



## 2021-22 Annual Report



SAVE WATER FOR A BETTER TOMORROW - RURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND URBAN INSTALLATIONS

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## Preface

### Sankalpa Rural Development Society (SRDS)

Mr. Sikandarsab Meeranaik, an entrepreneur in the field of modern-day rainwater harvesting, founded SRDS in January 2008 and dedicated his life's work to providing water for farmers affected by the falling water table and poor monsoon rains in rural India.

Over the past 14 years, Sikandar has worked tirelessly to bring water and a more sustainable life to thousands of poor and marginal farmers in the rural areas of 10 different states in India. He has assisted over 2200 farmers with a proven and economical solution to their water difficulties.

With such turbulence in recent years - thanks in large part to the Covid-19 Pandemic - SRDS has expanded its operations to assist communities in a broader sense. The rainwater harvesting efforts have continued as part of this wholistic approach to community-based development alongside the provision of healthcare, education, women's empowerment, infrastructure and care for the environment.

### Vision

“Enough water for all” SRDS dreams of a world where there is plenty of water for everyone.

### Mission



The bore well recharge process

To end water scarcity in India using an integrated rural development approach to create awareness of the imperative need for Rainwater Harvesting for farmers and for the communities.

We do this through area development, implementation of water harvesting solutions such as bore well recharge, rooftop water harvesting, farm ponds, as well as women's empowerment through self-help groups (SHG), education on financial literacy and better living. These strategies allow for the conservation of water and energy, and decreases farmer's cost.

## A Message from the CEO



This year has continued to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. We have felt these effects throughout our work, with many still being slow to return to work which requires travel outside their local area. And those who are needing to repay their loans having difficulty with this.

However through all of this our team has continued the work - and through our Gram Seva Project with the support of SBI Foundation we have been able to assist many villagers in the underdeveloped area of the Mundaragi Taluk. Here we have helped them to upgrade the facilities in their villages and to be supported in many aspects of life including remedial classes, digital access, access to an ambulance and regular health checks and support to the farmers with a variety of interventions including rainwater harvesting.

Finally it seems things are coming back to normal. It is clear though that the worst problems in the rural areas came more from the lockdown than the disease itself. Not being able to move around and do their normal life made more difficulty than the risk of Covid. We have learnt much about the needs of rural India through these obstacles.

I am very grateful to our team - especially to those who have stood by us throughout this time - and of course to our loyal donors who have helped in so many ways - from direct Covid relief to supporting Microfinance loans for our Self Help Groups, to funding for the rain water harvesting work we continue to do.

We are continuing to build our work daily - and seek always to serve the rural population in whatever way we can. Rain water harvesting is always in the forefront of my mind - as without water our farmers and their families and communities cannot survive.

I am looking forward to expanding our work to cover greater areas of India and with the valuable support of our donors we can reach many more people and build the sustainability of our land.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sikandarsab Meeranaik'. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive script.

Sikandarsab Meeranaik

## A Message from a Volunteer



During this past year I have only been able to support SRDS via Zoom WhatsApp and online.

I have sometimes felt out of touch but have done my best to stay up to date with all that has been happening and found that if I regularly checked the WhatsApp team messages I was able to maintain a good idea of progress.

I have been amazed at what has been accomplished throughout all the challenges of the times. and have been very much looking for to the day when the skies are open again and I can return to see on the ground the work everyone has been doing.

Now that SRDS has expanded their work into the Area Development Model in the Gram Seva Project - supported by SBI Foundation - they are opening up new avenues of creating sustainability for the communities in the villages. So many possibilities are there.

Water continues to be my driving force and I will always encourage our team to see the importance of this underlying all of the other work we are doing.

Again I give my hearty congratulations to Sikandar and all of the team - for keeping the flag flying throughout these difficult times - and a special thanks to Umesh Mugali for without his efforts at maintaining all the accounts - and all the myriad other tasks he does - SRDS could not continue!

Keep up your amazing work SRDS team.. and hope to see you soon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shazar Robison". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shazar Robison - Water Harvest Foundation Australia.

