2022-23

## ANNUAL REPORT





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#### LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Reader,

I am glad we are publishing the Annual Report of SankalpTaru for the Financial Year (FY) 2022-23, reflecting on a year of impactful initiatives and transformative projects. It gives me immense pleasure that Sankalp Taru operations have gained all time high strength and pace with the support garnered from various corporate partners and individual donors. As always, Sankalp Taru had ensured that its operations across the country ran smoothly.

So far we have planted and survived over 6.5 million trees overall through your support, which resulted in an economic benefit of around Rs. 300 million for 50,000 farmers across 27 states and Union Territories in FY 2022–2023 greenifying more than 5000 hectares and has made a substantial impact on carbon offset, sequestering an estimated average of 162,500 tonnes of CO2 per year.

In the past year, SankalpTaru Foundation has achieved significant milestones in environmental conservation and sustainability initiatives. Our innovative approach includes the groundbreaking 1.1 Million Drone Seedball Bombing in Uttarakhand, resulting in the successful growth of over 3.5 million trees. With our efforts towards Community Barren Land Transformation programs we have transformed the Ghaziabad Dump Yard into a flourishing Community Nagar Van, demonstrating our commitment to turning challenges into opportunities. The recognition for our efforts has been noteworthy, with accolades such as the Mahindra Rise Sustainability Champion Award and the Sustainability Champion Award by Network 18. These awards highlight our dedication to making a positive impact on the environment and communities. Not only this, our commitment has extended to agricultural sustainability through the Dryland Horticulture Program at Khaltsi, contributing to the development of resilient farming practices.

The overwhelming support from corporate sponsors and individual donors worldwide has inspired us to keep expanding our operations and annual plantation capacities along with our farmer beneficiary bandwidth. This would help us to better reach out to more impactful places which are in dire need of greenery and support. Looking ahead, our focus extends beyond mere expansion. We are determined to bring technological innovations closer to our cause, enhancing transparency in our processes which will not only simplify our plantation procedures but also make them more impactful and easily scalable.

As we reflect on the past year, SankalpTaru Foundation remains steadfast in its mission to create a sustainable and greener future, and we express our gratitude to our partners, supporters, and the communities we serve. Together, we continue to plant seeds of positive change for a better tomorrow. We are looking forward to your extended support.

Thanks & Regards,
APURVA BHANDARI
Founder
SankalpTaru Foundation

#### THE YEAR AT A GLANCE



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No. of trees planted

#### **Environmental Impact**



2 million tonnes
O2 to be sequestered in lifetime



1 million tonnes
CO2 to be sequestered in lifetime

#### **Economic Impact**



INR 1.5 billion
Income to be generated
(from fruit trees) per season



**80** Survival rate



48,000 tonnes
Fruit to be produced per season

#### **Social Impact**



10000 beneficiaries impacted



**4300 acres**Area greenified

#### MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

## Mission BeejYaan - Seed Bombing 1.1 Million Seeds in Uttarakhand

Proudly partnering with Flipkart and Givelndia, our Mission BeejYaan, Uttarakhand involved dropping 1.1 million seedballs via drones and manual labor, with the aim to replenish the state highland's green cover in upcoming years. The initiative, supported by 2000+students, 9 schools and local community members of Uttarakhand, was covered by News18 and other media, and earned the support of IFS Kedarnath, Mr. I.S. Negi and the passionate environmentalist, Ped Wale Guruji, Mr. Dhansingh Ghariya. Watch the video to know more about our seed bombing mission; read more about this initiative here.



### Transforming dump yard in Ghaziabad to a biodiverse ecosystem

After deserts, snowy mountains, deltas, islands and seashores; we are all set to transform this garbage landfill located at Ghaziabad, Delhi NCR into a lush green bio-diverse forest. Already started with soil nourishment and ground preparations. Special thanks to Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation and Ramveer Tanwar (PondMan) for their valuable support. Now we are seeking support for corporate funding and voluntary action to accomplish this mission and fight against air pollution and climate change.



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#### We got featured on TAL radio

Listen to the <u>interview</u> of our founder Apurva Bhandari, talking about the impact of planting trees on climate change and how anyone can plant trees virtually from the comfort of their homes on TAL Radio.



### Plantation In Molai Forest On World Earth Day 2022

World Earth Day 2022 was marked by planting trees in the Molai Forest 2.0 by SankalpTaru Foundation.

The forest located on the banks of Brahmaputra river in Jorhat, Assam has been single handedly raised by the Forest Man of India, Padma Shri Jadav Molai Payeng for more than 30 years is now being extended under the partnership of Payeng and SankalpTaru Foundation. N&R Karnani Trust, UK is supporting us in this afforestation drive.

The trees planted in Molai Forest 2.0 are working in conjunction with the existing forest to make it an important wildlife corridor and provide long-term ecological security for the city dwellers. Watch the progress



### Creating an Eco-Forest on the Bank of Indrayani

We are pleased to announce that Vivek & Vandana Sharma Family Foundation in association with SankalpTaru Foundation, is creating a self-sustainable forest on the bank of the Indrayani river of Pune. This riverside forest hosts beneficial species of native, fruit-bearing, medicinal, and shade-giving trees such as Peepal, Neem, Banyan, Jamun, Sesam, Lal, Chandan, Karang, Imli, Mohani etc.

Along with enriching the river's ecosystem by reversing the impact of the anthropogenic pressure on the biotic components and aquatic species, the forest will also create a wildlife corridor for the terrestrial species, strengthening the regional biodiversity. The trees will also help to reduce large-scale soil erosion due to deforestation, siltation, and sand mining, recharge groundwater and decrease soil pollution caused by the chemical leaching of commercial fertilizers and industrial waste.

The forest will act as a massive carbon sink, enhancing the carbon sequestration capacity and improving the air quality by increasing the city's green cover, supplying fresh air to nearly 4.3 Million Puneites.



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#### **Festival of Tree Plantation in Ladakh**

Climate Change has now become a very serious issue in Ladakh. To overcome this, an initiative by SankalpTaru with the local community has now become a festival where people of all ages are participating to create green cover for Ladakh. Watch the video to know more on how people can do wonders together.



## We Got Featured in Sarvodaya Podcast

Sarvodaya is a podcast that talks about innovations and development in India. It is an initiative by India Development Service (IDS), a nonprofit based in Chicago, US that empowers vulnerable communities in India through education, training, income generation, health care, and agricultural support. In the Podcast, Apurva Bhandari, our Founder. discusses the impact of planting trees in the toughest terrains of India, its impact on climate change, and ways in which anyone can plant trees virtually from the comfort of their homes!

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#### We got covered in Barmer Bhaskar

We have come a long way, transforming the barren piece of land in Neembla village in Rajasthan into a lush green natural forest by planting native species to promote biodiversity which will further flourish within the desert ecosystem. Here is the glimpse of the Thar Desert of Rajasthan where we're creating, "Gaon ka Jungle, Gaon ke liye."

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#### Regional Newspaper of Tamil Nadu Featured SankalpTaru

To encourage the college to conduct environmental sensitizing activities and to increase the green area of its premises, we organized a tree plantation activity in the Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu. The event, attended by the Mamallapuram Chairman and the College's senior authorities, was covered in the local newspaper of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Sudar.

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### **GramYumm, Invited by SI-UK India**

SI-UK India is a responsible corporate organization that partners with local NGOs in poverty alleviation, one of the sustainable development goals 2030. To celebrate the festivities of Diwali 2022. SI-UK partnered GramYumm, an initiative by SankalpTaru Foundation, to uplift the rural communities to provide them a market link to sell their produce. GramYumm was invited to the SIUK, New Delhi to put up a stall for selling responsibly sourced the and sustainably processed products of the farmers with the intention of lighting up a few homes on the festive season.

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### Doordarshan Covered SankalpTaru'sPlantation in Ladakh



Doordarshan Kashmir showcased our Project Green Leh Ladakh. Initiated through supporting a couple of farmer beneficiaries and gradually transforming two severely flood affected villages Wanla and Temisgam Ladakh, we're now on a mission to turn denuded townlets into profusely abundant apple villages. Watch the video.

## **SankalpTaru Celebrated World Nature**Conservation Day By Planting Trees With Ex-CM, Uttarakhand

The hilly region of Dhanaulti where the renowned Surkanda Devi temple is located forms one of the vital water catchment areas of Uttarakhand. Here, planting trees can really contribute to the long term ecological security of the city dwellers as these trees will help to soak the rainwater, slowly dispersing it downhills thereby preventing flash floods and large-scale sheet erosion in the local areas. Below are a few glimpses of the plantation event where SankalpTaru Foundation participated jointly with Hon' Ex Chief Minister, Uttarakhand, Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat to celebrate the spirit of the World Nature Conservation Day 2022.



**'LIVING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE'** 

### SankalpTaru's Mission India

The local community & SankalpTaru's Forest Force came together to honor our brave Indian soldiers by creating a forest in the shape of 'India' in Ghotaru, Jaisalmer, near the Battlefield of Longewala which witnessed the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971. Watch the video

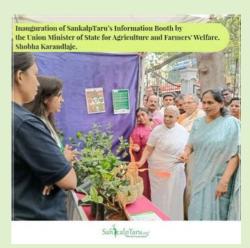


### We Participated in State Level NGOs Meet by Union of Karnataka

SankalpTaru participated in the State Level Voluntary Organizations Conference 2022 in Bangalore, organized by the Non Governmental Organizations under Union of Karnataka in association with Sumangali Seva Ashram, addressed by Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shree. Basvaraj Bommai.







## We participated in the 2022 Green Blockchain Summit

SankalpTaru participated in the Green Blockchain Summit 2022, organized by Polygon, the pioneer of Blockchain Technology in India.

Watch the discussion of the keynote speakers.



