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A WORD FROM PRESIDENT



Dear All,

Greetings from Vikasganga Sanstha.....!



Ranjit Krushnarao Bobade
President
Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha

As President, I am honored to lead Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha, a dedicated organization working to uplift vulnerable communities while safeguarding our natural resources, environment, and wildlife. With global challenges like climate change, floods, rising temperatures, water scarcity, and natural calamities, our mission has become more crucial than ever.

For the past 29 years, we have tirelessly pursued sustainable conservation and development for people, nature, and wildlife. Thanks to our collective efforts, we've made significant strides in soil and water conservation, livelihood improvement, livestock development, plantation and grassland development, child education, women's empowerment, and the formation and promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). To date, we have reached over 158,000 households and, in our commitment to biodiversity, have planted over 350,000 traditional and fruit trees.

Today, I invite you to join us in our mission. Every donation, every hour volunteered, and every shared message strengthens our cause. Thank you for your unwavering dedication. Together, we can secure a brighter, sustainable future for generations to come.



Our Organization

Established in 1996 as a non-profit organization in Ghatanji, registered under Bombay Public Trust Act (1950), Societies Registration Act (1860) and Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act to enable national and international funding. It is dedicated to rural and tribal poverty reduction through sustainable Natural Resources Management (NRM), primarily in drought-prone areas. It strives for improved living conditions in rural and tribal areas by promoting eco-friendly land and water management and enhancing rural socio-economic status, focusing on community-based institutions, farmers' producer organizations, and overall sustainable development. It is active in 07 districts across Vidarbha and Marathwada, Maharashtra, covering 568 villages of 40 blocks.

Its emphasis is on soil and water conservation, rainwater harvesting, and soil erosion prevention through plantation, grass seeding, CCT, Compartment bunding, Nalla Deepening and Widening & Dam De-siltation.

It places significant emphasis on community participation in every stage of its programs, from initial planning through to implementation. This participatory approach aims to achieve long-term sustainability by empowering local communities with knowledge and skills. The organization provides training, technical support, and capacity building to both farmers and self-help groups, fostering better understanding and active involvement in its initiatives.

In addition to its environmental and agricultural focus, it is also dedicated to child education, women's empowerment, and the development of Agri-Allied rural businesses. These efforts are tailored to address the pressing agrarian crisis, which has a substantial impact on marginalized farmers, aiming to alleviate their challenges and support their economic resilience.



Goal of the organization

To empower marginalized communities to take an active role in their own development. By fostering faith, unity, equality, brotherhood, and peace, the organization aims to support these communities in becoming central participants in shaping their futures and improving their socio-economic conditions.



Vision & Mission

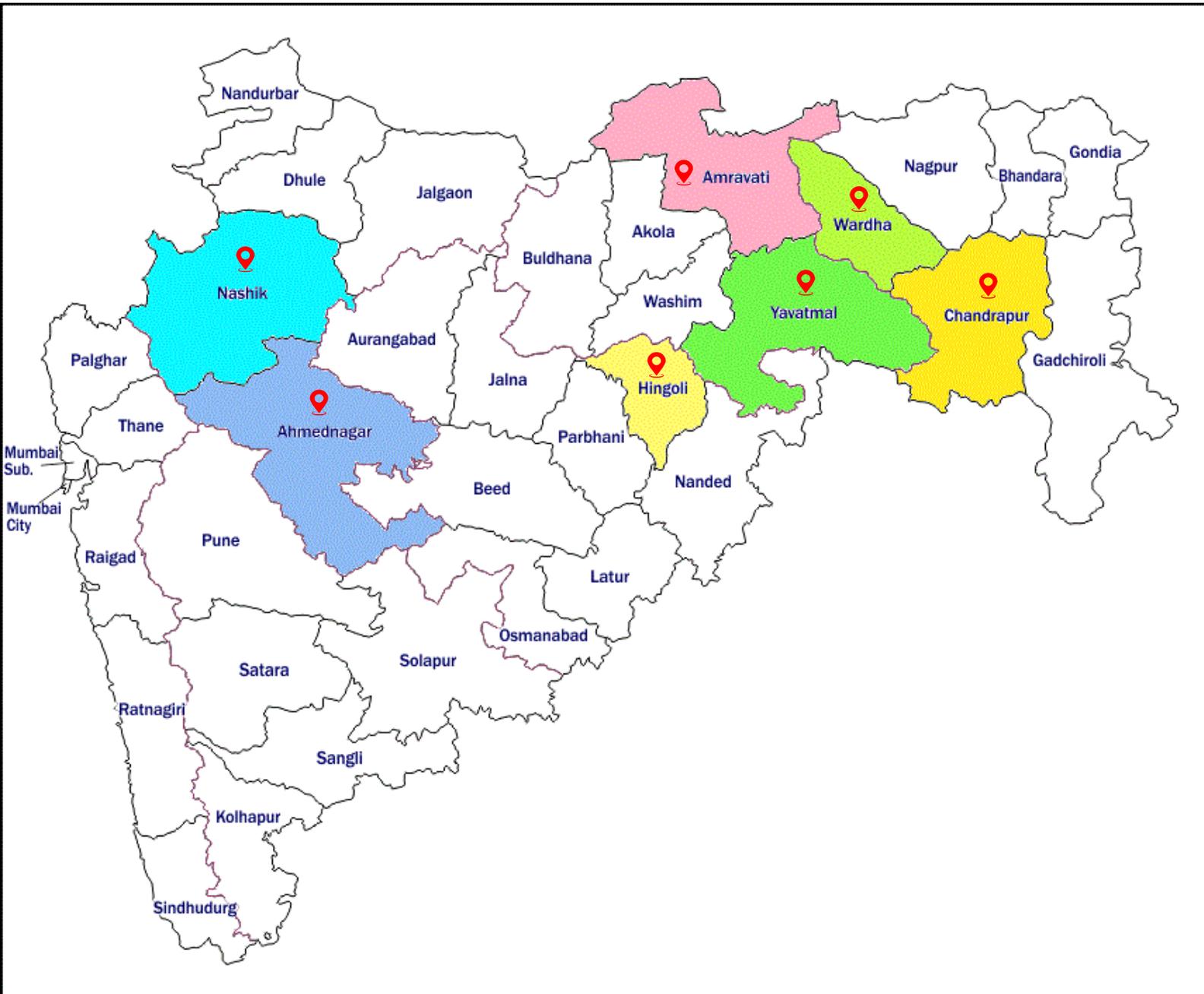
VISION

To promote sustainable development initiatives, such as Natural Resource Management (NRM) and education, to address the needs of underrepresented and marginalized communities. The organization envisions a future where land can sustain its population & where disadvantaged communities live with dignity, justice, socio-economic equality & peaceful co-existence across different societal groups.

MISSION

To create and provide meaningful opportunities that support the holistic development of vulnerable groups, including women, children, youth, and marginalized farmers. By encouraging active participation, the organization seeks to enhance their capacities within developmental processes, securing a just and dignified living for these communities as valuable contributors to society.

VIKASGANGA WORK AREA



District in Maharashtra

Yavatmal, Wardha, Amravati, Chandrapur, Hingoli, Ahmednagar & Nashik

Operational Area:

- State : Maharashtra
- Districts covered: 07
- Blocks covered: 40
- Villages covered: 568

Total Beneficiaries covered:

- Farmers – 54120
- Women – 2332
- Labours – 408
- Old Age Orphan peoples – 08
- Total Beneficiaries covered: 56858



OUR TRUSTEES



Mr. Ranjit K. Bobade
President

A founding member of Vikasganga Sanstha, Mr. Bobade is dedicated to helping the rural poor, especially landless farmers for 29 years. He has been working with Bhudan Yadhya Mandal to provide farmland to the landless, with support from philanthropic organizations.



Dr. Prashant G. Kasare
Vice-President

An orthopedic surgeon and social worker, Dr. Kasare actively contributes to societal improvement, environmental causes, and support for the needy through his work with a team of social workers in Yavatmal.



Mr. Amit P. Gadbail
Secretary

A BSc (Agri) graduate and agriculture technology expert, Mr. Gadbail helps farmers adopt efficient and eco-friendly agricultural practices, aiming to lower their costs and improve productivity.



Mr. Rajeshwar Virutkar
Co-Secretary

Also, a founder of Vikasganga Sanstha and a retired government servant, Mr. Virutkar, from a farming family, uses his background to advocate for the upliftment of rural farmers.



Mrs. Savita D. Mohade
Treasurer

A teacher and active member of Vikasganga, Ms. Mohade focuses on supporting poor students in rural areas through educational activities.



Dr. Puja S. Mankar
Member

A government doctor specializing in BAMS, Dr. Mankar dedicates her efforts to improving the health of rural women through Vikasganga's social initiatives.



Mr. Bhojraj R. Timande
Member

A model farmer involved in agri-business, Mr. Timande supports local farmers by reducing input costs and combining agricultural marketing efforts through FPC.

Each of these members contributes uniquely to Vikasganga's mission of uplifting rural communities, whether through agriculture, education, health, or social welfare initiatives.

OUR ADVISORY BOARD

MR. SUBHASH MANKAR

A seasoned NGO professional with a B. Com degree, Mr. Mankar has over 36 years of experience in NGO accounting. He has contributed to several organizations, including Dilasa Sanstha, Sarv Seva Farms, and Dharamitra. His longstanding association with Vikasganga brings valuable expertise in financial management.

MR. EKNATH DAGWAR

A retired Executive Engineer, Mr. Dagawar serves as Secretary of Bhudan Yagna Mandal in Maharashtra, furthering the land reform movement initiated by Acharya Vinoba Bhave. He assists Vikasganga with guidance on supporting landless people by helping them cultivate Bhudan-distributed land.

CA PRAVIN M. GANDHI

A respected Chartered Accountant in Yavatmal, Mr. Gandhi has been Vikasganga's consultant auditor for 24 years. He advises on accounting, ensuring compliance with tax regulations, GST, and legal matters, which strengthens the organization's financial stability.

ADV. UMESH BAWANKAR

Serving as Vikasganga's Consultant Advocate, Mr. Bawankar offers legal guidance on Charity Commissioner work and compliance, helping the organization maintain legal standards.

These members bring specialized skills in finance, legal matters, and social service, providing Vikasganga with comprehensive support to achieve its mission.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mr. Vinod Gujalwar
Assistant Director

A Civil and Environmental Engineer, Mr. Gujalwar brings over 26 years of diverse experience in civil engineering, watershed management, and education. Notably, he worked as a third-party inspector for Maharashtra's "Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan" initiative, earning the prestigious "Jalnayak" award. He joined Vikasganga in 2017 as a Watershed Expert, leveraging his expertise to improve water conservation efforts.



Mr. Prashant Chaudhari
Assistant Director

With a background in agriculture (BSc Agriculture) and a decade of experience in agricultural marketing and development, Mr. Chaudhari works on sustainable agriculture solutions to support rural farmers. Since joining Vikasganga in 2020, he has focused on sustainable farming practices that promote the long-term wellbeing of farmers.



Miss Deepa Sayare
Head Accountant

A commerce post graduate with an M. Com degree, Miss Sayare has been with Vikasganga since 2012. She is skilled in accounting, auditing, and managing project finances, ensuring accurate documentation financial oversight and full regulatory compliance through precise reporting & internal controls for various organizational projects.



Mr. Ravindra Samarth
Project Coordinator

Since joining Vikasganga in 2022, as a B. Sc agriculture graduate, specialist in sustainable systems and a decade of experience in agricultural marketing, Mr. Samarth integrates advanced agronomic principles with strategic project management to drive our mission of scaling climate-smart regenerative practices that enhance soil health and farmer livelihoods."

APPROACH OF WORK

Here's a summary of Vikasganga Sanstha's approach to addressing community needs. This process ensures that Vikasganga's interventions are tailored, effective, and capable of providing long-lasting benefits to the community.

1. Request from the Community	2. Need Assessment	3. Problem Identification
Community members present issues through village meetings or direct communication with Vikasganga, submitting an authorized request letter to initiate support.	Upon receiving the request, Vikasganga conducts a need assessment by visiting the community and engaging with relevant stakeholders to define the exact needs.	Based on the assessment, an expert team identifies the root causes and devises appropriate solutions.
4. Community Awareness and Strengthening	5. Implementing Sustainable Solutions	6. Ensuring Long-term Sustainability
Vikasganga organizes awareness programs to educate and empower the community and stakeholders, ensuring the solution is impactful and sustainable.	The team then implements sustainable solutions with active community involvement, aiming for effective and lasting outcomes.	The community is educated on maintaining the solution, and the responsibility is eventually handed over to authorized local bodies for ongoing sustainability.

Years of Milestone

Here is a summary of Vikasganga Sanstha's key milestones and initiatives over the years

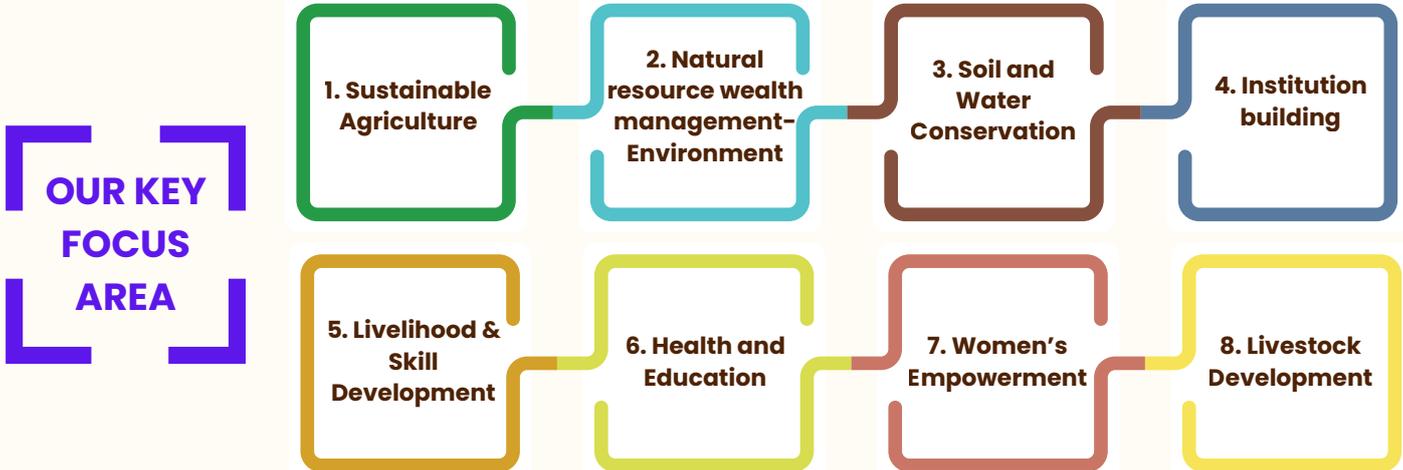
<p>1996 Establishment</p> <p>Vikasganga Sanstha was founded in Pandhurna (Khurd) village to support farmers and students in Zilha Parishad Schools, focusing on rural improvement.</p>	<p>1998 Women's Empowerment</p> <p>The organization began promoting women's SHGs to boost the rural economy. Additionally, campaigns were conducted to raise awareness about Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) for ecological and livelihood enhancement in forest-adjacent villages.</p>	<p>2004 Horticulture for Economic Growth</p> <p>New horticulture techniques were introduced through the Agriculture Department to encourage farmers to adopt cash crops, enhancing farm income.</p>	<p>2005 Student Life Skills Development</p> <p>A program was implemented to teach life skills to village students, focusing on cleanliness, safety, and social responsibility.</p>
<p>2006 Health Initiatives</p> <p>Health and sanitation drives, including Jalswarajya and Fluoride Removal Projects, promoted clean drinking water and village cleanliness. Kitchen gardens were introduced to improve nutrition.</p>	<p>2007 Environmental Conservation through Organic Farming</p> <p>Cotton farmers were trained in organic farming techniques to reduce chemical use and promote ecological sustainability.</p>	<p>2008 Soil and Water Conservation</p> <p>Projects like farm bunding, CCT, and nalla deepening/widening were launched to address soil erosion and support sustainable agriculture.</p>	<p>2009 Strengthening Livelihood of Small Farmers</p> <p>Strengthening the livelihood options of small farm holding households involved in cotton cultivation through making their farming systems more sustainable and more profitable.</p>
<p>2010 Capacity building of SHG</p> <p>Capacity of SHGs was build through implementing Awareness & training programe on SHG Management. Also strengthen them by availing loan for their business through Bank linkages Program.</p>	<p>2012 Formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)</p> <p>The Yashodhara Farmer Producer Company was formed to help farmers earn higher prices for their produce, strengthening their financial stability.</p>	<p>2013 Phad Irrigation project (Diversion Based Irrigation)</p> <p>To increase the income of small farmers, Irrigation system like Phad Irrigation Project was implemented so that yield of crop was increased through protective irrigation.</p>	<p>2014 Child Right Protection</p> <p>To conserve the Child Rights in Cotton growing belt we implemented Child Right Protection Programe in Yavatmal district of Vidarbha region with the support of UNICEF. Awareness was generated @ Child right through Chawadi meetings, Rally & village level committee.</p>
<p>2015 FPC Formation & Promotion</p> <p>To increase the income & strengthen the livelihood of vegetable growing farmers, we form & promoted the operations of FPC in Vidarbha region through with the support of SFAC.</p>	<p>2017 Child Education and Livelihood Sustainability</p> <p>Bridge classes were introduced to support rural child education, along with Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) programs to increase water availability for farmers.</p>	<p>2019 Covid-19 Support</p> <p>During the pandemic, Vikasganga provided essential supplies to support community survival amid hardships.</p>	<p>2020 Ecosystem Nurturing</p> <p>Initiatives focused on strengthening rural institutions (Gram Panchayats, SHGs, VDCs), setting up organic input centers, promoting plantation efforts, and implementing waste management.</p>
<p>2022 to 2025</p>			
<p>To boost rural livelihoods, Vikasganga promoted traditional agri-allied businesses like goatery, poultry and dairy. Training programs and small business setups, including tailoring, grocery, spices grinding, and solar drying units, were also introduced, especially for women's empowerment.</p>	<p>Sustainable Agriculture by introducing advanced technology in Agriculture, divert farmers towards Organic farming to maintain ecological balance, setup of Organic Input Centers etc.</p>	<p>Health support by Organizing Eye Checkup camps, Cancer checkup camps, support for kitchen Garden etc.</p>	<p>Sustain the livelihood of PwDs through strengthening their existing small business and developed as successful entrepreneur. Also setup a path of their life to survive in society with honor.</p>

These milestones illustrate Vikasganga's ongoing commitment to rural development, emphasizing sustainable agriculture, health, education, and economic empowerment.

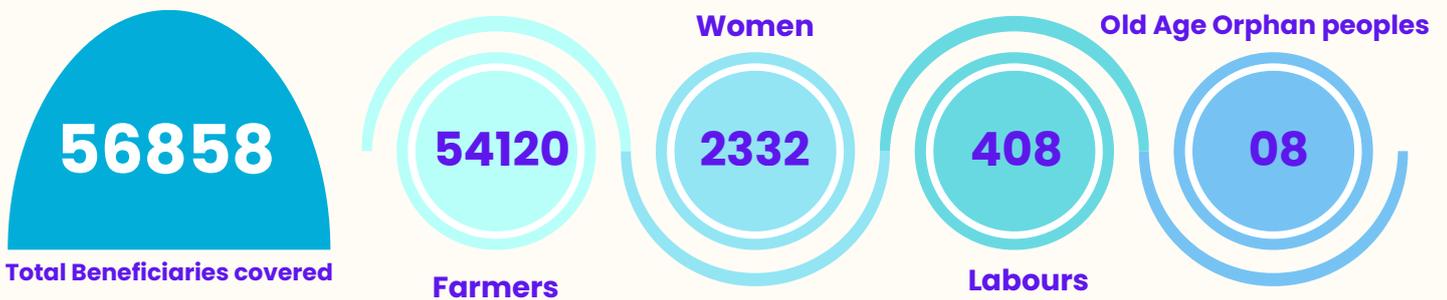
CUMULATIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF VIKASGANGA SANSTHA

Vikasganga is committed to uplifting the rural economy through social and economic development, fostering a sustainable ecosystem, and empowering rural communities. The organization focuses on identifying and addressing issues affecting rural society, with solutions that promote long-term sustainability. Through collaboration with philanthropic institutions and active community engagement, Vikasganga works continuously to achieve sustainable development and improve rural livelihoods.

