FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY

Sewa International has always been driven by a 'can-do' attitude. We deeply believe and value our capability to influence change and get into immediate action on every possibility of service.

Continuing our journey in our 22nd year of operations, 2019 had been a year like never before. The year saw us expanding, consolidating some projects, and mobilizing communities across the nation for driving change and development, and laying the foundation for future initiatives.

In 2019, we planned for Community Engagement and Awareness on Environment, Human Trafficking, Disability through events like 'Plog for Sewa', 'Rickshaw Run', 'Fyunli Kauthig', 'Ride for Sewa', 'Greenathon', and ‘Kalinga Fellowship’, which saw widespread participation from local communities and volunteers from abroad too.

In Jan 2020, we brought multiple stakeholders like locals, experts, NGOs and govt officials on one platform named 'HIMSamvad 2020' for focused discussion and action planning on climate change impact and future action in the Himalayan region.

We could effectively contribute to help disaster-affected areas like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha and Uttarakhand. We continued our efforts in 6 focus areas and projects aligned to SDGs.

All the work that we are able to do is thanks to our excellent partner voluntary organisations, thousands of enthusiastic volunteers, the support of our trustees, advisors and friends, and our indispensable team, who always go the extra mile to deliver the best.

As always, we are highly indebted to our supporters both in India as well as Diaspora world-wide, who placed their confidence in our ability to execute and deliver the desired results, and most importantly, the lakhs of beneficiaries who have placed their trust in our programs for the collective good of the society.

At the end of FY 2019-20, Covid-19 has brought us almost to a standstill. The whole of humanity is overwhelmed with the huge challenges and uncertainty in front of it. But we at Sewa International have quickly got into initial relief work. We also see a great need for long term initiatives in livelihood development, health awareness, sanitation practices and responsible environmental action.

We are sure, together we can deal with this situation and come out of it successfully. “Sewa Hi Parmo Dharmah!” is our inspiration. Together, let's continue living and practising this principle.

Growing stronger together ahead....
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Sewa International is a ‘not-for-profit’ organization registered in the year 1997, inspired by the noble tradition of 'Service before Self’, working towards promoting volunteerism, providing disaster relief and rehab during calamities, empowering marginalized/underserved communities through skill development and education, supporting efforts that promote cultural and moral value systems in the society.

Over the past decade, the gradual transition has happened from providing support to short-term disaster relief & rescue activities, towards more effective long-term rehabilitation and development projects in the underserved areas. The organization is driven by the need to provide more permanent solutions to the underlying socio-economic issues.

Sewa International is presently working in the domains of healthcare, education, livelihood generation, environment protection, skill development, community/rural development, women empowerment, water conservation, divyang care and animal care across 20 states in India, with direct interventions as well as with the help of committed grass-root organizations. Worldwide, our associates/network partners are spread across more than 25 countries now.

The organization envisions to work towards promoting and fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations and aligning all the future efforts in that direction for a more responsible and equitable society serving those who need it the most.

VISION

Sewa International as a premier non-profit, would live in a world of equality, where everyone is happy, enjoys good health, has equal growth opportunities and lives in balance with nature. In the event of any disaster, Sewa will be called in and be among the first to serve.

MISSION

Sewa International serves humanity in distress, aids local communities, and promotes volunteerism. We engage our beneficiaries to be agents of change in development and strive to make progress broad-based.
## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019-20

### Disaster Management
- **7** Flood-affected Schools Restored
- **24** Flood-Damaged Houses Re-Built
- **14** Counselling Centres Initiated for Kerala Floods affected
- **1,000+** Students got life-skill training
- **42,200+** Tarpaulins Distributed for Floods/Cyclone affected
- **80** Individuals got trained in Disaster Management

### Environment Protection
- **274** Girls Participated in HARELA Fest
- **12** Plastic Waste (in quintals) collected for recycling
- **800** Students provided access to clean drinking water
- **5,007** Seedballs Produced for Plantation

### Livelihood Development
- **766** Women Enrolled for Organic Farming Trainings
- **70** SHGs Formed
- **253** Individuals got trained in seed sowing
- **1,114** Knitting Products produced and marketed
- **12,29,090** Revenue (in Rs.) generated from sales of farm Produce
### Skill Development

- **PMKK Centers Operational**: 9
- **Types of training completed**: 118
- **Students completed the course**: 240
- **Students Enrolled**: 12,000+
- **Trainees Employed thru Code-A-Future**: 1,022

### Health Services

- **Mobile Medical Camps Organized**: 256
- **Health Awareness programs conducted**: 12
- **Patients attended**: 149,411

### WASH

- **Toilets Built**: 151
- **RO Plants Installed in Kuttanad(Kerala)**: 3
- **Volunteers joined Menstruation Hygiene Campaign**: 390
- **Adolescent Girls were provided Hygiene/Sanitation training**: 5,970
## HIGHLIGHTS 2019-20

### Education

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<td>Hostel rooms constructed in different schools</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>New Library-On-wheels launched</td>
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<td>102</td>
<td>New on-premise libraries setup in schools/communities</td>
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<td>8,800</td>
<td>School Kits distributed</td>
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<td>New Bal Panchayats started</td>
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<td>1,584</td>
<td>Students sponsored as part of SAC program</td>
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### Tribal Development

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<td>Community Activity Centers Constructed in Arunachal Pradesh</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>KW Solar Plant installed in hostel in Manipur</td>
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<td>120+</td>
<td>kids provided remedial education in displaced Bru camps of Tripura</td>
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<td>1,081</td>
<td>School Bags distributed</td>
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### Animal Welfare

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<td>Turtles rescued</td>
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<td>Buffaloes Rescued</td>
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<td>40</td>
<td>Cows Rescued</td>
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<td>Exotic Birds provided medical help</td>
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Over the last decade, the globe has become one virtual community. The global community is facing some serious challenges, among them, human-induced environment degradation leading to climate change ranks above all. The United Nations had come up with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 to address global challenges. These SDGs serve as the guideposts and drive our activities. These goals can be achieved only through extensive collaboration among voluntary organizations, govt. agencies, local communities, subject matter experts, and corporates.

In 2018 we had 1st SDG conference which was followed by HIM Samvad in Jan 2020.

HIM SAMVAD, 2020
(HIMALAYAN IDEATION MEET)

A CONFERENCE TO BRING THE AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING SDGS IN THE HIMALAYAN REGION

The Indian Himalayan Region (IHR), composed of 9 Indian States (Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura) and 2 UTs (Jammu & Kashmir, Leh) along with 4 districts in Assam & West Bengal is among the most eco-sensitive regions of the earth. It borders the two most populous nations India and China. Any adverse changes in the geology/ecology of this region could impact more than 1 billion people, who depend on the rivers and flora/fauna of the region. The region is also strategically important for India.

The conference was organized in collaboration with Miranda House (Delhi University) and was sponsored with support from GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBPNIHE), Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and CSIR-IIP. Some of the other prominent organizations/department that participated in this 2-day conference were:

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), GOI
- International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)
- National Research Institute for Sowa Rigpa, Leh, Ministry of Ayush, GOI
- Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (IDSA)
- Uttarakhand State Environment Assessment Authority (USEAA)
- Jawahar Lal Nehru University (JNU)
- The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI)
- Swami Vivekananda Youth Development (SVYM)
- Karuna Trust, Assam
- Research Institute of World’s Ancient Traditions, Culture and Heritage (RIWATCH)

OBJECTIVES:

- To initiate a dialogue process among key stakeholders - Implementation agencies, Policy makers, Government, Civil society organization, Corporates and the Community itself for fulfilling the target of 2030 SDGs agenda in the Himalayan Region (HR)
- To create awareness & build consensus among various local stakeholders for a constructive collaboration
- To formulate policies to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) in the HR
- To identify the gaps and build capacity for effective & responsive implementation of SDGs in the HR
The 2-day conference embarked upon a dialogue process among key stakeholders in Himalayan Region. It has further helped create awareness, build consensus towards collaborative efforts, broad agreement to formulate relevant policies, identify the gaps and build capacity for effective & responsive implementation of SDGs in the Himalayan Region.

**Inaugural ceremony was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri. Trivendra Singh Rawat.** He mentioned about Government of India's initiative towards development of Himalayan states. He expressed concern on depleting water resources and how Uttarakhand state government is working to save water resources along with other initiatives in community development.

