

# SANKALPTARU FOUNDATION

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# LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

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When I look back at the last year, I can see how challenging and fruitful it has been for SankalpTaru. We planted about 170,000 trees and nurtured thousands more which were already planted. The year started with the plantation of apple, apricot, walnut, peach and plum trees in the snowy mountains of Uttarakhand and Ladakh. Our operations team and farmer beneficiaries passionately worked together in these remote regions where transporting saplings itself is a major challenge. They also worked tirelessly to protect plantation blocks from forest fires in Tehri, Uttarakhand.

As Delhi struggled to breathe, we launched Project Bhavnam to create a green lung for the entire Delhi-NCR region. Under this program, a biodiverse forest on the rocky terrain of the Aravalli Range will be grown in the next five years.

Tree plantations were also carried out in the states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal and Kerala. We continued with our commitment to create green patches in the barrenness of the Thar Desert in Rajasthan and planted more than 40,000 saplings. Our Clean and Green School Program was expanded to the states of Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. More than 10,000 students from 60 government schools were engaged and nurtured as environmentally responsible citizens of tomorrow.

To meet our commitment to add green trees in urban areas, our City Plantation Program was carried out in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune and Jaipur. We also extended this program to newer cities like Surat, Vadodara, Cochin, Agra and Kanpur. We were delighted to see an encouraging participation from residents as well as young children.

One of the highlights of the year was that during the monsoon season, SankalpTaru, NDTV and Dettol joined hands to launch the Banega Swachh India campaign. We are also very thankful to Mr. Amitabh Bachchan who played an important role as a brand ambassador for the campaign.

As the entire world faces the intractable challenges of climate breakdown and deforestation, planting trees is one of the best solutions as stated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). There has been an increased support from patrons in various parts of the world. We have started in-house research and development activities to innovate on future planting technologies. We're also integrating other environmental conservation methods like water harvesting, composting and renewable energy with our existing afforestation programs. The way ahead is challenging but it also gives us the opportunity to do exciting things and stem the tide of climate breakdown. Join us in making the impossible possible.

**APURVA BHANDARI**  
FOUNDER

# THE YEAR AT A GLANCE



## Environmental Impact

1,680,000 kg of carbon absorbed for every 2000 trees planted.



10,080,000 litres of oxygen produced for every 2000 trees planted.



35 varieties of native tree species planted in which there are fruit bearing and medicinal trees too.



## Social Impact



1000+ farmer beneficiaries.



10,000+ students reached.



10,000+ women empowered by providing livelihood options.



## Economic Impact

100,000+ fruit bearing trees planted.



10kg of fruits produced per tree each year.



1 million kg of fruits produced.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

## > Project Green Meghalaya took off

90 per cent of Meghalaya's population works in agriculture and many of them struggle to make ends meet. SankalpTaru established a project site to correct this with the indigenous Khasi people by planting mango and orange trees. 250 saplings have already been planted on their hilly fields and the farmers will sell the fruits once the trees mature. This project benefits the Khasi people by opening another source of income and improves their diet through the consumption of fruits.



## > Launch of Project Kheojia Assam

To improve upon the quality of lemons that are grown in Meghalaya and increase their yield at the same time, SankalpTaru distributed seedless lemon saplings from the horticultural department of Assam Agricultural University to farmers. These saplings are of an advanced variety which give higher yields, and this change from an older and poorer yield producing variety to a newer one marks a technological shift for farmers in the state. 500 saplings have already been planted and these lemons will add to the farmers' income once they mature.



## > Project Sabuja Odisha changed lives

Cyclone Fani ravaged Odisha's coastal districts, bringing destruction to its residents and uprooting about 10 million trees. It also damaged more than 30 per cent of crops in the state. With the support of donors, Project Sabuja Odisha supported rural farmers by helping them plant fruit-bearing trees to bring in a reliable income.



## > Project Leelu Chham Gujarat increased tree cover

Many urban areas in Gujarat have very few trees so SankalpTaru launched Project Leelu Chham to increase green cover in the state and help bring down emissions.