MORE THAN 1.58 LAKHS FAMILIES HAVE BEEN BENEFITTED THROUGH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES



In addition, Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha has taken a leading role in mitigating the impacts of natural crises and pandemics on vulnerable communities. The organization focuses on strengthening community infrastructure and maintaining a sustainable ecosystem. Through a range of targeted initiatives, Vikasganga actively works to build resilience and support long-term stability for those most affected, as highlighted in this report.



ALIGNING WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)



- Empowering farmers and women through livelihood and water resource management programs for a poverty-free future.
- Nourishing communities through sustainable agriculture and programs against malnutrition
- Promoting healthy lives through sustainable farming practices and various hygiene programs
- Empowering communities with knowledge for sustainable growth
- Fostering gender equality among adolescents through skill development programs
- Promoting sustainable water management in schools with the emphasis on sanitation and hygiene
- Creating prosperity through farmer entrepreneurship via farmer producer companies
- Driving agricultural innovation for sustainable development through gap trainings
- Promoting inclusive growth and opportunities for all women, Children and farmers through 360 interventions
- Mitigating Climate Change through sustainable agriculture
- Conserving Biodiversity & ecosystems through strategic interventions in waste management & sustainable agriculture.
- Fostering fair and transparent agricultural water management and equitable natural resource governance

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WORK CUMULATIVE OUTREACH

NRM Project



22729+
Families Benefitted



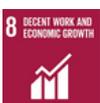
136
crore liters
Water Storage Capacity increased



208
Total Villages



By improving food security through sustainable farming practices and increasing agricultural productivity.



By empowering local economies through the establishment of WUGs and fostering community-based governance of water resources.



By increasing agricultural incomes through enhanced irrigation and improved crop yields.



By promoting community-led water management and governance structures, ensuring equitable access to water and fostering local development.



By enhancing community resilience to climate variability through water conservation efforts and sustainable agricultural practices.

OVERVIEW OF WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT VERTICAL

Vidarbha, the eastern region of Maharashtra, relies heavily on agriculture, yet faces significant challenges in soil and water management across its 11 districts. In six of these districts, Vikasganga is addressing critical issues in soil degradation and water scarcity, which have worsened due to siltation in water storage structures. This silt accumulation reduces storage capacity, impacting water availability and the agricultural economy, especially in a region already limited in irrigation resources. The shortage of drinking water further aggravates the situation.

Recognizing the need for effective soil and water conservation, Vikasganga has been actively working in Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) and Natural Resource Management for the past 17 years. The organization has implemented a range of land and drainage treatments, developing structures like the Doha Model and recharge pits to boost water retention in reservoirs. Watershed treatments, such as farm and compartment bunding, tree plantation, and grassland development, have also been introduced to prevent soil erosion and enhance groundwater levels.

Since 2008, Vikasganga has led rainwater harvesting projects, constructing RWH structures tailored to local conditions with support from donors and community contributions. These efforts aim to restore the original water-holding capacity of reservoirs, improve agricultural productivity, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of Vidarbha's rural economy.

1. Increased Water Availability

- Total Water Storage: 136 crore liters (1,36,13,45,000 liters) with 20% seepage losses factored in.
- Usable Water for Irrigation: 108 crore liters (1,08,00,00,000 liters), providing the capacity for protective irrigation.
- Irrigation Coverage: Approximately 4320 hectares of land can be supported for irrigation, essential for enhancing agricultural resilience, considering water required for protective irrigation is approximately 2.5 lakh liter for 1 Ha land.

2. Enhanced Crop Yields

- Farmers can now grow both kharif (monsoon) and rabi (winter) crops, increasing the cultivation cycle and potentially boosting yields by 30-40%.
- Protective irrigation allows for improved crop water availability, facilitating higher productivity.

6. Adoption of Modern Irrigation Techniques

- Growing demand for micro-irrigation systems (drip and sprinkler) indicates an adaptation to more efficient farming practices and confidence in agricultural investments.



3. Improved Water Security

- Water levels in nearby wells and borewells rose, addressing summer water shortages for local villages.
- This has contributed to reduced labor for women in sourcing water during dry seasons and alleviated drinking water issues for livestock.

4. Soil Conservation and Fertility

- Measures like farm bunding and plantation have curtailed soil erosion. This enhanced soil structure has resulted in improved fertility, further supporting crop productivity.
- The application of dam silt in farmland has enriched soil quality, promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

5. Economic Benefits to Farmers

- Enhanced crop yields have led to an estimated 20% increase in farmers' income.
- The shift toward cash crops (such as vegetables, soybean, and gram) reflects diversification and increased economic resilience in farming practices.

7. Social and Economic Upliftment

- The ability to cultivate varied crops has raised the social and economic status of farmers, leading to improved livelihoods and community well-being.

CONCLUSION

The RWH projects have demonstrated a remarkable multifaceted impact enhancing agricultural productivity, improving water security, and promoting socio-economic benefits for farming communities. As these benefits continue to unfold, the sustainability and resilience of agriculture in the region stand to be significantly strengthened, promoting long-term food security and economic stability. Continued efforts in soil and water conservation will be crucial for maintaining these positive trends.

It is assumed that, cumulative water storage in the RWH structures developed under the projects would be 136 crore liters (1,36,13,45,000 liters) of water considering approximately 20% seepage losses. Usable water for protective irrigation would be 108 crore liters (108,00,00,000 liters). Crop Water required for 1 Ha land for Protective irrigation is 2.5 lakh liter. So, the area to be covered under protective irrigation from stored water would be approximately 4320 hectares land. This will prove to be helpful in recharging nearby wells and borewells thereby increase in irrigation area and enhancing crop yield up to 30 to 40 percent.

Achievements till March 2025

The details of Soil & Water Conservation work completed by Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha are summarized in the following table.

Sr No	Year	Name of Activity	Villages	Beneficiary	Length (M)	Hector	CUM	Name of Donors
1	2008-2011	Farm Bunding	05	105	-	347	-	Sir Ratan Tata Trust through CINI
		Phad Irrigation Systems	01	08	-	4	-	
2	2012-2017	Nala Deepening & Widening (Doha)	04	49	9447.5	1263	65677	Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust, Mumbai
		Recharge Pit	05	102	-	102	24021	
		Phad Irrigation Systems	-	-	-	07	-	
		Drip & Sprinkler Set	-	146	-	146	-	
3	2017-2018	Nala Deepening & Widening (Doha)	06	2138	14968	1595	94679	1.Tata Communication Ltd through Cini Jamshedpur 2.Arpan Foundation USA
		Recharge Pit	03	07	-	07	1649	
		Dam De-siltation	07	280	-	03	62046	
		Farm Pond (Size 25mx20mx3m)	12	54	-	54	62046	
		Farm/Compartment Bunding	03	73	-	98	-	
		Drip & Sprinkler Set	-	61	-	61	-	
4	2018-2019	Nala Deepening & Widening (Doha)	09	2319	12777	1040	145663	1. TCL through Cini Jamshedpur 2.Jalasangharan Vibhag and Bembala Patbandhare Vibhag Govt. of Maharashtra under Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan
		Recharge Pit	01	05	-	05	1177	
		Dam De-siltation	61	3113	-	61	611940	
		Farm Pond (Size 25mx20mx3m)	02	22	-	22	25278	
		Farm/Compartment Bunding	01	44	-	92	-	
5	2019-2020	Nala Deepening & Widening (Doha)	05	1366	7407.5	947	97234	1. TCL through Cini Jamshedpur 2.Bembala Patbandhare Vibhag Govt. of Maharashtra under Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan
		Farm Pond (Size 25mx20mx3m)	01	22	-	21	21790	
		Farm/Compartment Bunding	01	41	-	138	-	
6	2022-23	CNB Repairing & its Nalla de siltation (Kumbhari)	01	21	558	36	558	Reliance Foundation
		CNB Nalla De siltation (Hiwardhara)	01	17	463	42	2502	
		Nalla De siltation (Koli BK)	01	6	216	12	3493	
		De siltation of Talav, Pond & Nalla	12	152	-	31	4533	CottonConnect South Asia Pvt Ltd.
7	2023-24	Nala Deepening & Widening (Doha)	6	775	5208	266	29883	Reliance Foundation
		Dam De-siltation	14	1329	-	717	26124	CottonConnect South Asia Pvt Ltd.
		Farm/Compartment Bunding	19	297	-	380	37828	Reliance Foundation
		Recharge Pit	1	1	-	-	114	Reliance Foundation
8	2024-25	Nala Deepening & Widening (Doha)	10	1865	2377	384.41	21077	
		Dam De-siltation	13	541	-	609.64	20115	
		Farm/Compartment Bunding	03	18	-	22	1893	
Grand Total			208	14657	53422	8140.05	1361345	

Cumulative water storage achieved through the Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) structures has led to significant improvements in agricultural productivity and community welfare.

OVERALL IMPACT OF

Soil and water Conservation Work completed in past years

The implementation of Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) projects has led to remarkable positive outcomes within just two to three years. Here's a succinct summary of the observed impacts:

Key Impacts of Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) Projects

Increased Water Storage

De-siltation of dams has significantly enhanced water storage capacity, allowing more water to be available for irrigation.

Reduced Soil Erosion

The establishment of farm bunding and plantation efforts has effectively slowed down soil erosion, contributing to better land management.

Improved Water Levels

Water levels in wells and borewells in nearby villages have significantly risen, providing reliable water sources during the summer months. This alleviates the burden on women who previously had to travel long distances for water.

Livestock Water Security

The initiatives have permanently resolved drinking water issues for cattle, supporting the local agricultural economy.

Crop Diversification

Farmers are now able to grow both kharif and rabi crops, thus improving their agricultural output and contributing to increased food security.

Economic Upliftment

Farmers' social and economic status has improved due to the cultivation of cash crops like vegetables, soybean, and gram, leading to higher incomes and better livelihoods.

Conclusion

The outcomes of the RWH projects highlight their transformative impact on water availability, agricultural productivity, and the socioeconomic conditions of farming communities. The improvements in irrigation and soil health, alongside the shift towards cash cropping, demonstrate a sustainable model for rural development and increased resilience against climate variability. Continued focus on these initiatives will further strengthen the benefits for the community and ensure lasting impacts in the agricultural sector.



Enhanced Agricultural Irrigation

Approximately 975 hectares of land are now supported for protective irrigation. This is expected to not only increase crop yields but also enhance farmers' incomes by about 20%.

Adoption of Micro-Irrigation

There has been a noticeable demand for micro-irrigation systems (sprinklers and drip systems) over the past five years. This indicates farmers' capacity to grow multiple crops within a single year.

Enhanced Soil Fertility

The application of dam silt to farmland has significantly improved soil fertility, resulting in enhanced crop productivity.





For over 1,200 livestock of Hatola, located in the Hatola Gram Panchayat of Darwha Block, Yavatmal District, the village's pond is the only source of drinking water. The area is predominantly rain-fed and the village experiences water scarcity due to low rainfall and excess groundwater extraction. The pond, thus, is crucial to the survival of the village's 148 families. However, clogging due to accumulated silt had reduced the pond's capacity and rendered its water unfit to drink. Due to siltation over the years, the storage capacity was reduced, so the water in this lake began to dry up before the monsoons, further exacerbating the village's water crisis. Cattle had to travel far to get drinking water. Unlike farmers who can afford bore wells, 76 poor farmers depend solely on the village pond for their livelihood. They have little land and depend entirely on cattle farming.

The village pond is the basis of all their lives.

Gram Panchayat, CottonConnect and Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha together discussed ways to revive the village pond. In 2022-23, the Gram Panchayat submitted a work demand to CottonConnect estimated at Rs.40,000. Once it is approved, Desilting and renovation of the lake was done under CottonConnect Fund.

Given the importance of the lake as a water source, the village community prioritized and actively participated in the desilting and reclamation process. The work also provided employment to the community, 105 tractor-loads of silt from the lake were dumped by village farmers on their fields, helping to improve the texture of their soil.

The revival of the village pond

The revival of the village pond under CottonConnect and Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha provided an alternative means of livelihood to our family. The money received was invested in cattle which will give us additional income in the years to come and the silt from the village pond has improved the soil texture and helped raise the water table in the village due to the silt from the village pond, says Sagar Shendurkar, village member, Hatola.





BACKGROUND

Jarang village, located in Ghatanji Block of Yavatmal District, faced severe water scarcity issues. The community depended on government tankers that supplied water once or twice a day. However, irregular water supply often left villagers helpless. In the scorching summer months, residents had to store water in drums and pots placed along the roadsides, waiting for tankers that sometimes never arrived.

During one such instance, Mr. Nitesh Mohurle, the Field Facilitator (FF) under the Better Cotton (BC) Project implemented by Vikas Gangasevi Sanstha, observed this critical situation while visiting the village. Concerned by the hardships faced by farmers—particularly women—he interacted with them to understand their challenges. Many shared their frustration, explaining that despite repeated complaints to the local administration, no permanent solution was found.

IDENTIFYING THE ROOT CAUSE

Through discussions with the farmers, Mr. Mohurle learned that the Saikheda Dam, located near the village, had accumulated a large amount of silt over the years. Due to this, the dam's water storage capacity had reduced, and during the monsoon, water overflowed into the farmers' fields, damaging crops and causing soil erosion. The farmers suggested that desilting the dam and using the nutrient-rich silt in their fields could solve multiple problems — water storage, groundwater recharge, and soil fertility.

ACTION TAKEN

Acting on this idea, Mr. Mohurle guided the farmers to seek consent from the Gram Panchayat and submit a formal request for desilting work under the Better Cotton Project. The Gram Panchayat responded positively and requested the organization's support.

Subsequently, the Saikheda Dam desilting work was taken up under the Better Cotton Project, with technical support from Dhann Foundation. A Detailed Environmental Transaction (DET) study was conducted to assess the village's water channels, small streams, and drain networks — described as the "lifelines" of the community. These were deepened and widened to enhance water flow and storage capacity during monsoons.

Through the project's initiative, 38 farmers benefited by receiving nutrient-rich silt from the dam, which they spread on their farmlands to improve soil quality.

Today, even after heavy rains, Jarang's farmlands no longer suffer from waterlogging or erosion. The success story of these farmers demonstrates how a small but strategic intervention — linking water conservation and soil health — can significantly uplift rural livelihoods.

IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

The intervention brought remarkable changes:

- **Enhanced Soil Fertility:** The silt enriched the soil with organic matter, improving structure, moisture retention, and nutrient content.
- **Improved Groundwater Recharge:** The desilting helped restore natural water channels, enabling better percolation of rainwater and increased groundwater levels.
- **Better Crop Productivity:** The fields that received silt became more fertile, leading to higher crop yields and sustainable agriculture.
- **Reduced Soil Erosion:** Strengthened embankments and improved drainage prevented rainwater from washing away top soil.
- **Community Awareness:** The initiative inspired other farmers to adopt soil and water conservation (SWC) practices, realizing that preventive action before drought is far more effective than reactive measures later.



CONCLUSION

The Better Cotton Project, implemented by Vikas Gangasevi Sanstha with the support of Dhann Foundation, has successfully showcased how water recharge and soil fertility management can transform a community. The initiative not only improved the economic resilience of 38 farmers but also created a model for sustainable water and soil management in the region.

Transformation of village due to farm pond desilting..!



Kakda Village located in Achalpur taluka of Amravati district with a population of 7500. This village has been associated with BCI project since last 2016 -17. There is total 575 farmers in Kakda out of which 320 are BCI farmers. The farmers of this village have been cultivating their own fields for many years, mainly cotton, soybeans, chickpeas, oranges, etc. but because of decreasing water level (600-800 feet) in a village, day to day water availability also reducing that adversely affecting crop cultivation, animal husbandry, drinking water supply.

In January 2022 BCI field team conducted village level meeting and explained water budgeting through water games model provided by FES. During meeting farmer relied they have farm pond in the village but lot of silt deposited in the farm pond and they tried to do the desilting work through MANREGA fund, but unfortunately it couldn't happen.

In April 2023 BCI team again approached village team/community and explained that BCI project can provide fund for desilting of farm pond but it is not good enough to cover the whole sort of activities. So, village authority decided that farmer will arrange tractor and bear the soil transportation cost for transporting the fertile soil (Silt). Accordingly, BCI field team prepared design and estimate through FES DET application on which real work started in first week of June and completed by second week of June 2023.

The farm pond length is 60-meter, width 60 and the depth is 7 meters. The 75 village farmers transported 353 trolleys silt to their fields. The Water storage capacity of Pond is 25200 cu. m. from which 23 hectares area will be benefited through protective irrigation water The water supply tank in the village is near to the farm Pond so the people of the village expecting they will get regular water supply due to this desilting work, and 75 farmers' will be directly benefited through fertile soil they spread in their field.

Villagers and farmers are satisfied by seeing the water stored in the farm Pond after monsoon rainfall. They are enthusiastically sharing farm pond story with their friends, relatives and officials. They are observing near by wells and tube wells water level also increases because of ground water recharged impact. They are hopeful this will not only address crop cultivation, animal husbandry, drinking water supply issues but also enhanced the biodiversity surrounding the pond.



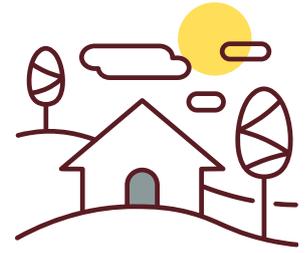
Overview of Agriculture Activity Project



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Families Benefitted

CUMULATIVE OUTREACH



700

Total Villages



Empowered small and marginal farmers by increasing income through collective action and sustainable agricultural practices.



Enhanced food security by improving agricultural productivity and access to markets for rural farmers.



Promoted the inclusion of women in FPOs and leadership roles, fostering equality and empowerment.

Created sustainable livelihood opportunities through FPOs and capacity building programmes for rural communities.

Focused on uplifting tribal and marginalized communities through targeted support and resources.

Collaborated with government institutions and SFAC to strengthen FPOs and drive sustainable development.



1. BETTER COTTON (BC) PROJECT



- **Project Title** – Better Cotton (BC) Project
- **Funded By** – CottonConnect South Asia Pvt Ltd.

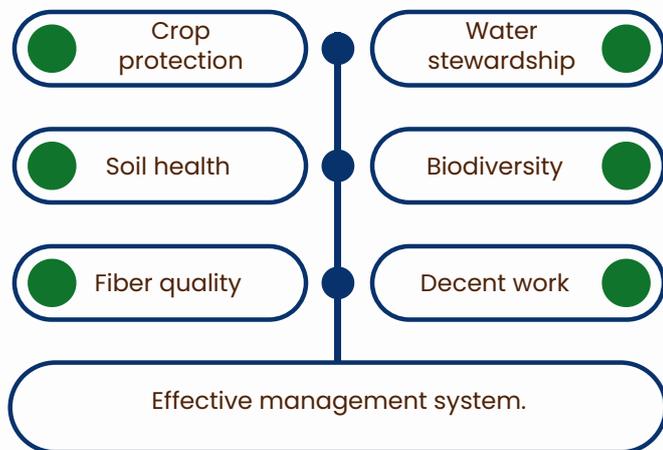
Vikasganga is implementing BCI Project with the support of CottonConnect South Asia Pvt Ltd in the recognized cotton belt i.e., Yavatmal and Amravati districts.