**Following themes were the focus of the discussions which kept experts and audience engaged, resulting in recommendations and common understanding to drive the SDGs agenda for Himalayan States forward:**
- **Livelihoods - Model of Himalayan Agri-based livelihood for small farmers**
- **Technology and Innovation - How can it promote sustainable development in Himalayas**
- **Women - How to equip them to be Agent of Change for Himalayas**
- **Health - How to ensure holistic Healthcare facilities in the remote regions of Himalayas**
- **Environment - Rejuvenation/revival of Himalayan springs**
- **Unique Biodiversity - Protecting & promoting the diverse flora and fauna**
- **Tourism - Need for sustainable mountain tourism destination (capturing natural, cultural and waste management aspects)**
- **Partnerships - Effective collaboration among stakeholders for achieving the goals**

Panel discussions, thematic presentations, engaging Q&A sessions, and networking events helped the participants to understand the real nature of the problem, their interdependence, underlying challenges, some quick solutions, long-term interventions required and capability and role of different stakeholders.
Enhancing liaising and effective communication between key stakeholders
Encourage and enhance women participation
Increase skill development efforts and digital literacy among the youth
Enhance livelihood opportunities in farm, non-farm and eco-tourism sector(s)
Initiate programs to restore springs, augmenting the rivers and reducing pollution in the region

The conference culminated into 16 important action points that can be broadly categorized as:

1. Enhancing liaising and effective communication between key stakeholders
2. Encourage and enhance women participation
3. Increase skill development efforts and digital literacy among the youth
4. Enhance livelihood opportunities in farm, non-farm and eco-tourism sector(s)
5. Initiate programs to restore springs, augmenting the rivers and reducing pollution in the region

At the Closing Ceremony, Smt. Baby Rani Maurya, Hon’ble Governor of Uttarakhand, echoed the importance of ensuring sustainable development in the Himalayan Region. She appreciated the organizers and supporters for bringing all stakeholders on one platform to address the Himalayan region challenges holistically at the opportune time.

HIMSamvad 2020 brought together all key stakeholders, to share their individual experience/expertise and collaborate to achieve the common goal of preserving our unique ecosystem & spiritual traditions of the Himalayas.
KALINGA FELLOWSHIP
A global commitment to combat the trafficking of women and children

Kalinga Fellowship 2019 was organized by Sewa International in association with Bridge Institute, FXB Suraksha and Kalinga Institute of Social Science with support from National Commission of Women, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Delhi Police and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) from 9th to 13th Dec 2019 at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi.

The Kalinga Fellowship is a programme that brings together progressive leaders from business, government and civil society to facilitate breakthroughs in thinking and action in combating trafficking of women and children.

It aims to advance **target #5.2** of the Sustainable Development Goals that states "**eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation**".

Participants: 80 delegates (54 from India, 2 from the USA, 1 from UAE, 4 from Singapore, 13 from UK and 6 from Hong Kong)

These delegates (fellows) went thru orientation, knowledge sharing sessions, lego play and immersions sessions to holistically understand the issue at hand and derive solutions. The Kalinga Fellows team created prototype solutions, sought feedback, fine-tuned their strategies & solutions, and presented a national roadmap to end the trafficking of women and children for the respective govt agencies and civil society organization for review.
PLOG FOR SEWA
Let the mountains and springs breathe again

In the Himalayas, climate change is resulting in changing precipitation patterns, rapid melting down of glaciers, and irreversible biodiversity losses. Ever-increasing Plastic/Non-biodegradable waste is adding to the already dire situation, without any available recourse.

Taking up the initiative of leaving Mother Earth ‘cleaner & greener’, Sewa International kicked off a Mega Event called "Plog For Sewa" at Gopeshwar in Uttarakhand on the occasion of National Unity Day on Oct 31st 2019. The purpose of the event was to take up the responsibility of cleaning whenever and wherever we can, with the message of ‘Unity, Cleanliness, and Fitness’. 450+ people including volunteers, passionate college students, school children, along with Sewa employees and beneficiaries took part in the cleanliness drive, collecting 12 quintals of plastic, non-biodegradable waste littered on 15 different active routes.

RICKSHAW RUN 2019
Ride to help speech & hearing impaired children

Rickshaw Run 2019 was organized by Sewa International in association with Sewa UK and Saksham. It was an innovative awareness campaign, featuring 30 auto-rickshaws carrying 94 overseas Indians as well as foreigners, for 12 days for a gruelling 2600 km journey from Kanyakumari (Tamil Nadu) to Ahmedabad (Gujarat). The purpose was to create awareness on the speech and hearing disability and raise funds for the Institute, Cochlea Pune for Hearing and Speech, which offers cochlear implant surgery for congenitally deaf children and provide speech therapy to these children to enable them to speak.

Participants - 94 (12 from Australia, 2 from Kenya, 1 from USA, 2 from India and 77 from UK)
Sewa International has been celebrating International Women’s Day (every year on 8th March) since 2016 as Fyunli Kauthig in Uttarakhand. The idea is to ‘Celebrate Womanhood’, by recognizing immense role of women in our lives and salute their feats. The community comes together to share extraordinary stories of hard-working rural women of Rudraprayag and Chamoli, in different roles and walks of life to showcase their success and inspire others to strive to reach to their full potential. The theme of this year’s Fyunli Kauthig was “Meru Gaon, Meru Kauthig”, literally meaning “My village, My festival”.

The purpose of organizing first Fyunli Kauthig in 2016 was to create a platform for the women working with us, mostly in farm and non-farm based livelihoods, skilling, health services, to get inspired to bring the change that their generations dream of. This time, instead of Sewa International, Fyunli Kauthig program was driven by the Community itself, comprising of our beneficiary women, who no longer needed to be on the passenger seat but instead took the lead to make it a truly a memorable community-driven initiative. The event was celebrated not at one location but at 7 different clusters in Chamoli & Rudraprayag districts i.e. Tapovan, Urgam, Simli, Pokhari, Chandrapuri, Narayankoti and Makkumath, to ensure maximum participation.

On 8th March 2020, huge crowds of 9000+ women and community members joined the memorable celebrations of a life-time.
To transform Uttarakhand into a 100% Organic State, Sewa International in association with Ekalavya Foundation initiated HARELA project at Chamoli, Rudraprayag and Dehradun districts in Uttarakhand, supported by ONGC CSR.

The project was started in 2018 with targeted interventions aimed at increasing farm incomes of the farmers in 20 villages each of Rudraprayag, Chamoli and Dehradun by 25%-30% by focussing on 3Ts- Training, Tools and Technology.

In India, current farming practices focus more on yield in the immediate future without caring for the ecosystem. This approach has led to the use of chemical fertilizers, unthoughtful usage of water and soil loss, leading to unsustainable agri-practices.

Through HARELA Project, Sewa International has been creating awareness about sustainable organic farming within the community. 'Organic Demo Farms' have been developed in 3 districts, to show the working concept and to provide necessary training to practice and successfully implement it in their respective fields.

The 'Demo farms’ are also utilized as a nursery to produce quality seedlings, grafts and make it available to the farmers. This saves a lot of time, money and efforts for the farmers. The training includes 'Concept of Organic Farming', 'Soil sowing', 'Soil health management', 'Mulching', 'Water management, Crop planning/management', 'Nutrient management', 'Pest & Disease management', 'Weeding'. Apart from the standard training, specific workshops on 'Soil Testing', 'Pre-Post Harvest Management', are also conducted, equipping the women trainees with the tools/knowledge to increase their income.
HimSampada is the farm/non-farm produce based Producers Company, registered in Aug 2019, being promoted by Sewa International under its Sewa Srujan initiative in Uttarakhand, with our SHG women members being the owners.

It is a reality that the actual farmer’s revenue from primary farm produce is close to only 15-20% of their income, while secondary produce viz processed, packaged, value-added, fetch much higher returns. So, one of the ways to increase farmer’s income is to create more value addition to their farm produce and market it directly through their own company, also removing the middlemen in the process. HimSampada was established to ensure that farmers in Uttarakhand are able to earn a decent income through their farm and non-farm based products by providing them with relevant training, and backward and forward market linkages.

The company works in the Rudraprayag and Chamoli districts of Uttarakhand with an active association of 1500+ women farmers across 5 federations, each holding an equal share and rights in the company. Governing Body is comprised of the Federation(group of SHGs) leaders, which oversees company business activities, They are the one’s who are involved in the decisions on which crops to procure and at what rates depending on the prevailing market situation, hence driving the process under Sewa’s supervision. Presently, HimSampada offers traditional crops, pulses, spices, nuts, including Jhangora, Mandua, Ram dana, Red Rice, Rajma, Gahat, Toor etc.

2019-20 Project Highlights

- Demonstration farm beds created at Pokhari(Chamoli) and Haat(Rudraprayag) in Uttarakhand for crops like Okra, Brinjal, Chili, Rice, Corn, Black gram, Soya Bean, Beans, Rajma, Radish, Norangi, Ramdana
- Trainees from 25 new villages mobilized during the period
- A sale of Rs. 40,000 made from sapling and demo farm produce sales
- Organic farming training conducted at 17 villages in Rudraprayag and Chamoli districts attended by 506 interested participants
- Demo Farmland identified in Dehradun for development and training plan.

HIMSAMPADA
Collaborating for Success - Producers, Processors and Traders...

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Women Shareholders

6,78,000
Shareholder’s capital (in Rs.)

4,60,064
Total revenue generated(in Rs)

70+
villages impacted
Make the stream plastic-free.

Restore the biodiversity along the catchment area through afforestation.

Increase the volume of water flow.

Revive the nutritional and microbial balance of the water.

Recharge the water capillaries.

Develop a solid waste management system.

Project PRAWAH promotes a multi-sectorial approach for behavioral change and public awareness on litter clean-up, and need to protect and replenish forests, to ensure clean and bountiful water from Himalayan springs. Rejuvenation of springs is crucial for building resilience to tackle climate change in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region, affecting the lives of millions of people who are dependent on it for their survival.

