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"The real spirit is to make the country, your family, and work together instead of working only on your own. The step beyond is to serve humanity and the next step is to serve God"

- Bal Gangadhar Tilak

"Help someone, wipe their tears by putting all your efforts, not for the sake of any rewards but for the sake of changing lives"

- Dr Nagesh Tekale

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Executive Summary: Annual Report 2024-25

The year 2024–25 has been a transformative period for Navdrushti, marked by impactful projects, strong partnerships, and a significant expansion of our work across Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. With the continued support of our key CSR supporter Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Limited, Navdrushti has successfully implemented a range of initiatives across rural and urban areas, contributing to sustainable development, health, quality education, support for senior citizens and acid victims, digital literacy, and environmental awareness.

❖ Key Projects and Achievements

- ✓ Dorf Ketal Mango Cup and Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup: Environmental awareness programs that mobilized school children and communities towards plantation and conservation efforts.
- ✓ Prevention and Redressal of Acid Attacks: Supported Brave Souls Foundation in implementation of its various programmes for the prevention of acid attacks and holistic rehabilitation of the acid attack survivors.
- ✓ Digital Literacy in Rural Schools: Management of the existing computer centers in 3 schools' in Taloja, Daberi & Akole and started Computer centers in two new schools namely Hindavi Garjana English School, Lote, Chiplun and Shri Devi Mauli School, Chendvan, Kudal.
- ✓ Senior Citizen Home: Supported Jeevan Aadhar Old Age Home in Ambajogai, Beed to ensure that every elderly person lives with dignity, security and happiness.
- ✓ Educational Support to Sumitra Public School, Babai: Implementation and monitoring of various activities aimed at development in the areas of academic excellence, development of manpower and infrastructure.
- ✓ Supply of drinking water to Tribals: Supplied and installed a 10,000 litre tank to avoid the problem of village women having to walk 2km to fetch water in Sagpani village in Palghar district and constructed of a well to resolve the problem of water supply in this village permanently.
- ✓ Environment Education and Awareness programs: Supported Earthian Art Foundation and Oikoessence Edu tours in their environmental awareness and education programs.
- ✓ Technical consultancy for tree plantation drives: Offered technical consultancy to Yusuf Meherally center for fruit trees plantation drive in Kashmir and Uttarakand and Global Vikas trust for its fruit trees plantation drives.
- ✓ Afforestation drives: Created Miyawaki forests in Chandivali in collaboration with Chandivali Rotary club and for Thane Municipal Corporation in Hiranandani Estate on behalf of Kalpataru Sewage treatment plant.
- ✓ Farmers Training: Conducted demonstration and training program for farmers in sowing of Ragi seeds and increasing its productivity.

❖ Widespread Reach and Grassroots Engagement

This year, Navdrushti in collaboration with SAPREM has expanded its operations from 50–60 villages to nearly 150 villages, covering a much broader geographic and demographic spectrum. This growth is fueled by the active participation of Sarpanch, Gramsevaks, Block Development Officers, and Government officials, who are now contacting us to replicate successful models in their own jurisdictions.

Navdrushti's digital literacy programmes in rural schools has received accolades and appreciation from the local teaching community, villagers and government officials besides providing access to hands on computer education for these rural students.

The Sagpani well construction and water tank project of Navdrushti has been appreciated by several government officials as this initiative helped villagers who did not have access to clean drinking water for several decades.

❖ **Notable Impact: Majhi Vasundhara Achievement**

A major highlight of this year’s impact is the performance of 10 villages in Sangamner Block, which won honors in the Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan, a flagship environment initiative of the Government of Maharashtra. Notably, 6 of these villages were part of Navdrushti and SAPREM’s CSR initiatives supported by Dorf Ketal, showcasing how structured grassroots interventions can lead to state-level recognition. These successes serve as a model for environmentally resilient village development and have inspired neighboring areas to initiate similar activities.

❖ **Community-Driven Success**

All initiatives were carried out with active involvement from youth, women, children, and various community groups, making the process inclusive and sustainable. Numerous individual and collective success stories highlight the transformative power of local ownership, skill-building, and shared purpose.

❖ **Looking Ahead**

With a committed team of staff, volunteers, and like-minded partners, Navdrushti is well-positioned to scale up its interventions, forge new collaborations, and deepen its impact. Our focus will remain on empowering communities, supporting self-reliant development, and protecting the environment.

❖ **Impact in Numbers**

No of Miyawaki Jungle Cup Participating villages	No of Mango Cup Participating villages	No of Surgeries done on Acid Victims
65	22	5
No of awareness sessions on Acid attack prevention	No of Digital education beneficiaries	Senior Citizen Home beneficiaries
20	2393	26
Safe Drinking water beneficiaries	Mogra sapling donation beneficiaries	Environment Education beneficiaries
2100	56 tribal farmers	350

❖ **Conclusion**

The year 2024–25 reaffirmed Navdrushti’s belief in the strength of community-led development, supported by responsive partnerships and strategic vision. As we move forward, we carry with us the momentum of this success and the resolve to reach more lives, build more resilient villages, and shape a future grounded in dignity, equity, and sustainability.



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NAVDRUSHTI – OVERVIEW

Navdrushti is a development oriented non-profit organization working in several districts of Maharashtra for underprivileged tribals and their malnourished children to ensure better sustainable lives. Navdrushti is also actively involved in providing digital education in several rural schools of Maharashtra and running afforestation drives in some parts of Maharashtra. Our core activities are providing education, health facilities, balanced nutrition, vocational training, creating self-employment, afforestation and women empowerment.

Navdrushti is a registered charitable trust under the Bombay Public Trust act 1950 with 12A, 80G and Niti Aayog NGO Darpan registration.

Dr. Nagesh S. Tekale joined this organization in 2004 as a President after completing his training in Wilmer Eye Institute, John Hopkins School of Medicine, USA. Presently Dr. Tekale is well supported by his wife Dr. Mrs. Sumitra Tekale to give their best in the field of nutrition and health care for tribal women and children at grass root level.

NGO's main objective is to develop and provide research-based health, nutrition and sanitation models for community replications.

The mission of Navdrushti is to address social, economic and gender inequalities in rural parts of Maharashtra and bring about empowerment of such marginalized groups through initiatives in health, education, life-skills training, livelihood and creation and empowerment of political stakeholder groups, with special focus on women and youth to maximize control on their own lives.



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NAVDUSHTI TRUSTEES

Dr Nagraj Tekale – President, Navdrushti



Specially trained in Punjab Agricultural University and Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore in "Biological value of proteins and stability of vitamin A. Senior Research Fellow and postdoctoral fellow of CSIR. Studied Massai tribe and their forest habitat in Tanzania. Working on tribal races, child malnutrition in Thane District from 1994. Also studied Bhil Bhillaya tribe in Zabhuva district of Madhya Pradesh. Specially trained in Wilmer Eye Institute, John Hopkins School of Medicine, USA. Dr Tekale believe on low cost innovative research which gives maximum benefits to poor strata at grass root level.

Dr. Hemant Pednekar – Vice President, Navdrushti



Dr. Pednekar is principal of Sonopant Dandekar College, Palghar. He is Professor of Geography and extensively developed his skill in visual aid techniques as an innovation in school curriculum. He is having special affinity for environment and tribals for their sustainable development.

Mr. Pravin Bansode – Secretary, Navdrushti



Mr. Pravin Bansode is a founder member of Navdrushti. He passed his MSW from Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai and worked extensively in Jawhar, Mokhada in the field of SHG, women empowerment, Skill training Programmes and education to girl child. Presently he is associated with MAVIM, Mumbai

Mr. Sushant Gaikwad



Mr. Sushant Gaikwad, having over 11 years of experience, is the PR Consultant who has taken the initiative to reach out to the world and spread awareness about the organization.



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NAVDUSHTI PROJECTS

- ✓ **DORF KETAL JUNGLE CUP**
- ✓ **DORF KETAL MANGO CUP**
- ✓ **PREVENTION AND REDRESSAL OF ACID ATTACKS**
- ✓ **DIGITAL LITERACY IN RURAL SCHOOLS**
- ✓ **JEEVAN ADHAAR SENIOR CITIZEN HOME**
- ✓ **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO SUMITRA PUBLIC SCHOOL**
- ✓ **SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER TO TRIBALS.**
- ✓ **ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS AND EDUCATION**
- ✓ **TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY FOR TREE PLANTATION DRIVES**
- ✓ **AFFORESTATION DRIVE**
- ✓ **CONDUCTING TRAINING TO FARMERS**



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DORF KETAL JUNGLE CUP 1.0: A JOURNEY TOWARDS A GREEN REVOLUTION



Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd., through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, embarked on a transformative journey to rejuvenate the environment in rural areas using the Miyawaki afforestation method. What began as a mere vision soon took the shape of a powerful movement, thanks to the unwavering commitment of SAPREM as the on-ground implementing agency. This initiative gained immense strength and direction with the guidance of Dr. Nagesh Tekale from NAVDRUSHTI and the invaluable support of Sangamner Panchayat Samiti - Mr. Anil Nagane (Block Development Officer), Yeola Panchayat Samiti- Mr. Sandip Woyal (Block Development Officer), Akole Panchayat Samiti.