## From Chief Mentor's Desk



Although I have been out of India for quite some of the time in this year I continue to follow their work with great interest. I am always pleased to support Sikandar - and even though my support is sometimes remote I have their interests firmly in my mind. Many small business and NGO's have not survived this time - but with great persistence Sikandar has continued to lead his team through all the difficulties and has managed to assist many in the rural communities as well.

I continue to be happy to provide input wherever I am able and congratulate them on their determination and continued work over the past year. Keep up the good work. It is through the efforts of NGO's such as SRDS and Sikandar's passion for his work that the rural communities are served. Well done SRDS and best wishes for your work in the coming times.

Naveen Jha  
Chief Mentor

## Saving Water for a Better Tomorrow

Always through each and every project that SRDS engages in, water remains the driving force of our work.

A recent article in the Financial Express states: *“India constitutes around 16 per cent of the world’s population, but the country has only four per cent of the world’s freshwater resources. Changing weather patterns and recurring droughts, coupled with increasing pressure on groundwater resources due to over-reliance has made India one of the most water-stressed countries in the world.*



Credit: [FinancialExpress.com](https://www.financialexpress.com)

*The official data from 2021 shows that more than 90 percent of groundwater in India is used for irrigation in agriculture. The remaining 24 billion cubic meters supplies about 85 percent of the country’s drinking water requirements. India is the largest extractor of groundwater in the world – more than the USA and China put together. A study published by Science.org has found that by 2025, large swaths of north-western and southern India will have “critically low groundwater availability.” The country is further projected to face severe water stress by 2050. “*

The extraction of water from the ground water is a dire problem. More and more bore wells are drilled with every year - in the vain hope of providing water to water guzzling crops such as paddy and sugar cane. The depth of the drilling increases every time and the number of wells drilled that produce little or no water increases farmers debt by lacs. Education and awareness drives about the need for rain water harvesting continue to be a daily work for SRDS - and the installation of bore well recharge systems with the collaboration of those farmers who see the imperative need goes on.

Sikandar’s vision of this challenge began as a child - when he and his fellow villagers walked many kilometres every day to collect drinking water during a long period of drought. From this early experience he has dedicated his life to water - and specifically supporting the water hungry farmers. This work is centred around replenishing the ground water by recharging existing bore wells. Along with many others who have seen the desperate need to bring awareness and solutions to the plight of the environment and the degradation of the underground aquifers - Sikandar and his team at SRDS have their vision firmly set on saving water for a better tomorrow.



# The Twin Ring Method of Bore Well Recharge

**SANKALPA**  
Rural Development Society

## RAINWATER HARVESTING BORE WELL RECHARGE - TWIN RING METHOD

Day by Day - method

**Day 1**

**Materials collection**  
Signed agreement with farmer - collect materials for commencement

**Survey site**  
Choose water collection pond site  
Mark area for JCB work

**JCB Excavator**  
excavates pit around bore well casing and digs pond

**Day 2**

**Layering gravels**  
Base layer - 2 feet filtration materials - 40mm, 20mm and 6 mm stones in bottom of pit.

**Cut slits in casing and wrap mesh**  
Tech supervisor cuts water entry slits in bore well casing pipe. Tightly wrap nylon mesh - tie firmly.

**Placement of Cement Rings**  
Labour place 5 x cement rings around bore well casing pipe and 5 in tower next to this on pond side.

water from pond de-silted here

pipe from pond

**Day 2**

**Seal Cement Rings**  
Gaps between cement rings are filled with cement to seal them.

**Fit feeder pipe**  
3" Plastic feeder pipe fitted between pond and first cement ring well to carry water from pond

**Day 3**

**Fill around casing pipe**  
The cement ring well around the casing pipe is filled (20mm stones.)

**Pit filled**  
All the pit on outside of cement rings now filled with stones.

**Completion**  
Farmer instructed in maintenance needs for pond and recharge system. Farmer signs off on completion.

## Results

Every rainy season water enters bore well to store in aquifer for dry season

Simple cost-effective permanent solution even for dried up bore wells

## A Note on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

SRDS has incorporated the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into our project evaluations to show our commitment to contributing to global efforts to achieve sustainable and inclusive development for all peoples.

The 17 interlinked SDGs, seen below, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015, designed to be a "shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future". 2030 is the international deadline to achieve these goals universally, which means we must act together, and act now.