To begin with, our focus is to resuscitate the “Khankhara Gadera”, a 7-km long stream from Dewar village to Uttarakhand Ayurvedic Medical Institute Vidyapeeth College in Guptkashi of Rudraprayag district. Upon successful implementation, the idea will be replicated as a Model for reviving other such Gaderas in the Himalayan region.

Project PRAWAH objectives are to:

- Make the stream plastic-free.
- Restore the biodiversity along the catchment area through afforestation.
- Increase the volume of water flow.
- Revive the nutritional and microbial balance of the water.
- Recharge the water capillaries.
- Develop a solid waste management system.

Progress made so far:

- After the baseline survey, community meetings were held at various villages along the identified streams,
- 25 dumping yards identified that are a potential threat to the environment and may result in health problems,
- 22 volunteers are selected and trained to carry out specific activities along with community members,
- Village level committees were formed in three villages – Dewar, Sankari and Bahisari. Regular meetings and follow-ups were conducted to drive the activities.
As part of our Sewa Saahas initiative, a team of 20 bikers from Delhi, Uttarakhand, Pune went on 'Ride for Sewa' journey on the occasion of Independence Day. This was the 2nd year of 'Ride for Sewa' which celebrates the Joy of Sewa and show solidarity with our men in uniform on Indian Independence Day.

Riders passed through mesmerizing scenic beauty of Dehradun, Tehri, Rudraprayag, Chopta, Joshimath and finally reached Mana, last village in Chamoli before Mana Pass Road, 24km from the border of India and Tibet. The team covered around 1300km to reach Mana village and celebrated the 73rd Independence Day and Rakshabandan festival with our border heroes and villagers with great fervor.

It was really amazing journey with Sewa International. A week-long journey under Sewa Sahaas Project which started in New Delhi and ended at Mana, Uttarakhand gave me an opportunity to know many things about the historic significance of various locations and the local community. The experience of Home Stay at Kharchhon village helped me to know more about mountain life and Sewa work in Uttarakhand. Also, a trip to the holy shrine Badrinath was divine. I got to experience local culture, lifestyle and unforgettable memories from this ride. The guidance of the Sewa team made our journey really easy and comfortable. I feel inspired by what Sewa is doing in Uttarakhand. I have told many of my friends about Sewa International and its work upon my return and wish to come back again.

Thank you so much for the unforgettable journey!

Mr. Piyush Kardile
(Ride for Sewa 2019 Biker Participant)
National Nutrition week, an initiative by the Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrated each year from 1st to 7th September. In 2019, Sewa International decided to observe Nutrition Week from 1st to 9th September in the Himalayan region, organizing nutritious and healthy cooking recipe training at cluster level in Pokhari, Tapovan, Simli, Narayankoti, Urgam and Chandrapuri villages. The program was led by our volunteer, Dr Rajeshwari Kathait, a renowned Nutritionist & Dietician from Mumbai. Adolescent girls, members of SHGs, pregnant women, lactating mothers, midwives and ASHA workers took part in the training and learnt many new nutritional recipes from locally available ingredients.

Training programs were scheduled by the ‘Swasthya Sahyogi Sewa’ team at different villages in Chamoli and Rudraprayag districts. The purpose of the training was to allow rural women and girls to participate and learn a variety of nutritional recipes with local fruits and vegetables. **Total 221 participants took part in the training during the campaign** and learned cooking tips on how to prepare delicious and nutritional foods from indigenous crops like barnyard millet, finger millet, cereals, soybean, chickpeas etc. Dr Kathait also discussed the complications during menstruation and menopause with local women and suggested good food habits be adopted during these days. Locals really appreciated her efforts and learnt some healthy food tips for a better lifestyle.

Keeping the momentum, our team of volunteers conducted similar sessions **between Oct 2019 to Feb 2020 covering 881 women associated with self help groups.**
"They alone live, who live for Others"
- Swami Vivekanananda
When Climate-change fueled Disasters ...

In 2019, India received its heaviest monsoon rainfall in 25 years. According to a report from the Union Home Ministry, more than 25 lakh people across 22 states were affected by the floods. In Maharashtra and Karnataka close to 4 lakh people were displaced and almost 100 died. Heavy rainfall for many days and logging of water kept the crop, homes and schools fully or partially underwater for many days making them impossible to use after the floods.

Cyclone Fani landed on India’s eastern coast on May 3 2019, forced more than a million people out of their homes. The cyclone has affected 15 million in the states of Odisha and West Bengal. Torrential rain, gushing winds, and razing ocean have damaged more than 500,000 houses and killed 3.4 million cattle.

An increase in carbon emissions leading to irreversible changes in global climate has been cited as the main reason for the unprecedented floods/cyclones. True to our mission, the Sewa International team worked relentlessly either directly or through its local partners towards rescue, relief and rehabilitation work for the affected people in need. as we have been doing for the last 23 years.

Maharashtra Floods

Maharashtra and Karnataka states share a border and the river 'Krishna' is the main river cutting these two states. Heavy rains in western Maharashtra (Sangli, Kolhapur districts) resulted in the flooding of river Krishna and other rivers like Panchaganga in the region destroying homes, schools and crops. After the floods, villages were full of dirt and villagers were exposed to many water-borne diseases.

Seeing the massive damages, Sewa International along with its local partner Being Volunteer worked towards rebuilding some affected schools and also conducted medical camps at various flooded locations to counter any medical issues.

- Medical camps were organized for the residents infected by a viral infection and water-borne diseases in 13 villages of Shirol Taluka, Kolhapur from 12th to 17th Nov 2019. The camp recorded a total of 1902 registrations. Patients were given appropriate health-related consultation and 3 days of prescription medicine by the respective physicians.

- 7 damaged schools of Kolhapur, Maharashtra that were submerged 6 feet under flood-water were restored post floods with paint work & repair of walls,floors,toilets,furniture etc.

- A total of 1500 school kits were distributed to school kids of 20 schools that were affected by floods and nearby locations in Dhanoli, Umalwad, Chipati, Dattawad.
Cyclone Fani (Odisha)

Cyclones are not new for the eastern Indian states but Cyclone Fani was the strongest cyclone since 1999 that struck Odisha in 2019 and left people in despair.

Sewa International’s on-ground partner, Utkal Bipanna Sahayatha Samithi (UBSS), did some initial survey and operated makeshift shelters in Odisha and served freshly cooked meals to more than 8,000 victims.

In the Rehab phase, with the aim to provide means of livelihoods, and also engage youths in the recovery process, Sewa International worked on the ground with the local Youth for Seva chapter, providing Coconut Saplings to each affected family. Over a period of 4 months, starting November 2019, 4000+ farmers were provided with 4-6 saplings each for more than 20,000 saplings for a fresh start to a post-cyclone life.

Uttarakhand Cloudburst

Devastating flash floods, caused by a cloudburst in Chamoli district, resulted in massive destruction and damage to the local populace.

Our team in Uttarakhand being the first to provide the survivors with the much-needed blankets to bear the cold weather as the houses of many villagers were damaged due to heavy rainfall.
Karnataka Floods - School & Toilet Repair

To promote and improve sanitation and hygiene in rural areas in Karnataka affected by the incessant floods, Sewa International initiated repair of 3 damaged schools in Gokak and Ankalgi areas in North Karnataka where school wall repair, painting work, toilet construction/repair & cleaning work was conducted as part of the Flood Rehab work supported by United Way Mumbai.

- **Adibetti Badawane School, Gokak**
  - Flooring bed was re-constructed
  - New urinal sheets were installed
  - Plastering of toilet and new tiles were installed
  - After all mason work, toilet was painted as new

- **Urdu HPS School, Ankalgi**
  - Parapet wall newly constructed
  - New toilets and urinals were constructed

Kodagu Rehabilitation (2018 Floods)

In August 2018, the south-west monsoon paralyzed 11 districts out of 30 districts in Karnataka. Several districts of the coastal and Malnad region faced the brunt of incessant rains. One of the badly damaged districts was Kodagu.

As a part of Sewa International long-term program to rehabilitate flood-affected people of Kodagu district, we organized a wide range of Technical Training programs to help the student find suitable jobs or to become an entrepreneur. Some of the key programs that we are running as a part of the Kodagu rehabilitation program are:

- Livelihood training programs for villagers especially youth,
- Restoration of damaged houses/buildings,
- Providing education kits and setting up computer labs at schools whose resources have been damaged due to rains

Following are some of the activities that were accomplished in 2019-20:

1. Computer lab was installed in Government High School Kadagadalu, Kodagu district.
2. Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) kits with appropriate training of teachers were provided to 4 Government Schools as below:
   - GHS Hakkatur (Govt High school)
   - GHS Ankanahalli
   - GJC Ponnampet
   - GHS Channanakote
Provided 24 newly constructed houses to flood victims whose houses were completely destroyed in Alappuzha district. It really made big impact in their lives as their livelihood were also impacted due to floods, as a result they were financially strained and couldn't afford to built house.

As their dream of a well-equipped house became possible, it has created a positive environment among beneficiaries and they also came forward to lend their services as volunteers.