Under the leadership of SAPREM, an extensive grassroots campaign was launched to engage village heads, gram sevaks, and local communities in this noble cause. The approach was not just about planting trees; it was about cultivating awareness, responsibility, and collective action. Villagers were inspired to take ownership of their environment, and what followed was a remarkable display of community participation, where each village contributed nearly 70% to the Miyawaki afforestation efforts. The result was extraordinary over 1,00,000 trees were planted across multiple villages in Sangamner, Akole, Yeola, Sinner blocks with enthusiastic participation in the competition.

The transformation witnessed in these 150 villages is not merely about increasing tree count; it signifies a deeper impact on the ecosystem and the future of these communities. The Miyawaki forests that were once saplings have now grown into thriving green pockets, with trees reaching heights of 15 to 20 feet. These forests have become new ecosystems, attracting birds, insects, reptiles, and micro fauna, breathing life back into the land. The once barren landscapes now pulsate with biodiversity, offering shelter to countless species and providing cleaner air and cooler surroundings to the people who nurtured them.

This initiative was more than just a CSR project; it was a movement for environmental revival. The Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup competition played a pivotal role in driving this transformation, instilling a sense of pride and motivation among villagers. The results were so impactful that this initiative contributed significantly to villages winning accolades in the "Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan", a prestigious district-level competition by the Maharashtra government. What started as a community-driven afforestation effort has now become an integral part of state-level environmental sustainability programs, inspiring replication across multiple districts.

The overwhelming success of this initiative has led to widespread recognition, with increasing demand for similar competitions in other regions. What once started as a local effort is now breaking barriers and moving towards a national-level expansion. The Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup 1.0, through its unique and inspiring model, is poised to become a flagship environmental initiative, setting a precedent for corporate-driven community participation in ecological restoration.

To honor and encourage this commendable effort, the competition awarded ₹1 lakh for the first prize, ₹75,000 for the second prize, and ₹50,000 for the third prize. However, beyond these monetary incentives, the true reward lies in the shift in mindset, where villagers have embraced the responsibility of nurturing nature as an essential part of their lives. This is not just about 110 Miyawaki forests in Sangamner, Akole, Sinner, Yeola, Karanja Lad Blocks of Maharashtra. It is about the dreams, dedication, and determination of the people who made it possible.



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This initiative stands as a testament to the power of collective action, corporate commitment, and community engagement. Every sapling planted is a symbol of resilience, every green canopy a promise of a better future. As history records the evolution of green revolutions, Sangamner taluka will be remembered as a pioneer in ecological revival, proving that with the right vision and collaboration, even the smallest hands can create the biggest changes.

“Let us build a greener future together, plant trees, preserve nature, and transform our villages into thriving ecosystems!”

- **Santosh Jagdhane, CSR Head, Dorf Ketal**

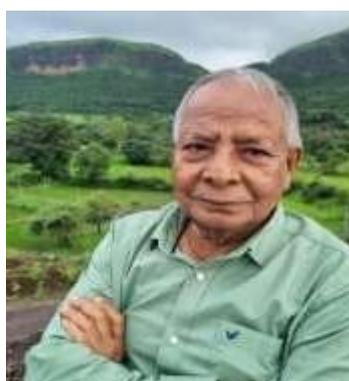


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DORF KETAL JUNGLE CUP 1.0: A GRASSROOTS REVOLUTION IN CLIMATE ACTION



The world today faces an unprecedented environmental crisis. Rising global temperatures, erratic rainfall, frequent cloudbursts, extended summers, and diminishing winters are clear indicators of a disturbed ecological balance. While these challenges affect every corner of the globe, it is the rural communities especially farmers who bear the brunt of climate change. The unpredictability of weather patterns has left them vulnerable, making it imperative to take action at the grassroots level. To combat these threats, there is only one sustainable and effective solution: large-scale afforestation. Trees not only mitigate the effects of rising temperatures but also help in groundwater recharge, promote biodiversity, and restore the natural ecosystem.

Rebuilding a lost forest is no easy feat—it takes at least 30 to 40 years for a natural forest to regenerate, provided that adequate land is available for afforestation. In today's world, where quick solutions often lead to ecological harm, invasive foreign tree species have found their way into reforestation efforts. However, true environmental restoration can only be achieved by preserving and propagating native tree species, which play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance. While traditional methods of forest growth take decades, the Miyawaki afforestation technique has emerged as a revolutionary approach, accelerating forest regeneration within just three years.

Recognizing the urgent need for climate action at the village level, Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd. initiated a pioneering project, the Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup. This unique competition was designed to inspire and engage rural communities in afforestation efforts, ensuring their direct involvement in protecting the environment. The vision was not just to plant trees but to instill a deep-rooted understanding of conservation among villagers, ensuring that they take ownership of their forests. With active participation from Navdrushti, under the leadership of Dr. Nagesh Tekale, and implementation support from SAPREM, the initiative was successfully executed across 150 villages.

What sets the Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup apart is its community-driven model. Each village was encouraged to create its own Miyawaki forest, fostering local engagement and responsibility. The initiative not only facilitated the plantation of thousands of native trees but also provided critical learning experiences for schoolchildren, allowing them to witness firsthand how forests develop and thrive. These mini-forests have already started attracting birds, insects, and other wildlife, restoring biodiversity and rejuvenating the environment.

The overwhelming participation in this initiative and the transformative impact it has created at the grassroots level have made it a first-of-its-kind environmental competition in the country. Sponsored by Dorf Ketal Chemicals, the Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup has demonstrated that afforestation is not just a corporate responsibility initiative but a movement towards climate resilience. The Sangamner Panchayat Samiti, under the leadership of Mr. Anil Nagane BDO played a crucial role in providing guidance and institutional support, ensuring that villages had the necessary resources to succeed. Later on the project is being expanded to Akole, Sinner, Yeola and Karanja Lad Blocks in Maharashtra.

With 110 villages now hosting self-sustained Miyawaki forests, the Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup has paved the way for a greener and more resilient future. In just a few years, the trees planted through this initiative will redefine the landscape, replenish groundwater reserves, and serve as a living testament to the power of community-led conservation efforts. The initiative has already gained national recognition and is set to expand, inspiring more villages, corporations, and institutions to adopt similar models.



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This movement is more than just a competition; it is a symbol of hope, resilience, and collective determination to combat climate change from the ground up. It marks the beginning of a larger battle against environmental degradation, one that must start at the village level. By owning a small forest of 300 native trees, every village has taken a significant step toward restoring the balance of nature. These forests will soon extend their impact beyond village boundaries, revitalizing surrounding hills, valleys, and water bodies, creating a domino effect of ecological restoration. The Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup is not just about planting trees; **it is about planting the seeds of a sustainable future.** It is an initiative that will leave a lasting legacy, reminding future generations that the power to heal the planet rests in our hands, our communities, and our collective will to make a difference. As we move forward, let us continue this mission with unwavering dedication—creating forests, restoring nature, and transforming our villages into thriving green ecosystems.

Dr. Nagesh Tekale
Founder & President, Navdrushti



DORF KETAL JUNGLE CUP 2.0



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OUR TEAM



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*President - Navdrushti NGO
Scientist and Botanist*



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OUR IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY



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TRANSFORMING CHALLENGES INTO SUSTAINABLE IMPACT: A COLLABORATIVE CSR INITIATIVE

Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd is an organization which believes in driving meaningful change by addressing societal challenges through sustainable solutions. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives of Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd are aimed at creating long-term, transformative impact in rural communities. Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd has always worked in close collaboration with its knowledge partner **NAVDUSHTI** under the leadership and expert guidance of Dr. Nagesh Tekale, and its ground-level implementation agency SAPREM. This has resulted in successful execution of projects that have enhanced environmental sustainability, water conservation, and social equity.

Our Collective Achievements

1. Greening the Future: Miyawaki Forests
 - Established 110 Miyawaki forests, restoring biodiversity and improving air quality.
2. Mango Plantation Drive Across 48 Villages
 - Planted 1,00,000 mango saplings over two years, supporting rural livelihoods and afforestation.

Through these initiatives, Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd has not only addressed environmental challenges but also empowered communities with sustainable solutions. The unwavering support of Dorf Ketal Chemicals Ltd combined with the efforts of **NAVDUSHTI** and **SAPREM** have been instrumental in transforming problems into tangible results, paving the way for a greener and more inclusive future.



