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Preamble

As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded of the power of collective action and the resilience of the human spirit. Despite the challenges we faced, we remained steadfast in our commitment to empowering marginalized communities and fostering sustainable development.

This annual report chronicles our journey, highlighting the milestones achieved, lessons learned, and the impact created. We are grateful for the trust and support of our stakeholders, and we look forward to continuing our work together towards a brighter future.

Alternatively, here's another version:

As we present our annual report, we celebrate the progress made towards our mission of empowering marginalized communities and promoting sustainable development. This report showcases our achievements, challenges, and the impact of our work.

We acknowledge the invaluable support of our donors, partners, and stakeholders, without whom our work would not be possible. We remain committed to transparency, accountability, and excellence in all aspects of our work.

President's Message

Our mission to reduce disparities among people is ambitious, and achieving it will require sustained efforts from our entire team. However, I'm confident that our professionals, with their proven track record, will rise to the challenge. I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation to each board member and staff member for their guidance and support in steering our Association forward.



Integration is a cornerstone of SVST's development approach. Our experiences over the past few years have underscored the importance of interdependence and integration in community development. To grasp the rationale behind this integrated approach, it's essential to understand SVST's development principles. These principles are the result of in-depth reflection on our work and can be encapsulated in the concept of 'Action-Reflection-Action.' Our integrated approach encompasses various components, including access to clean drinking water, watershed management, farmers' and women's groups, development committees, and youth mobilization. By bringing these elements together, we create a fertile ground for a new mindset that fosters community-led development.

Through our experience, we're convinced that sustainable community development can only be achieved by systematically integrating economic, social, political, environmental, and cultural elements. This holistic approach is crucial for fostering lasting change and empowering communities to drive their own development.

The development of governance, accounting, and SHG standards has reached advanced stages. Notably, the groups have taken a significant step forward by introducing reporting on these financial performance standards, thereby enhancing transparency and performance appreciation across all sectors. The feedback on these reports has been overwhelmingly positive from the target audience. The adoption of the developed SHG Standards will lead to improved quality in SHGs, ultimately boosting the sustainability of the SHG movement.

As the organization becomes more comfortable with the existing reporting standards, the professional group will expand its scope by introducing additional standards. Furthermore, the group will focus on disseminating and facilitating the adoption of these standards. I am pleased to note that the professional group has not only increased its programs numerically but also refined their content. The programs have been tailored around the issues identified through the member segmentation exercise conducted earlier.

I commend the efforts made to establish efficient systems, ensuring seamless operations across our interventions. I'm grateful for the valuable insights and constructive suggestions provided by our Advisory Committee, well-wishers, and stakeholders. We derive immense joy from the small yet significant changes we help bring about in the communities we serve. Witnessing these transformations firsthand in our operational areas fills us with pride and hope for the future.

We're grateful for your unwavering support and encouragement, which motivates us to continue making a positive impact, no matter how small. We're honored to have you walk alongside us every step of the way. I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our well-wishers, sponsors, and partner organizations for their invaluable suggestions, participation, and support throughout the year. To the dedicated staff of SVST, I offer my sincerest appreciation for your tireless efforts and commitment to our mission.

Lastly, I'd like to express my deepest respect to the SVST board members and coordination team for their guidance and leadership.

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SVST at a Glance

SVST is a non-profit, voluntary organization dedicated to fostering a systematic and sustainable society through qualitative interventions. Our mission is to empower marginalized communities, with a focus on the poor, youth, women, adolescents, and children.

We achieve this by:

- Sensitizing and facilitating volunteering and internship opportunities for individuals
- Collaborating with educated youth and women to support NGOs working on social development projects
- Providing expertise and resources to benefit these projects Initially, our activities focused on agriculture, environment, women's empowerment, and multi-faceted development initiatives. Today, we operate in both rural and urban areas, guided by the following principles:

Water & Water Resources
Drink Pure Water Stay Healthy

Sustainable Agriculture & Farmers Development

Environment preservation & NRM

Poverty Alleviation & Sustainable Livelihood
ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER

Empowering youth as change agent for sustainable community dev.
Empower Youth

Promotion & development of traditional Art & craft

Empowering Women & their protection towards gender equality

Protection of child labour & promotion of children

Entrepreneurship & Skill Dev. towards SSI promotion

Promotion & development of village tourism

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In addition to our major supporters, SVST is also grateful for the timely and valuable support received from the following institutions:

- District Administration
- Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM)
- Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India
- National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), Hyderabad
- National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad
- Joint Director Agriculture, Latur, Govt. of Maharashtra
- Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India
- Department of Sports & Youth Services, Govt. of Maharashtra
- Bank of Maharashtra
- Bank of India
- IDBI Bank

Their contributions have been instrumental in furthering our mission to drive positive change and empower disadvantaged communities. We acknowledge and appreciate their commitment to our noble cause.

