



2016 forest fires in Uttarakhand Himalayas destroyed more than 4,900 Acres of green forest area spread over 111 districts of the state.

The recent forest fires in the Tehri district of Uttarakhand destroyed huge envelopes of green cover in the area. The delay in monsoon along with the soaring temperature caused the forest ablaze, thereby charring trees and the greenery in the region. Therefore, to fight the aggressive blaze, we formed a **forest-fire patrolling team**, which had been on their toes 24x7 to protect the trees of Uttarakhand Himalayas, and regularly training villagers and school students on how such incidents can be mitigated.



SankalpTaru launches first Growth Centre, Chandana Vana, in Karnataka – added a new feather to our cap



SankalpTaru takes extreme pride to announce the launch of 'Chandana Vana', our very first Growth Centre in Chikmagalur, Karnataka. Chandana Vana will be our direct source for procuring farmers' products and linking them to the potential market, thereby making us a part of rural development. The name of the centre is derived from the state tree of Karnataka i.e. Chandan. With this growth centre, we target to train rural farmers on intensive agricultural practices, while also promoting the involvement of women in the process. Thus the centre acts as a hub for rural farmers in the region. The involvement of volunteers is expected to further strengthen the Growth Center as they enlighten the native farmers on the new and innovative farming techniques to help them transform their fields into lush fruiting orchards.

Good tidings continue as we add 17th branch to our tree

The journey of SankalpTaru that began with its first plantation drive in Neembla village of Barmer district, Rajasthan in 2016 has reached figure 17 as we include Assam to our plantation drive. To initiate the mission we planted trees at Sankardev Vidya Niketan in Jagiroad, Assam to spread a green wave amongst the children of the state. We are eagerly looking forward to planting more saplings in the state soon.



Celebrating World Environment Day with school children in Chennai



World Environment Day is an occasion when we look forward to doing something interesting each year. This year SankalpTaru invited the students of Lady Willingdon School in Chennai to plant healthy saplings to beat the air pollution of the city as well as conducted an awareness workshop to educate the

staff and students on the importance of green foliage. The support of children in the plantation activity definitely multiplied the fun a thousand times.



Coming together for the love of Nature – SankalpTaru and FOReT collaborates to replenish environment.



SankalpTaru recently collaborated with FOReT to plant trees in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra. Since FOReT share the same

vibrations as SankalpTaru in terms of their love for the environment, they joined hands with us to support our endeavors by planting trees in rural Ahmednagar. This plantation drive is expected to support the farmers in the region along with sustaining the environment.

Did you know?

Leonardo DiCaprio shared a story on the water crisis of Chennai, quoting that only rains can save the city and the entire India from running short of water.



REMEMBERING

SankalpTaru salutes Mr. Vishweshwar Dutt Saklani (June 2, 1922 - January 19, 2019), also known as 'Vriksha Manav' or the 'Tree man' of India who solely planted around 50 lakh trees and developed a forest. Mr. Saklani served as a freedom fighter, conservationist and a scientist and hails from Pujargaon village of Saklana patti in Tehri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand. Kudos to this man who set a great example for future generations.



With the first drizzle of monsoon, we begin our monsoon plantation drive with landmark group



As the rain gets us some relief from the heat of the scorching sun, we resume our green mission with Landmark group by planting saplings of indigenous species near Bellandur Lake, Bengaluru to pray for a good monsoon this year.

SankalpTaru gets international support – IDS Chicago plantation update

As part of the SankalpTaru and IDS, Chicago collaboration, we initiated a plantation drive by sowing Rosemary and Dandelion plants



in Tehri district of Uttarakhand under our Herbal & Medicinal Plantation Program. The drive not only strengthens the ecosystem, but also supports rural livelihood of natives.



Project Empowering HEALTH was initiated as an enthusiastic mission to restore the tarnished ecosystem of Uttarakhand Himalayas which has been spoiled over years due to recurrent forest-fires in the region.

Our Farmer Beneficiary of this month

Chittaranjan Dandapat is our diligent farmer beneficiary from Bankura district of West Bengal. Since he took up farming as his major source of livelihood, Chittaranjan never feared the adversities of weather when it came to nurturing his field. Highly moved by his this passion, we helped him in growing Mango, Guava, Jack fruit, and Jamun tree orchards on his land, thus providing him with a more strengthened and reliable source of income.



Our pictures to rejoice

