



2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

14 years of restoring rural water resources and
fostering sustainable communities.



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

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PREFACE

Sankalpa Rural Development Society (SRDS)

Incorporated in January 2008, SRDS has been unwavering in its commitment to the practice of rainwater harvesting and the promotion of water conservation in rural and urban communities, as well as industrial environments.

Guided by the visionary leadership of Mr. Sikandarsab Meeranaik, a dedicated and impassioned advocate, SRDS is actively engaged in ensuring equitable access to water resources for farmers and rural communities, guided by the motto "Save Water for a Better Tomorrow."

Beyond its core focus on groundwater restoration, SRDS has broadened its initiatives through the implementation of an area development model. This holistic approach provides comprehensive support for communities, incorporating endeavours such as tree-based farming, regenerative forestry, educational remedial classes, the digitisation of village information centres, and the enhancement of community infrastructure and amenities.

The formidable challenges posed by climate change, characterised by shifting weather patterns and the enduring impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, have spurred SRDS in their endeavours.

Over the past year, they intensified their rural development efforts with the invaluable support of the SBI Foundation. Concurrently, SRDS continued to extend its influence in the realm of rainwater harvesting, catering to the needs of small and medium-scale farmers, utilising the signature twin ring method of bore well recharge as well as the construction of farm ponds and other rain water harvesting structures. The bore well recharge has also assisted the saving of rain water for community institutions such as schools, and urban installations, both residential and industrial. Furthermore, the organisation initiated environmental projects, exemplified by the Jan Van community tree plantations.

As we present our annual report for the year 2022-2023, we take pride in SRDS's unwavering dedication to fostering sustainable development and environmental conservation across diverse landscapes. Join us in celebrating another year of transformative progress and in our continued mission to create a brighter future for all.

Vision

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

Mission

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 decrease farmer's cost.

OUR YEAR IN BRIEF

1. 121 Bore well recharge implementation in 46 Villages & 13 District. (Bringing our total to date of 2600+ bore well in 11 States of India.)
2. Digitalisation – we have created Gram Seva Kendra in 5 Villages. Total beneficiaries – 7220
Education – We have a computer lab in Peta-alur, Remedial classes in all 5 Villages:
Total Beneficiaries – 780
3. Health – Purchase and setup of a Mobile medical van serving 5 villages - total beneficiaries – 1125.
WASH – public toilet rooms renovated. Plastic free Village in Kelur:
Total Beneficiaries - 1100
4. Livelihood – multiple trainings given to Villagers like poultry, Tailoring & Embroidery: Total Beneficiaries - 369
5. Women's empowerment – Supported 156 self-help groups with
Total Beneficiaries – 1590 Women. (We have Supported Rs 5.2 Crore as financial support to women with other financial institutions & banks.)
6. Youth Development – installed an open gym in 5 Villages in Gadag District,
Total Beneficiaries – 400
7. Community engagement – given awareness about Government schemes & Convergence – Yoga Centre created. Total Beneficiaries – 3200
8. Infrastructure – renovated public infrastructure like Bus stands, library, public toilets, water troughs, Veterinary treatment stand and Anganwadi - Total Beneficiaries – 8000
9. Environment – Constructed 2 check dams & covered the Open well with mesh for protection. & also Jan-Van community forests: Total Beneficiaries – 600
10. Self-Learning Centre – started a self-learning centre in the Cholachgudda –
Total Beneficiaries – 190
11. Pisciculture started 2nd July, 2022.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

I'm proud to share that despite the challenges posed by the Covid Pandemic lockdowns, our team has bounced back and made significant strides in supporting farmers and rural communities this year.

Our primary focus has been on rainwater harvesting, along with the continuation of the Gram Seva Project in Mundargi Taluk, supported by the SBI Foundation. This project has not only expanded our reach but also diversified our impact across various sectors including education, health, infrastructure, forestry, and tree-based farming.

I've personally gained valuable insights this year, and I want to express our deepest gratitude to our donors whose unwavering support has made all our efforts possible.