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DORF KETAL JUNGLE CUP 2.0 – THE BEGINNING

The CSR Head of **Dorf Ketal Chemical India. Ltd** Mr. Santosh Jagdhane has worked on Miyawaki Rapid Forest Programme in the last few years. He has been instrumental in implementation of this afforestation drives in collaboration with several not for profit organizations in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and Maharashtra. Mr. Santosh Jagdhane is well supported by Dr. Nagesh Tekale from **NAVDRUSHTI** who has guided the efforts of implementing this innovative project for the first time and also has provided inputs to implementation partners like **SAPREM** in the classic method of planting the saplings which grow very fast because of competition among 41 type of species in the specific area of 1000 sq. ft. where 300 plants (Canopy trees 15%, Large Trees 60%, Medium Trees 15% and Small Trees 10%) are placed in a distance of 1 sq.ft.

After the experience of successful plantation and growth of Miyawaki trees for over 2 years, Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd wanted to implement the Miyawaki forest programme in Maharashtra and identified the NGO partner SAPREM to expand the project activities in rural areas of Maharashtra. After detailed round of discussions between Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd, its technical partner NAVDRUSHTI and SAPREM, Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup 2023 project in Sangamner Block was initiated. Dorf Ketal Chemicals CSR Head Mr. Santosh Jagdhane and Dr Nagesh Tekale personally visited the project area and also got permission from Block Development Officer (BDO) Panchayat Samiti Sangamner. A project coordinator was appointed by SAPREM who visited almost 110 villages out of 5 Blocks. Most of the Gram panchayats submitted their request to SAPREM and out of which 110 village Gram panchayats were selected to implement the project activities. One day Miyawaki training was organized for all these 110 Gram panchayats and other stakeholders. Demonstration site was created at Panchayat Samiti office and direct demonstration was given to all participants by the trainer Dr. Nagesh Tekale sir and Mr. Santosh Jagdhane, CSR Head Dorf Ketal. A training module was also distributed to all the participants to give them the perfect information of making Miyawaki forests in their villages.

The participating villages were educated with all the information and materials, equipment and people to undertake the Shramdaan. JCB was used to dig the land for making the ground ready for planting the saplings and 300 saplings were provided to make Miyawaki jungle in each village. Regular support, supervision and monitoring was done by SAPREM team in each Gram panchayat. Each village also made their contribution & Shramdaan through manures, compound, sticks for plants, water sources and continuously keeping it clean and neat. Everyone participated in the Jungle Cup initiative including the villagers, women self-help groups, youths, students and even teachers putting all their efforts in creating the Miyawaki forests in their villages and this in turn resulted in the success of this project.

In the Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup competition held in 2024-25, almost 64 villages participated unlike the same event in 2023-24 when just 50 villages had participated. These villages put in their best efforts to win the prize. SAPREM appointed a selection committee to select the winners. An award amount of Rs.1,00,000/- was kept for the Winning Gram panchayat, an award amount of Rs. 75,000 for the 1st runner up Gram panchayat and an award amount of Rs. 50,000 for the 2nd runner-up Gram panchayat. Also there was a 3rd runner-up Jungle Cup Prize of Rs. 25,000 and 5 Motivational Jungle Cup Prizes to five Gram panchayats. An Award Function was organized in the month of February, 2025. All Gram panchayats, stakeholders, Government officials, political leaders and other villagers, NGOs, CBOs, SHGs will be invited to attend the Function.



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The Miyawaki method has set an example in each village on how a small barren unused space can be converted into a place of interest visited now by students, youth, women and villagers at a minimal cost through people's involvement and contribution. These Miyawaki jungles can be developed on a large scale on the available land in rural or urban areas. There are examples of developing Miyawaki Rapid Forest on even 1 Acre Land in Mumbai and Mumbai Suburbs which means; it is a successful plantation method All these plants compete among each-other and in turn grow fast by receiving the sun light for their growth. It's a fast horizontal growth and we see the height of plants rise by 10-15 ft or more in one year of time span. If they are given proper water, manures (Jivamrut) then their growth will be good and we can see such rapid forests in 10-15 years rather than 50-100 years' time span to growth.





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DORF KETAL JUNGLE CUP REACH OUT:

- Number of Miyawaki rapid forests; – 114
- Number of blocks covered - 5
- Number of beneficiaries as per population - 1 lac

Districts covered: 05

1. Ahilyanagar
2. Nasik
3. Wardha
4. Washim
5. Jalna

Blocks covered: 10

1. Sangamner
2. Akole
3. Shirampur
4. Rahata
5. Kopergaon
6. Sinner
7. Igatpuri
8. Wardha,
9. Karanja Lad
10. Yeola



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List of Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup Villages

Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup 1.0

Zarekathi	Kauthe Dhandarfal	Talegaon Dighe	Savarchol
Tigaon	Pimplegao Konzira	Savargao Tal	Adv. Rajur
Palaskhede	Manchi Hill	Mendhavan	Wadgaon Landga
Wadazari Bk	Manchi	Wadazari Kd	Nimaj
Hiwargaon Pathar	Karhe	Pokhari Haweli	Nanaj Dumala
Pimplegaon Depa	Khanjapur	Zole	Khandgao
Shendewadi	Karule	Viregaon	Pimparne
Birewadi	Nimgaon Bhojapur	Paithan	Rajapur
Ghargaon	Kharshinde	Khali	Mirzapur
Dhandharfal Khurd	Ambi Khalasa	Hiwargaon Pawasa	Devgaon
Velhale	Paregai Kd	Malegaon Haweli	Dhandharfal Bk
Sangvi	Kharadi	Nimgaon Kd	Jakhori
Pemgiri	Pokhari Haweli		

Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup 2.0

Sonewadi	Manoli	Dongargaon	Earandgaon
Maldad	Dongargaon	Hiwargaon	Thangaon
Mangalapur	Madhapuri	Lingadev	Rendale
Chincholi Gurav	Kajleshawar	Javale Kadalag	Khamgaonn
Devkauthe	Janori	Ganore	Balegaon
Wadazari Kh	Kherda	Takali	Somthan desh
Lohare	Dhamani	Devthan	Deshamane Bu
Aurangapur	Ladegaon	Gardani	Pimrpi
Bota	Umbarda Bazar	Shirsagaon Lauki	Savargaon
Nilwande	Lahit Kh	Gawandgaon	Andarsul
Hivare (सिन्नर)	Vithe	Vilkharni	Chichondi
Sakur	Shirankhed	Visapur	Devlane
Chandanapuri	Khanapur	Nandur	Rajapur

Khurd
Angulgaon
Satali
Naygaon

Kusumadi
Kusur
Saygaon

Ankai
Kanadi
Devthan

Kotamgaon Bu
Jaulake
Nandesar



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MIYAWAKI RAPID FOREST





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SUCCESS STORIES



A True Leader in Service: The Inspiring Story of A Dedicated Officer Mr. Deshmukh

In the heart of Sherankhel village, a remarkable transformation was taking place—one that spoke of dedication, selflessness, and true leadership. It was a day marked for the Miyawaki forest plantation, an initiative aimed at creating a green future for the village. But amidst the planning, supervision, and labor, one figure stood out—not just as a leader, but as a participant, a guide, and an inspiration.

Officer Deshmukh, the Village Development Officer, was not just giving orders; he was working alongside his people. From the early hours of the morning, as the sun cast its golden light over the land, he was there—his sleeves rolled up, his hands touching the same soil as the villagers. There was no air of authority, no hint of superiority. He did not just oversee; he engaged.

What made his presence so extraordinary was not just his commitment but the humility with which he carried out his duty. There was no frustration, no anger, no ego—only a deep, unwavering passion for his community. His position, which many would use as a pedestal, was instead a responsibility he embraced wholeheartedly.

As the day progressed, people observed him with admiration. A true public servant is not the one who merely commands but the one who leads by example. And Deshmukh was precisely that—a leader who believed in working with his people rather than above them.

Under his guidance, the villagers planted trees, not just for today but for the generations to come. It was more than a project; it was a movement. His presence turned an ordinary plantation drive into a mission of hope and sustainability.

At the end of the day, as the sun began to set, the villagers looked at the newly planted saplings with pride. But more than that, they looked at Officer Deshmukh with newfound respect. He was not just an officer—he was a guardian of progress, a beacon of change, and a true son of the soil.

With leaders like him, the future of rural development is not just a vision—it is a promise. Because real change begins not with authority, but with action.

The NAVDRUSHTI team extends heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to Officer Deshmukh for his unwavering dedication and commitment to rural development. May his spirit of service continue to inspire many more.



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SUCCESS STORIES

A New Green Warrior in Mangalapur – The Journey of Shravan Janavekar

In the heart of Mangalapur, amidst the preparations for a Miyawaki Forest plantation, a young and curious student named Shravan Janavekar happened to pass by. Intrigued by the activity, he stopped to observe. Sharad Bhau, one of the key organizers, noticed his interest and introduced him to the concept of Miyawaki forests. As Shravan listened, his eyes lit up with excitement. The idea of creating a dense, fast-growing forest in a small area fascinated him. What made it even more special was the connection to his own learning—he had been studying the Japanese language, and knowing that Miyawaki was a Japanese afforestation technique made him feel an even deeper connection to the project.