Sr No	District	No of Blocks covered	No of Villages covered	No of Farmers benefitted	Hector covered
1	Amravati	9	110	15000	23225.10 Ha
2	Yavatmal	15	199	21000	44912.20 Ha
Total		24	309	36000	68137.30 Ha

The Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) is the largest cotton sustainability program in the world. BCI exists to make global cotton production better for the people who produce Cotton, for the environment it grows in and for the sector's future. BCI aims to transform cotton production worldwide by developing Better Cotton as a sustainable main stream commodity.

OBJECTIVES

BC has the specific aims of reducing the environmental impact due to cotton production, improving the livelihoods and economic development in cotton producing farmers. It is increasing commitment to Better Cotton through the supply chain for growers. The goals of Better Cotton are articulated through the following BC Principles.



BCI Program is run on its seven principles:

The basic aim of the project is to produce sustainable good quality cotton and work for the betterment of cotton crop growing farmers. Awareness generation and training are the important components of the project.

Major focuses on following points.

- Optimum use of Fertilizers, Pesticides and Water in Cotton crop production.
- Production of sustainable good quality Cotton.
- Care to be taken while picking and storage of cotton.
- Follow Health and Safety measures while handling and spraying pesticides.
- Promotion of Organic Pesticides and fertilizers for production of cotton crop
- Awareness on Child labour





MAJOR ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT

Key Activities and Impacts of the BCI Project:



1. Farmer Training on Sustainable Cotton Practices

- Focused on integrated nutrient management (INM), including crop rotation, composting, and intercropping.
- Promoted adoption of best practices for cotton farming.



2. Soil Testing

- Conducted for 1,136 farmers to assess nutrients, organic carbon, and pH levels.
- Recommendations improved soil health and reduced fertilizer costs.



3. Biodiversity Enhancement

- On-farm activities included plantation and water harvesting structures.
- Off-farm activities involved traditional plantings and soil conservation measures.
- Positive impacts included increased beneficial insects, biodiversity, and organic farming adoption.



4. Awareness Campaigns

- Conducted in 309 villages to highlight the environmental and cost benefits of reducing chemical use.
- Encouraged adoption of sustainable farming practices.



5. Health and Safety Training for Farm Workers

- Emphasized safe pesticide handling, use of PPE, and proper disposal of materials.
- Resulted in reduced poisoning incidents.



6. Tree Plantation Program

- Planted 73707 traditional and fruit trees across 309 villages.
- Promoted environmental and community benefits with a "1 Farmer 1 Tree" initiative.



7. Promotion of Organic Inputs

- Demonstrated the use of bio-pesticides, scouting, and traps to reduce reliance on chemicals.



8. Organic Input Centers

- Established 24 centers to produce and supply organic inputs like Vermicompost and bio-pesticides.



9. Decent Work Initiatives

- Campaigns against child labor included audio shows and banners.
- Linked disadvantaged beneficiaries to government schemes, supporting enterprises for 65 individuals.



10. Soil & Water Conservation

De-siltation of tanks, ponds, and streams improved soil fertility and crop yields by utilizing nutrient-rich silt.

Sr No	District	No of Soil Testing	No of Cotton Demo farmers	No of Organic Input Center	Tree Plantation	Decent Work Initiatives	No of Biochar
1	Yavatmal	660	199	14	37500	35	199
2	Amravati	476	110	10	36207	30	110
Total		1136	309	24	73707	65	309

OVERALL IMPACT

These initiatives collectively enhanced soil health, reduced input costs, protected the environment, improved farmer livelihoods, and promoted sustainable cotton farming practices.

Sr No	Name of district	Number of village	No of beneficiary farmers	No of trollies silt spread in farms	Area of farm land covered in Ha	Additional water storage increased in CUM
1	Yavatmal	12	269	5155	467	1401
2	Amravati	09	490	4619	450	1350
Total		21	759	9774	917	2751

Protection of Migrant Labour's Children from Child Labour – Zilla Parishad Primary Marathi School, Naigaon

CASE STUDY

Introduction: Education is a fundamental right of every child. However, for the children of migrant labours, accessing education is a significant challenge. Many families migrate to Maharashtra from other states for their livelihood, and in this struggle, their children's education often takes a backseat. The Zilla Parishad Primary Marathi School in Naigaon has taken an important initiative to integrate these children into the education system.

Background: Mrs. Megha Rajesh Balkhande, the Principal of Z.P. Primary Marathi School, Naigaon She has been working in this field from the past 10-15 years. While conducting a survey under the BC initiative to identify school Dropout children, she found that many migrant labours from other states were residing in Naigaon, and their children were deprived of education. The BCI team visited Z.P. Primary Marathi School, Naigaon, and discussed the issue with Principal Balkhande Madam. After thorough discussions, it was decided to enroll these children in school.

Challenges: Integrating migrant children into the education system presented several challenges, including:

- 1. Lack of Awareness About Child Labour Policy** - Farmers working under BCI (Better Cotton Initiative) were unaware of child labour policies. It was necessary to educate them about the importance of sending children to school instead of engaging them in work.
- 2. Lack of Understanding of Education's Importance** - Migrant labours did not realize the significance of education or the negative consequences of being deprived of it. Awareness sessions were needed to make them understand these aspects.
- 3. Language Barriers** - As migrant families came from different states, their native language was different, making communication between teachers, BCI team and Migrants labours difficult.
- 4. Financial Priorities** - Migrant families prioritized earning money over education. They considered immediate earnings from labour work more important than sending their children to school.
- 5. Lack of Identity Proof & Documents** - Many migrant families did not possess adequate identification or necessary documents, making the school admission process difficult.

Action / Operation : Survey on School Dropout Children in ZP Primary Marathi School, Naigaon

During a survey conducted on school dropout children in the Zilla Parishad Primary Marathi School, Naigaon, it was observed by Field Facilitator Vaishnavi Ajay Hivrale that migrant labours had come to the village for agricultural work. interacting with them, it was found that their children were also with them and were deprived of education.

This information was shared in detail with PU (Manager) Bhavana Chavhan. BCI team visited the school, interacted with the Principal and other teachers, and decided to enroll those children in the school. To ensure this, the team and teachers personally visited the places where these migrant labours resided and took necessary actions to bring the children into the education system.

Meeting with Farmers : The ZP school teacher, Balkhande Madam, along with the BC team, met BC farmer Sahadeo Kokate from Naigaon to discuss educational matters. Through this discussion, then we explained the importance of education to him. Information about the Child Labour Policy was also shared, highlighting the existence of the VCPC (Village Child Protection Committee) under the Gram Panchayat. They also supported that child labour is a legal offense. As a result, the farmer agreed to support the education of the children of migrant labours. Additionally, Field Facilitator Vaishnavi Hivrale conducted a survey, listing out the number of migrant men, women and labours under and below 14 years of age.

Meeting with Parents of School Dropout Children:

During visited to the parents of school dropout children, the BCI team, ZP teachers, and other stakeholders engaged with them. They provided detailed information on educational rights, child welfare schemes, and school nutrition programs. Parents were informed about the International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention 138, as well as the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, which prohibits children under 14 years of age from engaging in farm labour or wage work.

When a complaint was filed on the toll-free number 1098, they were informed that case could be registered against the responsible party. They were also educated about the benefits of education and the negative consequences of not receiving it. It was explained to them that they could express their concerns and enroll their children in school. After understanding this information, the parents decided to enroll their children in school. For this purpose, the BC team took necessary steps to gather the required documents for the children of laborers and successfully enrolled them in school. Subsequently, a survey was conducted in the village's school to ensure that no children were out of school during the 2024-2025 academic year. Through Shalabhya Nirmulan Sarvekshan (Survey for School Dropout Children), it was confirmed that there are no out-of-school children in Naigaon village this year. After enrollment, the BCI team organized an essay competition on Child Labours Awareness at the school, in which migrant labours' children actively participated. For entertainment, activities like musical chairs and Snakes and Ladders were introduced, and winners were rewarded with prizes and congratulated. This encouraged students to participate enthusiastically in various competitions and extracurricular activities, fostering their overall development.

Impact:

Due to BC's efforts, there are no school Drop out children in Naigaon village today. The enrolled students are receiving a proper education and showcasing their hidden talents.

For example, Laxman Bhogelal Kasdekar, the son of a migrant labour's secured first place in the long jump competition at the taluka level. His achievements were celebrated at school on the occasion of 26 Jan 2025 Republic Day in the presence of his parents.

Way Forward:

An out-of-school survey will be conducted every year, and if any out-of-school children are identified, the BC will attempt to enroll them in school.



“Farming Forward: Asha’s Integrated Steps Toward Sustainability and Self-Reliance”

Shivani village in Kalamb taluka of Yavatmal district is primarily dependent on cotton cultivation, but farmers here face numerous challenges. Erratic rainfall, declining soil fertility, pest outbreaks, and high dependency on chemical inputs have made farming increasingly difficult. Farmers often use multiple rounds of pesticide sprays without proper field monitoring, resulting in high costs, pest resistance, and a drastic reduction in beneficial insect populations. There’s also a lack of awareness about Integrated Pest Management (IPM), excessive use of the same group of pesticides, and minimal use of organic inputs. Due to continuous chemical input use soil health has been degrading, leading to poor yields and reduced farm income. Ms. Asha Atmaram Komti, like many others, was trapped in this unsustainable cycle—spending around ₹4,000 per acre on only pesticides and still facing poor returns from her cotton crop.

In 2023–24, a new chapter began when Asha joined the Better Cotton (BC) program. She actively participated in training sessions on sustainable agriculture and rural entrepreneurship conducted by the field facilitator. These sessions introduced her to eco-friendly and cost-effective practices like the use of bio-rational pesticides, organic fertilizers, and preparation of natural inputs. With her growing interest, she began preparing Dashparni extract and experimenting with it on her farm. Recognizing her dedication and potential, the BC program supported her in establishing a Natural Input Center. Motivated to diversify income sources, Asha also started goat rearing, papad and noodle making with the help of machines, and began renting out a hand-drawn seed drill to other farmers—marking her transition from farmer to agri-entrepreneur.

The results were transformational—not just for Asha, but for the entire village. Her pesticide expenditure dropped drastically to ₹270 per acre. Through the sale of organic inputs, she earned ₹25,000 from 2,500 kg of vermicompost, ₹34,240 from 856 liters of Dashparni extract, and ₹26,600 from neem extract. These practices led to increased pollinator activity, better natural pest control, and visible improvement in soil health. Neighboring farmers began noticing healthier cotton crops on fields using organic inputs. Several farmers in the village have now reduced the number of chemical sprays, adopted trap crops, and started using vermicompost and botanical extracts. There’s a visible shift towards reduced chemical dependency, improved biodiversity, better yields, and more sustainable crop management practices. With her seed drill available on rent, more farmers began timely sowing, improving crop establishment and saving labor costs.

Today, Ms. Asha is a source of inspiration for many in her village and beyond. The demand for her organic inputs has grown steadily, and fellow farmers now regularly seek her advice. The appreciation and encouragement from the community has strengthened her belief in sustainable farming. For the 2025–26 season, she has set a goal to produce 1,000 liters of Dashparni extract, 600 liters of neem extract, and 6,000 kg of vermicompost, along with initiating the preparation of D. Composer, Jeevamrut, and Humic Acid. As Asha says: “I am thankful to the BC team for helping me establish the Bio-Input Center. These practices have improved soil fertility, increased biodiversity, reduced input costs, and raised my income. Most importantly, I feel proud that I am protecting nature while helping fellow farmers. I wish every farmer adopts these sustainable ways for a better future.”



2. FORMATION AND PROMOTION OF 10000 FPOS UNDER CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME

- **Project Title** – Formation and Promotion of 10000 FPOs under Central Sector Scheme
- **Funded By**– Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) New Delhi
- **Area of Operation** – Yavatmal, Wardha, Chandrapur, Hingoli, Ahilyanagar & Nashik district.

Agriculture sector plays a very important role in both economic development and Nation building. India is globally in the fore front of development of agriculture. The goal is to increase the income of rural farmers. However, more than 86% of farmers in the country are small and marginal. There is a need to facilitate our farmers with access to improved technology, credit, better input and more markets to incentivize them to produce better quality commodity. For this, Aggregation of small, marginal and landless farmers into FPOs will help enhance economic strength and market linkages of farmers for enhancing their income. Keeping this in mind, Government of India has launched a new Central Sector Scheme titled "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs)" with a clear strategy and committed resources to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs in the country.



Details of 20 blocks allocated to Vikasganga by SFAC to form and Promote FPO's

Under this project 20 FPOs have been formed and promoted in the blocks of Hingoli, Chandrapur, Yavatmal, Wardha, Ahmadnagar & Nashik district by electing 5 active directors and 5 promoters for the smooth and successful implementation of FPO activity. Efforts are made for gathering minimum 300 share holder farmers to each FPOs separately. Farmers meetings and trainings were conducted timely for awareness of farmers so that they can join the FPO activity and receive benefits of FPO services. Further following planning was done for the future activities of FPOs as per their selected produces.

Under this project SFAC Delhi allocated 20 blocks to form 20 FPOs (one in each block) of Hingoli, Chandrapur, Yavatmal, Wardha, Ahilyanagar and Nashik district to Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha, Ghatanji as CBBO for Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organization. In every FPO minimum 300 farmers would be the shareholder members which includes Marginal, Small, Medium, large farmers and land less farmers from the block. Different agricultural related activities are promoted and conducted to increase farmer's income. All the process of formation and promotion of FPOs will be conducted under the guidance of District Level Monitoring Committees (D-MCs) members. Also, State Government department ATMA/Agriculture/Horticulture will guide and support to CBBOs.

Sr No	District	Block
1	Hingoli	1. Hingoli, 2. Basmat, 3. Aundha 4. Sengaoon 5. Kalamnuri
2	Chandrapur	1. Chandrapur, 2. Mul. 3. Chimur
3	Yavatmal	1. Ghatanji, 2. Digras, 3. Maregaon, 4. Zari 5. Arni
4	Wardha	1. Arvi, 2. Karanja
5	Ahilyanagar	1. Sangamner, 2. Rahata, 3. Srigonda, 4. Parner
6	Nashik	1. Igatpuri



MAJOR ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT A Journey from Farm to Market

1. PRODUCTION IMPROVEMENT

- Detailed discussion was held with the farmers and BoD in a training to increase the qualitative production. A team of experts and selected producer farmers guided the farmers and BoD. New farmers were also made aware about joining the FPO.
- Discussion was also held with the farmers and BoD to adopt newer technologies.

2. VALUE ADDITION

- Fruitful discussion was held with the farmers and BoD of the FPO's to run following activities.
- Setting up of processing unit in the area of FPO.
- Developing well-known brand of FPO's produce.
- Providing storage facility to the commodity produce to gain more income.
- To connect with well-established market place for selling the produce.
- To convert the produce in to more valued product after processing.

Activities implemented and Future aspect of FPOs regarding their crop produce



PADDY CROP	<p>Good quality paddy seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers to increase crop yield and reduce input costs.</p> <p>Proposed Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a Paddy Processing Unit to convert paddy into high-quality rice. Collective procurement of paddy among FPO members.
TURMERIC	<p>Good quality turmeric seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers to enhance yield and lower costs.</p> <p>Proposed Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of a Turmeric Processing Unit for converting turmeric into powder for market sale. Collective procurement and sale of turmeric by some FPOs. Development of warehouse facilities for FPOs in Hingoli district
COTTON CROP	<p>Quality seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers to boost yield and reduce input costs.</p> <p>Proposed Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of Custom Hiring Centers (CHC) for renting out agricultural tools and equipment. Proposed establishment of a Ginning and Pressing Unit through government schemes for the FPO business.
SERICULTURE	<p>Mulberry plot set up on shareholder farms under a government scheme for cocoon production.</p> <p>Support Provided: FPO provides services to increase sericulture production.</p> <p>Business Activity: Procurement and sale of cocoon for the benefit of shareholders.</p>
SOYBEAN	<p>Inputs Provided: Good quality soybean seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers.</p> <p>Future Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for procurement and sale of soybean in the future. Supportive activities such as supplying solar/electric shock machines, tarpaulin, and organic pesticides.
ONION, GRAPES, LEMON, GUAVA	<p>Inputs Provided: Good quality seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers.</p> <p>Future Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision to undertake procurement and sale of onion in the future, with similar plans for other fruits. Future construction of storage and processing units to enhance value addition.

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES TO BE RUN BY THE FPOS

After detailed discussion held with the BOD and producer farmers, it was decided to run following business activities.

1. Collective buying and selling of commodities through FPO
2. Establishment of processing unit in the area of FPO.
3. Making land available for setting up a processing unit, Warehouse facility and Procurement of commodity produce.
4. To link with input companies, technical service providers, marketing/processing companies, retailers, Custom Hiring Centre etc.
5. Developing value chain by processing and production of value-added products.
6. Branding and Packaging of products of FPO.

OVERALL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Various supportive business activities have been implemented for shareholder farmers across different crops, which include:

- Supply of agricultural tools and organic inputs.
- Plans for warehousing and processing to enhance market readiness and value addition.
- Emphasis on collective efforts for procurement and sale to enhance profitability and reduce market risks for farmers.

These initiatives taken by the FPOs focus on improving agricultural productivity, enhancing quality, and ultimately increasing the profitability for the farmers involved.