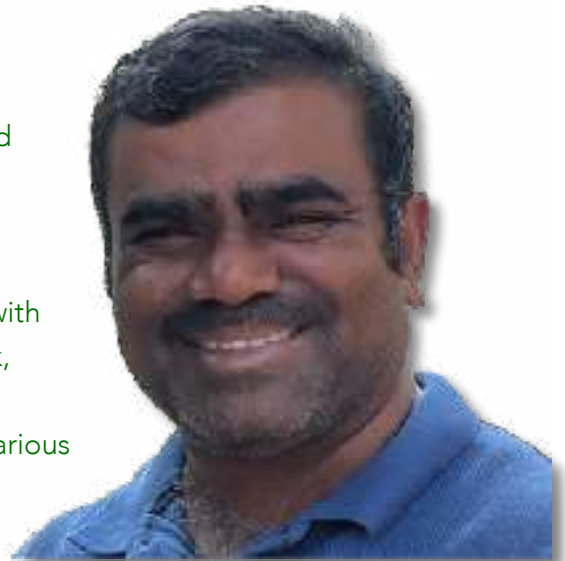
Moreover, I had the privilege of presenting the bore well recharge system to the Jal Shakti mission in Delhi last year, receiving positive feedback and getting it listed on their website.

Our network continues to grow, with new connections in Rajasthan and ongoing work in Tamil Nadu and Telangana, facilitated by Save Indian Farmers. Additionally, our collaboration with Sanghamitra Rural Financial Services is enabling us to offer micro-finance loans to self-help group ladies, empowering their entrepreneurial endeavours.

Looking ahead, I am excited about expanding our work to cover more areas of India. With the continued support of our donors, we can reach even more people and contribute to the sustainability of our land.



Sikandarsab Meeranaik



A MESSAGE FROM A VOLUNTEER



Finally the skies opened again and I was able to return to Hubli to catch up with all that had happened while I was grounded in Australia. Of course we had been in touch regularly but there is nothing like being with the team and really experiencing the work in person.

Much of the focus during this time was on the SBI Foundation supported Gram Seva Project - and although my particular interest is in the water harvest activities, I can certainly see the merit and the value in this project. Involving the community and assisting them to build a better life at the village level gives empowerment to the people and I congratulate SRDS and the team for their consistent efforts in the endeavour.

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.

I congratulate Sikandar and the team for all the hard work they have done together in this past year - and for the innumerable lives that have been supported and given an uplift by the various programmes implemented.

It is a great pleasure to have the privilege of working alongside such a passionate and dedicated organisation - lead by Sikandar and held strong by the diligence of Umesh Mugali - our very special accounts officer.

Keep up the great work SRDS team and keep changing lives!

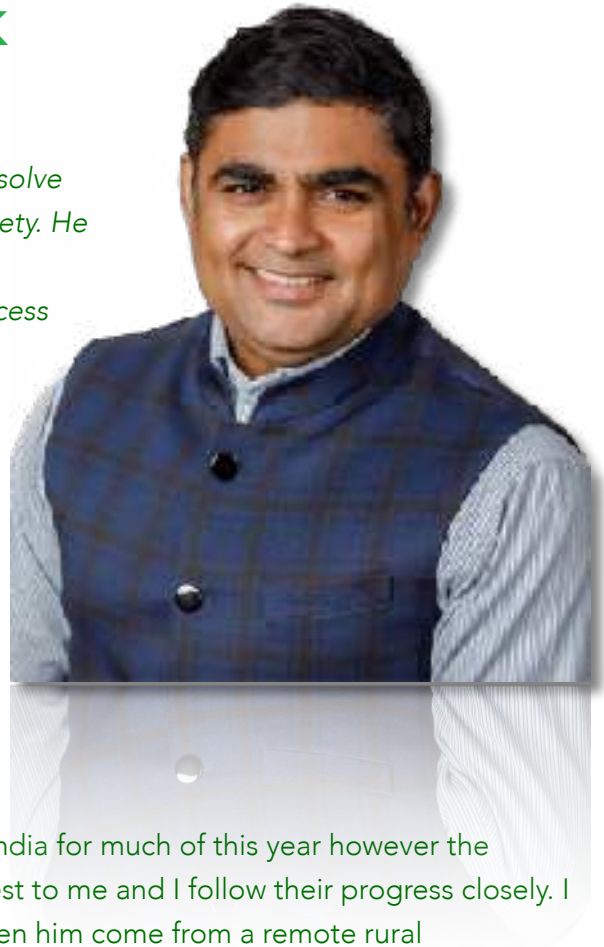
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shazar Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shazar Robinson - Water Harvest Foundation Australia.