Without hesitation, Shravan joined the plantation efforts, working tirelessly alongside the volunteers. His enthusiasm was contagious, and his dedication showed the power of education and awareness in inspiring action. The Miyawaki forest concept, designed to restore biodiversity and combat climate change, had not only added new greenery to Mangalapur but had also sown the seed of environmental responsibility in a young mind.

Shravan's story is a testament to how exposure to new ideas can shape the future. A simple encounter turned into a lifelong inspiration, proving that education and environmental awareness go hand in hand. The forests planted today will stand tall tomorrow, just as young minds like Shravan will grow into leaders of change. His journey reminds us that every small step toward conservation counts, and one inspired individual can create ripples of impact for generations to come.





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MEDIA

येवल्यात पहिल्या 'डॉर्फ केटल जंगल कप स्पर्धा २.०'

येवला : प्रतिनिधी

येवला तालुक्यात महाराष्ट्रातील पहिल्या डॉर्फ केटल जंगल कप स्पर्धेचे आयोजन करण्यात आले असल्याची माहिती येवला पंचायत समितीचे गटविकास अधिकारी संदीप वायाळ यांनी दिली. यासंदर्भात माहिती देताना म्हटले आहे की, येवला तालुक्यातील सर्व ग्रामस्थ, ग्रामपंचायत सदस्य, महिला बचत गट, युवक मंडळे व बालमित्रांनो, महाराष्ट्रातील पहिली वृक्षारोपण स्पर्धा 'डॉर्फ केटल जंगल कप

स्पर्धा २.०' यंदा आपला यवला तालुका मोठ्या उत्साहाने स्वीकारत आहे. मागील वर्षी सप्रेम, डॉर्फ केटल, नवदृष्टी आणि पंचायत समिती संगमनेर यांनी आपल्या तालुक्यात ५० मियावाकी फॉरेस्ट यशस्वीपणे पूर्ण केले आणि हवेची गुणवत्ता सुधारली. तापमान कमी केले. स्थानिक वनस्पती व पक्षीसंख्या वाढवली आणि पर्यावरणीय संतुलन राखले. या वर्षी आम्हीही हे यश मिळवण्यासाठी सज्ज आहोत. तालुक्यातील प्रत्येक गावाने मियावाकी रॅपिड फॉरेस्ट

विकसित करून सहभाग घ्यावा. सदर योजनेसाठी लोकसहभागातून जंगल उभारा आणि जिंका बक्षिसे. पहिले बक्षीस - १,००,०००, दुसरे बक्षीस - ७५,०००, तिसरे बक्षीस - ५०,००० आदी बक्षिसे देण्यात येणार आहेत. दरम्यान, यासोबतच ग्रामपंचायतीच्या पुढाकाराने जल, जंगल, जमीन या विषयावर काम करावे यासाठी ग्रामपंचायत व तालुकास्तरावर पंचायत समिती आपल्याला मदत करेल, असे स्पष्ट करण्यात आले असून, मनरेगा अंतर्गत वृक्ष लागवड व

फळ लागवड, जल संवर्धन व व्यवस्थापन, धनकचरा व्यवस्थापन व प्रक्रिया बचत गट सक्षमीकरण, स्मार्ट ग्राम अभियान राबवावे. लोकसहभागातून मंदिर, शाळा, अंगणवाडी स्वच्छ करावे. तसेच जंगल, जमीन संकल्पना, स्मार्ट ग्राम व ग्रीन व्हिलेज, माझी वसुंधरा अभियान, डॉर्फ केटल जंगल कप प्रकल्प, मँगो कप प्रकल्प राबवले जातील. चला, हरित क्रांती घडवूया आणि आपल्या गावाचा विकास करूया, असे आवाहन संदीप वायाळ यांनी केले आहे.

सकाळ

संगमनेरच्या 'मियावाकी'ची विदर्भाला भुरळ दहा जणांच्या पथकाकडून चार गावांची पाहणी; प्रकल्पाचे कौतुक

■ राजू नरवडे : सकाळ वृत्तसेवा
संगमनेर, ता. २२ : तालुक्यात सप्रेम डॉर्फ केटल संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून ६० गावांमध्ये मियावाकी प्रकल्प राबविण्यात आला आहे. आता या मियावाकी प्रकल्पाची गोडी घेत विदर्भालाही लागली आहे. नुकतीच दहा जणांच्या टीमने चार गावांची पाहणी केली असून, हा प्रकल्प पाहून सर्वजण भारावून गेले, तर विदर्भातही आम्ही मियावाकी प्रकल्प राबवणार असल्याचे या टीमने सांगितले.



मानवदास (डा. संगमनेर) : वेप्रीत मियावाकी प्रकल्पाची पाहणी करताना विदर्भातील पदाधिकारी.

मुंबई वेप्रीत डॉर्फ केटलने 'सौरभअर' बंधूतून व संजय संजयेंतर्फे तालुक्यात गेल्या दोन वर्षांपासून मियावाकी प्रकल्पाचे काम अतिशय चांगल्या पद्धतीने सुरू आहे. जवळपास ६० गावांच्या

घासपंचाल हट्टेन हा प्रकल्प राबविण्यात आला आहे. यामध्ये एक मुंडा होमल ४२ प्रकारच्या विविध वृक्षांची लागवड करण्यात आली आहे. या मियावाकी प्रकल्पाचा एकच उदेश आहे की, देशी प्रवासीचे संरक्षण व संवर्धन व्हावे, स्थान पंचायत हक्काचे घर असणे, गावामध्ये वृक्षांविषयी आवड निर्माण व्हावी, गावतील तपस्वयन समतेत राखण्यासाठी उपयोग्य वृक्षा घडवून हा मियावाकी प्रकल्प राबविण्यात आला आहे. गेल्या दोन

वर्षांपासून या प्रकल्पाचे अधिकारी गावांमध्ये जाऊन पाहणे करत आहे. दरम्यान, विदर्भातील मियावाकी प्रकल्पाची पाहणी वहात चालत असल्याचे पदाधिकारी म्हणाले.

'विदर्भात राबवणार प्रकल्प'

विदर्भातील विदर्भ परिषद सदस्य, सारंग, उपसरपंच अशी एकूण पदाधिकांची टीम तालुक्यात आली होती. मानवदास, पदासखेरे, निगम, बट्टार

बुद्रुक या गावांमध्ये जाऊन या टीमने मियावाकी प्रकल्पात घेत दिली. कसा पद्धतीने पुन्ही हा प्रकल्प राबवत आहे आणि त्यापासून काय फायदे होणार आहे, अशी सर्व माहिती या टीमने जाणून घेतली. यामुळे हा प्रकल्प पाहून सर्व जण भारावून गेले. गावतील प्रतीपत्तार आणि लोकंनो लोकंनसोटी केलेल्या कामांची पाहिली घेऊन आम्ही सगळा आमच्या वेप्रीत मियावाकी प्रकल्प राबवणार असल्याचे या टीमने सांगितले.

'आदर्श गाव बनविणार'

संजय डॉर्फ केटल संस्थेने लोकंनो वृक्षारोपण वहात, तर गाव बने आखावे, आर्यते आदर्श गाव बने निर्माण करावे, हेही सांगितले आहे. गावची सुरक्षा ही त्या गावातील इमारतीत नव्ही, तर लागवड केलेली झाडे, वनस्पती, रोपणार निर्मित्तीमध्ये आहे. हे आम्ही आज समजून घेतले. मियावाकी प्रकल्पच्या माध्यमातून सुरू केलेली क्रांती आम्ही सगळा आमच्या गावात निर्माण करू. आणि एक आदर्श गाव बनवणार असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले.

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DORF KETAL **MANGO CUP 2.0**



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CSR INITIATIVE STORY: VILLAGE TRANSFORMATION THROUGH DORF KETAL MANGO CUP

Under its unwavering commitment to sustainable development and social responsibility, Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd has proudly initiated a unique and impactful CSR initiative — the **Dorf Ketal Mango Cup**, conducted through the organization's corporate social responsibility fund. This special program is the result of a meaningful collaboration with NAVDRUSHTI, SAPREM, and the local Panchayat Samiti and stands as a beacon of innovative rural empowerment.

The Mango Cup is not just a competition but a visionary platform designed with the goal of strengthening the economic foundation of rural gram panchayats by promoting self-reliance and local revenue generation. In many villages, traditional farming practices and local produce such as mangoes offer untapped potential. By encouraging villages to harness this potential creatively and competitively, the Mango Cup transforms local mango cultivation into a source of pride, prosperity, and sustainable growth.

Through this initiative, participating villages are challenged and inspired to create innovative models for revenue generation centered around mango-based agro-entrepreneurship. The competition encourages villages to think beyond conventional farming — exploring value-added products, local marketing, and collaborative business efforts, all while remaining rooted in their natural resources and community spirit.

