



2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT

Sustainability in Action, Communities in Focus



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The year 2024–25 has been a remarkable one for SankalpTaru Foundation — a period defined by innovation, recognition, and deepening impact. As we continue to grow our green footprint, this year reaffirmed our belief that technology and community, when brought together with purpose, can nurture not only trees but also resilient ecosystems and empowered lives.

Our roots have continued to spread across the country, with operations now thriving in **28 states and Union Territories of India**. This year, we crossed a historic milestone of **10 million trees successfully planted and survived** — each one contributing to cleaner air, richer soils, and stronger communities. Every tree stands as a living promise to the people and the planet, reminding us that progress and preservation can go hand in hand.

Among the defining highlights of this year was the continued success of **Mission H2O**, our national campaign to conserve and harvest over 100 million litres of rainwater. The initiative, launched to complement our afforestation programs, has transformed barren landscapes into water-secure habitats through farm ponds, check dams, and other decentralized harvesting systems. It also continues to inspire schools, farmers, and volunteers to become active participants in water stewardship — strengthening the vital link between trees and water.

Our organizational journey also reached a new milestone with the completion of our **green corporate office in Dehradun**, nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas. Designed as a living model of sustainability, the office operates entirely on **solar power through a 40 kW rooftop installation**, including solar-based cooking in our office kitchen. The building's rainwater recharge system replenishes over **five lakh litres annually**, reducing our ecological footprint while fostering a culture of conscious living. The Dehradun office campus has now become a vibrant hub of creativity, collaboration, and innovation — where ideas for a greener tomorrow take root.

Highlights of the Year – From Leadership

During this year, we also laid the foundation stone for our **Research Centre in Phyang, Ladakh**, a pioneering step toward creating a hub of knowledge, experimentation, and skill development for farmers and communities in one of India's most climate-sensitive regions. At our **PEEPAL Research Centre in Uttarakhand** — representing People, Environment, Education, Prosperity, Agroforestry, and Learning — we expanded our live demonstrations of sustainable technologies such as Mission H2O models, smart solar lighting, bicycle-powered irrigation systems, and green mobility solutions. These learning spaces are nurturing changemakers who can replicate and scale sustainable solutions across India's diverse landscapes.

On the global stage, FY 2024–25 was equally momentous. SankalpTaru was proud to participate in the **Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2024**, held in **June in Dalian, China**, hosted by the **World Economic Forum**. This opportunity came as a continuation of our recognition by the **WEF's UpLink initiative**, where SankalpTaru was named a **winner from the Asia-Pacific region** — a testament to our technology-enabled, transparent, and community-driven model of ecosystem restoration.

Adding to this global engagement, SankalpTaru was accredited as a **Civil Society Organization (CSO) partner** by the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**. This recognition has strengthened our global standing as a credible voice for land restoration and climate resilience. It also paved the way for our participation in **COP16 in Riyadh**, where we shared insights from our on-ground rewilding work in the Thar Desert and other arid regions, demonstrating how local action can contribute to global environmental goals.

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with immense gratitude for our **Green Patrons, corporate partners, volunteers, and communities** whose faith and collaboration have made every success possible. Each plantation, every innovation, and every drop of conserved water is a collective victory — a testament to the power of shared purpose.

From planting trees to building thriving ecosystems, our journey is steadily evolving. The years ahead will see SankalpTaru deepen its impact — blending innovation with inclusivity, and ensuring that sustainability becomes not just an aspiration but a way of life. Together, we will continue to grow forests, empower people, and green the planet — one sapling at a time.





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Ghotaru



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Executive Summary: SankalpTaru at a Glance

In a country as vast and diverse as India, SankalpTaru Foundation stands at the intersection of technology, ecology, and community. With projects spread across 28 states and union territories, we are driving measurable impact through afforestation, sustainable agriculture, water conservation, and renewable energy initiatives.

Our mission is simple yet powerful: to use technological and ecological expertise to fight climate change and create a greener planet by the people, for the people. Every project is designed to serve both nature and communities, generating livelihoods while restoring ecosystems and building long-term resilience.

As India's one of the largest tech-enabled environmental NGO, SankalpTaru envisions a sustainable future through a people-powered, tech-driven approach to environmental conservation. This innovation has allowed individuals, corporates, and institutions to visualize their contribution to a greener future.

Aligned with 13 SDG's of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, **our approach** embraces technology-enabled, people-centric models to deliver enduring socio-environmental influence through afforestation, livelihood enhancement, education and climate action programs. The result is a model of environmental action that is scalable, inclusive, and deeply human.

With each sapling planted, we are not only growing trees, we are nurturing livelihoods, reviving ecosystems, and reaffirming our collective promise for a sustainable tomorrow.





2212810 Trees

Number of Trees Planted
(from April, 2024 to March, 2025)

Estimated Environmental Impact



Apx 13 Lakh+ tons

Oxygen (O₂) to be Generated
Over Lifetime



Apx 19+ Lakh tons

Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) to be
Sequestered Over Lifetime



85-90 %

Survival Rate of Trees
Planted

Economic Impact



Apx 32300 Tons

Fruits to be Produced per
Season



Apx. 58 Cr+

Estimated Income to be
Generated per Season

Social Impact



2889

Number of Beneficiaries
Impacted



2200 Acres

Total Area Greenified
(in acres)



Acknowledgement

At SankalpTaru Foundation, our journey towards a greener and more sustainable future has been possible only because of the collective strength of our partners: our corporate allies, individual donors, government collaborators, and dedicated volunteers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and turning shared vision into tangible impact.

Your continued support has helped us move from planting trees to planting change; transforming barren lands into thriving ecosystems, enhancing urban resilience, and empowering rural livelihoods across India. Together, we have not only restored landscapes but have also redefined what it means to create environmental and social value at scale.

Through landmark initiatives such as the Community Barren Land Transformation Program, Mission H2O, GramYumm, and Poshan Kits Distribution, we've addressed some of the most pressing ecological and socio-economic challenges of our time. Each of these programs stands as a testament to what is possible when purpose meets partnership.

As we grow, our focus remains on deepening this collaboration integrating advanced technology, transparent monitoring systems, and people-first solutions that ensure measurable, lasting impact. Every tree we plant together continues to tell a story of commitment, climate resilience, and shared progress.

We hope to continue walking this path alongside you, our valued partners and patrons, as we scale new initiatives, strengthen our sustainability goals, and expand our impact across communities and ecosystems.

With your trust and participation, we can take the next leap toward building a truly regenerative, inclusive, and greener tomorrow.

With sincere gratitude and optimism,
Team SankalpTaru Foundation





 Tulapur, Maharashtra

Before



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OUR PEOPLE: The Roots of Our Impact

In the life of a tree, the roots form its foundation — an unseen network of strength, nourishment, and stability. At SankalpTaru Foundation, our people embody that very essence. They are the roots that anchor our mission and drive our impact.

Our greatest strength lies in our diverse, culturally rich team spread across communities throughout India. Deeply connected to the regions they serve, our people bring a wealth of local knowledge and experience that ensures every project is both scientifically robust and socially relevant. By living and working within our plantation sites, they bridge innovation with community wisdom, making sustainability a lived reality.

This wide geographical reach is matched by the different skills our professionals bring to the table. The breadth of our impact is powered by the depth of our talent. Our foundation thrives on the dedication of people spanning every crucial area needed to create large-scale environmental impact. This includes our strategic Leadership, Program Management, and Grants, Research & Reporting teams. Out in the field, our expert Foresters ensure that local and traditional knowledge guides every plantation. They are supported by our future-focused Technology & Innovation, proactive Outreach & Marketing, efficient Operations, and essential Admin, Legal & Finance teams.

The strongest force that unites this diverse team is a shared passion for Mother Nature and the urgent cause of environmental sustainability. Our people are dedicated to making a real impact. We see our mission through the lens of the ecosystem and every part of it. We are committed to making the world a better place — not just for ourselves, but for all living creatures, and most importantly, for future generations. The passion of our people forms the powerful and resilient root system that allows SankalpTaru's mission to thrive.

Stay connected with us and witness the impact of this dedication by following the exciting journey of our green initiatives throughout the coming year.





 Bhavnam, Delhi

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Eco-Collaborations: Ripples of Change

At SankalpTaru Foundation, we believe that meaningful change is best achieved through collaboration. Our eco-collaborations bring together corporations, institutions and communities with a shared vision of sustainability and environmental stewardship. Each partnership, whether it is to transform the most barren lands into flourishing forests, empower rural farmers with fruit-bearing plantations, restore fragile ecosystems or foster green activities among employees, speaks about the power of people in collective action for lasting impact. From reforestation borders and reviving mangrove habitats to renewable energy, clean water and urban greening, such collaborations showcase the path toward healthier ecosystems, stronger communities, and a greener future for generations to come.

1. Awards & Recognition

Every accolade we receive echoes the collective dedication of our team, partners, and communities. This year, our continuous innovation in sustainability and technology-led afforestation was honoured with:

The Kedar Singh Rawat Memorial Environment Award (2024)

Honoured by the Chandi Prasad Bhatt Environmental and Development Center, this recognition celebrates SankalpTaru's unwavering commitment to ecological preservation and sustainable development.

Instituted by Padma Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt, pioneer of the Chipko Movement, the award acknowledges organizations that combine innovation, technology, and grassroots action to protect the planet.

Each accolade is not just a moment of pride — it's a reminder of the collective belief driving our mission: that every action counts when rooted in purpose.



Eco-Collaborations: Ripples of Change

2. Milestones & Media Recognition

Our mission to restore ecosystems and empower communities continues to gain national and international recognition. From mainstream media to digital storytelling platforms, SankalpTaru's innovations in tech-driven afforestation and rural development have inspired action across sectors.



Mission "INDIA" — A PaTreeotic Imprint Visible from above

A kilometre-long "INDIA" formed with trees along the Indo-Pak Border in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan — a living tribute to the nation and to nature.

Featured by Bharat Climate Startups and Dainik Bhaskar National Edition.



Project One Tree with News18 Network

A people-led campaign announced on national television to inspire mass participation in reforestation.



Feature on 'Jai Hind Stories'

Showcasing the vision of our Founder & CEO, Apurva Bhandari, and his pioneering use of tech-driven green innovations.



Cleaning Dehradun's Trails

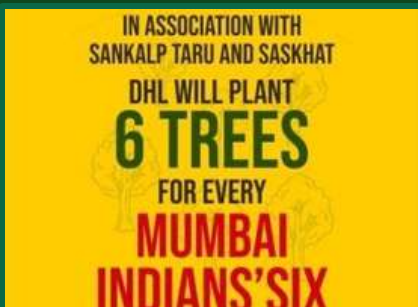
Student-Led Cleanup in Dehradun

A spirited collaboration with DPS Dehradun students reviving the Old Mussoorie Road, demonstrating youth-led environmental action.

Eco-Collaborations: Ripples of Change

3. Highlights of the Year: Partnering for a Greener Tomorrow

Every logo represents a living story; trust, purpose, and change. Together, our partners and supporters have helped plant not just trees, but the roots of resilience, hope, and collective responsibility.



DHL Express x Mumbai Indians | "Six for a Cause"

Every six hit by Mumbai Indians led to six trees planted — turning sporting spirit into environmental action.



YES Foundation | Rural Livelihood Upliftment

Planting 2,00,000+ trees across 11 states, providing income resilience to farmers while restoring native biodiversity.



KIA India | Project Uphaar

1.5 lakh fruit-bearing trees planted across 15 states, empowering rural farmers under our Rural Livelihood Support Program.



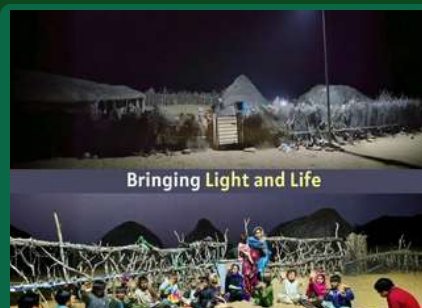
Flipkart Foundation | Restoring the Sundarbans

Reviving mangrove forests through community-led restoration, building climate resilience and livelihoods.



CDSL | Greening India's Borders

Transforming arid zones of Ghotaru (Rajasthan) and Kachchh (Gujarat) into thriving green landscapes using solar-powered and IoT-enabled systems.



DHL India | Solar-Powered Transformation in Jaisalmer

Bringing light to Gajuo ki Dhani, a remote desert village, while restoring its fragile ecosystem.



Blue Dart | Green Livelihoods Initiative

Over 2 lakh trees were planted, benefiting 298 farmers across 10 states — improving air, soil, and income security.



V-Trans | Tech-Enabled Afforestation

A four-year journey planting 16,000+ fruit-bearing trees, fostering rural prosperity across Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan.



NTT DATA | From Seedballs to Sanctuary

Creating seedball forests and transforming a 2-acre dumping ground in Coimbatore into a thriving green space.

Eco-Collaborations: Ripples of Change



Can Fin Homes Ltd. adds a proud feather to their CSR cap!

Can Fin Homes | Water Conservation & Tree Plantation

Building a rainwater harvesting pond and planting 2,500 trees to enhance biodiversity in Uttarakhand.



Microsoft India | Sustainable Cities Collaboration

Aligning with SDGs 3 & 11, promoting urban well-being and resilience through green spaces.



Accenture | Urban Greening Across India

Multi-city plantations creating cleaner, cooler, and more connected urban spaces that enhance well-being and biodiversity.



TRG Screen | "Plantastic" School Program

Planting hope with students at a government school in Bangalore, nurturing eco-conscious futures.



Vivek & Vandana Sharma Family Foundation

Creating a self-sustaining eco-forest using solar irrigation, fostering biodiversity and supporting rural livelihoods.



