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Dear Green Guardian,

April reminded us that transformation doesn't always announce itself. It shows up quietly — in a farmer tending a sapling, in a child carrying water for her tree, in employees choosing the field over the desk.

This month, **what we tend, grew** — visibly, meaningfully, and across every corner of our work.

Kia India's continued trust in **Project Uphaar** is shaping farmers into true caretakers — of their land, their yields, and the ecosystems they steward. In the **Aravallis**, **Rio Tinto's** employees walked their intent into the field — soil in hand, presence in action, breathing life back into a landscape that needed it most. At **Aapno School** in Rajasthan, children grew more than trees, they grew awareness, compassion, and a sparrow's first home.

Rajesh Meda's harvest story, the science of alley cropping, and a feature in **Eenadu Sunday Magazine** remind us — good work, when nurtured with consistency, always finds the ground it needs to grow.

This Mother's Day, we walk — for the Earth that gives, just as she does. 🌱

~ **Team SankalpTaru**



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1 ECO-COLLABORATIONS



Driving Change Together: Kia India's Climate Action Partnership

As part of our ongoing Project Uphaar monthly series, this month we follow what happens beyond planting – the ongoing care that sustains every sapling.

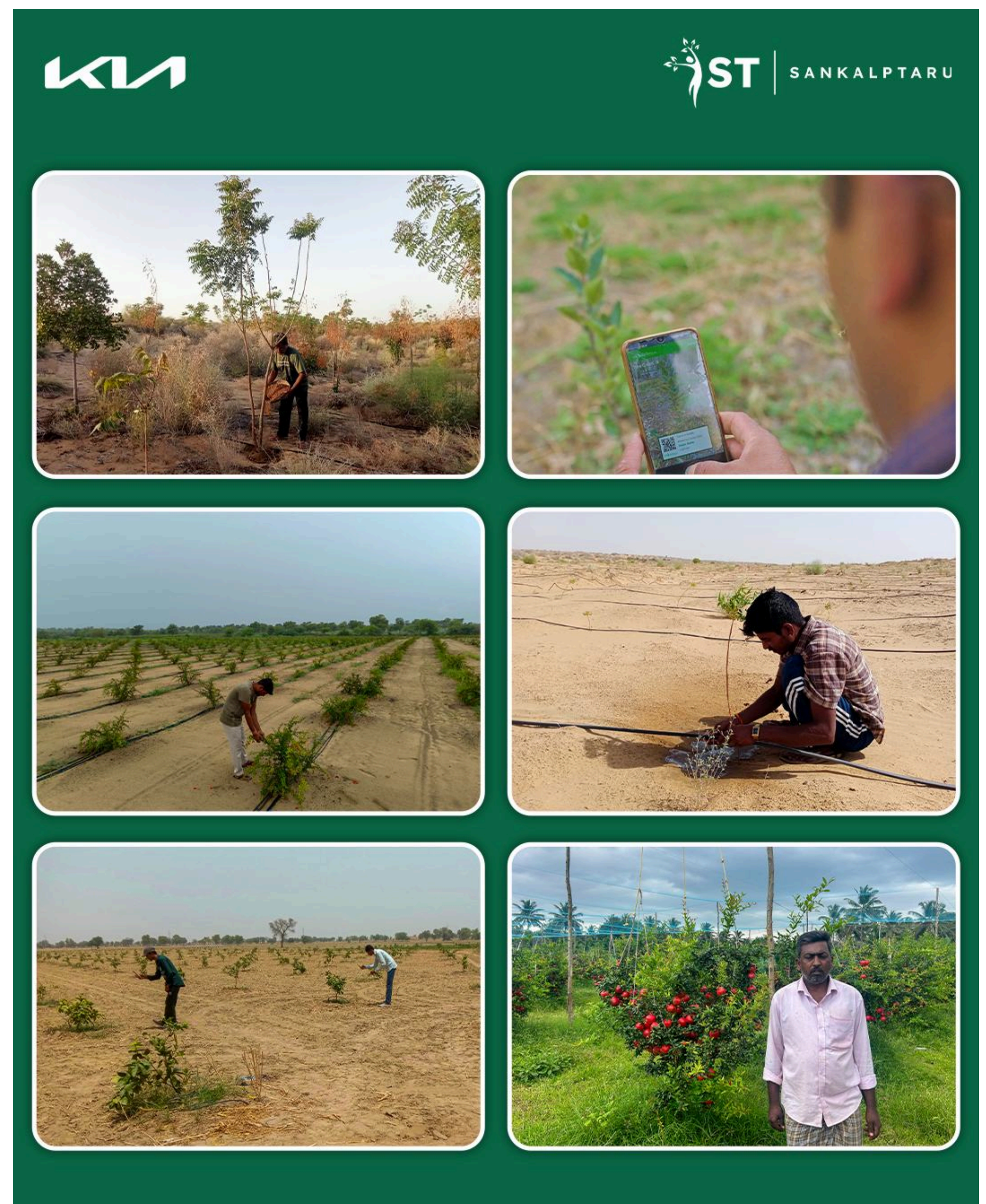
Plantation is just the beginning – the real journey unfolds in the months that follow.