As a member state of the United Nations and emerging global power, India's commitment to these goals are significant in both a domestic and international sense. We at SRDS have been working towards the fulfilment of such agenda since 2008 through our work in rural development and are grateful for our donors' and partners' support of us and this mission.



Through our work this year, we have actively contributed towards achieving 11 of the 17 goals. Namely:

- Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing
  - By providing Ongoing Health Services and Covid-19-specific support

- Goal 4: Quality Education
  - By providing Classes, Resources and Scholarships
- Goal 5: Gender Equality
  - By providing micro-finance services (via our Self-Help Groups), skills training and capital for micro-enterprises
- Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
  - By recharging the ground water with clean rainwater - water becomes more potable and more available for household use.
- Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
  - By providing infrastructure to farmers and villages
- Goal 13: Climate Action
  - By Tree-planting and promoting and facilitating responsible water use
- Goal 15: Life on Land
  - By Tree-planting

Being intersectional in nature, more-broadly, these achievements have allowed us to also contribute to global efforts focused on:

- Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities
- Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

## News

- In September, SRDS' CEO met with the Ministry of Jal Shakti - Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in Delhi regarding water security methods. Our very own "twin ring method of bore well recharge" is of great interest to them and they will recommend that the State Water Boards consider this technology in their water conservation plans.

We are so grateful for this recognition and look forward to utilising our knowledge and capabilities to benefit the wider Indian community - both rural and urban.



Meeting in Delhi with Jal Shakti Ministry



- In January SRDS signed an important Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **Tata Motors** - a pioneer of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives that help communities all over the country. With a focus on employability skills training, this MOU will see us build a strong partnership with Tata Motors for the purpose of rural development. We thank Tata Motors for their solidarity to SRDS and look forward to working with them in the future to yield positive outcomes to more educationally-underserved peoples.



- In March, after working closely with **Save Indian Farmers** for 11 years, SRDS was pleased to sign a special Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the organisation. We are grateful for their unwavering support of SRDS' various initiatives, including their assistance to us for our peoples during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This new MOU represents a commitment for us to continue to work together into the future for the progression of rural outcomes through addressing water access issues.

## Water

### Sustain Plus



With Collective for Integrated Livelihood Initiatives - Sustain Plus Bangalore, Gram Seva completed a year-long project in April 2021 that saw various sustainable water recharge and storage techniques be utilised - including implementation of 4 innovative **Portable Solar**

**Pump (PSP)** in Yelburga Taluk and Mundargi Taluk. This water technology will reap huge benefits to farmers and their communities through supplying safe and reliable water for agriculture and consumption, all year long. Not only benefitting farmers' economic prospects, but this initiative ensures food security is maintained for all those who rely on this local produce.

### Grundfos India

Grundfos India has generously supported our Bore Well Recharge Project in Samudra Village, Gubbi Blic, Tumukur District. This ongoing project will help to replenish ground water through bore well recharge, allowing farmers to have sustainable water supply all year long. With climate volatility on the rise due to global warming trends, providing safe, secure and sustainable water sources to farmers and their communities becomes



ever important. Managing water supply allows farmers to take greater control over their crop, increasing yields and giving them greater economic independence - not to mention their important role in ensuring food security for those who rely on their quality produce.

## Fincare Small Finance Bank



Spark Foundation and Fincare Small Finance Bank have supported Bore Well Recharge Installations in Koppal, Belagavi and Haveri Districts.

These important projects have installed a total of 30 bore well recharge systems that provide a sustainable supply of water for farming purposes that will be

invaluable in the next dry season. With water security, farmers can have greater crop yields that contribute to food security and their communities' economic independence.

With climate volatility on the rise due to global warming trends, these measures are imperative for farmers to continue their important work without disruption, and also contribute to long-term community prosperity for all those who rely on these farmers' produce.



## Support for Farmers & The Environment

### SBI Foundation's Gram Seva Project

In September **Banana Saplings** were provided to farmers in the Kelur Village along with training, equipping them with the knowledge to care for these and maintain the long-term benefits of having such crops in their farms.