BUSINESS TRANSECTION OF 20 FPOS THROUGH VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL RELATED ACTIVITIES IN YEAR 2024-25



Sr No	Name of FPOs	Preliminary Crop of FPO	No of Village covered	No of Farmers / Share holders benefitted	Activities implemented	Business transection Year 2024 - 25 in Rs
01	Andhari Vyaghra FPC Ltd, Chandrapur, Dist. Chandrapur	Paddy	14	970	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials like Spraypump,, Tarpaulin, Paddy Seeds, Gram, wheat seeds,	Rs. 6034697/-
02	Mansun FPC Ltd., Mul, Dist. Chandrapur	Paddy	08	309	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials Paddy Seeds, Plastic Bags	Rs. 713953/-
03	Mrudhani FPC Ltd, Chimur Dist. Chandrapur	Cotton	09	311	Agri Input sale like Seeds & Pesticides	Rs.00/-
04	Prajashakati FPC Ltd. Hingoli Dist.Hingoli	Turmeric	07	450	Procurement and Sale of Turmeric commodity	Rs. 6322219/-
05	Anapurna Natural FPC Ltd. Basmat, Dist Hingoli	Turmeric	18	920	Procurement and Sale of Turmeric commodity, Sale of Drip & Sprinkler through FPC shop	Rs. 653000/-
06	Krushivishva FPC Ltd. Aundha N. Dist. Hingoli	Turmeric	16	750	Procurement and Sale of Turmeric commodity	Rs. 11400000/-
07	Durdarshan FPC Ltd. Kalamnuri Dist. Hingoli	Turmeric	11	392	Procurement and Sale of Soyabean commodity	Rs. 15000/-
08	Kayadhu Krishi Samrudhi FPC Ltd. Sengaon Dist. Hingoli	Turmeric	09	616	Procurement and Sale of Gram commodity, sale of Organic pesticide & Compost, Pheromen trap etc	Rs. 153000/-
09	Wardha Karanja MH FPC Ltd. Karanja Dist. Wardha	Orange	14	912	Procurement and Sale of Agri commodity Cotton, CHC Center	Rs. 3025000/-
10	Greenvishva FPC Ltd. Arvi, Dist. Wardha	Vegetable	09	307	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials like Spray Pump, Mulching Paper and Liquid fertilizer, Agri input center	Rs. 2683239/-
11	Cottongold FPC Ltd., Ghatanji, Dist. Yavatmal	Cotton	09	490	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials Feroman trap, Yellow stick, Nano Urea, Zataka Battrey, Decomposer & Neem Oil, Set up of Agri equipment bank (Tractor, Rotavator, Shredder). CHC Center	Rs. 738280/-
12	Soyafarma FPC Ltd. Arni, Dist. Yavatmal	Soyabean	11	451	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials Tadpari, Zataka battery, Spray pump etc. Agri input supply of Seed & Pesticides	Rs. 3652435/-
13	Reshimgold FPC Ltd. Digras, Dist. Yavatmal	Sericulture	12	888	Procurement and Sale of Cocoon, Chocky rearing, Input material like Stray, Lime, Vijeta PW, Nursery Plant	Rs. 2497500/-
14	Soyagold FPC Ltd. Maregaon Dist. Yavatmal	Soyabean	20	750	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials like Plastic tarpaulin, light trap, Solar fencing, Spray pump, A Sale of Agri inputs like seed & Pesticides etc	Rs. 5096497/-
15	Mrugzari FPC Ltd. Zari Dist. Yavatmal	Soyabean	06	311	Purchase & Sale of Agri related materials like Yellow stick trap, Fish oil, Solar Zataka Battrey, spray pump, Tarpaulin, Blue stick Trap and Jute sacks, Input supply like Seed & Pesticides	Rs. 1458000/-

BUSINESS TRANSECTION OF 20 FPOS THROUGH VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL RELATED ACTIVITIES IN YEAR 2024-25



Sr No	Name of FPOs	Preliminary Crop of FPO	No of Village covered	No of Farmers / Share holders benefitted	Activities implemented	Business transection Year 2024-25 in Rs
16	Kolwade Parisar Shetkari Producer Company Ltd At. Sangamner Dist.Ahilyanagar	Pomegranate, Onion and Vegetable	14	350	At starting stage due to which business activities are not started	Rs.00/-
17	Sindhutai Shetkari Mahila Producer Company Ltd, Rahata Dist.Ahilyanagar	Rose and Guava	25	500	At starting stage due to which business activities are not started	Rs.18350/-
18	Shrigonda Natural Growers Farmer Producer Company Ltd Shrigonda Dist.Ahilyanagar	Onion, Lemen and Grapes	07	52	Sale of Organic Fertilizer	Rs.1,20,000/-
19	Parner Farmer's Pride Producer Company Ltd Parner Dist.Ahilyanagar	Sorghum, Onion and Green Gram	10	92	FPC was at starting stage	Rs.5520/-
20	Vaitrana Organic Farmer Producer company Ltd At. Igatpuri Dist. Nashik	Rice, Onion	12	438	Procurement & Sale of Rice	Rs.18000/-
Total			241	10259		





“As Director of Soyagold Farmer Producer Company Limited, we are committed to empowering our farmers through innovation, unity, and sustainable growth. Together, we are building a resilient future that uplifts our communities and strengthens the agriculture sector for generations to come.”

- Mr. Shamal Raut, Chairman, Soyagold FPC

Our story:

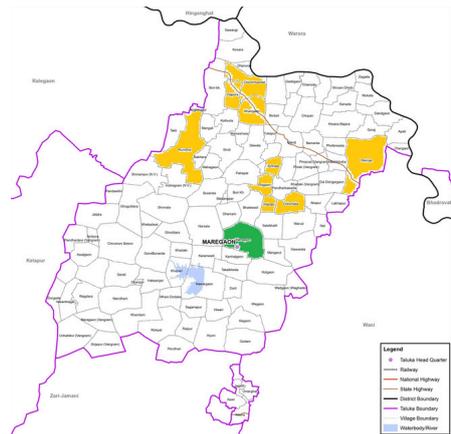
Soyagold Farmer Producer Company Limited was established on 24th December 2021 under the "Formation & Promotion of 10000 FPOs under Central Sector Scheme (CSS)." With SFAC as the implementing agency and Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha as the Cluster-Based Business Organization (CBBO), the FPC benefits from structured support in capacity building, market access, and governance. This backing empowers Soyagold FPC to effectively address local challenges and enhance farmer incomes. Soyagold Farmer Producer Company Limited was established in Maregaon Tahsil of Yavatmal district in Maharashtra, to address pressing agricultural challenges that were affecting local farmers, such as crop damage from wild animals, labor shortages, and limited market access for soybeans. Serving 32 villages, Soyagold has introduced innovative solutions to empower small and marginal farmers in the region. By launching business activities focused on practical, farmer-friendly solutions like the Solar Fencing Machine for crop protection, the distribution of high-quality farming inputs and Modern equipment like Pesticides Spraying drones, and the provision of streamlined market access, Soyagold has effectively boosted the resilience and productivity of its member farmers. These initiatives have not only minimized the risk of crop loss but have also enhanced farmer's bargaining power, increasing their income and ensuring greater crop sustainability.

Through its commitment to addressing core agricultural issues, Soyagold has significantly impacted the community, contributing to higher yields, reduced input costs, and increased market access for its members. Soyagold's strategic and community-centered approach has transformed the agricultural landscape in Maregaon Tehsil, served 675 shareholders farmers to overcome longstanding challenges and fostering a sustainable, prosperous farming ecosystem.



Background:

Maregaon is located at about 85 Km distance to the southeast of Yavatmal. There are 33.4 % scheduled tribe and 5.09 % scheduled caste population in Maregaon Taluka. More than 80 % of people is dependent on agriculture as a source of livelihood which is mainly rain-fed. The block has black cotton soil which is suitable for Cotton, soybean and pulses, these are important crops in this tehsil. Landholding size is low and number of small and marginal farmers is about 56 %. Suitable soils, climate, water for protective irrigation, transport facilities are the important resources.



Almost entire farmers in the area are already producing soybean crop and pulses and have lot of experience in the same production. Maregaon block is one of the sixteen blocks of Yavatmal district having more than 33 % of tribal population. Geographical area of Maregaon cluster is 6199.99 ha. Crops grown by farmers in Kharif season are Cotton, Soybean, Pigeon and in Rabbi is Wheat and Gram.





Mobilizing the Farmer Community

Soyagold Farmer Producer Company Limited successfully mobilized farmers across 32 villages, uniting 675 shareholders through relentless efforts, including day-and-night meetings to address farmer’s concerns and aspirations. Through these gatherings, Soyagold FPC educated farmers on the benefits of collective action, the potential for increased income, and the improved access to quality inputs and markets that an FPC can provide. This unity has become a powerful force, enabling small and marginal farmers to achieve economies of scale, negotiate better prices, and build essential infrastructure that would be unattainable individually. By fostering trust and shared goals, Soyagold has shown that when farmers stand together, they can transform their economic future and strengthen their community.



Providing Quality Input to the Farmers

Soyagold Farmer Producer Company Limited has prioritized the provision of high-quality farming inputs to its members, ensuring access to certified seeds, effective fertilizers, pesticides, and essential farming equipment. Recognizing the challenges farmers face in obtaining reliable resources, Soyagold has introduced items like light traps for pest control, solar fencing, (Zatka machines) for animal deterrence, durable tarpaulins and sprinkler sets. These tools and inputs improve crop yields, protect against wild animal incursions, and optimize water usage, ultimately reducing costs and boosting productivity. By making quality inputs accessible and affordable, Soyagold has empowered farmers with the resources needed to cultivate healthier crops, enhancing their resilience and profitability.



Innovative approach towards production enhancement

Soyagold FPCL has taken a proactive approach to boost soybean productivity by establishing crop demonstration plots using advanced techniques and technology. One of these methods is the Broad Bed Furrow (BBF) sowing technique, a scientifically proven practice designed to improve crop resilience and maximize soyabean yield. Through these demonstration fields, Soyagold showcases how BBF improves water management by channeling excess water away from the crop roots, which reduces waterlogging issues that are common in soybean fields. This method not only conserves soil structure but also promotes better root development, which is essential for stronger, healthier soybean plants.

These demonstrations conducted by the Agriculture department and Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha (CBBO). It helped to understand the practical learning tool for farmers, allowing them to see the benefits of new farming practices firsthand. By witnessing improved plant health and increased yields, farmers are encouraged to adopt BBF and other innovative techniques. Soyagold’s initiative thus plays a pivotal role in bridging the gap between traditional practices and modern agricultural advancements. This hands-on approach to education and support equips farmers with effective, sustainable solutions, enabling them to achieve better productivity and contribute to the growth and sustainability of soybean farming in their region.

Promoting Modern Technology: Drone Sprayers

Soyagold Farmer Producer Company Limited has introduced drone-based pesticide spraying as a part of its commitment to modernizing farming practices and enhancing crop protection for its members. This innovative approach allows for efficient, uniform pesticide application across large fields, covering areas that are difficult or time-consuming to access manually. By adopting drone technology, Soyagold FPC not only reduces the labor intensity and time required for spraying but also ensures that pesticides are applied precisely, minimizing wastage and environmental impact.

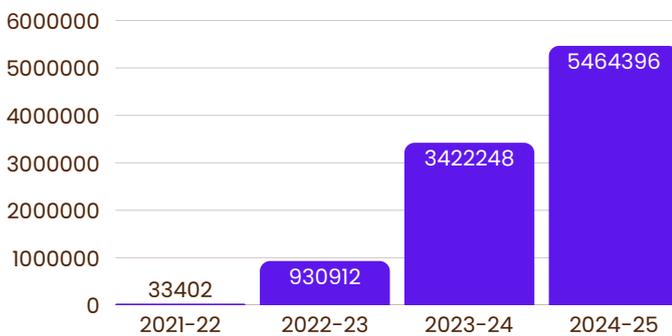
The benefits of drone spraying are significant. It reduces farmers' exposure to chemicals, thereby enhancing their safety, and promotes greater cost efficiency by reducing pesticide usage. Additionally, drone spraying increases the effectiveness of pest control, helping to protect crops and improve yields. This initiative underscores Soyagold’s dedication to equipping farmers with advanced, sustainable farming solutions that drive productivity and boost profitability, ensuring better outcomes for farmers and the environment alike.





Financial Achievement

Over the past few years, Soyagold Farmer Producer Company Limited has demonstrated remarkable growth, reflecting the effectiveness of its initiatives and the increasing engagement of its farmer members. The steady rise in business turnover signifies the FPC's success in establishing reliable market connections, expanding its offerings, and fulfilling its mission of empowering farmers. Each year, Soyagold FPC has refined its services, such as supplying quality inputs and creating market access, which has helped foster trust and unity among farmers. This upward trajectory highlights how collective action and strong management can transform the economic landscape for smallholder farmers, promoting long-term sustainability and resilience in the agricultural community. As Soyagold FPC continues to grow, it remains poised to deliver even greater value to its members, ensuring they benefit from improved market opportunities and better profit margins.



Market Expansion:

Soyagold FPC established strategic partnerships and market linkages with major agricultural companies and platforms. These collaborations enhance the FPO's access to products, services, and wider markets, strengthening its business network and support system for farmers.



Conclusion

Soyagold Farmer Producer Company Limited stands as a testament to the power of collective action and innovative solutions in transforming agricultural communities. Established to address the unique challenges faced by small and marginal farmers, Soyagold has successfully provided vital resources, from quality inputs and advanced technologies to secure market access and protective infrastructure. With initiatives like solar fencing for crop protection and the use of drones for efficient pesticide application, Soyagold has enabled farmers to overcome production barriers and improve their profitability.

Success Factors Driving Soyagold's Revenue Growth

1. Focus on Local Needs:

Soyagold addresses the specific agricultural challenges faced by farmers in the Maregaon region. By offering products tailored to local conditions, such as crop-specific fertilizers and pesticides, the company ensures maximum impact.

2. Trust and Community-Centered Approach:

Serving 675 shareholder farmers across 32 villages, Soyagold has built trust through consistent quality and reliable service. This is reflected in the recurring sales of certain products and the willingness of farmers to invest in advanced equipment.

3. Capacity Building and Awareness:

Soyagold empowers farmers through training sessions and demonstrations of modern farming techniques, resulting in higher adoption of innovative products.

4. Market Accessibility:

The FPC streamlines market access for its member farmers, ensuring a seamless supply of agricultural inputs. This minimizes dependency on intermediaries and enhances profitability for both the company and its members.

5. Sustainability and Modernization:

Through products like solar light traps and pesticide drones, Soyagold is promoting sustainable agriculture. This not only reduces input costs for farmers but also positions the company as an advocate for environmentally friendly practices.

6. Efficient Operations:

The detailed revenue report showcases a well-organized sales strategy. By effectively managing inventory, pricing, and customer relationships, Soyagold maximizes revenue while maintaining operational efficiency.

The Future of Soyagold FPC:

To drive sustainable growth and enhance profitability for its members, Soyagold Farmer Producer Company Limited has outlined a strategic plan focused on infrastructure development, market access, and value addition. These initiatives aim to empower farmers by providing critical support throughout the production and sales processes, from improved storage and post-harvest handling to streamlined bulk procurement and innovative value-added products. By investing in these key areas, Soyagold is positioning its farmers to capture more value from their crops, ensuring long-term economic stability and resilience for the agricultural community.

- 1) Warehouse for Cleaning and Grading Agricultural Products
- 2) Soybean Procurement from Farmers and Bulk Sales
- 3) Value-Added Soybean Products



Through structured support from programs like the Central Sector Scheme and partnerships with SFAC and Vikasganga Samajsewa Sanstha, Soyagold has not only grown its network across 32 villages but has created an enduring foundation for agricultural resilience and prosperity. The company's dedication to empowering local farmers has elevated both their incomes and their sense of security, ensuring that agriculture remains a sustainable livelihood in Maregaon Tehsil. Looking forward, Soyagold remains committed to expanding value-added opportunities and infrastructure that will support farmers and strengthen rural economies for years to come.



"Wardha Karanja MH Farmer Producer Company Ltd (WKFPC) is a story of resilience, unity, and growth. Built by farmers, for farmers, WKFPC is empowering rural communities through collective efforts, innovative solutions, and sustainable agriculture practices. From reducing farming costs to creating better market access, our journey reflects the strength of collaboration and the promise of a better tomorrow for farmers in the Karanja region."



“ At WKFPC, we believe that agriculture is not just a profession—it is a way of life that sustains our communities and shapes our future. With the support of Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha and the backing of SFAC under the Central Sector Scheme for FPOs, we have laid a strong foundation to empower our 912 member farmers across 10 villages in the Karanja Block of Wardha District. Our focus has always been to bridge the gap between the farmer and the market. Through initiatives such as collective aggregation and marketing of produce, seed production, and value-added processing like orange products, we aim to maximize the returns for our farmers while maintaining sustainability. ”

- Mr. Nitesh Ramesh Dhurve, Chairman, Wardha Karanja MH FPC

Our story:

In the lush fields of Karanja Block, Wardha District, farmers toiled tirelessly, cultivating oranges, soybean, and tur, hoping for a good harvest. Yet, their hard work was overshadowed by relentless challenges. Middlemen dominated the market, offering unfair prices and robbing farmers of their rightful earnings. Pests like fruit flies wreaked havoc on orange crops, while poor-quality seeds and fertilizers often led to disappointing yields. Harvest season brought its own woes, with labor shortages and high costs forcing many to watch their crops perish before they could be harvested. The lack of storage and post-harvest facilities meant immediate sales at throwaway prices, adding to the farmers' despair.

This shared struggle united the farming community. Guided by Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha, under 10k FPC promotion scheme the farmers realized the power of collective action and established the Wardha Karanja MH Farmer Producer Company Ltd (WKFPC) in September 2021.

The FPC became a beacon of hope, providing high-quality agri-inputs, post-harvest solutions like grading and storage, and mechanized harvesting to reduce costs and wastage. Through collective marketing, farmers gained direct access to markets, securing better prices for their produce. Additionally, capacity-building programs empowered them with modern techniques and knowledge, ensuring sustainable farming practices.

Today, WKFPC stands as a testament to resilience and unity. Farmers no longer struggle alone but thrive as part of a larger collective, turning their challenges into opportunities and ensuring a brighter future for their families and fields. The company has become not just a solution but a symbol of hope, bridging the gap between farmers and the prosperity they deserve.

OUR SERVICE:

1. Agri-input Center

We provide our member farmers with access to certified seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, and bio-inputs, ensuring better yields and reducing their dependency on low-quality alternatives. Through bulk procurement, we are able to lower costs and pass the savings on to our farmers. We also ensure timely delivery of these inputs directly to our farmers' doorsteps, saving them time and effort.

Our agricultural support services also include Soil and Water Testing Services, which provide regular testing and recommendations on soil fertility, nutrient management, and water quality. This enables our farmers to adopt sustainable farming practices. Additionally, we offer Custom Input Packages, tailored agri-input kits specifically designed for crops like Orange, Soybean, and Tur. These kits ensure that our farmers receive the optimal inputs for their crops and soil type, maximizing their yields and profitability.



Challenges

High Input
Costs and
Substandard
Inputs



Our Service

2. Farmer Awareness and Capacity-Building

We provide comprehensive training to farmers in modern farming practices, including integrated pest management, organic farming, and precision agriculture. This training enables farmers to adopt innovative techniques, improve crop yields, and reduce costs. Additionally, we offer specialized training programs for women farmers, promoting inclusivity and empowerment in agricultural development.

Our training programs also focus on educating farmers about market trends, government schemes, and subsidies available for agricultural development. Furthermore, we conduct Digital Literacy Programs, familiarizing farmers with mobile apps and online platforms that provide real-time market prices, weather forecasts, and crop advisory. This digital empowerment enables farmers to make informed decisions, improving their overall productivity and profitability.



Impacts



1. Fruit fly Control

- Reduced infestation levels by a significant margin, enhancing the quality of oranges.
- Increased marketable yield, allowing farmers to fetch better prices.
- Promoted environmentally friendly farming practices, safeguarding biodiversity and soil health.

2. Low Harvesting cost

- Reduced the cost of harvesting by 30-40% compared to traditional methods.
- Enabled farmers to harvest their crops efficiently, even during labor shortages.
- Ensured timely harvesting, preserving crop quality and preventing losses due to overripe produce.

3. Labor Efficiency

- Improved the productivity of available labor by equipping them with modern tools and techniques.
- Reduced dependency on external labor, particularly during peak seasons.
- Empowered women laborers by involving them in value-added activities such as grading and packaging.

4. Low Wastage

- Reduced crop wastage by 20-25%, ensuring more produce reaches the market.
- Preserved crop quality, which is critical for fetching premium prices.
- Increased farmers' net income by maximizing the utilization of harvested produce.



3. Custom Hiring Center

Our mission is to empower farmers by providing affordable access to cutting-edge harvesters and threshers, specifically designed for crops like Soybean, Tur, and Wheat. This enables farmers to reduce labor dependency, save time, and prevent post-harvest losses.

We offer specialized equipment, including boom sprayers, modern harvesters, and threshers, to support farmers in their endeavors. By providing access to these tools, we aim to transform the agricultural landscape, enabling farmers to increase their productivity, efficiency, and profitability.