TRG Screen and Zinnov | Potted Plant Activity

The initiative involved planting indoor plants to enhance the school's environment and raise environmental awareness among students to encourage them to take an active role in promoting sustainability and environmental care.



Infogain, Merck, Exabeam, ViaPlus, PlantWorks, Telenity, FTI Consulting & Others

From seedball-making and plantation drives to urban greening and rural fruit-tree plantations — each partnership embodies our shared mission of creating a sustainable planet.

Collective Impact, Shared Future

These milestones symbolize how far we've come — and the powerful blend of innovation, community, and collaboration that continues to guide our journey.



 Nimbla, Rajasthan

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KNOWLEDGE AND POLICY

The term knowledge relates to the work done at the ground level which provides us with the data and insights. With this gathered knowledge, comes the task of creating frameworks and informed decision making which contributes in mitigating climate change. At SankalpTaru Foundation, our mission goes beyond ecosystem restoration; it extends to shaping ideas, influencing policy and inspiring global action. The Knowledge and Policy section has been developed to highlight our emerging role as advocates and change catalysts in sustainability, where on-ground experience meets global discourse. This entails our engagement in global forums and continuous dissemination of knowledge, reflecting SankalpTaru's commitment to bridging practice with policy transforming ground-level action into lasting global impact. We participated in various international platforms and policy dialogues to bring the challenges of local communities to the world stage and ensure that real-world solutions influence global strategies for climate resilience and ecological restoration. Our knowledge-sharing initiatives such as insightful blogs, articles and case studies serve as a platform to create awareness, share success stories and enthuse collective responsibility towards the planet.

Global Advocacy: UNCCD COP-16 Driving Change: Community-Led Sustainability at UNCCD COP-16, Riyadh

In December, SankalpTaru Foundation walked onto the world stage at the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Conference of Parties (COP-16) in Riyadh. Our mission was to push for a crucial shift in the global conversation on land degradation. We're shifting focus from grand talk and lofty declarations to concrete, community-driven deliverables on actual ground.

Our strong presence was backed by a decade long unique experience of transforming India's most challenging and contrasting landscapes. From the scorching heat of the Thar Desert to the icy heights of the Ladakh cold desert, we have demonstrated that local efforts are the cornerstone of global ecological achievement. This work upholds our founding principle: "We don't just plant"- we rejuvenate complete ecosystems and empower local communities.

Here's a glimpse of that event:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DDHUePzPLva/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/apurvabhandari1/recent-activity/all/>



Our highly participated side event on 6th December, "Land Restoration and Community-Led Sustainability," was one of the highlights of the conference. The session offered a vital platform to share our tried methods for successful and meaningful restoration outcomes. We particularly showcased our achievement in reviving two vastly contrasting desert landscapes.

The event was greatly enhanced by our guest speaker, Mr. Siddhesh Sakore, a recognized UNCCD Land Hero from the Global South Region, whose passion for land restoration added immense value to the discussion.

The positive feedback and insightful discussions with world leaders reaffirmed our belief: localized and scalable solutions are the most effective way to combat desertification. Our core message at COP-16 continues: From Degraded Lands to Restored Ecosystems- COP is About Action, Not Just Talks. This dedication to making measurable impacts on the ground will guide our strategy in the years to come.

SankalpTaru At The World Economic Forum's Meeting of the New Champions 2024

Mr. Apurva Bhandari, the Founder of SankalpTaru Foundation, recently participated in the prestigious UpLink delegation of Global Changemakers at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2024 in Dalian, China.

This significant event brought together visionary leaders and top innovators from around the world to address pressing global challenges. During the summit, Mr. Apurva delivered an insightful address on the topic "Wired For Wildlife", elaborating on SankalpTaru's leverage of technological innovations to foster the creation of biodiverse hubs for strengthening wildlife corridors across India, enhancing the country's ecological balance and promoting biodiversity conservation.



BLOGS

Our blogs are a window into the heart of SankalpTaru Foundation's mission. Here we share experiences, innovations and lessons learned from our projects across different terrains through thoughtfully crafted articles. Each blog is aimed at informing, inspiring and encouraging meaningful conversations about sustainability, technology and community-driven change. From showcasing success stories of our projects to exploring emerging ideas in ecological restoration and climate action, our blogs have one objective: making knowledge related to the environment accessible to all and promoting ecological awareness. They reflect our firm belief that awareness is the first step towards action and every story has the power to inspire a greener and more-conscious world.

Innovative Solutions to Combat Plastic Pollution: Promising Technologies and Initiatives

Plastic pollution is a global challenge demanding innovative solutions. As we navigate towards a more sustainable future, it's inspiring to witness the emergence of promising technologies and initiatives to tackle this pressing issue head-on.

More on this in the [article](#)
Article Credit- Aarav Khullarr



Our Exciting Collaboration With Newsahoot!

SankalpTaru Foundation has partnered with Newsahoot so that students can have the chance to convert their learning into being part of a sustainable future firsthand.

This collaboration aims to shape a brighter future for our children and the planet. This partnership isn't just about planting trees, it's about planting the seeds of environmental responsibility in young minds.

For more details about this collaboration, Read our blog article [here](#).



Harnessing Technology for Transparent and Sustainable Tree Plantation: SankalpTaru's Innovative Approach

SankalpTaru Foundation applies cutting-edge technology to make tree plantation transparent, accountable and sustainable in 28 Indian states. Stakeholders can locate and visit their trees. Blockchain provides immutable records for every tree, improving trust and data integrity. It discusses- Mission Beejyaan, IOTree project and much more. These innovations exemplify our commitment to using technology for environmental restoration and community empowerment.

Read the full blog [here](#).



Transforming a Garbage Landfill into a Sustainable Forest

In 2022, SankalpTaru Foundation transformed the polluted Siddhartha Vihar landfill in Ghaziabad into a green forest by planting 40,000 indigenous trees. Employing sustainable practices such as solar irrigation and geo-tagging, the initiative enhanced air quality, rejuvenated soil health and enhanced biodiversity. It is now a role model for land restoration due to environmental degradation.

Read the full blog [here](#).



Facing Desertification: Your Vision for the Future

Desertification is resulting in 12 million hectares of productive land loss annually, endangering ecosystems, livelihoods and biodiversity. The article calls for safeguarding critical lands by preserving them through reforestation, erosion control and sustainable agriculture. It also highlights the potential of global cooperation, using examples like Africa's Great Green Wall. Collectively, these efforts can create a greener, more sustainable world for generations to come.

Read the full blog [here](#).



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Song River Forest



After

In this section, we shine a light on the real-world results of sustainable environmental action. Our true impact is measured in the lives restored and the hope replanted. Every sapling planted, every restored ecosystem and every empowered community is a vital step toward a healthier planet and a better future for generations to come. Here, we look at how our initiatives are making an impact on the ground in the lives of people and communities. We share the inspiring progress of our Farmer Beneficiaries, whose rural livelihoods have been transformed through economically sustainable plantation programs. We also highlight our Community Programs which show how local ownership and collective green action can drive powerful change. And we celebrate our Foresters, the heroes on the ground, who nurture every sapling with dedication and traditional wisdom. These are the living stories of resilience, partnership and hope, demonstrating exactly how your support is making the world a better, greener place. We invite you to explore the inspiring journeys of the communities and individuals touched by your support.

Our Farmer's Story

1. From hardships to harvest: Nethravathi's Story

Nethravathi, a dedicated farmer from Byagadehalli village in Chikmagalur, Karnataka, spent years battling the hardships of farming groundnuts and Raagi.

Groundnuts, though valuable, required a large amount of water, something the erratic rainfall patterns could no longer provide. As a result, her harvests dwindled. On the other hand, Raagi, while more resilient, demanded high labor costs that ate into her already slim profits. Despite her hard work, Nethravathi found it difficult to make ends meet.

Her fortunes began to change when she was introduced to a more sustainable and profitable alternative, pomegranate farming. SankalpTaru's foresters introduced her to agroforestry by planting pomegranate saplings on her land, helping her transition to a crop that required less water and offered higher returns.



2. Kadar Basha's Story

Kadar Basha, a farmer from Badanahatti village of Karnataka, has successfully transformed his agricultural practices with the support of the SankalpTaru Foundation.

By receiving high-quality guava saplings and guidance on intercropping, Kadar introduced marigold as a companion crop for quicker returns, while also planting mahogany as a long-term investment. This introduction to agroforestry and practice of intercropping supported him in increasing his annual income.

SankalpTaru's intervention has helped Kadar achieve both immediate and long-term financial stability through sustainable farming practices.

Watch the success story of Kadar Basha with Agroforestry Intercropping here:

https://www.instagram.com/p/D_Bi_znIPEas/



3. From Challenge to Change- Eka's Story

Our initiatives focus on sustainable farming practices that empower farmers with the tools and knowledge needed to optimize their yields while protecting the environment.

Witness firsthand how our programs are making a difference in the lives of those who cultivate the land at:



Watch here



4. Cultivating a New Future: Ishwar Dutt's Apple Orchard Journey in Shimla

Ishwar Dutt from Railkoti village in Shimla, a hardworking farmer, had long depended on seasonal crops such as potatoes, tomatoes, beans and cabbage to feed his family. Four years ago, encouraged by advice from the villagers, he took a risk and planted an orchard of apples— a decision that changed his fate. With inadequate transportation, wildlife intrusion in crop fields and managing the farm almost single-handedly, Ishwar started nurturing the young orchard with grit. He even grew crops such as taro, green peppers and ginger between the rows of apple trees to keep the land going. Today, this orchard boasts a remarkable success rate of 90–95%, while the first fruits raised a beacon of hope for a better future. Ishwar credits Sankalp Foundation for guiding him and providing the saplings and is keenly looking forward to receiving more varieties to further consolidate a sustainable and gainful livelihood for the family.



5. Story of Hope – Mrs. Lila Tokbipi & Family (Biswanath, Assam)

Every visit to Mrs. Lila Tokbipi's farmland tells a story of care and dedication. She and her family nurture each sapling as if it were their own child. For them, these trees are not just plants—they are dreams for the future.

When asked what they expect from their farm, they shared with warmth:

Their children are still in pre-primary school, and though their economic condition is challenging, they believe that once the farm matures, it will support their children's education.

Alongside farming, the family also works as daily wage laborers and manages a small poultry unit. Yet, their hope remains firmly rooted in these saplings.

These trees symbolize more than livelihood—they are the parents' promise of a better tomorrow for their children. Mrs. Tokbipi's journey is a true example of resilience and how plantations can transform lives.



6. Guava Plantation: A Fruitful Path to Prosperity

Dinesh Singh, a smallholder farmer in Baluganj village in Aurangabad, had to battle hard for years on the traditional mode of farming to earn a measly ₹8,000–10,000 per month. But things took a turn for the better in 2023 when SankalpTaru Foundation started guava plantation activities in his area. After training, saplings were provided. He planted guava saplings on six acres and took extra care, and the orchard started yielding in the very first year. With assured markets in nearby cities and adequate railway connectivity, Dinesh is now earning ₹1.5 to 2 lakh every year, thus relieving him from all his financial worries. Inspired by his example, the youth of his village have plunged into this field, and many farmers have shifted to horticulture, transforming Baluganj from an area with only one guava orchard to fifteen in a single year.



7. Fields of Harvest: The Story of our farmers

They say a picture speaks a thousand words, but these images capture something far more profound—a story woven with dedication, resilience, and nature's boundless generosity.

Each frame holds a testament to the journey of growth. In the farmer's smile, there's the quiet relief of a harvest well-earned, a reward for months of patience and perseverance. In the hearts of our coordinators, you'll find the deep fulfillment of serving both the land and the hands that cultivate it, bridging the gap between sustainability and livelihoods.

And beyond them, the trees—standing tall and thriving—carry their own silent yet powerful narrative. Their lush canopies and sturdy trunks echo a tale of harmony, where human effort meets nature's rhythm, where every sapling planted is a promise of abundance, and where every leaf that rustles in the wind is a whisper of gratitude.



8. Seeds of Prosperity: Nagesh's Story

They say serving the community brings a deep sense of fulfillment. But when this service is rooted in a larger purpose—nurturing both the land and its people—it creates a lasting impact for generations to come.

Meet Nagesh, one of our farmer-beneficiaries, whose story embodies this transformation. Struggling to make ends meet, he once earned just ₹9,000 per month as a daily wage laborer. But in 2017, through our Rural Livelihood Support Program, he received 150 coconut saplings, which he nurtured with care and dedication.

Today, 70 of those trees bear fruit consistently, providing him with a steady and sustainable income. With each coconut selling for ₹25–30, his annual earnings have now soared to ₹3,15,000—a testament to the power of green livelihoods.

Through this series, we bring you inspiring, heartwarming stories that highlight the real impact of sustainable interventions—stories that connect you to the change you help create for the planet and its people.

Echoes of the Community

I own a 1-hectare piece of land, passed down to me by my father. However, due to a lack of financial resources, I had no choice but to work as a daily wage laborer, earning just Rs 300 per day.

In 2017, my life took a turn for the better when the SankalpTaru Foundation stepped in and planted 150 coconut trees on my land.

Today, thanks to their support, I am able to earn nearly three times my previous income.

Nagesh Naik
Chikmagalur, Karnataka

Our Community Stories

9. Preserving the Identity of Karbi Community, Assam

For generations, the Karbi community has lived in harmony with nature. But modernization and migration have started to erode their traditional way of life. Over the past two to three years, the SankalpTaru Foundation has been working closely with the local community to enhance their livelihoods.

This initiative strengthened the support for farmers and empowered them with a reliable source of income, enhancing their financial stability and promoting long-term economic growth.



