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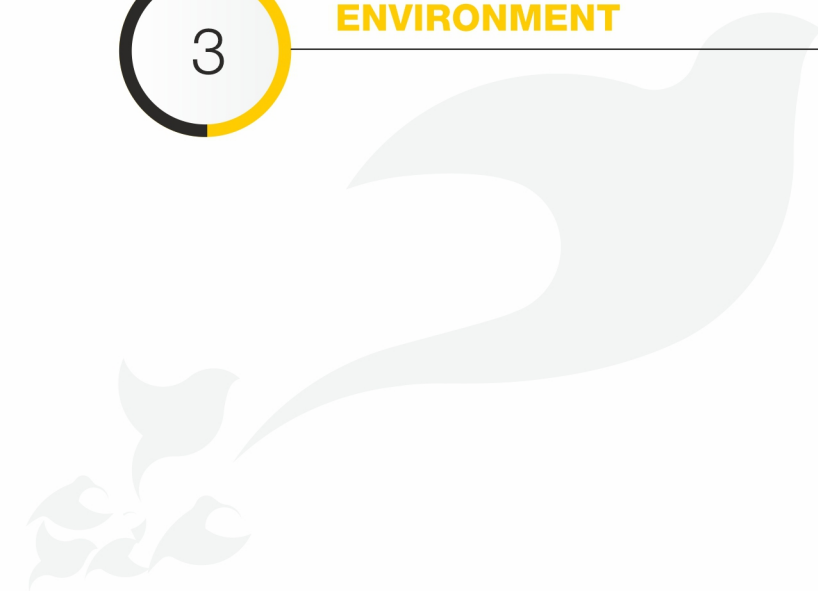
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► **School Kit :**

School kit is a collection of essential items, including a school bag, pens, pencils, a drawing book, colours, and a compass box. It is an annual supply of learning materials provided to underprivileged children in aided and unaided schools, as well as educational centers run by NGOs across Maharashtra.

► **Samutkarsh :**

The Samutkarsh program aims to foster the holistic development of children by establishing community learning centers in urban slums and rural areas.

► **Sankalp Digital Maharashtra :**

The Sankalp Digital Maharashtra program aims to bridge the digital divide in underprivileged schools by collecting donated, refurbished digital systems from corporate partners to establish well-equipped digital laboratories for educational purposes.

► **Digital Literacy :**

The digital literacy program aims to offer digital education throughout Maharashtra, supporting the National Digital Literacy mission, and providing digital education to underprivileged communities.

► **Community Knowledge Hub :**

The intervention facilitates hands-on learning of science subjects along with the school syllabus. The hub offers experiential learning sessions on Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Robotics, and well-equipped E-learning facilities.

► **Book Bank :**

The Book Bank program provides college students with textbooks for a year or semester at a nominal upkeep charge, reducing textbook costs by 60% to 80%.

► **Educational Financial Assistance Programs (Vidyarthi Vikas, Shiksha Sahayog, and Vidyashray) :**

These projects aim to provide scholarships to students, enabling them to pursue higher education and fulfill their aspirations, irrespective of their socio-economic background.

► **Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy :**

Seva Sahayog Foundation started Sports Hubs in Karjat and Sanpada to promote sports development and encourage students to engage in sports activities in their daily lives.

► **Shiksha Vikas :**

Under Shiksha Vikas, we provide comprehensive infrastructure support to schools along with recreational facilities to enhance the quality of education.

► **Road Safety :**

As part of this initiative, helmets are distributed to two-wheeler rider parents and their children to promote road safety and the importance of adhering to traffic rules.

► **Clean Drinking Water :**

Under this project, we raise awareness and provide access to clean drinking water in schools.

► **Knowledge on Wheels :**

Knowledge on Wheels acts as a science center on wheels, transporting working models of science experiments and concepts to underprivileged schools.

► **Mini Science Center :**

The Mini Science Center acts as a catalyst, offering an interactive and enjoyable way for students to enhance their understanding and build a solid foundation in science and math, while also providing valuable support to teachers.