## > Project Pasumai Tamil Nadu saved lives

Farmers in Tamil Nadu suffer crippling debts due to severe crop loss caused by acute shortage of water during non-monsoon seasons. This often leads to farmers taking their own lives. Project Pasumai Tamil Nadu gave a helping hand to farmers by planting fruit-bearing trees like sapotas, pomegranates, guavas, mangoes, custard apples, amlas, lemons and coconuts on their land. This project is strengthening the livelihoods of farmers and enriching greenery in the region.



## > Launch of SankalpTaru Forest Force to fight forest fires

To preserve the trees of Tehri district, Uttarakhand against recurring forest fires, SankalpTaru established a 24x7 patrol team. They carry whistles and binoculars to warn locals of forest fires and plant trees to increase vegetation. Despite the risk of injuries, the forest fire patrollers passionately protect the woodland and regularly train the villagers and school students on how such incidents can be mitigated.



## > Launch of Chandana Vana

SankalpTaru launched its first growth centre in Chikmagalur, Karnataka. Chandana Vana is a direct source for procuring farmers products and linking them to potential markets. The centre trains rural farmers on intensive agricultural practices and promotes the involvement of women at the same time.



# ICICI WATER PROJECT

## #ISave100LitresDaily



ICICI Bank partnered with SankalpTaru to install 5280 water-saving aerators in washroom faucets at public canteens, railway and bus stations, schools, religious buildings and hospitals in Chennai, Delhi and Bengaluru to save 11.07 crore litres of water every year. The **#ISave100LitresDaily** initiative was a sustainable solution for people living in water-stressed cities who often go without water.



# RB'S DETTOL SiTi SHIELD PROJECT

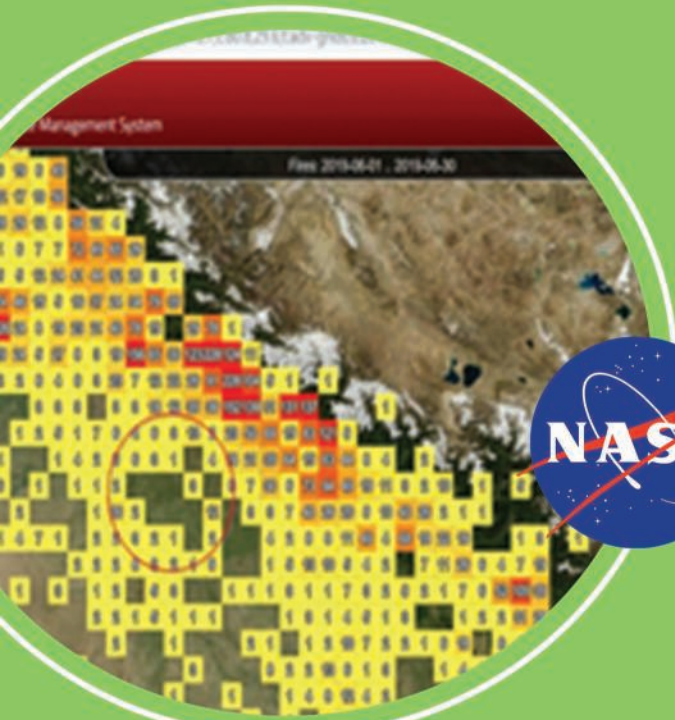


HEALTH ▸ HYGIENE ▸ HOME



Har Saans Swachh

In association with SankalpTaru, RB planted **200,000** trees in the basins of Ganga and Yamuna to curb air pollution and provide fresh air. The trees planted from Tehri in Uttarakhand to Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh will act as natural air purifiers for the entire community.