Under **Project Uphaar**, farmers are engaged through structured training and field-level guidance, supporting them in soil and water management, timely watering, pruning, and sapling protection. This transforms them from mere cultivators into **caretakers of growth**, ensuring every sapling gets the right care at every stage.

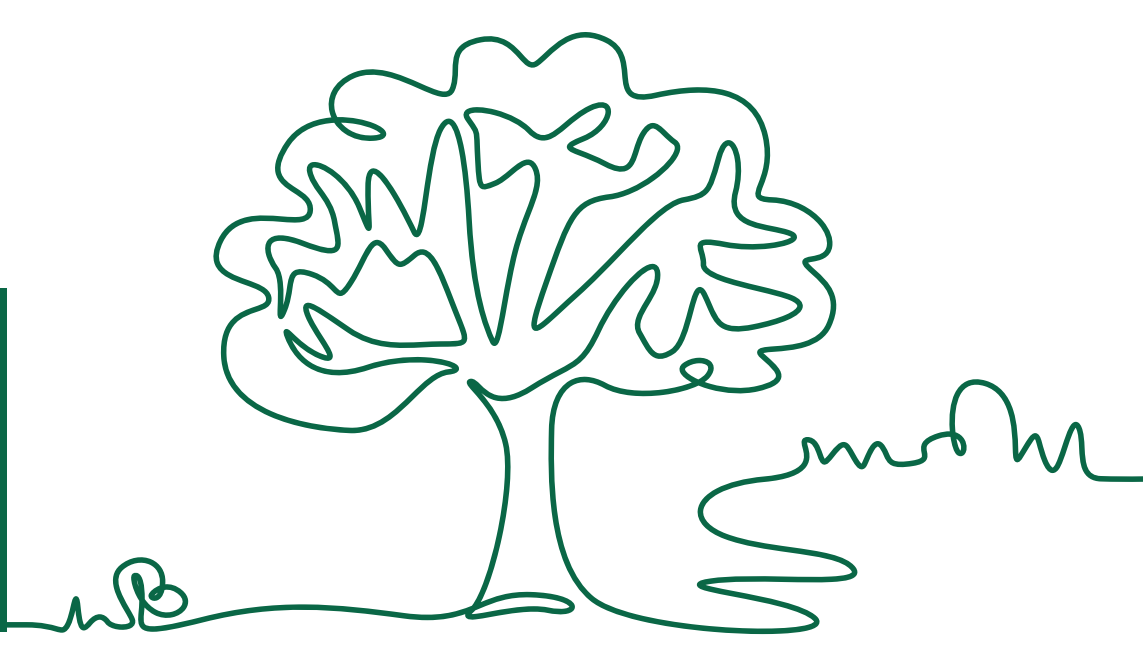
Field coordinators work closely alongside farmers – monitoring progress, providing technical support, and reinforcing best practices that drive long-term survival.

This sustained care is what converts plantation efforts into lasting ecological and rural impact.

We remain grateful to Kia India for their continued trust in enabling this journey – where consistent nurturing ensures that what is planted, truly thrives.



1 ECO-COLLABORATIONS



Rio Tinto Employees in Action to Revive Aravallis

Restoring nature calls for intention, care, and consistent action — and that is exactly what is unfolding in the **Aravallis, Gurgaon**.

As part of the **Community Land Restoration Project**, SankalpTaru Foundation is reviving one of India's most vital ecological regions, bringing meaningful on-ground action to a landscape that needs it most.

We are deeply grateful to **Rio Tinto** for placing their trust in this journey — aligning their environmental stewardship with the restoration of lost green cover in the Aravallis. What makes this collaboration truly powerful is the spirit of participation, with employees stepping in as active contributors to a larger vision of renewal.

Every step toward rebuilding green cover strengthens ecosystems, supports biodiversity, and restores balance to the landscapes that sustain us.

These moments reflect more than action — they capture **ownership, belief, and a collective commitment** to a greener, more balanced tomorrow. We look forward to growing this impact together in the years ahead.



Employees in Action, Aravallis in Revival



2 HUMAN STORIES



Harvest Stories: From the Field

In this edition of **Harvest Stories: From the Field**, Shri Rajesh Meda shares his experience from Maanpur, Rajasthan.

What began as a single change in the field gradually evolved into something more.

It is the way he built on it, step by step, that makes this journey worth watching.

Beyond the support received, this story reflects how thoughtful efforts can reap benefits.

Through [this video](#), we hope more farmers can see, learn, and explore possibilities within their own fields.