FROM CHIEF MENTOR'S DESK

Naveen Jha is renowned for his unwavering passion for using innovation and human ingenuity to solve complex problems and create positive change in society. He firmly believes that delivering impact is the only true measure of success and is committed to transforming ideas into scalable actions.

Naveen's incredible achievements have earned him numerous accolades, including the distinguished [International Ford Foundation Fellowship](#) in 2005 and the esteemed British [Chevening Gurukul Fellowship](#) in 2019 during his tenure at Oxford University. In 2022, he was appointed as an [ALI Fellow at Harvard University](#). [More information here.](#)



My overseas commitments have kept me away from India for much of this year however the projects being carried out by SRDS are of great interest to me and I follow their progress closely. I have had a long association with Sikandar - having seen him come from a remote rural background, and shine in his passion through his training at Deshpande Foundation and subsequent creation of his own NGO.

I have great respect for his commitment and persistence . Sikandar has lead his team through many difficulties to continue to do excellent work in the rural development field and rain water harvesting.

I provide input where I can and I am happy to have my name associated with this organisation.

As Chief Mentor for SRDS I support their work and congratulate them on their many achievements over this past year.

Naveen Jha
Chief Mentor

SAVING WATER FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Water serves as the cornerstone of our mission. It is the lifeblood that sustains communities and ecosystems alike. Without an adequate supply of water, our area development projects, no matter how promising, fall short. In times of drought, the burden of fetching water falls upon the shoulders of children and women, and farmers witness their once-thriving crops wither and perish.

Hence, our unwavering commitment, integral to the core of every project we undertake, is to prioritise water harvesting. Throughout the fiscal year 2022-23, we stayed true in our commitment to this vital cause and took up water conservation at every available opportunity.

The recent release of the Policy for Rainwater Harvesting by the Jal Shakti Mission underscores the critical importance of water-related initiatives across the nation.

Their outlined objectives include:

- Water Conservation and Rainwater Harvesting Structures (we did farm ponds and check dams and recharge systems).
- Restoration of Traditional Water Bodies (the rejuvenation of ponds).
- Reuse and Recharge Structures (including bore well recharge systems).
- Watershed Development.
- Intensive Afforestation (Jan Van Community Forest initiatives).



We are pleased to report that our efforts in the past year have aligned closely with these objectives. Our work has encompassed nearly all of these critical water-related issues, as we remain dedicated in our work of safeguarding this precious resource for a better tomorrow.