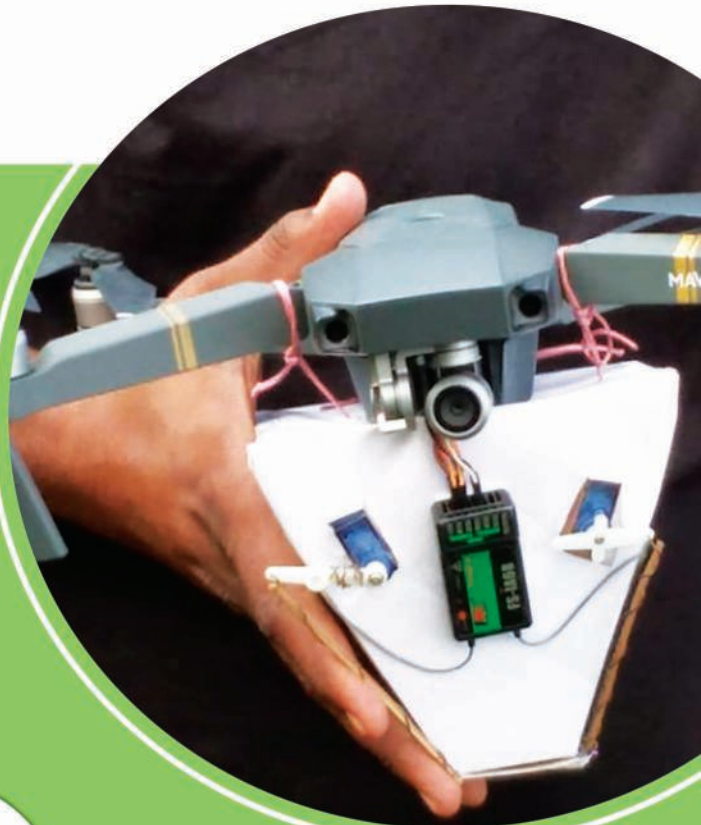
The SankalpTaru Forest Force has not only planted saplings but also protected them from the wrath of forest fires, which occur almost every summer. The area where the SFF was working has seen a significant drop in forest fire incidents. This was verified by satellite images from NASA.





# THE LATEST IN TECH WITH SEED-BOMBING DRONES

SankalpTaru is leading the way in using the latest technology to better serve the planet. Beejyaan 1 is the organisation's first drone that uses the seed-bombing method to plant saplings in the Tehri belt. The drone helps our team to plant trees even on the toughest terrains. It was shown live on NDTV in the presence of veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan as part of the television station's Banega Swachh India campaign.



# RURAL LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAM NEWS

- > SankalpTaru launched the **Herbal Plantation Program** in Uttarakhand to support the livelihood of the region's farmers in association with **IDS Chicago** (Project Empowering HEALTH). Under the initiative, various medicinal and aromatic species were planted on hilly tracts. The rural community also received training and resources to carry out their duties efficiently. With a vision of rejuvenating the Himalayas, this project created alternative livelihood opportunities for the villagers to sustain their living with better quality produce.
- > SankalpTaru partnered with **Greenlam Laminates** to plant a total of 5000 pomegranate saplings on the lands of farmers from Dhaka village in Rajasthan. This provided rural farmers with sustainable livelihood options through the planting of trees. The saplings not only beautified the vicinity with greenery but also enhanced the water levels and soil fertility of the arid Thar Desert.
- > **TechnipFMC** and SankalpTaru initiated **Project Sabujoday** to support rural farmers in the Buldhana and Satara districts of Maharashtra with healthy trees. A total of 12,500 trees of varied fruit-bearing species were planted to create a self-sustainable model. The trees are generating a sustainable livelihood for the farmers while also enhancing water table levels and the soil fertility of the semi-arid region.
- > **Zee** took a pledge to help rural farmers in five states by adding fruit-bearing trees to their lands. A total of 10,000 trees were planted in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Odisha and Uttarakhand under the #zeeisgreen campaign to support beneficiaries with a reliable source of income, while strengthening the fertility of the soil and increasing groundwater levels in the fields.
- > **MindTree** partnered with SankalpTaru to increase green cover over India. A total of 20,000 trees of more than 10 varieties were planted on the lands of rural farmers from the states of Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.



Extraordinary Together



Mindtree  
Welcome to possible



# CITY-BASED PLANTATION PROGRAM NEWS

> As part of **DHL India's** employee engagement program, SankalpTaru planted 1450 trees across India and laid down roots in Kochi and Nashik for the first time.



> **Accenture** planted 2000 trees in seven cities in under one day to combat pollution in Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune, Kolkata and Delhi.