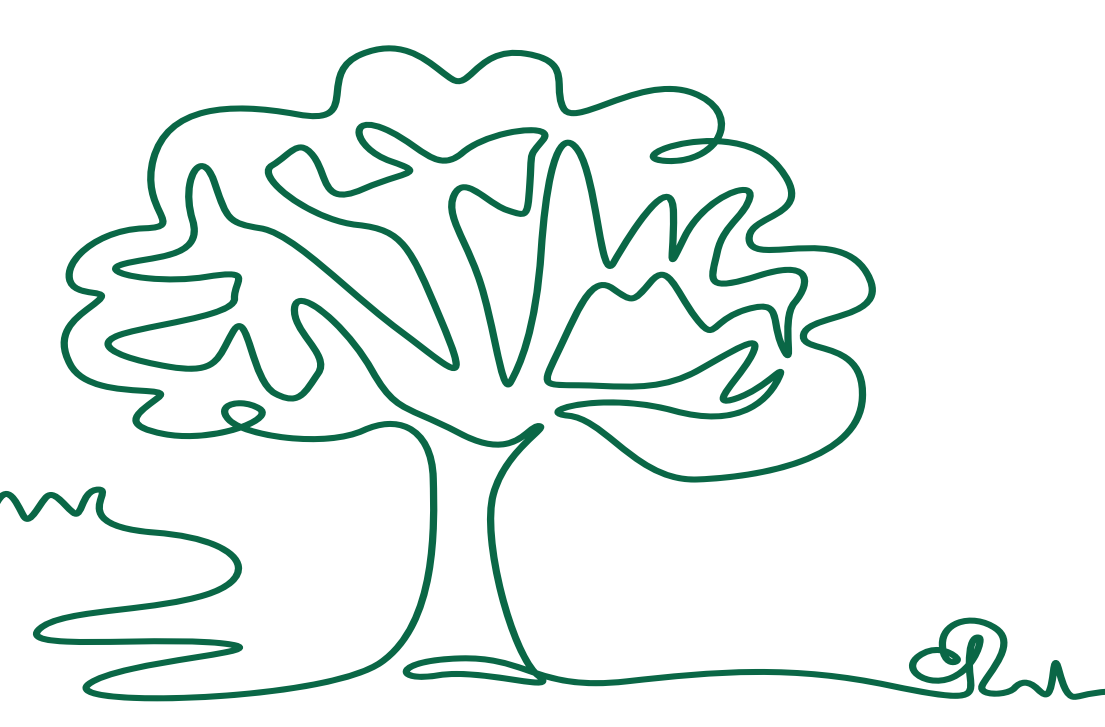


More Income from the Same Land!

A Farmer's Intercropping Journey with SankalpTaru



2 HUMAN STORIES



Humans of SankalpTaru



HUMANS OF SANKALPTARU

VISHAL VEDWAL | Operations Coordinator
(Food Technology)

Some people figure out what they love early in life. Vishal is one of them. With a Diploma in Canning and Food Preservation and 12 years of mastering his field, he was looking for a place where his zeal to explore and experiment could find its purpose.

That drive led him to join SankalpTaru as Operations Coordinator at GramYumm in Jan 2025, where he engineered possibilities. New squash variants, artisan pickles, frozen peas, and even turning leftover lemon peels into a product, each born from his instinct to innovate and approach to optimal usage of resources.

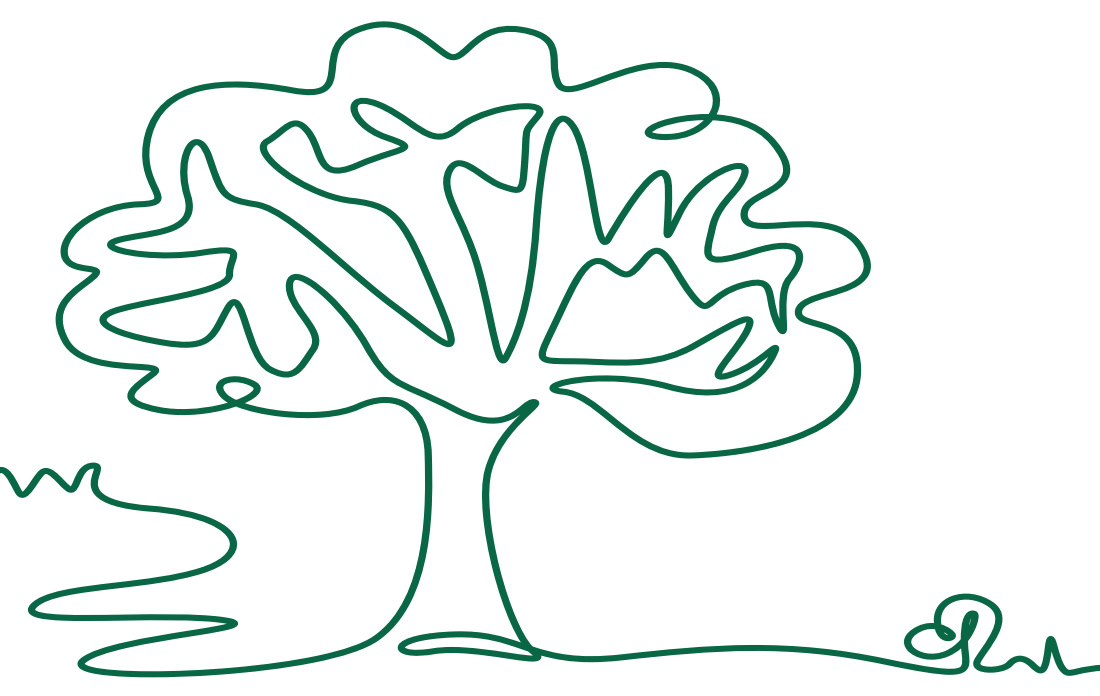
But what truly fills his heart is the incubator he built from scratch at SankalpTaru, watching over it patiently for 21 days, until 20-odd chicks found their way into the world.

