



SEWA SANDESH

Namaskar,

The year 2022 sparked a new beginning where the world witnessed the resilience of people in the face of one of the misfortunes of the century - the Covid pandemic. As humanity continues to suffer an ongoing global conflict, Bharat tries to assuage the situation with its equanimous approach.

The end of the year marked India holding the G20 presidency. It is an opportunity to nudge the idea of holistic development through the Indic perspective. At Sewa International, we have always believed in the strength of civil society and that's what we strive to achieve through our role in C20.

As we move forward, our thoughts and actions are committed to creating a collaborative ecosystem where civil society leads the path of *human-centric development* and individuals lead *Lifestyle for Environment*.

शांतिः अस्तु पुष्टिः अस्तु तुष्टिः अस्तु ॥

May there be peace, contentment, and prosperity.

With best wishes of new year

Abhishek Kumar
Executive Director Sewa
International

Sewa in Action

Disaster Management



Sewa International had served in disasters during the last year. On the one hand, the Ukraine-Russia conflict had left thousands of people in a difficult position. The on-ground volunteers of Sewa were active in 15+ cities and had assisted 3200+ people safely crossing the border. While on the other hand, we rose to the occasion to serve during the economic crisis in Sri Lanka.



Floods in Assam followed by Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in July had left people bewildered. We distributed groceries, clothing, linen buckets, and children's kits to the affected people.

Sewa in Action

Community Skilling



We intervened in multiple avenues in the year 2022 for the capacity building of the community. Among many of our initiatives, we conducted 30 days of wool craft design and development training with 25 women from the Bhotiya community. For the fish farming project, the training included a fish farm visit and a visit to the fish feed mill to give the farmers real-world experience so they could learn the entire breeding process practically. Also, to empower students with the tools they need to improve their learning skills, we conducted workshops for social and emotional learning across various schools in Maharashtra.



We started a new initiative (Pineapple cultivation) in Tripura. For the capacity building of the farmers, we hosted a 2 day of training in Tripura on "Common Package & Practices of Pineapple Cultivation".

Sewa in Action

Community Development



To take a step further in community development, we launched Sewa Fellowship to nurture and support individuals, Sewa-driven organizations, and societal leaders for long-term impact. The fellowship aims to provide a platform for young and dynamic people to bring grassroots changes that further leads to nation-building.

For young girls, we regularly organised menstrual hygiene camps at schools to bust myths and instil confidence among them. This year was full of opportunities for us to serve the community.



Sewa in Thoughts

Sewa Conferences



In the year 2022, we organised conferences on the agendas for community awareness. Child trafficking, disaster management, and the Himalayan development (HIMSAmwaad) were the three conferences that aimed at bringing multiple stakeholders to engage in holistic conversations around respective topics.

The two days of CHETNA conference comprised incisive and insightful sessions on various facets of the issue of Human Trafficking, Organ Trafficking, Child Marriage, Anti-trafficking intervention, Online Trafficking, and Rehabilitation Interventions during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



HIMSAmwaad 2022 is a platform for diverse stakeholders of the Trans-Himalayan region to realign our integrated sustainable development. The focus of the conference was on charting a roadmap for implementing localised solutions to Trans-Himalayan region issues while consenting to the idea of development.

Sewa in Thoughts

Sewa Samwaad



A LIFE IN FOOD PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY

23rd October
18:00- 19:30 IST



Dr. Vandana Shiva
(Gandhi of Grain)
Environmental activist, Ecofeminist,
Author (20+ books)



Dr. Raghunath Anant Mashelkar

The Padma Vibhushan recipient, National Research Professor, and Chairman of the National Innovation Foundation

Topic:
**Reinventing India as a
global innovation leader**

 13th August, Saturday
18:00 - 19:30 IST



Sewa Samwaad is a global platform of development and growth to share personal stories of change and experiences causing notable evolution. We witnessed 13 amazing conversations about grassroots development in India. We were joined by Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Anant Mashelkar, Padma Shri Dr. Dhananjay Sagdeo, Padma Shri Mahesh Sharma and many more.

IDEAS, INNOVATION PEOPLE

THE JOURNEY OF
SULABH
INTERNATIONAL

24th July
18:00- 19:30 IST



DR. BINDESHWAR PATHAK
Founder, Sulabh International & Social Reform

Inspiration for Sewa

Stories



Rani (changed name), 37 years old, hails from a small village in Gujarat. She completed her 40 weeks of pregnancy and started experiencing some intensive contractions. Therefore, she decided to visit the nearby Primary Health Centre. The doctor immediately got her admitted to the labour room. A few hours later, she was blessed with a baby, wrapped in a warm cloth by the nursing staff, and placed beside her. We were privileged to help Rani through the SHAPE project's equipment distribution that happened on the same day.



I am L V Aathavan. I have been working as a film and TV director for over 37 years. 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.

Inspiration for Sewa

Awards and Recognition



We were awarded the sustainable development Goalkeeper Award under SDG Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being) for the year 2021-2022. Honourable Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama awarded Sewa International for its outstanding work in the field of health care in Uttarakhand.



Sewa International is "Delhi Ki Shaan"

Sewa International was recognized for its community development initiatives in New Delhi in 2021 by Bharat Prakashan (Delhi) Limited's "Delhi ki Shaan" contest. The award was presented by Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Honourable Chief Minister of Haryana, Bharat Bhushan, Managing Director of Panchjanya Magazine, Hitesh Shankar, Editor, Panchjanya, and Prafulla Ketkar, Editor and Organizer Panchjanya.

Inspiration for Sewa

Awards and Recognition



Sewa International's Manoj Benjwal and Champa Devi were lauded by PM Narendra Modi in his recent "Mann ki Baat" for their devotion to clean Uttarakhand. Know more:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/HDCPNPYjRGs>