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



OUR DISTINCTIVE APPROACH: The Twin Ring Method for Bore Well Recharge

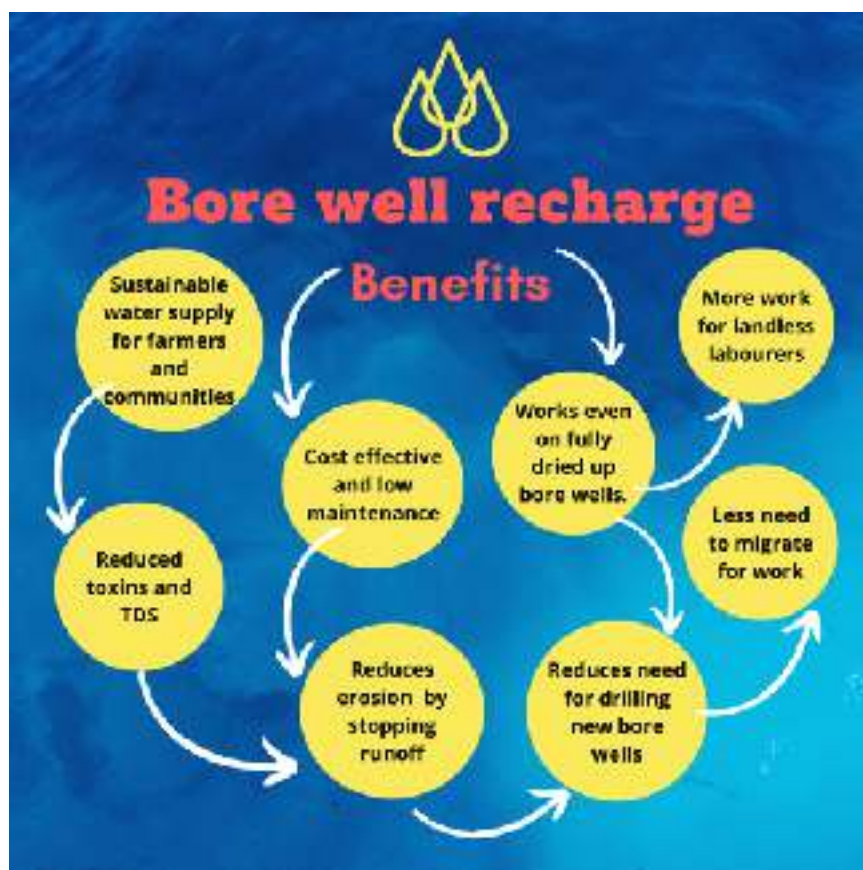
The Twin Ring Method for bore well recharge is a versatile solution that has been carefully crafted and continuously improved by Sikandar Meeranaik.

His pursuit of an economically viable, easily implementable, and cost-effective method led to the development of this approach, which can be applied across a wide range of scenarios. Initially conceived for the benefit of small to medium-sized rural farmers, this technique can also be effectively adapted for use on large industrial premises.

In the rural setting a small pond is utilised to collect and feed rainwater to the bore well. The requirement for space is minimal thereby making it a very acceptable solution for farmers with small holdings. In the urban and industrial settings, rooftop rainwater harvesting is employed, involving the installation of multiple cement-ring lined pits to collect the runoff.

This approach is not limited to agriculture and industry; it has been effectively extended to schools, community buildings, housing complexes, and individual residences, and offers a sustainable solution to water resource management.

The benefits of rain water harvesting are profound, for both the environment - by reducing depletion of the underground aquifers - to diverse effects such as increasing attendance at school for vulnerable girl children when access to sanitation blocks and potable water is available. Considerable financial benefits exist for industry and community - who previously have had to rely on expensive tanker water in the dry season.



Rural rain water harvesting benefits

WATER

Our work with rain water harvesting continued with the support of a variety of organisations who have seen the importance of caring for our ground water.

Grundfos India

Grundfos Pumps India have generously supported our Bore Well Recharge Project in Madhugiri Taluk, Tumukur District in 5 villages. This was designed as a pilot project and with the support of Grundfos in this project, 62 acres are now irrigated 2,31,00,000 litres water harvested in this year.

Of the 11 bore wells implemented, 4 of them were totally dried up and since recharge, are now giving good water. (a very successful recharge of the ground water). In total 11 farmers have benefited - with their families a total of 55 people directly benefitted. Indirect beneficiaries include landless labours who now have more work, and other stake holders .. a total of 165 estimated - benefiting from the support of Grundfos in this project.



With thanks to Husein - our supervisor on this project .. helping farmers to have a sustainable and good supply of water .. stored in the aquifer - and ready to be used after only one rainy season.



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. We have an ongoing plan for further work with Grundfos in the coming year - specifically for rooftop rainwater harvesting for schools as well as continued bore well recharge projects.

Fincare Small Finance Bank

Fincare schools 22-23.

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.

In July Irakalgada Village, Koppal District, 5 bore well recharge systems were installed with the support of Fincare Small Finance Bank.

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.



In March Sikandar and Shazar attended a farmer Meeting in Khanand Village, Karjat Taluka Maharashtra arranged by Rahul and Sanjana. Sikandar gave the local farmers information about the technology and viewed a number of potential sites for bore well recharge. This is a very dry area and although they have plenty of rain during monsoon, by March all the open wells and bore wells were dried up. This area has good potential for bore well recharge work and the farmers were very interested.