### Joy of Giving Campaign 3.0 in Ladakh & Ghotaru

Aiming for a better holistic development of the children living in the cold desert of Ladakh, SankalpTaru Foundation started the campaign 'Joy of Giving' in 2020. The campaign aimed at providing mental and emotional nourishment by donating books, toys and lanterns to the kids. Despite intense snowfall, our team made it to Kanji village, a remote village close to Bhud Kharbu, in Ladakh, to distribute childhood treasures to budding readers and thinkers, well before Christmas! While returning from the village, our team also collected 15 quintals of trash as a part of the waste cleanup drive, reiterating our commitment to make Ladakh clean & green! Watch the video. After 3 successful seasons, we're back again with Joy of Giving 4.0, to spread the joy to the kids of both the cold desert of Ladakh as well as the hot desert of Rajasthan (Ghotaru)!





### Agriculture Exhibition at the University of Agricultural Sciences

We were proud to be a part of the Agriculture Exhibition held at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra, Bengaluru in November 2022. The Exhibition provided us a platform to reach out to a wide scale farming community and enroll 150 farmers, whose livelihoods will be benefited under our Project Hasiru Sankalpa- Karnataka. It also gave us the opportunity to register more than 10 Farmer Producing Organizations (FPOs) and small business owners, as a means to provide to their products the direct market linkage through our online portal for farmer's organic produce, GramYumm.



### Environmental Awareness Session & Plantation Drive at Sri Malolan College Chennai

In order to promote sustainability on campus by making it more environment friendly, a tree plantation drive in conjunction with an environmental orientation session was conducted in the premises of Sri Malolan College of Arts & Science, Maduranthakam, Chennai.



### Promoting Environmental Sustainability at the Bengaluru University

In order to promote environmental sustainability on campus, a tree plantation drive was conducted in the premises of the Bengaluru North University, Kolar Karnataka by SankalpTaru Foundation. The event was graced by Prof. Niranjana, Vice-Chancellor, Bengaluru North University and Prof. D. Kumuda, Director, P.G. Centre, Bengaluru North University.



Pengaluru North University, Kolar, Karnataka

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## We ended 2022 with a Milestone of Crossing 3.5 Million Trees!

As 2022 came to an end, we were able to break our milestone of crossing 3.5 million trees! Here's our video with some of the glimpses of our pioneer projects running across the country.



#### 2 1 Creating Apple Villages in Leh Ladakh









Project Green Leh Ladakh by SankalpTaru

Creating Apple Villages in Leh Ladakh









Project Green Leh Ladakh is a mission to support farmers through agroforestry which started with supporting a couple of farmer beneficiaries a few years ago and then slowly turned into a revolution of creating 'Apple Villages' across the region. We have associated hundreds of farmers in this campaign and are focusing to expand this mission of 'Apple Villages' to a wider scale, going forward. Watch the video to know more.

## Our Founder spoke at the Economics Times Global Business Summit on Plastic Circularity Mr. Apurva Bhandari invited as the eminent speaker at The Economics Times Global Business Summ

Our Founder, Apurva Bhandari spoke with eminent panelists on the topic 'Behavioral Changes Needed for Achieving Plastic Circularity" at the ET Global Business Summit held in February 2023 in New Delhi.



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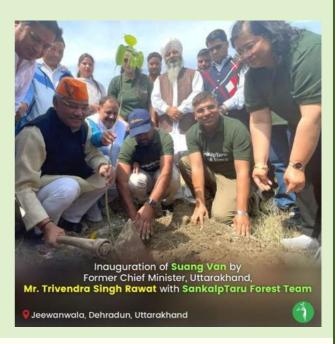
### 23 SankalpTaru's Forest Force Anthem is Out Now

Celebrate with our Greenovation-driven NGO, the never dying spirit of protecting the glory of our mother earth! <u>Our Forest Force Anthem</u> is here and we promise that it is going to instill in you the same fervor we live and swear by every day!



## Inauguration of Saung Van by Former CM, Uttarakhand Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat

The SankalpTaru Forest team has been organically preparing the Panchayat land of Jeewanwala, Dehradun for the last year for the creation of a self-sustainable forest, Suang Van. Created on the theme, "A forest for the villagers and by the villagers", Saung Van was inaugurated by the Former Chief Minister, Uttarakhand, Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat with SankalpTaru Forest Team on 22nd March 2023. The forest will help to combat the ill effects of environmental degradation and will also economically support the villagers of Jeewanwala.



#### 25 Project Bhavnam 3.0- Delhi NCR

After the success of our Community Plantation Projects, located on the Aravalli Hills of Manesar, Delhi NCR, Bhavnam 1.0 and 2.0, we are all set to build another self-sustainable forest to strengthen the wildlife corridor and rejuvenate groundwater and fertility of Aravaliis with our Project Bhavnam 3.0.



#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

## Prestigious Felicitations for our work in Ladakh



Through years of creating apple villages in the extreme temperatures of Leh - Ladakh, SankalpTaru has been consistently tackling water shortages connecting with countless farmers across the region. For the same, SankalpTaru was felicitated by His Holiness Drigung Skybgon Chaychang Rimpoche and Lt. Governor & MP, Ladakh UT Shri Radha Krishna Mathur.

#### Awarded the Dev Bhoomi Lok Samman 2022 Award



Sharing the stage with great honorariums from diverse backgrounds, SankalpTaru received recognition for the social and environmental good benefiting works over the years. It was awarded by the Agriculture minister of Uttarakhand, Subodh Unival and by great musicians, Narendra Singh Negi and PritamBhartwan.

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#### Honoured as one of the Top Best 20 NGOs in Indian CSR Awards 2022



Exhibiting our excellence, labor and knee-deep work throughout so many years secured us an award for Top Best 20 NGOs in the Indian CSR Awards 2022.



# Mahindra Rise Sustainability Champion Award 2022



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The Mahindra Rise Sustainability Champion Awards is an initiative by Mahindra Auto to showcase change makers in the field of sustainability with key focus aspects of 'Greening Ourselves', 'Decarbonising our Industry' & 'Rejuvenating Nature'. Exhibiting the extraordinary commitment and decade of executing phenomenal programs in the field of environmental sustainability through SankalpTaru platform, our Founder and CEO Apurva Bhandari was awarded the Mahindra Rise Sustainability Champion Award 2022 in the Clean Air category.

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## SankalpTaru Foundation recognized as a Sustainability Champion at the prestigious Sustainability

#### 100+ Award

Under the initiative 'Together For A Sustainable Future' by AB InBev India and Network 18, SankalpTaru was lauded as a Sustainability Champion, one of the pioneering trailblazers of sustainable change that begins with a singular initiative.



#### LATEST FROM SANKALPTARU OPERATIONAL MODELS

Rural Livelihood Support Program

### **Sungrow Progresses Towards Sustainable And Greener India**

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Sungrow joined hands with us to green spaces by planting fruit bearing trees on farmers' fields PAN India. These trees will soon improve the economic conditions of our farmers by providing them alternate sources of income.



### **O2** Brilliant Polymers Brings Transformation In Rural Lives

Brilliant Polymers partnered with us to revolutionize rural livelihoods in Maharashtra, India, with the inspirational green transformation encouraging our rural farmer beneficiaries to uplift their standard of living and meet the nutritional requirements of their families.

### **BuyoFuel Sows Seeds of Sustainable Rural Upliftment**

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Against the backdrop of the changing climate scenario, BuyoFuel joined hands with us to plant trees under our Project Pasumai for the rural farmers of Dindigul, Tamil Nadu.



### **Grant Thornton Plants Trees in Memory of their Colleagues**

On the World Environment Day 2022, Grant Thornton LLP (US) – INDUS joined hands with us to plant 1600 fruit bearing trees under our Project Hasiru Sankalpa, Karnataka, in the loving memory of INDUS employees whose lives were lost during the pandemic.



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#### Marico Limited Supports Rural Livelihood Through Afforestation

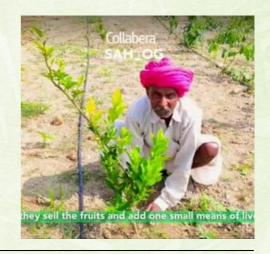


In conjunction with #netzeroinoperations target, Marico Ltd. collaborated with us to plant fruit bearing trees for farmers in the remote areas of Arunachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, in drought prone areas of Maharashtra and water scarce areas of Haryana.

#### Project SahYog By Collabera & SankalpTaru

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Collabera joined hands with us to initiate a plantation drive, Project Sahyog, where fruit-bearing saplings were planted on the lands of rural farmers of Gujarat, providing them an additional source of income.



### DCB Bank Greening PAN India, Plantations Across 35+ Cities

Setting the tone for the World Nature Conservation Day 2022, DCB Bank, as a part of their CSR initiative, undertook PAN India plantations with us across 35+ cities, a partnership ongoing since 2019!



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#### **Exodus Travels Foundation Supports Rural Farmers**



Exodus came forward to support rural farmers of Ladakh, in collaboration with our ongoing plantation programs. Watch the video to know how these trees planted in 2020 and 2021 are growing healthy.

### **#MyNetZero Initiative by Cognizant To Reduce Carbon Footprint**

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Tree Gifting as a part of the #MyNetZero Initiative by Cognizant in partnership with us is a step taken to inspire sustainable action against climate change and uplift rural livelihoods.



Tata Motors is committed to accelerating the nation's rural economy and uplifting livelihoods of marginal farmers through agroforestry by launching the "Go Green" initiative in partnership with us. Here are the glimpses from the fields of our farmer beneficiaries of Karnataka.





### **SBI Foundation Creates a Prosperous World with Trees**



A 3-year Plantation Partnership between the SBI Foundation and SankalpTaru Foundation commenced in December 2021. This partnership undertook the responsibility of uplifting the livelihoods of the rural farmers of Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, and Haryana. Here are a few glimpses of the apple trees planted in the lands of the farmers of Uttarakhand since the project's inception. The farmers are set to prosper progressively, with the trees thriving.