SVST cordially invites and welcomes collaborative partnerships with esteemed well-wishers, donors, government departments, development organizations, and community associates. Together, we can synergize our efforts to drive transformative change, empowering disadvantaged communities and fostering a spirit of positivity, inclusivity, and sustainable development.

We express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all those who have generously supported and guided us throughout our journey. Your invaluable contributions have enabled SVST to make a meaningful and lasting impact in the development sector, and we look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts towards creating a brighter future for all.

Certificate Course on Insecticides Management (CCIM)

Sponsored by National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), Hyderabad

Brief about the course:

The 40-hour Input Dealer Training Program on Insecticides is a comprehensive 12-week course designed to equip participants with in-depth knowledge and practical skills on the effective use, management, and safety protocols of insecticides. This training aims to establish a network of knowledgeable dealers who can provide expert guidance to farmers, gardeners, and agricultural professionals on the safe selection, application, and handling of insecticides.



Throughout the 12-week program, participants will acquire a deep understanding of the various insecticides available in the market, their specific uses, and the scientific principles underlying pest control. The comprehensive curriculum covers key topics, including:

- Understanding pest behavior and ecology
- Identifying common pests and their characteristics
- Selecting the most suitable insecticides for different crops and environments

Additionally, dealers will receive training on the safe storage, handling, and disposal of insecticides, emphasizing the importance of minimizing health risks and environmental impact. Through a combination of interactive sessions, hands-on training, and real-life case studies, participants will gain practical, real-world knowledge over the 12-week course. This comprehensive training will empower dealers to become trusted advisors in their communities. Upon completing the program, dealers will possess in-depth knowledge of insecticide products, relevant regulations, and best practices. This expertise will enable them to provide effective guidance to their customers, contributing to sustainable agricultural practices and enhanced food safety.

Ultimately, this program aims to achieve a dual impact: enhancing the professional growth and expertise of dealers, while also promoting the safety and productivity of the farming community.



During this financial year the organization covered the following batches.

Batch	Venue	Date			No of Participants
		Commencement	Completion	Examination	
1 st	SVST Training Center, Narsi	29/01/2021	09/04/2021	29/12/2021	40
2 nd	Do	02/09/2021	10/12/2021	24/12/2021	40
3 rd	Do	16/10/2022	19/12/2022	19/12/2022	40

Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) Program

Sponsored by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad

The Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) program, offered by the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad is a specialized 48-week training initiative. This comprehensive program is designed to equip input dealers with in-depth knowledge and practical skills in agricultural extension services.

The program comprises 40 days of classroom training and 8 exposure visits, culminating in a final examination and certificate distribution. The classroom training covers essential topics, including:

- Modern agricultural practices
- Pest management
- Input selection and usage
- Soil health
- Crop production
- Sustainable farming techniques



The training aims to enhance participants' ability to provide informed advice on agricultural inputs, enabling them to become effective extension agents within their communities. The 8 exposure visits provide hands-on learning experiences, taking participants to farms, research centers, and agricultural organizations. These visits demonstrate real-world applications of agricultural extension techniques and input usage. Upon completing the program, participants are awarded a diploma, recognizing their expertise in agricultural extension services for input dealers. This certification enhances the professional development of input dealers, empowering them to contribute to sustainable agricultural practices and better serve the farming community. The project was started in the latest financial year and continued with result. During this year the organization organized this course as follows.



Batch	Venue	Date			No of Participants
		Commencement	Completion	Examination	
2 nd	SVST Training Center, Narsi	10/03/2021	25/06/2022	26/09/2022 27/09/2022	40
3 rd	Do	11/09/2022	Continued	--	40

Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA)

Sponsored by ATMA, Hingoli District, Maharashtra

The Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) successfully conducted a District Level Farmers Training Program in Hingoli in association with SVST, benefiting 2,000 farmers across five blocks namely Hingoli, Sengaon, Aundha Nagnath & Kalamnuri. This initiative aimed to enhance farmers' skills and knowledge in key agricultural sectors, ultimately boosting productivity and income.



The comprehensive training program covered five critical areas:

1. Dairy Farming: Participants learned modern techniques in livestock management, milking practices, and animal health to improve milk yield and quality.
2. Turmeric Processing: Farmers acquired knowledge on post-harvest methods, including drying, curing, and packaging, to enhance market value and shelf life.
3. Sericulture: Training emphasized techniques for harvesting and processing this indigenous culture, creating value-added products for improved profitability.
4. Goat Farming: Sessions focused on breeding, disease management, and nutrition to enhance the health and productivity of goats, vital for rural livelihoods.
5. Poultry Farming: Participants gained insights into poultry management, including nutrition, vaccination, and biosecurity, to boost egg and meat production.

