



# SEWA SANDESH

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Civil Society is a part of a greater value system where the ideals of sewa or selfless service drive the cause of development. This service is reflective of engaging volunteers in community-driven activities and philanthropic organizations for providing platforms for their participation. The word “sewa” too itself has the scope of expansion in this process of serving the unserved, a new sense of understanding can emerge.

There is a greater responsibility on the part of the civil society organization to imbibe the values of empathy and selflessness into society. As we got the opportunity to serve one of the themes of engagement groups: Civil 20, Sewa- Sense of Service, Philanthropy and Volunteerism we aim to reflect these values in our activities.

We are planning to hold Chaupal (traditional discussion forums) and Samajshala all across India to share knowledge and engage different sections of society to spread awareness about volunteerism. In the coming weeks, we will be working towards making C20 a success by engaging people for the development of India. We are looking for your support throughout C20 and to make it a memorable feat.

Join us as a volunteer.

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Abhishek Kumar

(Executive Director Sewa International)



## When Bhotiyas arrived in Delhi

6 years ago Narmada Devi's village had no roads. She hadn't left her home town in Uttarakhand. Delhi is somewhere very far from her reach. When she came here for Handicraft & Product Development workshop, she was amazed to see huge buildings, crowded places, and bustling streets. In this workshop, she used technology to improve her craft. This event was organized in collaboration with IIT Delhi. 4 producers and 1 resource person of Sewa International are being trained. Sewa International is working locally for Bhotia artefacts and self-employment.

## Lata: A mighty heart

My husband left the mountain for work and went to the city. Coincidentally, during those days, the people of 'Sewa International' organization came to the village. They offered to teach commercial farming. Due to this, I could get more profit. After completion of training, Lata Ji started training other women in nearby villages. Today more than 1500 women have joined organic farming. Sewa International has also worked with men who have returned from the cities to the village. Her story got featured in Dainik Bhaskar.



Link to watch:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ynjxbh3z>

## Bringing technology to tribes

We are privileged to add computer education to their lives. We all grew up learning computers. It is normal for an urban child to have access to computer education. But for tribal children of Tripura, it is a luxury they can't fathom to afford.

The world is moving towards technological advancement. Therefore, it has become a requirement for today and the future, especially for academic and employment purposes. We inaugurated a new computer centre for the tribal students in Kanchanpur, North Tripura. These students will be trained in basic computer skills such as Microsoft word, MS excel and MS PowerPoint.



## Managing the fragility of the Himalayas

Our team in Uttarakhand mapped out the needs of the affected people of Joshimath. We realised that the people needed ration supplies to sustain as of now. It took hours for the team to pack the ration kits and the very next day they were out on the ground to distribute the kits.

It is troublesome for the people that Joshimath is sinking. Several homes have developed cracks and are now in danger of completely collapsing. We are working with the people of Joshimath to make their lives easier during these difficult times.



# Volunteer for C20 Working Group\*

- Graphic Designer
- Research Executive
- Social Media and Outreach Executive



## Service, Philanthropy and Volunteerism

We are chosen to carry out the activities of one of the engagement groups: Civil 20 for the year 2023. It is a huge opportunity to make a difference.

20 motivated individuals are needed as volunteers for a working group of C20 (Civil Society 20). These enthusiastic, innovative and compassionate individuals will take India's Social Power to every nook and hook of the world for the greater good of humanity and the environment.

Link to join as a volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/yckkw5e9>



## Keep'em Beesy

Beekeeping is new for us. Working with the community made us realise that there was a lot to learn for us as well. We are working with the people of Uttarakhand to establish a central honey process and packaging unit. 40+ beekeepers were trained for livelihood and employment generation. We hope to improve the livelihood opportunities for the people of Uttarakhand through beekeeping.

## Out of the box

Interpersonal skills hold a critical role in today's fast pace environment. Only textbook education will not be enough if one wants to excel in life.

A student interaction program was held at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, Maharashtra for 85+ students. A two-hour interactive session was conducted on thinking out of the box, the importance of perseverance and collaboration along with some fun activities to engage the students.



## Building a resilient society

Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General, Sewa International, and the chairperson of the Disaster and Sustainability Summit: Vision 2047, presented the 25 years of disaster management experience that will serve as a blueprint for all.

The Summit: Vision 2047 brought together dignitaries from across India to debate the identification of key contexts of futuristic 'risk and resilience,' as well as a roadmap for a sustainable future within an integrated strategic framework.



## Resilience and Sustainability Summit: Vision 2047



# A wave of change in the Northeast

With a little intervention from our end enables the farmers for pineapple farming. For marginalised farmers, this initiative has provided a decent source of income. Though a small group of 50 farmers are the direct beneficiaries, the initiative has touched the lives of many families.



100+ farmers have successfully raised fish in their local ponds, from fingerlings to fish. A fruitful result of hard work can now be sold at a profit in the market. Location: Gokulnagar and Kalyanpur, Tripura



100 farmers as potential beneficiaries who will engage in piggery farming. We've distributed necessary items like GCI tin sheets and 500-litre water tanks for pig sheds to these farmers.



We have come a long way with the farmers of Tripura. The zeal of these farmers never wavered, even while living in impoverished areas where unemployment is rampant. Each step is a step closer to empowering farmers in North Tripura. Sewa International's initiative to create livelihood opportunities for farmers made it possible.

## Interns speak

"The team here provides continuous support and supervises accordingly which acts as a helping hand in developing some valuable insights. I have learned a lot of things from this internship, be it from the formation of SHGs to the implementation of Projects under various themes."

– Prajjawal



"Delving into the fields, discovering the intricacies of rural hills, dapple the faults  
Now that's what you call an internship in the Development sector. Working at sewa International was a constant learning process and reminded me a lot of the group work we do in class. The terms learned in class which are equity, sustainability and productivity, come to the real world at the organisation."

– Sanjay

"I have learnt a lot about the formation of SHG, functions of SHG, project implementation, selection of beneficiaries, and monitoring. I would like to thank every Karyakartas working at Sewa International."

– Sachin