Whether it's powering through challenges, learning from the founder's deep love for nature, or picking up knowledge beyond his field, Vishal believes every experience makes you better.

Outside work, Vishal is equally energetic, cooking up new recipes or ideas, travelling, or playing cricket, carrom, or chess.

We are proud to have someone who joined out of genuine love for this mission and will keep finding new ways to scale up SankalpTaru's impact.

2 HUMAN STORIES



Children learning Conscious Acts of Care!

At our **Aapno School** — a unique desert school in Gajuo ki Dhani, Rajasthan — learning goes far beyond books.

In this remote village where even water is scarce, children planted saplings around their school years ago. Not as a task, but as a quiet beginning — to understand care, responsibility, and sustainable living.

Each day, they walked in carrying two bottles: one for themselves, and one for their sapling.

Today, those same trees offer them shade, comfort, and a silent reminder — **what we nurture, nurtures us back.**

And the story doesn't stop there. There was a time when not a single sparrow could be seen near the school. The children began making small nests and leaving water for the birds. Today, those trees are home to them — and in one of those nests, a tiny sparrow has taken its first breath, slowly learning to fly.

What began as an act of care has grown into a space that holds many lives.

Here, education isn't about racing ahead. It is about **becoming aware, becoming resourceful** — and learning a way of living that creates joy, not just for oneself, but for everything around.