Post devastating floods of 2018 that affected almost all the districts in Kerala, Sewa International along with its on-ground partner Jagadguru educational cultural and charitable trust carried out the survey of the affected schools. During the survey, it was found that 270 schools buildings in Alappuzha district were severely damaged. Sree Krishna Vidyapeedham School, Ambalapuzha and Saraswathy Vidya Mandiram, Thuravoor were among the schools that were completely sub-merged in water and received heavy damages to the structure. Restoration work of these schools was undertaken by our team that is still continuing.
Chellappan (51) was a Coolie worker who got paralyzed after an accident 4 years ago. His family comprises of his mother (83), wife and two school going children. They belong to the BPL category.

Inevitable floods posed an unimaginable challenge in front of his family, washing off their house and belongings overnight and the family was in deep agony on their loss. A house for the family was the most ideal support for them during that hour of crisis. With Sewa International’s support, a safe and secure house was provided to Chellappan’s family making a Happy Home for them.

Counselling Centers
Post floods, the biggest challenge was mental health issues among the different age groups as people have lost their hope due to their broken houses, lost livelihoods and some even losing their family members. To ensure they are well treated and counselled, 14 counselling centers were established covering 9 districts.

Main objective of Sevabharathi Punarjani counselling centers were to establish holistic counselling centers that provide psycho-social support, trauma counselling, facilitate mental health services, and overall growth & development of all sections of people including recent flood victims across Malapuram, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kozhikode, Ernakulam, Alapuzha, Pathanamthitta, Trivandrum districts.
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**Kerala Rehab Impact at a glance**

- **1,000** students got life skill training
- **150** teachers reached out for networking
- **5,296** direct beneficiaries
- **16,005** indirect beneficiaries
- **2,000** beneficiaries screened for psychological problems
- **1,000** beneficiaries got direct counselling
Sewa International has installed 3 RO filtering based water ATM units in Kuttanad area of Kerala after the floods of 2018. The details are provided in ‘Water, Sanitation and Hygiene’ domain in this report further.
May peace radiate there in the whole sky as well as in the vast ethereal space everywhere.
May peace reign all over this earth, in water and in all herbs, trees and creepers.
May peace flow over the whole universe. May peace be in the Whole Universe.
And may there always exist in all peace and peace alone.
Om peace, peace and peace to us and all beings!
— (Translation by Swami Abhedananda, Ramakrishna Vedanta Math, India)
The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 defines the environment as follows: ‘Environment includes water, air and land and the inter-relationship which exists among and between water, air and land and human beings, other living creatures, plants, micro-organisms and property’.

The ancient Indian wisdom to live in harmony with the environment and taking care of it for sustainability is evident through various sutras and shlokas from Vedas and other literature. It is still evident in rituals followed in various regions.

Having said that, according to United Nations, India is the third largest emitter of Carbon Dioxide and is responsible for 6.9% of the Global emissions. Almost 70% of water bodies like rivers, lakes, surface water in India are polluted due to industries, untreated sewage and solid wastes. The rampant usage of plastic at individual levels shows either lack of awareness or shying away from personal responsibility.

Realizing the critical role, Sewa International needs to play for combating climate change, under ‘Environment Action’ five focus areas were identified and the work was initiated as under,

1. Promoting usage of Clean Renewable Energy
2. Water conservation & preventing contamination & pollution
3. Tree plantation and nurturing forests
4. Raising awareness about individual’s responsibilities towards the environment.

The initiatives under ‘Environment Action’ are aligned with United Nations SDGs’ in terms of objectives, goals and success parameters. They are also inline with the nationwide initiatives taken by the government authorities.

**TREE PLANTATION & NURTURING**

Sewa International’s partner, Being Volunteer Foundation, a Pune based organisation is working in tree plantation and nurturing activities for the last 4 years. The important feature of this activity is huge involvement of corporate volunteers. The initiative named “Greendot” aims to enhance the tree per person ratio at the city level. The recommended ratio is 8:1 and actual is 1.28:1. Under this activity, local species are planted and they are nurtured till they sustain on their own.
PLASTIC WASTE REMOVAL & MANAGEMENT

Uncontrolled usage and unthoughtful disposal ways are creating a huge threat to the environment. The key challenge here is to create awareness to affect the individual’s behaviour. Sewa International kicked off a Mega Event called “Plog For Sewa” (means pick up litter while you jog) at Gopeshwar town in Uttarakhand, with the help of local authorities and state administration. The purpose of the event was to spread the message - ‘Unity, Cleanliness and Fitness’.

450+ people including volunteers, passionate college students, school children, along Sewa employees and beneficiaries took part in the cleanliness drive, collecting 12 quintals of plastic garbage non-biodegradable waste littered on the 15 roads/routes.

A similar drive to collect waste plastic from households and using it for further recycling was carried out in Pune. It was a contest to create an ‘Eco Ball’ of max weight possible. 54 volunteers made 34 eco-balls from waste plastic totalling to 150 Kgs.

HARELA FESTIVAL

Harela is the famous Hindu festival in the Kumauni region of Uttarakhand state of India, celebrating the onset of Monsoon as well as praying for a good harvest and prosperity. This year, groups of adolescent girls of the Swasthya Sahyogi Sewa project, planted trees and conducted awareness drives in their communities on the importance of plantation. On this occasion participants of groups from different clusters planted saplings for local trees and took pledge for their care.
It was heartwarming to see 105 Piramal employees turn up for the volunteering activity which took place in batches of 68 and 37 employees respectively. They thoroughly enjoyed the activity and put forth full effort to make as many seedballs as possible. Though, we assigned the target of around 3500 seedballs, but the passionate volunteers produced 5007 seedballs of different species of plants like Chilbil, Paakad, Neem, Gular etc, which was a welcome surprise.

A seedball is a seed that is wrapped in soil materials, usually a mixture of clay and compost. Basically, the seedball after being dried is propagated in the barren/deforested areas for the species to grow naturally, without the need of individual care as in case of saplings. Seedballs keep seeds safe until conditions are favorable for germination, and is one of the best sustainable ways to increase forestation and fight global warming.

SEEDBALL MAKING

Sewa International in collaboration with Piramal Capital & Housing Finance, conducted a day-long seedball making program for Piramal’s employees at Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, Tughlakabad, New Delhi on 6th Sep 2019.

Across 5 clusters in Uttarakhand, total 274 adolescent girls participated in this festival and together planted 390 trees
SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

“Give a man a fish and you will feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and he can feed himself forever”
Over the last two decades, the term ‘Sustainable Livelihood Development’ has taken a centre-stage in the social sector, politics, public policy, strategy, and multiple other dimensions. Often used interchangeably in terms of income, employment, employability, livelihood comprises assets (including both material and social resources), activities and capabilities required for the sustainable means of living.

In the Indian context, Sewa International has observed 3 main reasons for the disruption in livelihood,

1. **Natural calamity or disaster suddenly wiping out the existing livelihood options.**
2. **Climate change making it difficult to practice a few options in rural and mountain regions**
3. **The skill gap between industry expectations and actual skills with employable persons.**

As a part of ‘rehabilitation’ in disaster-affected areas, Sewa International has been working since 2001. Harnessing the experience of mobilizing the community, planning effective interventions and putting them into action, it has aligned the ongoing and new projects to focus on 4 areas,

1. **Farm-based livelihood**
2. **Non-Farm based livelihood**
3. **Craft based livelihood**
4. **Short-Term Skill Training (PMKK)**

**Farm based Livelihoods**

**Sewa Krishi**

Since 2016, to promote sustainable livelihoods in Uttarakhand, Sewa International started ‘Sewa Krishi’, an agricultural initiative, which aims at promoting organic farming, especially the produce unique to the Himalayan region. The initiative seeks to combine the best practices of traditional farming and integrate it with the technological know-how of the present times to be able to pursue not just traditional farming but also climate smart agriculture.
Following are the various ways by which the farmers of Uttarakhand are being empowered economically.

- Good quality seeds of vegetables, fruits, flowers are being distributed at subsidized costs.
- Training is imparted in modern seed sowing techniques for better productivity.
- ‘Demo’ beds are prepared for training and motivating farmers into Organic Farming.
- Volunteers are engaged to help the locals in land surveys, mapping crop patterns etc.
- Marketing support for the farmers.

2019-20

- 253 individuals participated in seed sowing and seed treatment training.
- Revenue through sales of farm produce is Rs. 12,29,090.
- Awareness visit to Almora and Pantanagar university by Sewa Krishi core team.
- Participation in external training on ‘zero budget organic farming’.
- New Soil testing kit is made operational.

HARELA - Supported by ONGC

This farm based livelihood initiative is successfully running in Uttarakhand. The details are shared above under ‘New Horizons’

HIMSAMPADA

HimSampada FPO is our initiative towards empowering women for Sustainable Livelihoods mainly through Farm based produce. The details are shared above under ‘New Horizons’.
Non-farm based Livelihoods

Considering the need to provide alternative livelihood options, Sewa International has worked on 2 broad themes. First on alternative livelihood options within the same region based on traditional skills, and second building employable and entrepreneurial skills through dedicated training.