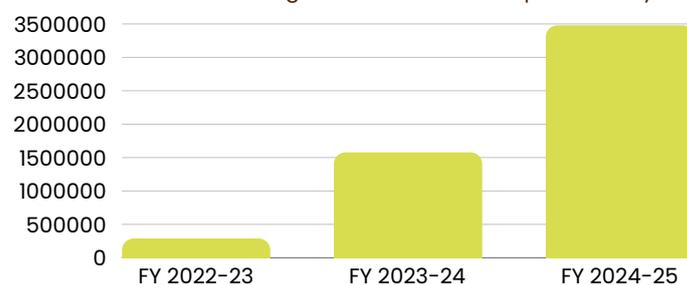


Financial Achievement



Wardha Karanja MH Farmer Producer Company Ltd (WKFPCL) has shown remarkable growth and development since its inception. In its first year of operations, WKFPCL recorded a turnover of ₹2,89,000 in FY 2022-23, reflecting its initial steps toward establishing a sustainable business model. With collective efforts and effective market linkages, the company made significant strides in its second year, achieving an impressive turnover of ₹15,78,000 in FY 2023-24. This exponential growth highlights the impact of collective marketing, quality inputs, and the value-added services offered to its member farmers.

With a turnover of ₹34,79,000 in FY 2024-25 WKFPCL continues to maintain a strong foundation and sustainable business practices. The company remains focused on expanding its reach, diversifying its services, and empowering farmers with better access to markets and advanced farming techniques. WKFPCL's progress demonstrates its dedication to improving the livelihoods of its members and promoting rural economic development through collective efforts. The steady growth in turnover over the years showcases the company's capability to adapt to changing circumstances while maintaining its core mission of enhancing farmer income and productivity.



Future Plans of WKFPCL:

WKFPCL is committed to improving the agricultural ecosystem in the Karanja region by focusing on long-term growth and sustainability for its member farmers. To achieve this, we have laid out key future plans that will enhance value addition, reduce post-harvest losses, and increase farmers' profitability. Below are the detailed future initiatives that WKFPCL aims to implement:

- 1) Cold Storage for Oranges
- 2) Custom Hiring Centers for Farmers
- 3) Agro Mall for Farmers (Large Agri Input Mall)
- 4) Orange Cleaning & Grading Unit
- 5) Developing Orange Brand (Orange Value Chain)
- 6) Orange Import and Export



In 2020-21, about 150 farmers from rural areas in Aundha Nagnath taluka of Hingli district of Maharashtra came together and established "Krushivishva Farmers' Producer Company Ltd." The main objective of the company was - to find a suitable market for agricultural produce and to reduce production costs, and achieve value addition by processing agricultural products. Also, to frame agricultural supplementary schemes for all stakeholders with the government support and to create an agricultural revolution within the scope of the Farmer Producer Company.

OUR STORY

In Marathwada region Every year Have facing problems of Drought condition specially Aundha Nagnath Block of Hingoli District, farmers toiled tirelessly, cultivating, soybean, and tur, hoping for a good harvest. Yet, their hard work was overshadowed by relentless challenges. Middlemen dominated the market, offering unfair prices and robbing farmers of their rightful earnings. Sucking Pests attack on Turmeric crops, while poor-quality seeds pesticides and fertilizers often led to disappointing yields. Harvest season brought its own woes, with labor shortages and high costs forcing many to watch their crops perish before they could be harvested. The lack of storage and post-harvest facilities meant immediate sales at throwaway prices, adding to the farmers' despair.

This shared struggle united the farming community. Guided by Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha, under 10k FPC promotion scheme the farmers realized the power of collective action and established the Krushivishva Farmer Producer Company Ltd in September 2021.

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Over View

Some small and medium farmers in the district decided to come together, frustrated by rising costs of farming, volatile market prices, dependence on middlemen, and low profits. "Krushivishva Farmers' Producer Company Ltd." was established with the help of SFAC and under the guidance of Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha the main contribution of SFAC and Vikasganga Samajwadi Sanstha are as below:

Financial Support: SFAC provided financial support to the company under Equity Grant and Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme.

Training: Under the guidance of SFAC, the company's board of directors received training in business management, marketing, and financial planning.

Market opportunities: Through SFAC's platform, the company was able to directly connect with buyers across the country. 200 farmers became members in the first year itself and the company achieved a turnover of ₹75 lakhs.

Prices of agricultural produce increased by 25%, ending dependence on brokers. The company added value to agriculture produce by creating its own "Nagnath". Local women also got employment through the nursery.



Main Products and Activities

- The company started integrated cultivation of pulses like moong, urad, gram and through FPC, seeds were made available to all farmers at a reasonable price.
- The products were cleaned, packed and branded and sold in local and urban markets.

- Started dealing directly with buyers to ensure farmers get fair prices.

The Major tasks:

- Promoting organic farming by uniting farmers
- Providing machinery like tractors, irrigation pumps, threshers etc. in a shared format
- Avoiding the losses of middlemen by directly contacting the market
- Setting up processing centers for turmeric crops.





Achievements:

- Farmers received training on information about farmer schemes and farm planning. The company regularly organized workshops on agricultural technology, organic farming, market management. This increased the awareness of farmers and improved their decision-making skills.
- Farmers' net profit increased and agricultural products received higher prices than the market price.
- Youth in the village got employment through the company's nursery.
- The company achieved an annual turnover of 1.5 crores in the first three years.
- A 200 metric ton godown was constructed under the Nanaji Deshmukh Krishi Sanjeevani Project under Govt of Maharashtra and the storage problem of the farmers was solved.

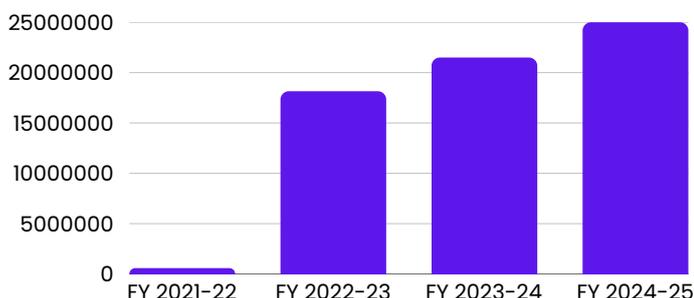
Financial Achievement

Krushivishv Farmer Producer Company Ltd has shown remarkable growth and development since its inception. In its first year of operations, company recorded a turnover of ₹5,84,100 in FY 2021-22, reflecting its initial steps toward establishing a sustainable business model. With collective efforts and effective market linkages

The company made significant strides in its second year, achieving an impressive turnover of ₹1,81,53,000 in FY 2022-23. This exponential growth highlights the impact of collective marketing, quality inputs, and the value-added services offered to its member farmers.

Despite a slight dip in turnover to ₹2,50,00,000 in FY 2024-25 continues to maintain a strong foundation and sustainable business practices. The company remains focused on expanding its reach, diversifying its services, and empowering farmers with better access to markets and advanced farming techniques. company progress demonstrates its dedication to improving the livelihoods of its members and promoting rural economic development through collective efforts.

The steady growth in turnover over the years showcases the company's capability to adapt to changing circumstances while maintaining its core mission of enhancing farmer income and productivity.



The Current Status of Company

1. Today, the company is not only connecting more than 750 farmers to take their produce to the market, but also selling it easily and directly to the consumers. The company has also recently stepped onto the e-commerce platform. ONDC was REGISTERED. And online sales have started on the ONDC platform.
2. The company has Paid Up Capital 2563000/- and Authorized Capital 5000000/-.
3. The company has Weighing Machine 36000/- Packing Machine 215000/- and 200 metric ton warehouse construction costing Rs. 3992000/-.

Future Plans of Krushivishv FPCL

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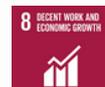
3. LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- **Project Title:** "Resilient and self-reliant rural communities leading towards sustainable and thriving economies"
- **Funded By:** Reliance Foundation, Mumbai
- **Area of Operation:** 140 villages from Ghatanji, Arni & Kalamb blocks of Yavatmal district

The rural economy is primarily agriculture-based, with farming and allied activities significantly influencing the economic and social lives of rural communities. To promote sustainable livelihoods and economic upliftment, Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha, with support from the Reliance Foundation, is implementing a Livelihood Development Project. The project covers 140 villages across the Ghatanji, Kalamb, and Arni blocks of the Yavatmal district.

The main objective of the project is strengthening the existing stake holders like Gram Panchayat, Gram Sanghatan, SHGs, Government department staff, NGOs representative etc.; which will play important role in the development of the villages and rural economy. The project is divided in to three main themes under which following activities were completed.

1. Climate Resilience for Sustainable Development (CR4SD)



To minimize the impact of climate change we initiated climate resilience measures such as Awareness, PRA, Nutrition awareness Common Resource development like Plantation, Grass land development, Gray water Management, SWC work, drinking water activity, etc in 17 project villages and integrated into Gram Panchayat Development Plan.



To understand the present scenario of the village, we had conducted Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) of common resources of 25 villages through the process of villagers meeting, meetings with different stake holders of village, transect walk, natural resources available at village level, livelihood pattern, drawing Gav Nakasha, Shivar Nakasha, future needs etc and then created management plan.



Under the initiative of Rain Water Harvesting or Water Harvesting Structures development work Vikasganga completed Nalla Deepening & Widening work (Doha Model) work at Dahegaon & Kurhad village of Ghatanji block and Tirzada, Shinganapur village of Kalamb block of Yavatmal district. Result of this the farm land situated near the bank of nalla protected from flood water during rainy season and saved the crops. Also water stored in the Dohas get recharge into the ground and benefitting to improve the ground water level in that area helpful to increase the irrigation. Specially in case of Tirzada village during rainy season water enters in the village and damages the assets of the villagers cause heavy economical loss every year, that problems get totally resolved. The Tirzada villagers and Gram Panchayat deeply express their thanks to Vikasganga and Reliance Foundation for this work. Total 2376 Meter Nalla Deepening & Widening work were completed in four villages and stored 2.23 Lakh Cu M water benefitting the 1865 beneficiaries including farmers and villagers.



Soil & Water Conservation is the main component of the project, under this we completed Compartment Bunding activity in 03 villages covering 22 Hector land of length 1893 M benefitting 18 farmers. It drain out the rainfall water systematically from farm land and protects farm land from water logging. Also top fertile flowing soil get collected in the drain of the compartment bunding, which can be reutilized after four to five year and rejuvenate the bunding again. This activity are helpful to maintain good crop condition and increase crop yield perfectly. It increases the income of farmers.

1. Climate Resilience for Sustainable Development (CR4SD)



To generate awareness about optimum use of irrigation water, we promote Micro Irrigation systems like Drip, Sprinkler system & Mulching under efficient water management techniques. Under this activity total 37.6 Ha land area was covered.



To facilitate the drinking water supply, we undertake the activity of repairing of old Hand Pump & repairing of damaged pipe line in 03 villages under improved access to drinking water benefitting 90 to 100 families from the 03 villages.

Under Gray water Management programe we construct small Recharge pit in 40 Households to recharge waste water generated from Kitchen & Bathrooms which will be helpful to protect this water from contamination from black water.



To minimize the impact of chemical inputs on environment, we introduce climate adaptive farming practices by giving the support for soil fertility improvement material, Resistant seed, intercrop, trap crops and INM. Under this activity 456.32 Ha land area was covered.

To minimize the health issues of rural HH through supply of nutrition's from vegetables, we provided the support of Kitchen Garden seed kit to 622 Households with diversified food production and consumption through Kitchen Garden activity. Result of this beneficiary households get fresh vegetables every day at their home itself.



To supply of nutrition, we supported nutrition rich and bio fortified crops like Green gram, Black gram to farmers. Under these farmers sown the nutrition rich crops on 55.6 Ha land area.

2. Integrated value chain development activity:

- To understand the new technology & advanced practices, we provided techno-managerial support to 04 FPOs after providing training & exposure.
- Under FPOS development programme 1725 Producers benefitted from marketing of their produce / accessing products and services from Farmer Collectives/FPOs.
- After training and capacity building of FPOs, through business activity FPO turnover reached to 1.81 Crore rupees under value of produce marketed and inputs/services sourced through farmer collectives/FPOs.



- To introduce improved production practices/new agriculture technologies in farming, we supported advanced inputs like Warden for seed treatment, Sagarika, Tur cutter, Zatka battery etc. Under this activity 1150 Farmers were adopted these new technology practices on 920.8 Ha farm land.



3. Diversifying Rural Incomes Via Women Entrepreneurship and Empowerment (DRIWE):

- To strengthen & improve the existing business of small entrepreneurs, we provided support to 1185 Persons (small entrepreneur) which improve its existing livelihood and in additional livelihood in Farm & Non-Farm Sector.
- To strengthen the livelihood source of income, we conducted training & exposure to SHGs. After building their capacity 91 SHGs (Men & Women) were engaged for income enhancement activity like Making of Bhakarwadi, Goat rearing, Poultry rearing business etc.
- Awareness generation drives were conducted; 1179 persons were aware under improved access to entitlements, schemes and financial products for financial inclusion.
- Under digital & financial literacy programme, 1264 women were aware with improved digital and financial literacy engaged in livelihood activities.



THE FARMERS' CONVENTION



The event was organised under the Sustainable Livelihood Development Project with aimed to bring together farmers, women's groups and local institutions on a common platform to discuss climate-resilient livelihood options, share field experiences and promote community-led development initiatives. The specific objectives of the programme were to enhance farmers' awareness on sustainable agriculture practices, strengthen livelihoods in changing climatic conditions, and encourage active participation of women through self-help groups and producer collectives. The convention also sought to highlight the contribution of Dhirubhai Ambani to industry, agriculture and society, and to link his entrepreneurial vision with rural livelihood promotion. Key speakers Hon. Mr. Jitendraji Chaudhari, Mr. Yogeshji Totare, Mr. Vilasji Maladhari from Reliance Foundation & Mr. Ranjit Bobade from Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha shared guidance on improved farming practices and community institutions, self-help groups exhibited and sold their products, and project beneficiaries from Ghatanji, Arni and Kalamb blocks presented their experiences.



Output of the project

S N	Output Description	Achievements
1.1	Villages initiated climate resilience measures and integrated into village/Gram Panchayat Development Plan	26
2.1	Villages conducted participatory assessment of common resources and creating management plan	25
2.2	Additional water harvesting capacity created	4.5
2.3	Area brought under efficient management of water	150
2.4	Area covered with conservation and restoration of common resources	252
2.5	Villages with improved access to drinking water	4
2.6	Households engaged in grey water management	100
2.7	Area brought under climate adaptive farming practices (soil fertility improvement, resistant seed, intercrop, trap crops and INM)	600
3.1	Households with diversified food production and consumption	617
3.2	Area covered under nutrition rich and bio fortified crops	50
4.1	Area under improved production practices/new agriculture technologies	1026
4.2	Farmers adopting and benefitting with improved practices and/or new agriculture technologies	1000
5.1	Farmer collectives (FPOs/ SHG Federations/Co-op/ PACS/ Informal group of farmers) provided techno-managerial support and/or	4
5.2	Producers benefitting from marketing of their produce / accessing products and services from Farmer Collectives	1583
5.3	Value of produce marketed and inputs/services sourced through farmer collectives	1
6.1	No. of SHGs/ Producer Groups / Collectives (Men & Women) engaged for income enhancement	120
6.2	Persons supported to improve existing livelihood / Persons supported in taking up additional livelihood in Farm & Non-Farm Sector	1415
7.1	Improved access to entitlements, schemes and financial products for financial inclusion	1658
7.2	Women with improved digital and financial literacy engaged in livelihood activities	1658



IMPACT OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION WORK

**SHRI LAKSHMAN
UDDHAV SONULE**Village: Manoli, Tq. Ghatanji,
Dist. Yavatmal
Mobile No – 8390544405

Background

Manoli village is 2KM away from Ghatanji city, farming is the main business of villagers. The main crops grown in the village are Cotton, Soybean, Vegetables, Gram & Wheat. Lakshman bhau is a farmer and doing farming on its own 3 Acre land. His family have a total five members and its survival totally depends on the farming.

Support for Farm / Compartment bunding

Vikasangana Sanstha implementing Sustainable Livelihood Development Project with the support of Reliance Foundation in the Manoli village of Ghatanji block. Shri Lakshman bhau is living in the Manoli village and doing the farming. He every year took the crop of Cotton and Tur in his farm and survive its family. Farming is the main source of income of his family. Every year in rainy season his crop get damaged due to water logging in his farm and yield of crop was reduced. There is no any facility to drain out the rainfall water from the farm. There is a deep need of proper Compartment bunding so that excess rain fall water can easily drain out from his farm. Vikasangana and Reliance Foundation implementing the various social activities under the project in the Manoli village, Soil & Water Conservation is the one of the main component of the project. Under this activity proper Compartment Bunding was done in the Lakshman bhau farm, so that in rainy season excess rainfall water were suddenly drain out and water logging will be avoided. Result of this in current rainy season excess rainwater were easily drain out from its farm through the trench of Compartment bunding shows in the pictures and avoid the water logging of farm land.

Impact

Impact of this observed in the farm and present crop flourish with good condition. Also seepage of rain water in the ground increased due to Compartment bunding trench shows in picture, it will helpful to increase ground water and maintain the soil moisture. These all things are deeply helpful to maintain good crop condition and increase crop yield perfectly. If the crop yield increased it will be helpful to provide more income in the hand of Lakshmanbhau and it will must improve the economical condition of its family.



IMPACT OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION WORK

MR. MANIK SHYAMRAO MESHAM & MR. SANTOSH LINGU SAKHARKAR

Village: Dahegaon, Tq. Ghatanji, Dist. Yavatmal
Mobile No – 8390544405

Background

Dahegaon village is 9 km away from Ghatanji. The main occupation of the people of the village is agriculture and the main crop is Cotton, Soybeans, Vegetables, Gram, Wheat etc.

Due to this work, five farmers are directly benefitted and four farmers are indirectly benefitted. Before this work, approximately 5 to 7 acres of farm land were goes under water during monsoon season and due to which their crop were heavily damaged.

Nalla Deepening and Widening work

Various activities are implemented in the village Dahegaon under the sustainable livelihood development project with the joint association of Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha and Reliance Foundation. From which one of the activity is the Nalla deepening and widening. In Dahegaon village every year during the rainy season, the crops of the farmers damaged heavily due to the water entered from the Nalla in the farm. In Kharif season, due to the narrow width of the Nalla, the water of the Nalla entered in their farm and damage the kharip crops and thus the production would decrease. After receiving the request of concerned farmers our Civil Engineer expert and project team visited the site and decided to do the work. The permission of Village Gram Panchayat and Agriculture Department was taken. After completion of all process Nalla Deepening and Widening work was completed under the supervision of Civil Engineer consultant.

Total of 206 meters of Nalla deepening and widening work was done with leaving of berms along the length of the Nalla.

After the completion of the work, situation was changed, due to the Nalla Deepening and widening work, the rain water not entering in the farm and drain out easily from the Nalla. Result of this the crops in the farm get saved and grows in good condition. Impact of these observed in future that income of farmers will increase notably. Also, due to leaving berms along the length of Nalla, the water get percolated in the ground and increases the water level of the wells in the near by fields, It will helpful to get more crops in the Rabi season as well as summer crops. It will surely increase the income of the farmers in the future and help to strengthen their economic condition.



CASE STUDY-3

IMPACT OF USE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE : SOLAR LIGHT TRAP

Akshay Ughade, a resident of Vitoli, Arni, Yavatmal, owns 12 acres of irrigated farmland, where he cultivates soybean, cotton, pigeon pea (tur), and other crops. Due to changing weather conditions, his crops were frequently affected by pests and diseases, leading to increased expenses for pest control.