#### **E-Tree Gifting by Netweb Software**

Netweb Software has collaborated with us to activate their E-Tree Gifting Programme to plant 100 trees, to help uplift the livelihoods of the rural farmers of Gujarat, under our Project Leelu Chham in Gujarat.



### 13 DHL X SankalpTaru Support Rural Farmers of Maharashtra



Rural India is most vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation. DHL is partnering with us to help rural farmers of Maharashtra through planting fruit bearing trees and installing drip irrigation systems. Watch here.

### Mamaearth Loads The Goodness Of Green Into Farmer's Lives

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Mamaearth has collaborated with us to plant trees with each order placed on their website to make rural India greener and healthier. With every click, a better future for the farmers is ensured!



### **Bank of Baroda's Green Initiative To Support Women Farmers**

The initiative aims to support women farmer beneficiaries of Uttarakhand, thus strengthening the food security of local communities and maintaining the ecological balance of the Himalayan ranges.



#### 16 Asia Initiative Inspires Women Farmers

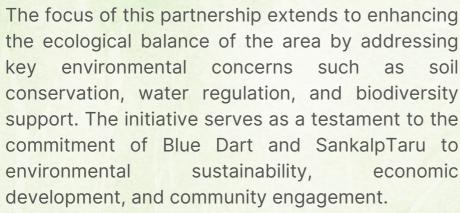
With a particular focus on women, Asia Initiatives, a non-profit based in the USA utilizes transformative methodologies such as Social Capital Credits (SoCCs) to empower rural communities. Asia Initiatives has adopted this methodology to support and empower our 200 women farmers of Assam, under our Rural Livelihood Development Project- Kheojia Assam. During this program the women beneficiaries were credited with Social Capital Credits (SoCCs) based on their work for social good and these SoCCs were then redeemed to avail saplings of Seedless Lemon. Watch video





### Blue Dart Rural Livelihood Plantation in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand

Blue Dart and SankalpTaru have partnered to make a meaningful impact in Uttarakhand, specifically in Duchanu village, Mori block, Uttarkashi District. Their collaborative tree plantation initiative has resulted in the successful planting of 20,762 apple trees. This joint effort goes beyond the act of planting trees; it is a strategic move aimed at bolstering the livelihoods and food security of local communities in the Himalayan region.





### Tata Motors Rural Livelihood Plantation in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand



Tata Motors has teamed up with the SankalpTaru Foundation for a noteworthy tree plantation initiative in Uttarakhand. This collaboration, rooted in environmental stewardship, saw the successful planting of trees aimed at fostering ecological balance and sustainability in the region. Tata Motors' commitment to environmental responsibility is underscored by this joint effort, contributing not only to the well-being of Uttarakhand's ecosystem but also exemplifying the positive outcomes that corporate partnerships with organizations like SankalpTaru can achieve.

#### LATEST FROM SANKALPTARU OPERATIONAL MODELS

**Community Land Transformation Program** 

#### **SBI Card Rejuvenates Aravallis**

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Under their CSR program, SBI Card joined hands with us to greenify Aravallis of Manesar, Gurugram to help support long term ecological security of the Delhi NCR city dwellers. With their pledge to plant thousands of trees in our plantation site Bhavnam 2.0, they are committed to make Aravallis a hotspot for groundwater recharge, preventing soil erosion, purifying polluted air and restoring lost biodiversity.



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#### GlobalLogic Looks After Their Planted Saplings



SankalpTaru

GlobalLogic India participated in a post plantation maintenance drive on the occasion of World Earth Day 2022 on the Aravallis of Manesar, Gurugram under our ongoing Project Bhavnam 2.0, to strengthen the green lungs of Delhi NCR.

### Solarwinds Restores Greenery Around Budumanahalli Lake, Bangalore

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Solarwinds participated in a plantation event in our Bangalore Community Plantation Site near Budumanahalli lake, Bangalore, on the occasion of the Earth Day 2022.



Aramco India Team, led by their President Mohammed S. Al-Herbish joined hands for a plantation drive in our Bhavnam 2.0 project near Aravalli Hills of Manesar, Gurugram to mitigate the menaces of air pollution and rising temperatures in Delhi NCR. This plantation drive was a part of developing sustainable ways to contribute towards environmental protection and raising environmental awareness.



#### Schlumberger Leads Rural Upliftment **Maharashtra**



Schlumberger joined hands with us to uplift the livelihoods of the rural farmers of Maharashtra. Watch the video of the transformation of the farm of one such farmer beneficiary, Ramdass Kale, who received fruit bearing trees of Custard apple, Anjeer and Guava in March 2022 and these trees are growing healthily with 100% survival rate due to his hard work and dedication.

#### **Tenon Drives Community Based Plantation** in Delhi NCR

Tenon Group participated in plantations at our Bhavnam 1.0 site in Gurugram to celebrate World Environment Day. The activity saw the employees come together and join the program experience firsthand the joy of planting.



#### From Digital to Onground, Itsuki Paints the **Earth Green**

ITSUKI collaborated with us to plant a tree with every transaction on their platform, to support the environment and the women farming community. It led to the identification of the women farmers from one of the toughest terrains of India, the mystical Himalayas, as an ode to support their challenging lifestyle and never dying spirits! The first phase of this valuable association has already resulted in the plantation of 2000 fruit bearing trees and many more are on the way.



#### **Green Forest Campaign By Innisfree India**



Dedicated to protecting the Earth's biodiversity and natural riches for the present and future generations, a team of green enthusiasts from Innisfree India participated in the Tree Plantation activity organized by us in Berali Khurad, Haryana.

#### **Plastic Omnium's Promising Movement Towards Carbon Neutrality**

To address the challenge of the energy transition, Omnium Plastic under their CSR initiative #ActForAll joined hands with us to plant trees on our community plantation site of Pune, to help increase its carbon sequestration potential.



World Environment Day celebrations continued in collaboration with Vasant Group in our community plantation site near Dive village of Pune.



### 11 COWI India Strengthens Green Lungs of Delhi NCR



With its accelerated drive towards the carbon zero future, COWI India joined hands with us to plant trees in our Community Plantation Site - Bhavnam 1.0 in Gurgaon, Delhi NCR. Few glimpses of the plantation conducted with COWI employees.

#### **Other Plantations**

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MindTree Community Plantation Kannapalayam Village, Tamil Nadu



#### Wipro Community Plantation Tumakaru, Karnataka

### **Diam Display Community Plantation Dive Village, Pune**





**Brilliant Polymers Community Plantation Tulapur Village, Pune** 



#### Kongsberg Rural Livelihood Support Plantation Bengaluru

### **Baker Hughes Community Plantation, Hyderabad**





**GlobalLogic Community Plantation Tulapur Village, Pune** 



### Windlas Biotech Community Plantation, Dehradun

### H&M Community Plantation Bengaluru





#### **KPMG Community Plantation Delhi**

#### LATEST FROM SANKALPTARU OPERATIONAL MODELS

**Urban Plantation Program** 

#### Konica Minolta Paints IIT Bombay Green

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A tree plantation drive was conducted in the hostel campus of IIT Bombay by our green partner Konica Minolta, to sensitize hostel residents and staff to plant more and more trees to be safe from the adverse effects of climate change. Watch video



### Creating a Green Corridor in the Urban Jungle with Onmove



Aravallis, the oldest mountain range in the world, running across Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Gujarat, has been severely degraded due to illegal mining, illegal felling of trees and encroachments across all states, destroying its forest cover. To restore its greenery, prevent the endangered flora and fauna and create green lungs in the ecosensitive region, Onmove, tech enabled new age FTL express platform under its program #SAMARTH joined hands with us to plant trees on the hilly terrains of Aravalli range under the Project Bhavnam- Delhi NCR.

### DCB Bank Contributes In Park Restoration In Bangalore

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We collaborated with DCB Bank to undertake ecosystem restoration of Doddanekundi park in Bangalore by planting trees. The restored park is helping restore biodiversity and ecosystem in urban areas, improving Air Quality Index and recharging groundwater tables. Below are the glimpses of the plantation activities conducted across Delhi, Jaipur, Hanumangarh, Bhakrawali, Lucknow & Amritsar.



### Microsoft IDC Restores Biodiversity in Bangalore City



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Together Microsoft IDC and we are making a home for the wild in the heart of Bangalore city by planting trees near Hadosiddapura lake, Bangalore! Watch video

#### Halma India Greenifies Bengaluru

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On World Environment Day, we partnered with Haalma India to strengthen the green lungs of the Bangalore city.



#### **DHL Leads Go Green Clean Air Program**



We celebrated World Environment Day in collaboration with DHL in CSI Ewart Women's Christian College, Chennai.



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#### NTT Data Strengthens India's Green Cover



NTT DATA Services collaborated with us to increase the green cover of the cities of Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Noida, Delhi, and Pune as part of their CSR initiative. These plantation drives, facilitated by the NGO Bhumi, were conducted as a part of developing sustainable ways to contribute toward environmental protection and raising environmental awareness.

### **Lufthansa's Climate Action Plans Ensure Greener Flights**

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Lufthansa Airlines aims to compensate for the CO2 emissions generated by its aircraft by planting trees for the environment. A group of their environmentally conscious team members participated in one of our Urban Tree Plantation events in Bangalore.



### Microsoft Employees Engage In Onground Plantations

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Microsoft employees participated in our plantation drives in Delhi and Mayur Vihar with an aim to reduce their carbon footprint. Watch the video.



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#### **DHL Plantation Drives For Greener Cities**



DHL Express, our green partner for the longest time, never compromises when it comes to serving its social responsibility towards the environment by reducing its carbon impact through tree plantations. Below are a few glimpses of the DHL Plantation Drives that took place in Mumbai, Delhi and Mamallapuram under our City Based Plantation Model.