> **Verizon** collaborated with SankalpTaru on a tree plantation campaign for their employees to maintain a self-sustaining ecosystem. With the assistance of 700 volunteers, 6666 trees were planted in seven cities.



> **DCB Bank** joined SankalpTaru to plant 5000 trees in 13 heavily polluted cities. The residents of Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Surat, Bhubaneshwar, Lucknow, Jaipur and Ludhiana will enjoy cleaner air and greener cities as part of this initiative.



# CLEAN AND GREEN SCHOOL PROGRAM NEWS

> SankalpTaru and **Rio Tinto** organised an interactive two-day workshop with students of **State Senior Secondary School, Gurugram**. The students were shown videos about pollution, global warming and acid rain to impart awareness. Models of wind mills, drip irrigation systems and rain water harvesting were displayed. The students and Rio Tinto employees also got their hands dirty by planting trees.

**RioTinto**



> On World Environment Day, SankalpTaru invited the students of **Lady Willingdon School in Chennai** to plant healthy saplings and combat air pollution in the city. An awareness workshop to educate the staff and students on the importance of green foliage was also presented.



> Remembering the great Sri Dev Suman at the **Nalanda Public School in Gopeshwar, Uttarakhand**, the SankalpTaru team carried out a tree plantation and awareness activity with school students.



# COMMUNITY PLANTATION PROGRAM NEWS

> SankalpTaru partnered with **TSFDCL, Rangareddy** to create a mini forest in Telangana. 1000 trees were planted during the months of July and August.



> SankalpTaru planted a total of 1000 poplar and selex saplings at the Indo-China border in Nyoma village of Leh Ladakh. Located at an altitude of 3500m and with the participation of **the Indian army**, the initiative was aimed towards generating oxygen for soldiers.



# GROUND REPORT

## Sonam Vanchuk

### Farmer Beneficiary, Vanla Village, Ladakh

I am a farmer beneficiary who cares for the apricot and apple trees of Project Green Leh Ladakh. Vanla village suffered a large flash flood in 2015 and my community lost our farm lands. Many trees were also swept away. To overcome these losses, SankalpTaru and many farmers from my village collaborated to bring back greenery to the valley and explore sustainable livelihood options.

I look after 300 trees and all of them have a 100 per cent survival rate. It takes a long time for them to grow up because the soil has many pebbles and temperatures are low.

When the apples and apricots ripen, I distribute them to my relatives, community members and local groups. I also sell a proportion of them in the market. Being a part of SankalpTaru gives me a lot of joy as I get to look after the trees and work on transforming Ladakh's arid cold desert into a green haven.



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## Balance Sheet

As on 31 st March 2019

LIABILITIES		AMOUNT	ASSETS		AMOUNT
<b>CAPITAL FUND:</b>			<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>		
Opening Balance	6,133,525.43		Computer & Laptops	784,237.99	
Add: Excess of Income over Exp.			Camara	8,500.00	
(Transferred from Income & Exp. A/c)	78,571.35	6,212,096.78	Land	3,776,098.00	
			Building - Research Centre	1,128,794.18	
<b>EARMARKED FUND:</b>			Mobile Phones	196,187.20	
Opening Balance	5,875,352.00		Vehicles	1,400,161.00	
Addition during the year	0.00		Inverter & Battery	55,545.41	
Utilized during the year	0.00	5,875,352.00	Furniture & Fixtures	183,540.00	
			Electrical & Electronic Items	199,385.15	
<b>SECURED LOAN:</b>			Water Moters, Pump & Tanks	172,900.00	
Term Loan from ICICI Bank, Dehradun	447,442.00		Solar Energy System	52,640.00	7,957,988.93
T/L a/c No. 0037556940		447,442.00			
			<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>			Loans & Advances		1,690,370.66
Sundry Creditors	242,210.00		Sundry Debtors		2,987,622.18
Site Contractors Payable	3,656,978.00		TDS Recoverable		748,881.00
Salary - Bonus Payable	24,000.00		Imprest Account with Site Staff		42,268.00
Audit Fee Payable	18,880.00		Cash in hand		157,942.00
Provident Fund (EPF) Payable	40,281.00	3,982,349.00	<b>Bank Balances -</b>		
			State Bank of India, Dehradun	46,084.96	
			ICICI Bank Ltd., Dehradun	2,194,073.26	
			Oriental Bank of Commerce, Ddn	18,142.00	
			Uttarakhand Gramin Bank, Ddn	40.00	
			Bank of Baroda, Dehradun	673,826.79	2,932,167.01
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16,517,239.78</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16,517,239.78</b>