Through the Sustainable Livelihood Development Project by Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha and Reliance Foundation, he received a solar light trap, which he first installed in his soybean field. He noticed significant benefits, prompting him to purchase four more solar traps. Once the soybean season ended, he used all five traps in his cotton field, which resulted in reduced pesticide costs and better pest control. This saved him ₹8,000 on pesticide sprays and increased his yield by 1.5 quintals per acre.

Encouraged by the success, he later installed the traps in his pigeon pea field, leading to an additional 70 kg per acre yield. Seeing these benefits, he decided to buy five more solar traps for the 2025-26 season. Besides pest control, the traps also help protect crops from wild animals at night. Grateful for the support, Akshay Ughade sincerely thanked Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha and Reliance Foundation for introducing this innovative solution. He hopes that more such initiatives will continue to benefit farmers in the future.

CASE STUDY-4

OUTCOMES OF SEWING & STITCHING TRAINING

Priya Jadhav is a hardworking, friendly, and cheerful woman. Earlier she worked as a daily wage labour to support her family. Her husband, Ravindra Jadhav, also worked on daily wages, and together they managed their household expenditure, they have two kids one son and one daughter.



MRS. PRIYA RAVINDRA JADHAV

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One day, she attained a women's self-help group meeting, where she heard about a Sewing & Stitching Machine training program conducted under the Sustainable Livelihood Development Project by Reliance Foundation and Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha, Ghatanji. Without hesitation, she enrolled her name in the training. During the 30-days training, she learned how to stitch basic blouses, designer blouses, and fashion blouses. After completing the training, she owned her Sewing machine and start their working at home. Now, she earn Rs 250 - 300/- per day from Sewing & Stitching business, making it easier to meet her family's financial needs. This has also helped him to focus more on her children's education and overall family well-being.

“A Journey from Loss to Livelihood Security”

CASE STUDY-5

“Reviving Goatary & Poultry in Ghatanji, Arni & Kalamb Block

Agriculture has been the key source of livelihood in the Yavatmal district which is mainly rain-fed providing a means of living to two third of the population. Lacking sources of irrigation makes living of the farmers unstable and difficult because of extensive dependency on Monsoon. As a result of frequent occurrence of dry spell, delayed onset of monsoon and early withdrawal, prospects of good crop cannot be assured.

Agri allied activity are the second source of livelihood of rural peoples. It includes rearing of Poultry, Goat and Cattle for milk etc. in the small unit form or sometimes single one. Rural peoples doing this business as per source available with them and need of local peoples and market. Due to small unit and lack of knowledge in rearing, they face various problems like health issue, medical facility, diseases in rainy seasons of Animal husbandry. It sometimes causes heavy economical loss. There is a deep need of support to solve these problems so that improve its economic and social status upto some extent.

Ghatanji, Arni & Kalamb block from Yavatmal district spread across 341 villages and villager’s livelihood are largely dependent on agriculture, daily wage labour, and small livestock units. For the villagers from the block, livestock rearing acts as the most important secondary income source for rural households, particularly for tribal and marginal families.

From decades, Goatary and backyard poultry were practised informally in Ghatanji block villages. Families were kept 2-3 local goats or 5-10 backyard birds/poultry (country hen, Giriraj). But they were managed these goat and poultry traditionally, without any scientific knowledge.

Challenges:

- High mortality in kids/chicks
- No vaccination
- No deworming
- Poor feeding practices
- Low-yield breeds
- No sheds or hygiene
- No veterinary support
- No linkage with markets
- Very low income despite effort

Every year most of the households lost 20% goats, and poultry mortality remained between 40–60%, causing financial distress. Still, families held on to these activities because even small returns could help them to pay school fees, buy rice, or manage medical emergencies etc. The community had immense potential, but fails due to lack of infra structure, knowledge, and support.



Problem Statement:

1. High Mortality in Goatery & Poultry:

- Goat kid mortality: 20%
- Poultry chick mortality: up to 70% in summer and higher in rainy seasons
- No vaccination or deworming
- Outbreak of PPR, ET, FMD in goats; Ranikhet and Fowl pox in poultry

2. Lack of Scientific Care:

- No knowledge of breed improvement
- Shed management
- Fodder planning & Mineral mixture use
- Timely vaccination
- Disease detection

3. Poor Access to Services:

- Veterinary visits irregular
- No private or trained person in most villages
- Costly Medicines

4. Limited Market Linkages

- Farmers forced to sell goats at low price
- Middlemen dominated pricing
- No buy-back or bulk marketing system

5. Women’s Limited Role:

- Women took care of goats/poultry but never handled marketing
- No income control
- No entrepreneurship exposure



Theory of Change:

- **IF** households availed scientific training, regular vaccination services, breed improvement, proper housing support, community-level animal health workers, financial literacy & market linkages.
- **THEN** goatery and poultry will shift from a risky activity to a sustainable, profitable enterprise, ensuring stable incomes for rural families.
- **BECAUSE OF** reduced mortality, improved productivity, and structured markets directly enhance household earnings and resilience.



Programme Strategy:

In the Year 2022, Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha started “Sustainable rural livelihood development programme” with the support of Reliance Foundation & working in partnership with different sections of the society embracing tribal, women’s, youths, farmers & strengthening of Community based Organizations by undertaking various need based developmental activities.

The intervention in Ghatanji, Arni & Kalamb block used a four-step livestock development model:

1. Capacity Building & Scientific Training:

- Training sessions for 550 Women’s and Youth

Training Topics	Demonstrations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination schedule • Deworming • Breed selection • Shed hygiene • Balanced feed & mineral mix • Green fodder cultivation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevated bamboo sheds • Dry Bedding • Colostrum feeding • Brooding for chicks • Herbal remedies • Water Sanitation

2. Vaccination & Deworming Drives:

A structured campaign introduced:

- **For goatary:** PPR, ET, FMD& Deworming every 3 months
- **For poultry:** Ranikhet, Fowl pox, Deworming
- Community Animal Volunteers (Pashusakhis) were trained to ensure continuity.

Impact:

- Goat mortality ratio reduced from 20% → 0 -1%
- Poultry mortality ratio reduced from 70% → 15-20%

This was the single largest factor to increase the income.

3. Breed Improvement & Strengthening Units:

- Introduction of improved goat breeds like Osmanabadi cross
- Improved poultry breeds: Kaveri
- Distribution of mineral mixtures & feed supplements
- Support for goat-shed construction
- Encouraging households to maintain 10-20 goats



4. Market Linkages & Enterprise Support:

- Linking goat farmers to local haats and bulk buyers
- Training on live weight calculation, pricing, record-keeping, collective selling etc

Goat fattening models were introduced for better returns.

Average sale price improved:

Earlier: ₹5,000-₹6,000 per goat

After intervention: ₹8,000-₹10,000 per goat



Journey:

In Ghatanji, Arni & Kalamb block, transformation began with building community trust.

Many families said, "We have always kept goats, but they die before we earn anything."

But after the first vaccination camp, people saw a difference:

- Kids survived in the monsoon
- Chicks grew without falling sick
- Goats gained weight faster
- Women began saving small earnings



Key Turning Points:

1. First successful kidding season: Women were overjoyed when almost all kids survived and grow—something unseen for years.

2. Poultry units started giving weekly income

Families reported: 20–25 eggs/week, Regular sale of grower birds, Small but earn steady profit

3. Women took the lead:

Women who earlier stayed behind the scenes became:

- Decision-makers,
- Entrepreneurs,
- Financial contributors to the household.

4. Youth started participating: Many young boys were joined in vaccination activity and marketing activities, strengthening the value chain.

Key Outputs (Livestock-Focused):

- 450 households supported under goatery/poultry.
- 550 women and youth trained.
- 80 villages covered under scientific training.
- 25 villages benefited from vaccination drives.
- Impactful Pashu Sakhi model were established.

Distribution of: Mineral mixture, feeders/drinkers, basic sheds, improved breeds etc

Key Outcomes (Livestock-Focused):

- Goat mortality ratio reduced by ~100%
- Poultry mortality ratio reduced by ~45%
- Household monthly income increased by ₹2,500–₹5,000
- Women entrepreneurs were increased their confidence significantly
- Livestock units expanded:
- Average goat herd size increased from 3 → 8–10
- Poultry units increased from 10 birds → 25–30 birds
- Strengthened resilience against crop losses.
- Households reduced distress borrowing.

Conclusion — "A New Livelihood Path were developed"

Ghatanji block has shown that with the right knowledge and timely support, even the smallest livelihood like goatery or backyard poultry can transform a family's future.

Through structured training, vaccination, breed improvement, and market linkage, goatery and poultry shifted from:

- A traditional activity → a scientific enterprise
- A risky venture → a reliable income source
- A side occupation → a women-led livelihood movement

Today, hundreds of families from Ghatanji, Arni & Kalamb block stand stronger, more confident, and better prepared for the future.

Replication:

By observing the truthful impact of scientific rearing of Goat & Poultry, villagers from Ghatanji, Kalamb and Arni blocks from Yavatmal district (Maharashtra) were adopted these best practices and earning more money to sustain their livelihood.

"This journey proves that when rural households are empowered, their livelihoods don't just improve—they flourish."



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राळेगाव, १६ जानेवारी
रिलायन्स फाऊंडेशनच्या सहयोगाने विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्था घाटंजी व जनसेवा ग्रामीण विकास व शिक्षण प्रतिष्ठान यवतमाळद्वारे कळंब येथे शेतकरी संमेलन पार पडले.

उद्घाटन कळंबचे तहसीलदार धीरज थूल यांनी केले. अध्यक्षस्थानी रणजित बोबडे होते. तालुका कृषी अधिकारी सुहास बेंडे, मंडळ कृषी अधिकारी मधुकर कदम, कृषी सहायक प्रवीण चंदनशिवे, उमेद अभियान तालुका व्यवस्थापक प्रतिभा बावनकर, रिलायन्स फाऊंडेशनचे जिल्हा प्रतिनिधी योगेश तोतरे, संदीप वायाळ, विलास मालधारी, विकासगंगा संस्थेचे विनोद गुजलवार, जनसेवा प्रतिष्ठानचे व्यवस्थापक जगदीश राऊत, गजानन अकलवार व सामाजिक कार्यकर्ते अशोक उमरतकर प्रामुख्याने उपस्थित होते.

ग्रामीण भागातील नागरिकांचे जीवनमान उंचावण्याच्या दृष्टीने घाटंजी, आर्णी, कळंब, बाभूळगाव व राळेगाव या ५ तालुक्यांतील २०० गावांमध्ये शाश्वत व स्वावलंबी सामुदायिक सक्षम अर्थव्यवस्था निर्माण करण्यासाठी राबविण्यात येणाऱ्या उपजीविका विकास

कार्यक्रमाची माहिती व ग्राम विकासासाठी शेतीचे उत्पादन वाढविण्यासोबतच महिला सबलीकरणासाठी बचतगट सक्षमीकरण व शेती आधारित प्रक्रिया उद्योगांना पाठबळ देण्यात येत असल्याची माहिती जिल्हा प्रतिनिधी संदीप वायाळ यांनी दिली.

महिला बचत गट म्हणजे केवळ बचत आणि गरजेसाठी वापर असे मानले जायचे. परंतु, विविध उपक्रमांमुळे यात बदल होत आहेत. या माध्यमातून महिला आत्मनिर्भर होत आहे. सबलीकरणाला मदत होत असल्याचे मत तालुका कृषी अधिकारी सुहास बेंडे यांनी व्यक्त केले. महिलांनी विक्रीसाठी आणलेल्या उत्पादनांची तहसीलदार धीरज थूल व नितीन नार्लावार यांनी प्रशंसा केली. रणजित बोबडे यांनी कच्चा माल मातीचे भावे, पक्का होताची चौपटीने घ्यावे या ग्रामगीतेतील ओवींचा संदर्भ देत कृषी आधारित प्रक्रिया उद्योगांचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित केले.

प्रास्ताविक रिलायन्स फाऊंडेशनचे जिल्हा प्रतिनिधी योगेश तोतरे यांनी केले. विविध उत्पादनांच्या विक्री स्टॉलचे व्यवस्थापन विलास मालाधारी व जगदीश राऊत यांनी केले. संचालन विजय कनाके यांनी तर योगेश मेथ्राम यांनी आभार मानले. (तथा वृत्तसेवा)

सकाळ

तेंडोळी येथे ब्युटी पार्लर प्रशिक्षण

सकाळ वृत्तसेवा

आर्णी, ता. २० : तालुक्यातील तेंडोळी येथे गुरुवारी (ता.१५) विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्था व रिलायन्स फाऊंडेशन यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने चालू असलेला शाश्वत उपजीविका विकास प्रकल्पांतर्गत व्यवसाय संदर्भात ब्युटी पार्लर प्रशिक्षण सुरू करण्यात आले.

या प्रशिक्षणात तेंडोळी येथील २५ महिलांची बॅच असून प्रशिक्षणाचे उद्घाटन करण्यात आले. या उद्घाटनप्रसंगी तेंडोळी येथील सरपंच सपना राठोड, ग्रामपंचायत सदस्य, प्रगती ग्रामसंघाच्या अध्यक्ष सुनीता शिंदे, वर्षा निंबाळकर, आर्थिक सखी प्रिया सखरे, प्रकल्प समन्वयक योगेश मेथ्राम व शक्रीय कार्यकर्ता वैभव गायकी उपस्थित होते. यावेळी संत मेवाळल महाराज यांची जयंती



मुळावा : महिलांना प्रशिक्षण देताना ट्रेनर.

असल्यामुळे त्यांच्या प्रतिभेचे पूजन करून कार्यक्रमाला सुरुवात करण्यात आली. यावेळी ट्रेनर ज्योती निंबाळकर यांनी व्यवसायाविषयी सविस्तर चर्चा केली. संचालन वैभव गायकी यांनी चर्चा आभार वर्षा निंबाळकर यांनी मानले.

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देशोन्नती वृत्तसंकलन...

आर्णी ■ आज महिला कोणत्याही बाबतीत मागे नाहीत. त्यांनी प्रत्येक क्षेत्रात आपला ठसा उमटवला आहे. महिलांवरील घरातही अत्याचार होतात आणि बाहेरील अत्याचार होतात हे यास्तव आपल्याला नाकारता येणार नाही तेव्हा महिला भगिनींनी आत्मसाक्षात्कारासाठी धीट व्हाव, सजग व्हाव असे प्रतिपादन उपमुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी आभाळे यांनी केले. ते

ग्रामपंचायत तेंडोळी, विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्था, घाटंजी व रिलायन्स फाऊंडेशनच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने भव्य महिला दिनाच्या कार्यक्रमात बोलत होते. बाल विकास प्रकल्प अधिकारी मनिस वाईकर, गोविंद इंगोले, परशुराम राठोड, रिलायन्स फाऊंडेशनचे राज्य समन्वयक जितेंद्र चौधरी, ग्रामसेवक विजयकुमार ठेंगेकर, रिलायन्स फाऊंडेशनचे व्यवस्थापक योगेश तोतरे, योगेश मेथ्राम, जिल्हा बाल संरक्षण कक्षाच्या सामाजिक कार्यकर्त्यां कोमल नंदपटेल, सोया फार्मा कंपनीचे सीइओ पवन मडावी प्रामुख्याने उपस्थित होत्या.

यावेळी मनुष्यबळ लोकविकास सेवा अकादमी, मुंबई यांच्याकडून दिला जाणारा 'राज्यस्तरीय उपक्रमशील ग्रामपंचायत पुरस्कार २० २४ ग्रामपंचायत तेंडोळीस ऑनलाईन प्राप्त झाला त्याचे वितरण उपमुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी आभाळे यांच्या हस्ते करण्यात आले.

तसेच यावेळी मान्यवरांनी विविध विषयांवरील महिलांशी संवाद साधला. कार्यक्रमाचे प्रास्ताविक योगेश मेथ्राम, सूत्रसंचालन विजयकुमार ठेंगेकर यांनी तर आभार प्रदर्शन वैभव गायकी यांनी केले. या कार्यक्रमास तेंडोळी येथील महिलांसह बोरगाम, दामडी, विठोली, उमरी इजारा, आमनी, आसार येथील महिला भगिनी मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थित होत्या. (ता.प्र.)

सकाळ

आर्णी येथे शेतीबाबत कार्यशाळा

सकाळ वृत्तसेवा

आर्णी, ता. ८ : स्थानिक रेवुका मंगल कार्यशाळा शुक्रवारी (ता.५) शाश्वत उपजीविका विकास प्रकल्प कार्यक्रमांतर्गत हवाभाव बदलवार आधारित शेतीशाळा घेण्यात आली. या शेत शिळेमध्ये प्रकल्पातील दहा

गावातील शेतकऱ्यांनी सहभाग होता. या शेत शिळेला मुख्य मार्गदर्शक म्हणून मंडळ कृषी अधिकारी परमेश्वर कांबळे (आर्णी) होते. त्यांनी कृषी विभागामार्फत कोणकोणत्या योजना शेतकऱ्यांसाठी चालू आहेत, याची माहिती दिली. सर्वांचे प्रश्नांचेही शंका निरसन करण्यात आले. सोया फार्मा

शेतकरी उत्पादक कंपनीचे सीओ पवन मडावी यांनीमुळा त्यांच्या कंपनीबद्दल माहिती दिली. या कार्यक्रमाचे संचालन वैभव गायकी तर प्रास्ताविक प्रकल्प समन्वयक योगेश तोतरे यांनी केले. आभार जीवन राठोड यांनी मानले. या कार्यक्रमात हनुमरा, गहू इत्यादी लागवडीची माहिती देण्यात आली.



आर्णी : कार्यशाळेत शेतकऱ्यांना मार्गदर्शन करताना मंडळ कृषी अधिकारी.

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विनस न्युज : प्रतिनिधी

आगी : पंचायत समिती अंतर्गत येथल्या ग्रामपंचायत अंबोडा, विकास सभागृहात संस्था घाटंजी व रिलायन्स फाउंडेशन यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने फक्त असेलच्या शाश्वत उद्योगांचा विकास प्रकल्प व राबविण्यात आलेल्या नाविन्यपूर्ण उद्योगांच्या माध्यमातून अंबोडा गावाला शाश्वत फायदेशीर करण्य-उद्योग, मुंबई यांचा राबवितेले उद्योगांसाठी ग्रामपंचायत पुरस्कार 2025 व "लोकसत्ता संपन्न अर्थिक दृष्टी अंबोडा" मिळाल्याबद्दल ग्रामपंचायत प्रशासनाला शुभेच्छा देण्यासाठी रिलायन्स फाउंडेशन राबवितेले समन्वयक जिल्हा चौधरी, विजय समन्वयक मिलस मालगारी यांनी घेऊ



दिली. यावेळी त्यांनी सरपंच अंबोडा मिळाल्याबद्दल सरपंचा सौ. धर्मादे आडे यांचे पुष्पाचक्र देऊन अभिनंदन केले. त्यांचा अनुभव जाणून घेता व केलेल्या कामाची चर्चा केली. राबविण्यात आलेल्या प्रकल्पाने गावाला शाश्वत विकास देणारे ठरणे याची सर्वांनी ओळख करून दिली. यावेळी सरपंच धर्मादे आडे यांनी आपले अनुभव

यावेळी कायची वृत्त रिलायन्स मॅगझीन घेत असल्याचे सांगून पुरस्च अभिनंदन केले. यावेळी महाराष्ट्र शासनाचा राज्यस्तरीय आदर्श ग्रामपंचायत अधिकारी पुरस्कार मिळाल्याबद्दल ग्रामपंचायत अधिकारी विजयकुमार टेंगेकर यांचे त्यांच्या अनुभवांविषयी बोलून दिले. यावेळी सरपंचा सौ. धर्मादे आडे, ग्रामपंचायत सदस्य एंड. अजय राठोड, रिलायन्स व विकाससंगीत समाजातील संस्थेचे माजी क्षेत्रीय समन्वयक वैभव गायकी, चाबराय आडे, ग्रामपंचायत केंद्रपालक दिनेश पाटील, ग्राम रोजगार सहयोग केंद्रात राठोड, आय सी आर पी सी रश्मिनाताई जाधव व गावातील बहूताय मंडळी उपस्थित होती.