Sewa Saahas

Uttarakhand is an attraction for tourists, trekkers and travellers. Local youth has a natural talent in providing necessary services like trek/tour guide, stay and travel arrangements and rescue in case of disaster. Sewa Saahas is an attempt to provide affordable quality training in hospitality, adventure activities and search and rescue to local young boys and girls to enhance their options for livelihood locally and avoid migration.

Youth clubs are formed and trained in conducting adventure activities, safety, leave no trace principles, planning and logistics etc. Documentation of new trek routes is done. New locations are identified and villagers are encouraged and trained to run home stays.

2019-20

- Community mobilisation at Urgam valley, Makkumath and Simtoli for home stay facility,
- Orientation on beautification and decoration work of Homestay was conducted in three villages - Van-3 Homes, Byunkhi-3 homes, Karchhon-4 homes
- Documentation of almost 50 new locations for homestay has been done and forwarded to the Department of Tourism of Uttarakhand.
**Skill Development initiative**

To succeed in the 21st Century, youths need to be skilled in the different domains that they want to develop their career. With the economic reforms and India becoming the Global Hub for providing the youth for the opportunities world-wide, skilled manpower is the need of the hour. India is also witnessing a rapid evolution of enterprises and associated career options that were not there even a decade ago. The changing business requirements also demand steep learning curves to be productive and very polished social-emotional skills. Unfortunately, the current education system does not support many of the industry needs and hence there is a huge gap between the possessed skills by educated and skills required in the industry.

Sewa International has understood the power of education and skill development. Therefore, it has taken efforts in the very direction envisioning to empower youth and make them future-ready.

**PMKK (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra)**

It was in the year 2016 when Sewa International first decided to take up a government scheme to train youth to enhance their skills and hence make them ready for employment. The scheme is generally targeted at non-skilled and semi-skilled unemployed youth to receive required skills and certification. PMKK (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra) centres across Uttarakhand and West Bengal are providing training in various sectors such as hospitality, IT/ITES, apparel, food processing, agriculture etc. Year by year, the number of students taking advantage of these centres is rising. To date, almost 12000 students undertook various courses across 9 centres leading to 6000+ employment.
Employment & Mobilization Drives

Sewa International has taken efforts not only to train and teach skills but also to help students meet potential employers.

Rojgar Mela was organised at PMKK Pauri centre in Uttarakhand on 19-20 Nov 2019. More than 300 students from clusters participated. 10 organisations from Dehradun, Pauri, Haridwar, Noida, Delhi and Gurgaon offered jobs in IT/ITES, healthcare, Banking, Retail & hospitality. 145 students were selected.

Kaushal Mela was organised at PMKK Mathurapur in West Bengal. 295 students participated in this drive.

PMKK FY 2019-20 Centerwise data for 5 Key Centres

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Makani Devi, age 32 yrs. a resident of Chamba, Tehri. Her husband is a farmer and the only earning member to support a family of five dependents. Realizing that she should also earn to support her family, she joined the Self-Employed Tailoring course at PMKK Tehri. Within a few months, she passed the course as she was determined to become a successful entrepreneur. She proudly owns a tailoring shop specialised in kids and ladies garments stitching. She would like to learn fashion designing and aspires an open a ladies boutique in future. She is thankful to Sewa International and the entire staff of PMKK Tehri for their support.

Pramod Singh, age 19 yrs resident of village Gulai, Tehri has completed senior secondary education and was looking for a job. He wanted to pursue further studies, but due to his family’s economical conditions, he couldn’t do it. He came to know about PMKK Pauri centre through advertisement and was intrigued to know about various free courses available. He undertook training for the In-store Promoter job role and completed the course with good marks. He is now working as a retail executive in Elante Mall, Chandigarh and earning a salary of Rs. 12,000, which is good enough for him to take care of his family.

Digital Literacy under Sewa Yuva Jyoti

With the country striving forward on the path of development and technological advancement, it is the youth who are forebears of this journey towards a Shining India. The training equips rural youth with digital literacy programs, laying special focus on personality development, soft skills and generating means of livelihood for local youth. It aims at bridging the gap between the demand for skilled labour and the supply of trained technology professionals.
Most of these children don’t grow up with access to even the most basic technology, so when and if they decide to pursue a career in this field, they have a difficult time adjusting to and familiarizing themselves with different tools of the trade. Empowering underprivileged youth with digital literacy skills not only meets a key workforce demand but also extends much-needed access to education throughout various communities.

### 2019-20
- 387 new trainees joined. Total number of students got benefited over the period of 4 years is 1763.
- 240 students completed the course during the year.

### ‘Code-a-Future’ program - NASSCOM Foundation Initiative

In order to identify, build, and nurture talent in the technology space and focus on making students job-ready, the Code-A-Future program was run at Sewa International’s Uttarakhand and MP location with support from NASSCOM Foundation. The advanced training helps participants get a head start to their career by acquainting them with web-design and basic programming skills with the course materials prepared by and certified by Microsoft.

- The training was arranged at 10 centres. 8 in Uttarakhand and 2 in Madhya Pradesh
- The batches were almost an even mix of 50% male and 50% female students
- No. of students trained and provided employment assistance: 1022

The participants found the program very interesting as its approach was based on practical learning. For some students who were seriously considering exploring a career in IT/ITES; this course was a curtain-raiser. For many others, the takeaway was experiencing practical usage of computer programming in day to day life and solving the problem.

### Empower Her

30 under-served girl students were sponsored under this program. The program was designed to empower young girls in Soft skills and Accounting skills. The girls were trained in the safe and supportive environment of the Globant office located at Hinjewadi, Pune, Maharashtra. Training took place every Friday for 5 hours. Pick up and drop facility was provided to all the students and their coordinator.

The training sessions were executed by 20 volunteers. Every volunteer took a 1-hour training session and covered various topics in Soft skills and Accounting. The girls were trained for 5 months in which volunteers contributed 133 hours of volunteering.
Craft based Livelihood

Sewa International through its direct projects is currently working with Women in the Kutch region of Gujarat and the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand, promoting traditional handi-crafts and knowledge to generate livelihoods for the hard-working women.

Kutch Kala

2019-20

- A team of 13 members including tailoring and embroidery staff from Sewa International Design and Development centre visited Sewa International Uttarakhand projects. The objective was for cross-team interaction and learnings
- A month-long training program conducted for teaching our artisans, embroiderers, tailors new techniques and developing new skills in women clothing focussed on Khadi fabric to promote natural fibers and increase the earning potential of our trainees. 28 trainees are being taught different skills on how to make good designs for women clothing like palazzos, tops, jackets, skirts etc The training was conducted by “Empower and Enabling Consultants”
- A workshop was arranged on Photography. The objective was to teach the artisans take good quality and aesthetically perfect photographs of their products
- Sewa Kala Srushhi Pvt. Ltd generated revenue of Rs.7,47,500 through direct, online and exhibition sales, helping our trainees earn their livelihoods

Since 2008, as a Sustainable Livelihood generation program, Sewa International through its design centre (tailoring cum embroidery training) in Jiyapar village of Kutch district, Gujarat is making women artisans economically self-sufficient, confident and independent. To date, more than 2000 women were trained and upskilled through professionals to enhance their innate art.

What started as a program by providing alternative livelihood has been helped by a full-fledged enterprise "Sewa Kala Shrishti Pvt. Ltd" helping thousands of women market their products far and wide. It is enhancing their economic condition and social status as well.
The day to day struggle was taking its toll on the mental and physical health of her and her family. One fateful day, Volunteer from Sewa International went to explore the embroidery artisans in areas of Kutch and came to know about the family of Lakhiben. He immediately contacted her about the program and asked whether she could join in.

Lakhiben already knew the Pakko embroidery, hence the training acted as the guide to channelize her knowledge base and training to earn a livelihood. Through the self-help group’s association, Lakhiben now earns Rs.15000-18000 per month.

Sewa Mahila Jyoti

Sewa Mahila Jyoti is the women empowerment initiative of Sewa International in the non-farming space for providing alternate livelihood options. After the devastating 2013 floods in Uttarakhand, our Knitting Centres have provided livelihood opportunities to the surviving women by training them in hand and machine knitting and the latest design techniques. Knitting, being a traditional skill and woollens, a regular necessity ensures easy acceptance and interest among the trainees.

This skill provides a natural market for itself in and around this region. Sewa International has worked towards upgrading the skills, materials, and tools to match the products with factory-made items. Usage of machines has improved productivity over hand knitting methods. At knitting centres, women are trained on using basic and advanced machines, develop different products, create innovative patterns, choose attractive color combinations, and sell and market their products. Women are encouraged to participate in fairs and trading activities at cities and even out of state.
Under Sewa Srujan, women have been mobilized to form small Self-Help groups and avail micro-financing benefits like group savings, small loans at low-interest rates in case of emergency. Inter-loaning for meeting their day-to-day needs has increased their confidence tremendously. This community development initiative gives them a New Hope and self-confidence to start new enterprises by making them economically independent and increasing their self-confidence.

Sewa Srujan

Under our Community Training activity, 9 training sessions were conducted at 9 villages. A total of 110 women participated and got trained in these sessions.

At our 6 Knitting Centers, 83 new women joined taking the total of trained to 258.