Voices from the Karbi community, Assam

Interaction with **Apurva Bhandari** (Founder, SankalpTaru Foundation) and **Priyanka Negi** (COO)

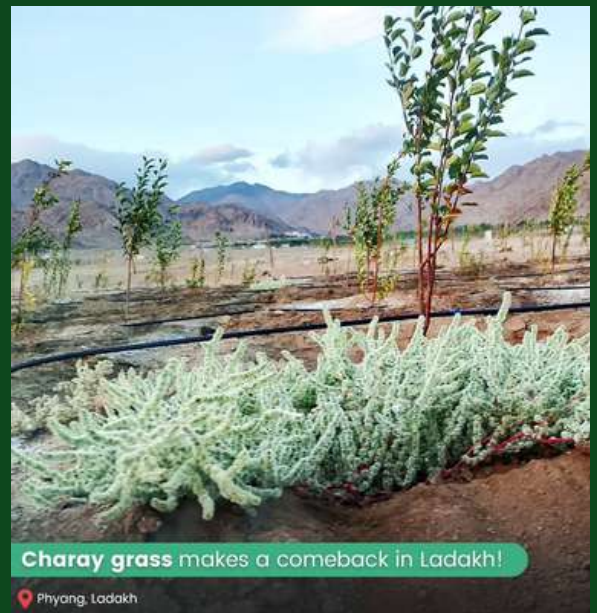
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10. Reviving Ladakh's Lost Green

In the rugged, high-altitude terrains of Ladakh, Charay grass, a native fodder species, once thrived naturally due to abundant groundwater and consistent rainfall. This grass played a crucial role in sustaining the region's livestock, growing across the landscape without much human intervention.

However, the impacts of climate change have significantly altered the local environment of Ladakh, leading to a drastic decline in rainfall and snowfall. As water resources dwindled, the once-abundant Charay grass began to disappear, endangering both the Himalayan ecosystem and the livelihoods dependent on it.



Charay grass makes a comeback in Ladakh!

Phyang, Ladakh

SankalpTaru's targeted ecological restoration efforts, including the reintroduction of native species and strategic irrigation practices, have contributed to the recovery of overall groundwater levels. This has fostered favorable conditions for the gradual resurgence of Charay grass, aiding in the restoration of native biodiversity.

11. DAK Village's Revival Journey

Watch this [video](#) to see how SankalpTaru has turned a once- denuded land, filled with invasive thorny bushes near Dak village, Abu Road, Rajasthan, into a thriving green haven through sustainable resource management and a solar-powered drip irrigation system.

A variety of trees, including Mango, Lemon, Arjun, Kher, Reetha, Kheri, Almond, and Sheesham etc. have been planted, enriching this thriving ecosystem. Grass has been flourishing between the trees, providing a grazing area for the livestock.

It has become not just a scenic place but has also become a vital habitat for wildlife!



Our Forester's Story

12. The Story of our Forester: Fabdul

Living in the remote border village of Ghotaru, Rajasthan, the life of Fabdul Khan was marked by hardship: childless, landless, and earning barely enough through goat rearing to look after his aging parents. Mocked by villagers and faced with the constant challenge of finding scarce water, he often felt that his life was like the desert around him—barren. And then everything changed when SankalpTaru Foundation entered his village, planting trees, digging a borewell, and offering him a permanent job as a forester. With a regular income and a source of clean water, Fabdul began rebuilding his dignity—caring for every sapling with devotion, supporting his parents, and walking with pride rather than shame. Initiatives by the Foundation, including a solar-powered water fridge and a free village school, transformed not just his life but also the lives of many other people in Ghotaru, replacing despair with hope and opportunity.

Fabdul's story is not just his own.

It is the story of countless others in border villages whose lives have been transformed by the green touch of SankalpTaru Foundation—bringing not just trees and water, but hope, dignity, and a new life.





 Karnataka

Before



After

The word “**restoration**” comes from the **Latin** word *restaurāre*, which means “**to renew, rebuild, or restore to a former condition.**” In an ecological context, the process of reviving an ecosystem that has been deteriorated, damaged, destroyed or disturbed by human activities such as deforestation, mining, overgrazing, pollution, or climate change is known as ecological restoration. Ecological restoration promotes revival of ecological balance, restores biodiversity, boosts local economies and helps in the fight against climate change. 2021–2030 has been designated as the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration by the United Nations.

Eco-restoration focuses on the recovery of degraded ecosystems and their natural balance, productivity and resilience. It aims to bring back the ecological balance of an area by reintroducing native plant species, improving soil fertility, conserving water and supporting natural regeneration. It assists in the reconstruction of the lost ecological balance by reintroduction of native species to improve soil fertility, conserving water, and supporting natural regeneration. It also contributes to combating climate change impacts by sequestering carbon and increasing resilience to severe weather conditions. In addition to environmental gains, eco-restoration ensures community participation, ensuring that local people benefit through improved livelihoods, ecosystem services, and resilience to environmental challenges. Further, sustainable rural livelihoods, green jobs opportunities, develops deep association between people and nature—ensuring ecological and social health for future generations.

Restoration goes beyond tree planting— it involves rebuilding the structure, function, and diversity of an ecosystem so that it can sustain itself over time. Restoration is done through a chain of strategic plantation efforts intended to meet varied ecological and social objectives. This includes the control of invasive species, soil and moisture conservation and creating conditions for native flora and fauna to thrive. Within plantation programs, restoration activities aim to increase green cover while addressing broader ecological goals such as carbon sequestration, climate resilience, and livelihood improvement. By combining scientific approaches with traditional knowledge, restoration initiatives contribute to long-term environmental recovery and socio-economic development, ensuring that both people and nature benefit from the outcomes. The **Community Barren Land Transformation Program** transforms wastelands and degraded lands into productive ecosystems that promote biodiversity and community livelihoods. Under the **Rural Livelihood Support Program**, we promote green cover while enhancing the economic welfare of farmer communities by incorporating trees into rural landscapes. At the urban level, the **Urban Plantation Program** greenifies city landscapes, enhancing air quality and community welfare. Concurrently, the **Clean and Green School Program** inculcates environmental consciousness among young minds by developing green schools and instilling ecological values since childhood. The programs collectively constitute an integrated strategy towards ecological rehabilitation— reclaiming land, empowering the people and guaranteeing a greener tomorrow.

Community Land Transformation Program

The Community Land Transformation Program involves the transformation of barren lands into lush, biodiverse forests by planting a mix of native medicinal, fruit-bearing, flowering and shade-giving trees. The program focuses on environmental restoration by increasing the green cover, which helps improve soil quality and supports water conservation. It also enhances biodiversity and creates habitats for local flora and fauna. Trees are nurtured until the forest becomes self-sustainable, after which it is handed over to the community or the authorities. The program involves community participation wherein the locals are trained in maintaining the forest and educating them on the environment and its conservation. The key outcomes include carbon sequestration, improvement in air quality, groundwater recharge, recreational green spaces for social well-being and preservation of cultural heritage for ecological, social and economic benefits to ensure long-term community well-being.

Let us look at some of the successful programs from last year:

Transforming Landfill into a Lush Green Forest

The infamous landfill in Ghaziabad, Delhi NCR was already at capacity, and sometimes a significant amount of waste was being burnt in the nearby streets. This unsegregated combustion of garbage was releasing harmful pollutants into the air, and the toxic leachate from the rainwater passing through the garbage was creating havoc for the ecosystem along with environmental hazards for the people living there.

Watch us create this [Plastic-Filled Land into a Permanent Green Layer of Trees](#) as our testimony to the fight against plastic pollution.



Strengthening Economic Resilience of Tribal Communities Through Project Hariyar Jharkhand

Tribal communities are among the most adversely affected by climate change. Recognizing their unique vulnerabilities, the SankalpTaru Foundation introduced the Santhali tribe of Jadugora, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand to the holistic approach of agroforestry. This approach is helping them with sustainable livelihood options. Besides strengthening their food security, the practice empowers them to preserve natural resources and fight against environmental challenges and climate change.



RESTORATION

Project Ghaziabad

One of our pioneer projects, where our dedicated efforts have successfully transformed a garbage-filled eyesore into a thriving green mini ecosystem! The rejuvenated site is now flourishing with native vegetation, providing a conducive habitat for birds and other creatures.



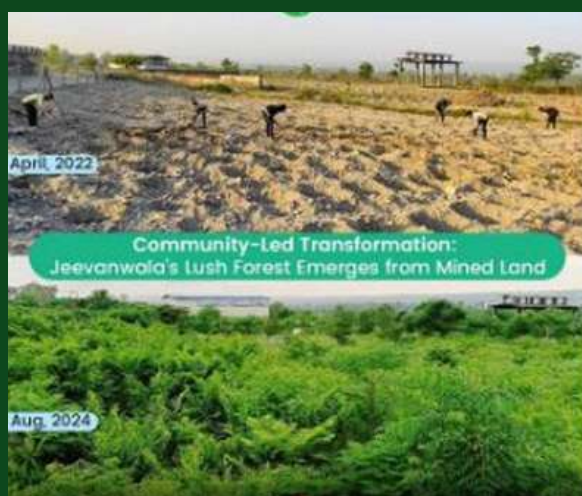
Project Bhavnam

One of the forerunner plantation projects of SankalpTaru Foundation is our Project Bhavnam which was initiated in 2018 with the objective of turning a part of the Aravali Hills of Manesar, Gurgaon into a green hub, generating free oxygen and reducing air pollution in Delhi NCR and offsetting the carbon footprint of city dwellers.

Community-Led Green Transformation in Jeevanwala, Uttarakhand

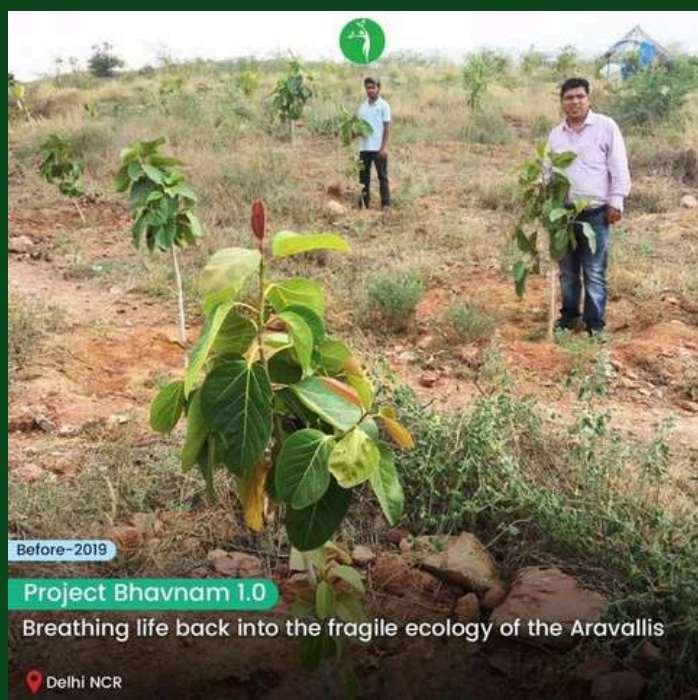
In 2021, the SankalpTaru Foundation partnered with the local Panchayat of Jeevanwala village, Dehradun, Uttarakhand to restore a partially mined land along the Song River by planting native trees. By August 2024, the area has been transformed into a flourishing green forest, home to diverse bird species and wildlife.

This thriving ecosystem showcases the power of community-driven efforts and the lasting benefits of ecological restoration.



A Journey of Ecological Restoration @ Aravallis

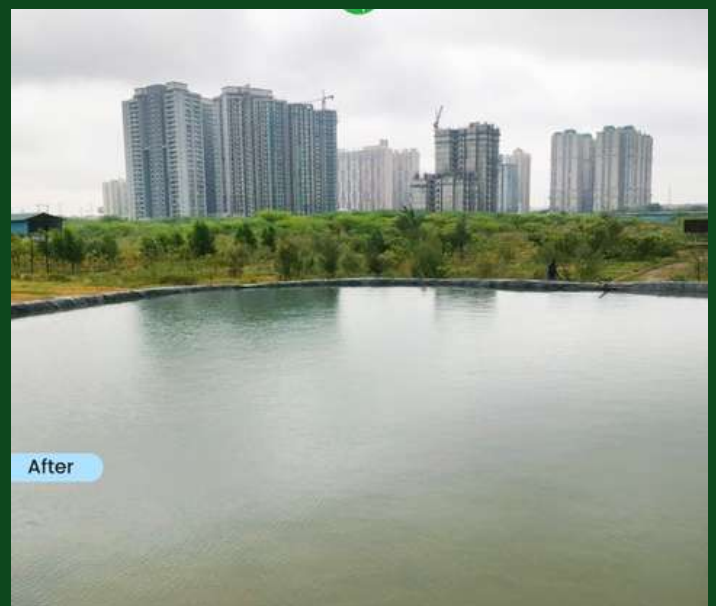
In 2018, SankalpTaru's dedicated foresters embarked on a journey up the rugged Aravalli slopes to evaluate a potential plantation site for Project Bhavnam 1.0. They were warmly welcomed by elder villagers who shared memories of the once-lush hills, now scarred by mining and ecological decline. Hearing about the reforestation plans, the elders enthusiastically recommended native species like Bargad, Amla, Peepal, and Neem, which were vital to the Aravalli ecosystem. Fast forward to 2024, the hills have been steadily regaining their green canopy, serving as a natural defense against desertification, a wildlife corridor, and a vital green belt for Delhi's environment.



Revitalization of Pratap Vihar dump site

Once burdened with over 500,000 tonnes of waste, the site underwent extensive excavation and biomining by the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation to remove harmful metals before being entrusted to SankalpTaru Foundation for plantation. Our foresters braved grueling conditions as they embarked on pre-plantation procedures, facing severe obstacles. Digging holes for the fencing revealed sharp remnants of the past, needles, injection syringes, nails, spikes, etc. These hidden hazards even injured one of our dedicated foresters, serving as a stark reminder of the unscrupulous harm inflicted on the land. The transformation of the 11-acre Pratap Vihar dump site into a thriving, solar-powered Community Forest exemplifies resilience and determination.