Activity	Program Location/Venue		Date		No of Farmers
	Taluka	No of Villages	From	To	
Dairy	Hingoli	3	10/05/2022	12/05/2022	150
Turmeric Processing		2	20/05/2022	21/05/2022	100
Goat Farming		3	05/06/2022	07/06/2022	150
Poultry		2	10/06/2022	11/06/2022	100
Dairy	Sengaon	2	20/06/2022	22/06/2022	150
Turmeric Processing		2	25/06/2022	26/06/2022	100
Sericulture		2	28/06/2022	29/06/2022	100
Goat Farming		2	10/07/2022	11/07/2022	100
Poultry		2	15/07/2022	16/07/2022	100
Dairy	Aundha Nagnath	2	20/07/2022	21/07/2022	100
Sericulture		2	25/07/2022	26/07/2022	100
Goat Farming		3	16/08/2022	18/08/2022	150
Poultry		3	20/08/2022	22/08/2022	150
Dairy	Kalamnuri	3	25/08/2022	27/08/2022	150
Sericulture		2	28/08/2022	29/08/2022	100
Goat Farming		3	10/09/2022	12/09/2022	150
Poultry		2	15/09/2022	16/09/2022	100

By empowering 2,000 farmers, the program aimed to promote sustainable agricultural practices, improve economic conditions, and enhance the overall agricultural landscape of Hingoli. The training provided a blend of theoretical knowledge and hands-on experiences, enabling farmers to implement new techniques for better outcomes in their respective sectors. Under this project a set of different development activities carried out by the organization during this year also as earlier.



ORGANIC FARMING

Under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), a targeted initiative on Organic Farming was launched across two selected blocks, covering 10 villages. To empower local farmers, 20 farmer self-help groups (SHGs) were formed in each village.

Name of Block/Taluka	Name of villages	No of FSHG formed
Sengaon	Pankanergaon, Sukli (Bk.), Wagjali, Ajaygaon, Shivani (Bk.)	5 FSHGs
Hingoli	Belwadi, Kadti, Navalgovan, Bhandegaon, Narsi Namdev	5 FSHGs

The program aimed to promote sustainable agriculture, enhance soil health, and reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers. The training covered various aspects of organic farming, emphasizing natural methods to cultivate crops, enhance soil fertility, and minimize environmental impact.



Key components of the training included:

1. Preparation and application of organic fertilizers, such as Jaivic Khat (Organic Compost).
2. Establishing specialized units and teaching farmers to create, manage, and utilize vermin compost.
3. Creation of Parasbagh (compost pits) for organic waste recycling and soil enrichment.



By the end of the program, farmers acquired knowledge on:

- Cultivating crops using organic methods
- Producing their own fertilizers
- Distributing vermin compost units within the community

This initiative is expected to lead to improved crop yields, healthier soils, reduced chemical usage, and better livelihoods for farmers, ultimately contributing to sustainable agricultural practices in the region.

Training	Name of village Covered	Date	No of Participants (FSHG Members)
Vermin Composting	Pankanergaon, Sukli (Bk.), Wagjali, Ajaygaon, Shivani (Bk.)	18/12/2022	30
Composite Farming	Belwadi, Kadti, Navalgoan, Bhandegaon, Narsi Namdev	10/01/2023	30

DISTRICT LEVEL FARMERS TRAINING CENTER

The Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust (SVST) in Hingoli achieved a significant milestone in 2024 by receiving approval from the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) to establish a District Level Farmers Training Center. This center is designed to provide specialized agricultural training programs to farmers from across Maharashtra, focusing on enhancing their skills and knowledge in modern agriculture.



The training programs cover a wide range of topics, including:

- Crop Management: Best practices for crop selection, planting, and maintenance.
- Soil Health Improvement: Techniques for enhancing soil fertility and structure.
- Pest Control: Integrated pest management strategies for minimizing crop damage.
- Irrigation Techniques: Efficient water management practices for optimal crop growth.
- Sustainable Farming Practices: Methods for reducing environmental impact while maintaining profitability.

Additionally, the center will offer training on:

- Organic Farming: Principles and practices for chemical-free farming.
- Water Conservation: Strategies for efficient water use and management.
- Value-Added Agriculture: Techniques for enhancing crop value through processing and marketing.
- New Agricultural Technologies: Introduction to innovative farming practices and tools.



This initiative benefits farmers from diverse backgrounds, providing them with hands-on training, expert guidance, and exposure to cutting-edge agricultural practices. By participating in these programs, farmers started gaining the skills needed to improve their crop yields, enhance farm profitability, and contribute to sustainable agricultural development. Respectively remarkable numbers of training on record have been organized during this financial year by SVST inviting experts from the concerned field and departments as follows.