The program's impact is twofold: not only does it aim to increase the revenue of participating gram panchayats, but it also nurtures awareness of environmental sustainability. The emphasis is on mango cultivation encourages the planting of more trees, which in turn contributes to combating climate change through natural temperature regulation and carbon absorption. As villages compete for the grand prize of ₹1,00,000, they also develop sustainable infrastructure and practices that benefit their communities in the long term.

The transformation seen in participating villages is not merely economic — it is social, environmental, and cultural. Communities come together with renewed purpose, youth engage in development projects with enthusiasm, and the humble mango becomes a symbol of rural innovation and resilience.

With initiatives like the Mango Cup, Dorf Ketal continues to demonstrate that corporate responsibility, when executed with vision and collaboration, can become a catalyst for meaningful change — one village, one mango park, and one idea at a time.



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List of Dorf Ketal Mango Cup villages

Dorf Ketal MANGO Cup 1.0

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| 1. Tigaon | 19. Bhokani |
| 2. Karule | 20. Varegon |
| 3. Nilwande | 21. Pathre |
| 4. Mirzapur | 22. Pangri Khurd |
| 5. Zarekathi | 23. Manegaon |
| 6. Dhandharfal Khurd | 24. Naygaon |
| 7. Zole | 25. Hiware |
| 8. Shendewadi | 26. Kirtangali |
| 9. Palaskhede | 27. Datli |
| 10. Nimgaon Bhojapur | 28. Jugal Tembhi |
| 11. Paithan | |
| 12. Katalapur | |
| 13. Lahit Khurd | |
| 14. Kumbhefal | |
| 15. Dongargaon | |
| 16. Hiwargaon Ambre | |
| 17. Virgaon | |
| 18. Devthan | |

Dorf Ketal MANGO Cup 2.0

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| 1. Janori | 14. Talegaon Dighe |
| 2. Kajaleshwar | 15. Wadazari |
| 3. Bembala | 16. Devkauthe |
| 4. Belkhed | 17. Pengiri |
| 5. Dongargaon | 18. Sonewadi |
| 6. Dhanaj Kh | 19. Maldad |
| 7. Dhanaj Bk | 20. Sangavi |
| 8. Vai | 21. Lingdev |
| 9. Umbarda Bajar | 22. Dhamangao awari |
| 10. Vapatikupati | |
| 11. Kamatha | |
| 12. Dhotra | |
| 13. Madhapuri | |



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ACTIVITIES: MANGO CUP





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SUCCESS STORIES



In a small village, an inspiring moment unfolded as a two-year-old boy arrived at a tree plantation site, holding the hand of his eighty-year-old grandmother. Despite the vast difference in their ages, both shared the same vision—creating a greener future. With tiny but determined hands, the boy grasped a young sapling, while his grandmother, rich in wisdom and experience, guided him through the process of planting it according to all the rules and regulations. She explained to him, in the simplest of words, how trees give us air to breathe, shade to rest under, and fruits to nourish us.

As they placed the sapling into the earth, the young boy's eyes gleamed with curiosity, while his grandmother's eyes shone with hope. She spoke about the future, imagining a time when this tree would grow tall, providing shelter to birds and oxygen to generations to come. This act of love and responsibility symbolized the essence of the Green Revolution—planting not just trees but also a deep-rooted awareness about sustainability.

Their story reminds us that age is no barrier to making a difference. Whether young or old, every effort counts in shaping a greener, healthier world. The sapling they planted today is a promise for tomorrow—a reminder that true change begins with the simplest yet most profound actions.



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PREVENTION AND REDRESSAL OF ACID ATTACKS

The primary objective of the project “**Prevention and Redressal of Acid Attacks**” is the prevention of acid attacks and the pursuit of holistic rehabilitation of the acid attack survivors. In the financial year 2024-25, this project supported by **NAVDUSHTI** with **Brave Soul Foundation** as its implementation partner and CSR support from **Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd** made significant progress towards achieving the project objectives.

The initiative which was mainly focused in Delhi and West Bengal sought to not only facilitate health and safety interventions by way of reconstructive surgeries, but also conducting awareness programs through field visits, campaigns, and social media platforms, and also offer support with respect to criminal trials and other legal proceedings, including right to compensation pertaining to various state and central schemes.

As per the plan made at the beginning of the fiscal year 2024-25 the aim was to provide support for a minimum of 25 legal cases each, in Delhi and West Bengal during. This support extended to both ongoing cases lacking adequate legal representation and new cases that needed to be filed.

Moreover, a surgery was to be conducted every two months, leading to a total of 5 surgeries in the year 2024-25. And as regards the awareness programs, 20 community-based programs were to be conducted in each of the two states viz Delhi and WB.

Interventions	Achieved
Surgeries	5
Legal Cases (Both New and Ongoing)	61 28 in Delhi, 24 in West Bengal, 9 in Uttar Pradesh
Community Based Awareness Programs (Delhi & West Bengal)	20





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During the reporting period, the project achieved milestones and accomplishments, some notable among them, are as follows:

- 12 survivors received additional compensation of Rs. 1 Lakh under PMNRF
- Compensation of ₹5 lakhs to Shah Nawaz, an acid attack survivor based in UP, the first such relief granted to a male acid attack survivor in Uttar Pradesh
- 20 awareness programs across Delhi and West Bengal
- 7 reconstructive surgeries for five different survivors
- Several milestones reached with respect to social media outreach

Medical Intervention

Acid violence remains one of the most brutal forms of gender-based and interpersonal violence, causing severe physical, psychological, and various socio-economic consequences for survivors. The impact extends beyond immediate physical injuries, often leading to long-term disabilities, disfigurement, social ostracization and economic ruin.

Acid attacks cause extensive tissue damage, often requiring multiple reconstructive procedures over several years. These surgeries may include skin grafting, facial reconstruction, eye surgeries to restore vision, and contracture to repair structural damage. Without these interventions, survivors may suffer from functional impairments, such as difficulty in breathing, speaking, or eating, in addition to the social stigma attached to facial disfigurement. Also, the disfigurement caused by acid burns, especially on the face, can severely impact a survivor's ability to reintegrate into society with confidence. The permanent scars often lead to profound psychological effects, including loss of confidence and low self-esteem.

Therefore, medical intervention, particularly reconstructive surgery, is not just about physical recovery—it is a critical aspect of restoring a survivor's identity, confidence, and overall well-being. Understanding this need NAVDRUSHTI's implementation partner Brave Souls Foundation has been dedicated to providing holistic support to acid attack survivors through medical interventions. The details of the 5 beneficiaries who benefitted by way of medical intervention under the project is mentioned below.



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1. Meena Ranawat



In 2023, in Udaipur, Rajasthan, Meena suffered a brutal acid attack at the hands of her husband, following the breakdown of their divorce proceedings. She sustained extensive burns on multiple parts of her body including facial disfigurement.

Owing to the project, Meena's critical recovery journey was supported by way of facilitating **both nose and lip reconstructive surgeries**, ensuring that she received essential medical aid in the face of unimaginable trauma.

2. Shamima



In 2002, Shamima, 49 years old at the time, suffered an acid attack perpetrated by her own husband, who was unemployed at the time and peeved at Shamima's successful effort to gain a suitable employment at a factory to support the family.

The attack left her with severe facial burns and complete blindness in both eyes for two years. The funding from the project ensured for Shamima, **two critical nose reconstructive surgeries** helping her regain some semblance of dignity and hope after the trauma.

3. Shaina



The attack on Shaina happened in 2009 when she was 18 and just a student. The accused threw acid on her for refusing his marriage proposal, while she was on her way to school.

Her skin began to melt away and the attack caused extensive damage to her right eye. Despite the medical interventions, she was left with a **40% permanent disability** and complete blindness in her right eye.

Under the project, **Shaina underwent an emergency stone surgery.**

4. Khairul Sheikh



Khairul was attacked on 13.12.2022 in broad daylight by his relatives including his uncle, while he was selling potatoes at a local market near his residence. The definitive cause is uncertain, but most likely resulted from a property related dispute.

The attack left him with severe burns on his face, chest, shoulders, arms, and left leg, leading to complete loss of vision and permanent disfigurement and disabilities. His nose and one ear were completely destroyed, and his scalp sustained deep burns, requiring extensive surgical interventions for reconstruction and recovery.



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A surgery for his hand was conducted under the care of orthopedic and plastic surgeons at CMRI, a well-known hospital in Kolkata, under this project. There is a great chance that his hand will recover, giving him some sort of relief from his helplessness.

5. Rahat Jahan



Rahat Jahan was attacked with acid in 2007. The reason for the attack was one-sided love. The accused was her neighbor of her who used to harass her with continuous marriage proposals. The attack caused severe burns on her face, eyes, and head. She was immediately taken to a hospital for initial treatment followed by two months of treatment at PMCH.

The project supported **two of her surgeries, one eye lid reconstructive surgery and one nose reconstructive surgery.**

LEGAL INTERVENTION

To ensure a comprehensive recovery, survivors must also have access to legal support to fight for justice, demand fair compensation, and hold perpetrators accountable. Legal intervention is essential to ensure that survivors receive the protection, financial aid, and rehabilitation support they need. Also, without legal aid, assistance, awareness and advocacy, many survivors struggle to navigate the complex legal system and are denied the justice they deserve.