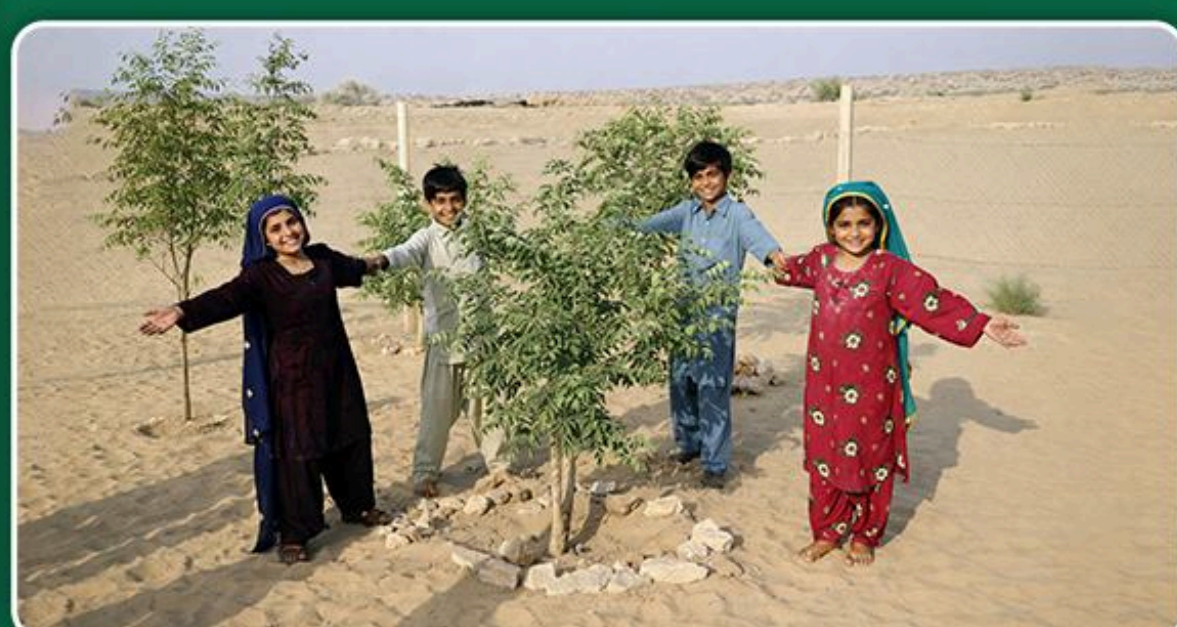
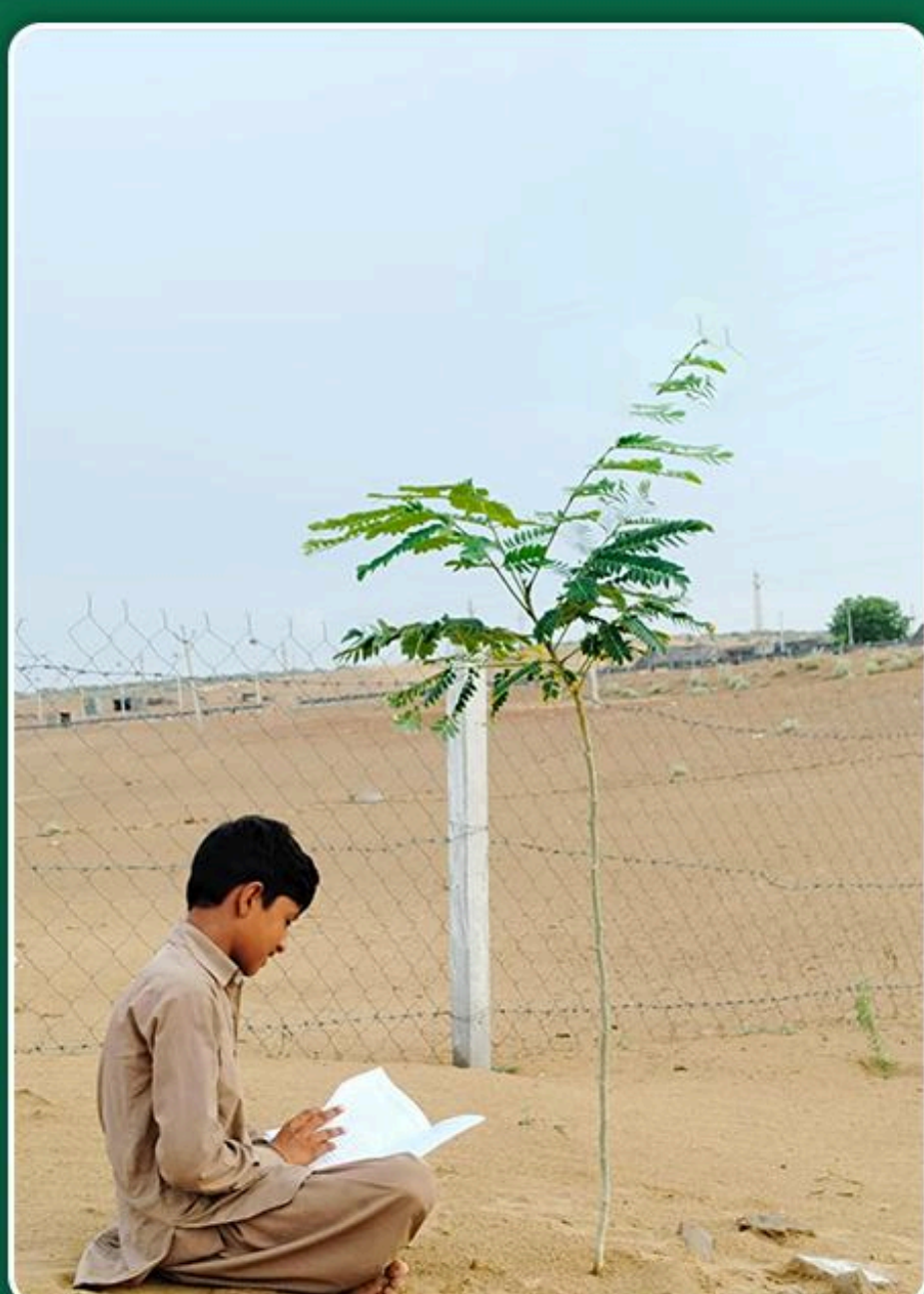


**NURTURED BY THEM,
NOW SHELTERING MANY LIVES!**

Location: Aapno School, A Unique Desert school in Rajasthan



**A CONSCIOUS ACT OF CARE
MADE SPACE FOR NEW LIFE**



3 HUGE APP – HEALTHY US THROUGH GREENING ENVIRONMENT

🌟 New Walkathon Alert 🌟 Mother's Day Walkathon

This Mother's Day, we celebrate the ones who gave us our very first steps.

The ones who held our hands when we couldn't walk...
and never stopped walking beside us, no matter what.

But there's another silent nurturer in our lives – one that sustains us every single day.

Our Earth 🌍

Just like a mother, it gives, protects, and provides – without asking for anything in return.

This time, let's give back.

Because every step you take is not just movement.

It's a choice.

A choice towards cleaner air.

A choice towards a greener future.

A choice to care.

It may feel small.

But imagine thousands of people walking with purpose –

a step for their mothers,
and a step for the Earth 🌱

Ready to walk with purpose?

Join us for the Mother's Day Walkathon.

Join us:

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.sankalptaru.sankalptaru&pli=1>

iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/in/app/sankalptaru-huge/id1462571187>

🌟 New Activity Alert 🌟 Mother's Day Walkathon Activity

A mother's care is boundless – a bond so deep, we can never truly repay it. This Mother's Day, let's honour that love with small acts that speak volumes. We bring you a series of joyful, mindful activities – designed to celebrate your mom while nurturing Mother Earth. After all, both make the world bloom with care.

The activity consists of **five interactive phases** designed to encourage gratitude, emotional bonding, and mindful actions to honour mothers and nurture nature.