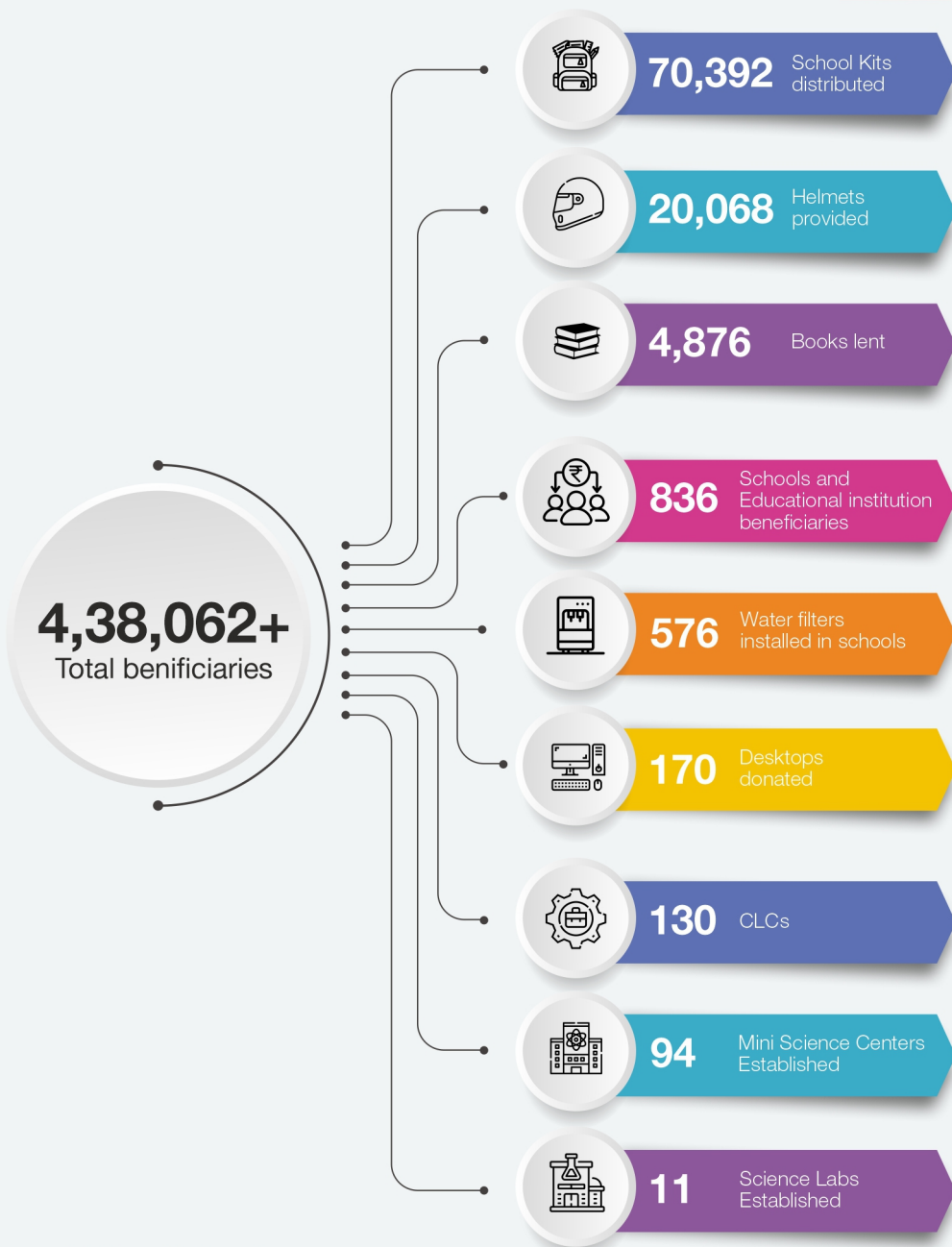
► **Vigyaan Prayog Shala :**

Vigyaan Prayog Shala is dedicated to repairing and making minuscule changes in existing science laboratories to enhance their functionality.

► **ITI Vikas :**

This project involves upgrading and expanding rural Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to empower youth through skill development, encompassing infrastructure upgrades, coordination, monitoring, refurbishment of existing machinery, and installation of new machinery.





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Success Stories

- Prakash...

Prakash hails from Narayangaon, Junnar Taluka, Dist-Pune. He comes from a humble financial background, with his mother working as a housemaid or on a farm, and his sister also contributing as a housemaid to make ends meet. Despite facing various limitations, including financial constraints and a lack of exposure, Prakash made the resolute decision to rise above these challenges and achieve success at a very young age.