Training/Topic	Venue	Date	No of Participants
Crop Management	SVST Training Center, Narsi	12/06/2022; 21/06/2022 & 24/09/2022	137
Soil Health Improvement	Do	05/04/2022; 10/04/2022 & 15/04/2022	122
Pest Control	Do	12/08/2022; 15/08/2022 & 17/08/2022	145
Irrigation Techniques	Do	10/10/2022; 15/10/2022 & 20/10/2022	119
Sustainable Farming Practices	Do	05/11/2022; 12/11/2022 & 15/11/2022	109
Organic Farming	Do	08/12/2022; 12/12/2022 & 15/12/2022	138
Water Conservation	Do	10/01/2023; 15/01/2023 & 20/01/2023	127
Value-added Agriculture	Do	25/01/2023; 27/01/2023 & 29/01/2023	125
Modern Agricultural Technologies	Do	10/02/2023; 13/02/2023 & 16/02/2023	115

STRATEGIC RESEARCH & EXTENSION PLAN (SREP)

The Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust (SVST), under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), is implementing the Strategic Research and Extension Plan (SREP) project. This initiative aims to enhance the agricultural and allied sectors in Hingoli and surrounding areas, focusing on livestock development, fisheries, social forestry and handholding for market promotion and linkages.



The SREP program leverages partnerships with organizations like MSAMB and KVK, Tondapur to provide:

- Technical support and research-based solutions
- Expert training and capacity building
- Access to markets and value chains

This multi-faceted approach aims to build a robust agricultural ecosystem, benefiting the local farming community and enhancing sustainable livelihoods. During this year, the below mentioned basic activities are carried out by the organization successfully.

Activity Focus	Purpose	Activity done & Venue
Animal Husbandry	Improving livestock management practices, including breeding, feeding, and healthcare techniques for cattle, goats, and poultry.	Community Mobilization, Village Mapping, IEC distribution, Awareness & Motivation prog. in Lohagaon village under Hingoli Taluka of Hingoli District of Maharashtra
Fisheries	Training farmers in modern aquaculture practices, fish health management, and water quality control.	
Social Forestry	Promoting sustainable land use practices through tree plantation and forest-based activities.	
Market Linkages	Collaborating with MSAMB to facilitate market access for farmers.	



JAL JEEVAN MISSION (JJM)

JJM project is sponsored to SVST as Implementation Support Agency (ISA) by Joint Director Agriculture, Latur, Maharashtra. Under this project SVST's is responsible for Village-Level Implementation and Monitoring Evaluation at Nandgaon Khandeshwar Block, Amravati District of Maharashtra. This Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) report assesses the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission already implemented in Nandgaon Khandeshwar Block, Amravati District. The evaluation focuses on the implementation of functional household tap connections (FHTC) and the improvement of rural water supply.

The M&E process involved:

- Field visits to monitor infrastructure installation and service delivery
- Beneficiary surveys to gather feedback on service quality and timeliness
- Data analysis to assess implementation efficiency and identify challenges

Key findings from the evaluation are informed with better planning, improved project execution, and enhanced community engagement, ultimately ensuring sustainable water access in the region.



Objectives

The broad objectives of the JJM are:

- To provide FHTC to every rural household.
- To prioritize provision of FHTCs in quality affected areas, villages in drought prone and desert areas, Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) villages, etc.
- To provide functional tap connection to Schools, Anganwadi centres, GP buildings, Health centres, wellness centres and community buildings
- To monitor functionality of tap connections.
- To promote and ensure voluntary ownership among local community by way of contribution in cash, kind and/or labour and voluntary labour (shramdaan)
- To assist in ensuring sustainability of water supply system, i.e. water source, water supply infrastructure, and funds for regular O&M
- To empower and develop human resource in the sector such that the demands of construction, plumbing, electrical, water quality management, water treatment, catchment protection, O&M, etc. are taken care of in short and long term
- To bring awareness on various aspects and significance of safe drinking water and involvement of stakeholders in manner that make water everyone's business

MANAGE

The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad selected SVST as Nodal Training Institute (NTI) to organize different agriculture development training programs at its own training centre situated at Limbada (MIDC), Hingoli, Maharashtra and during this year MANAGE in collaboration with SVST for the first time organized a 3-day residential Skill Training for Rural Youth (STRY) and farmers, focusing on dairy farming. This intensive program equipped 30 farmers in batch with essential skills and knowledge to enhance their dairy farming practices for 2 batches.

The training covered modern dairy farming techniques, including:

- Optimal livestock management
- Milking procedures and hygiene
- Feed and nutrition management
- Disease control and prevention

Participants also learned about best practices for maintaining dairy farm hygiene, maximizing milk production, and leveraging innovative dairy farming technologies, such as automated milking systems and improved breeding techniques.



The residential format provided hands-on exposure to real-world dairy farming practices, while expert trainers, experienced dairy farmers, and case studies offered valuable insights and practical knowledge. Upon completing the program, the 30 in each batch youth acquired valuable skills and a deeper understanding of sustainable dairy farming practices, enabling them to improve their farm operations, increase their income, and contribute to the growth of the dairy industry.

