



# SEWA SANDESH

**Namaskar,**

*The possibility of achieving something will always face some adverse conditions. It could be adversity due to resources or the mindset of the people.*

*It has always been argued that if something is not done in the past, it will not likely happen in the future.*

*Philosopher Hume explained that just because we have seen only black crows, that doesn't rule out the possibility of a white crow. Only one instance of a white crow sighting will completely alter the scenario. Therefore, it is everyone's responsibility not to reject the possibility of an occurrence, but rather to embrace the uncertainty of events.*

*Our openness to new things will compel us to devise innovative ways to find solutions. We are exploring new avenues to serve better. Research and advocacy are two of our new efforts to document 25 years of selfless service and to influence policy development. Though new and unknown territory, it's a path worth taking.*

*Dhanyawaad*

**Abhishek Kumar**  
**Executive Director**  
**Sewa International**



## A farmer's trust with Queen

The renowned Queen Pineapple of Tripura is spiny, golden yellow in colour, with a distinctive aroma, and has high juice content, tanginess and sweetness that sets it apart from the pineapples grown in the other Northeast states. Sewa International hosted a 2 day of training in Tripura on "Common Package & Practices of Pineapple Cultivation" at the Kanchan Chera Old Panchayat Community Hall. The resource person and trainer for the course was Shri Abhijit Debnath, Scientist & In-Charge of KVK Dhalai who trained 25 farmers in this session.

## A crafty way of exhibiting empowerment

We aim to empower the women of Uttarakhand to transform their skills into income-generating opportunities. Handicrafts by these women were sold at a Fair & Exhibition Khadi Gram Udhog Pokhari Cluster and Triyug Narayan Village in Narayankoti, Uttarakhand, after a protracted process of training in local art and crafts. The exhibition saw an overwhelming sale of products, generating Rs 2,25,280 in sales. The dual objective of empowering women financially by developing the SHG network and promoting local crafts through mass skill development was achieved.



## Striving for healthy Himalayas

For the people of the hilly terrain, access to a good healthcare system is a crucial issue. We have been working with the local communities for awareness of health and hygiene. And our efforts seemed to show results when people came swarming for the two-day multi-speciality health camp organised with the support of Oracle. The doctors attended 230 patients in the villages of Urgam and Tapovan in the Chamoli District of Uttarakhand.





### Young hands showing the way to serve Himalayas

The source of water for drinking and irrigation in hilly regions is surface water. In the absence of proper rainwater harvesting structures in the region, rainwater is hardly available and stream water is available only for the people living close to river banks. But the streams of the Himalayan region are suffering from irregular clogging due to waste accumulation.

Sewa International team under the PRAWAH project organised a cleanliness campaign involving volunteers and local people from the Chandrapur district of Uttarakhand. 150 volunteers from schools and universities worked together to clean up the surrounding areas and collect plastics.

It will inculcate a sense of responsibility in the students towards the environment so that they can gradually bring a change.

### Fellows on their way...

आचार्यात् पादमादत्ते पादं शिष्यः स्वमेधया ॥

सब्रह्मचारिभ्यः पादं पादं कालक्रमेण च ॥

A learner learns 1/4 from his teacher, 1/4 from his/her peers,

1/4 from the experience of life and 1/4 from own intelligence.

The above verse epitomises the 24-day boot camp. The fellows took life lessons from their mentors, peers, field visits, and their own wisdom. As boot camp came to an end and fellows went on to explore their respective arenas, it is a good time to reflect on 24 days. The 30 young bright minds have undergone vigorous training to implement development frameworks for grassroots problems.

We are honoured to be accompanied by 40+ of India's most influential facilitators varying from Padma Shri awardees to administrators, who hail from various fields.





## Opening doors that lead to mainstream

Sewa International augmented a fully trans-led & trans-owned enterprise - Hasini Tiffin Centre in Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh. Through this initiative 6 transgenders were provided employment, enabling them to lead a life with dignity.

Sewa International's SHE-CAF launched a training program in Bangalore for 20 transgender people. The program focuses on setting up garlic peeling machines, These machines have been procured and we are currently training our beneficiaries on the usage of these peeling machines. The program is also providing market linkages with grocery outlets and metros across the city for the sales of peeled garlic cloves.

## When Sevit becomes Sewak

Gujarat welcomes you with brilliant colours at every turn. It's easy to see why the women of Kutch are associated with handicrafts. SIDDC/Sewa Kala Srushti Pvt Ltd, a Sewa International initiative, is working to create sustainable livelihoods for women in Jiyapar village, Nakhatarana blocks, Kutch district. We aim to support them through capacity-building training and exhibition and assist them with savings to support them financially.



## Promoting Kala through entrepreneurship

Himsampada's fourth annual general meeting was conducted in Simli, Uttarakhand, with 5 directors and 150 shareholders in session. A detailed discussion of the farmer producers company's annual progress, including the company's future expansion plan.

Himsampada is the producer company being promoted by Sewa International under the Sewa Srujan initiative.

Around 135 women have engaged in cloth and bags with embroidery. We seek to promote India's cultural legacy while creating employment opportunities.