By participating, you'll earn 10 Greens for each phase, which will be credited to your account. Once you accumulate enough Greens, you can donate them to the SankalpTaru Foundation. In return, SankalpTaru will plant a tree on your behalf. Additionally, top participants will have a tree planted directly in their name by the SankalpTaru Foundation.

This way, every action you take not only contributes to a cleaner planet but also leaves a lasting green impact!

**Walk for her. Walk with her.
Mother's Day Walkathon** 🌱

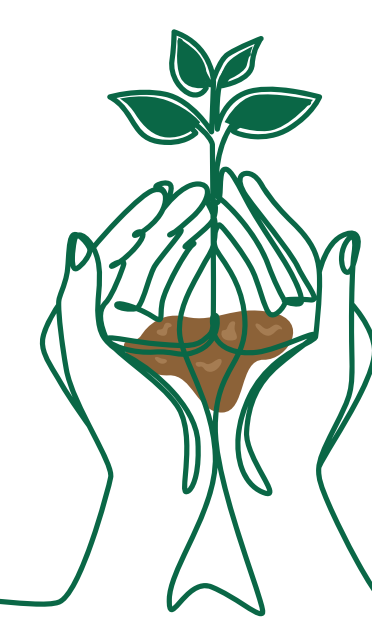
 **Date:**
24th April – 10th May


Steps: 75,000

Join on HUGE App



4 GRAMYUMM



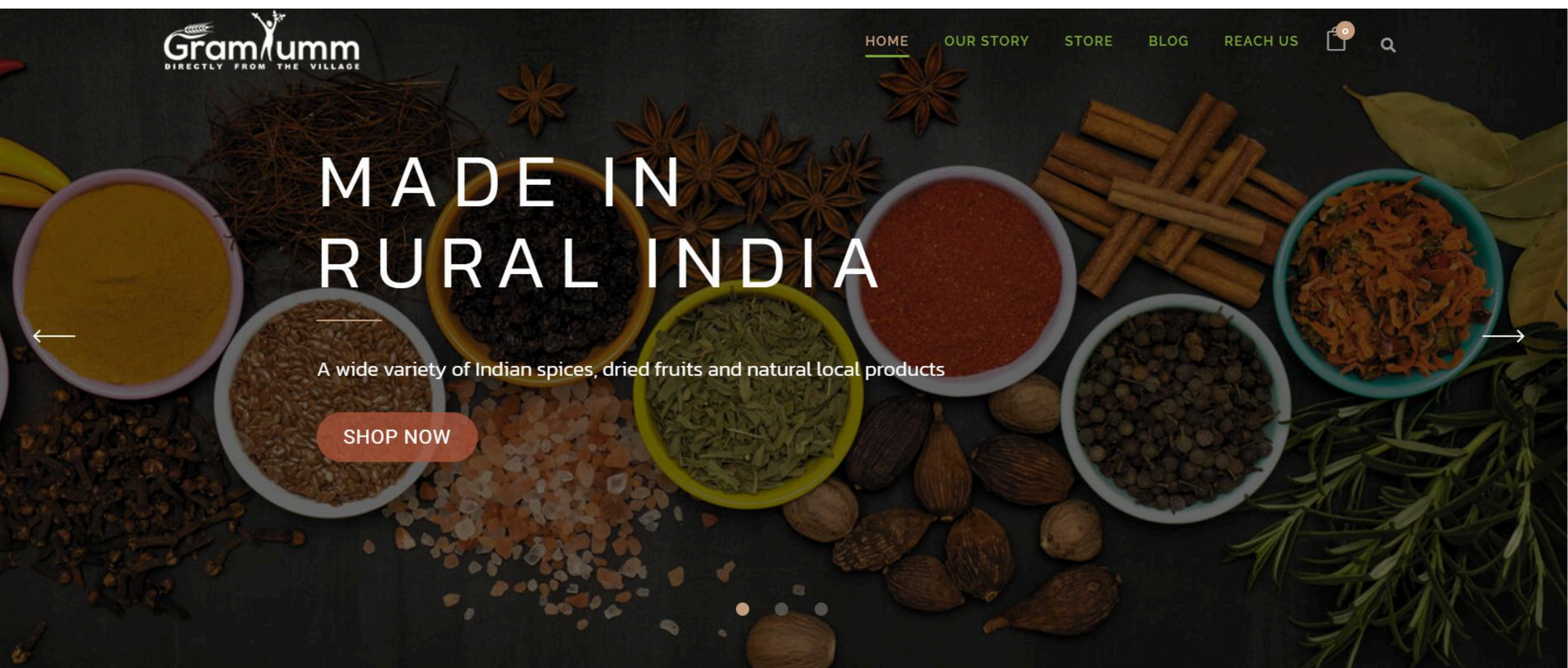
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We are committed to delivering high-quality, zero-adulteration products straight from our farmer partners to your doorstep. With every purchase, you're not just bringing home purity—you're empowering rural communities and strengthening local livelihoods.

