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Executive Summary: Annual Report 2023-24

The year 2023–24 has seen remarkable growth 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 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 centre in Daberi Ashram school and started Computer centres in two new schools namely Sanjay Gandhi Smarak School Taloja and Shri Devi Mauli School, Chendvan, Kudal.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Supporting Mission 500 Crore litre water storage: Supported a farmers driven initiative/movement that works on a basic principle -- "of the people, by the people, for the people" -- in Ahilyanagar district of Maharashtra.

❖ Conclusion

The year 2023–24 reaffirmed Navdrushti's belief in the strength of community-led development, supported by responsive partnerships and strategic vision. Moving 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 tribal belt of Palghar and Thane District for underprivileged tribals and their malnourished children for their better sustainable lives. Our core activities are providing education, health facilities, balanced nutrition, vocational training, employment, afforestation and empowerment of women. Navdrushti is a registered charitable trust under the Bombay Public Trust act 1950 with 12A, 80G and FCRA.

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.



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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 believes 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, Makhada 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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DORF KETAL CHEMICALS INDIA PVT LTD

CSR INITIATIVE WITH NAVDRUSHTI

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

- ✓ **DORF KETAL JUNGLE CUP**
- ✓ **DORF KETAL MANGO CUP**
- ✓ **PREVENTION AND REDRESSAL OF ACID ATTACKS**
- ✓ **DIGITAL LITERACY IN RURAL SCHOOLS**
- ✓ **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO SUMITRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, BABAI**
- ✓ **MISSION 500**



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KEY PERSONALITIES



MR. SANTOSH JAGDHANE
CSR Head- DORF KETAL



DR. NAGESH TEKALE
PRESIDENT - NAVDRUSHTI



DR. PRAKASH GAIKWAD
Social Worker



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FOCUS AREA OF WORK

The following are the areas of work on which we have initiated few projects in rural community development as part of the Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup and Dorf Ketal Mango Cup.

- ✓ Environment: Miyawaki Rapid Forest Project- Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup in 50 villages.
- ✓ Economic Development: Kesar Mango Trees plantation Project-Dorf Ketal Mango Cup in 29 villages.

Documentations used and literatures for project guidelines and implementation.

- Training Module for Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup-1(DKJC)
- Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup (DKJC) evolution process module for Awards
- Action Plans and activity schedule for project team
- Dorf Ketal Mango Cup (DKMC) village selection criteria Form
- DKMC Training module
- Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup PPT for awareness



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DORF KETAL MANGO CUP (DKMC) COMPETITION

Following are few highlights regarding the project work which was undertaken by our Project Team during the year 2023-24

NUMBER OF VILLAGES VISITED - 300

NUMBER OF TALUKA VISITED - 5

NUMBER OF VILLAGES FINALISED FOR DKMC PROJECT- 29

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARY -FARMERS-14300

NUMBER OF GRAMPANCHAY AT BENEFICIARY - 52,000





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AIM OF THE PROJECT

INCREASE THE INCOME SOURCE OF GRAMPANCHAYAT



CALCULATION



=
50,000 mango
plants



= minimum 1000
mango plants in
each village gram
panchayat





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DORF KETAL MANGO CUP COMPETITION

Following are few glimpses of villages where Kesar Mango plants are grown up on the open space of each Gram panchayats in various villages of Ahmednagar and Nashik Districts:





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KESAR MANGO TRAINING: NAVDRUSHTI had organized various training programmes online as well as offline for the farmers and Gram panchayats' members to train them about plantation and effective production of Kesar Mangoes.



Dr. Kapse and Mr. Satish Burange were invited for these training programme. All these participants were invited at Savalvihir's Agro Farm where they received proper training for plantation and further management of the Mango Farm.



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A CSR Head of Dorf Ketal Mr. Santosh Jagdhane visited many villages during the year at different Mango Orchard like Bhokani, Shaha, Virgaon, Tigaon etc.





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PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION



मदऱनः All projects are designed in a way to give a space for peoples' participation. Every village has given their maximum these projects for its efficacy contribution in the form of time, energy and resources to develop.



