

## EDITORIAL



Sudarshan has always believed in helping people live a meaningful and holistic life, by creating environment sustainability, living a spiritually fulfilling life and developing a socially just community. That is precisely why we have been executing social

development programs that have permeated through the past four decades and will sustain across several generations. Under the banner of SUDHA, these programs positively influence the following areas of the society:

### Education

J M Rathi School, Roha; JMR Industrial Training Institute; Through Seva Sahayog contributing towards education of more than 400 slum dwelling children; Through Teach4India movement, imparting education across 90 different PMC Schools.

### Women Empowerment

Education and various skill development programs, such as paper bag manufacturing, stitching and e-learning projects, SUDHA has empowered more than 500 women to lead an independent life.

### Environment

Actively involved in cleaning and sanitizing the Dhatav village Roha, Ambedvet and Kasar Amboli village, which has helped them win the cleanest and the most beautiful village award from the Government of Maharashtra; Nirmalya collection and converting it into vermi compost for organic farming.

### Community Development

SUDHA has directly impacted the lives of more than 12,000 people across Roha, Mahad, Sutarwadi and Pune, and will continue to contribute positively towards betterment of a larger society.

### Ashish Vij

Executive Director & Vice President- Operations

## IMPACT BASED CSR STORIES

### GROWING ORGANICALLY

SUDHA has been guiding the farmers across Mulshi to conduct farming through organic methods. No chemicals, and Absolutely No fertilizers. After three years of switching over to the environmentally harmonious way of farming, a survey conducted by SUDHA in collaboration with INORA, revealed that the farmers had witnessed more than 30% increase in production, and 80% of the farmers have now been following organic farming. The farmers were extremely happy with the quality as well as the quantity of production. The farmers feel proud that they have adopted the latest trend for organic production, which fetches a better price for their toil and earns recognition for providing the best quality produces. This change in their mindset has also influenced them to recycle the agricultural waste to create compost, rather than letting it burn thereby polluting the air and adversely affecting the hygiene. This has resulted into stark reduction in the epidemics that would otherwise set-in during monsoon. Better ways lead to better lives.

‘ Certified 150 farmers under PGS as organic farmers ’





## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

### STITCHING THE FABRIC OF LIFE TOGETHER



Self-respect, independence and personal growth are the quintessential elements for living life worthwhile. As a part of our service to the society, the members of SUDHA organized a full-fledged stitching course for the women of Kondavale village, which helped them stitch brand new clothes, substantially contribute household finance, and build confidence to start their own stitching shops. Their families also seek advice from them for key family decisions.

### SUPPORTING WOMEN FOR A SMALL ENTREPRENEURSHIP VENTURE



SUDHA works towards inculcating a sense of independence & confidence within the women of rural India. These women took up the initiative to make Rakhi's for Raksha Bandhan festival with an investment of Rs. 7,000 for materials. They trained & recruited a few more women and with the help of team SUDHA, organised Rakhi stalls at various places in Pune, Roha and Khopoli. This earned them a profit of about 86%.

### PAPER BAG PROJECT



The project faced stark challenges of severe casteism and stringent rules for the women in the region. However, through persistent efforts, we could weaken these initial barriers, and train them on the paper bag manufacturing & marketing process. They were also taught soft skills such as personality development. This made 200+ these women, independent and capable to build their families financially, as well as through value education, besides contributing towards greener environment.

### THALIPEET AND NACHNI PAPAD

It is said that "old is gold" & this applies to some of the traditional dishes like Nachni papad & Thalipeet. Keeping this in mind a group of women from Yogeshwari Bachat Gat (SHG) from Nadgaon came together and started making 'Nachni Papad' & "Thali Peet" which are high in nutritional value traditional dish of Maharashtra rural community.

It was decided at a Sudha-CS meeting to make these two items a source to earn livelihood. After few attempts it was observed from experts that the quality of the Aata and papad are up to the standard and hence these groups now supply to the company canteen that purchases more than 20 kgs of Thalipeet per month both at Roha and Mahad. There are also individual clients that purchase the Nachni Papad & Thalipeeth aata on regular basis. Women use the income that they earn from this, for household needs and at times even save the money.