89 Training sessions were conducted for these women.

The production house has 54 women associates. They produced 1114 products. The revenue for 2019-20 is Rs.3,86,715. Note, this doesn't include the revenue that women are earning at their homes, boutiques, shops through their skill.
HEALTH

ॐ सर्वं भवन्तु सुखिनः
सर्वं सन्तु निरामयः
सर्वं भद्राणि शनिन्तु
मा कश्चिदुःखमाग्नवत्।

May all be Happy
May all be free from illness
May all see the auspicious
May no one suffer
ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND WELL-BEING

In India, on one hand, we have a great challenge in getting quality, reliable and quick medical assistance in rural, tribal and hilly areas, while on other hand in the urban or semi-urban areas, we are witnessing a constant rise in lifestyle linked ‘Non-Communicable Diseases’ like diabetes, heart diseases, hypertension, cancer etc., despite having available medical services.

Both the conditions not only affect the health and quality of life of an individual, but also the productivity and economic growth of the nation. The scale to address this situation is huge!!

Sewa International has been working to ensure accessibility of healthcare services to the unreached, spreading health awareness, free medicines, medical consultancy & medical diagnosis for the needy and poor, and creating a support system for local health workers. This is also in line with our strategic decision to align our projects with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, viz Goal-3: ‘Good Health and Well Being’ and Goal-5: ‘Gender Equality and Empower Women and Girls’.

Mobile Medical Units (MMU)

This initiative is focused on making basic health services accessible to the unreached at their doorstep and in that process sensitize them towards the need to maintain health and hygiene, primarily in the remote Himalayan region, rural and tribal villages.

Sewa Arogyam- Medical Health Van at Uttarakhand

Sewa Arogyam, a mobile medical van in Uttarakhand is an initiative to provide mobile medical health services to 250 villages of Rudraprayag and Chamoli. The aim is to target the population of almost 1,00,000 and reach as many as possible by providing the services for 24 days a month.

The objectives being to,
- Provide diagnostic consultation and dispense medicines on the spot for common ailments and refer to the hospital in case of higher treatment.
- Providing facilities to pregnant women for postnatal and antenatal check-ups.
- Integrate patients into existing social services and health care systems through referrals.
- Raise awareness about preventive health care including family planning, communicable and other diseases using audiovisual aids and LED screens in the van.
The unit is supported by a large team comprising of a physician, lab technician, pharmacist, X-Ray Technician, ECG Technician, GDA interns and volunteers. It is ready with basic diagnostic equipments, more than 100 high accuracy blood and urine tests, and X-Ray with high-frequency CR and an advanced ECG machine.

2019-20
- Number of camps: 256.
- No of patients attended: 14941.
- Patients referred for further treatment: 148.

**SEWA SWASTHYA - MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT AT CHENNAI**

Sewa International partnered with Sewa Bharathi Tamilnadu during the 2015 Chennai floods. for Relief and Rescue efforts. Later, we supported the Flood Rehab efforts by sponsoring a Mobile Medical Unit to be run in rural areas in and around Chennai in Aug 2016.

The objectives were,
- To create awareness of health & hygiene through various Health Camps.
- To prevent people from various communicable & non-communicable diseases through medical camps using the Mobile Medical Unit.
- To cure diseases through medical check-ups and referring to other health institutions.

Since 2016, a total of 1231 medical camps have been set up, with around 50,000+ direct and 1 lakh+ indirect beneficiaries till March 2020.

In 2019-20,
- 4800 male and 9,470 females were treated under the Sewa Swasthya Project in Chennai,
- 1031 boys and 937 girls were given the necessary health service.
- Reduced Impact of Non-Communicable Diseases - Blood Pressure and Blood sugar.
- General Improvement in the overall health of the community people was seen.
- Lower disease and disabilities among community members.

**Category view - No. of Patients Chart (April 2019 to September 2019)**
Swami Vivekanand Medical Mission works in the rural area of the Wayanad district of Kerala where 20% population is tribal. Health facilities are a big challenge and providing basic help in remote locations is a huge task. The more challenging part was to “gain the confidence”.

Sewa International has been partnering with SVMM to provide free health care and treatment for the tribals in this area. This is achieved through a mobile medical van. For the last 3 years, the Mobile Unit visits are scheduled. The primary benefit observed is identifying ‘anaemic’ individuals, especially patients with ‘Sickle cell anaemia’. The detection is the first step towards the right treatment. The regular visit of the mobile medical centre also generated awareness about overall health and hygiene and the tribals are now ‘feeling safe’ to come forward, share their problems and even ready to undergo further treatment.

First-Aid Kits - Support ASHAs in Uttarakhand

Given the rugged terrains of the region where road connectivity is poor and the means of transport minimal, it becomes all the more necessary that local health workers are sufficiently equipped to provide at least first-aid. Trained health workers, ASHA are available within the community in Uttarakhand villages. Sewa International team realized that they don’t have the basic kit with them, hence First aid Kits are distributed to them to bridge this gap till access to the nearby hospital is attained. Monitoring of these kits is also done to understand the consumption pattern of medicines. Along with this, village-level group meetings on health awareness issues, maintaining health and hygiene and preventive measures are also conducted.

2019-20: No of kits checked and refilled: 28 No of group meetings done: 212
Empowering women SHGs to create Health Awareness

Regular health awareness camps are organized for the members of the SHGs to provide them knowledge about nutrition, first aid, hygiene and other important issues surrounding healthcare. Apart from just taking care of their own family, the members are guided as to how to maintain a decent standard of public health and their responsibility in it.

| 2019-20: No of awareness programs: | 12 | No of SHGs covered: | 46 | No of clusters: | 5 |

Sewa Swasthya Sakhi - Adolescent Girl Groups

It aims to spread health and hygiene awareness through regular meeting and counselling of adolescent girls. Over 259 adolescent girls took part in group meetings in Tapovan, Narayankoti, Pokhari, Chandrapur and Simli cluster.

Important days like ‘Global Handwashing Day’, ‘Yoga Day’, ‘Tobacco Day’, ‘Girl Child Day’, ‘International Women’s Day’, ‘Energy Conservation Day’, ‘Road Safety Day’, were celebrated with wide participation from girls, women and students from all 5 clusters. The objective was to raise awareness about important health and hygiene practices for a healthy society.
WASH
(WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE)

"PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST"
United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), a set of goals to guide global development to 2030, include a specific goal, Goal 6 - Ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. In the pursuit of this goal, Sewa International is working relentlessly directly and with its partners to reach the most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities across India.

WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) is completely a collective approach for getting access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation facilities, and proper hygiene education for improving human health and wellbeing. Improvement in WASH services not only reduce the illness and death from diseases but is also a powerful indicator of poverty and socio-economic development.

Sewa International is contributing to "Swachh Bharat Mission", the flagship program of the Govt of India aiming for 100% Open Defecation Free India, by providing better toilet facilities to the needy schools and poor households in rural communities as well as improving Menstruation Hygiene through awareness, in an effort to build healthy communities. It has become evident that simply providing access to services is not enough to change behaviour. Hence, Sewa International promotes WASH-related social behaviour change interventions to influence and support the desired behaviour change. Under the Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC), SI regularly conducts education and awareness programmes on topics like hand-washing, sanitation, safe food, menstrual hygiene, water handling & storage, for student and communities for reinforcing positive social behavioral changes.

**TOILET AND HYGIENE PROJECT FOR GIRL CHILD**

Sewa International’s Toilet and Hygiene Project for the Girl Child was conceived to provide sanitation facilities to girls who belong to the vulnerable section of Indian society. A “Right to Sanitation Facilities”, especially for our women and girl children who face several challenges every day just to attend nature calls in a safe and secure environment, is very much needed. The non-availability of such an environment is a major reason for girls absenteeism and eventual drop-out from schools. The initiative is committed to providing safe and secure toilet facilities in communities, neighbourhoods and schools, where they are not available so that we can ensure both dignity and safety to women and girl children.

"Yes! I can go to school"

In 2015, Sewa International started this program in the slums and government schools of Bengaluru, Karnataka. The project is expanded to 3 new Indian states in the year 2019-20 viz, Maharashtra, Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal. Since 2015, this project has benefited 7,803 families and 29,379 school children from various sections of Indian communities.
2019-20 Highlights

- 151 toilets built across 5 Indian states of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal in 23 District, benefitting 4000+ school students.
- IMPACT - Post-installation survey at 4 schools in Bengaluru district showed an 87% increase in girls’ attendance.
- Repair and renovation of existing toilets - Lucknow and Gorakhpur, UP.
- Need Analysis for Sodhani Foundation in Rajasthan. (2020 First Quarter project - 50 toilets)
- The project team visited the flood-affected areas in Karnataka state and repair or rebuild 16 toilets

Primary Class teacher, Govt School Number 14, Belgaum, Karnataka.

“We had 6 toilets and 10 urinals for 1500 school children and 70 staff members. Among them, there are over 500 girl children studying in this school and 35 female teachers. We were having a lot of issues with the lack of sufficient toilets. Now, we have separate Sewa toilets for girls and female teachers. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts".
Provision of safe drinking water through RO Water ATM

After the 2018 devastating floods in Kerala, one of the major issues was contaminated groundwater, well water and backwaters which are the major source of drinking water, resulting in a big threat to the health of the locals. Sewa International was already involved in rescue and relief work in Kerala. Identifying these issues Sewa International partnered with the local community and decided to set up 3 RO plants with support from United Way Mumbai. RO Plant is a water purification technology to purify contaminated water. The purifier removes toxins such as lead, mercury, fluoride, arsenic, chlorine, which can result in illness.