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Media

लोकमत

पर्यावरणपूरक उपक्रम : संगमनेर, अकोले, सिन्नर तालुक्यांत आंब्याचे ५० हजारहून अधिक रोपांचे रोपण

केशर आंब्याच्या गोडव्यातून ग्रामपंचायतीचे उत्पन्न वाढणार

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क
संगमनेर : पर्यावरण संवर्धनासाठी राज्यभर अनेकविध उपक्रम राबविण्याची उदाहरणे समोर आहेत. असे असताना आता पर्यावरणसंवर्धन आणि त्यासोबतच ग्रामपंचायतीचे उत्पन्नात वाढ होण्याकरिता संगमनेर पंचायत समिती आणि सामाजिक कार्य करणाऱ्या, ग्रामीण विकासाला हातभार लावणाऱ्या संस्थांनी एकत्र येऊन 'डॉर्फ केटल मँगो कप' या राज्यस्तरीय स्पर्धेचे आयोजन केले आहे. त्या माध्यमातून संगमनेर, अकोले (जि. अहमदनगर) आणि सिन्नर (जि. नाशिक) या तीन तालुक्यांतील २९ गावांमध्ये केशर आंब्याच्या ५०,३०० रोपांची लागवड करण्यात आली आहे. केशर आंब्याच्या गोडव्यातून २९ ग्रामपंचायतींचे उत्पन्नात भरघोस वाढ होणार आहे.

संगमनेर पंचायत समिती, डॉर्फ केटल केमिकल्स इंडिया प्रायव्हेट लिमिटेड, मुंबई, सप्रेम संस्था, कल्याण आणि नवदृष्टी संस्था, मुंबई यांनी एकत्रित येऊन ग्रामपंचायतींच्या उत्पन्नात भरघोस वाढ होण्याकरिता



पर्यावरणपूरक उपक्रम हाती घेतला आहे. प्रायोगिक तत्वावर राज्यात प्रथमच तीन तालुक्यांत होत असलेल्या या उपक्रमाला स्पर्धेचे स्वरूप देण्यात आले आहे. संगमनेर तालुक्यातील १०, अकोले तालुक्यातील ८ आणि सिन्नर तालुक्यातील ११ ग्रामपंचायतींची निवड करण्यात आली. प्रत्येक गावात ग्रामपंचायतीने उपलब्ध करून दिलेल्या जागेत गुजरात येथून आणलेल्या केशर आंब्याच्या ५०,३००

रोपांची लागवड करण्यात आली. ही रोपे साधारण तीन फुटांपर्यंत असून ती मोफत वितरित करण्यात आली. ३० जुलैपासून ते ३० नोव्हेंबरपर्यंत प्रत्येक गावातील ग्रामस्थांनी रोपांच्या लागवडीसाठी विशेष परिश्रम घेतले. रोपांच्या संवर्धनाची जबाबदारी ग्रामस्थांवर असून त्यांच्याच माध्यमातून आमराई घडविण्याची स्पर्धा सुरू आहे. त्याकरिता प्रशिक्षण देखील देण्यात आले.

सव्वा दोन लाखोंची बक्षिसे

केशर आंब्याचे रोपण करताना १,००० रोपांचे लागवडीकरिता साधारण २ एकर इतके क्षेत्र लागते. 'डॉर्फ केटल मँगो कप' राज्यस्तरीय स्पर्धेत संगमनेर अकोले आणि सिन्नर तालुक्यातील २९ ग्रामपंचायती सहभागी झाल्या आहेत. त्याकरिता डॉर्फ केटल केमिकल्स इंडिया प्रायव्हेट लिमिटेड कंपनीकडून विजेत्या गावांना एक लाख, ७५ हजार आणि ५० हजार अशी अनुक्रमे पहिली तीन बक्षिसे देण्यात येतील. आमराई फुलविण्यासाठी सेंद्रिय पदधत, ग्रामस्थांनी घेतलेले श्रम आणि त्यासोबत इतरही काही निकष ठेवण्यात आल्याचे प्रकल्प समन्वयक हिमांशू लोहकरे यांनी सांगितले.

प्रत्येक वर्षी कमीतकमी २५ लाख रुपये उत्पन्न

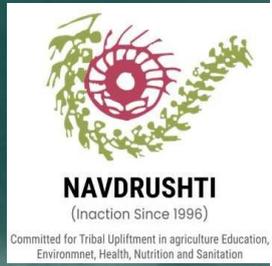
'२९ गावांमध्ये बहरलेली शेतीवाडी अन्न मोहोर धरणार आमराई' असेच यातावरण पुढील अडीच वर्षात दिसेल. रंग, आकार, गंध आणि चव या गुणवैशिष्ट्यांमुळे केशर आंब्याची वेगळी ओळख आहे. बाजारात केशर आंब्याला मागणी असते. त्यामुळे कमीतकमी २५ लाख रुपये प्रत्येक वर्षी एका ग्रामपंचायतीला आमराईपासून उत्पन्न मिळेल. योग्य पध्दतीने विपणन केल्यास उत्पन्नात निश्चित वाढ होईल. प्रत्येक गावातील कुटुंबाला देखील केशर आंब्याचे एक रोप दिले आहे. १४ हजार २०० कुटुंबांना केशर आंब्याची रोपे दिले. असेही प्रकल्प समन्वयक लोहकरे यांनी सांगितले.