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<https://gramyumm.sankalptaru.org/products/>



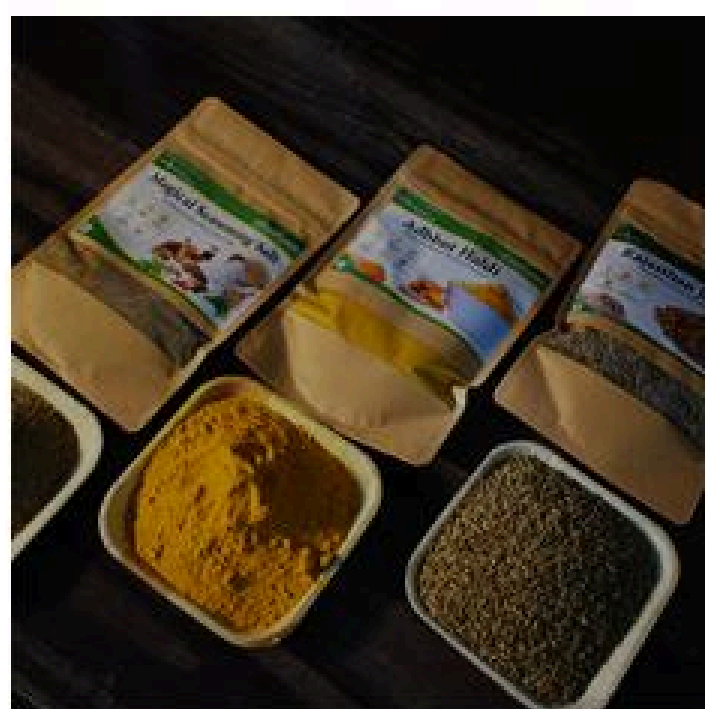
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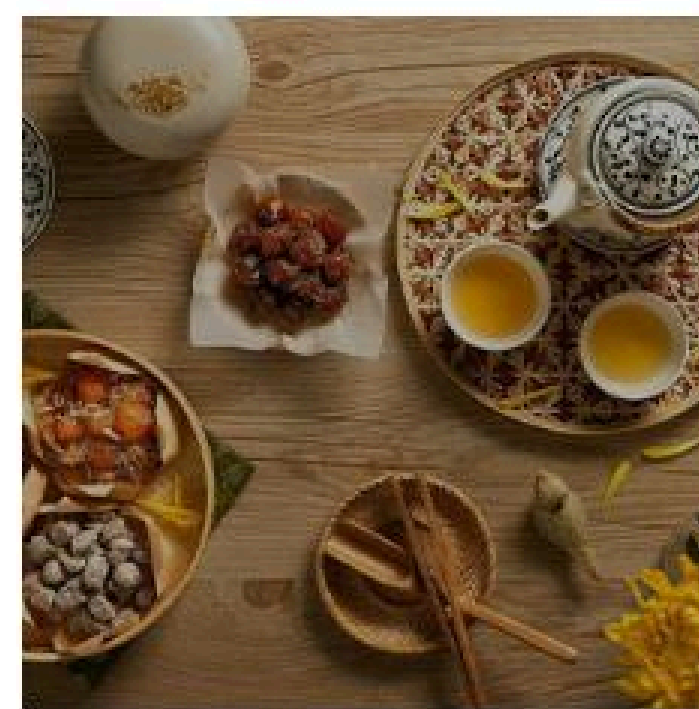
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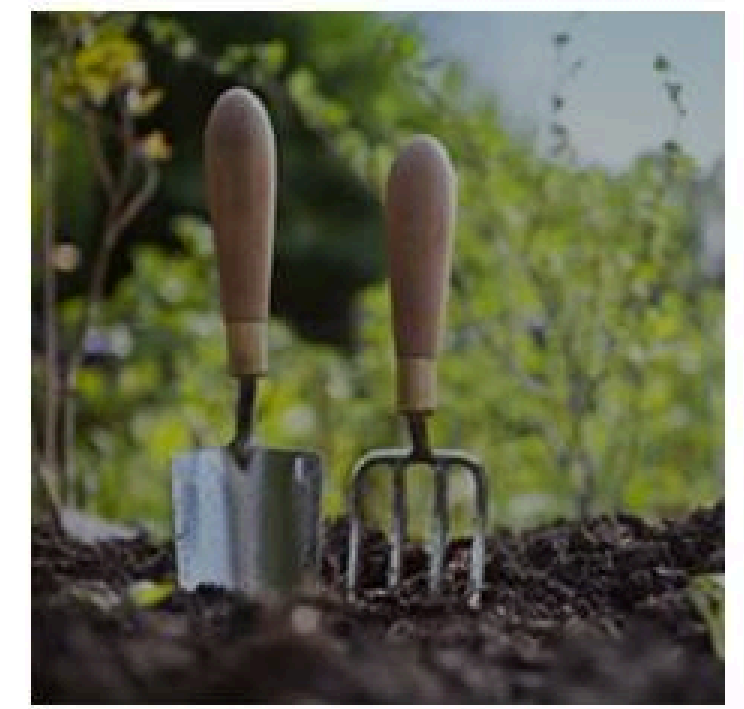
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FOOD & BEVERAGES



FESTIVAL SPECIAL



GARDENING ESSENTIALS

WHY GRAMYUMM?