Build and transfer for Sustainability

The RO plant installed includes modern features like the ATM model water collecting method. It is erected with two water-collecting tanks and two different horsepower (HP) pumps for pumping and purifying the raw water. The two collecting tanks were set up one for water collection with a capacity of 5000 liters and the other for purification having a capacity of 2000 liters. A beneficiary can collect the water by paying a minimal amount to sustain the plant.

The first plant was commissioned in the month of May 2019 and the other two in the month of Sep 2019.

To manage the RO Plant, a Community Water Management Committee (CWMC) or Beneficiary Executive Committee is formed in each respective location, comprising the village leaders including Sarpanch, Sewa Coordinator, Respected Elders etc, with at least 1 woman member, for operating and managing the plant.

These committees have now the ownership and responsibility for the smooth and sustained functioning of the respective plants in a sustainable manner. All the 3 plants together have 5000 LPH capacity and serving close to 2000 villagers across 3 locations.
Clean Water through Clean Energy

A healthy society is a symbol of the growth of every nation. It is very important for every one of us to have safe habits which will help society to grow in every means of life. Especially within the school students as they are the growing modules of a responsible society. So we took this opportunity to help contribute to society.

As an entry-level intervention, Sewa International in association with Being Volunteer has come up with the concept of Clean Water through Clean Energy. These schools will be solar-powered and will run the water purifier of the school on clean solar energy with the help of solar power plants set up by us. This year, we installed this project in 3 under-served schools which are benefiting 800 students in Maharashtra.

MENSTRUATION HYGIENE AWARENESS

Lack of menstrual knowledge, poor access to sanitary products and a non-facilitating school environment can make it difficult for girls to attend school. In India, interventions have been developed to reduce the burden of menstruation for school girls by government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

The aim of this campaign was to create awareness among adolescent girls in classes 6th to 12th at government schools in Delhi-NCR, about menstruation, hygiene issues, myths surrounding periods, good and bad touch.

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- The campaign had 240+ Volunteers in School & 150 volunteers in communities and NGO’s Learning Center.
- These volunteers covered 102 Government schools and 50 learning Centers in Delhi- NCR from 8th July 2019 to 12th March 2020. Each school had about 3 to 4 volunteers taking sessions with the girls.
- 5970 girls were reached in Schools and 750 females in NGO’s Learning Center (beneficiaries) through the program.
- Collaborated with the Uttar Pradesh Government “Sarva Siksha Abhiyan “ Program to conduct Menstruation Hygiene Awareness Sessions in 75+ schools in NCR Region.

The key feature of the project was the involvement of female volunteers from various colleges and corporates in the NCR. These girls willingly came forward to help with the campaign, to have an enriching session with the girls at various government schools. Their involvement made it easy to make the sessions interactive. It encouraged most of the participating girls to openly talk about the topic which is still a taboo and ask doubts.

"It was a really interactive and fruitful session with the girls. They were enjoying with us. It was a great experience being a part of this campaign. I wish to be further associated with such campaigns. The girls appeared to be a bit hesitant but later they got comfortable with us and the session went forward smoothly. I am really happy that I volunteered towards such a great cause."

Sonali and Nikita - volunteers who conducted the session at Govt. Girls School Sr. Section @ Subhash Nagar- NCR
Knowledge gives humility, humility leads to worthiness, from worthiness one acquires wealth, wealth leads to righteousness and then happiness follows!
Education enables socio-economic progress and is a key factor to break the vicious circle of poverty. Quality education is a force multiplier which enables self-reliance, boosts economic growth by enhancing skills, and improves people’s lives by opening up opportunities for better livelihoods. Hence, UN Goal #4 “Quality Education to all” is fundamental requirement of sustainability.

Sewa International has aligned its initiatives with an intent to strive towards meeting UN SDG targets. Going beyond the typical perspectives of education in India, Sewa International has taken up initiatives for wholesome development of students, enhancing access and inclusiveness in the opportunities and being a catalyst in the improvement of the education ecosystem.

Key focus areas are,

- Supporting building/repairing the School/Education infrastructure/equipments including Computer/Science Labs, Libraries.
- Providing necessary educational accessories like School Kits, Sanitation kits to students
- New Initiatives to enhance academic and personal development including Bal Panchayat, Sponsor-a-Child and Road Safety programs.

BUILDING / ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE

- With a local partner Keshav Sewa Samithi, a 3-floor building is constructed as an orphanage cum skill imparting center. The project is benefitting 60 direct and 500+ indirect orphans in Telangana

- Sewa International helped Maharaja Agrasen University, Himachal Pradesh to construct 75 well-equipped hostel rooms as well as, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology and Management, New Delhi, in the construction of Shri Ram Gopal Gupta Block (No 9) (73115 Sq. Ft) for helping underprivileged college students.
Sewa International is supporting local partners in the “North East” region of India in building infrastructure for education purpose in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura. The details are shared under the ‘Tribal Development’ domain.

**SCHOOL KIT DISTRIBUTION - EMPOWERING KIDS**

Many of you will agree that, in your school days, getting a new school bag, new notebooks and other stationery was an important and fulfilling experience of the entire education. Watching the beautiful pictures on the notebooks, exchanging them with friends, smelling their newness, using shining and unspoiled equipment from the geometry box was fun. This fun creates positive emotions which are so much required to learn. This is true with all the generations across all the sections.

Unfortunately, the school students from the under-served sections are deprived of this joy due to financial constraints. They also face a lot of other challenges to continue their education with focus.

Sewa International distributed new School Kits to students through its local partners and also directly through its programs. Each kit comprises of 6 notebooks, 1 drawing pad, 1 colour box, a pencil box or geometry box and a water bottle.

The study in the initial years has shown that this little gesture of having a ‘new’ School Kit, helps student development in the following ways,

- Instils a sense of attending a formal institution for education.
- Reduces the drop-out rates.
- Access to books and stationery develops interest and engages children in learning various subjects.
- Helps the parents become more serious about their child’s education due to its formalization.

Continuing this good initiative in 2019-20 Sewa International has distributed 8800 kits across 8 states/UT: Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka, MP Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Leh and Telangana.
AKSHAR BHARATI - LEADERS ARE READERS

Akshar Bharati is Sewa International’s initiative to nurture the reading habits in children between age group 5-15 years for underprivileged and remote areas by facilitating access to good and non-academic literature. Libraries for such children are set up in their localities so that the books are available when they need them the most. Each library has 200+ new books in both regional and English languages.

The library is also a nodal point to conduct other educational activities for the students like “Jr Aaryabhatta” a computer training program for the students. The work of Akshar Bharati has spread now to 16 Indian states over the last decade of its functioning.

**Highlights for 2019-20**

- Total number of new libraries set up: 102
- Number of associated beneficiaries: 21522
- Number of library-on-wheels: 6
- Library of wheels associated beneficiaries: 9763
- Schools hosting Jr. Aaryabhatta Program: 104
- Students participating in Jr. Aaryabhatta program: 15167

BAL PANCHAYAT - DEMOCRACY FOR KIDS

Bal Panchayats or a children’s council is an initiative to bring children together and involve them in a process of self-development so that they will be aware of their rights and duties, understand and practice responsible community living, and be the future leaders.

To achieve the long term goals, various activities to develop the physical, cognitive, social, emotional and spiritual development of children are conducted monthly. Volunteers from the community and the Sewa Yuwa Jyoti project are trained in the methodology of Bal Panchayat through workshops to understand the learning process, pedagogy and psychology of children in various development stages and ways to enhance their personality through various learning methodologies and activities.

Each Bal Panchayat comprises boys and girls of the age group 7 to 12 years. Amongst them, they choose office bearers, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The office bearers have their responsibilities defined. The group meets at least once a month along with the volunteers who facilitate the meetings. They play, sing, draw, make a craft, play quiz, discuss and learn important life skills.
Highlights of 2019-20

- 2 new Bal Panchayats started this year increasing the total to 5.
- A positive surge is seen in children becoming members. 133 new members took the total to 192.
- Across the 5 Bal Panchayats, 80 activities and 26 personality development programs conducted.
- All Bal Panchayats celebrated different occasions like Gandhi Jayanti, Children’s Day, Uttarakhand Establishment day, World Environment Day to understand their importance for them and what they can learn to become a better citizen.
- Through exposure visit, 3 Bal Panchayats visited/trekked to different locations in Uttarakhand and enjoyed the Team Building and Leadership Development activities through outdoor activities and games.

**SPONSOR-A-CHILD - GIFT OF EDUCATION**

Over the past decade, India has seen a positive trend in children from all across the social strata joining schools, especially primary and secondary sections. The data shows more than 95% of eligible children (boys and girls together) are admitted every year. Having said that, it has been observed that almost 50% of these students are not able to read/understand, and almost 70% can not do basic arithmetic operations as per their grade-level. This is called ‘Learning Poverty’.