#### **Marks & Spencer Urban Plantations**

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Caring about its impact on the environment, Marks & Spencer is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and increasing greenery through its multicity plantation event with SankalpTaru as a part of its responsible engagement in environmental sustainability. Watch the video.



#### **DCB Bank's Urban Plantation Drives**

Setting the tone for a carbon neutral future, DCB Bank, as a part of their CSR initiative, has undertaken PAN India plantations with us across the country. Few glimpses of the plantation activities conducted Ludhiana, Haryana and Chennai.



## 13 Strengthening Urban Green Lungs with Toshvin



Cities are a major driver of climate change, responsible for an estimated 75% of all carbon dioxide emissions globally. Toshvin Analytical Pvt. Ltd. has partnered with us to increase the carbon sequestration capacity of the metropolitans such as Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru and Hyderabad, by increasing their green cover through tree plantation.

#### **Other Plantations**





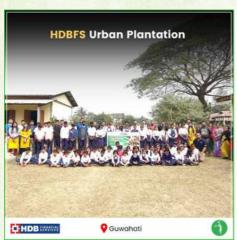
Mahindra Logistics Urban Plantation Chennai







## DCB Bank Urban Plantation in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, and Coimbatore





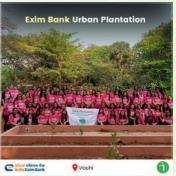


#### HDBFS Urban Plantation in Guwahati, Chandigarh, and Ludhiana









Exim Bank Urban Plantation in Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Vashi



## Konica Minolta Urban Plantation Chennai



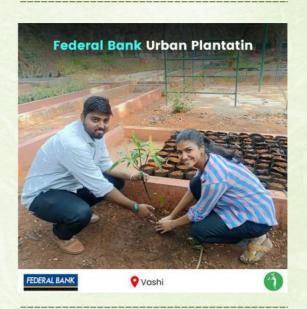
#### SAP Urban Plantation Bengaluru



Icreon Urban Plantation Noida



#### SAP Urban Plantation Delhi



Federal Bank Urban Plantation, Vashi

#### LATEST FROM SANKALPTARU OPERATIONAL MODELS

Clean & Green School Program

#### **Dentsu Creates Greener Spaces for Students & City Dwellers**

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Dentsu International India joined hands with us to plant trees in the premises of the Government Residential School at Dive Village, Pune, Maharashtra to provide greener spaces for better cognitive development and mental wellbeing of the students, & to strengthen the green lungs of the city.



## COWI India Strengthens Green Lungs of Tamil Nadu



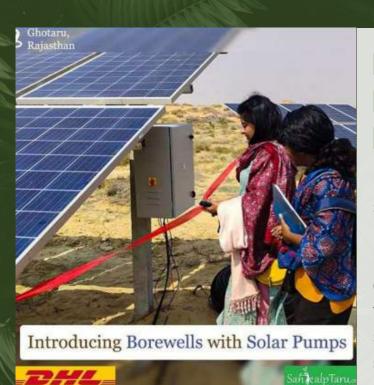
COWI India joined hands with us to plant trees in the premises of the Panchayat Union Middle School, Kazhipattur, Tamil Nadu.

## MORE 'GREEN' PARTNERSHIPS

# Innisfree Plogs Its Way To The Aravallis

A team of green enthusiasts from Innisfree India participated in the Plogging Event organized by us in our plantation site Bhavnam 2.0 on the Aravallis of Manesar, Gurugram, on the occasion of World Earth Day 2022. The event consisted of a combination of jogging and picking up litter for a healthier and cleaner Earth.



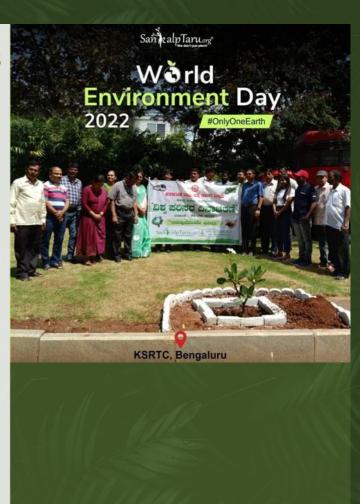


#### DHL Helps Us Introduce Borewells With Solar Pumps

DHL Express collaborated with us to support our plantation in Ghotaru, Rajasthan. The denuded lands of the Hot Desert of India are being converted into green oases through tree plantation. And, in order to sustain trees better in these water scarce and drought ridden areas, solar powered borewells have been installed at these plantation sites.

#### Bengaluru Bus Travelers Greeted with Trees at KSRTC Depots

KSRTC (Karnataka State Road Transport Corp.) collaborated with SankalpTaru to provide green natural spaces in their depots for the city dwellers. New trees welcomed Bengaluru travelers as they start their bus journeys from KSRTC city depots, present across the state. A heartfelt gratitude to the dignitaries who were part of the event. Mr. K.R Vishwanath-Chief Traffic Manager, M.R Anila Kumar- Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, Dr. T. S Latha- Chief Public Relationship Officer and Secretary KSRTC.



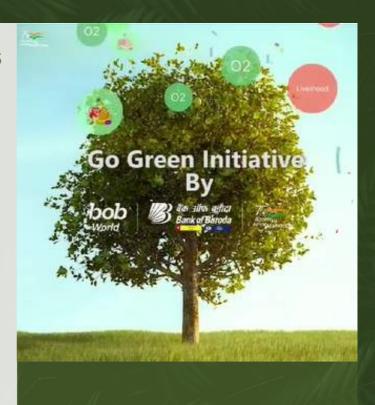


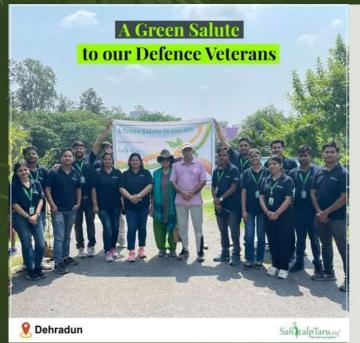
## World Environment Day wishes from the Far East!

Almost every year three to four waves of flood ravage the flood prone areas of Meghalaya. Trees can soak up excess rainwater, preventing run-offs and damage from flooding. Below are a few glimpses of the World Environment Day celebrations in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya.

#### Bank of Baroda Launches 'Go Green' Initiative With SankalpTaru

Under its ESG initiative, Bank of Baroda launched a Tree Plantation Campaign with us. On every home and auto loan disbursed, the bank commits to plant a tree for its customers, to help provide livelihoods, absorbing and locking away planet-warming carbon dioxide, and improving the health of the ecosystem.





## A Green Salute to our Defence Veterans

Known for its pleasant year-round weather and scenic surroundings, offers blend Dehradun а unparalleled landscape and gateway to several popular hill-stations. But, the bustling city can now be seen getting grasped slowly by the grip of air pollution due to increasing pollution and vehicular emissions contributed by the locals and tourists. A Monsoon Tree Plantation drive was organized in the Defence Colony of Dehradun in September 2022 as an endeavor to keep the greenery of the city alive and give a tribute to our defence veterans.

#### Plantation around Kommasandra Lake, Bangalore

SankalpTaru Foundation with the support of Mr. Anand Malligavad sets on the journey to restore greenery and biodiversity revive Kommasandra lake of Bengaluru by planting native and fruit bearing trees. Trees around the lakes provide the perfect ecosystem for flora and fauna to flourish and thus help in making the lakes healthier and cleaner with time. It will also help in lake bund wall stabilization through its roots. To make our journey more sustainable, we use Electric Vehicles to travel across this plantation site.



# Independence Day Celebration San ealpTaruog

## **Independence Day Celebrations**

Some glimpses of the celebration from our various plantation locations on the occasion of Independence Day. We would continue to serve the country from North to South and East to West. Jai Hind!

#### **Improved Air Quality Index Near Our Urban Plantations**

The Arun Vihar society, Noida has resulted in a striking improvement in the Air Quality Index. This is the of really zealful outcome members and the plantations which SankalpTaru has carried out with them in the last 4 years. The contrast shows why urban plantations are the real need of the hour. The pictures below represent the comparative analysis of AQI's monitoring on the plantation location and Noida as whole on different dates.







#### **Greenhope Initiative by SmartVeda**

Smartveda has pledged to strive to become a carbon-negative entity and one of their wonderful initiatives toward this direction is Smartveda's Green Hope. This initiative is aimed to contribute to the global effort to battle global warming and climate change by planting a tree for every order placed at smartveda.co through Sankalptaru Foundation.

## **Volunteer Plantation Drive with Delhi Govt.**

In association with the Delhi Government, we organized a volunteer plantation drive in West Delhi to fight pollution and regreen the area of Delhi. The volunteers participated with a lot of enthusiasm for the cause.





#### Distribution of Compost Bags to Rural Farmer Beneficiaries

With your valuable contribution, we assisted our diligent farmer beneficiaries with vermicompost bags too so that they can better take care of the trees you have planted for them with organic manure!

## **Beach Cleanup Drive by DHL Employees**

In order to raise public awareness of the threat of litter to both wildlife and local communities, nearly 1 Ton of garbage was collected during Mamallapuram Beach Cleanup which was organized by SankalpTaru Foundation with the employees of DHL.



#### LATEST WITH TECHNOLOGY

## Our Blockchain Technology Is Now In Latest Current Affairs!

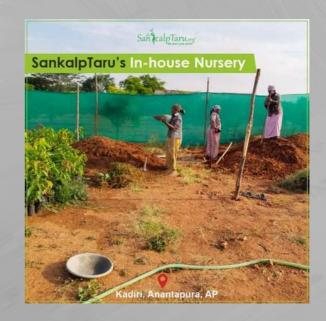
We are proud to become India's first IT enable afforestation reforestation non profit to go on blockchain in the domain of Environmental Conservation!