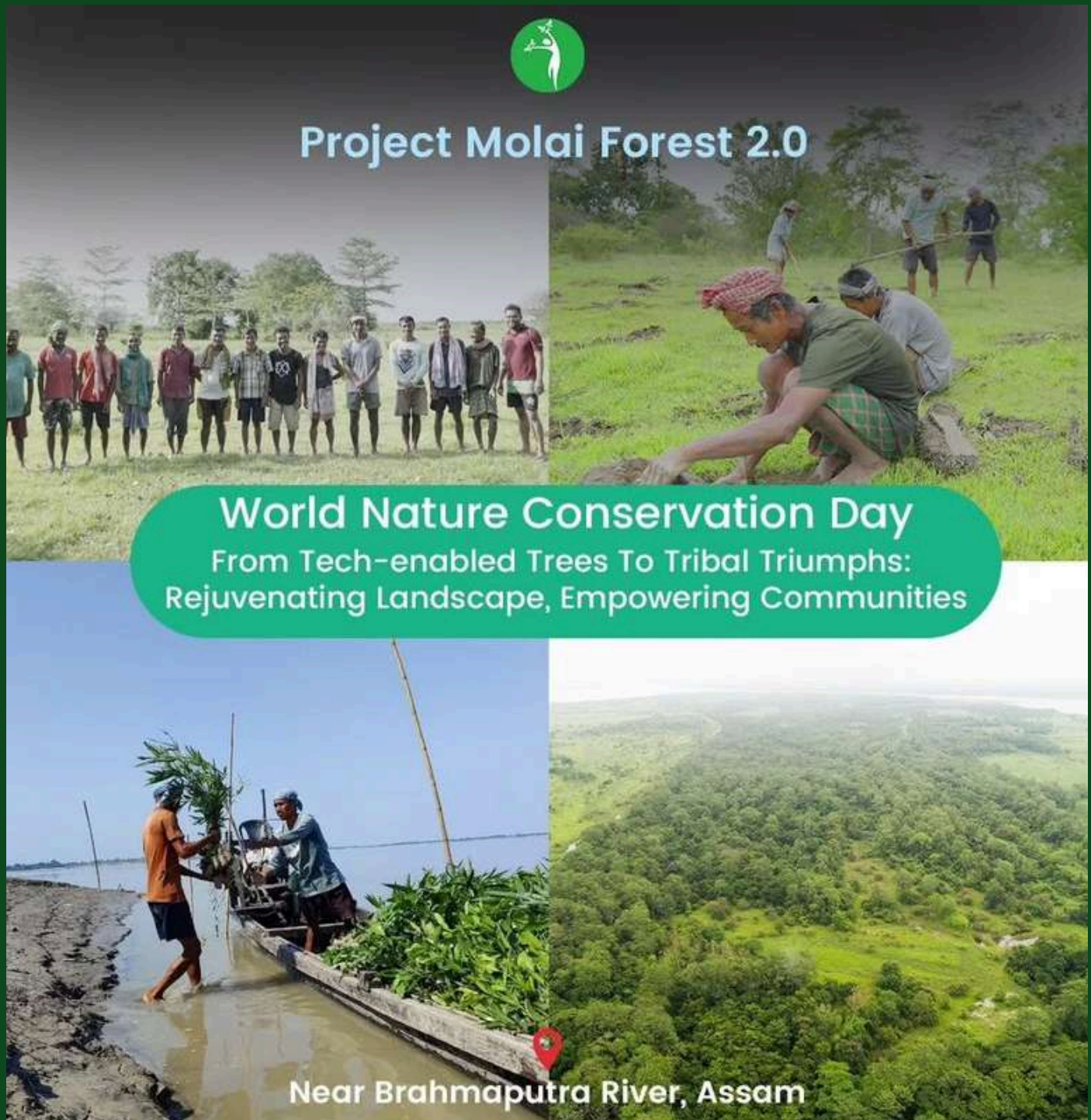
This remarkable revival underscores that with commitment, the right intentions, and collective effort, even the most damaged lands can be restored to life.



Project Molai Forest 2.0, Transforming Landscapes and Lives

Project Molai Forest 2.0, a groundbreaking afforestation initiative undertaken by SankalpTaru in collaboration with the Forest Man of India, Padma Shri, and Jadav Payeng. By integrating advanced technology with community involvement, Molai Forest 2.0 has been rejuvenating the landscape and empowering local tribes, ensuring a harmonious balance between nature and human well-being.

To know more about the project, watch the video [here](#).



Rural Livelihood Support Program

The Rural Livelihood Support Program (RLSP) seeks to uplift rural communities by improving livelihoods, promoting sustainable agroforestry and fostering environmental stewardship. The program focuses on enhancing fruit production and ensuring financial stability of farmers through scientific plantation methods that improve sapling survival rates. Along with providing a diversified source of income, it also raises awareness among local farmers about tree plantation, climate change and sustainable farming practices. Through the initiative, farmers are introduced to agroforestry models, multi-cropping systems and are also guided on better pest management techniques to improve productivity and resource utilization. RLSP promotes environmental sustainability by improving soil fertility and building climate resilience. At the same time, it generates economic benefits by diversifying livelihoods, increasing income and thereby strengthening financial security. Additionally, the program encourages farmer participation, promotes gender equality and contributes to holistic rural development. By combining ecological restoration with empowerment of rural farmers, RLSP drives long-term rural prosperity while advancing environmental sustainability.

Let us look at some of the successful programs from last year:

Project Hasiru Sankalpa- Karnataka

"When people ask, What kind of impact do our plantations have on the farmer-beneficiaries?

We often find ourselves saying, a picture speaks a thousand words!

Looking at these pictures, you can already feel the joy reverberating from our farmers' faces as they gather to receive newly arrived saplings from the SankalpTaru.

The view is nothing short of a celebration as they offer warm gratitude to our on-ground coordinators, reflecting their reverence and deeper bond with our team members.

So yes, pictures do speak for themselves, but ours also capture the heart of our mission and its true impact on the farming community.



Honored to be part of YES Foundation's journey!

We are thrilled to join YES Foundation in celebrating their 12th anniversary! Together, over the past two years, we've created ripples of positive change—we've built hope, resilience, and transformation.

We've Achieved Together:

- 🌱 Supported 350+ farmers across 11 states
- 🍏 Provided native fruit saplings, rejuvenating farms and families
- 🌍 Revitalized ecosystems, boosting biodiversity and enhancing rural livelihoods

"When vision meets action, transformation becomes inevitable—impacting lives and landscapes."

A big thank you to YES Foundation for recognizing our partnership and to Simar Mann for representing us on this proud occasion. Let's continue building a greener, brighter future together!



KIA Plantation

The Rural Livelihood Support Program (RLSP), in partnership with KIA, implemented an agroforestry initiative across 14 states. The program successfully planted 2,54,000 saplings, promoting sustainable land use and enhancing rural livelihoods through integrated agriculture and forestry practices. This intervention supports environmental conservation while providing long-term income opportunities for farmer beneficiaries.



Blue Dart Plantation

SankalpTaru Foundation, in collaboration with Blue Dart Express Limited, implemented a Rural Livelihood Support Plantation Program across different Indian states. The project aimed to enhance rural livelihoods while promoting environmental sustainability. A total of 1,11,000 saplings were planted under this program. This initiative not only contributes to ecological restoration but also supports rural communities through sustainable income opportunities and improved environmental resilience.



Mamaearth Plantation

In collaboration with Mamaearth, a plantation initiative was undertaken across Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The project focused on promoting sustainable rural livelihoods through large-scale plantation efforts, resulting in the planting of 1,81,000 saplings. This initiative not only contributed to environmental restoration but also supported local communities by enhancing income-generating opportunities and fostering eco-conscious practices aligned with Mamaearth's sustainability mission.



Urban Plantation

The main objective of the Urban Plantation Program is to contribute towards increasing green cover in cities to reduce pollution, improve air quality and develop a healthy and resilient urban environment. It involves tree plantation activities in parks, residential areas, streetscapes and public places. Native species are selected for plantation based on their suitability for urban environments. In doing so, this integrates trees into the urban infrastructure creating green spaces for recreation, mitigating the urban heat island effect, enhancing carbon sequestration and production of oxygen. Additionally, the program incorporates awareness and employee engagement with activities involving community participation, volunteerism, environmental stewardship and motivating citizens to minimize their carbon footprint. Over time, such efforts bring about sustainable and climate-resilient cities with increased biodiversity thereby offering a better quality of life for citizens.

Let us look at some of the successful programs from last year:

Urban Plantation Program

Shockingly, 80% of the world's top 50 polluted cities are in India. Recognizing the non-negotiable importance of well-being, Sankalp taru partners with stakeholders such as corporate organizations, residential societies, universities, schools etc. for urban sustainability.



Ortho Clinical Diagnostics India Private Limited Plantation

The Urban Plantation Program by Ortho Clinical Diagnostics India Private Limited is a significant green initiative that covers major Indian cities for improving urban biodiversity and air quality. Under this program, a total of 3,000 saplings were planted in identified, strategic urban locations to create green corridors and rejuvenate urban public spaces. This initiative reflects the company's strong commitment to environmental sustainability and community well-being by promoting urban greening, reducing carbon footprint and fostering a healthier and more sustainable ecosystem within densely populated city environments.



Clean and Green School Program

The Clean and Green School Program aims to develop an eco-friendly school campus through tree plantation and care. It instills environmental consciousness and discipline in the students that would help them become better citizens of the future. With the greening of campuses, there will not only be aesthetic improvement but also a positive effect on air quality and biodiversity, and the students will gain practical experience in environmental stewardship.



Celebrated Earth Day with Art & Action

On the occasion of Earth Day, we hosted an Art Competition and a tree Plantation drive under our Clean and Green School Program, engaging young minds in the beauty of art and the importance of protecting our planet.



2. Innovation & Technology– Greening the Planet through Data, Design and Digital Transparency

FY 2024–25 was a landmark year for technological innovation at SankalpTaru. We deepened our focus on harnessing digital tools, renewable energy and smart systems to enhance transparency, efficiency and ecological resilience. At SankalpTaru, we believe that the future of greening is intrinsically linked with digital innovation and smart systems. This year, we went beyond the traditional means of plantation to create a measurable, effective and transparent ecosystem for sustainability. We endeavor to use tools such as LoRaWAN-powered smart monitoring, renewable energy and intuitive digital design to ensure every tree we plant not only survives but thrives. From deploying ForeSTation 2.0 devices that turn plantations into 'living, measurable ecosystems' to empowering communities with the simple, joyful mechanics of the Cycle Pump, our innovations are designed to make sustainability both scientific and deeply participatory. Through these advancements, including the highly successful Mission H2O campaign and the launch of our transparent e-Plantation workflow, SankalpTaru is leading India's green innovation movement with confidence and proves that technology is a powerful tool for securing a vibrant and resilient future.

ForeSTation 2.0 — Smart Forest Monitoring

Our next-generation **ForeSTation 2.0** devices, now powered by **LoRaWAN technology**, bring real-time environmental insights from the remotest plantations.

Each device measures **soil moisture, temperature, humidity, and pressure**, transmitting data directly to our dashboards. The system also integrates **solar-powered cameras** for remote visual monitoring, enabling faster response to plant stress and climatic variations.

ForeSTation 2.0 turns every plantation into a living, measurable ecosystem.



Cycle Pump — Pedal Power Meets Purpose

Innovation can be simple, human, and joyful. The Cycle Pump — our pedal-powered irrigation system — transforms mechanical energy into water flow, allowing effortless watering of plants without electricity. Installed in schools and project sites, it inspires communities, especially children, to see sustainability as fun and participatory.



Mission H2O — Conserving Every Drop

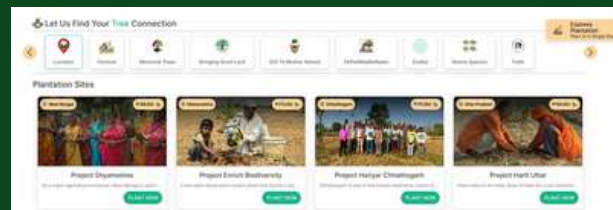
Our Mission H2O campaign continued to expand this year, blending traditional water wisdom with modern tracking. Smart monitoring tools now help assess water levels and storage capacity in ponds and check dams, ensuring 50 million litres of water conserved across regions.

By linking water with trees, Mission H2O sustains plantations, recharges groundwater, and builds resilience against drought.



Fresh e-Plantation Workflow — Digital Transparency for Donors

We introduced a **new e-plantation workflow** on our website to make tree gifting seamless and transparent. Donors can now select projects, dedicate trees, and instantly receive **geo-tagged photographs**, **QR codes**, and **CerTreeificates™**.



Ladakh Research Centre — Innovation in the High Himalayas

We laid the foundation for our **Research Centre in Ladakh**, a pioneering hub for climate-resilient innovations.

The centre will focus on **cold-desert agroforestry**, **soil moisture retention**, and **renewable energy-based irrigation systems**, offering new learning and livelihood opportunities for farmers in the region.

It is envisioned as a bridge between traditional Himalayan wisdom and cutting-edge sustainability science.



Solar-Powered Drip Irrigation — Every Drop Counts

Our field teams have begun **piloting solar-powered drip irrigation** systems that combine clean energy with water efficiency.

By using sunlight to power precision irrigation, these models deliver optimal water directly to plant roots — reducing waste, lowering costs, and improving survival rates.

This innovation is paving the way for self-sustaining, low-carbon plantation ecosystems.



"A plant offers life, and at SankalpTaru, our innovations help keep that life thriving every single day."