Through determination and hard work, Prakash not only completed his Bachelor's degree in Geology from Fergusson College but also participated in the earn-and-learn scheme of the Seva Sahyog Foundation. His efforts were rewarded with the prestigious University Gold Medal in 2018, and he achieved an impressive All India Rank (AIR) of 122 in the IIT-JAM Entrance exam.



Continuing his pursuit of excellence, he went on to complete his Master's degree in Applied Geology at IIT Dhanbad.

Prakash's commitment and dedication further led him to secure a summer internship at Steel Authority of India Limited in Chhattisgarh, and he later secured a placement at Tata Steel in Jamshedpur, receiving a competitive package in line with industry standards. These accomplishments serve as a reflection of his exceptional capabilities and potential. Prakash's inspiring story exemplifies the transformative power of determination, hard work, and the support provided by the Seva Sahyog Foundation. He has not only overcome his circumstances but has also become a shining example for others facing similar challenges.

► **Kishori Vikas :**

Kishori Vikas aims to support, educate, and empower adolescent girls aged 12 to 18 years.

► **Sanjay Hegde Skill Center :**

The project focuses on providing skill training to youth and women in rural areas, creating livelihood opportunities, and raising awareness about income-generating skills within the village community.

► **Youth Skill Development :**

Youth Skill Development provides vocational and soft skill courses to underprivileged youth aged 18 and above, intending to enable employment opportunities and foster entrepreneurship in the organized sector.

► **Smart Community :**

The Smart Community program focuses on the holistic development of urban slum communities through initiatives such as community learning centers, support classes for students, digital literacy labs, waste management, toilet maintenance, and beautification efforts.

► **Women Empowerment :**

Women empowerment strives to empower underprivileged women, enabling them to achieve self-reliance and financial independence.

► **Gram Vikas :**

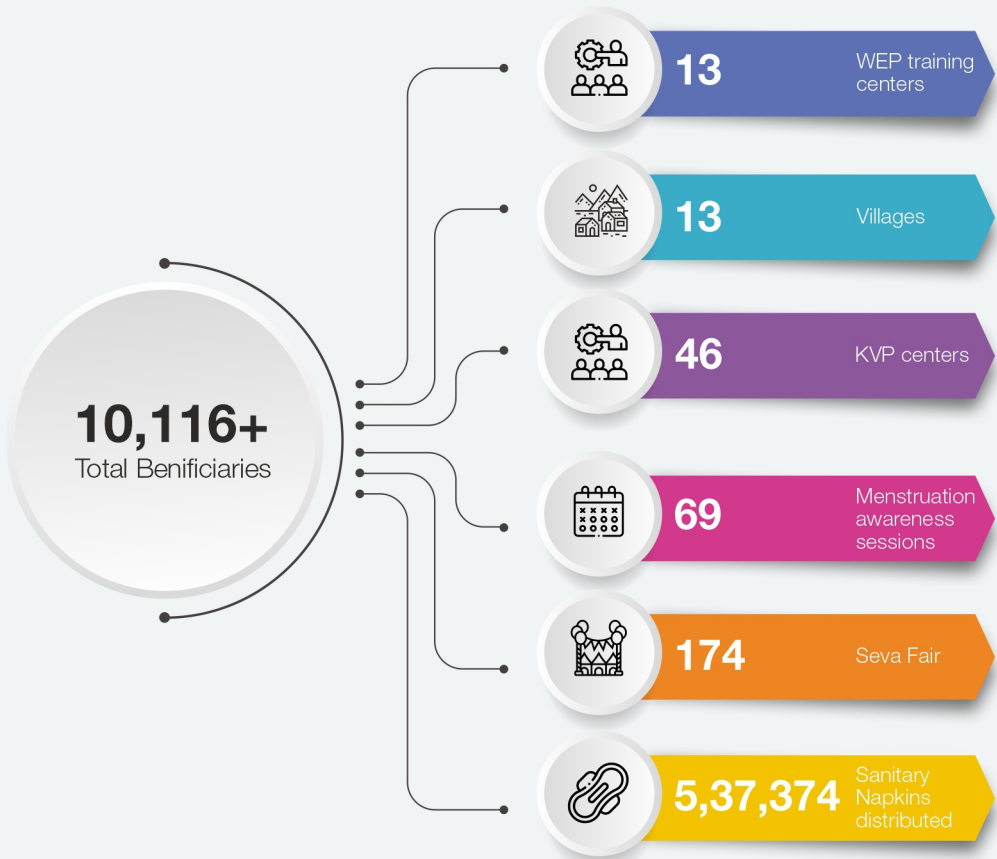
This project is dedicated to facilitating the holistic development of a village, encompassing education, livelihood and the environment. It focuses on training farmers in advanced farming techniques, aiming to expand their cultivation area, enhance the quality of their produce, address farming challenges and ultimately increase their profits from sales.