The majority of these students are from rural and tribal areas. The key issues in these demographic areas are the non-availability of teaching staff or under-qualified teaching staff and lack of other developmental activities. Sewa International’s Sponsor-a-Child program is an attempt to address this gap.

In collaboration with VandeMataram Foundation, a pedagogy for students is being developed. Local tutors and teachers who are willing to help students are trained in this pedagogy and then they conduct regular sessions at local centres focusing on academic improvement. Other developmental activities like craft making, celebrating together various events, health awareness sessions, career guidance were also planned for the students.

The journey so far,

- In the total sponsorship, 55% are boys and 45% are girls.
- In 2019-20 got sponsorship for additional 141 students. 74 Girls and 64 boys.
- Sponsorship activity is spread across 7 states, including Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, UP & MP.
OTHER MAJOR INTERVENTIONS

- With a local partner Aparajita Sewa Samiti Hyderabad, Sewa International is supporting 25 girls with free accommodation, lodging, food, clothing, and medical needs. The girls are orphan and from very poor family background.

Sewa International helped “Ekal Vidyalay” in Uttarakhand in supporting 100 Ekal Vidyalay (Single teacher school) over the period of 1 year. 100 teachers underwent 13 days of competency building training. These 100 teachers helped 2100 students (1057 girls and 1043 boys) in basic education like reading, writing, language and arithmetic. Ekal Vidyalay also acts as a nodal centre in spreading health awareness, govt welfare schemes, communal harmony and women empowerment.
TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT

Strengthening roots, nurturing culture, adapting to change
INCLUSION OF EVERYONE

The word “Tribe”, in anthropology, is a notional form of human social organization based on a set of smaller groups defined by traditions of common descent, language, culture, region and ideology. In India, almost 8.6% of the total population is considered as ‘Tribals’ of ‘Janjatis’. There are almost 530 different tribes spread across different regions. The majority of the tribal population is still not urbanised.

If one interacts with these people enough, they will understand that these people love their surrounding nature, they care for it, they like their simple lifestyle and enjoy following their cultures and rituals. Across all the Indian tribes one will see simple and sustainable living practices in harmony with nature with ethos- “Take from nature only that what you need NOW”, “Live and let live”, “Community is a family”.

Over the last couple of decades, the climate change effects, rampant human encroachments on natural resources (Jal, Jameen and Jungle), and changing social norms are certainly affecting the life of tribals’ for the worse. This is worsened by a lack of strategic initiatives for the upliftment of these communities and provide them with a livelihood to live with dignity.

The North-East region of India (“seven sisters”), has been neglected by successive governments in the past. Lack of fundamental infrastructure in terms of education, healthcare, roads, availability of power and employability has hampered the development in this region leading to widespread migration.

On this background, Sewa International has decided to start, sustain and support various initiatives in the North-East region through its direct interventions along with collaborating with local volunteering organisations.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

With the help of Arunachal Vikas Parishad, Sewa International planned to assist in the establishment of 50 community centres for various tribal communities. These centres are like a common hub for various community activities. The main objective was to bring the people together. In 2019-20 construction of 4 centres commenced. The locations were ‘Dulom’, ‘Duta’, ‘Naharlagun’, and ‘Palin’. These centres will be also be provided with Musical Instruments as it’s observed that in these tribes music is a ‘glue’ that brings the community together.
● Sewa International is building a 3 storey building for ‘Kungfra Balwadi School’ and ‘Multi-Purpose Training Center’ at Namsai-Arunachal Pradesh. 80% of construction work was complete till March 2020. The building will have a school and skill development centre for youth in the communities.

● In Raga, Arunachal Pradesh, Sewa International is assisting the construction of a Secondary School for Girls as there are limited opportunities available for education to help foster the growth of the children.

MANIPUR

With Kalyan Ashram Manipur, Sewa International is assisting with the construction of a hostel for girls. Kalyan Ashram has been working in 34 villages of 7 tribes for the past 20+ years. This work is to transform the existing small single floor hostel into a two-floor hostel cum centre powered with clean Solar Energy. The RCC work is complete and the 10 KW on-grid solar power plant is operational since Nov 2019.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

PRESERVATION OF WANCHO LANGUAGE (ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Wancho is a Konyak language of northeastern India. Wancho is spoken in 36 villages of southeastern Longding district, Tirap district in Arunachal Pradesh, as well as in Assam and Nagaland.

Sewa International via its ongoing project “Preservation of Wancho Language” in Longding district in Arunachal Pradesh, is working to save and preserve the Wancho language from extinction.

● 20 trainees are trained in Wancho scripts and alphabets.
● Wancho primer books, workbooks, alphabetical charts and exercise books were issued to the trained teachers.
● The trained teachers are also creating other material in the Wancho language like folk tales, poems, stories etc.
● These trained teachers are working with govt. schools where Wancho language teachers are not available.
On the occasion of “Boisu”, a celebration in Reang relief Camp Ashpara-Tripura was planned. Around 800 people joined the event to celebrate Boisu Festival, where activities like quiz competition, Dailo dance, recitation competition, drama related to education, modern dance, cultural folk songs were performed by Sewa learning centre(s) and school children. Speeches regarding Boisu festival significance in preserving the value of Tribal Culture were delivered by guests.

EDUCATING FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

SEWA LEARNING CENTRES/SCHOOL (TRIPURA)

Sewa International Tripura was running Sewa Learning Centres (SLC) since 2017, inside the displaced Bru community’s camps in the North Tripura district. Also, 2 centres in the form of Schools were running, one each in Ashapara and Khakchangpara camps to provide regular education to students without any provision for education. The effort was to ensure that kids in the camps keep on learning so that they are not left behind to join the mainstream.

Sewa International Tripura appointed teachers to run these learning centres and schools.

- NCERT syllabus was used in these learning centres.
- 70 students enrolled at Khakchangpara camp. The range was KG1 to 5th class.
- 53 students enrolled for 5th to 8th std classes at the Ashapara location.
- 15 tuition centres were started in 3 camps at Ashapara, Nainsingpara and Kaskaupara.

Later in September 2019, Govt. of India decided to rehabilitate all displaced Bru community in Tripura itself, that is why we had to close most of our Sewa learning centres as per the directives. Sewa activities in the camps were reduced but we were pleased with the development as it meant that our beneficiaries can now live as Proud Citizens with all the rights.
SCHOOL KITS DISTRIBUTION (TRIPURA)

42 School kit bags were distributed at Purnojaypar and 264 at Sewa International supported SSA school at Ashapara camp, 65 at our makeshift school at Reang relief camp, Khakchangpara, 521 at Sadhak Ratnamani Seva Sadan, Anandbazar, 47 at Govt school Helenpur and 85 at school in Baganpara, 57 in school at Chandipur areas in Tripura. The aim is to encourage students to come to schools and arrest the drop-out rate.

MEDICAL SERVICES SUPPORT

MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT (SVMM, KERALA)

The mobile medical van operated by local partner Swami Vivekanand Medical Mission works in the tribal area of the Wayanad district of Kerala. The details are shared under the ‘Health’ domain above.
Animal is also a life which deserves compassion, respect, friendship and support from humans.
Ancient Indians had recognized the animals’ right to co-exist with humans and therefore they were loved, nurtured, and even worshipped as gods/goddesses. There has always been an interdependence on domesticated animals in agriculture, transport, warfare, etc. With changing times the dependence on animals has reduced but we believe that animals also deserve care, respect and nurturing and they are part of our ecosystem. Many a time, not taking their care can lead to serious threats to humans.

In India, more than 5 million stray cattle (2019 report) roam on sidewalks, block traffic and cause accidents in major cities, as well as damage standing crops in small villages. According to a survey, stray animals caused 1604 road accidents in 2016, leading to 629 human deaths, making this an essential issue to tackle in order to ensure safety for all.

To address this issue, Sewa International partnered with two Animal Welfare organizations, namely Dhyan Foundation and Pranin Foundation, that focus on rescuing injured stray animals, birds, reptiles, providing shelter to cattle by constructing Goshalas as well as providing food, nutrition, and care to them.

### Dhyan Foundation

Volunteers and sadhaks at Dhyan Foundation are taking care of stray, abandoned, sick, injured, and orphaned bovine animals. Through Sewa International’s support, shelter space was built to accommodate cattle rescued and sheltered at Gaushala at Devkund, Chakulya and Habra. Also, quality fodder is provided for the cattle to ensure proper nutrition and care.

### Pranin Foundation

Sewa International has partnered with the Pranin Foundation based out of Vadodara (Gujarat) which rescues, treats and shelters not only bovine animals but also dogs, birds, reptiles. Driven by committed youth volunteers and seniors, Pranin Foundation has been able to make a difference.

#### Activities -

- Training to students for injured birds rescue
- Rescued cows from illegal slaughter
- Rescued foreign birds from a smuggler
- Rescued dogs, crocodile, cobra, and tortoise
- Caught 9.4 tons of beef
- Rescued camels from slaughter

### Animals Rescued and Restored

- **Turtles** (48.1%)
- **Exotic Birds** (25%)
- **Cows, Calves and Bulls** (18.8%)
- **Buffalos** (8.1%)
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