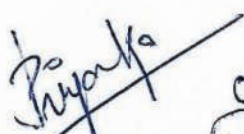
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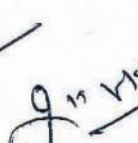
1. The Accounts of the Foundation are being maintained on Cash/ Actual basis and accordingly books of accounts are kept.
2. The Depreciation on fixed assets are not charged as decided by members/Executive body of the Society.
3. The Ear marked Donation received by the society is used for the specied purpose i.e. on Fixed Assets / Investments/ Fund Creation.

Dated :- 29-10-2019

For Sankalptaru Foundation

For TARUN NAND & COMPANY  
Chartered Accountants

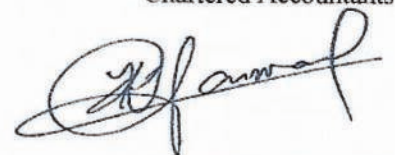
  
Treasurer

  
Secretary

  
Vice President

  
President



  
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## Income & Expenditure Account For the year ended on 31 st March 2019

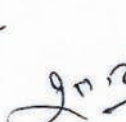
EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT	INCOME		AMOUNT
<b>Plantation Expenses:</b>			<b>Members donation for plantation:</b>		2,338,493.62
Electricity & Fuel Expenses	350,032.00		<b>Plantation amt recd during year:</b>		24,312,887.98
Labour Wages	7,062,188.72				
Labour Welfare Expenses	425,034.00		<b>Income from Bank Interests -</b>		
Nursery Expenses at sites	79,930.00		ICICI Bank Ltd. & UGB, Dehradun		61,560.00
Procurement of Sapplings & Plants	4,638,457.92				61,560.00
Transportation of Sapplings & Plants	242,813.00				
Site Development Expenses	628,702.48				
Training & Development of Workers	12,779.00				
Site Office expenses	192,413.36				
Hiring of JCB & other Machines	112,061.00				
Irrigation Infrastructure Devp. Exps	17,148.00				
Repair & Maintenance Exps at Site	87,509.00				
Travelling & Convenance Exps at Sites	166,406.82				
Research Centre Expenses	309,911.00	14,325,386.30			
<b>Administrative Expenses:</b>					
Offices Mainrenance Expenses	33,867.00				
Rent Offices	299,100.00				
Staff Welfare & Benefit Expenses	1,139,348.48				
Provident Fund- Employer Share	33,342.00				
Telephone, Internet & Mobile Expenses	37,406.85				
Website, Network & Computer Exps	1,031,319.12				
Travelling & Conveyance Expenses	361,059.08				
Product & Marketing Research Exps.	840,000.00				
Bank Charges	5,369.48				
Interest Paid	34,807.00				
Business Devlopment expenses	402,221.61				
Conferences & Seminar Expenses	160,080.00				
Audit Fees	18,880.00				
Legal & Professional Expenses	360,363.00				
Courier & Postage Expenses	5,526.00				
Electricity & Water Expenses	5,434.00				
Fees Taxes & Charges	21,103.00				
Insurance expenses	76,642.00				
Miscellinous Expenses	23,270.63				
Printing & Stationery Expenses	14,717.00				
Advertisement & Publicity	2,276.00				
Repair & Maintenance - Office Exps	65,603.80				
Salaries & allowances	7,057,365.54				
Stipend	28,250.00				
Vehicle Running Expenses	251,632.36	12,308,983.95			
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>					
(Transferred to Balance Sheet)		78,571.35			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26,712,941.60</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26,712,941.60</b>

Dated :- 29-10-2019

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