राज्यस्तरीय संयुक्त उपक्रमात संगमनेर तालुक्यातील १० ग्रामपंचायतींनी सक्रिय सहभाग घेतला आहे. यापूर्वीही सामाजिक संस्थांनी राबविलेल्या अनेक उपक्रमांमध्ये संगमनेर तालुक्यात गावपातळीवर मोठा सहभाग दिसून आला. अनेक पुरस्कारसुद्धा मिळाले असून याही स्पर्धेचे पहिले बक्षीस संगमनेर तालुक्याला असेल, यात कुठलीही शंका नाही. ग्रामपंचायती आर्थिकदृष्ट्या अधिक सक्षम होतील.

- अनिल नागणे, गटविकास अधिकारी पंचायत समिती, संगमनेर



DORF KETAL JUNGLE CUP 1



Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup 2023-24

Mr. Santosh Jagdhane, GM, Dorf Ketal Chemical India Pvt. Ltd's who has worked on Miyawaki Rapid Forest since last few years. He has implemented the concept with various organizations in India like in Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra's few places including NAVDRUSHTI's at "Bring A Smile School", Birwadi, Shahapur in 2019. Dr. Nagesh Tekale of Navdrushti, SAVALI NGO helped us to implement this innovative project at the first time and we understood the classic method to plant 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 a successful plantation and growth of the trees in Miyawaki after 2 years; Mr. Santosh Jagdhane discussed the concept with NAVDRUSHTI to expand the project activities in rural area; so we have initiated Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup 2023 project in Sangamner Block with the financial support of Dorf Ketal's CSR and technical partner NAVDRUSHTI. Our partners personally visited the project area and also got permission from Block Development Officer (BDO) Panchayat Samiti Sangamner. Accordingly, we have appointed a project coordinator who visited almost 110 villages out of 144 of the block. Most of the Gram panchayats submitted their request to NAVDRUSHTI and then we have selected 50 villages' Gram panchayats to implement the project activities. Various meetings with stakeholders and then one day Miyawaki training was organized for all these 50 Gram panchayats and stakeholders at Sangamner. 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 GM, CSR Dorf Ketal. A training module was also distributed to all the participants to give them the perfect information of making Dorf Ketal Jungle in their villages.

Participated villages were ready with all the information and materials, equipment and people to do Shramdaan. JCB is used to dig the land for making Jungle and 300 saplings are provided by us to make Miyawaki in each village. Regular support, supervision and monitoring are done by our team to each Grampanchayats. Each village is also spending their contribution & Shramdaan through Manures, compound, sticks for plants, water sources and continuously keeping it clean and neat. Villagers, Women Self Help Groups, Youths, Students and even Teachers putting their efforts to bring these Jungles up and that is the success of this project.



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JUNGLE CUP FLOW CHART-1

NGO's Planning & Training to Staff for
Miyawaki Rapid Forest Development



NGO Partners & Funding Agency
jointly visits the project area



NGOs collect the Application
Forms from the Grampanchayats
for their entry to participate in
the 'Jungle Cup' Competition



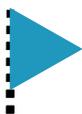
Training on Miyawaki Rapid Forest to
the Grampanchayats and Government
Officials like BDO, Village Development
Officers, Sarpanch etc.



Inauguration of Miyawaki Rapid
Forest at Village Level



Plantation by the People, students,
officials through "Shramdaan"



Fencing and watering is done by the
Grampanchayats as per the rules
and regulations of the 'Jungle Cup'