Spark Foundation

Together with the Fincare Small Finance Bank, the Spark Foundation supported the recharge of 20 bore wells in the Karoshi District commencing in June. Also in Irakalgada Village, Koppal District. 5 bore wells were completed in July and when inspected the ponds were already full and flowing into the recharge system.

Benevity utilising UK Online Donation -

has supported our work with Rs 70,000 for bore well recharge

Save Indian Farmers (SIF)

Save Indian Farmers have continued to support our water work. We completed bore well recharge systems in Aleru and Yadagirigutta District, Telangana overseen by Mr Akbar Meeranaik.



A highlight of the year was the SIF meeting held on May 16th of all their India NGO partners. The guest of honour was Waterman Rajendra Singh from Tarun Bharat Sangh - and Sikandar Meeranaik gave the first presentation to the meeting on his work with Save Indian Farmers and the twin ring Bore well recharge system.

Sikandar also visited Rajasthan - Tinwari District - surveying the area with a view to doing recharge work here with the support of SIF. We are most grateful to Save Indian Farmers for their interest and endorsement of the essential work of rainwater harvesting.

Give India Foundation

Supported with INR1 lac donated for bore well recharge purposes.

Ampyr Energy India.

Through the input of Ampyr, we have implemented recharge systems on 8 bore wells in the Chitradurga District Balenahalli village and more to be done in the future.

SBI Foundation

Our Gram Seva Project with the SBI Foundation also encompassed work with rain water harvesting and reparation of existing water structures.

In May, we complete a Check Dam Construction in Pethalur Village with their support. and we repaired a dam in Harogeri Village. This will create a good water supply for the villagers and replenish the underground water through percolation.



SUPPORT FOR FARMERS & THE ENVIRONMENT

SBI FOUNDATION'S GRAM SEVA PROJECT

A variety of interventions were supported by SBI Foundation in the Gram Seva Project in 5 villages in the Mundargi Taluk Gadag District. This ongoing three year program has shown great support for the rural communities.

Specifically we have implemented and supported the following:

Tree based farming

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.

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.

Fish Farming



Releasing the baby fish into the pond

In Kelur Village Hanamantppa Nagar - did a government training in fish farming and is now successfully operating a fish farm. He is working with us to support other farmers to start their own fish farms by providing the baby fish as well as training in how to care for their fish and the right type of food. We also supported another farmer -at Kelur Village - Mallappa Budihal to start his fish farm. With the support of SBI Foundation in the Gram Seva Project SRDS is expanding the fish farming project to other farmers.

Rural entrepreneurship

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.

Awareness Programs

In December we held a big event in Mundargi Taluk promoting the highly nutritious and resilient dry land crop - Millet. SRDS endeavours to raise awareness about this currently under-utilised crop and use it to supply farmers in need.

Animal Husbandry



Goats and chickens have been provided to the villagers in a sustainable circular plan - the recipients giving back the offspring to support others ongoing. see below under Woman's Empowerment.

Poultry rearing for sustainable living

Manual Seed sorting machine

Was provided to support the farmers in their harvest.

Raita Bandhu Project

Shri Lalit Mohan COO of SBI Foundation visited our Gram Seva Project area on 21st March. It was a whirlwind of diverse showcasing of the work we have been doing, culminating in the launch of Raita Bandhu - and the handing over of the key of the JCB Excavator supported by SBI Foundation. Inauguration of Raita Bandhu Project - support for small to medium farmers with rain water harvesting projects - SBI Foundation has provided funding to purchase an excavator - which will be utilised for creating farm ponds, check dams, rejuvenation of large village ponds, and bunds to help farmers who otherwise would not be able to afford the cost of commercial earth moving.



Community Village Area Development through Gram Seva Project

Digitilisation

Access to digital resources have been provided in the Gram Seva Kendra office where villagers can access digital requirements previously only available by travel to other larger towns.

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.

Remedial classes for children were established - in these villages there are only government schools with limitation on the quality of education. Children need support to have extra coaching and for their homework needs. Remedial evening classes have been provided to fill this gap for these children. This project is planned to become independently run at the closure of the Gram Seva Project in October 2023.

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.

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.

Health:

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.