JALYUKTA SHIVAR ABHIYAN

The Jalyukt Shivar Abhiyan is a flagship program of the Government of Maharashtra, launched in 2014 to make Maharashtra a drought-free state by 2019. The program focuses on watershed management, water conservation, and sustainable water management practices.

The Comprehensive Training Program under Jalyukt Shivar Abhiyan is a 5-day initiative that empowers key stakeholders to drive water conservation efforts in rural Maharashtra. Sponsored by the District Superintendent Agriculture Officer (DASO) of Hingoli, Latur, and Nanded districts, the program aims to promote sustainable water management practices with the objective to empower key stakeholders to drive water conservation efforts and promote sustainable water management practices.

Program Highlights:

- 5-day training program conducted across 15 villages in Hingoli, Latur, and Nanded districts
- Target beneficiaries: Sarpanch, Gramsevak, Talathi, Anganwadi Sevika, and progressive farmers

The programs were led by: Water Conservation Department, Government of Maharashtra



The program focused on water conservation methods, soil and water management techniques, and best practices for enhancing water retention. Key topics included:

- Water harvesting structures and check dams
- Desilting of ponds and recharging water sources
- Rainwater harvesting and groundwater level improvement

Hands-on sessions, site visits, and discussions on community engagement strategies complemented the training. Participants received tailored training to contribute effectively to their community's water management efforts.

By empowering these stakeholders, the program aimed to promote sustainable water management practices, improve water availability, and address water scarcity issues in rural Maharashtra.

SOIL & WATER TESTING LABORATORY

This is a continuous project, implemented successfully by the organization since 2017 – 18 and which is named as Vasundhara Soil and Water Testing Laboratories: Promoting Sustainable Farming Practices. This project was sanctioned to SVST by Joint Director Agriculture, Latur, Maharashtra.

The Vasundhara Soil and Water Testing Laboratories in Hingoli, under the Agriculture Department, play a crucial role in promoting sustainable farming practices. By providing accurate soil and water testing services, the laboratory enables farmers to make informed decisions about soil management and optimization.

Soil Testing Services

The laboratory collects and analyzes soil samples from farmers' fields, assessing soil health and fertility. The tests cover 12 key parameters:

Gandhak (Sulphur)

Sulfur

Carbon

Sendrye Karb (Organic Carbon)

pH

EC (Electrical Conductivity)

Natra (Sodium)

Spurad

Palash (Phosphorus)

Jast (Calcium)

Copper, Iron, Manganese, and Boron

These tests evaluate the chemical and physical properties of the soil, enabling farmers to identify:

Nutrient deficiencies or excesses

Soil pH balance

Salinity

Essential trace elements for plant growth

Customized Recommendations:

Based on test results, the laboratory provides tailored recommendations for soil amendments, including:

Fertilizer application

Organic compost

Lime to optimize soil conditions for specific crops

Additional Services:

The laboratory also offers:

Horticulture soil testing for fruit, vegetable, and flower cultivation

Borewell water testing to assess water quality for irrigation



SEEDs CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

The Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust, Hingoli, in partnership with the Seed Certification Department, Parbhani, and Seed Cluster, plays a vital role in enhancing agricultural practices through the distribution of high-quality seeds.

This initiative focuses on sourcing and supplying certified breeder seeds to farmers, ensuring the adoption of superior planting material for improved crop yield and productivity. Key aspects of this collaboration include:

- Procuring breeder seeds from the Karampalli Research Center in Telangana, including high-quality turmeric and onion breeder seeds.
- Providing these seeds to farmers to boost production of high-demand crops.
- Processing foundation seeds from farmers, ensuring high standards of seed quality.
- Supplying certified seeds to government agencies, local farmers, and research stations.

The seed certification process, overseen by the Seed Certification Department, guarantees that seeds meet stringent quality standards, enhancing productivity and reducing crop failure risks.

By providing access to certified seeds, the project supports farmers in adopting best agricultural practices, leading to:

- Improved crop yields
- Higher income
- Greater food security

This collaboration fosters a sustainable agricultural ecosystem in Hingoli and surrounding areas, benefiting the local economy and contributing to overall agricultural development.



DDUGKY

The Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust (SVST), under the Ministry of Rural Development (MORD) and Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MSRLM), successfully conducted training for 280 candidates from four districts in Maharashtra (Washim, Nanded, Jalna, and Yavatmal) under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) program.