पुण्य नगरी

डॉ. विजय टेंगेकर यांचे आवाहन अंबोडा येथे जलप्रदूषण रॅली प्रत्येकाने पाण्याचे नियोजन करून वापर करावा

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विजयकुमार टेंगेकर यांनी केले.



आगी : पाण्याच्या व्यवस्थापनामुळे पाण्याचा वापर कार्यक्षम होईल. पाण्याचा नियोजन करून घ्यावा. पाण्याची कडखनी घेण्यासाठी पाण्याची संवर्धन धोरणे कमी होताना तसेच पर्यावरणाचे रक्षण होईल. पाण्याच्या व्यवस्थापनामुळे पाणीपुरवठा सेवा विद्यमानचीच होताना, तेव्हा प्रत्येक कुटुंबांनी आणि सोबतच पाण्याचे नियोजन करून घ्यावा. पाण्याचा वापर केला पाहिजे, असे आवाहन ग्रामपंचायत अधिकारी डॉ.

ग्रामपंचायत अंबोडा येथे विकास गंगा सामाजिक सेवा संस्था व रिलायन्स फाउंडेशन यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने जलप्रदूषण रॅलीचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. या कार्यक्रमाच्या अंतर्गतच सारपंच धर्मादे आडे, प्रमुख अतिथी डॉ. विजय टेंगेकर, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी वैभव गायकी, "जीवन राठोड" यांची उपस्थिती होती. डॉ. विजय टेंगेकर पुढे बोलताना म्हणाले की, पाण्याचा योग्य

वापर करणे, पाण्याचे संवर्धन करणे, पाण्याच्या गुणवत्तेची पाण्याचे शुद्धता, शेती प्रकल्प करणे यात. पाण्याचे अधिक रचणूक पाण्याचे संवर्धन आणि सुधारित पाणी व खोलीतून वापरला जाऊन त्यांनी सांगितले. जलप्रदूषण

रहायच्या माध्यमातून शाश्वत जलप्रदूषण, जलप्रदूषण, पाण्याचे स्त्रोत वाढविण्याची साधने, पाण्याचे नियोजन, अर्धे पाणी व्यवस्थापन आदी विषयांवर चर्चासत्र राबविण्यात आले. रचणूक वैभव गायकी यांनी केले तर आभार जीवन राठोड यांनी मानले. या कार्यक्रमासाठी शाश्वत जाणव, केंद्रपालक दिनेश पाटील, ग्रामपंचायत खाद्यसंगीत केंद्रात राठोड यांनी परीक्षक घेतले. या कार्यक्रमात गावातील नागरिक मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थित होते.

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घाटंजी : विकासासंगी समाजसेवी संस्था एफआयए आणि आरएफआरटी ट्राम यवतमळ यांनी शाश्वत विकासासाठी हवामान लवचिकता (CR4SD) या उपक्रमांतर्गत त्यांच्या सर्वांगीत हवामान चॅम्पियन्स आणि फील्ड कर्मचाऱ्यांसाठी एक दिवसीय क्षमता बांधणी प्रशिक्षण विकासासंगी समाजसेवी संस्था एफआयए येथे रणजित बोबडे व विलास मालगारी यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली यशस्वीरित्या आयोजित केले हवामान बदलाच्या गंभीर आव्हानांना तोंड देण्यासाठी आणि त्यांच्या समुदायांना एका लवचिक भविष्याकडे नेण्यासाठी सहभागींमध्ये स्पष्टता, आत्मविश्वास आणि वचनबद्धता निर्माण करण्यासाठी हे प्रशिक्षण डिझाइन केले होते.

प्रशिक्षणाचे प्रमुख मुद्दे: हवामान बदल म्हणजे काय आणि त्याचा शेती, जंगल, पाणी आणि पशुधनावर स्थानिक परिणाम समजून घेणे.

अनियमित पाऊस, वाढते तापमान आणि कमी होत चाललेले जलस्रोत यामुळे शेतकऱ्यांसमोरील आव्हानांचा शोध घेणे. गावासाठी भविष्यातील नियोजन योजना साध्य करण्यात मदत करणाऱ्या भागधारक आणि संस्थांची ओळख घेणे. तळागाळात ज्ञान परसवण्यासाठी हवामान चॅम्पियन्समध्ये जागरूकता आणि सामूहिक जबाबदारी निर्माण करणे. या सत्रात अधोरेखित करण्यात आले की हवामान बदल ही केवळ जागतिक चिंता नाही तर स्थानिक आव्हान देखील आहे ज्यासाठी गावपातळीवर कृती आवश्यक आहे. ग्रामीण हवामान लवचिकता योजना तयार करून, समुदाय भविष्यातील पिढ्यांसाठी एक शाश्वत रोडमॅप तयार करताना त्यांची शेती, पशुधन आणि उपजोविका सुसंस्थित करू शकतात. कार्यक्रमाचा समारोप सहभागींमध्ये त्यांच्या संबंधित गावांमध्ये हवामान लवचिकतेचे ज्योतिषी म्हणून काम करण्यासाठी नवीन उत्साहाने झाला.

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द. पहिली बातमी प्रतिनिधी

दारव्हा : आज रोजी श्री कान्होबा सभागृह मशोला व पिंपळनेर येथे विकासासंगी समाजसेवी संस्था घाटंजी व रिलायन्स फाउंडेशन यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने शाश्वत उद्योगांचा विकास कार्यक्रम अंतर्गत व एकात्मिक बालविकास ICDS विभाग व उमेद अभियान या विद्यमान ने पोषण आहार कार्यक्रम (Food basket) घेण्यात आला प्रमुख अतिथी म्हणून गावचे सरपंच मंडम उपस्थित होते प्रवीण, प्रशिक्षक:- म्हणून मा कल्पना जाधव मंडम, अंगणवाडी पर्यवेक्षक मा खरताडे मंडम, प्रकल्प समन्वयक केतकी

मंडम क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी वैभव गायकी व प्रदीप पवार हे होते, अंगणवाडी सेविका, आशा वर्कर, वचत गट महिला होत्या, मशोला पोषक आहार जनजागृती कार्यक्रम करीता उपस्थित होत्या खालील विषयावर प्रशिक्षण देण्यात आले 1) पोषक आहार काय? 2) पोषक आहार चे दैनंदिन आहारातील महत्त्व काय आहेत. 3) घरच्या घरी भाजीपाला तयार करून संतुलित आहार जेवणामध्ये घेणे बाबत. 4) परस बाग कशी असली पाहिजे. 5) महिलांनी दररोज व्यायाम केला पाहिजे. 6) धकाधकीच्या जीवनातून थोडा वेळ स्वतः साठी काढून घ्यायचा शिकविण्यात आले व ते करण्याबाबत. मार्गदर्शन

करण्यात आले. 7) हिमोस्टोबिन तपासणी नियमित करण्याबाबत या कार्यक्रमा ला उपस्थिती गावाचे अंगणवाडी सेविका, आशा वर्कर, पशू सखी, मदतनीस होत्या. मशोला येथे गरीब व किशोरवयीन मुली ना प्रशिक्षण देण्यात आले व परसबागेच्या डेमो विषयी प्रात्यक्षिक देण्यात आले कडधान्य विषयक रांगोळी व डिश डेकोरेशन स्पर्धा घेण्यात आली. कार्यक्रमचे संचालन वैभव गायकी सर यांनी केले आणि प्रकल्पबाबत सविस्तर माहिती देण्यात आली व आभार प्रदर्शन प्रदीप पवार सर यांनी केले व कार्यक्रम यशस्वी जी करित्या करण्याकरिता मायाताई बोरकर रंजना मराठे जयश्री लुटे यांनी अथक परिश्रम घेतले.



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शेतकऱ्यांच्या मागणी वरून काम सुरु करण्यात आले.

कळंब : विकासगंगा संस्था घाटंजी व रिलायन्स फाउंडेशन यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने सुरु असलेल्या शाश्वत उपजिविका विकास प्रकल्पांतर्गत कळंब तालुक्यातील गट ग्रामपंचायत मावळणी अंतर्गत येणार गाव सोनखास येथे आज नाला खोलीकरण व रुंदीकरण भूमी पूजन करण्यात आले.

यावेळी दिपाली जामूनकर सरपंच, मनीषा काटे(भोसले) उपसरपंच, विकास गंगा समाज सेवी संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष रंजित बोबडे सर, प्रकल्प समन्वयक मा. योगेश मेश्राम, इंजिनीअर ऋषिकेश साल्कर, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी राहुल झामरे व गावकरी प्रफुल्ल कोठारी, प्रफुल्ल ढोंगे, गजानन राऊत, शिला भोयर, हनुमान माने, हरिभाऊ भोंडे, प्रज्वल माने, ललित यादव, शुभम राऊत, आणि समस्त गावकरी व स्टॅक होल्डर यांची उपस्थिती होती.

गेल्यावर्षी जुलै मध्ये झालेल्या अतिवृष्टीमुळे शेतकऱ्यांचे अथोनाथ नुकसान झालेले आहे. शेतात पाणी शिरल्याने पिकांची नासाडी झाली, ही बाब निदर्शनास आणून देऊन



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पर्यावरण जोपासण्याचा संकल्प करून रंजित बोबडे यांचा वाढदिवस उत्साहात साजरा



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कळंब : वृक्षवल्ली आनंद सोयरे वनचरे या संत वचनाला अनुसरून जल जंगल जमीन या नैसर्गिक संसाधनांचे संरक्षण करण्याचा संकल्प करून दिनांक 26 जून 2024 रोजी काढलेली ता. कळंब येथे वृक्षारोपण करून विकासगंगा संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष रंजित बोबडे यांचा वाढदिवस उत्साहात साजरा करण्यात आला. याप्रसंगी गावातील नागरिक, बचत गटातील महिला सदस्य मोठ्या संख्येने सहभागी झाले असून, स्पेकट्रम संस्थेचे BC प्रकल्प कार्यकर्ते वैभव इजबाडे, दिलसा संस्थेच्या कार्यकर्त्या प्रिया शिवणकर तसेच विकासगंगा संस्थेच्या कार्यकर्त्या स्वाती दूवे उपस्थित होते.

उपजीविका विकास प्रकल्प राबविण्यात येत असून, पर्यावरण पुरक शेतीला प्रोत्साहन देत कमी खर्चात शाश्वत उत्पादनासाठी विविध उपक्रम राबविण्यात येत आहे.

वाढदिवसाचे औचित्य साधून पर्यावरण जोपासण्याचा दुर्दसंकल्पाने रंजित बोबडे यांनी संस्थेद्वारा या वर्षी किमान 10000 वृक्षलागवड करण्याचे उद्दिष्ट निश्चित केले आहे. उत्पादन वाढीच्या उद्देशाने गावातील शेतकऱ्यांना याप्रसंगी 100 फळझाड पुरविण्यात आले असून, रंजित बोबडे यांनी वाढदिवसाची भेटवस्तू न देता प्रत्येकांनी आपले परिसरात किमान एक झाड लावून संदर्भन करण्याचे आवाहन केले आहे. वाढदिवस निमित्त आयोजित या कार्यक्रमाला उपस्थित गावकऱ्यांनी रंजित बोबडे यांच्या उर्दंड आवृष्यासाठी शुभेच्छा दिल्या असून, संस्थेचे मार्फत राबविण्यात येत असलेल्या अनोखा वृक्षारोपण उपक्रमावदल सदिच्छ व्यक्त केल्या.

बदलत्या हवामानाला अनुसरून कृषी क्षेत्रावर होणारे विपरीत परिणाम टाळण्यासाठी रिलायन्स फाउंडेशन व विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्था, घाटंजी द्वारा शाश्वत

4. AGRICULTURES CUM AGRI ALLIED LIVELIHOOD

- **Project Title** – Livelihood development of villagers through activities like Felicitation of Farmers, Farmers Support Programme, Young Achiever Meritorious Award, Veterinary Camp, Enterprise Development for SHGs, Enterprise Development for PWDs
- **Funded By**– Reliance Cement Company Limited (RCCPL) Mukutban Dist.Yavatmal
- **Area of Operation** – 10 villages from Zari Jamani block of Yavatmal district

Farming is not only the economic backbone but also a key socio-cultural element in the local community. The intervention aims to accelerate the shift toward structured farming practices. Some horticulture aspects will be piloted across villages based on the feasibility for farmers. Once the groundwork is strengthened, efforts will focus on addressing critical needs of support livelihoods like development of livestock under the project, supported by Reliance Cement Company Pvt Ltd (RCCPL) MP Birla Group at Mukutban, Tq. Zari Jamani, Dist. Yavatmal, focuses on the improvement of livelihoods in the nearby 10 villages (Mukutban, Pimparwadi, Adegaon, Pimprad, Bailampur, Yedshi, Hirapur, Rajurgota, Ruikot, Bhendala) adjacent to the RCCPL Cement Plant.

Advanced Farming

Introduction of advanced Agri Inputs like Seeds, Fertilizers, Agri equipment's to farmers & support them, so that income of farmers will be increased.

Livestock Focus

Efforts will shift towards livestock management (goat rearing and poultry), based on feasibility and challenges, with a continued focus on irrigation water and livestock management systems.

Key strategies

Water Conservation and Livestock Enhancement

As part of the allied livelihood roadmap, water conservation and livestock enhancement will be introduced, with the ultimate goal of integrating and enhancing sustainable livelihoods.

Enterprise Development for SHGs & PWDs

Support will be provided to sustain existing small enterprises of SHGs and PWDs, so that livelihood of the villagers will be sustained.

The project aims to close the livelihood cycle by converging the demand for resources and support systems in agriculture, livestock, and small entrepreneur.

Long term achievement of the Project

- Increased the income of farmers by introducing advanced agri inputs & adopting best practices with maintaining climate elements.
- Sustain the livelihood of rural peoples by adopting best practices for livestock managements.
- Sustain the livelihood of rural peoples by strengthening existing small businesses of SHGs & PWDs



MAJOR ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT

1. FELICITATION OF FARMERS

Farmers felicitation were done by giving checks of Rs 20,000/- farmers to six dust affected farmers for the purchase of Agri Inputs like seeds & fertilizers.



2. FARMERS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Farmers felicitation were done by giving checks of Rs 20,000/- farmers to six dust affected farmers for the purchase of Agri Inputs like seeds & fertilizers.



3. YOUNG ACHIEVER MERITORIOUS AWARD

For the appreciation of clever students Young Achiever Meritorious Award of Rs 12000/- to each girl was given to 6 Girls & Award of Rs 10000/- to each boys was given to 4 Boys of topper students in 10th class exam from ten project villages.



4. VETERINARY CAMP

To mitigate the risk of health crises of livestock's like Goat, Cow & Buffalo of the project villages total 07 Veterinary health checkup camp was organized in the seven project villages which gives befits to 1143 livestock's of 240 families through vaccination and medicines.



5. ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FOR SHGS

Support of Rs 1,29,000/- was given to sustain the business of two SHGs. From the support amount they purchased the Tin shade & Chakali making Machine with needy utensils to stand their business successfully.



6. ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FOR PWDS

Support of Rs 2,40,000/- was given to 08 Micro Enterprises of PWDs to strengthen their existing business. PWDs are already running their small business but struggling for materials & machineries required for their businesses. The support given were pushup their existing business and sustain for long time.



Sr. No.	Types of Beneficiaries	Total HH Benefitted
1	Felicitation of Farmers	6
2	Farmers support Programme	15
3	Young Achiever Meritorious Award	10
4	Animal Health Checkup camp & vaccination (Cattles like Goat, Cow & Buffalo) Total 1143 cattle were benefitted	240
5	Enterprise development of SHGs	2
6	Enterprise development of PWDs	8
Total		281

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बिरला कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड, युनिट आर सी सी पी एल मुकुटबन विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून दहावीच्या गुणवंत विद्यार्थ्यांना त्यांच्या पुढील शिक्षणासाठी मदत म्हणून पुरस्काराचे वितरण करण्यात आले. सदर पुरस्कार वितरण कार्यक्रम मुकुटबन येथील मातोश्री पुस्तकवाडी आश्रम शाळेत घेण्यात आला. या कार्यक्रमाचे अध्यक्ष जयवंत कंडवाल (युनिट हेड RCCPL) होते तर उदायक अरुण बिजमोल चर्मा (HR हेड), धनेश पात्रा (CSR मॅनेजर), विजय कांबळे (CSR मॅनेजर), संदीप उरकुडे (नॉटिफ कॅर्यकारी अधिकारी), चंद्रतार राना संव्युतीरी अधिकारी, मुख्यध्यापक सुरेंद्र मेढरा निदर्शन व पर्यावरण मंडळ अध्यक्ष व सहयोगी ग्रुप सदस्य, गोरा उदकरवार सचिव जय बजरंग शिखण संस्था, रंजीत बीडे अध्यक्ष विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्था, मुख्यध्यापिका ममता जीगी, मुख्यध्यापक सुरेश परचाके, विनोद गुजलवार संचालक विकासगंगा संस्था



यांची प्रमुख उपस्थिती होती. यावेळी RCCPL कंपनीने गुणवंत विद्यार्थ्यांना प्रत्येक वर्षी हा पुरस्कार देण्याचे जाहीर केले. या कार्यक्रमासाठी पुरस्कार मिळालेले गुणवंत विद्यार्थी शेत संतोष देवढाले, मिसबा जावेद सय्यद, रेशन अमजद शेख (आर्या इंटरनॅशनल स्कूल), प्रणय नंदु मंदुलवार, वृषाली संतोष केळकर (गुरुकुल कॉन्वेंट मुकुटबन), प्रणय संतोष गुजुलवार, हर्षद अंकुश इंगोले (पुस्तकवाडी आश्रम शाळा), साखी तुळसीदास पाचभाई (सरस्वती विद्यालय मुकुटबन), पायल संतोष

पाईलवार (शेतकरी विकास विद्यालय मांगली), युवती सुरेश सेंगर (आदर्श विद्यालय अंजना) व त्यांचे पालक, शिक्षक आणि शाळेचे विद्यार्थी मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थित होते. या कार्यक्रमाला निड संस्था, आम्ही आमच्या आतोग्यासाठी संस्था, परीश्रम वाचनालय, विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्था, RCCPL कंपनीचे कर्मचारी व सर्व शाळेच्या शिक्षकांचे सहकार्य लाभले. कार्यक्रमाचे प्रारंभिक संधी उरकुडे यांनी केले तर संचालन विपीन वडके यांनी केले व आभार प्रदर्शन विजय झाडे यांनी केले

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महिलांनी एकत्रित येऊन व्यवसाय उभा केला त्याबद्दल राठोड यांनी त्यांच्या एकजूतीची प्रशंसा केली. या व्यवसायाच्या माध्यमातून पैकून तीस महिलांना व्यवसाय करण्याची संधी प्राप्त झाली असून व्यवसाय वृद्धीसाठी अक्षय्यक त्रे प्रयत्न आम्ही नेहमी करू असे मत महिलांनी व्यक्त केले. या कार्यक्रमाचे संचालन मिलिंद काटकर यांनी केले तर प्रारंभिक सौ. कविता येरे यांनी केले व भावना बराटे यांनी आभार मानले. या कार्यक्रमाच्या यशस्वीतेसाठी नंदाताई उलमाले, श्रद्धा ताई गमलवार, उन्नती महिला बचत गटातील महिला तसेच सामर्थ्य उत्पादक संघाच्या महिलांनी प्रयत्न केले.