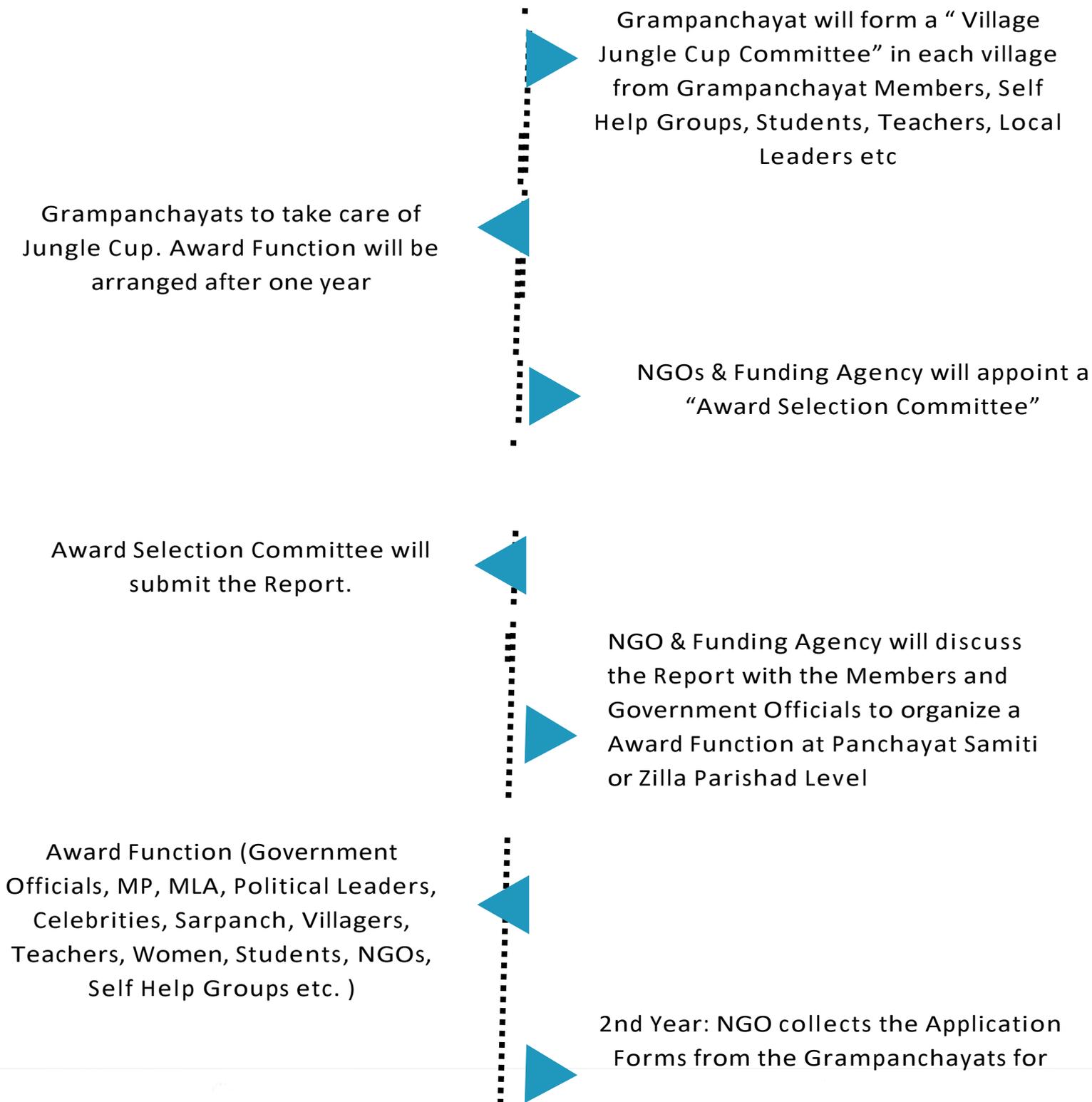




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JUNGLE CUP FLOW CHART-2





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Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup-1 Award Trophy



It's a competition among 50 villages so each village is taking initiative and putting their best efforts to win the prize. A selection committee was appointed to select the winners. We have kept Rs. 1,00,000 for 1st Winner Gram panchayat, Rs. 75,000 for 2nd Winner Gram panchayat and 3rd Prize Rs. 50,000 for winner Gram panchayat, Runner-up Jungle Cup Prize Rs. 10,000 for 5 Motivational Jungle Cup Prizes to Gram panchayats. An Award Function was organized as an event to mark the successful programme in the month of February, 22nd, 2024 at Sangamner in the presence of 1400-1500 people.



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50 Maharashtra Villages Celebrate World's First 'Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup - 1' Competition"

In a unique celebration of environmental consciousness, thousands of villagers and dignitaries gathered in Sangamner block, Maharashtra, for the grand finale of the "Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup – 0.1" competition, organized by the NAVDRUSHTI & Navdrushti organizations under the CSR initiative of Dorf Ketal Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.. This first-of-its-kind competition aimed to encourage and recognize villages for their efforts in establishing and maintaining Miyawaki forests, a fast-growing afforestation technique.