This initiative aimed to empower rural youth by enhancing their skills and providing better employment opportunities. The training covered vocational skills tailored to the local job market, focusing on sectors like:

- Agriculture
- Retail
- Hospitality
- Construction
- Manufacturing

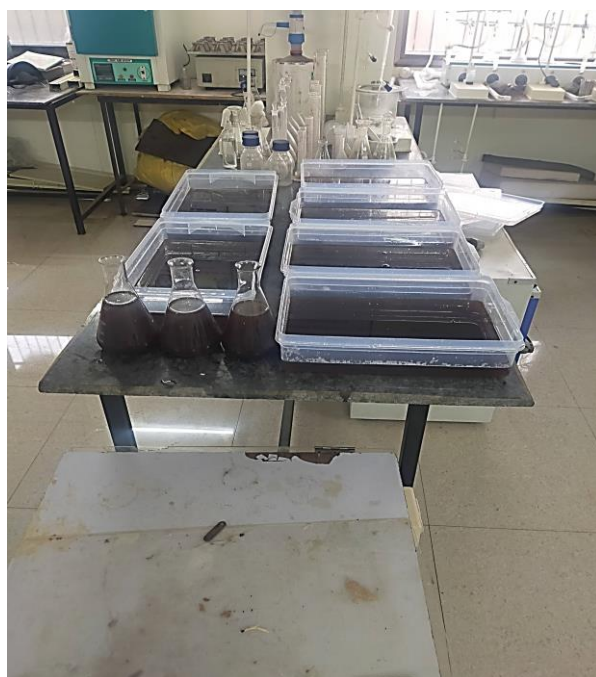
The program ensured hands-on experience and industry-relevant training to improve employability. SVST facilitated 200 placements, securing jobs for candidates in reputable companies and organizations, enhancing their livelihoods and contributing to community economic development.



This program enhanced rural youth skills, contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development in rural Maharashtra. The successful placements demonstrated the program's effectiveness in bridging the skill gap and providing rural youth with tools for better futures.

BIOLOGICAL INPUT LABORATORY

The Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust's (SVST) Biological Input Laboratory in Hingoli is a game-changer for sustainable agriculture in the region. By producing and supplying biological inputs, the laboratory helps farmers reduce their reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, promoting healthier and more environmentally friendly farming practices. This lab was sanctioned to SVST by Agriculture department, Hingoli, Maharashtra



The laboratory specializes in producing key biological inputs, including:

- Trichoderma: a beneficial fungus that controls soil-borne diseases and improves soil health.
- Vermi Compost: an organic fertilizer made from earthworms that enhances soil fertility and structure.
- Metarhizium: an entomopathogenic fungus used for controlling pests.
- Azotobacter: a nitrogen-fixing bacterium that improves soil fertility by increasing nitrogen availability to plants.

These biological inputs are produced using high-quality standards and distributed to farmers, empowering them to adopt eco-friendly farming practices. This initiative is part of SVST's commitment to promoting sustainable agricultural practices, enhancing farm productivity, and supporting the local farming community in Hingoli and surrounding regions.



Regular Programs

The Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust (SVST) is committed to empowering the poor and oppressed, driving community-based sustainable development in impacted areas. We believe that holistic societal development is unattainable without strengthening families and communities. Over the past decade, SVST has invested in creating self-sufficient communities. Our grassroots facilitators have worked closely with local communities, fostering credible formations that have driven positive change. The encouraging response from society has propelled our initiatives, benefiting a diverse range of stakeholders. As a structured voluntary organization, SVST is dedicated to overall social welfare. We execute initiatives through innovative drives and methods, leveraging internal and external resources to drive impact in our focus areas.

ENVIRONMENT

To promote environmental sustainability, our organization conducted awareness camps on Solid Waste Management and Eco-Friendly Practices, targeting villagers and cultivators from surrounding areas. These initiatives aimed to educate and inspire local communities to adopt environmentally conscious habits, contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment.

Tree Plantation

The Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust (SVST) has made significant strides in promoting a cleaner and greener environment through its plantation initiatives. Since its inception, SVST has been actively planting trees in its home district, focusing on roadside areas, public spaces, schools, and colleges. In addition to plantation, SVST has also undertaken road repair work in several villages under Sengaon

Taluka of Hingoli district. This initiative was made possible through the collective efforts of volunteers, workers, and local community members.

Building on this momentum, SVST conducted numbers of awareness campaign on Tree Plantation in collaboration with the District Forestry Department, Hingoli. These campaigns not only raised awareness about the importance of tree plantation but also empowered participants with the necessary resources, distributing plants to support their own plantation efforts.



Rain Water Harvesting

The Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust (SVST) acknowledges the pressing environmental challenges of global warming, drought, and dwindling groundwater levels. In response, SVST is dedicated to empowering communities to live in harmony with nature, fostering a sustainable ecosystem for future generations.

Recognizing the vital importance of water conservation, SVST has launched initiatives in Rain Water Harvesting and Watershed Development. These projects complement our existing development programs, underscoring our commitment to environmental stewardship and community well-being.