This means once the donor has planted a tree with us, the details are uploaded on an outsourced server from where they cannot be deleted or modified. This ensures utmost transparency and authenticity in our technology base Tree Plantation platform.



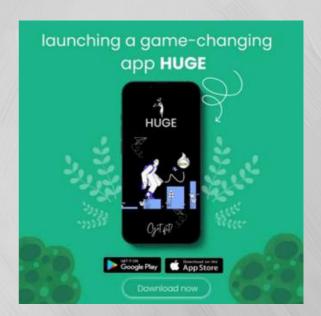
#### **12** SankalpTaru Inhouse Nursery

Sankalptaru started one of its many inhouse tech-enabled plant nurseries in Kadiri city of Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh to provide the farmerbeneficiaries of the state with better quality saplings. This nursery harbors a diverse variety of native and fruit-bearing species under a controlled and protected environment to provide optimum conditions for their growth and prevent their premature death due to long route transportation.



# 13 Launch of HUGE App - Healthy Us Greener Planet

With an aim to build greener communities powered by healthy individuals, we launched a change-making app 'HUGE' that helps you embrace fitness as you better the environment around you. The app invites users to participate in regular walkathons and earn 'Greens' that can be redeemed to plant trees! Android / iOS



# **104** Bringing Loved Ones Closer with Birthday & Anniversary Trees!

From smartphones to social media our millennial worlds have spotted expansion before. like never However, this technological intervention has also brought all of us closer even if we are miles apart! Leveraging this privilege, our IT- enabled platform has opened a doorway of sustainable birthday and anniversary globally. Now with a click of a few buttons, you can gift a birthday or an anniversary tree to your loved one, anywhere from the mystic Cold Desert of Ladakh to the barren Desert of Thar to the Islands of the Brahmaputra to the coastlines of West Bengal!



## 15 Launch of our Children's Section in SankalpTaru Blog - Planet Hero

With the belief that our future generations are instrumental in achieving a sustainable future, we launched the Planet Hero blog to inspire children through stories and activities to champion the planet's cause.



#### 16 Harnessing Solar Energy at SankalpTaru

At SankalpTaru, we harness energy from the sun to water your trees. Despite long power cuts, clean energy generated by Solar PV panels is being utilized to ensure an active irrigation system on our grounds, so that your trees never run out of water in this scorching heat. Watch the video.



#### 7 Farmers Awareness Session on Agroforestry

Best scenarios of community sensitization take place under the framework of community engagement. When people of the community are engaged in the implementation of solutions catering to the rural livelihood and environmental concerns on a grassroot level. Few glimpses of Sankalptaru's Operations Director, Ravi Bhan Singh taking the session on the 'Socioeconomic benefits of introducing agroforestry in the lives of the farmers'.



#### **SANKALPTARU BLOG**



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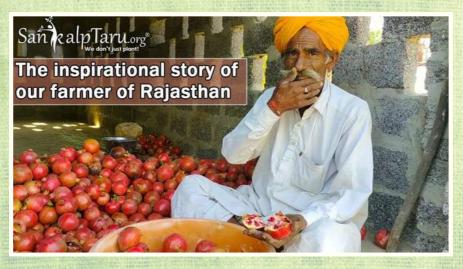
# F 1 Story of One of Our Motivated Women Farmers, Mamatha from Karnataka

At SankalpTaru, we believe that when it comes to giving support to our farming community, man and woman are no different. Infact, supporting women farmers who receive less access to resources relative to their male counterparts, can help to close the gender gap essential to accelerate the growth of the agricultural sector in our country. We <u>covered the story</u> of one such woman farmer, Mamatha from Karnataka.

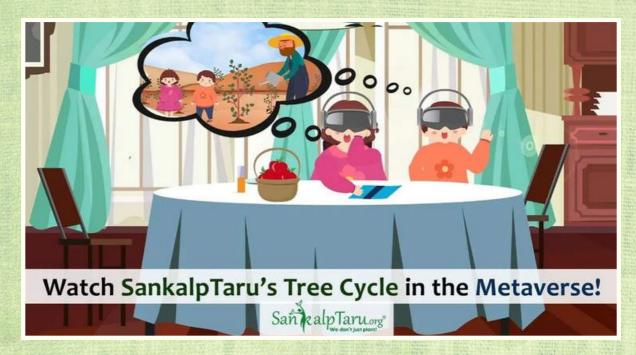


# **12** An Inspirational Story of One of Our Farmer Beneficiaries from Rajasthan

This is the story of our farmer beneficiary, Swarupa Ram from Rajasthan who once worked as a wage laborer, and has now employed people to look after his farm, producing bountiful pomegranates. Watch the video to know how his livelihood got uplifted and how he is supporting others working on his farm.







# **12** Celebrating Van Mahotsav with Vrikshalekh- Art Competition



With an intention to spread the importance of 'Trees' among the future generation, SankalpTaru organized Vrikshalekh - Art Competition for Children and received an overwhelming response from children all over the country! Have a look at the <u>video</u> to see some of the best entries received

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# P 03 KathaVarsh - Storytelling Event for Children



Sankalptaru conducted the storytelling event 'KathaVarsh' for children of the age 6+ years, with an intention to nurture the children of today as environmentally conscious citizens of tomorrow. The session concluded with fun filled activities to foster the creativity and imagination of the budding minds!

Quiz Competition - Curioso Tierra 1.0

Watch the glimpses of the Environmental Quiz
Competition Curioso Tierra 1.0.



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# P 05 Article Writing Competition- Green Reporter

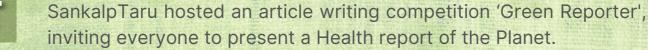


"Green Reporter Challenge"

- Article writing competition Get the actions into words.

Age Categories: under 18 years, 18+ years Last date of submission: 18th Sep, 2022

An opportunity to present the Health report of the Planet.







Urbanization is a rapidly growing phenomenon in which infrastructural advancement in general and providing modern housing in particular has become one of its prime needs. But this has been creating havoc in the environment in the form of habitat destruction for so many creatures, be it tiny or wild. Here's the story of three such tiny creatures who crave for nothing but just respect towards their existence from humans.

## P 07 From Awareness to Action

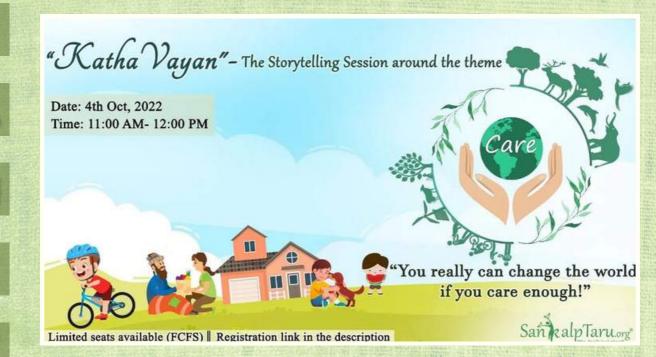


- When it comes to creating a sustainable future, the first step is to generate "Awareness" and the second step is "Action". SankalpTaru is putting its best foot forward through a fusion of various activities to bring "Environmental Awareness" and inspire "Action" in children in an interactive and fun way via story sessions, challenges and competitions. This video gives you a glance at our "Action in progress".
- R 18 (Best Out of Waste' Competition
- Festive season is the best time to declutter our personal space to invite light and growth in our lives.

  SankalpTaru brought forward the "Best Out of Waste" competition, inviting photographs of craft work.



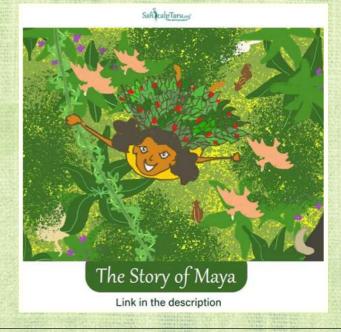
# P 09 KathaVayan- The Storytelling session



Our 'Kathakar', Storyteller weaved some amazing stories and conducted fun activities and challenges to foster the creativity and imagination of the budding minds through the storytelling event 'KathaVayan' for children of the age 6+ years, with an intention to nurture the children of today as environmentally conscious citizens of tomorrow.

## 10 Story of Maya

Have you ever felt longing for the environment in your surroundings and doing something about it? Read our series of stories about Maya to go on a similar journey.



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## P 1 1 Go Green to Breathe Clean



Read <u>our article on air pollution</u> and embrace ideas relevant to you to get environmental conservation on track!

## 12 An Ode to Our Green Heroes



It is not so common in our search to come across the profiles of eco-conscious people who, through their efforts, stand as an inspiration for all of us. Read 5 such inspiring stories of Green Heroes in this article.

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# P 13 Your Rendezvous with Nature



We organized "Your Rendezvous with Nature", a photography competition to help nature lovers showcase their passion to the world through pictures! Watch the video to know the winners and have a glance at some of the best entries received.

## 14 Story Session, Story Potpourri for International Listeners



To foster the imagination of the budding kids, SankalpTaru conducted a series of storytelling sessions in our online story theater for the kids living outside India.

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# P 15 Storytelling Session for Kids with iikonz, Skill Tree & Story Clouds

SankalpTaru in association with iikonz, Skill Tree & Story Clouds conducted an offline Story event for children of the age group 6-9 years to spread environmental awareness as a part of the event G.A.M.E - Green Awareness Marathon through Environmental Storytelling by NGO SankalpTaru. Children thoroughly enjoyed the session loaded with fun-filled activities with the multitalented storyteller, Priya Balsubrahmanian.

