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This year marks 17 years of Seva Sahayog! Beginning our journey in 2009. With just a handful of us, we have grown into a movement driven by service as a way of life. Over these 17 years, we have worked with unwavering dedication across diverse fields, conducting in-depth research, meticulously planning, and executing every project with precision. Whenever we identified areas for improvement during the course of a project, we adapted and made the necessary changes.

One thing that has always remained constant is our dedication. Whatever we undertake, we commit to it 100%—often going above and beyond. Reflecting on our journey through various projects, it is truly heartwarming to see how many individuals have become part of Seva Sahayog along the way. These individuals, with equal passion and commitment, have contributed in diverse ways—some through small yet meaningful actions and others by taking on significant roles.



As the saying goes, ‘Drop by drop, the ocean is filled,’ our hands have come together, and our hearts have connected through every initiative. While Seva has always been at our core, over the time, we have also truly embraced the spirit of Sahayog (collaboration). The results have been truly inspiring and heartwarming.

Over the years, our efforts have touched the lives of more than four lakh beneficiaries annually through 17 impactful initiatives:

Volunteer Engagement, Shiksha Vikas - Educational Development, School Kit Drive, Samutkarsh – Community Learning Center, Social Leadership Development Program (SLD), Kishori Vikas Prkalp –

Adolescent development, Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana, Vidyashray, Knowledge on Wheels (KOW) – Mobile Science Laboratory, Community Knowledge Centre, Mini Science Laboratory and Vigyan Prayogshala, Book Bank, Women Empowerment, Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy, Digital Learning Center, Rural Development, Environmental initiatives.

Over 17 years, Seva Sahayog has witnessed the power of individuals stepping forward with the intent to create change. 15 volunteers conceptualised Seva Sahayog Foundation 2 years before officially registering in 2009, the collective efforts of volunteers, partners, institutions and communities have created a ripple of impact, touching the lives of 4,74,350 individuals. This journey of Seva Sahayog is definitely ‘**DHRUDH AUR GATIMAAN**’ which has ability to connect diverse people and resources, transforming individual contributions into a larger movement of meaningful change.

Volunteer Engagement

At the core of Seva Sahayog Foundation is the unwavering spirit of volunteering, which has been its driving force since inception. Founded by individuals who began as volunteers, the organization channels their skills and dedication to create a lasting societal impact. In FY25 alone, Seva Sahayog proudly engaged 29000 volunteers, with participation growing steadily each year as more individuals join hands to amplify its mission.



Volunteers at Seva Sahayog connect deeply with causes that resonate with them, gradually taking on greater responsibilities and becoming an integral part of the organization's mission. Their dedication has been instrumental in driving initiatives in education, empowerment, and environmental sustainability.

This structured and institutionalized approach to volunteer engagement has not only strengthened the foundation's reach but also created a platform where individuals can actively participate in transforming lives. Seva Sahayog Foundation continues to thrive on the commitment and collective efforts of its volunteers, building a brighter future for communities in need.



School Kit Drive

Access to study materials is essential for students; however, many lack basic educational supplies, creating barriers to their progress. To address this issue, the School Kit Drive was launched in 2009.

This initiative provides students with grade-specific school bags and educational supplies, ensuring they are equipped for their academic journey. Starting with just 500 kits, the program has now expanded to benefit over 8,68,738 students across 6 states, 22 districts, and 750+ schools.

Driven by the mission to inspire smiles and spark potential, the initiative has been supported by more than 5,000 contributors, making a lasting impact on young learners nationwide.



Shiksha Vikas

Educational Development



One of the essential factors for a student's academic growth is the environment where they learn. The more positive and enjoyable the environment, the better their academic progress. Shiksha Vikas works in schools that lack basic physical infrastructure. This initiative renovates or constructs classrooms, school buildings, restrooms, handwash stations, drinking water stations, playgrounds, libraries, and laboratories.

Through this program, support has been provided to over 1329+ schools across 8 districts and benefiting 3,76,573 students. What began with a team of five teachers has now grown to include over 200+ teacher volunteers. Initially funded by a single company's CSR initiative, the program now collaborates with over 40+ CSR organizations.



Samutkarsh Community Learning Center

The Samutkarsh: Abhyasika program, launched in 2015, was born out of the realization that while children spend six hours in school, they face 18 hours outside without adequate support. Focused on the holistic development of underprivileged children in rural and urban areas, this flagship initiative began with just 20 children in Vikhroli's Tagore Nagar, Mumbai. Over the years, the program has expanded to 213 centers across Mumbai, Pune, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, and Palghar, benefiting around 7,590 children daily.

Samutkarsh: Abhyasika offers more than just academic support. It emphasizes curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities, aiming to strengthen students' foundational knowledge. The program prepares them for competitive exams and scholarships, while also providing crucial volunteer support from over 200 individuals.

By bridging the educational gap for children from marginalized families, this initiative has empowered them to excel academically, pursue higher education, and achieve their dreams—transforming their futures for the better.