SVST successfully conducted awareness programs on Rain Water Harvesting in multiple villages across Hingoli and Sengaoon Taluka. The events drew enthusiastic participation from local communities, who gained valuable insights from experts on harnessing rainwater to supplement drinking water supplies.



Technical experts shared practical techniques for effective rainwater harvesting, empowering villagers to adopt sustainable water management practices. To further enhance its watershed management capabilities, SVST invested in training its key personnel at renowned technical institutes.

This strategic approach ensures that SVST delivers accurate, impactful guidance to communities, fostering a culture of water conservation and sustainability.

Watershed Management

Wastelands are degraded lands that can be restored with reasonable effort. These areas are often underutilized, deteriorating due to poor water and soil management, or affected by natural causes. Factors such as location, environment, soil properties, and financial constraints can contribute to wasteland formation.

Our organization has worked diligently with local communities to develop sustainable watersheds in our operational areas. Our mission indicators include:

1. Enhancing food, fodder, and fuel production
2. Controlling pollution
3. Minimizing resource overexploitation
4. Developing water storage, flood control, and sedimentation management systems
5. Preventing wildlife habitat destruction
6. Controlling erosion, soil degradation, and conserving soil and water
7. Generating employment through industrial development in dairy, fishery, and other sectors
8. Ensuring regular water supply through groundwater recharge and irrigation system development.



Pursuing its objectives, the organization-initiated capacity building and awareness initiatives, conducting numerous watershed management awareness camps at its headquarters. These camps were organized in consultation with the Department of Agriculture & Soil Conservation, Hingoli. The awareness camps greatly benefited the participants, inspiring them to collaborate on watershed development initiatives. Select enthusiastic farmers and villagers received technical training, including exposure visits to exemplary projects outside the state.

To foster awareness among children about water, water resources, environment, and natural resources, our organization hosted a district-level drawing competition in Hingoli. The theme, "Watershed Management," aimed to educate children on the importance of watershed development and management. Conducted in collaboration with the district administration, agriculture department, and local community, this initiative encouraged children to think creatively about watershed management. By participating in the competition, children developed a deeper understanding of the subject, cultivating a positive and challenging attitude towards environmental conservation.

Women & Children Initiatives

The Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust (SVST) is deeply committed to the development and welfare of women and children. Since its inception, the organization has tirelessly worked towards empowering women and protecting the rights of children. This year, SVST continued its efforts by providing educational support to underprivileged women and undertaking welfare initiatives for destitute children. The organization remained dedicated to promoting women's education, combating atrocities against women, and supporting vulnerable children. Through its selfless endeavors, SVST strives to create a brighter future for women and children, fostering a more equitable and compassionate society.



Objectives

1. Empowerment: Empower women and children through education, skill development, and awareness programs.
2. Protection: Protect women and children from exploitation, abuse, and neglect.
3. Development: Promote holistic development of women and children through health, education, and economic empowerment initiatives.

Initiatives

1. Education and Skills Training: Provide educational support, vocational training, and skills development programs for women and children.
2. Health and Nutrition: Implement health and nutrition programs, including health check-ups, nutrition counseling, and health awareness campaigns.
3. Economic Empowerment: Support women's economic empowerment through microfinance initiatives, entrepreneurship development, and livelihood promotion programs.
4. Child Protection: Establish child protection mechanisms, including counseling, support services, and advocacy for child rights.
5. Community Engagement: Engage with local communities, raise awareness on social issues, and promote community participation in development initiatives.

Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation

Poverty is a multidimensional issue characterized by acute deprivation. Rural development aims to address this by promoting overall development in rural areas, enhancing the quality of life for rural communities. This integrated approach encompasses social, economic, political, and spiritual development, focusing on the most disadvantaged segments of society.

The impact of privatization in agriculture and healthcare has disproportionately affected rural women, increasing their vulnerability. Key challenges they face include:

- Rising costs of agricultural resources
- Collapse of the public health system

Empowering Women & Promotion of SHGs

Recognizing the crucial role women play in agriculture, it is essential to provide them with genuine access to land and resources. In cases of displacement, a consultative process must be established to ensure women's voices are heard and considered in rehabilitation efforts.

The limitations of traditional credit institutions in serving the poor have led to the emergence of microfinance as an alternative. The Self-Help Group (SHG) approach has proven highly effective in promoting holistic empowerment. SVST began promoting and forming female SHGs two years ago to alleviate chronic poverty among marginalized communities. This year, SVST conducted the following programs for its promoted SHGs:



Self Help Group Bank linkage program, training & awareness

SVST organized a day-long Awareness cum Training Program for SHG members, focusing on sustainable group management and collaboration with State Bank of India, Hingoli. As a facilitator, SVST enabled some SHGs to meet the necessary norms for direct credit facilities from the bank.