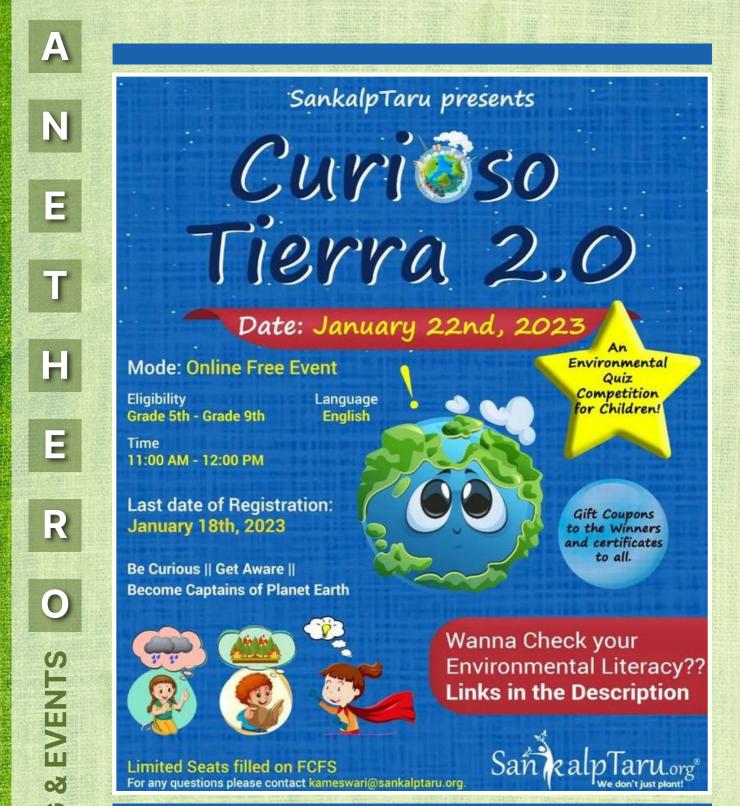




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## P 16 Quiz Competition- Curioso Tierra 2.0

We organized a 2nd season of the Environmental Quiz, Curioso Tierra 2.0, in January 2023.



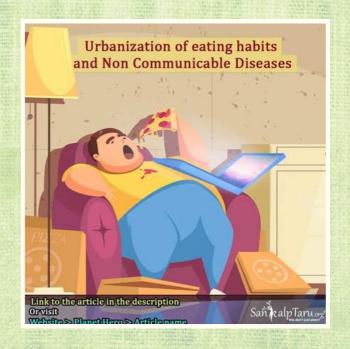
P 17 Storytelling Session for Kids



SankalpTaru in association with StoryTeller Meenakshi conducted an Online Story event for children of the age group 6+ years to spread environmental awareness. The session was a part of the event G.A.M.E - Green Awareness Marathon through Environmental Storytelling by SankalpTaru.

#### 18 Urbanization of Eating Habits & Non-Communicable Diseases

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# P 19 Child Development & Nature



Spending time in nature, right from childhood, boosts creativity, and imagination. Natural phenomena fascinate a kid and open up doors of curiosity. It makes kids question and learn from a young age. Read the article to learn more.

## 20 'Green Spaces' Competition for Nature Lovers



Cultivating green spaces is a hobby for some and a passion for others! Whatever it is, gardening has got immense benefits both to the mind and the body! We invited all the green enthusiasts and plant lovers who maintain green space in and around their home/work space to submit video/photo of their efforts.

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#### We are now on Spotify!® spotify

Listen to our 'SankalpTaru Environmental Stories' Podcast



We presented a century-old folktale from the 'Jeweled land' of India on environmental conservation as <u>a podcast</u>.

# **HUMANS OF TREES SERIES**





Atul V. Kulkarni, an IPS officer, is also an ardent green crusader, who very enthusiastically promotes environmental awareness activities and tree plantation drives across all Police Station, Headquarters of his sites of postings.

Urban Planner from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai in the area of Urban policy and Governance, he is very well aware of the impact of afforestation in mitigating urban environmental challenges such as heat waves, urban heat islands, organic soil conservation, stormwater absorption, carbon emissions, air pollution etc.

Currently posted in Chandrapur, he has carried out a tree plantation project where his team has planted over 10,000 trees in the denuded football ground near his residential area and the Police Station, Headquarters' premises of Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

His team is actively involved in the post plantation maintenance for the sustenance and healthy survival of the trees planted and appeals everyone to join this movement of spreading the environmental consciousness to combat the planetary emergency of global warming and climate crisis.

Check out his video at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nm\_nFWGCCiE&t=170s



Atul V. Kulkarni
IPS officer

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Karnav Rastogi is a grade 7th student of Mumbai, who has created a series of storybooks titled, "Kartik and Mixie" which have socio-environmental messages in them. He regularly conducts workshops for children to promote creative writing among them.

He has been felicitated by the Department of women and child development, Mumbai and has been invited as the chief guest to inspire children from various orphanages at Children Aid Society. He has been awarded the Gold award by The Royal Commonwealth Society, London for his writing work in the year 2021.

He is also the youngest recipient of "Pride of Indian Education Award" in the category of the 'Most Talented Youngest Author of the Year (2019)'.

His literary work on coronavirus was appreciated and he was awarded the title of 'Youngest Indian Corona Ambassador' in spreading awareness about coronavirus through various digital medium- 2020.

He finds solace in nature and feels it is a great inspiration for him to write. He contributes to nature by condemning single use plastic and is a United Nations certified Tide turner plastic champion.



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#### Karnav Rastogi

Youngest author and fiction writer of india



There are only a few people who live, work and fight for nature! A story of an ordinary person who turned into a protector of nature and got a new identity 'Ped Wale Guruji'! He is an environmentalist who planted and nurtured more than 1.5 lakh trees. That person is Mr. Dhan Singh Ghariya and let us get to know more about his journey, struggle, inspiration, work, and thoughts about nature in their interview. Watch it here.





Mr. Dhan Singh Ghariya

Ped wale Guruji



One of our 'Humans of Trees' puts the spotlight on Abhijith Magal, a global marketer in the healthcare industry, a part-time traveler, photographer, adventurer, and a passionate environmental enthusiast, who is determined to raise awareness about the serious issues concerning the health of our planet, through his personal blog, thepolarbearwriter. His blog aims to bring the topical matters of socio-environmental concerns into sharper focus, encouraging people of all ages to discuss possible solutions that could help create positive changes. Through even-handed storytelling, his sincere attempts are to shed light on our collective responsibility for the unfortunate climate-related consequences to make sure people understand the gravity of the situation and contribute consciously, in the ways they can. He has also contributed some amazing articles for our blog, Planet Hero on Urban Heat Islands and Plastic Reduction. Read his articles here.





#### **Abhijith Magal**

a global marketer in the healthcare industry a part-time traveler, photographer, adventurer and a passionate environmental enthusiast

#### **HUGE WALKATHONS & EVENTS**

#### Mother's Day Walkathon

We celebrated the very special Mother's Day Walkathon Challenge on our HUGE app to encourage our users to spend some time with their mums outdoors and make some 'mum'ories!



# On the occasion of the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi Walk 1,53,000 steps till 2nd October, 2022 and get a tree planted in your name Buil D And Stre Ngthen Gan Dhi's Ind la March Walkathon Download the SankalpTaru HUGE App and Join the Walkathon SankalpTarung

#### **Dandi March Walkathon**

On the occasion of the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, we organized a walkathon DANDI March (BuilD And StreNgthen GanDhi's India). Participants from all ages and backgrounds participated in the 1,53,000 steps walkathon with full enthusiasm and vigor and got the chance to have a tree planted in their name as a tribute to Bapu!!

#### **Amrit Mahotsav Walkathon**

SankalpTaru celebrated 75 years of Independence by launching 'Amritmahotsav Walkathon' challenge of completing 75000 steps August, 2022. The winners were rewarded with trees in our Mission INDIA project in Ghotaru, Jaisalmer (near to the Battlefield of Longewala, 1971 Border) to give tribute to the Indian Army. Together we walked 6.8 million steps and covered more than 5000 Kms, a distance equivalent from Kashmir to Kanyakumari (to and fro)! So, by walking these 6.8 million steps not only we burnt around 2.4 lakh calories but also ditched generating 1.6 tons of Carbon emissions!



## End of the Summer Walkathon



## Teacher's Day Walkathon



#### **November Walkathons**



Thanksgiving Walkathon



Public Transport Day Walkathon



Children's Day Walkathon



8 Billion 1 Cause Walkathon

#### **December Walkathons**



The Wonder of
Winter
Workouts
Improves
endurance
We roll out walkathons
continuously. Join us!
P.S. Always check with your doctor first.
(Source: Harvard Health Publishing)

Download now

2023 Walkathon





Be a Santa Walkathon



BYOB Campaign

#### **January Walkathons**

### **February Walkathons**



Republic Day Walkathon



Walk for your love Walkathon

### **March Walkathons**



Walk for Planet Walkathon



One Hour Walk Walkathon

## **GRAMYUMM - NEW PRODUCT LAUNCHES**

### **GRAMYUMM**

Our online platform offers premium quality organic goods, sourced directly from our rural farmer beneficiaries across the country. Since there are no middlemen involved, your contributions directly go in the direction of uplifting their livelihoods. Check out our basket of farm fresh, eco-conscious products:

- Allspice Star Chai Masala
- Anardana
- Kitchen Garden Kit
- Magical Seasoning Salt
- Khaad Pellets for Plant Nutrition













# TREK - THE ROAD TO ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE SERIES

### **01** Explaining The Phenomenon of Cloudbursts



We are familiar with the devastating cloudburst that hits the Himalayas every year, including the latest ones in Amarnath and Kullu this year. While the Himalayas are prone to the moisture-rich air reaching up to them due to the faster warming up of oceans leading to cloudbursts, let us know more about them and how we can protect ourselves from this nature's wrath, in this video of our TREK series.

