



SEWA SANDESH

Namaskar,

As the world is coming together, the rich atlas of emotions experienced and placed in our hearts gives us a reminder of the realities and difficulties that the world is facing. As we are deepening our commitment to making the world one happy family.

Recently the convention of climate change 27 was held at Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. The event continued from 6th Nov-18th Nov 2022 where each day was allotted a particular theme from finance to decarbonisation, gender, water, and so on and so forth.

COP27 has brought together more than 45,000 participants to share ideas and solutions, and build partnerships. Indigenous peoples, local communities, cities and civil societies, including youth and children, showcased how we the world address climate change and shared how it impacts their lives.

This gathering has reaffirmed their commitment to limiting global temperature rise. For long-term sustainable development, it is crucial to live in harmony with nature. Against all the efforts, living in harmony with nature comes with little or no side effects. And we have seen this when we took a back seat during the COVID wave and let nature heal.

Therefore, in the upcoming HIMSamwaad - A Trans-Himalayan conference, we will be concentrating on localised solutions and systems approaches. Your participation is as crucial as the Himalaya guarding us.

Let's come up together!

Dhanyawaad

**Abhishek Kumar
Executive Director
Sewa International**



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My name is Vimla Devi and I am from Kandara village. I bought a phone, I didn't know that this little device had so much power. It all changed when I joined Sewa International's SHG (Self-help group). The digital learning training from NASSCOM enabled me to learn the smallest details of phone banking, UPI payments, and social media. Immediately, I started sharing pictures of my produce on Facebook and Whatsapp with price details. On one occasion, a group of people looked at my Facebook post and came looking for me. They were surprised when I asked them to do a UPI payment. This incident shows that this program makes women like me more self-reliant.

Perseverance, Peas, and Production

My name is Kalpeshwari Devi, I am one of the directors of the Himsampada producer company. We used to grow crops for our sustenance but faced difficulties due to animal grazing and little or no training. With the help of Sewa International's community farming project, we worked together to grow pea crops. We received training and tools along with polyhouses that resulted in bumper production. Due to this, we are able to earn a livelihood and learnt to work together.



Padwomen

Every year, approximately 12.3 billion tonnes of sanitary napkins are produced, resulting in 113,000 tonnes of waste. We are all aware of the recent campaigns on the usage of pads during menstruation, but it is also critical to recognise the serious environmental constraints.

We organised a one-day workshop in Kutch, Gujarat, to teach women how to make reusable sanitary pads. We hope to create local solutions focusing on job opportunities by manufacturing eco-friendly sanitary pads and promoting pad use among rural women.

My little contribution to the Sewa fellowship program



I am L V Aathavan. I have been working as a film and TV director for over 37 years. I am also actively working on my YouTube channel: Tamilnadhi. My daughter Shivani, one of the fellows from the Sewa fellowship program is currently residing and working at Akshara Vanam Education Research Centre, Telangana which is home to about 70 students and 15 researchers.

One of the most interesting and exciting things happened when I visited the centre. Sreepathy Reddy Ji, her mentor, who was the Head researcher of Akshara Vanam had asked me to take classes on these topics. I readily accepted and promised to conduct classes for their students every month at the research centre. I had also given practical exposure to the students with a projector, digital camera, and audio facilities about film direction, camera, lighting, editing, and screenplay.

Nurturing talent by supporting education

Sania Patel is a brilliant and active child from Orissa. She performs both classical and western dance and also participates in debate and essay writing competitions. After her father's demise due to COVID, her family shifted to a nearby village which is 10 km from her school.

As the family lost the breadwinner, Sania gets 1500 rupees from the government of Odisha under the Ashirwad Yojana scheme, and her mother gets 500 rupees. When it became difficult for Sania's mother to pay the school fees, they learnt about Sewa International from their relatives and applied for sponsorship.

Sania received support last year and this year through the Sponsor a Child program. Her mother is very happy and thankful to Sewa International.

Finding localised solutions to the Himalayan development



HIMSAmwaad-A Trans-Himalayan conference will enable long-term collaboration with various stakeholders to create opportunities for ensuring sustainability in the Himalayan region.

To serve the same purpose, our team met Shri Rajeshwar Singh Chandel Ji, Vice Chancellor of Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry along with other officials of the university. We are pleased to announce that both organizations resolved to work together for the cause of sustainability in the Himalayas and Dr. YS Parmar University will be the organizing partner hosting this edition of HIMSAmwaad at the Nauni Campus in Himachal Pradesh.

Some of the esteemed dignitaries that will grace the occasion are

- Amit Kulshreshtha

CEO, NEWS and General Manager NTPC Limited

- Dr O.P. Mishra

Advisor, Geoscience Division | Ministry of Earth Sciences

- Shobha Shreshta

Associate Professor, Central Department of Geography, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu Nepal

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