## HEALTH



### CLEAN WATER FOR HEALTHIER LIVES

Safe drinking water is the basic need of every individual. Under the safe potable water project, SUDHA has provided best-in-class water filters to about 17 schools in Roha, and which has benefited more than 300 students and teachers in the region. This will definitely eradicate the water-borne diseases in the village.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Smokeless Chullha



Primary health care services are being introduced to Arogya Sakhi's



Anganwadi construction in finishing stages at Shel Adiwasiwadi.



## EDUCATION

### THE BUILDING BRICKS OF PROGRESS

SUDHA has been proactively involved in skill development for the ultra poor tribal youths in the age group 18-36 years, and identifying employment opportunities for them. During need assessment of the Adivasis (Tribals) at Shel, Mahad, we identified that these youth were mostly school drop-outs and lacked the necessary skills required by the unorganized-organized sector. After studying their backgrounds and their needs, the team arrived at a consensus that Mason training would be the right skill development area for them. Further, the relevant candidates are being funded through IL&FS scholarships.

These youths have now been trained in this sector, through hands-on experience, and which has increased their income by more than double

the income they would have earned without the training. Further, they have been provided with all the basic tools, equipments and safety gears for their jobs, apart from the certificate from the National Skill Development Corporation of India. Due to the strong collaboration between IL & FS and renowned construction firms, the well deserving candidates receive placement guarantee. This has also enabled them to apply for jobs through government agencies.

During the training, the youths have built the much awaited kitchen-shed next to the Anganwadi, which also caters to the dual purpose of fulfilling the need for having a kitchen. The train-the-trainer program conducted by us makes this initiative a self-sustaining service model.



Bhoomipoojan of the skill development training at Shel Adiwasiwadi, Mahad.



Batch celebrating after successfully doing field work-practical at Shel, Mahad



Youths between 18-36yrs of age are being trained for mason training at Shel



## ENVIRONMENT



Waste management has been one of the biggest problems in our country. With rapid urbanization, the country is facing a massive challenge in waste management. SUDHA, the CSR arm of Sudarshan Chemicals Industries Ltd, as part of its CSR initiatives have taken up the above-mentioned

### WASTE MANAGEMENT CHANGE TO SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE WASTE MANAGEMENT

concerns and working on them at the villages surrounding the plant at Roha (Raigad district) and at Sutarwadi (Pune district) SUDHA has tied up with a company called INORA which specializes in organic farming and waste management initiatives.

The main objective of the project is to develop an integrated and environmentally sound waste management system, which the Village Gram Panchayat and the beneficiaries of the project will be benefit in the long term.

Goal of the launching the programme:

1. Creating a change in perception and raising awareness for the long term

2. Implementing the process in households & farms
3. Making the village women a change agent of the environmental concerns

Waste Management covers 812 beneficiaries in Mulshi, Roha and Mahad and Processes about 842 kg per day of waste.

Impact of this project

- Social
- Awareness high
- Motivation high
- Sense of achievement
- Sense of Participation
- Confidence in technology implemented



# AWARDS

## WINNING THE NIRMAL GRAM AWARD

Working at the grass-root level, SUDHA initiatives have addressed various rural development through systematic approach. The Vishnu Nagar village, which is very close to our RoHa plant and it is the first village to reap the benefits of this. The Paper bag project empowered the women with some income opportunities and reduced the usage of plastic bags. Later our Composter drum project propagated waste management by helping segregate wet waste from dry waste. Since the last 5 years these activities have created wonders in the village. The efforts put in by SUDHA in the areas of Women Empowerment, Health & Hygiene, Cleaner Environment and Education has been recognised by the local Grampanchayat. Further, the Government of Maharashtra presented the Nirmal Gram (Cleaner Village) award to the village and a prize money of Rs. 10,00,000 under the Sant Gadge Baba Gram Swachhata Abhiyan.



## MEDIA COVERAGE



### 'सुदर्शन'कडून महादमध्वे महिलांचे सक्षमीकरण

## कॉपरिट रोपट्याला सामाजिक फळे

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### लोकमत

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