In December we held a big event in Mundargi Taluk promoting the highly nutritious and resilient crop that is **Millet**. SRDS endeavours to raise awareness about this currently under-utilised crop and use it to supply farmers in need. Finally, in February another **Tree-Based Farming** initiative was undertaken where other hardwearing plants such as **Guava Trees** and **Coconut Palms** were distributed. Being extra sturdy and relatively less water-reliant, these species can survive different weather events and help to decrease volatility year-long, year after year.



Tree planting in Mundargi Taluk



To help foster non-agricultural rural entrepreneurship, SRDS was also able to supply various types of **seeds, plants, cattle and honeybee boxes** to farmers in need. This intervention provides an opportunity for these individuals to be economically independent and create sustainable financial outcomes for themselves, and by extent, their communities.





In the Harogeri Village, garbage carts were supplied to support waste management

## SBI Foundation – Jan Van Project



Centred around tree-based development, **SBI Foundation's Jan Van Project** has planted over 1000 trees in non-forested lands, diversifying species and contributing to afforestation efforts that help to improve soil and air quality for all. With **Social Forest Department** in Mundargi Taluk, a tree-planting event, various hard-wearing saplings were provided to farmers to promote and encourage tree-based farming which is important for diversifying crop

yields and resisting climatic complications.

Together with **Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (KSRDPRU)** in Gadag, trees were planted across 10 acres of the university campus. Education of future leaders is imperative for the sake of our environment, and we are grateful for the support of the university in helping us to raise awareness and contribute to stronger and more-resilient ecosystems.

## Health and Wellbeing

Health and wellbeing is a precursor to all other development outcomes. SRDS holds this belief highly, endeavouring to ensure all poor and rural peoples have the knowledge and resources to take care of themselves adequately, and have equal access to quality care when they need it.

### SBI Foundation Gram Seva Project

The **Sanjeevini Mobile Medical Van** is an invaluable asset of SRDS that makes daily visits to many rural areas, providing routine check-ups, treatment of ongoing ailments, and response to urgent health issues. This service is important in keeping communities healthy and removes barriers of cost and travel time that may otherwise prevent individuals from seeking or receiving care. This vehicle was used in July when a **Health Camp** was set up in Gadag District - offering quality doctors free of charge who gave eye tests, checked blood pressure and checked sugar responses, prescribing various ayurvedic medicines where appropriate.



Additionally, during the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic in mid-2021, this van helped the local government to service the poor. It distributed life-saving Covid vaccinations to 5 PHC and facilitated an important Covid-Awareness Training.

A **Health Care Center** in Mundargi Taluk was also established in June 2021 so villagers can now receive healthcare without having to travel long distances (to the nearest hospitals in Hubli or Gadag). This is vital for both short and long-term health outcomes

of the community. To both utilise and promote this service, where villagers received routine check-ups, treatment for ongoing ailments, and care for urgent health issues.

Our “Fitness and Leadership” Intervention in the Mundargi Taluk has provided an outdoor gym that is enjoyed by young and old, at all hours of the day.



## Save Indian Farmers & Ghandian Foundation, & Ashraya Hatha Trust Bengaluru

In response to the new wave of Covid-19 cases between April and June, **Save Indian Farmers**, the **Ghandian Foundation**, and **Ashraya Hatha Trust Bengaluru** helped us provide five much-needed oxygen concentrators to better equip local administrators and health professionals to respond to urgent care needs in Mundargi Taluk. 5 of these concentrators were placed in the Covid Centres established by SRDS and the **SBI Foundation’s Gram Seva Program** with the ability to treat many patients in a central and accessible location. These machines have the potential to save countless lives and will serve the local community for many years to come.



**Ashraya Hatha Trust Bengaluru** also generously provided 2000 nutritious food kits to the poor in Mundargi and Gadag Districts, helping them feed their families and sustain their strength and wellbeing.

## Education

With education comes opportunity. At a young age, educational inequality can have detrimental effects to a child's learning and development, causing greater issues and learning gaps later in life, and ultimately tainting their ability to access quality employment.