Social Leadership Development Program

The SLD program is a two-week transformative initiative aimed at empowering youth with essential skills and real-world experience to create positive social change.

Now in its fourth year, the program sensitizes participants to the functioning of NGOs and the challenges faced by communities. Through hands-on work with over 10 social organizations in and around Mumbai, students gain practical knowledge of social work and NGO operations.

The program emphasizes skill development, leadership

training, and community engagement. Participants report significant personal growth, enhanced empathy, resilience, and problem-solving abilities. The program has positively impacted more than 180+ students, fostering social awareness and encouraging long-term community involvement.



Kishori Vikas Prakalp

The Kishori Vikas Prakalp, launched in 2017, addresses the challenges adolescent girls in slum and rural areas face, providing them with essential guidance on physical and mental well-being. Operating in over 173 centers across Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, Raigad and Pune. The program engages more than 4200+ girls through weekly community sessions led by trained teachers and experts.

The sessions focus on critical topics such as health and

hygiene, nutrition, self-defense, career opportunities, and understanding appropriate and inappropriate touch, empowering girls to become resilient and self-reliant.

To enhance awareness, the program employs creative tools like street plays, role plays, elocution competitions, exposure visits, and mother-daughter bonding events. This initiative has significantly enhanced the girls' confidence, awareness, and determination to excel in various spheres of life.



Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana

Vidyarthi Vikas Yojana was born from a stark realization during field visits to remote villages in Raigad in 2009. Here, brilliant young learners were abandoning their dreams of higher education due to crippling poverty and the inability to secure financial aid. What began as a modest initiative supporting five students from Raigad and Thane has blossomed into a transformative program, uplifting 2,895 students across 35 districts of Maharashtra and 11 states in India.

The initiative ensures gender parity in educational empowerment. Currently, 48% of supported students are pursuing Engineering, 34% are studying Medical Sciences, and the rest are excelling in diverse professional streams. Notably, 37% of these students hail from remote, underserved regions below taluka levels.



Vidyashray

Vidyashray is a program that provides financial assistance and mentorship to deserving students from economically weaker sections for their college education, especially for the students who have been studying in various Abhyasika held by Seva Sahayog. By focussing on underserved areas in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, and Palghar, Vidyashray supports first-generation learners in completing their graduation.

The program enables students from underprivileged backgrounds to pursue higher education, helping their families escape the cycle of poverty. So far, 195 students have been empowered through financial aid and personalized mentoring. This initiative creates a ripple effect, uplifting families and communities by emphasizing the value of education.

Knowledge on Wheels Mobile Science Laboratory

In economically deprived schools, science labs are often missing. To address this, we introduced the Mini Science Center in 2015, covering 10 schools with 60 experiments. This number eventually grew to 84 schools. However, many schools lacked the classroom space required for these centers. This led to the idea of a mobile science laboratory, Knowledge on Wheels (KOW). In 2016, the program began with a van donated by a company, serving 10 schools. Watching students' curiosity and excitement during science experiments was incredibly fulfilling.

Over time, more vans were added. Currently, 10 mobile



Community Knowledge Center

The Community Knowledge Center in Panvel is revolutionizing education by providing hands-on learning experiences in physics, chemistry, biology, robotics, and computer science for students in grades 6 to 10. Featuring state-of-the-art laboratories, the center adopts a hub-and-spoke model, delivering advanced learning opportunities beyond the standard curriculum.

The center offers specialized programs like robotics and computer science courses, summer camps, cyber safety workshops, and skill development sessions for students, ensuring continuous learning throughout the year. It benefits 43 schools, reaching 6,000 students annually. Additionally, the cyber safety program has impacted 50,068 students across 163 schools.

With 120 volunteers engaged, the initiative has shown remarkable results, with a 20%-24% improvement in student performance in laboratory subjects, assessed through pre and post evaluations. The center nurtures cognitive skills, reading culture through library sessions, enriching students' knowledge and intellectual growth, creating a positive academic impact.



science labs serve 189 schools and 96 communities annually, demonstrating experiments to 46,000 students. Additionally, women from these communities are provided with multidisciplinary training, benefiting over 12,000 women.

College going students, teachers, and local women actively volunteer for this initiative. The annual science exhibitions also see significant participation from science enthusiasts. What started as a small effort has now grown into a flourishing initiative.

**Mini Science Centre
Vigyan Prayogshala**

The Mini Science Centre and Vigyan Prayogshala initiatives are transforming science and math education for students in grades 5th to 10th. With 80 interactive models and multilingual manuals, the Mini Science Centre has enriched 2,04,085 students across 403 schools, making learning engaging and dynamic. Meanwhile, Vigyan Prayogshala focuses on enhancing school science labs by providing essential repairs, consumables, and upgraded resources, benefiting 13,250 students in 26 schools. These hands-on improvements have deepened students' understanding of scientific concepts and fostered curiosity.