Brave Souls Foundation's legal intervention benefitted the following 22 beneficiaries.

1. Nazma Saifi Vs Asif Khan (MT No.123/2018)
2. Nasreen Jahan vs Govt of NCT of Delhi
3. Neeraj Chauhan Vs UOI
4. Aslam Vs Sultan & Anr (Supreme court)
5. Shahnawaz Vs State of Uttar Pradesh
6. Rajneeta Vs Union of India
7. Shaina Vs State of Uttar Pradesh
8. Shobha Vs Union of India
9. State Vs Haseena Begum
10. Renu Sharma
11. Ruman
12. Sapna Vs Union of India
13. Aslam
14. Sumit Halder
15. Sunita Dutta
16. Tanuja Khatun
17. Kalpana Das
18. Bhawna Chaudhary



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SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ADVOCACY

In the digital era, social media has emerged as a powerful tool for advocacy, awareness, and public engagement. Brave Soul Foundation's social media team played a pivotal role in expanding outreach, increasing participation, and fostering meaningful discussions on the issue of acid attacks and gender-based violence. Over the past year, the project witnessed tremendous growth in its digital presence. This surge in engagement was the result of a strategically curated social media campaign that aimed to not only educate the public but also challenge deep-rooted biases and discrimination faced by survivors. More than **100+ pieces of content** were created and shared, including **short documentaries, survivor testimonials, awareness programs, and digital campaigns**. Each piece was carefully crafted to amplify survivor voices, shed light on the devastating consequences of acid violence, and advocate for safer alternatives for acid.

Finally, social media also provided a safe space for survivors to share their experiences and build a supportive community. Their voices, often marginalized in mainstream narratives, gained visibility and validation through interactive discussions, comment threads, and shared testimonials. Under the initiative BSF successfully transformed passive viewers into active advocates. It played a crucial role in breaking the silence around acid attacks, fostering solidarity, and pushing for systemic change. Moving forward, these digital efforts will continue to evolve, ensuring that Awareness and Advocacy remain at the forefront of public consciousness.

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Sensitization and Awareness against the Use of Acid, its Sale and Purchase and Discrimination against Acid-attack Survivors

Over the course of the twenty awareness programs in New Delhi and West Bengal combined, Brave Soul Foundation's overwhelming purpose was to educate and sensitize the wider society about the devastating effects of acid attacks. All of these programs were divided into bite sized segments to delve deeply into the various dimensions of the issue such as the physical, emotional, psychological and also the socioeconomic repercussions that are inflicted and follow the survivors wherever they go.





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DIGITAL LITERACY IN RURAL SCHOOLS

Digital Literacy is the ability of individuals and communities to understand and use digital technologies for meaningful actions within life situations. Simply it is the ability to access the computer/mobile/internet for our day-to-day activities and being connected with others through the internet. In the past few decades India has seen incredible progression in various technology driven sectors which necessitates being not only literate but also active in the digital world. The objective of digital literacy is to impart basic ICT skills relevant to the needs of the trainees, which would enable them to use IT and related applications to further enhance opportunities for their livelihood. The persons shall be able to access information, knowledge and skill through the use of digital devices.

Only 38% of households in India are digitally literate. In urban areas, digital literacy is relatively higher at 61% as compared to just 25% in rural areas. By occupation profile in rural India, households that reported to have received regular wages/salaries from non-agricultural occupations have the highest percentage of digitally literate households at around 53%. In contrast, casual workers in the agriculture sector have the lowest level of digital literacy at 13%.

The poor digital literacy among rural population is due to lack of proper digital education in rural schools. Considering this serious drawback faced by students in rural schools, **NAVDUSHTI** with CSR support from **Dorf Ketel Chemicals India Ltd** embarked on this journey of providing digital literacy for students in rural schools by starting computer labs in their schools.

The first modern computer Lab was started by **NAVDUSHTI** in Daberi Ashram School in Palghar district of Maharashtra followed by setting up of computer Labs in Sanjay Gandhi Smarak High school, Palebudruk, Kolawadi in Raigarh district of Maharashtra and Shri Devi Mauli Vidyalaya, Kudal in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra. These fully equipped modern Computer Labs are equipped with workstations, printer, projector, projector screen and CCTV cameras. The Computer lab is equipped with fire extinguisher to ensure that there is no harm to children in the event of a fire or any mishaps. Moreover, **NAVDUSHTI** with support from Dorf Ketel Chemicals has appointed a trained computer teacher to conduct computer classes from Grade 1 to Grade 10. The schools ensure that there are not more than 2 students for each workstation.

In the fiscal year 2024-25, two more modern computer labs were started in Hindavi Garjana English Medium School (HGEMS), Awashi Lote in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra and Saraswati Vidyalaya, Dhamangaon Akole in Ahilyanagar district of Maharashtra.

No of Beneficiaries of Digital Education: -

Sr.No	Computer Center Name	Total Student/Beneficiary Strength
1	Taloja Computer Center	1,003
2	Kudal Computer Center	101
3	Lote Computer Center	210
4	Daberi Computer Center	788
5	Akole Computer Center	291
		2,393



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SENIOR CITIZEN HOME

According to one of the surveys, 30 to 50 percent of elderly people show signs that make them vulnerable to depression. Among those forced to live alone, widowed women are especially at risk.

In the Indian context, this situation is even more worrying. According to a government report, the elderly population in India is expected to grow by 41 percent over the next decade, meaning that by 2031, the country will have 194 million senior citizens. With this increase, cases of mistreatment against the elderly are also likely to rise sharply.

Considering this grave situation of the elderly population in the country Jeevan Aadhar, a Senior Citizen home was started in August 16, 2016 by a social worker Mr. Pawan Girwalkar in Ambajogai taluka in Beed district of Maharashtra. Jeevan Aadhar Senior Citizen Home has provided a rightful home for the elderly, providing support to those who are abandoned and also put an end to the neglect and mistreatment they suffer so that these old persons spend their remaining years with happiness and dignity.

NAVDUSHTI through its associates came to know about Jeevan Aadhar Senior Citizen Home and its plans to set up a counselling center to offer proper guidance to elderly individuals who are either homeless or abandoned by their families, decided to support this organization with CSR support from Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd starting from fiscal year 2024-25.

In the financial year 2024-2025, Jeevan Aadhar Senior Citizen home provides care and support to 26 elderly residents, the home cares for 7 female and 19 male residents, offering them a safe and nurturing environment. Also Jeevan Aadhar has been able to organize and implement numerous activities aimed at improving the lives of these elderly individuals.





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Programs activities:

1. Establish kitchen gardens to produce organic vegetables.
2. Support the elderly by prioritizing their physical and mental well-being.
3. Assist the elderly with daily activities to help them regain independence.
4. Organize recreational and social programs to foster engagement and joy among the elderly.
5. Provide comprehensive health care for the elderly, including:
6. Regular health check-ups.
 - Yoga, exercise sessions, music, and other recreational activities.
 - Social events to encourage interaction and community bonding.
 - Health awareness initiatives to promote preventive care.
 - Cleanliness awareness campaigns tailored for the elderly.

Residential Facilities:

- a. Own organic vegetables
- b. Kitchen and Dining Room: A well-maintained kitchen and dining area.
- c. Entertainment: Television for entertainment.
- d. Spiritual Activities: Facilities for devotional songs and kirtans.
- e. Library: A collection of books for reading.
- f. Safety Measures: CCTV cameras for security.

Medical Facilities at the Ashram:

1. Weekly health check-ups by a doctor.
2. Free medicines for illnesses.
3. Emergency medical services available.
4. Ambulance service for emergencies.

Accommodation:

Separate living facilities for men and women, including beds, mattresses, and personal lockers.

Facility:

Living at the ashram and accessing all services and facilities is completely free of charge. All services are provided at no cost.

The lives of the elderly residents have changed for the better, as they now enjoy safer homes, better health, emotional support, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Growing Organic Vegetables:

At the old age home, the elderly residents grow organic vegetables in a kitchen garden. They use these vegetables for their own meals. In the future, they plan to start a small vegetable stall to sell fresh produce to villagers and visitors at low prices.

Safe and Caring Home:

Earlier, many elderly people lived alone or without proper care. Now, they have safe housing, healthy food, regular care, and emotional support. The home has become a safe and happy place for them, helping them feel secure and connected.

Better Health:

The old age home offers regular medical check-ups and treatments. Residents who suffer from health problems like arthritis, diabetes, and high blood pressure now get the care they need. Regular health support has made a big difference in their lives.



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Emotional and Mental Support:

The mental health of residents is treated as important as their physical health. Through counselling and group therapy, the elderly can share their feelings, talk about their experiences, and feel less lonely. This has been very healing, especially for those without family.