Through **ForeSTation 2.0**, **Mission H2O**, the **Cycle Pump**, and our growing suite of **renewable and digital solutions**, SankalpTaru continues to lead India's green innovation movement — proving that sustainability and technology can thrive together.



SankalpTaru PEEPAL Research Centre

The Peepal Research Centre, located in the foothills of Uttarakhand serves as a centre of excellence for sustainable agriculture and agro-forestry practices. Its core vision is to empower farmers with high-quality seeds, cutting-edge techniques and technical support to improve yields, enhance survival rates of plantation and boost financial returns. PRC's mission revolves around creating a self-sustaining innovative ecosystem within the realm of circular economy—where waste production is minimized, supporting the reuse and recycling of products. Among its focus areas are ultra-high density plantations, hydroponics, integrated farming systems and IoT-enabled farming. The name PEEPAL itself stands for People, Environment, Experiment, Prosperity, Agroforestry and Learning signalling the centre's holistic approach that connects socio-economic empowerment with environmental regeneration.



Water Conservation (Mission H2O, Jal Minar, Pond Restoration and Rainwater Harvesting)

Water conservation refers to the judicious and efficient use of the Earth's limited fresh water supply to prevent wastage. It allows an adequate supply of clean water for both present and future needs. This practice involves a wide range of actions including simple daily habits such as turning off the tap while brushing the teeth to use of advanced technologies such as water-efficient appliances and rainwater harvesting, down to large-scale methods of efficient irrigation systems in agriculture. The key goal is to safeguard the most precious natural resource by promoting its responsible usage and reducing wastage to ensure its availability for future generations.

Water conservation is important because freshwater is a limited resource and we all rely on it. The main purposes of water conservation are to ensure adequate, quality water supplies for current and future generations, protect aquatic ecosystems and build resilience against climate change and population growth. Conservation is also crucial for the environment: it ensures that rivers, lakes and wetlands have enough water to support plants and animals that call them home. Finally, saving water saves energy since much power is used in pumping, treating and heating water before it reaches our homes, thereby reducing our overall carbon footprint.

At SankalpTaru Foundation, we address water scarcity through several initiatives, including our flagship program– Mission H2O. It is the core strategy of SankalpTaru to link water conservation with tree plantation, ensuring consistent water availability that leads to high survival rates and long-term environmental impact. The foundation achieves this through active recharging of underground water using borewell recharge systems and through construction and rejuvenation of large community ponds to efficiently harvest rainwater. By conserving water in this manner and popularizing it as a community-led initiative, the concept of "saving water by the people, for the people", Mission H2O builds drought resilience, making the afforestation program highly sustainable and effective.



Lake Rejuvenation

The Lake Rejuvenation Program addresses the critical issue of water scarcity by establishing a successful model for sustainable water management through collaborative corporate and non-profit partnerships. The initiative focuses on comprehensive water body restoration with particular emphasis on desilting, dredging and embankment strengthening to transform the existing structure into a highly functional rainwater harvesting system. This critical infrastructure work showcases increase in water storage, boosts vital groundwater recharge and immensely contributes to local climate resilience thereby securing this sustainable water source for the surrounding communities. Moreover, it also provides for strong ecological restoration including plantation of native tree species that helps in carbon sequestration and strengthens the overall ecological balance of the region. Robust Community Awareness and Engagement ensures long-term maintenance of the project site, facilitates local employment generation and improves overall water availability.



Jal Minar

The Jal Minar is a part of a comprehensive school infrastructure program designed to enhance the learning environment and well-being of students in underserved areas, particularly those lacking basic utilities. The initiative focuses on installation of solar-powered water dispensing units to provide safe, potable drinking water, thereby improving student health and reducing the dependency on labor-intensive or electricity-reliant water sources. Concurrently, the program includes the installation of solar-powered fans in classrooms to offer a comfortable, climate-resilient learning environment during extreme heat, promoting the use of clean renewable energy across the school infrastructure. Implementation follows a systematic four-phase plan from initial site assessment and infrastructure setup to capacity building for long-term maintenance with the added potential to expand water services to surrounding village communities. Ultimately, this program aligns with key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by achieving significant outcomes, including improved access to sustainable drinking water, a positive environmental impact through reduced energy reliance and better educational metrics such as increased student participation and retention.



Mission H2O

At SankalpTaru Foundation, we believe that tree plantation and water conservation must go hand in hand to create a sustainable future. Mission H2O is our dedicated campaign to combat water scarcity through practical, impactful actions that benefit both the environment and local communities.

Our rainwater harvesting work under Mission H2O does more than just prevent floods. It brings real benefits to the entire ecosystem. When we collect rainwater, we're stopping stormwater from rushing down and causing floods. We're also storing water that communities can use during dry spells and droughts. This takes pressure off wells and traditional water sources that are already running low. Plus, these systems stop soil from washing away around homes and villages and they help protect the environment overall.

Through Mission H2O, we're working with local people to build solutions that handle both problems – too much water when it floods and too little water when it doesn't rain. It's about helping communities become resilient and thrive regardless of changing weather patterns.



#MissionH2O Updates

Rainwater Harvesting Initiative in Uttarakhand

At SankalpTaru Foundation, we are committed to nurturing both nature and communities through sustainable interventions. Our Mission H2O initiative in Khyarsi village, located in the Jaunpur Block of Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand, addresses critical water challenges faced by the region. The village experiences extreme water scarcity, particularly during summer months with insufficient rainfall leaving the land arid and unproductive. The barren mountain terrain suffers from severe soil erosion and poor water retention capacity, creating ongoing struggles for the community whose agriculture and daily life are severely impacted by persistent water shortages.

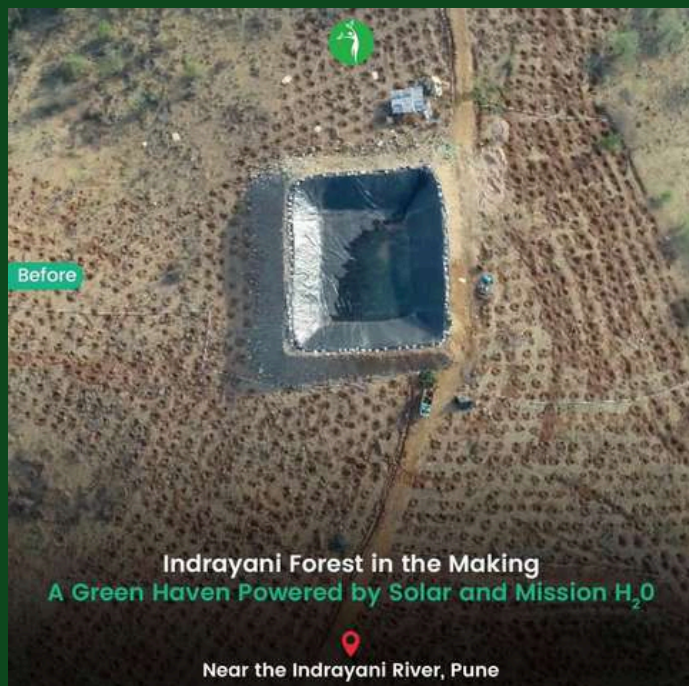
To tackle these challenges, Mission H2O has established a large-scale Geo-pond rainwater harvesting system measuring 100L x 30B x 15D feet, with an impressive storage capacity of 11,00,000 liters. This system captures and stores monsoon rains to ensure reliable irrigation for afforestation efforts enabling the creation of dense tree cover in the area. The stored water also serves as a vital source for local cattle and wildlife improving biodiversity and restoring ecological balance in the region. Through sustained tree plantations supported by this water infrastructure, the initiative enhances the area's microclimate, recharges groundwater levels and significantly reduces soil erosion. A cornerstone of the project's success is active community participation in both planning and maintenance activities, which fosters a sense of ownership among villagers and builds lasting awareness about water conservation practices.



Revitalizing the Indrayani River: Harnessing Solar Energy and Water Conservation for a Sustainable Forest

One of our most ambitious projects is the creation of a vast forest near the Indrayani River, Pune, spanning over 250 acres with a periphery of more than 6 kilometers.

Conforming to our initiative #MissionH2O, the afforestation project includes the establishment of a significant water body designed for rainwater harvesting. This not only helps conserve water but also ensures a steady supply for trees and plants throughout the year.



Resurrecting Ghaziabad's Landfills Into a Resilient Ecosystem

Our dedicated team has been working tirelessly to reclaim the landfill of Ghaziabad and turn it into a haven of biodiversity.

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we've integrated our initiative #MissionH2O to complement this afforestation project.

By implementing an inbuilt water harvesting body, we are conserving water and ensuring the sustenance of this plantation site.

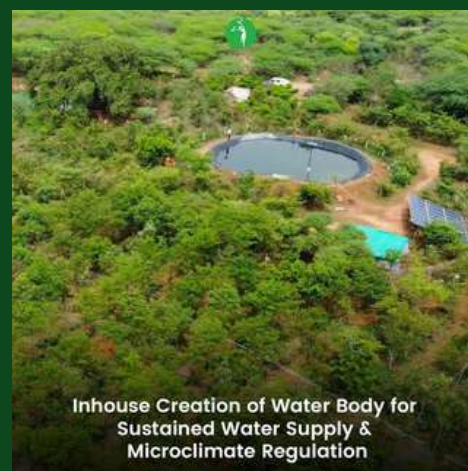
From improved air quality to increased green spaces to addressing water scarcity in the region, the transformation of this landfill into a forest is creating a myriad of socio-environmental benefits for the city dwellers of Ghaziabad.



Reviving Nature at Project Bhavnam In Delhi NCR

Once a barren land, Project Bhavnam flourishes with vibrant greenery and has become a haven for thriving flora and fauna.

In line with our #MissionH2O, the plantation site is supported by an in-house water body and a solar-powered drip irrigation system. Ensuring a consistent water supply to sustain the plantation site, this water body is also contributing to biodiversity enhancement, soil health improvement, a natural filtration system, and conducive microclimate regulation.



Wetland Intervention (Mangrove Restoration)

Wetlands are vital to our environment as they breathe life into ecosystems just like lungs breathe oxygen into our bodies. Wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems on Earth supporting both wildlife and human communities that depend on them for food, water and livelihoods. These water-rich areas play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance. Wetland intervention means taking action to protect, restore or improve these water bodies and help them function naturally. We intervene to maintain the ecological balance that wetlands provide. They purify water, control floods, protect biodiversity and help regulate climate. Our work includes removing built-up silt, clearing invasive plant species, improving water flow, replanting native vegetation and even creating new wetlands in degraded areas. Through these efforts, wetland interventions ensure these ecosystems continue providing vital environmental, social and economic benefits to communities and wildlife.

The main objective of wetland restoration is to reverse the damage from pollution, encroachment and human-induced degradation. Since the 1700s, the world has lost nearly 87% of its wetlands. This loss has led to declining biodiversity, reduced water availability and increased vulnerability to floods and droughts. Restoring wetlands revives their ecological functions such as water filtration, carbon sequestration and habitat restoration. At the same time, restoration improves the livelihoods for communities that depend on them. Furthermore, wetland restoration ensures long-term sustainability by addressing impacts of climate change, reducing disaster risks and strengthening the connection between people and nature.

SankalpTaru Foundation restores wetland by a proper integration of ecological restoration and community participation. Our mangrove restoration project in the Sunderbans focuses on bringing degraded coastal areas back to life by planting native mangrove species. This is done through site preparation followed by raising saplings in community nurseries, mostly managed by local women. These saplings are then planted along riverbanks to prevent erosion and enhance biodiversity. We continuously monitor the saplings to ensure healthy growth and protection. Beyond restoration, we empower local communities through training in sustainable livelihoods like eco-tourism and responsible fishing. This approach ensures both ecological balance and economic resilience.



Mangrove Restoration

Safeguarding Sundarbans Through Project Mangrove Restoration

Mangrove plantations in the Sundarbans are indispensable for ecological balance, climate regulation, and the well-being of local communities.

Being a biodiversity hotspot that serves as a breeding ground for fish and other marine life, they are also incredibly effective at carbon sequestration, capturing up to four times more carbon per unit area than terrestrial forests. Their dense root system stabilizes the coastline, reducing erosion caused by storm surges, currents, waves and tides.

Despite their vital role in the environment, they face significant deforestation, pollution and climate change threats. Rising sea levels and increased salinity pose additional risks.

To address these challenges, SankalpTaru started Project Mangrove Restoration as protecting and expanding these vital forests is a regional and global necessity.



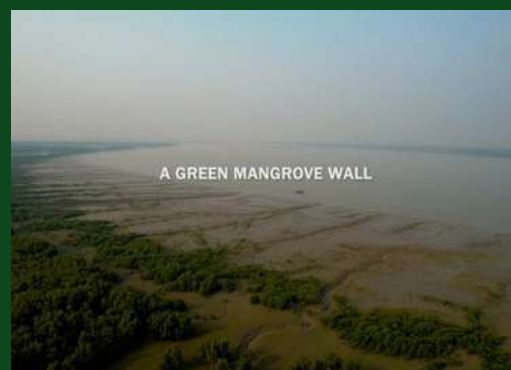
Project Mangrove Restoration

One of our most challenging endeavors centered on safeguarding a delicate ecosystem in Sundarbans, serving as a protective shield to the local communities against natural disasters. We are fully committed to constructing the Green Wall of Mangroves.



SankalpTaru's efforts to restore the Nature Shield @ Sundarbans

The Sundarbans is a mangrove area in the delta formed by the confluence of the Ganges, Brahmaputra, and Meghna rivers in the Bay of Bengal. It is home to iconic species like the Royal Bengal Tiger 🐅 and serves as a lifeline for millions. But climate change, rising sea levels, and intensifying cyclones are threatening its ecosystem.