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. The health van has been active throughout the 5 villages and extended to 10 surrounding villages in this time and has provided needed transport in cases of emergency as well as bringing doctor and nurse services to the remote villages. Health camps have been run as well as blood donor drives in the villages.

In July 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.

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.

Infrastructure:

A variety of infrastructure projects have been completed during the Gram Seva Project including renovation of public bus stand, public toilets, village well.

Fitness

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.

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.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



Financial Training for Self Help Groups

During the past financial year SRDS has continued to support women's empowerment with Self Help Groups and the provision of micro-finance loans to support their independence and entrepreneurial spirit.

Many rural women have excellent plans to lift themselves and their families out of the daily challenges of their lives. With the support of a group of women of like mind, and the ability to access funds to realise their vision these women are starting small business, accessing skill training and moving into small entrepreneurial business to support their families.

The prosperity of the nation can be gauge by the success of the women. SRDS has a great interest in assisting women and girls to realise their potential.

These initiatives were continued to be supported by ICICI Bank, and our new partnership with **Sangamithra Rural Finance Service** was signed on April 21st. They have committed to support our work with the Self Help Groups and intend to support more than 500 groups. This is an excellent boon for the rural women and from this many will be helped to get micro-finance loans to assist them in their lives and their move to self sufficiency and a better lifestyle.



Signing our agreement with Sangamithra

The Gram Seva Project supported by SBI Foundation also brought many opportunities to the self help group women. We continued to do animal husbandry (both goat rearing and poultry rearing) with the women in the Mundargi Taluk. Both these initiatives show great promise for sustainability and an ongoing source of income for the women involved. We also facilitated embroidery and tailoring trainings for women in these villages.

In this year we have provided 328 Chickens to 41 people across the five villages.

We gave training with the help of RSETI to 33 People from Harogeri, Kelur, Basapur & Tamragundi. The poultry project is designed to be self-sustainable - as each person who receives chickens and a rooster will give back the baby chickens to be cycled on to another person who will set up their poultry farm. Each person received 7 hens and one roosters and received training in how to care for them .. and must have a suitable chicken house constructed before they get the chickens.

During August we continued our 10-day Courses in Embroidery in Petha-Alur and Basapur villages. The women who were trained can now utilise these skills both for their own families as well as paid occupation in tailoring and embroidery.

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



Embroidery Training in Petha-Lur Village

ICICI BANK

We are very grateful for the continued support of the ICICI Bank who have worked with us now for many years providing micro-finance to our Self-Help Groups (SHGs). With their assistance - these low income women from backward farming communities have been able to begin small business - purchase sewing machines, start village kiranas, or purchase livestock to begin their animal husbandry business. This has lifted them out of the poverty cycle and empowered them to create a sustainable livelihood.



Poultry farming is proving very successful.

FURTHER PROJECTS:

Tata Motors - Dharwad - Jan Van Tree planting project - funded the planting of 74 trees in this quarter acre fenced garden area. Their team came out to support the planting action and this plantation will be handed over to the community after it is well established.



Credit Access India Foundation

22nd Dec 22 we inaugurated a Self Learning Centre at Cholachagudda Village Badami Taluk supported by CreditAccess India Foundation. This is for children aged 6-16 years - and will give them access to computers and digital learning. They will be supported by two teachers from the same village. There are many children in this area and no computer centre.

OTHER EVENTS AND VISITS

June 5th World Environment Day celebration in the Gram Seva Project area. By planting Panchawati trees.. Pancha means five those trees are Banyan, Peepal, Gular (fig), Pakad and Neem. These are holy trees and provide more oxygen to environment.



Blood donation day at Kelur Village

14th June - our Sanjivini Medical Van went to Kelur Village and a book donation drive was held. Many of the team gave blood and promoted the blood donation for the benefit of those who need.

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.

International yoga day celebration

We held an International Yoga Day celebration 21 June, at Harogeri village, Mundargi Taluk, Gadag District in joint partnership with SBI Foundation. CEO Sikandar Meeranaik and other officers were present at the Celebration. "A big step towards Yoga to lead Healthy Lifestyle".