### SBI Foundation's Gram Seva Education Project



Extending **Digital Access** to schools and students has been an exciting undertaking of the Gram Seva Project that has included:

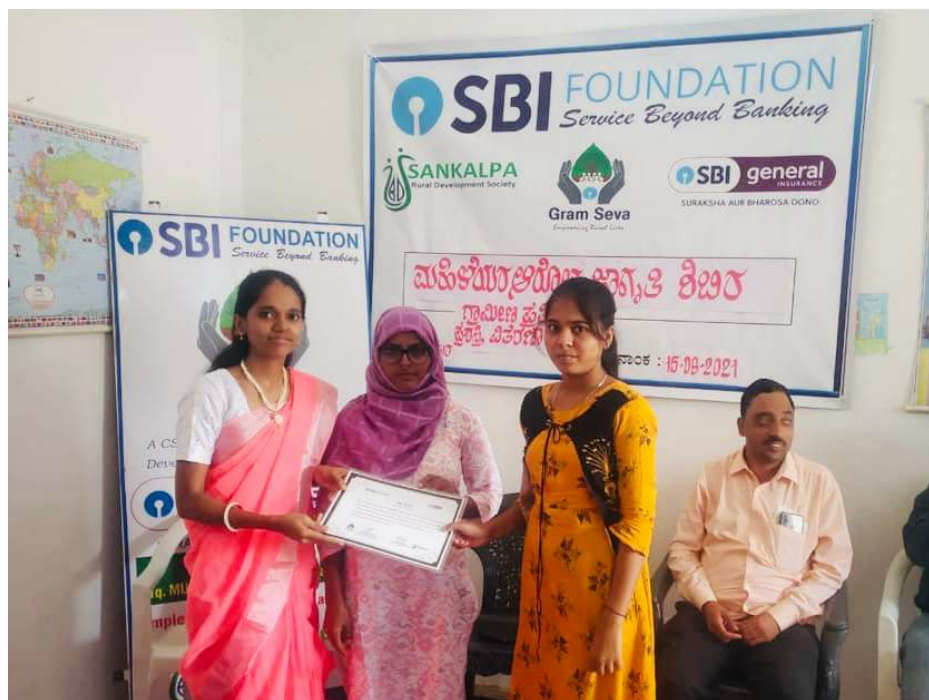
- The offering of **Online Remedial Classes** for students who need extra assistance or who may be unable to travel long distances to their classrooms on a regular basis (possible only with the generous support of **CLE Bangalore**)
- Establishment of **Smart Classrooms** in Harogeri so students can not only better learn about technology itself, but also utilise its advantages for their education more broadly.
- Complementing the State Government's inclusion of all grade classes on the DD Chandan TV by providing **Chandan TV** to students who do not have access at their own homes. By coming to the local Kendras, these students in Mundargi Taluk villages can access equal opportunities with other urban students and improve their learning outcomes.

Year-long, **Remedial Classes** in Mundaragi Taluk provided classes for students, giving them extra support and resources to learn and grow as students and as individuals.



Basic numeracy and literacy are not luxuries, but a right. Having the ability to read and write gives individuals access to more information and access to better jobs that will create positive long-term outcomes for themselves and their communities.

In August the **SBI Ojas Rural Talent Scholarship** was awarded to 5 talented rural students who have demonstrated excellence in their educational and extra-curricular activities were presented with a special scholarship as recognition and encouragement for continued dedication to their studies. Due to lack of resources, rural students often lack access to high quality educational opportunities, and this can be discouraging, ultimately leading to poor long-term outcomes. This scholarship is designed to assist these students achieve their goals and inspire future students to follow in their footsteps by taking their schoolwork seriously.



We also celebrated the completion of the **Library Renovation** in Petha-Alur village, which was unveiled with great excitement by locals. Libraries are safe spaces where people can come to partake in educational, recreational, social and administrative activities - ultimately improving the quality of life for users. In this village of 5000 people, we know this library will get a lot of use and contribute to the development of many minds.

**Benches** were also installed in rural schools so students can safely and comfortably enjoy time in the peaceful outdoors.

## Women's Empowerment

The empowerment of women and girls is another indicator that can gauge the prosperity of a nation. Indian women have exceptional potential, and SRDS is proud to support this potential to be realised.

As cases of Covid-19 rose in May, with the backing of the **SBI Foundation Gram Seva Project**, SRDS supported 15 women in Petha-Alur and Harogeri with raw materials and training, each working to produce 200 cotton **Face Masks** per week.

As well as producing in-demand masks - an essential personal protective item against Covid-19 - this project supported women to earn income and develop their skills in tailoring and entrepreneurship, thus giving them economic empowerment and allowing them to contribute meaningfully to their local economies.