The event witnessed an outpouring of support, with dignitaries including Padmashri Rahibai Popere, Akole MLA Dr. Kiran Lahamte, former MLA Dr. Sudhir Tambe, and representatives from Dorf Ketal, NAVDRUSHTI, and Navdrishti organizations gracing the occasion.

Akole MLA Dr. Kiran Lahamte lauded the initiative, stating, "The creation of 50 Miyawaki forests by these villages is a historic achievement. He has also emphasized on the importance of CSR's contribution in the Human Development Index and shared his vision regarding environment restoration for the next phase. He urged everyone to conserve the planted trees and contribute to environmental protection.

Mr. Santosh Jagadhane, representing Dorf Ketal, expressed his belief that the project carries immense hope for the future. "The Jungle Cup, a concept I coined with Subodh Menon's guidance, is a beacon of hope in the fight against environmental degradation. When the history of environmental action is written, Sangamner will be recognized for its collective effort in planting Miyawaki forests," he said.

Highlighting the importance of environmental ethics, former MLA Dr. Sudhir Tambe remarked, "The decline of the environment stems from a decline in morality. We need to cultivate a sense of unity and compassion to truly address this challenge." He commended the project's potential to inspire a broader movement of tree plantation.

The event featured a cultural program with a street play by students delivering a powerful message about tree planting. All participating villages received certificates of honour, and the top three winners were awarded cash prizes. Palaskhede Gram Panchayat bagged the first prize of Rs. 1 lakh, followed by Tigaon Gram Panchayat (Rs. 75,000) and Zole Gram Panchayat (Rs. 50,000).

Padmashri Rahibai Popere, renowned environmental activist, shared her inspiring journey. "I may not have formal education, but nature has been my teacher. I urge everyone to embrace indigenous seeds and toxic-free farming practices," she advised.

The event concluded with the release of an "Album of Songs- Utsav: Prakriti Se Prem Ka" on environmental themes and cultural performances by school children. The success of the program is attributed to the collaborative efforts of NAVDRUSHTI, Dorf Ketal, Navdrishti, and the dedicated project team.

This ground-breaking CSR initiative of Dorf Ketal, Navdrushti, Navdrushti and Sangamner villages serves as a model for communities worldwide, demonstrating the power of collective action in addressing environmental challenges. The unique concept of the Dorf Ketal Jungle Cup, a testament to the vision of Subodh Menon, Founder & Vice Chairman, Dorf Ketal and the dedication of his CSR Team, has the potential to inspire similar efforts globally.



DORF KETAL JUNGLE CUP 1



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JUNGLE CUP TRAINING



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NAVDRUSHTI had organized various training programmes at Sangamner for Gram panchayats Members to train them about Miyawaki plantation



Almost 400 people joined the training programme from 50-60 Gram panchayats during the year 2022 at Sangamner. Dr. Nagesh Tekale, Navdrushti and Mr. Santosh Jagdhane, GM & CSR head were the master trainer who trained these people who later took the initiatives in their villages.



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संगमनेरमधील ५० गावांमध्ये उपक्रम; तापमान कमी होण्यासाठी होणार मदत मियावाकी प्रकल्पाचा पशुपक्ष्यांना फायदा

► राजू नरवडे : सकाळ वृत्तसेवा

संगमनेर, ता. ११ : सप्रेम या संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून भारतातील मियावाकीचा पहिला प्रकल्प संगमनेर तालुक्यातील पन्नास गावांमध्ये राबविण्यात आला आहे. त्यामुळे या माध्यमातून दोन टक्के गावांमधील तापमान कमी होणार आहे. तर पशू-पक्ष्यांनाही याचा चांगला फायदा होत आहे. मियावाकी प्रकल्पाच्या माध्यमातून वृक्षांची संख्याही वाढली आहे, अशी माहिती प्रकल्प समन्वयक हिमांशू लोहकरे यांनी दिली.

कल्याण-मुंबई येथील सप्रेम संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून संगमनेर तालुक्यातील १४७ गावांमधील पळसखेडे, तिगाव, करुळे, तळेगाव दिवे, झोळे, भांदरफळ, पिंपळगाव कोझिरा, सावरचोळ, हिवरगाव पठार, घागाव यामुळे पन्नास गावांमध्ये हा मियावाकी प्रकल्प राबविण्यात आला आहे. एका गुंट्यात तीनशे झाडे लावण्यात आली



झोळे (ता. संगमनेर) : येथे राबवलेला मियावाकी प्रकल्प दिसत आहे.