► **Chetana :**

Chetana establishes a fully equipped therapy center for children with special needs (divyang), aiming to enhance their happiness and promote their independence.

► **Urmi :**

The Urmi program aims to raise awareness about menstruation and menstrual hygiene, proper use, and disposal of sanitary hygiene products, and provide affordable access to sanitary napkins (disposable & reusable cloth napkins).



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Success Stories

- Kalpana...



Kalpana, a 20-year-old resident of Titwali Pada, Chinchare village, comes from an economically disadvantaged tribal family. Her father is a farmer, and her mother is a homemaker. She excelled in her studies, completing the Science stream until the 12th standard with a 55% score in the HSC board examination. However, due to a lack of educational opportunities, further studies were not feasible for her.

Fortunately, a relative living near the Swami Vivekananda Seva Kendra encouraged Kalpana to enrol in their vocational training centre. Despite the challenges posed by the lockdown, Kalpana joined a tailoring class and

completed both basic and advanced tailoring courses.

After her training, Kalpana embarked on various projects, stitching health kit pouches, school kit pouches, saree bags, and more. In 2022, her hard work paid off, earning her a total income of 2,52,720 rupees, with a profit of 45,848 rupees.

Kalpana's journey is a testament to her determination and the transformative impact of vocational training opportunities, providing her with a sustainable source of income despite the initial obstacles she faced



► **Solar Kiran :**

Through this intervention, we install solar panels in schools across rural and urban Maharashtra to address power cut-offs and reduce expensive electricity bills. This initiative aims to enhance the quality and accessibility of education, ensuring a conducive learning environment for students.

► **Urban Forestation :**

The Urban Forestation project is the deliberate process of planting and nurturing green vegetation to create and maintain a healthy forest ecosystem in urban areas.

► **Nirmal Wari :**

The Nirmal Waari drive aims to address the issue of open defecation during the annual Pandharpur Waari pilgrimage by providing portable toilets to the mass gathering.

► **Gramoday :**

It is a long-term project that aims to enhance natural resources, promote livelihood opportunities, and foster sustainable development in rural areas. It focuses on the 5 J's - Jal (Water), Jungle (Forest), Jameen (Land), Janawaar (Animals), and Jan (People).



Beneficiaries



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Success Stories

- Vidyabhavan Vidyalay - Edwan



Vidyabhavan Vidyalay - Edwan, in Palghar district, faced a significant challenge with inadequate electrical appliances hindering smooth classroom functioning. Surveys revealed that economically disadvantaged schools struggled to afford regular electricity due to

before SSF's intervention, with non-functional lights and fans causing student restlessness. Appreciating the quick installation process by the Seva Sahayog team, completed in just ten days, he mentions minor bureaucratic paperwork delays. With the solar panels in place, the



high bills, resulting in frequent power cuts. To address this, we swiftly provided a five-kilowatt solar panel system with an additional one-kilowatt backup inverter.

Rakesh Gharat, a dedicated science teacher, recalls the difficulties faced

school's electricity bills reduced drastically from an average of 2000 to zero, evident in the April 2023 billing history, highlighting the effectiveness of this sustainable solution. The transformed learning environment now fosters enthusiasm for education among the students.



Other Projects

► Limited Time Projects (LTP) :

These are short-term projects or activities that serve as valuable entry points for building relationships and establishing trust with schools, hospitals, and other institutions in both rural and urban areas. The total number of LTPs undertaken is 49.

► Volunteer Engagement :

The Volunteer Engagement program enables corporations and individuals to actively participate in social initiatives organized by the Seva Sahayog team.





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