In August we provided 19 **Goats** to Kelur Village and 11 goats to Basapur Village thanks to the **Gram Seva Project**, giving poor, landless ladies the opportunity to create a sustainable livelihood for them and their households. Goats are an excellent investment that has benefits for the wider community, where baby goats can be shared for others to enter animal husbandry micro-businesses as well. Each beneficiary of the animals provided 20% of the initial cost of Rs 7500 per goat.

During September 10-day **Courses in Embroidery** were given to the women in Petha-Alur and Basapur villages, where a number of different stitching techniques were taught to the participants. With these new capabilities, these women can now join or start micro-enterprises in the stitching business, giving them increased confidence and independence over their economic situation.

Finally, in January SRDS was able to help give economic independence to a **disabled couple** who were previously unable to earn an income. By providing a small shop in the Harogeri village, the family is now able to participate in the local economy and finally gain a sense of long-term security.

All of the above activities were through the Gram Seva Project - backed by the SBI Foundation.

## ICICI Bank

ICICI Bank's ongoing support of our micro-finance provision through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) has allowed us to positively impact the lives of many underserved women. By extending micro-credit together with basic entrepreneurial training, this project empowers rural women to start small businesses that can help create a sustainable economic livelihood.



## Sanghamithra Rural Finance Service

We welcome the news that Sanghamithra Rural Finance Service has agreed to support SRDS' women's entrepreneurship and intends to support 500 of our self-help groups in the GLG District. This support will help women gain skills, knowledge and micro-capital they can use to build confidence and independence in themselves and their ability to contribute to prosperity in their local communities and their varied economies.

## Other Events and Visits

On April 7th we hosted World Health Day Celebrations in Kelur Village, Mundargi Taluk thanks to the support of SBI Foundation's Gram Seva Project. Dr Shankar Bhavimani and Dr Hanumanth Geji were our keynote speakers at this event, providing important information to our guests about how they can make simple changes to improve their health, and why they should do so.



World Earth Day was celebrated on 22nd April at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Huloti, Gadag District with the support of SBI Foundation's Gram Seva Project. SRDS conducted an awareness campaign for our farmers where various experts of horticulture, farming and science, gave information about soil restoration and protection, and promoted the immense benefits of organic farming.



For World Environment Day on 5th June, SRDS held a Tree-Planting event with the SBI Foundation and the Jan Van Project. By mass-planting five different holy trees in the community, namely Banyan, Peepal, Gular (fig), Pakad and Neem, this project contributes to afforestation efforts that improve soil quality, improve air quality, and create a beautiful environment for all to enjoy.

October 2nd marked the 152nd Birthday of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, and SRDS hosted an event commemorating the important work and wisdom of the Father of our Nation. We gifted students school supplies including bags and stationery, that were generously supplied by the SBI Foundation's Gram Seva Project.

World Savings Day on 31st October was celebrated in Harogeri Village where we provided village attendees an overview of the importance of saving and how they can implement simple strategies in their daily lives to improve economic outcomes for their households



and communities. SBI Foundation was a special partner for this event, and we thank them for their expertise and enthusiasm in helping us execute such a successful and informative program.

On 12th January we held a special Kabbaddi Tournament for youths in Pethalur Village. We welcomed many community members - young and old - to partake and spectate. SBI Foundation's Gram Seva Project generously provided trophies that were presented to the winners, greatly raising the stakes of this friendly competition!



Republic Day is a special one, and we were pleased to commemorate it on 26th January with SBI Foundation's Gram Seva Project. On this day we distributed dustbins and installed outdoor gyms in various villages in Harogeri and Tambragundi. These provisions will allow the communities to be cleaner, greener and healthier in their daily lives.

On 8th March we celebrated International Women's Day in Basapur Village, welcoming Taluk Court Judge Shoba E and Dr Jyoti to speak with our guests about important legal and health topics. Dr. Jyoti spoke to the women about health care with a special focus on the needs of pregnant women.

In that function we gave a Sewing machine to the tailoring trainees - a group who are benefiting from training under our livelihood activities of the Gram Seva Project sponsored by the SBI Foundation.