October 2nd marked **Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi**, and SRDS hosted an event in Basapur Village commemorating the important work and wisdom of the Father of our Nation. The students were given awards from our Gram Seva Project thanks to SBI Foundation's support and the villagers were happy with the program.

International Women's Day March 8th

We have celebrated in our Gram Seva District at Pethalur with the support of SBI Foundation and our team there.. who have helped to organise an information and fun day for the women of the area.

We felicitated some of the women who have been doing very good work in the area, we played games .. had some informative talks - and the ladies did a great cooking competition without the use of fire!!

Thank to our excellent team for making this happen and thank you to SBI Foundation for their ongoing support.. and most of all thank you to all the women who came to celebrate this day with us. This International Women's Day theme was about equality. and we look forward to the women in this area becoming more strong and being able to take full advantage of the tools and possibilities that are being brought to this area. Congratulations to all who attended today's function.

AWARDS

Champions of Change Award

Sikandar - was awarded the Champions of Change Award by the Rotary Club Bangalore Cantonment in a ceremony in Bangalore on May 15th . This was given for his great service to the rural communities and farmers - well done Sikandar



Nadaprabhu Kempegouda Award in Bengaluru

On June 21st CEO Sikandar Meeranaik has received this esteemed accolade. He has said that he gives all credit to his team - Umesh Mugali, Akbar Meeranayak, the whole SHG team and the now the SBI Team as well.

A NOTE ON THE UNITED NATIONS' SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

At SRDS, we've made it a point to align our project evaluations with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this way we play our part in the global effort to achieve sustainable and inclusive development for everyone.

These 17 interconnected SDGs, adopted by the United Nations in 2015, serve as a collective roadmap for fostering peace and prosperity for people and the planet, not just today but for the foreseeable future. The international target to achieve these goals across the board by 2030 underscores the urgency for collaborative action.

India, as a member state of the United Nations and a rising global influence, holds a significant role in both domestic and international contexts concerning these goals. At SRDS, we've been actively working towards realising these objectives since 2008, particularly in the realm of rural development. We're deeply appreciative of the generous support from our donors and partners, which enables us to align with these important missions.



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 at the village level - with our mobile medical van and organising health camps and blood donor drives.
- Goal 4: Quality Education
 - By providing Classes, Resources and Scholarships and access to digital content at the village level.
- 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. By supporting schools and communities to have access to clean water.
- 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 and tree based farming

And 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.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Together with SBI Foundation there has been considerable media attention in this past year. Our work with rural development in the Gadag - Mundargi Districts has been published as well as our rainwater harvesting work.

- May 11 2022. epaper patrika.com Rajasthan. rainwater harvesting.
- May 24 Kalyanavi's Newspaper. women's tailoring class
- May 30, Kannada Prabha women's tailoring class
- 15th June, the eenadu.net Andra Pradesh news rain water harvesting.
- Nagarika Daily News, 2nd July 2022 Bharat - tree planting Jan Van.
- Vaibhav Daily News, 2nd July 2022 - tree planting Jan Van
- 5th March 23 New Indian Express: Lessons in Greening Jan Van Community forest.



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SRDS extends heartfelt gratitude to all our donors for their generous support and encouragement towards sustaining our work. It is thanks to your contribution that we've successfully executed our projects across India, making significant contributions to society in particular the farmers and rural communities.



SRDS TEAM

During 2022-2023, 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 13 years. It has been a wonderful experience to work with Sikandar and the team and I am grateful to be a part of this organisation. Working in this busy environment with many responsibilities has helped me to learn a lot about my own abilities and skills”.

Mr. Umesh Mugali, Senior Account Manager



“It is a my pleasure to work with SRDS and the team. To be putting my efforts towards helping society is very satisfying. I learn a lot here and am always taken care of by the others in the office.

Miss. Laxmi Inchal, Assistant Accountant

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Sankalpa Rural Development Society has continued to widen our experience and reach throughout our projects in this past year. With our main focus on the restoration of water and the sustainability of our rural people, we continue to build and grow. Our marginal and needy farmers, the women of the rural communities and our environment are crying out for support. If you or your Corporation would consider partnering with us to continue this noble work we would be most grateful.

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

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