Celebration of Important Days: The organization celebrates several national and state level days, fostering a sense of unity and joy among the elderly residents and the surrounding community. These celebrations, including Raksha Bandhan, Diwali, Ganeshotsav, World Yoga Day, and others, create an environment of warmth and festivity, making elderly residents feel valued and included. These celebrations offer much-needed social interaction, reducing isolation and enhancing the community spirit.



Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism at Jeevan Aadhar Old Age Home. The day began with a flag hoisting ceremony, where the national flag was raised with reverence, symbolizing the freedom and unity of the nation. The residents and staff stood together to sing national anthem, marking a moment of pride and respect.



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Diwali Celebration: Diwali, the festival of lights, is one of the most eagerly awaited events at the old age home. The celebrations last for 8-9 days, during which: 1) The elders clean their living spaces, symbolizing the removal of negativity and the welcoming of prosperity. 2) Special sweets are prepared and distributed, and new clothes are given to the residents by **NAVDRUSHTI**. 3) The elders share stories of their childhood Diwali celebrations, creating a nostalgic and joyous atmosphere.



New Admission and Selection Process: Every year, the organization conducts a survey to identify elderly individuals in need of care and support. All of whom were assessed based on their physical, emotional, and social needs. The organization's careful selection process ensures that those who are most vulnerable receive the help they need.

Holi Celebration: The festival of colors, Holi, was celebrated with joy and excitement. The elderly participated in a dry color celebration with organic and skin-friendly colors, singing folk songs and reminiscing about their childhood Holi experiences and a traditional feast featuring Holi delicacies such as puran poli. The festival brought happiness and strengthened bonds among the residents, making them feel cherished and included.

Summer activity: All the elderly gathered to make summer papads, enjoying the process together. It gave them a sense of being at home while sharing laughter and teamwork. The activity not only brought back memories but also strengthened their bond, making the experience joyful and fulfilling for everyone involved.



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Made cotton wicks for lamps: At the ashram, elderly residents make cotton wicks for lamps. This activity keeps them busy, happy, and connected to their traditions. They carefully roll soft cotton into wicks, which are then given to visitors as a gift of goodwill. These wicks bring light to homes and temples, carrying the elders' blessings. Visitors appreciate this kind gesture and sometimes bring more cotton to support the effort. Making wicks helps the elderly feel useful and brings them joy. It also strengthens their bond with society, reminding everyone that even small contributions can spread light, happiness, and tradition.





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Religious Tour: A religious tour was organized with the assistance of DORP, allowing the elderly residents to visit various religious sites. The tour provided them with spiritual rejuvenation and an opportunity to reconnect with their faith.



The locations visited included:

- Tuljapur - Dedicated to Goddess Tulja Bhavani, a revered deity in Maharashtra.
- Pandharpur - Famous for the Vitthal-Rukmini temple, a major pilgrimage center.
- Shikhar Shingnapur – Famous for its ancient Lord Shiva temple
- Rajangaon – Maha Ganapati Temple, one of the Ashtavinayak temples
- Alandi – Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj Samadhi Mandir and Indrayani River.
- Jejuri - Renowned for the Khandoba Temple, an important religious site in Maharashtra.





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EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO SUMITRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Sumitra Public School was started by 'Kabir Trust, New Delhi'. It was established in the year 2004 by Shri Sharad Yadav in memory of his mother Late Smt. Sumitra Devi Yadav. Sumitra Public school is located in the interior of Hoshangabad and is 1 Km away from the town of Babai on a sprawling pollution free campus, with fresh air and ample opportunities for holistic development of children. The school has a serene environment free from all distractions. It is a secular, co-educational day school dedicated to the pursuit of excellence.

A school inspection was conducted in the year 2016 and a thorough gap analysis was done for establishing the scope of the project. Key points that were looked after included academics, infrastructure, Human resources, and financial position of the school. It was found that school had lot of potential development in the areas of Academic excellence, manpower development, and infrastructure development.

It was observed that school was facing problems and challenges in the areas of financial planning and management, Academics were not up to the mark and had compliance issues, though school had a huge playground but it lacked necessary sports facilities to fully utilize the potential and most importantly salaries of the teaching and non-teaching staff was pending for more than 6 months.

The above points presented an opportunity to fill the gaps and to raise the level of teaching learning process along with gaining trust of teaching and non-teaching staff members and other stake holders of the school.

With the above background study, **Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd.** took this task of reviving the entire school right from its infrastructure to the quality of education as a corporate social responsibility. **Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd.** appointed **NAVDUSHTI** as an implementing agency which is not only implementing but also monitoring the entire project and improving the quality of academics of the school.

In academic Year 2017-18 through CSR support, the school completed the core activities like development of infrastructural facilities like school building, Science & Computer lab development, playground development, installation of safety devices; academic improvement by appointing new staff and closely monitoring the teaching learning process, organizing In-service teacher training programs, arranging Parent-teacher meetings, following the norms laid in National Curriculum Framework-2005 and compliance to the existing affiliation norms of CBSE.

The school also laid plans to raise the number of admissions which in turn will also increase the revenue of the school so that it will be self-sustainable.

Over the years with the intervention of **NAVDUSHTI** and active CSR support from **Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd, Sumitra Public School** has seen the following transformation.



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Classrooms, Library, Laboratory, Computer lab, Playground and Transportation facilities.

- Classrooms:
 - Black boards were removed (as per the need) and Soft-boards were installed in all classrooms.
 - Some classes were not having doors and windows which impacted the aesthetics and safety of the school and hence they were replaced with a new set of doors and windows.
 - Coloring was done and new color was given to the classrooms enhancing the learning environment of the class and the school.
- Library:
 - Earlier there was no functional library. Library being one of the important aspect of learner's literary development, new room with appropriate size was allotted from the existing infrastructure for the library.
 - Book shelves were installed and existing affiliation requirements related to library were fulfilled by ordering appropriate number of books.
 - Currently Library consists of 844 books with 652 more books to be added.
 - Seating arrangement, Newspaper reading area and seating arrangements were made for effective usage of the library facility.
- Computer Lab:
 - Initially computer lab with internet facility was not available. Thus to give the learners an opportunity to learn computers, a well-equipped computer lab was setup with 24-hour internet facility.
 - Currently 15 Think client machines are present supported with a powerful server system. Internet lease line is taken for providing internet facilities in school.
- Playground and transportation facility:
 - Playground consists of Badminton, Kho-Kho, Cricket, Football, Volleyball games facility.
 - Transportation is taken care by 4 vehicles and additional 2 vehicles are contracted for transportation of students.
 - Out of 4, 2 vehicles are about to finish their life span of 14 years and soon will be discarded.

Principal's office, staff room, and administrative offices:

- Administrative office was re-built with appropriate furnishing.
- Staff room, Conference room, Front office/reception and accounts office is re-built.

Sports and games facilities, hobby rooms, art and music facilities.

- School has a huge playground which gives the opportunity to develop children in various co-curricular activities of their choice.
- Thus, to also achieve holistic development among children, playground is developed with sports and games facilities.
- Along with games, children are also given the opportunity of developing their skills of Arts. Qualified Art teachers are appointed for developing the students in the same.
- Music facilities are provided. Music instruments like Guitar, Piano, Tabla is purchased. Music room is developed equipped with all necessary peripherals.



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Water and Sanitation and Health management facilities

- Presently, school is having drinking water facilities. Water filtration system is installed. Drinking water area is present with appropriate number of taps. Water is tested from lab and reports show that it is safe for drinking. School policy is made which ensures that the water is tested every 6 months.
- New Urinals & toilets have been constructed to suit the needs of Pre-school children.
- For ensure effective health management, school has appointed on-call doctor, first aid kit is checked and maintained periodically.

Furniture, Lighting and Ventilation

- Earlier adequate furniture was not available inside the classrooms and other areas of learner's development. It was also noticeable that the then available furniture was also in bad condition.
- Thus new furniture was ordered to ensure that available furniture in not only adequate but also in good condition.
- For optimum luminescence and ventilation, the windows were replaced with glass windows. Electric fitments were installed with appropriate number of tube lights and ceiling fans depending on the size of the classroom.

Safety and Disaster Management Provisions

- CCTV surveillance system is installed in entire campus.
- Fire extinguishers are installed at specific distance with proper visibility.
- Psychometric evaluation has been completed for all staff members (teaching & non-teaching).
- All staff has undergone police verification.
- Eco-club, Literary club and Integrity club is being formulated with various objectives and activities are planned and implemented.

Human Resources

- Optimum teacher section ratio of 1:1.5 is maintained at school following the guidelines given by CBSE.
- Currently School is having 18 Full time and 2-part time teachers plus 1 Principal, 1 Librarian, and 1 Health and physical education teacher total 23 teaching staff is employed. 13 Non-teaching staff members are employed in the school.
- Regular In-service training programs are conducted for keeping the teachers updated on academics.
- Lesson observations are carried out every month and feedback is shared with the teachers for further improvement.