## World Water Day in Hubballi

On the occasion of "World Water Day" on March 22nd we conducted a Workshop on Rain Water Harvesting and Bore well recharge to many prominent Industrialists of Hubballi. We thank DIC (District Industrial Center) and Vasundhara Foundation Hubballi for joining hands with us on this mission!



# Media Appearances

We are very grateful for the media attention SRDS has received over the past year, and hope it helps us raise awareness of the issues our rural communities are facing.

- New Indian Express, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Times of India, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- Kannada Prabha, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- New Indian Express, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- Kannada Prabha, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022
- Agriculture & Industry Survey, March 2022
- Nagarika Daily News, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 Bharat
- Vaibhav Daily News, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

**THE TIMES OF INDIA**  
**Karnataka: SBI Foundation learning plan helps village children in lockdown**



GADAG: Students in five villages in Gadag found a way to bridge their learning gap throughout the lockdown because of a remedial learning programme by SBI Foundation.

The Gram Seva Programme (GSP), launched by SBI Foundation Mumbai, allowed the children to learn basic English reading and writing skills and even improved their general knowledge.

Classes were taken between 4pm and 7pm with necessary curriculum activity books.

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## Our Esteemed Donors

SRDS is grateful to all our donors for their tremendous support and the encouragement for the sustainability of the community. It is the result of your kind generosity, that we have been able to deliver the required projects across India thus contributing the society and for our Motherland.



Gandhian Way Global Foundation

## SRDS Team

During 2021-2022, SRDS successfully managed a team of 25 members, who demonstrated a proven strategy for the betterment of the community.



These driven and committed individuals are the backbone of the organisation, and most of their work is done in the field assisting the farmers in the various projects: bore well recharge, micro-financing small loans to the SHG's women, or educating the farmers to get the best methods of irrigating the farm.

SRDS strongly believes in equality and provides equal opportunities and resources, thus maintaining the gender balance in the workplace and society.



“I have been with SRDS for 12 years and I feel privileged to be a part of this organisation. I started my career as a junior accountant and thereafter, have constantly moved up to work in various sector within the accounts department”.

**Mr. Umesh Mugali, Senior Account Manager**



“I feel blessed and proud to be a part of this organisation who is working for the betterment of the people. Sikandar Sir has always supported and encouraged me to learn new concepts and guided me to face any challenges falling in my path”.

**Miss. Laxmi Inchal, Assistant Accountant**

## Board of Directors



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Board Member



**Shekappa Bandi**  
Board Member



**Girija Akki**  
Board Member  
Vice President



**Allasab Mulagunda**  
Board Member



**Sharanappagouda A Sanganagouda**  
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## Get Connected As a Citizen



Having the thought of being without water, will send a strong wave of distress for all. Imagine those farmers completely rely on the groundwater for their livelihood and main source of income. No water, no irrigation, no crops, deep debt, no food and as a result, many farmers choose to end up their precious lives. IS THIS SACRIFICE REALLY WORTH IT?

As a citizen of India, you can do a lot of things to ease their suffering. Most importantly, developing awareness amongst them and sharing the same with others. You can even connect the marginal or needy farmers with the NGO's and the GOVT-managed institutions who work for their welfare. If you wish to be a part of this noble endeavor, you can always do it by volunteering at SRDS.

## As an NGO or Individual



Sankalpa Rural Development Society (SRDS) is open to collaborate with all people and organizations working for the benefit of marginal farmers, the upliftment of women and the empowerment of the community in any difficult circumstances.

Please connect with us to discover how we may work together.

## As a Social Worker



If you are looking to explore, progress and work closely with the farmers, SHG's teams, or for the development of the community, then SRDS is the place you can rely on.

## Partner with Us!

Sankalpa Rural Development Society has achieved tremendous experience working with various state, national and international donors. Throughout the year, it has developed and implemented many projects for the marginal and needy farmers, and for the upliftment and empowerment of rural women.

To find out more about on the nature of our work, please write to us at: [info@srds.org](mailto:info@srds.org) or visit [our website](#) or [YouTube channel](#).

## Financial Information and Transparency

Detailed Accounts with schedules & Audit Report are available at the Office. Also available online at <https://srdsindia.org>. We hold the 12A, 80G and FCRA certificates.

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