### **02** The Himalayan Yew or Thuner Tree



Due to its tremendous medicinal utility in the wide scale treatment of cancer, asthma, bronchitis and epilepsy, the Himalayan Yew also known as Thuner tree has now become endangered and is threatened with extinction due to its illegal cutting of plant parts and other anthropogenic pressures. Watch the video here.

### **03** The Himalayan Birch Tree



A tree from folklore, where the environment has been a thing of great worth to scholars along with being a life-giver. Betula Utilis or the Himalayan tree also known as Bhojpatra is a deciduous tree and forms a vital part of the wildlife reserves.

In older times, Bhojpatra peels were extracted from the bark of the tree to write sacred mantras. Now, even with the advent of the technology and availability of other alternatives such as recycled paper, these trees are still being harmed by unscrupulously extracting the peels out of their bark. Watch the video here.

### **04** Trees of Hills

Native Coniferous trees such as Oak and Cedar really contribute to the long-term ecological security of the higher altitude regions by holding the soil together and acting as a water sponge to slowly release the absorbed water downhills. But, oftentimes they face threats from invasive species like Pine. Therefore, planting more native trees becomes crucial not only in combating climate change but also in counteracting invasive species. Watch the video to know more.

## **O5** The Importance of Mulching to Protect the Trees



Every drop of water counts! And, so we employ techniques such as Mulching for the most effective utilization of water resources for planting and maintaining trees in water-stressed regions such as Ladakh. Watch the video to learn more.



## WE DON'T JUST PLANT - SERIES

## **Episode 5 Featuring Greenathon Warriors- Nikhil & Paridhi**

With the intention of pitching in more greenery and sustainability initiatives, Nikhil and Paridhi are set on an exemplary walking expedition to cover 3120 Kms across the entire Ladakh which is under a tremendous pressure of Climate Change and irresponsible waste dumping. The video encapsulates their intentions of transforming the mindsets of all the stakeholders to travel responsibly with minimum impact and positive outcomes for the destination.



## **Episode 6 Featuring Importance of Alpine Meadow Ecosystem on the Rudranath Trek**

The celestial temple of Rudranath is snuggled inside the rhododendron forests and the alpine meadows. On their way back on the Rudranath Trek, Apurva Bhandari, CEO and Founder of SankalpTaru Foundation dives deep into a conversation with Dr. Arvind Bhatt, Assistant Professor (Geology), Govt. PG College, Gopeshwar, Uttarakhand to understand the importance of the Alpine Meadow Ecosystem and how responsible tourism can prevent its degradation. Watch the video to know more.



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



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#### **AUDITOR's REPORTS**

To,
The Managing Committee,
SANKALPTARU FONDATION,
Gàndhi Nagar, Lane No.-1, Badrish Colony, Dehradun,
P.O. Nehru Gram, District Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of SANKALPTARU FONDATION, Gandhi Nagar, Lane No.-1, Badrish Colony, P.O. Nehru Gram, Dehradun, District Dehradun, Uttarakhand, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and also the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date. These Financial statements are the responsibility of Samiti (Foundation). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our examination.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Auditing Standards generally accepted in India. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, or a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis of our opinion.

#### We further report that:-

- We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- 2. In our opinion proper books of accounts as required by law, have been kept by the Samiti for as appears from our examination of such books:
- In the statement of accounts dealt with this report are in agreement with books of accounts.
- In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to information given to us, the said account gives a true and fair

a.In the case of the Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and b. In the case of the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

5. We are also responsible for verifying the statement of particulars required to be furnished under Section 12A(b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, annexed herewith in Form No. 10B (Rule 16CC and 17B) in case of charitable or religious trust or institution. FORM No. 10B of Income Tax Act, 1961 is enclosed with this Report.

For THAPLIYAL & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants

Firm Registration No. 028809C

Place: Dehradun

Dated: 29th October 2023

(CA Divyanshu Thapliyal) ACA

Membership No. 449018 UDIN: 23449018BGXMOJ2042



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#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 st March 2023

FUNDS & LIABILITIES		AMOUNT	ASSETS		AMOUNT
CAPITAL FUND: Opening Balance ADD.: Excess of Income over Expenditure (Transferred from Income & Exp. A/c)  ENDOWNMENT/EARMARKED FUND: Opening Balance Cif as per last B/S ADD: Addition during the year LESS: Utilized during the year  SECURED LOAN: Term Loan from ICICI Bank, Dehradun ICICI Bank Car Loan-LADEH44994062	42686037.72 25220544.53 5875352.00	6,79,06,582.25 68,75,352.00	FIXED ASSETS:  Building - Research Centre  Opening Balance C/f as per last B/S Camaras - Opening Balance C/f Computer & Laptops - Op. Balance Furniture & Fixtures - Op. Balance Electrical & Electronic Items - Op bal Land - Opening Balance C/f Mobile Phones - Opening Balance C/f Vehicles - Opening Balance C/f ADD. TATA Nexon EV XZ+ (Electronic) Inverter & Battery - Op. Balance C/f Water Moters, Pump & Tanks etc.	1128794.18 8500.00 809237.99 183540.00 199385.15 3776098.00 196187.20 2616261.00 1984001.00 55545.41	
ICICI Bank Car Loan-40499157 ICICI Bank Car Loan-LADEH46176974	197092.00 903484.00	14,51,437.00	Opening Balance C/f as per last B/S Solar Energy System - Research Centre Opening Balance C/f as per last B/S	172900.00	1,12,36,009.93
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS: Sundry Creditors Advances Payable to Staff (at Sites) TDS Payable Audit Fee Payable Salary & Bonus Payable to Staff Professional Fee Payable Provident Fund (EPF) Payable	5476505.61 599047.00 254572.00 100000.00 593621.00 143388.00 140960.00	73,08,093.61	INVESTMENTS: FDRs with Bank of Baroda ADD. Interest Accrued on FDRs  CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCE Cash in hand Imprest Account with Site Staff Advance to Suppliers Bank Balances - State Bank of India, Dehradun ICICI Bank Ltd., Dehradun State Bank -FCRA Account Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., D Dun Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., FCRA A/c Punjab National Bank, Dehradun Bank of Baroda, Dehradun AXIS Bank Ltd., Dehradun Security Deposits - with parties Sundry Debtors Income Tax - TDS & TCS (Recoverable TDS & TCS FY 2022-23 ( AY 23-24) TDS (AY 2020-21 & AY 2021-2022)	1000000 38033 ES: 7308070.06 29897880.53 7503223.70 86769.00 330.00 17809.60 71.64 9580816.00	5,81,922.18 2,93,639.00 34,80,266.22 5,43,94,970.53 26,000.00 1,02,35,731.30
TOTAL		8,25,41,464.86	TOTAL		8,25,41,464.86

NOTE :- Notes to Accounts and significance accounting policy attached.

Date :- 29 -10 -2023

Place : Dehradun

For Sankalptaru Foundation

President

As per our report attached on even date For THAPLIYAL & ASSOCIATES

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED on 31 st March 2023

EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT	INCOME		AMOUNT
To Plantation Expenses -			By Members Donations received from -		7.000111
Electricity & Fuel Expenses	1,68,140.00		General members for E -Plantation	17223328.14	
Labour Wages including Contractors	7,92,41,453.71		General members for Plantation	276996.00	1,75,00,324.1
Labour Welfare (at Site) Expenses	22,65,304.50		The specifical and the second of the second		
Nursery Expenses at sites	8,03,495.00				
Procurement of Sapplings & Plants	11,26,11,292.00		By Plantation Amount received during		
Transportation of Sapplings & Plants	32,90,856.00		the year	314156480.13	31,41,56,480.1
Site Development Expenses	2,59,93,466.57		**************************************		
Pestisides & Seed Expenses	11,37,539.00		By Donation/ Contribution from Foreign		
Plant Sustance & Monitoring Exps	7,68,000.00				
Site Office (Plantation) Expenses	92,88,070.36		for Plantation activities received	16127740.44	1,61,27,740.4
Hiring of JCB & other Machines	57,13,835.50				
Irrigation & Infrastructure Devp. Exps	1,99,88,700.00		By Bank Interest on Saving A/cs		
Repair & Maintenance Exps at Site	1,72,654.00		(ICICI Bank, AXIS Bank & Kotak Bank)	1978311.00	19,78,311.0
Travelling & Convenance Exps. Sites	51,60,429.47		**************************************		1124400000000000
Research Centre Expenses	2,04,83,203.97	28,70,86,440.08	By Interest on Bank Deposits/ FDRs -		42,259.0
			Bank of Baroda for Plantation Security		,
To Adminstrative Expenses -					
Offices Maintenance Expenses	9,53,022.35		By Interest on Income Tax Refund		38810.6
Rent - Offices	6,15,197.00				00010.0
Advertisment & Publicity Exps.	700.00		By Miscellinous Income		820.2
Provident Fund- Employer Share	7,96,375.00		T.		020.2
Telephone, Internet & Mobile Exps.	3,77,663.45				
Website, Network & Computer Exps	30,10,209.14				
Travelling & Conveyance Expenses	13,81,133.49				
Product & Marketing Research Exps.	1,12,505.00				
Financial ExpsBank Charges & Interest	1,39,878.98				
Business Devlopment expenses	1,94,241.41				
Conferences & Seminar Expenses	16,36,042.51				
Audit Fees	1,00,000.00				
Legal Fee & Professional Charges	17,03,750.00				
Courier & Postage Expenses	6,700.00				-
Electricity & Water Expenses	32,076.00				
Insurance expenses	1,22,488.00				
Miscellinous Expenses	2,420.47				
Printing & Stationery Expenses	1,51,479.42				
Salaries & allowances	1,92,42,768.00				
Staff Welfare & Benefit Expenses	59,65,923.86				
Guest House Expenses	50,000.00				
Vehicle Running Expenses	9,43,186.96	3,75,37,761.04			
To Excess of Income Over Expenditure Carr	ied			. 10	
down To Balance Sheet - Capital Fund		2,52,20,544.53			
TOTAL		34,98,44,745.65	TOTAL		34,98,44,745.65

NOTE:- Notes to Accounts and significance accounting policy attached.