SankalpTaru Foundation, in response, has launched a transformative Mangrove Restoration Program, blending ecological conservation with community resilience. ❤️

✨ **Our Impactful Interventions:**

- ✓ **7 mangrove species** planted across North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, and Meghanapur in West Bengal
- ✓ **Empowering Local Communities:** With Samprada communities, over **50 local women** now lead nursery and plantation efforts, **gender equality** and **economic independence** is at our core.
- ✓ **Livelihood support:** 1,000+ families
- ✓ **Geo-tagging and Monitoring:** Tracking every sapling for accountability.
- ✓ **Strategic Plantation:** Tailored for Sundarbans, land preparation, post plantation care.

We, at SankalpTaru, are committed to restoring ecosystems that support a balance between nature and community.

Navigating narrow, unpredictable waterways on boats loaded with fragile saplings



Raising mangrove saplings in the Sundarbans is no easy feat!



Digging through tough, compacted soils to battling sinking feet in swampy terrains



Safeguarding mangroves from constant tidal erosion, wildlife and landslides



Beyond our Operation Models

SankalpTaru Foundation does not stop at tree plantations. True to our tagline- “We don’t just plant!”, we are committed to driving holistic and sustainable change that improves lives, restores ecosystems and empowers communities. This commitment is reflected in our diverse programs such as ST Move, HUGE, GramYumm and Planet Hero, each contributing to our broader vision of holistic sustainability.

Beyond ecological restoration, we address crucial community needs by improving adolescent nutrition through Poshan Kit Distribution and promoting clean, renewable energy and effective waste management with household Biogas Installations. To revive barren and inaccessible landscapes, we employ innovative solutions like Drone Seed Bombing, while educational initiatives such as Aapno School and Stationery Kit Distribution expand learning opportunities for rural children. Taken together, these programs constitute our integrated approach towards sustainability where environmental conservation and community development go hand in hand.

1. ST MOVE: A Movement for Climate Change

ST Move is SankalpTaru's collective movement that unites individuals, corporates and communities for climate action. The initiative encourages everyone to take small yet consistent steps toward sustainability through mindful consumption, eco-conscious living and active participation in tree plantation drives. Launched in May 2023, the initiative began with a remarkable journey by our Founder, Apurva Bhandari. He embarked on a 1,300 km cycling expedition from Ghotaru in Rajasthan's Thar Desert. The journey aimed to raise awareness about global warming and climate change. During this mission, he also established a small school in Gajuo Ki Dhani, a village in Ghotaru that had previously been illiterate. Over the past year, ST Move has continued to inspire urban citizens, farmers and rural communities alike. The initiative bridges the gap between awareness and action through a range of impactful activities. These include tree plantation drives, volunteering programs and clean-up initiatives led by the SankalpTaru Forest Force. Through these efforts, ST Move promotes sustainable tourism, responsible waste management and civic participation in environmental restoration. Under ST Move, environmentalism transforms from a distant cause into a shared lifestyle and collective responsibility.



2. HUGE: Healthy Us Through Greening Environment

HUGE is a purpose-driven employee engagement initiative by SankalpTaru Foundation that integrates physical fitness with environmental action. Designed to strengthen ESG and sustainability commitments, the HUGE App motivates participants through a gamified step challenge. Every step taken contributes to real-world ecological impact such as tree plantations, CO₂ reduction, and rural development.

Each participant receives 10 Greens upon participating in the program. Greens are the virtual currency of HUGE, earned through daily activities and redeemed for tangible environmental impact. Participants collect Greens by completing fitness challenges, hitting daily step targets and volunteering in environmental campaigns. When a participant accumulates 1,000 Greens, they can donate them to plant a tree in their name creating a lasting green legacy.

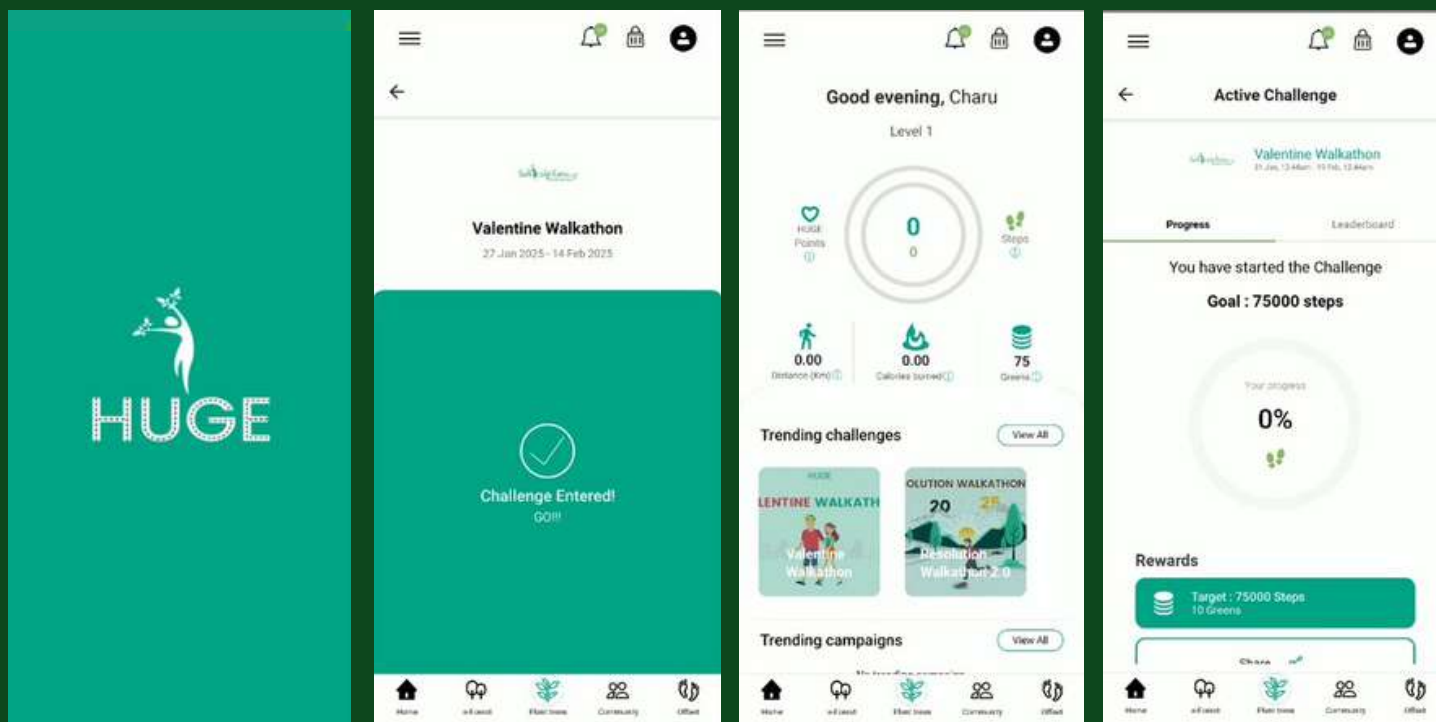
To recognize outstanding commitment, one tree is planted in the name of each of the top 10 winners of every challenge cycle, celebrating those who lead by example in both wellness and environmental stewardship. The key objectives of this initiative are:

BURN n EARN: Take part in fitness Challenges as simple as walking, volunteer in Campaigns, complete your daily targets and earn Greens to avail exciting offers.

CALCULATE n OFFSET: Measure your carbon emissions with our footprint calculator and offset them into meaningful action.

CLEAN n CONSERVE: Participate in environmental Campaigns individually or collectively to drive local and global change.

By linking wellness with green responsibility, HUGE transforms daily movement into meaningful change. It's more than fitness– it's a collective movement for self, for society and for the planet.



IMPACT (APRIL 2024 – MARCH 2025): HIGHLIGHTS FROM WALKATHONS

Monthly Themed Walkathons

Each month, participants were encouraged to walk for the planet, linking personal health with environmental action.

April 2024

Earth Day Walkathon
Mother’s Day Walkathon

May 2024

World Environment Day
Walkathon
Beat the Heat Walkathon

June 2024

Vanmahotsav Walkathon
Walk with your Parents
Walkathon

July 2024

Independence Day Walkathon

August 2024

Rakshabandhan Walkathon
Teacher’s Day Walkathon

September 2024

Ozone Gaurdians Walkathon
Heart & Sole Walkathon

October 2024

Haryali Aur Khushali Wali
Diwali Walkathon

November 2024

Children’s Day Walkathon
Smart Life Walkathon

December 2024

Walk Your Way to a Better
Tomorrow!!
Resolution Walkathon
Republic Day Walkathon

January 2025

Valentine Walkathon

February 2025

Spring Walkathon

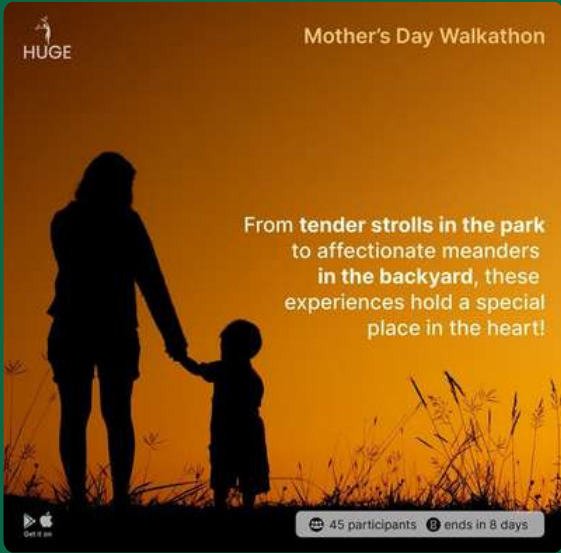
March 2025

Earth Day Walkathon

April 2024



Earth Day Walkathon



Mother's Day Walkathon

May 2024

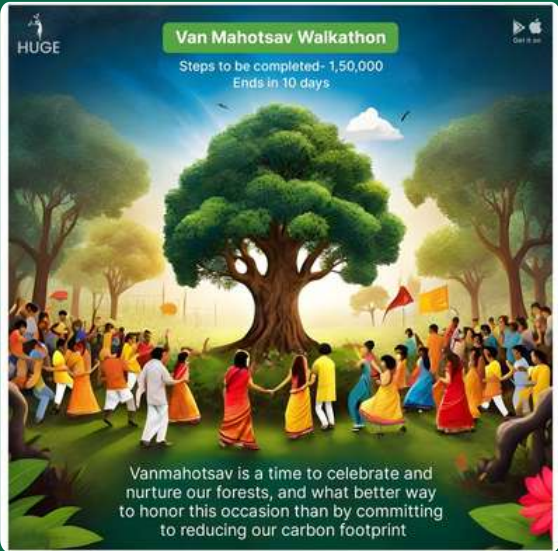


World Environment Day Walkathon



Beat the Heat Walkathon

June 2024



Vanmahotsav Walkathon



Walk with your Parents Walkathon

July 2024

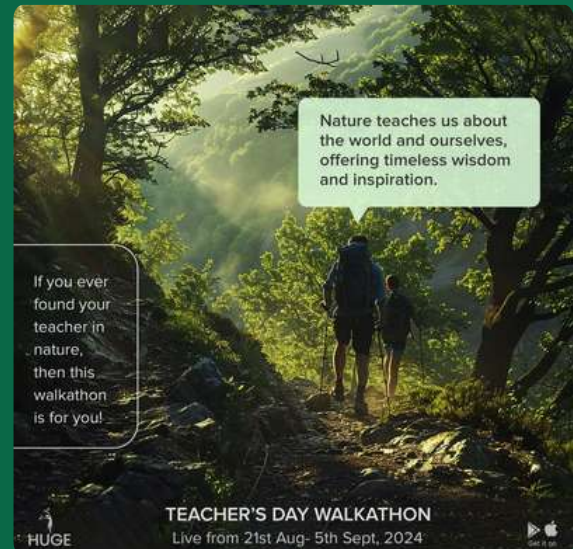


Independence Day Walkathon

August 2024



Rakshabandhan Walkathon



Teacher's Day Walkathon

September 2024



Ozone Gaurdians Walkathon



Heart & Sole Walkathon

October 2024



Haryali Aur Khushali Wali
Diwali Walkathon

November 2024



Children's Day Walkathon



Smart Life Walkathon

December 2024



Resolution Walkathon



Republic Day Walkathon

January 2025:



Valentine Walkathon

February 2025:



Spring Walkathon

March 2025



Earth Day Walkathon

Resolution Walkathon 2.0

A year-long challenge to promote consistent participation and long-term commitment to eco-fitness. For every step taken, participants earned "Greens" that funded tree plantations on farmers' fields, uplifting livelihoods and reducing carbon emissions.

IMPACT NUMBERS

Walkathons Organised (April' 2024 to March, 2025) = 22

Number of Saplings Planted = 3413

CO2 sequestered = 2549.13 tonnes

O2 sequestered = 1783.46 tonnes

Tree cover generated = 13.54 acres

Number of farmers benefitted = 32

3. GRAMYUMM

Connecting Rural Farms to Urban Homes

At GramYumm, SankalpTaru bridges the gap between rural farms and eco-conscious consumers by empowering farmers across India. Our vision is rooted in a thriving rural economy built on sustainable livelihoods, organic farming, and eco-friendly practices. What makes SankalpTaru different is a short transparent supply chain with no middlemen, just fair prices, directly to those who grow and make your food. Every product is 100% natural, ethically sourced, and sustainably processed, ensuring better health for you and better income for our rural communities. GramYumm is more than a marketplace as it is grounded in fair trade, circular economy principles, and a deep respect for local traditions. It's a movement for sustainable living, farmer empowerment, and environmental stewardship.

NEW PRODUCT LAUNCHES



Tez Patta (Indian Bay Leaves)

A fragrant addition to your meals and a symbol of wholesome well-being.



Halka Phulka – The Perfect Summer Snack!

Light, crispy, and healthy—crafted for guilt-free indulgence.