MADE IN RURAL INDIA

'Vocal for the local' theme is the soul of GramYumm. With the purchase of every product made and supplied from the villages, our rural India is getting stronger.



100% NATURAL

Our products are directly procured from farms and villages. With no chemical or physical alterations, we provide a 100% natural output.



FSSAI APPROVED

All our food products are approved by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.



SUSTAINABLE LIVING

When you choose our products, you choose sustainable living which not only benefits you but also Mother Earth and its resources.

5 ECO-INSPIRED READS



Grateful for the feature @Eenadu Sunday Magazine

We are deeply grateful to **Eenadu Sunday Magazine** for featuring the **SankalpTaru story** and bringing it to the heart of the Telugu states. The overwhelming response we have received from farmers and communities across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana is a reminder that good work, when shared, always finds the ground it needs to grow.

To every farmer who reached out, every reader who connected with our mission, and to Eenadu @eenadulivenews , one of the most respected and widely read publications in the Telugu states, for featuring our work on your platform – our sincere thanks. 🌱

Link for the full feature here:

<https://www.eenadu.net/telugu-article/sunday-magazine/sunday-item/4/326000420>



5 ECO-INSPIRED READS



The Journey of a Sapling towards Restoration

Growth is never about the beginning alone!
It lives in what follows...
in what is nurtured,
sustained, and
allowed to evolve.

Every sapling we plant carries a story beyond the moment it is planted, a journey shaped by care, connection, and continuity.

This article presents the deeper science behind restoration, subtly revealing the processes that support life in becoming.

👉 Read the full blog here:

<https://blog.sankalptaru.org/when-a-sapling-becomes-a-story-the-journey-from-plantation-to-restoration/>



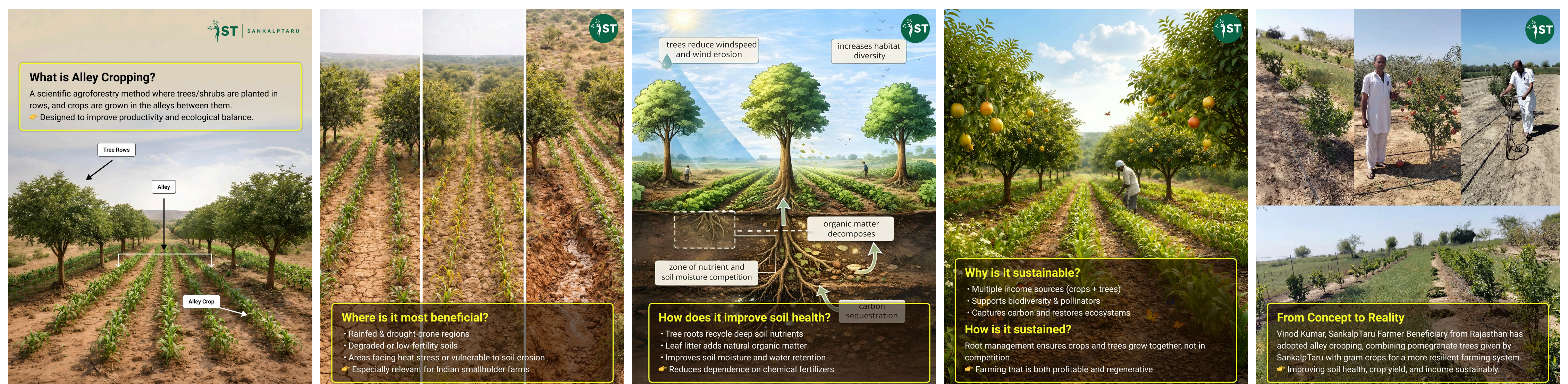
All about Alley cropping

Our farm visits are not just about monitoring progress; they often become spaces of mutual learning.

Our farmers practice agroforestry by integrating native fruit saplings with their crops, often through intercropping, and in some cases, evolving into structured systems like alley cropping.

Learn all about Alley cropping and why it holds potential for many more farmers.

Learning, sharing, and growing—together.



6 CALL TO ACTION

ROOTED IN PURPOSE, GROWING WITH YOU

Every tree we plant, every community we engage, and every barren land we revive begins with a simple belief: **change is possible, and it begins with us.**

What keeps us going? The spark in a farmer's eye, the shade of a young sapling, the smile of a schoolchild learning about their planet. Your support, your action, your belief—it all adds up.

"Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try to use ordinary situations."

Let's keep moving forward—one act, one tree, one shared vision at a time.



GET IN TOUCH THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



In the age of instant gratification, let's be like the snails with the right hearts. While you are safe at home, plant trees at www.sankalptaru.org and lend your hand with a click of a button.

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