Date :- 29 -10 -2023 , Place : Dehradun

Treasurer Secre

ry President

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As per our report attached on even date For THAPLIYAL & ASSOCIATES

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Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2023

			PAYMENTS		AMOUNT
To Opening Balances B/f - Cash In Hand Imprest Account with Site Staff Bank Balances - State Bank of India, Dehradun ICICI Bank Ltd., Dehradun SBI Bank LtdFCRA Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., D Dun Kotak Mahindra Bank LtdFCRA A/c Punjab National Bank, Dehradun Bank of Baroda, Dehradun To Members Donations received from from General Public for E -Plantation from General members for Plantation	1733220.86 21464410.62 5066097.30 83798.00 318.00 17809.60 384958.14 17223328.14 276996.00	2,52,181.90 12,966.00 2,87,50,612.52 1,75,00,324.14	Hiring of JCB & other Machines Irrigation & Infrastructure Devp. Exps Repair & Maintenance Exps at Site Travelling & Convenance Exps. Sites	168140.00 79241453.71 2265304.50 803495.00 112611292.00 3290856.00 25993466.57 1137539.00 768000.00 9288070.36 5713835.50 19988700.00 172654.00 5160429.47	
o Plantation Amount received during the year	314156480.13	31,41,56,480.13		20483203.97	28,70,86,440.0
o Donation/ Contribution from Foreign for Plantation activities received	16127740.44	1,61,27,740.44	Offices Maintenance Expenses Rent Offices Advertisment & Publicity Exps.	953022.35 615197.00 700.00	
o Bank Interest on Saving A/cs - Interest on Saving Bank A/cs [ICICI Bank, AXIS Bank & Kotak Mahindra I	1978311.00 Bank)	19,78,311.00	Provident Fund- Employer Share Telephone, Internet & Mobile Exps. Website, Network & Computer Exps Travelling & Conveyance Expenses	796375.00 377663.45 3010209.14 1381133.49	-
o Interest on Bank Deposits/ FDRs - Bank of Baroda for Plantation Security	42259.00	42,259.00	Product & Marketing Research Exps. Financial Exps Charges & Interest Business Devlopment expenses	112505.00 139878.98 194241.41	
o Interest on Income Tax Refund	38810.69	38,810.69	Conferences & Seminar Expenses Legal Fee & Professional Charges	1636042.51 1703750.00	
o Miscellinous Income		820.25	Courier & Postage Expenses Electricity & Water Expenses Insurance expenses	5700.00 32076.00	
To Income Tax Refund of FY 2020-21 & 2021-22  To Increase & Decrease in Balance Sheet: Increase in Secured Loan Liabilities 607078.00 Increase in Current Liabilities 2570599.85 Decrease in Current Assets 1203519.30		653319.31 4381197.15	Miscellinous Expenses Printing & Stationery Expenses Salaries & Allowances Staff Welfare & Benefit Expenses Guest House Expenses	122488.00 2420.47 151479.42 19242768.00 5965923.86 50000.00	
	1200015.00	7001107.10	Vehicle Running Expenses By Fixed Assets Purchase - Vehicles By TDS & TCS Deducted by Parties By Closing Balances C/d Bank Balances - State Bank of India, Dehradun ICICI Bank Ltd., Dehradun State Bank -FCRA Account Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., D Dun Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., D Dun Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Pehradun Bank of Baroda, Dehradun AXIS Bank Ltd., Dehradun FDRs with ICICI Bank, Dehradun Imprest Account with Site Staff Cash in hand	7308070.06 29897880.53 7503223.70 86769.00 330.00 17809.60 71.64 9580816.00	5,43,94,970.5: 10,00,000.00
TOTAL		38,38,95,022,53	TOTAL		5,81,922.1 38,38,91,322.5

Date :- 29 -10 -2023

Place : Dehradun

resident

As per our report attached on even date

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## **TESTIMONIALS FROM THE GROUND**

## **Story of Our Farmer Suhas Sahebrao Singhade from Maharashtra**



Greetings! My name is **Mamatha**, I'm from Bilichodu Gram Panchayat, Jagalur, Davangere District. I came from an agricultural family background. Our family's main occupation is agriculture. Due to the less rainfall pattern, we faced drought for many years, and also, we took an amount of Rs. 50,000 loan from the bank for agricultural purposes.

We got to know about SankalpTaru Foundation from our village head. SankalpTaru Foundation provided us with free Taiwan-pink variety guava saplings. After a few months due to climatic changes guava fruits got affected by scab diseases, in that situation SankalpTaru Foundation team suggested how to control the diseases. After that we started getting good yields, and also got income. SankalpTaru Foundation is helping many farmers by distributing free saplings.

Thank you so much to the entire SankalpTaru team for all the support.

## **Growing Hope: A Farmer's Journey with Your Support**



Hello, I am **Abhishek** and I belong to Paharia village and I have planted the sapling. I have got the sapling through SankalpTaru which is an NGO which is a good initiative. We have got around 1200 saplings which we have planted. Have got the plants done and let us tell you that we have got the plants free of cost. We thank SankalpTaru Foundation because through this the environment is being purified. This is an initiative to purify the environment and with this, we have received saplings and our request is also that the way SankalpTaru Foundation is working in purifying the environment, we should also work to increase the employment of farmers because the saplings will become a source of income after two-three years. Through this, there will be income and along with this, the environment will also be purified, so I request you all to plant as many trees as possible and along with this, the way the NGO is working with determination to improve the environment. You should also take this initiative forward in purifying and increasing the income of farmers and common people.

Join SankalpTaru Foundation and get saplings planted. Get as many saplings planted as possible so that our source of income increases and along with it, the environment too. Be pure.

## **Story of Our Farmer Suhas Sahebrao Singhade from Maharashtra**

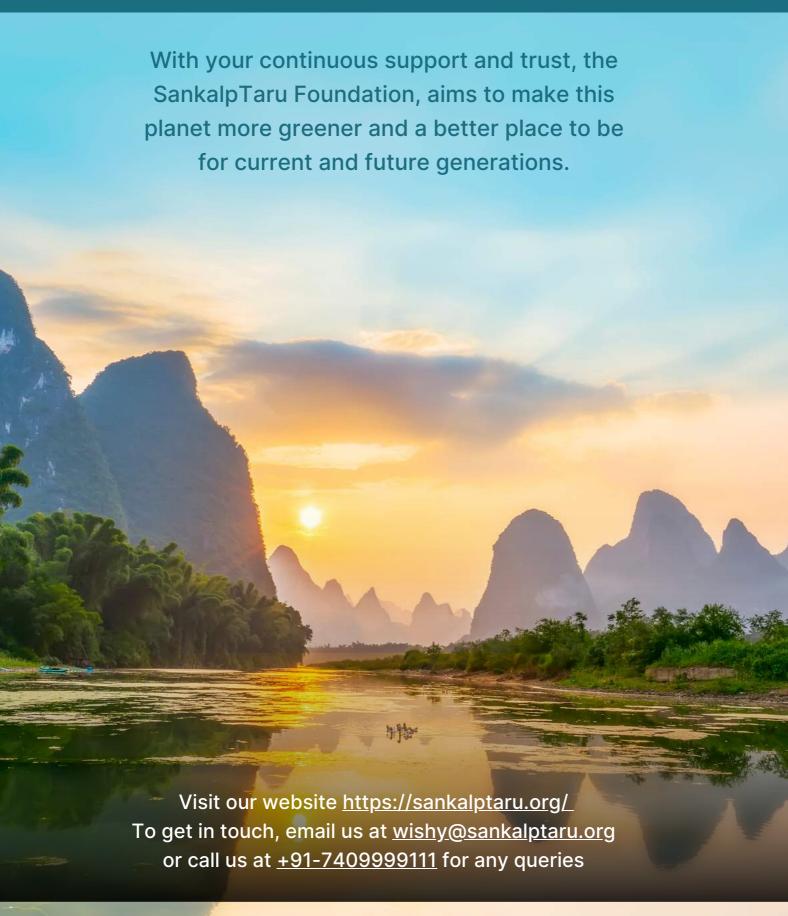


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDvo90vCqPQ

Myself Suhas Sahebrao Singhade from Hiwarkhed, Khamgao Taluka, Buldhana District. In my family, there are 4 members. I have 2 boys, 1 is studying in 10th standard and the other one is in 11th, studying science. Before the plantation of fruit saplings, we cultivated traditional crops like Soyabean, Cotton, Wheat etc. and because of that we couldn't afford proper education for our kids. We were also in a lot of debt which hindered our personal lives as we couldn't take proper care of our house infrastructure. During the covid pandemic, SankalpTaru Foundation had distributed fruit saplings to us. When there was no support for the marginal farmers like us, SankalpTaru Foundation came to our rescue and we are very grateful to them. Their operations/ on ground team has also provided us with guidance time and again. The loan which we had because of the traditional crops has reduced to a great extent because of this initiative SankalpTaru Foundation has provided me with Guava (Peru), Custard Apple (Sitaphal), Oranges and Mosambi saplings. Before this we did farming with traditional crops like Soyabean, Cotton etc. and the income was less as compared to the investments.

With the help of SankalpTaru Foundation, our investments have reduced and our income has increased. During covid pandemic, SankalpTaru Foundation came as a savior and distributed the fruit saplings free of cost and we are very grateful to them. Because of SankalpTaru Foundation our lives have become easier, and we can also look after our children's education Because of this initiative and these fruit saplings, we are prospering now financially.

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