Maharashtra Raisins

A natural burst of sweetness, perfect for both snacking and cooking.



Rajasthani Jeera

The authentic spice of Rajasthan—bringing depth, aroma, and flavor to every dish.



Moringa Leaves

The superfood of the season—pure, nutrient-rich, and sourced directly from our farmer partners.



Nuttelal

Rich in Omega-3 and Omega-6 fatty acids, promoting brain health and holistic wellness.



Saar Deep

Eco-friendly diyas crafted by women farmers using cow dung and soil. After burning, the ash nourishes plants—symbolizing a complete return to nature.



GramYumm Gardening Kit

Experience the joy of growing your own herbs and greens at home. With the GramYumm Gardening Kit, sustainability begins right at your doorstep.

4. PLANET HERO

Planet Hero is SankalpTaru Foundation's flagship initiative launched in 2022 to inspire children to care for the environment through small yet meaningful actions. This interactive and creative platform makes environmental learning engaging through stories, activities, and thought-provoking content encouraging young minds to explore sustainability with curiosity and empathy. From tree plantation and recycling to wildlife protection and water conservation, Planet Hero nurtures early awareness and emotional connection with nature. This year, the initiative expanded through the Green Champions Podcast, Van Mahotsav Week celebrations with volunteers from The British School, New Delhi, and intern Amaira. This included the exciting relaunch of Planet Hero as a dynamic comic series that brings sustainability lessons to life. It's more than a campaign- it's a journey to raise a generation of young changemakers and true ambassadors of the Earth.



5. Poshan Kit Distribution Program

The Poshan Kit Distribution Program by SankalpTaru Foundation works towards promoting the health and welfare of school going adolescent girls in rural communities with essential nutritious food items. This initiative aims to spread awareness about adolescent health and the importance of healthy food habits. As a tangible step toward this goal, we distribute nutrient-rich food items to encourage better eating habits among adolescent girls. Through this program we also distribute solar lanterns for access to clean renewable energy in these remote areas. Beyond the physical health benefits, the program provides young girls with opportunities to concentrate on education and personal development by reducing malnutrition. By combining nutrition, sustainability and community empowerment, the Poshan Kit initiative helps in building more healthy and resilient rural communities.

6. Aapno School

The Aapno School Program by the SankalpTaru Foundation is a crucial initiative designed to deliver education in remote areas of Rajasthan. Aapno School (in Gajuo Ki Dhani, Rajasthan) was inaugurated on May 20th, 2023, as part of the ST Move Campaign. It features a sustainable architectural design built to withstand the harsh climatic conditions of the area while providing a healthy learning environment. Its primary mission is to ensure that education is accessible to deserving children, thus aiming to break the cycle of illiteracy and empower the community. Beyond primary education, the school focuses on holistic development of the students, with children enthusiastically engaging in lessons ranging from English and Hindi alphabets and mathematical counting to environmental studies.



Celebrating One Year with Aapno School

As Aapno School completes its first year, the initiative by SankalpTaru Foundation stands as a testament to how inclusive education can transform a community. Built with sustainable architecture to withstand the region's harsh weather, Aapno School has spent the past year working to break the cycle of illiteracy and fostering healthy growth and development for children who have long lacked access to education.

Throughout the inaugural year, we have focused on holistic development by integrating faith and physical activities, strengthening foundational knowledge, and encouraging a healthy competitive spirit with our diverse curriculum.

We have also emphasized the importance of nutrition, eco-friendly practices and religious respect through various community activities. Having welcomed children and adults of all ages and backgrounds, Aapno School is committed to spreading education and fostering community growth throughout the village. This first year marks only the beginning of a long-term journey toward empowering communities through learning.



7. Biogas Installation

The Biogas Installation Program promotes clean and renewable energy in rural households by converting everyday organic waste like cow dung and kitchen scraps into cooking fuel and organic fertilizer. Through a compact biogas system, waste is mixed with water to create a slurry that undergoes anaerobic digestion in a sealed reactor and produces biogas which is further utilised for cooking. The other product produced is bio-slurry which is highly rich in nutrients and is used in farming. This initiative provides households with a sustainable alternative to firewood and kerosene, helping reduce indoor air pollution, improve health and lower greenhouse gas emissions. It also saves women's considerable time and effort by reducing the need to collect traditional fuel sources. By converting waste into a valuable resource, the program promotes environment-friendly waste management and access to clean energy.



8. Seedball Making

The Seedball Making and Dispersal Program, also known as Beejyaan, is SankalpTaru Foundation's innovative effort for supporting natural regeneration and restoring green cover in barren and unreachable landscapes. Drawing inspiration from the process of how birds and animals disperse seeds, the Foundation does the same with the help of seedballs—small balls of native seeds wrapped in soil and manure. Google Earth surveys are conducted prior to dispersion of seeds for locating barren lands, studying soil condition and human-inaccessible areas where plantation can not be done.



The seedballs are then dispersed manually or through drone seed bombing, especially during the monsoon season for adequate moisture at the time of germination. Seedballs have not only been dispersed by drone but also distributed through schools and women's groups in landslide-prone regions. To maximize impact, school-children and women are encouraged to scatter them along their way home, wherever they find a spot that needs greenery or is suitable for planting. This initiative supports large-scale reforestation and also enables community participation, environmental awareness and sustainable ecosystem restoration.

Office Seedball Making

Our Seed Ball Making Sessions are not just about bonding but also about caring for the environment! These seed balls, crafted in the office premises, carry the potential of transforming landslide-prone areas into lush green spaces.

For more information about Our programs and how to get involved, you can visit the website:

<https://sankalptaru.org/corporate-partnership-program/>



9. Potted Plant Activity

The Potted Plant Activity is an engaging initiative meant for developing greenery awareness and making the school and society a greener one. Through this activity, students engage in planting indoor plants that enhance the beauty of their surroundings along with purifying air by absorbing pollutants and producing oxygen. Their presence contributes to a healthier and cooler environment. Simultaneously, it helps young learners develop a sense of responsibility and a caring attitude towards the natural environment. This basic initiative inspires young minds towards sustainability in life to understand the need for nurturing greenery for a better future.



10. Stationery Kit Distribution

The Stationery Kit Distribution Program by SankalpTaru Foundation supports underprivileged students, especially those from poor backgrounds. The program aims to provide essential learning materials and equal opportunities for education available to all. Schools are selected based on need within the community and stationery requirements are assessed jointly with teachers and other community stakeholders. Every enrolled student gets a stationery kit comprising the basic stationery items needed in school. This reduces financial burdens on families and ensures that no child should be without basic learning tools.



The program ensured increased class participation, enthused student morale and eventually regular attendance, as the children come prepared for classes each day. The program builds greater community engagement through the involvement of parents, schools and CSR partners while contributing to ensuring Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

In essence, programs like Planet Hero, ST Move, HUGE and GramYumm embody SankalpTaru Foundation's holistic approach, seamlessly blending education, action, innovation and empowerment. When integrated with essential community-focused initiatives such as the Poshan Kit Distribution, Aapno School, Biogas Installation, Seedball Making and Stationery Kit Distribution, they form the living roots of our expanded mission: planting trees, connecting lives and building a sustainable planet for all.



Eco-celebrations

Beyond our operational models, 2024 was a year of meaningful connections, innovative action and heartfelt impact at SankalpTaru Foundation. While the core of plantation and nurturing saplings remained intact, we continued to scale up through diverse initiatives that touched lives across generations and geographies. From celebrating Mother's Day with grandmothers in old-age homes and organizing nationwide tree plantation drives on World Environment Day, to inspiring young minds through storytelling and environmental awareness sessions. Every activity speaks volumes about our deep commitment for people and the planet. We also launched impactful campaigns like "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" to support Himalayan farmers and celebrated occasions such as Children's Day, National Energy Conservation Day, and Kisan Diwas, a tribute paid to the pillars of sustainability- children, energy and farmers. Every effort this year reflected our staunch belief that true environmental action grows stronger when rooted in community, compassion and collaboration.

Earth Day Celebration – April 2024

In collaboration with FTI, the Foundation organized an Earth Day event for two schools in Pune. The event featured a drawing competition themed around environmental protection and a plantation drive involving students. Prizes were awarded to the winners to encourage young minds to take responsibility for a greener planet.



Celebrated Mother's Day with Grandmothers of Old Age Homes

We distributed fresh fruits cultivated by our farmer-beneficiaries to residents of old age homes spanning seven cities across India, representing a gesture that touched every corner of the nation.

This act not only celebrated the timeless bond between generations but also recognized the nurturing dedication of our farmers, whose fruits of labor enriched the lives of elderly individuals.



Nationwide Tree Plantation Drives

Our cornerstone initiative for World Environment Day was a series of extensive tree plantation drives across various regions of India. Volunteers, local communities, and eco-enthusiasts came together to plant hundreds of saplings, transforming barren lands into burgeoning green spaces.



Online Storytelling Sessions

Recognizing the power of stories in shaping perceptions and inspiring action, we hosted two online environmental storytelling sessions. Through captivating tales of environmental heroes with ecological morals, and real-life narratives of conservation successes, we aimed to sensitize participants to the importance of protecting our planet.



Environmental Awareness Sessions with College Students

By engaging young minds, we aimed to inspire proactive and informed actions towards environmental protection and sustainability. Students were encouraged to participate in local green initiatives and develop innovative solutions to environmental challenges.



SankalpTaru's Launched Project "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"

The Himalayas, considered Earth's pivotal axis and the world's longest mountain range, face severe vulnerability from climate change exacerbated by carbon emissions. This environmental crisis profoundly impacts Himalayan farmers, whose livelihoods are increasingly threatened by erratic weather patterns, soil degradation, shifting growing seasons, economic instability, and glacier melts diminishing water resources.

In response, the SankalpTaru Foundation launched "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," encouraging people to plant apple trees in Ladakh, supporting affected farmers, and ensuring a legacy of love and maternal warmth, reverberating in the Himalayan region for future generations.

For more details, watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/3cHPGpNnB2g?si=zLHTKlac7f82wVTw>

Plant at:

<https://sankalptaru.org/ek-ped-maa-ke-naam/>



Children's Day Celebration

Children's Day reminds us of the transformative power of education in shaping young minds and their futures. This Children's Day, we celebrated the joy of learning and our efforts to bring education to a remote village in Rajasthan through Aapno School, nurturing bright futures close to their home.

Watch here.



National Energy Conservation Day series

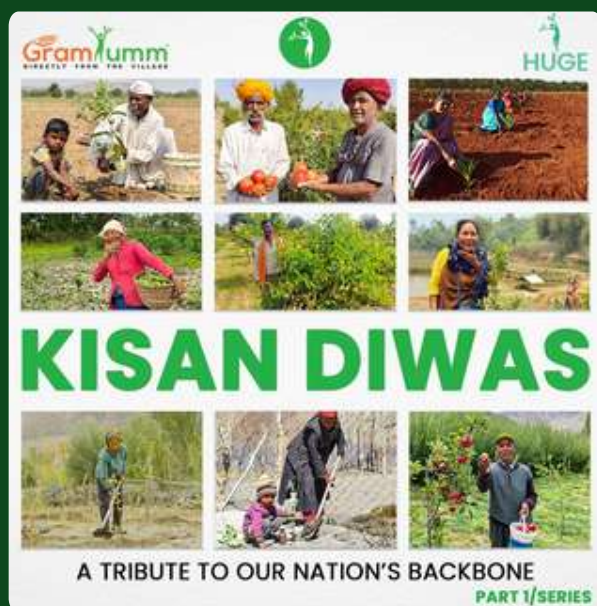
National Energy Conservation Day (NECD) is observed annually on 14th December in India. It serves as a reminder of the crucial role energy plays in our lives and the urgent need to use it responsibly. Initiated by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power, NECD is part of India's larger goal for sustainable development and energy security.

Here's how SankalpTaru Foundation is harnessing renewable energy, reducing emissions, and creating an impact!



Kisan Diwas series

Farmers are the backbone of our vision and mission! Not just on Kisan Diwas, but every day, we recognize them as the keystones of SankalpTaru's initiatives. We are proud to celebrate this dedicated workforce on the special occasion of Kisan Diwas.