आहेत.

हिरडा, वेहडा, चिंच, आवळा, वड, पिंपळ, नागेश्वर आदी ४२ प्रकारची झाडे लावण्यात आली आहे. जवळपास पाच ते सहा फूट उंच झाडे झाली आहेत. विशेष बाब म्हणजे या झाडांमुळे

गावातील तापमानही कमी होणार आहे. पशू-पक्ष्यांनाही याचा मोठा फायदा होणार आहे. गटविकास अधिकारी अनिल नागणे यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली पन्नास गावांमध्ये हा मियावाकी प्रकल्प राबविण्यात आला आहे.

या मियावाकी प्रकल्पाची सरपंच, उपसरपंच, ग्रामसेवक, कर्मचारी हे सर्व जण चांगली काळजी घेत आहेत. विशेष बाब म्हणजे पन्नास गावांमधील मियावाकी प्रकल्प अतिशय चांगले असल्याचे दिसून आले आहे. काही

संगमनेर पंचायत समितीपासूनच आम्ही मियावाकी प्रकल्पला सुरुवात केली आहे. मोकळ्या जागेत आम्ही जवळपास तीनशे वृक्षांची लागवड केली आहे. आज पन्नास गावांमध्ये हा प्रकल्प राबविण्यात आला आहे. यामध्ये शासनाचा एकही रुपया नसून लोकसहभाग व ग्रामपंचायत यांच्या माध्यमातून हा उपक्रम सुरू आहे. त्यामुळे पर्यावरणासंदर्भात लोकांमध्ये जनजागृती होणार आहे.

- अनिल नागणे, गटविकास अधिकारी

डॉर्फ कॅटल जंगल कथ स्पर्धा २०२३ या माध्यमातून ज्या पन्नास गावांनी हा मियावाकी प्रकल्प राबवला आहे. त्यांच्यासाठी प्रथम पुरस्कार १ लाख, द्वितीय ७५, तर तृतीय ५० हजार असे पुरस्कार दिले जाणार आहे. विशेष बाब म्हणजे वृक्ष-वृक्षांमध्ये ही स्पर्धा होणार आहे. भारतातील पहिलाच मियावाकीचा प्रकल्प हा सप्रेम संस्थेने संगमनेर तालुक्यात राबवला आला आहे.

- हिमांशू लोहकरे, मियावाकी प्रकल्प- समन्वयक

गावांमध्ये पाण्याची कमतरता असताना देखील तेथील ग्रामपंचायतीने या प्रकल्पाची चांगली काळजी घेतली आहे. मियावाकी प्रकल्पांमुळे पन्नास गावांमध्ये वृक्षांची संख्याही वाढणार आहे.

भारतातील पहिलाच मियावाकीचा

प्रकल्प हा संगमनेर तालुक्यातील पन्नास गावांमध्ये सप्रेम या संस्थेने राबवला आहे. त्यामुळे या प्रकल्पाचा पन्नास गावांना भविष्यात चांगला फायदा होणार असल्याचे प्रकल्प समन्वयक हिमांशू लोहकरे यांनी नमूद केले आहे.



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FOREIGNERS'S VISIT TO MIYAWAKI



Mr.Trevor Warmadehil, Washington, US
and
Mr. Connor Jones, California, US

Foreigners visited at Miyawaki .

Politicians, Government officers, NGO people have visited at our project sites at multiple times and appreciated the innovative style of project implementation.



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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 2023-24, this project supported by NAVDRUSHTI 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 2023-24 the aim was to provide support for a maximum number 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 2023-24.

Several community-based awareness programs were to be conducted in the two states viz Delhi and WB. Interventions achieved Surgeries, Legal Cases (Both New and Ongoing) and Community Based Awareness Programs (Delhi & West Bengal) during the reporting period.

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.



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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 to computer/mobile/internet for our day-to-day activities and being connected with others through to 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, NAVDRUSHTI 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 NAVDRUSHTI in Daberi Ashram School in Palghar district of Maharashtra. In the current year 2023-24 computer Labs have been setup 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, NAVDRUSHTI with support from Dorf Ketel Chemicals has appointed a trained computer teacher to conduct computer classes from Grade 1 to Grade 10. These schools ensure that there are not more than 2 students for each workstation.

