earth Mover) Operating and Maintenance Training

During 10 days special training program organized by KVK Sagrol and Maharashtra Earth Mover Division, Puna between 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013, about 15 youths have learnt to operate heavy vehicles like JCB. These youths have also learnt about its maintenance. They have been explained and made aware of the safety precautions to be taken while handling such machines. License provider of all the participants has also been completed by 7.



#### A disheartened farmer becomes a source of inspiration for youth

By the year 2010, about 1562 villages of Marathwada region were reeling under extreme drought conditions. The market value of Cotton and Sugarcane crop declined to extreme low level. The worst suffered were the farmers. Shrikhande Jagird, a marginal farmer from Nasik, was skilled up in project SUREVA's Agriculture Entrepreneurship program. He acquired the knowledge about the area specific crop from SUREVA's Agriculture Entrepreneurship course. With the cash support of Rs. 3000/- and knowledge, Shrikhande cultivated hybrid Tomato and on 1 acre of land and produced 27 kilogram of seed. The cost of the seed was Rs. 8,500/- per kilogram. This resulted into an increase in his annual income from Rs. 70,000/- to Rs. 1,20,000/- . This increased income has reinforced the faith of Shrikhande Jagird and now he is following monocropic crop pattern and producing seed of Chilli, Ladies Finger etc. He has also passed on the technical knowledge to 30 farmers from his area. With this, he has become not only a role model but also a source of inspiration for the youth in the area.



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