 Ghaziabad

Before



After



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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 st March 2025

| FUNDS & LIABILITIES | | AMOUNT | ASSETS | | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| CAPITAL FUND : | | | FIXED ASSETS : | | |
| Opening Balance as per Last A/c | 63872114.54 | | Building - Research Centre | | |
| ADD : Excess of Income over Expenditure | | | Opening Balance Cf as per last B/S | 1128794.18 | |
| (Transferred from Income & Exp. A/c) | 4843817.48 | 4,87,18,932.02 | Centarises - Opening Balance Cf | 8505.00 | |
| | | | Computer & Laptop - Op. Balance | 808237.39 | |
| ENDOWMENT/EARMARKED FUND : | | | Furniture & Fixtures - Op. Balance | 183545.00 | |
| Opening Balance Cf as per last B/S | 5875352.00 | | Electrical & Electronic Items- Op bal | 198085.18 | |
| ADD: Addition during the year | - | | Land - Opening Balance Cf | 3778898.00 | |
| LESS : Utilized during the year | - | 58,75,352.00 | Mobile Phones- Opening Balance Cf | 186187.20 | |
| | | | Vehicles - Opening Balance Cf | 4600262.00 | |
| SECURED LOAN : | | | Inverter & Battery - Op. Balance Cf | 59545.41 | |
| Term Loan from ICICI Bank, Dehradun | | | Water Motors, Pump & Tanks etc. | | |
| ICICI Bank Car Loan-LADN44894082 | 534881.00 | 5,34,881.00 | Opening Balance Cf as per last B/S | 172900.00 | |
| | | | Solar Energy System - Research Centre | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS : | | | Opening Balance Cf as per last B/S | 105580.00 | 1,12,34,008.93 |
| Sundry Creditors | 2738796.24 | | INVESTMENTS : | | |
| Advances Payable to Staff (at Sites) | 882088.00 | | FDs with Bank of Baroda | 1000000.00 | |
| Payable to Parties etc. (at Sites) | 77898.94 | | ADD: Interest Accrued on FDs | 148084.00 | 11,43,884.00 |
| TDS Payable | 381601.00 | | CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES : | | |
| Audit Fee Payable | 143000.00 | | Cash in hand | | 8,02,482.38 |
| Salary & Bonus Payable to Staff | 1855378.00 | | Imprest Account with Site Staff | | 2,92,909.72 |
| Electricity Expenses Payable | 3478.00 | | Advance to Suppliers | | 11,36,587.38 |
| Professional Fee Payable | 381286.00 | | Bank Balances - | | |
| Provident Fund (EPF) Payable | 112715.00 | 64,68,232.19 | State Bank of India, Dehradun | 8411581.74 | |
| | | | ICICI Bank Ltd., Dehradun | 30448189.38 | |
| | | | State Bank -FCRA Account | 12108887.58 | |
| | | | YES Bank Ltd, Dehradun | 173239.32 | |
| | | | AXIS Bank Ltd., Dehradun | 4488371.00 | 5,96,02,349.54 |
| | | | Security Deposits - with parties | | 50,883.00 |
| | | | Receivables/ Sundry Debtors | | 63,96,432.50 |
| | | | Income Tax - TDS & TCS (Recoverable) | | |
| | | | TDS & TCS FY 2024-25 (AY 25-26) | 1601411.28 | |
| | | | TDS & TCS FY 2023-23 (AY 23-24) | 138913.70 | |
| | | | TDS (AY 2020-21 & AY 2021-2022) | 138654.00 | 18,28,328.96 |
| TOTAL | | 8,15,96,517.21 | TOTAL | | 8,15,96,517.21 |

NOTE :- Notes to Accounts and significance accounting policy attached.

For Sankalptaru Foundation

Date :- 29-09-2025
Place : Dehradun

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED on 31 st March 2025

| EXPENDITURE | | AMOUNT | INCOME | | AMOUNT |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| To Plantation Expenses - | | | By Members Donations received from - | | |
| Electricity & Fuel Expenses | 3,27,542.90 | | General members for E-Plantation | 11790002.27 | |
| Labour Wages incl. Contractors | 5,28,11,832.00 | | General members for Plantation | 828671.00 | 1,23,08,874.27 |
| Workers Welfare (at Site) Expenses | 24,40,723.00 | | | | |
| Nursery Expenses at sites | 1,71,511.00 | | By Plantation Amount received during the year | | |
| Plant Sustainance & Monitoring Exps | 39,87,308.00 | | | 287148896.58 | |
| Research & Development Exps. | 62,53,046.40 | | Add. Amount To Be received from Parties in next year for plantation | | |
| Site Development Expenses | 98,08,538.96 | | | 8520930.00 | 292665016.58 |
| Pesticides & Fertilizer Expenses | 8,80,170.00 | | By Donation/ Contribution from Foreign for Plantation activities received | | |
| Land Purchase at Barmer, Raj | 7,81,000.00 | | | 15232283.94 | 1,82,32,283.94 |
| IoT Installation Charges | 14,39,822.50 | | By Bank Interest on Saving A/c's (ICICI, YES, SBI, AXIS & Kotak Bank) | | |
| Site Office (Plantation) Expenses | 74,27,262.82 | | | 2160673.00 | 21,60,673.00 |
| Hiring of Earth Movers, JCB & other Mach | 15,06,701.12 | | By Interest on Bank Deposits/ FDRs - ICICI Bank Ltd for Plantation Security ICICI Bank Ltd for Plantation Activity | | |
| Drip & Borewell Site Irrigation Exps | 68,68,940.00 | | | 63612.00 | 6,45,367.00 |
| Irrigation & Infrastructure Devp. Exps | 43,84,901.00 | | | 582375.00 | |
| Repair & Maintenance Exps at Site | 16,62,276.00 | | By Interest on Income Tax Refund | | |
| Training Seminar, Meeting-Site Staff | 5,11,487.50 | | | 154655.00 | 1,54,655.00 |
| Salaries & Allowances-Site Staff | 2,10,75,361.00 | | By Miscellaneous Receipts | | |
| Insurance of Site& Plantation Staff | 1,42,168.00 | | | 25879.26 | 25,879.26 |
| Provident Fund-Site Staff,Employer Share | 5,22,305.83 | | | | |
| Plantation -GEO Tagging & Online Monitor | 18,29,737.50 | | | | |
| Consultation & Professional Charges- Plan | 22,80,160.00 | | | | |
| Travelling & Conveyance-Plantation Sites | 63,13,231.21 | | | | |
| Procurement of Saplings & Plant | 11,44,50,750.88 | 26,77,45,648.40 | | | |
| To Adminstrative Expenses - | | | | | |
| Offices Maintenance Exps-ADMIN | 5,37,108.00 | | | | |
| Offices - Rentals | 10,42,820.00 | | | | |
| Advertisement & Publicity Exps. | 41,965.00 | | | | |
| Telephone, Internet & Mobile Exps. | 5,55,002.99 | | | | |
| Provident Fund-Employer Share | 5,88,983.17 | | | | |
| Website, Network & Computer Exps | 17,48,669.34 | | | | |
| Travelling & Conveyance Expenses | 16,75,613.87 | | | | |
| Product & Marketing Research Exps. | 28,000.00 | | | | |
| Financial Exps. - Charges & Interest | 67,277.88 | | | | |
| Business Development expenses | 15,10,064.43 | | | | |
| Legal Fee & Professional Charges | 4,43,240.00 | | | | |
| Courier & Postage Expenses | 40,072.00 | | | | |
| Electricity & Water Expenses | 77,731.00 | | | | |
| Car Insurance expenses | 1,42,505.00 | | | | |
| Duties & Taxes | 5,740.00 | | | | |
| Maintenance Exp-Guest House | 35,000.00 | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 855.26 | | | | |
| Printing & Stationery Expenses | 99,993.00 | | | | |
| Salaries & Allowances-Admin. Staff | 1,58,35,518.70 | | | | |
| Staff Welfare & Benefit Expenses | 16,63,664.50 | | | | |
| Vehicle Running & Maintenance Exps. | 4,38,904.41 | | | | |
| Audit Fee | 1,45,000.00 | 2,48,41,790.37 | | | |
| To New Office Construction Exps. At Dehradun | | 2,37,61,604.82 | | | |
| To Surplus : Excess of Income Over Expenditure Cld To Balance Sheet - Capital Fund | | 45,45,337.48 | | | |
| TOTAL | | 32,31,34,968.07 | TOTAL | | 32,31,34,968.07 |

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For Sankalptaru Foundation
Secretary

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SANKALPTARU FOUNDATION

Gandhi Nagar, Badrishi Colony Lane No. 1, Near Uttaranchal Public School, P.O. Nehru Gram, DEHRADUN -248001
Society Registration Certificate No. UK06000100220070902 Dated 13-02-2012 (Renewal No. RENEW0022004902 Dated 28-3-2022)

Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March, 2025

| RECEIPTS | | AMOUNT | PAYMENTS | | AMOUNT |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| To Opening Balances Bt - | | | By Plantation Expenses - | | |
| Cash in Hand | | 7,14,223.79 | Electricity & Fuel Expenses | 3,27,842.90 | |
| Imprest Account with Site Staff | | 6,98,993.00 | Labour Wages incl. Contractors | 6,26,11,832.00 | |
| Bank Balances - | | | Workers Welfare (at Site) Expenses | 24,40,723.00 | |
| State Bank of India, Dehradun | 2400568.74 | | Nursery Expenses at sites | 1,71,511.00 | |
| ICICI Bank Ltd., Dehradun | 4096025.86 | | Plant Sustainance & Monitoring Exps | 39,87,908.00 | |
| SBI Bank Ltd. -FCRA | 8088577.11 | | Research & Development Exps. | 62,63,646.40 | |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., D Dun | 89932.00 | | Site Development Expenses | 36,09,639.96 | |
| YES Bank Ltd., Dehradun | 71791.36 | | Pesticides & Fertilizer Expenses | 9,60,170.00 | |
| AXIS Bank Ltd., Dehradun | 4695311.00 | 5,63,02,127.09 | Land Purchase at Barmer, Rajasthan | 7,81,000.00 | |
| FORs with ICICI Bank, Dehradun | | 10,00,000.00 | IoT Installation Charges | 18,29,522.50 | |
| | | | Site Office (Plantation) Expenses | 74,27,382.82 | |
| To Members Donations received from - | | | Hiring of Earth Movers, JCB & other k | 18,06,791.12 | |
| from General Public for E -Plantation | 11780003.27 | | Drp & Borewell Site Irrigation Exps | 68,68,846.00 | |
| from General members for Plantation | 529572.00 | 1,23,08,674.27 | Irrigation & Infrastructure Devp. Exps | 43,84,801.00 | |
| | | | Repair & Maintenance Exps at Site | 16,82,276.00 | |
| To Plantation Amount retained during | | | Training, Seminar, Meeting-Site Staff | 5,11,487.50 | |
| the year | 287145586.58 | | Salaries & Allowances-Site Staff | 2,10,75,361.00 | |
| Add. Amount To Be received from | | | Insurance of Sites, Plantation Staff | 1,42,168.00 | |
| Parties in next year for plantation | 5520936.00 | 29,26,06,916.58 | Provident Fund-Site Staff, Employer Sh | 5,22,309.80 | |
| | | | Plantation -GEO Tagging & Online Mo | 18,29,737.50 | |
| To Donation/ Contribution from Foreign | | | Consultation & Professional Charges | 22,80,160.00 | |
| for Plantation activities received | 19232283.96 | 1,52,32,283.96 | Travelling & Conveyance-Plantation S | 83,13,231.21 | |
| To Bank Interest on Saving A/c's - | | | Procurement of Saplings & Plant | 13,44,50,298.86 | 26,77,45,646.40 |
| Interest on Saving Bank A/c's | 2160673.00 | 21,60,673.00 | | | |
| (ICICI Bank, AXIS Bank & YES Bank, SBI Bank) | | | By Administrative Expenses - | | |
| | | | Offices Maintenance Exps-ADMIN | 5,57,159.00 | |
| To Interest on Bank Deposits/ FORs - | | | Offices - Rentals | 10,42,820.00 | |
| ICICI Bank Ltd for Plantation Security | 63612.00 | 6,45,987.00 | Advertisement & Publicity Exps. | 41,965.00 | |
| ICICI Bank Ltd for Plantation Activity | 582375.00 | | New Office Building Expenses-Glma Vlt | 2,37,61,604.82 | |
| | | | Telephone, Internet & Mobile Exps. | 5,50,002.88 | |
| To Interest on Income Tax Refund | 154555.00 | 1,54,555.00 | Provident Fund-Employer Share | 5,88,983.17 | |
| | | | Website, Network & Computer Exps | 17,45,669.34 | |
| To Miscellaneous Receipts | | 25,879.26 | Travelling & Conveyance Expenses | 16,75,613.97 | |
| | | | Product & Marketing Research Exps. | 28,000.00 | |
| | | | Financial Exps. - Charges & Interest | 67,277.66 | |
| | | | Business Development expenses | 15,10,064.43 | |
| | | | Legal Fee & Professional Charges | 4,43,240.00 | |
| | | | Courier & Postage Expenses | 40,072.00 | |
| | | | Electricity & Water Expenses | 77,731.00 | |
| | | | Car Insurance expenses | 1,42,505.00 | |
| | | | Duties & Taxes | 8,740.00 | |
| | | | Maintenance Exp-Guest House | 35,000.00 | |
| | | | Miscellaneous Expenses | 855.20 | |
| | | | Printing & Stationery Expenses | 99,993.00 | |
| | | | Salaries & Allowances-Admin. Staff | 1,58,35,519.70 | |
| | | | Staff Welfare & Benefit Expenses | 18,63,664.00 | |
| | | | Vehicle Running & Maintenance Exps. | 4,39,904.41 | 5,04,58,305.19 |
| | | | By TDS & TCS Deducted by Parties | | 18,61,411.26 |
| | | | By Increase & Decrease in Balance Sheet - | | 2,57,238.55 |
| | | | By Closing Balances Old | | |
| | | | Bank Balances - | | |
| | | | State Bank of India, Dehradun | 64,11,581.74 | |
| | | | ICICI Bank Ltd., Dehradun | 3,64,46,189.59 | |
| | | | State Bank -FCRA Account | 1,21,05,847.59 | |
| | | | YES Bank Ltd., Dehradun | 1,72,239.22 | |
| | | | AXIS Bank Ltd., Dehradun | 4,28,371.00 | 5,96,02,348.54 |
| | | | FORs with ICICI Bank, Dehradun | | 10,00,000.00 |
| | | | Imprest Account with Site Staff | | 2,82,900.72 |
| | | | Cash in hand | | 6,02,482.29 |
| TOTAL | | 38,18,20,312.94 | TOTAL | | 38,18,20,312.94 |

Date -> 29-09-2025

Place : Dehradun

For Sankalptaru Foundation

[Signature]
Treasurer

Secretary

Date -> 29-09-2025

President



As per our report attached on even date

For THAPLIYAL & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Regd. No. 039809C

(CA, Divyanshu Thapliyal)

PCA - Proprietor

M. No. 440018



 Coimbatore

Before



After


TOGETHER, WE GROW


As we look ahead, we remain rooted in gratitude and guided by our vision; to build a sustainable future through innovation, inclusion, and integrity.


Thank you for growing with us.

Let's keep nurturing the planet, one tree at a time.

Join us in our journey to create a greener planet
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