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वृक्षारोपण, झरी : मुकुटबन येथील आरसीसीपीएल कंपनीतर्फे वृक्षारोपण कार्यक्रम आयोजित करण्यात आला. यावेळी विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून वृक्षारोपण करण्यात आले. यावेळी विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून वृक्षारोपण करण्यात आले. यावेळी विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून वृक्षारोपण करण्यात आले.



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प्रथमकाळ : आज प्रत्येक क्षेत्रात महिला पुरुषांच्या खांद्याला खांदी लावून काम करीत आहे. ग्रामीण भागातील महिलांनी 'हम किस्मोस काम नहीं उसे महलत भरती' हेतल्याच्या अनेक उदाहरण आहेत. श्व उदात हेतू घेऊन आर. सी. सी. पी. एल. कंपनी मुकुटबन व विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्था, घाटंजी यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने मुकुटबन येथील शास्त्री माता स्वयं सहायता समूहाला दिनांक २५, सप्टेंबर २०२५ रोजी मसाला चकळी मशीन देण्यात आली. या उपक्रमात महिलांना लव्हजोडोग उपाध्येची संधी मिळाली असून त्यांच्या आर्थिक स्वायत्ततेला नवे बळ मिळणार आहे. हा उपक्रम युनिट हेड जयवंत



कंडवाल यांच्या मार्गदर्शनात तसेच एच.आर. हेड जितेंद्र कुर्वे यांच्या नियोजनातून पार पडला. कार्यक्रमात प्रमुख पाहुणे म्हणून उपस्थित विजय पाहुणे म्हणून हेड, अनुपम श्रीवास्तव कान्ठिली हेड, धनेश पात्रा सी एस आर मॅनेजर, विजय कांबळे सी एस आर मॅनेजर, संदीप उरकुडे व शेषराज

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बचत गटाला दिल्या गेलेले विविध प्रशिक्षण, कार्याशाळा व कंपनी अंतर्गत वेळोवेळी मिळालेले मार्गदर्शन यामुळे हा व्यवसाय उभारणे आसता सज्ज शक्य झाले असे मत बचत गटातील महिलांनी व्यक्त केले. तसेच विविध टिकाणी होणाऱ्या प्रदर्शनीं मध्ये महिलांनी सहभाग घेऊन आपल्या मालाची विक्री करावी या बद्दल मत व्यक्त केले. या उपक्रमातून शास्त्री माता स्वयं सहायता समूह आर्थिकदृष्ट्या सज्ज होऊन सामर्थ्यतकडे वाटचाल करेल असा विश्वास व्यक्त करण्यात आला.

शेतकऱ्यांसाठी मार्गदर्शनपर फार्म फील्ड स्कूल, आरसीसीपीएल व विकासगंगा संस्थांचा पुढाकार

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कावडे (प्रकल्प समन्वयक, विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्था, घाटंजी) उपस्थित होते. या वेळी शेतकरी बांधव मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थित होते. मान्यवरांनी शेतकऱ्यांना टिबक व टिबककर सिंचन, शेततळे, फळबाग लावणे, कृषी यंत्राधिकारी, पोपलगावपाईर यांना तसेच इतर विविध कृषी योजनाविषयी मार्गदर्शन केले.

शेतकऱ्यांना सध्याच्या शेतीतील किड-रोग व्यवस्थापन, आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर, फवारणी करताना सेफ्टी किट वापरण्याचे महत्त्व व कृषी सावधानता पाळण्याची गरज याबाबत सविस्तर माहिती देण्यात आली. या उपक्रमातून शेतकरी बांधवांमध्ये शेतीसाठी उपलब्ध योजनांचा लाभ घेण्याची जागरूकता निर्माण झाली तसेच शाश्वत व सुरक्षित शेतीकडे वाटचाल करण्याची प्रेरणा मिळाली.

5. Health care of rural Peoples through Eye checkup Health Camp



- **Funded By** – Local Community Contribution
- **Area of Operation** – 32 villages from Ghatanji block of Yavatmal district



To detect the symptoms of eye diseases at early-stage Eye checkup Health Camp is necessary at rural level. So that rural poor peoples (Men's & Women's) can participate in the camp and take the benefits. Also to create awareness at rural level about eye diseases. To solve the eye related primary issues, we conducted Eye checkup camp at 05 villages.

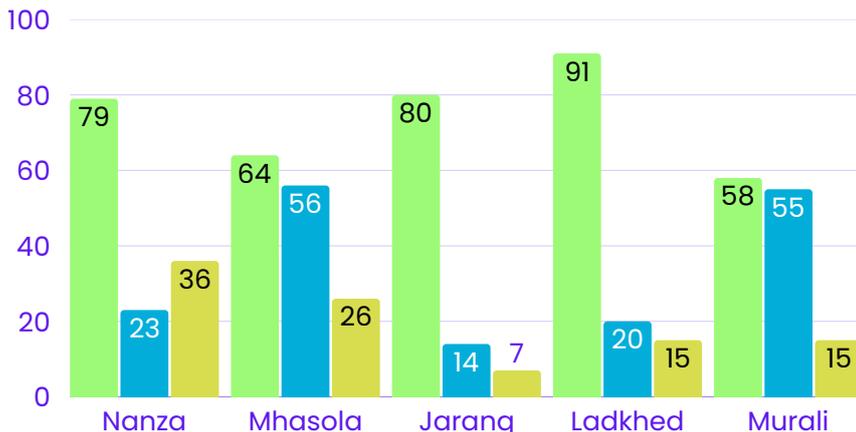
Total 639 eye patient was participated in the five-eye camp organized at Ninza, Mhasola, Jarang, Ladkhed, Murali villages having 359 Womens & 280 Male patient were checked their eyes and got the benefits of eye camp. Dr. Vilas Moon checked the patient and suggestion was given about further treatment or spectacles.

Detailed Summary of the five Eye checkup Camp conducted

Sr No	Venue of the Camp	Patient participated from villages	Date of the Camp	Total patient Participated	Female	Male
1	Vittal Rukhmini Mandir, Nanza Tq.Kalamb Dist.Yavatmal	Nanza, Potgavan, Ganeshwadi, Wagholi, Pimpalgaon, Shivani, Hiradi, Katri, Pimpal Khuti,	8/2/2025	138	81	57
2	Rangmandir Grampanchayat Sabhagruha, Mhasola Tq.Arni Dist.Yavatmal	Mhasola	9/2/2025	146	69	77
3	Zilha Parishad School, Jarang Tq.Ghatanji Dist.Yavatmal	Jarang, Mowada	10/2/2025	101	42	59
4	Gajanan Maharaj Mandir, Ladkhed Tq.Darwha Dist.Yavatmal	Ladkhed,	12/2/2025	126	85	41
5	Vittal Rukhmini Mandir, Murali Tq.Ghatanji Dist.Yavatmal	Murali,	1/3/2025	128	82	46
Total				639	359	280

Treatment / Recommendations given by Doctor

- Regular Eye Drop treatment
- Spectacle
- Operation



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6. Health Camp for rural Women's (Cervical cancer & Breast cancer)



- **Funded By-** CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation
- **Area of Operation** – 23 villages from Kalamb block of Yavatmal district
- **Venue :** Nagar Parishad Hall, Kalamb, Tq.Kalamb Dist. Yavatmal Maharashtra

Empowering Women's

Rural women are not more aware about Cancer diseases and poor awareness may lead to poor uptake of screening modalities and delay in diagnosis. One factor that has been consistently shown to be associated with late diagnosis and treatment is a delay in seeking help for cancer-like symptoms.

Cervical cancer & Breast cancer is the most common cancer observed among the females in rural part of India. For better survival rates of cancer patients, the knowledge and awareness of cancer and its screening are important. Screening tests can also help to find cancer at an early stage, before symptoms appear. When abnormal tissue or cancer is found early, it may be easier to treat or cure. Screening leads to early detection and a better chance of survival. By the time symptoms appear, the cancer may have grown and spread. This can make the cancer harder to treat or cure.



On 26th March 2025 Women's Health Camp was organized at Nagar Parishad Hall, Kalamb. Total 103 suspected women's from 23 villages of Kalamb block were registered in the Health Camp and 95 women's were actually participated in checking process of Health Camp.

Inauguration Ceremony:

Inauguration of Cancer Screening Test Health Camp was done by the Hands of Dr M U Ghorsade (Taluka Health Officer, Kalamb) and Dr. P. D. Nehare (Health Assistant, Kalamb), Dr. Gopal Isolkar (Assistant Professor, Kalamb), Dr. Yashashvi Trivedi (Surgen, Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, Sawangi Meghe, Wardha), Dr. Archita Rai (Surgen, Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, Sawangi Meghe, Wardha) and their Nursing staff with Asha workers also present during the inauguration ceremony Mr Ranjit Bobade (President), Mr Amit Gadbail (Secretary) and other staff of Vikasganga was present during inauguration.

Medical Checkup and consultancy:

Primary Health Checkup:

Mrs. Nanda Fusate, Mrs. Prajakata Tayade & other staff primarily check the suspected participants women's. In primary checking process BP, Pulse rate, and weight of each women's were taken and noted on register.

Secondary Health Checkup:-

For Health Checkup Camp A Medical Van from Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, Sawangi Meghe, Wardha were organized, with this Medical Checkup Van a team of expert Doctors were available. After Primary Health checkup Dr. Yashashvi Trivedi (Surgen, Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, Sawangi Meghe, Wardha) & Dr. Archita Rai (Surgen, Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, Sawangi Meghe, Wardha) checked all womens and discuss with them about their problems/symptoms related Cervical & Breast cancer. After checking medicine prescription were given to concerned patient for further treatment. Necessary blood & Cervical samples were taken by doctors. The collected samples were sent for further testing so that we can identify the cancer patients.

After all process we will hand over all patient documents to the concerned Taluka Health office. They will continue further process with the help of Asha workers.



Summary of the Health Checkup Camp



During the camp total 95 suspected women's from 23 villages of Kalamb block were registered in the Health Camp and 70 women's were actually participated in checking process of Health Camp. Following are the details of the health checkup camp.

Sr. No.	Particular	Count	Remark
1	Total Patients Checkup	95	General checkup of Cervical & Breast Cancer was done by team of Doctors.
2	Suspected Breast Cancer Patients	11	Testing of 11 suspected Breast Cancer women were done & find the result.
3	Suspected Cervical Cancer Patients	7	Testing of suspected Cervical Cancer women were done & find the result.
4	Health Card	24	24 Womens were drawn their Health Card for further Medical checkup at Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, Sawangi Meghe, Wardha.

लोकमत

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लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क घाटंजी : महिलांच्या सुदृढ आरोग्यासाठी वेळीच रोगनिदान होऊन उपचाराच्या दृष्टीने कॉटन कनेक्ट फार्मर कम्युनिटी फाउंडेशन आणि विकासगंगा समाजसेवी संस्थेच्या वतीने पांडुर्णा (खुर्द) येथे आरोग्य तपासणी शिबिर घेण्यात आले. या शिबिराचे उद्घाटन डॉ. धर्मेश चव्हाण यांच्या हस्ते झाले.

शेतकऱ्यांच्या खांद्याला खांदा लावून अथक परिश्रमाने शेतशिवार फुलविणाऱ्या महिलांनी शेतात वापरले जाणारे रासायनिक खत आणि कीटकनाशक हाताळताना दक्षता घेण्याची आवश्यकता असल्याचे मत विकासगंगा संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष रणजित बोबडे यांनी यावेळी व्यक्त केले.

शिबिरात १०० महिलांची तपासणी आरोग्य तपासणी डॉ. मेहुल साळवे यांनी करून उपचार सुचविले. यासाठी तालुका आरोग्य विभागाचे सहकार्य आणि मार्गदर्शन लाभले. समुदाय आरोग्य अधिकारी डॉ. पूजा मानकर, डॉ. निकिता पाटील, डॉ. ऋतुश्री राऊत यांनी महिलांची प्राथमिक तपासणी केली. यशस्वीतेसाठी अमित गाडवेल, प्रशांत चौधरी, पराग कुंभलकर, सतीश मोरे, मनीषा मुनेश्वर, नेहा चव्हाण, वर्षा सोनूले आदींनी पुढाकार घेतला.

7. Menstrual Health & Hygiene Management Awareness and Livelihood Project

- **Funded By-** CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation
- **Area of Operation -** 81 villages from Ghatanji block of Yavatmal district

Yavatmal district is a tribal district and its economics are totally depended on the agriculture. Women's living in villages are less educated and not well aware about their health issues. They are not more aware about Menstrual period and not take sufficient care about it. Due to unavailability of sanitary pad at village level women's use other materials like cloths during its menstrual period which will adversely affect on its health and create serious health issues. To solve these issues, we implemented Menstrual Health & Hygiene Management Awareness and Livelihood Project in Ghatanji block 81 villages with the support of CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation (CCFCF).

In this project various activities like Awareness meetings, training of rural Women on Menstrual cycle were conducted. After the village level meetings and training rural women are aware about the Menstrual cycle and their effects on body. They willing's to use Sanitary Pad. So, for the availability of sanitary Pad at village level some the active women from them are selected for the business of sanitary Pad. Some special types of training were given to that women's so that they can manage their small business with little earnings. These women called as Sangini a small entrepreneur and support to their family. Total 145 Women's entrepreneur (Sangini) were developed from the villages, so that their livelihood will be sustained by selling of Sanitary Pad and Sanitary Pad will be available at village level to village women's.

Following are the various points were covered in the awareness meetings & trainings of rural women's.

- Awareness on Menstrual cycle
- Benefits of Sanitary Pad & its use.
- Various diseases cause if it is not use.
- Safe disposal of Sanitary Pad
- Business strategy.
- SHGs income generation programe.
- Existing condition of womens & menstrual cycle issues.
- Importance of Pad



8. Vocational Training Programme



Empowering Women's

- **Project Title:-** Sewing and Stitching Training for Women's
- **Funded By-** CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation
- **Area of Operation –** Sayatkharda village from Ghatanji block & Lalkhed village from Darwaha block of Yavatmal district

Under the Vocational Training Programme Sewing and stitching (Tailoring) Training drive was undertaken at Sayatkharda village for 40 women & Lalkhed village for 30 women for the four-month period with support of CottonConnect Farmer community Foundation. Main moto of the training was to generate employment for rural women at village level and earn additional income for their family.

Objective of the training

To generate employment for women by imparting skill-based training for the women from the Cotton growing area.

Economic empowerment of women.

Connect women to Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) to develop business / livelihood.

Development of business, to develop the tailoring work as sustainable business.

After successful completion of training the trainee womens were expert in following activities.

- How to handle Sewing & Stitching Machine.
- How to measure cloths with Measuring tape.
- Handling of Scissor.
- How to take body measurement for clothing.
- Drawing/Marking of lines
- Paper Cutting as per body measurement.
- Different simple cutting of cloth process.
- Simple Blowse sewing & stitching.
- Designer Blowse sewing & stitching
- Katori Blowse sewing & stitching
- Princes cut Blowse sewing & stitching
- Simple Dress sewing & stitching
- Ambrela Dress sewing & stitching
- Simple Pant sewing & stitching

Outcomes of Sayatkharda village Training program:-

After successful completion of vocational training out of 40 Trainee beneficiary womens 12 to 14 womens started their small business of sewing & stitching of cloths. They are doing their work at their home with their own sewing machine.

Outcomes of Lalkhed village Training program:-

After successful completion of vocational training out of 30 Trainee beneficiary womens 10 to 12 womens start their small business of sewing & stitching of cloths. They are doing their work at their home with their own sewing machine.

Shadow of Vocational Training Programme:-

Achievement:

During the teaching & learning process in tailoring training, we decided to make a school uniform for 1st to 5th standard students of local Zilha Parishad School and take first step towards the business and marketing strategy of our product. In training duration we made 28 School uniform of different sizes as per need of school and students successfully.

Achievement:

On the Occasion of 1st May Maharashtra Din, we organised a small programe of Uniform distribution at Zilha Parishad School, Rampur village Tq. Ghatanji Dist Yavatmal. With the support of School administartion and village commuity. We express & celebrate the memories of training programe and the trainee women efforts for uniform making, this thing increases the value of uniform for students and village community.

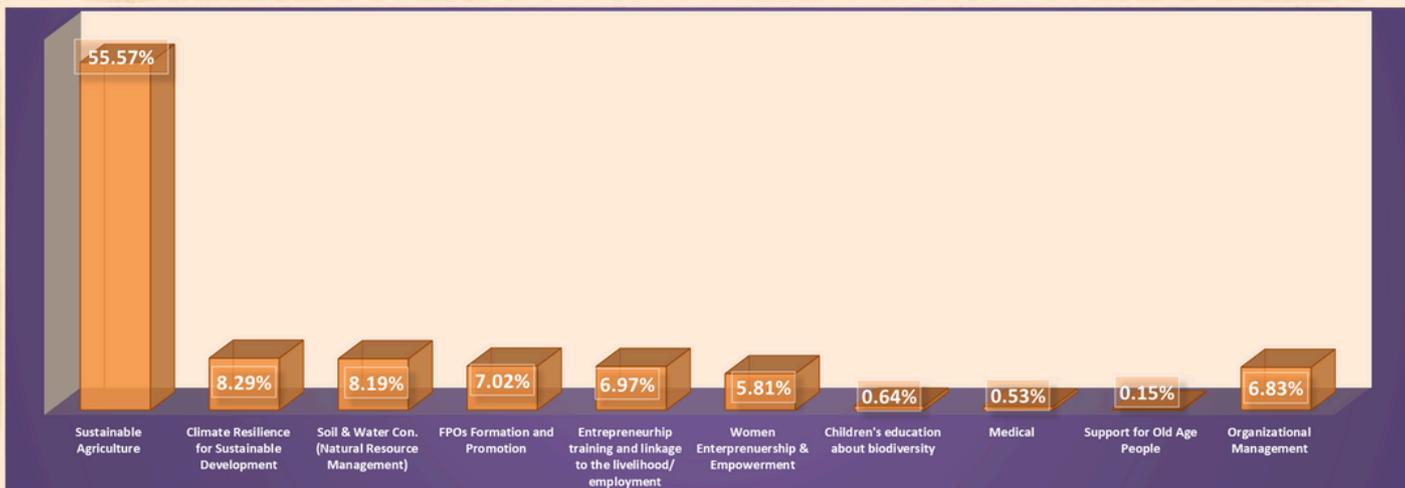
The inaguaration of School Uniform Distribution programe was done by Mr Ranjit Bobade (President, Vikasganga Sanstha & Sau. Kavitatai Korwate (President, School Management Committee), Mr Narsing Pendor (Sarpanch, Rampur village). On this ocassion Mr.Rajendra Gobade (Head Master, Rampur ZP School), Mr Rajendra Patil (Climate Champion), Mr. Thakare sir, and othe villagers with parents was present.



While receiving the new School Uniform by Students, they feel very happy and smile were spread on their face. At the end of programe Students, Villagers and School Teachers were expressed their thanks to Vikasganga & CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation for School Uniform.



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