The program covered essential topics, including:

- SHG formation and management
- Maintaining accurate books of accounts
- Conflict management techniques

To promote SHG awareness among the general public, SVST conducted numerous awareness programs in various villages under Hingoli District. These initiatives were undertaken in association with the respective Gram Panchayats, highlighting the importance of SHGs in community development.

Training for SHG members on Planning & Management also selection of key Activities

Leadership Development and Vocational Training

To enhance the capacities of Self-Help Group (SHG) leaders, SVST conducted a two-day training program. The workshop focused on group dynamism techniques, leadership skills, and knowledge about small savings resources within rural communities. Experts from the organization, along with invited resource persons, trained 30 leaders from 15 selected SHGs.

To promote income generation among women, SVST organized a week-long vocational training program on tailoring for unemployed women from Sukli village. Thirty women participated in the program, and post-training, they were motivated to form SHGs. This initiative aimed to foster joint activities, ensuring long-term employment and income sustainability for these women.

Domestic Violence

Empowering Women and Fostering Social Change:

As a key facilitator addressing societal issues, SVST strives to promote a harmonious environment within human societies. To achieve this, the organization aims to enhance its capacity as a problem-solver, adopting a professional and systematic approach.

This year, SVST organized four awareness campaigns on domestic violence in different villages under Hingoli and Sengaon Taluka. These initiatives focused on empowering women, who are disproportionately vulnerable to domestic violence. By raising awareness and promoting gender equality, SVST aims to create a more just and equitable society.

Inaugural Address and Awareness Campaign:

The program commenced with an inaugural address by the organization's President, who highlighted the operational areas and presented a thought-provoking analysis of domestic violence. Citing statistics, he emphasized that:

- Alcohol consumption contributes to approximately 75% of domestic violence cases
- Poverty and unemployment account for around 10%
- Illiteracy contributes to about 5%
- Neglect of parental care also accounts for around 5%
- Extramarital affairs and dowry-related issues contribute to 2% and 1%, respectively

The President stressed the need for increased awareness campaigns to combat domestic violence. The District Women and Child Development Officer, Hingoli, attended as the Chief Guest, addressing the participants and praising the organization's efforts. The program's outcome was overwhelmingly positive, with participants expressing satisfaction and encouragement for the organization's innovative initiatives. They pledged to support future endeavors, ensuring the organization's continued contribution to societal development.

Cultural Initiative for children

SVST remains dedicated to fostering the cultural and creative growth of children. This year, we proudly celebrated Savitri Bai Phule Jayanti with a vibrant event, providing a platform for local children to showcase their talents.

By promoting cultural awareness and creative expression, we aim to empower children with a strong sense of identity, self-confidence, and appreciation for India's rich cultural heritage.



Competitions in song, group dance, sports, debate, quiz, drawing, and essay writing encouraged children to challenge themselves positively and express their creativity. Icebreaking sessions helped assess their decision-making abilities.

Additionally, we organized a children's conference at our headquarter, targeting youngsters from the Sukli area. Using a participatory approach, we discussed and raised awareness about eco-friendly environments. To promote practical action, we distributed plants for the children to plant in their own homesteads, fostering a sense of responsibility and environmental stewardship.

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Discussed and aware about water and sanitation and its importance.

Education

Child Labour & Eradication Initiative

The organization recognizes the alarming rise in child labour, exploiting vulnerable children from disadvantaged families, social communities, and economic classes. Historically, children of slaves and bonded workers were treated as potential workers, forced to serve their masters or sold to others. To combat this issue, the organization acts as a facilitator, ensuring children's rights are protected. We organize and support educational initiatives, providing aid to victimized child labourers and underprivileged children. Our efforts focus on empowering these children, breaking the cycle of exploitation.

This year, SVST conducted awareness meetings in rural villages under Aundha Nagnath, Sengaon, and Hingoli Taluka areas. We targeted impoverished communities, educating parents about the importance of protecting their children's futures. We emphasized that children are not only their family's assets but also the nation's future. The program received overwhelming acceptance from the community. Parents shared their challenges but ultimately committed to protecting their children and sending them to school instead of forcing them into labour.



CONCLUSION

Annual Review and Strategic Planning:

In addition to the major activities reported, SVST concurrently undertook various regular developmental initiatives throughout the financial year. To assess progress and field action, SVST convened a General Body meeting, which saw a 90% attendance rate. Members provided valuable suggestions for further developmental steps, enabling SVST to refine its role as a professional facilitator and systematic platform for societal development. Subsequent to the financial year-end, SVST organized a press conference to disseminate its developmental messages to the target audience and ensure platform accountability for long-term sustainability.

Annual Accomplishments and Acknowledgement

SVST successfully implemented various social development activities throughout the year. Our organization remains committed to fostering social growth, guided by the valuable support and guidance of our well-wishers and the broader public. We extend our sincere gratitude to the various social units, government departments, and agencies that provided moral support and assistance during the past year. Your contributions have been invaluable to our mission.