No of Beneficiaries of Digital Education: -

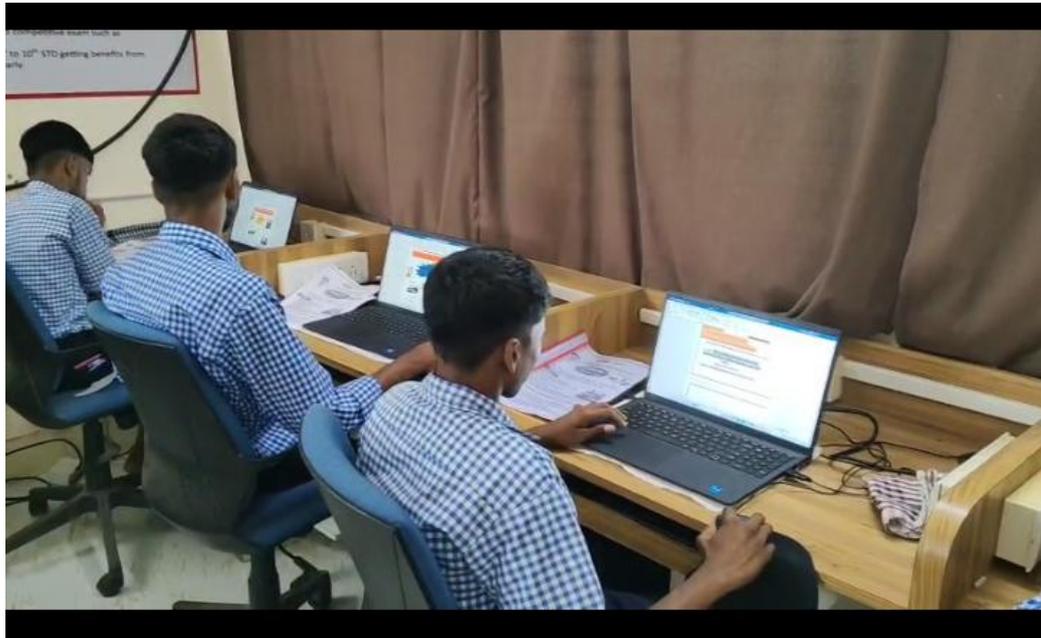
Sr.No	Computer Center Name	Total Student/Beneficiary Strength
1.	Taloja Computer Center	607
2.	Kudal Computer Center	97
3.	Daberi Computer Center	750



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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, coeducational 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 Ketel 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 Ketel Chemicals India Ltd. appointed NAVDRUSHTI 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 NAVDRUSHTI and active CSR support from Dorf Ketel Chemicals India Ltd, Sumitra Public School has seen the following transformation.

- ✓ 42 Classrooms, Library, Laboratory, Computer lab, Playground and Transportation facilities.
- ✓ Classrooms: Black boards were removed (as per the need) and Soft-boards were installed in classrooms.
- ✓ Some classes were not having doors and windows which impacted the aesthetics and safety of school and hence they were replaced with a new set of doors and windows.



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- ✓ Colouring was done and new colour 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 aspects of learner's literary development, new room with appropriate size was allotted from the existing infrastructure for the library. o 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. o Seating arrangement, Newspaper reading area and seating arrangements were made for effective usage of the library facility.
- ✓ Computer Lab: o Initially computer lab with internet facility was not available. Thus, to give to learners an opportunity to learn computers, a well-equipped computer lab was setup with 24-hour internet facility. o 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: o Playground consists of Badminton, Kho-Kho, Cricket, Football, Volleyball games facility. o Transportation is taken care by 4 vehicles and additional 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.
- ✓ 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.



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- ✓ Furniture, Lighting and Ventilation. Earlier adequate furniture was not available inside 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 is not only adequate but also in good condition.
- ✓ For optimum luminescence and ventilation, the windows were replaced with glass windows. Electric fittings 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 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 in 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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SUPPORT MISSION 500 CRORE LITRE WATER STORAGE

A water conservation movement by the people, for the people. A movement started by Dr Ujjwal Kumar Chavhan (IRS) in 2017 from Dhamangaon village in Jalgaon District in Maharashtra state for water conservation. Farmers come together, plan, contribute for diesel expenses for making tanks and check dams by Poclain /JCB machines made available by NGOs. So far, 70 villages in 7 districts created reservoirs of 450 crore liters, planted 45000 trees and repaired farm roads of 30KM.