Hence it can be concluded that the school is on the way for its all-round development with well-coordinated efforts of **NAVDUSHTI** and financial support of **Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd.** Without the academic support of **NAVDUSHTI** and financial support of **Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd** these developments would not have been possible. Beneficiaries of the above development process are the students residing in rural and most remote parts of the country.

Further, more work is to be done in making the school a financially stable organization and improving the overall quality of education in coming years.



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SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER FOR TRIBALS

Saagpani is one of the six villages under the Wavar-Wangani gram Panchayat has a population of around 2100. This village is located in Jawhar taluka of Palghar district of Maharashtra. The village has been facing water crisis for several years. Two local wells have completely dried up, forcing villagers to walk around 2 to 2.5 kilometers to fetch water from another village called Dahul, Some women are even risking their lives by walking around 2 to 2.5 kilometers as they need to climb a hill to collect water from well. The water they get is too limited as they can fetch just five to six liters for the whole family. The water crisis has led to daily battle for survival, impacting daily life and well-being of villagers.

The water crisis disrupted the daily routine of the villagers, making it difficult for villagers to meet their basic needs; the water shortage had also raised concern about health, safety and the well-being of villagers. In the month of May 2024 during a visit to Jauhar Dr Nagesh Tekale from **NAVDUSHTI** and Mr Santosh Jagdhane the CSR Head of **Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd** visited this village and came to know that the women of the village have to walk more than 2 kilometers for water. So **NAVDUSHTI** with CSR support from **Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd** supplied and installed a 10000-liter water tank in the village. Subsequently in February 2025, a decision was made to build a well in this village to permanently solve the drinking water problem. Following the construction of the well, people from two to three villages are using water from the well every day and will continue to do so.





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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME

NAVDUSHTI has always believed that environmental education for children should start at school level as the fate of the planet will be in their hands, so it is crucial for them to learn how to use resources wisely and do their bit in the battle against climate change from an early age. The aim of teaching children environmental education is for them to make caring for nature part of their lives, as opposed to just studying it. The idea behind this subject is for young people to develop a firm ecological mindset and use it to overcome today's environmental challenges with a proactive attitude and a strong commitment.

Hence in the fiscal year 2024-25 **NAVDUSHTI** went ahead and partnered with the following two organizations.

- 1. Earthian Art Foundation:** - The **Earthian Art Foundation**, believes in a philosophy that that regardless of our differences in caste, creed, religion, race, or nationality, as well as including non-human beings, we are all fundamentally the same. In essence, it highlights the unity and interconnectedness of all life on Earth., focuses on celebrating art traditions as a means to connect people and transcend boundaries. By embracing art, which is a universal language that can be understood and appreciated by individuals from diverse backgrounds, the foundation aims to promote inclusivity, understanding, and collaboration among people.

Through artistic expressions, the **Earthian Art Foundation** seeks to break down barriers that separate individuals and foster a sense of shared humanity. By recognizing our common roots and the fact that we all inhabit the same planet, the foundation encourages individuals to embrace their similarities and appreciate the richness of cultural diversity.

Furthermore, the foundation advocates for living in harmony with nature. It recognizes the importance of preserving and protecting the environment, understanding that our well-being is deeply interconnected with the health of the planet. By promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices, the **Earthian Art Foundation** encourages individuals to take responsibility for the Earth and work towards a more sustainable future.

- 2. Oikoessence Edu tours:** - **OikoEssence Edutours** is a venture started by two botanists and naturalists (Ms Gauri & Dr, Shreya). This organization is focused upon creating awareness about environment, local biodiversity and social life of a given area among the local population including children.

NAVDUSHTI with CSR support from **Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Ltd** used the services of **Earthian Art Foundation** to conduct environment awareness sessions for students of Daberi Ashram School, Palghar and Sanjay Gandhi Smarak High school, Palebudruk in Raigarh district of Maharashtra. The awareness sessions in both the schools were focused on

- Environmental conservation:
- 4Rs of Waste Management – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle – using simple language and relatable examples. Also in order to reinforce the concept, students were given the following exercises.
 - Circling habits harmful to the environment
 - Identifying and circling good eco-friendly habits
 - Matching items with the time they take to decompose
 - Writing personal pledges for better environmental practices
- Watercolor Demonstration & Art Guidance



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There were also sessions and live demonstration on landscape painting using watercolors, introducing basic techniques and handling of the medium.



OikoEssence Edutours conducted their environment awareness in Ashram School, Daberi, Palghar Maharashtra and Nirmala Public School, Makhannagar, Madhya Pradesh.

At Daberi Ashram School, the following activities were undertaken.

- ✓ Nature Game – Habitat Game
- ✓ Nature Game – Web of Life
- ✓ Nature Trail
- ✓ Presentation on Animal behavior
- ✓ Presentation on Snakes

At Nirmala Public School, Makhannagar Madhya Pradesh the following activities were undertaken.

- ✓ Game – Which deer you are?
- ✓ Presentation on Birds
- ✓ Presentation on life of honey bees
- ✓ Nature trail
- ✓ Presentation on Medicinal plants
- ✓ Game – Web of Life
- ✓ Game – Animal migration
- ✓ Teachers training – Presentation on Biodiversity



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ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES

Technical consultancy for tree plantation drives:

NAVDUSHTI offered technical consultancy to Yusuf Meherally center for creation of fruit trees plantations drive in Kashmir and Uttarakand.

Also **NAVDUSHTI** offered technical consultancy to **Global Vikas Trust** for their fruit tree plantation program in Maharashtra. This programme involves collaboration with local farmers to introduce fruit tree cultivation, providing them with training, resources, and ongoing support. Emphasize the economic benefits of fruit tree cultivation, highlighting how it can significantly increase farmers' income over time.

Global Vikas Trust implemented a focused Farmer Livelihood Enhancement Project across the tribal-dominated talukas of Vikramgad and Wada in Palghar district, Maharashtra. The project introduced Jasmine (Mogra) cultivation—a perennial flowering crop that requires low water, thrives in local climatic conditions, and enjoys strong market demand. Jasmine has a crop life of 10–15 years, with yields improving as the plant matures, making it a long-term income-generating asset for small and marginal farmers.

A total of 40,000 Banglora variety Mogra saplings were distributed across 14.16 acres, directly benefiting 56 tribal farmers from 27 villages. The crop's high market value is further enhanced by Palghar's strategic location, with access to large flower markets in Mumbai, Kalyan, and Nashik, ensuring a steady and profitable sales channel for the farmers.

To ensure the plantation's success, GVT provided holistic support:

- ✓ 147 hands-on training sessions on jasmine cultivation, pest control, and harvesting techniques
- ✓ Distribution of 56 crop care booklets to guide farmers through all stages of growth
- ✓ Geo-tagging of all farms for transparent monitoring
- ✓ Regular field surveys for plant health and farmer support
- ✓ Real-time tracking via ERP for seamless data management and impact measurement

Depending upon the farming practices & the favourable climatic conditions the first harvest is expected by December 2025. As the plants mature over time, the returns are expected to further improve, building resilient livelihoods for tribal communities. The impact & the success stories shall be shared once the first harvest is successfully completed.





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Afforestation drives:

NAVDUSHTI assisted Chandivali Rotary club in creation of Miyawaki forests in Chandivali and also on behalf of Kalpataru Sewage treatment plant in Hiranandani Estate for Thane Municipal Corporation.

Farmers Training:

Women in tribal belts are always ready to accept any new change i.e innovations which will benefit their small growing children and their families. NAVDRUSHTI supported these tribal women to have a seed bank in each hamlet under which self-help group of women will collect traditionally cultivated seeds from each farmer, will store them in traditional old ways linked with science and will distribute it to nearby needy farmers. The main objective is to protect tribals, their crops and agricultural practices from climate change and global warming.

NAVDUSHTI also conducted demonstration and training program for farmers in sowing of Ragi seeds and increasing its productivity using modern agricultural practices.



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AUDIT REPORT FY 2024-25

Application of Income

Sr.No	Programme	Budget (Rs)
1	Digital Education (Supporting Computer Centers in Schools in Taloja, Lote, Kudal, Daberi & Dhamangaon)	84,31,991
2	Afforestation Drive (Supporting SAPREM for Miyawaki Forest Jungle Cup)	50,29,417
3	Afforestation Drive (Supporting SAPREM for Mango Cup)	30,00,000
4	Quality Education in School (Supporting Sumitra Public School, Babai)	68,27,037
5	Quality Education (Supporting Pottery & Drawing classes in schools through Earthian Foundation)	2,05,756
6	Environment Awareness (Oikoessence Edu tutors)	36,007
7	Women Empowerment (Supporting Acid attack victims through Brave Souls Foundation)	50,00,000
8	Water Conservation (Construction of well & water storage facility in Sagpani village in Palghar district of Maharashtra)	11,45,450
9	Volunteering Programmes	23,13,793
10	Senior Citizen home (Supporting Jeevan Aadhar Senior Citizen Home)	6,76,107
11	Admin Fees	2,27,001
	Total	3,28,92,559



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