Goals

- ✓ Create a water reservoir of 500 Crore liters in Chalisgaon Tehsil, as a model for other districts.
- ✓ Raise ground water level up to 10 feet from the ground level.
- ✓ Rejuvenate Village Rivers.
- ✓ Ensure water availability for Khari and rabi crop for farmers, doubling their Income.
- ✓ Ecological balance.

Method

Average rainfall in Khandesh and Marathwada is around 300-700 mm. Surface runoff is 60%. It is arrested by creating storage capacity of 5-10 crore liters of water in each village of area around 1000 hectares in the forms of multiple check dams and tanks on rivers and rivulets. Trees plantation on the bank of the rivers stabilizes these structures. Desiltation opens the pores in the ground. This work hastens groundwater recharge, raising it up to 5 feet from the ground. It rejuvenates streams and clear flow of water lasts till the month of February/March in the river.

Pach Patil Team

14 People are trained in Leadership Development Skills, who took responsibility for 5 villages each. Hence they are called 'Pach Patil'. They create awareness among the villages by conducting meetings and Shivar Pheri, selecting Gaon Pramukh, who in turn Plans and executes the work with f All this machinery works voluntarily. Hence the Mission does not incur any administrative cost.



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(Paach Patil team with Waterman of India Shri Rajendra Singh, Shri Indrajit Deshmukh and Shri Sanjay Katkar)

Work Execution

Group of 30 farmers is created in each village, who are ready to contribute for diesel expenses and provide food for the Poclain Machine operator. Selection of beneficiaries and selection of work sites is done by this 'Pani Samiti'. Work of deepening and widening, de-siltation, Check dams and tanks planned from top to bottom of the river as per Village Map. Sequencing of work is done. In the villages where planned work is more than 200 hours, NGOs/CSR funds are contacted for availing Poclain/JCB machines. Half expenses for rent of Machine is paid by NGO and remaining half expenses for diesel are paid by farmers.

Other activities

These machines are also used for creating farm roads, soak pits for waste water from houses and cow sheds, well recharge, common farm ponds, leveling farms and Bandh bandisti.

Milestones

I. Conception

This concept of watershed development through people's participation started in the year 2017 in Dhamangaon Village. The 14-crore liter surface water reservoir was created in the first year itself.



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II. Pilot project

This concept was tested in 6 more villages in 2018 to see whether farmers can come together for this work in a couple of village meetings. Farmers responded well and a reservoir of 20 crore liters created.

III. Leadership Development

Expansion of this project to further villages requires trained leadership. 14 people were trained in 2019-20 for 9 months on the lines of the "Landmark forum program." They took responsibility for 2 villages each, therefore called "Pach Patil". They work without any remuneration. Work was expanded to 10 villages. Storage capacity reached up to 1.02 billion liters.

IV. Expansion

The project reached up to 34 villages in 4 tehsils in 4 districts of Maharashtra and crossed the storage capacity of 2.08 billion liters in 2020-21. Number of NGOs supporting this project expanded to 4 viz S. Relief Fund, Rotary Club, Bhartiya Jain Sanghatana and NAAM Foundation.



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Outcomes

- ✓ Rise in ground water level up to 5-10 feet from the ground.
- ✓ Rivers in these villages continue flowing till March. Earlier they run dry by October.
- ✓ Farmers harvesting two crops, Kharif and Rabbi. Income doubled. Employment availed 10000.
- ✓ Boost to Animal husbandry, Dairy, Fishery activities.
- ✓ More Grass, Bushes and Trees grow and sustain around wetlands, balancing the Ecology.

Specialties

- ✓ Self-Sustainable, People Driven- 60% expenditure is by Farmers.
- ✓ Transparent- NGOs directly pay to Machine vendors and Farmers to Petrol Pumps.
- ✓ Voluntary, Selfless service by the paach Patil and Gaon Pramukh. Indigenous skill used , people working with Varkari philosophy and spirit.
- ✓ Non-Political, Non- Commercial, Non-Religious movement- Civil Society in Villages.
- ✓ In tune with Agro-Climatic Environmental Principles, without disturbing nature.

Future Plan

- ✓ Plan is to expand the work to 100 villages in Chalisgaon tehsil in the next years and achieve the target of 500 crore liter storage in Chalisgaon tehsil.
- ✓ Replicate this model in other tehsils of Maharashtra.
- ✓ Set a precedence and example of democratic decentralization and people's participation in the developmental process.
- ✓ Change the cropping pattern to ensure doubling of income of the farmers in the participant villages.





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