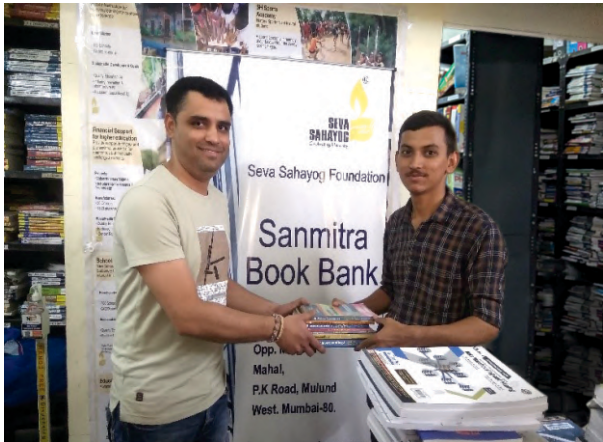
Additionally, well-stocked libraries with digital resources support a culture of lifelong learning. Supported by 18 CSR partners, these initiatives are equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in science, fostering a generation ready for the challenges of the future.



Book Bank

Launched in 2017, the Book Bank initiative addresses the critical issue of access to textbooks for students from financially weak backgrounds. Recognizing that many colleges face funding constraints in providing textbooks, the initiative bridges policy gaps by offering students syllabus books for a nominal, refundable deposit. Starting with one center in Mumbai, the program has expanded to 2 Book Banks in Mumbai and 6 satellite centers across Karjat, Boisar, Virar, Pen, Mokhada and Dahanu.

By alleviating the financial burden of costly textbooks, the Book Bank has enabled 11,783 students with 28,985 text books to focus on their education, pursue skill development, and achieve academic success, empowering their families and communities.



Women Empowerment

Since 2018, Seva Sahayog Foundation's Women Empowerment program has been transforming lives in rural and tribal Palghar. Recognizing women as key drivers of progress, the initiative offers skill development in tailoring, food processing, farming, and beautician courses. Over 1,800 women have gained skills, started businesses, and become economically self-reliant, boosting family incomes and confidence.

The program's success is powered by 180+ women volunteers who lead training, raise awareness, and organize village empowerment workshops to foster leadership and social commitment. Study tours showcase inspiring projects, motivating further efforts.

By enabling livelihoods and cultivating leadership, this initiative not only uplifts women economically but also empowers them to shape their communities' future.



Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy

In 2017, a survey in Karjat revealed a lack of facilities and coaching for individual sports, apart from Kabaddi and Kho-Kho. In response, Seva Sahayog Foundation established the Sanjay Hegde Sports Academy at Abhinav Dnyan Mandir School in Karjat. The academy introduced sports materials and free of cost coaching for Mallakhamb, Archery, Wrestling, Table Tennis, Badminton, Power Lifting, and Chess, among others.

The students began winning medals in Taluka, District, Regional, and State-level competitions, inspiring the foundation to launch a second center at Vivekanand Sankul in Sanpada, Navi Mumbai. Both centers offer daily coaching and conduct special sports camps during vacations.

Currently, approximately 260 students train daily at these academies, achieving success at various competitive levels.



Digital Learning Center

In response to the growing digital divide, especially post-COVID-19, Seva Sahayog Foundation launched the Samutkarsh - Community Development Project to equip individuals with essential digital skills for improved job prospects. Over the last eight years, this initiative has trained and certified over 1350 students, empowering them to navigate the digital world confidently and secure meaningful employment.

The Digital Learning Centre in Nerul and Boisar, established in 2020, provides hands-on training for underserved students. The center offers certified courses in computer basics, Microsoft Office, Tally Essentials, and more. Beyond technical skills, the program emphasizes soft skills, ensuring holistic job readiness.

With a mission to enhance digital literacy and promote economic empowerment, the initiative bridges the gap in education, opening doors to brighter futures in today's technology-driven world.

Rural Development

Launched in 2018, Seva Sahayog Foundation's Rural Development Project focuses on holistic and sustainable growth in rural areas, aiming to preserve agriculture, land, forests, water resources, and human capital. Each village receives customized development plans, ensuring impactful and lasting change. The project emphasizes local participation, engaging villagers to foster stability and grassroots support.

Over 1,731 farmers have transformed their land into sustainable income sources through modern agricultural techniques after receiving training. Local farmers, women,

and youth have played key roles as volunteers, actively contributing to the project's success.

What began in a single village has now expanded to 21 villages and 17 hamlets, driven by community ownership and collective effort. The project has significantly improved economic, social, and environmental empowerment, enhancing rural livelihoods and ensuring long-term sustainability. Through this initiative, Seva Sahayog Foundation is transforming rural communities for a brighter future.



Environment

In 2019, Seva Sahayog Foundation embarked on a journey to transform the environment, starting with a bold vision of sustainability. It began with three small urban forestation projects covering 8,000 square feet and planting 4,000 saplings. With the help of 793 volunteers, that vision has flourished into 24 thriving green spaces spanning 2,82,164 square feet, home to 91,911 native Indian plants that rejuvenate urban biodiversity and combat rising temperatures.

Recognizing the water crisis, the Foundation initiated a rainwater harvesting project in one school. This spark of innovation has now grown into a network of 14 schools and one hospital, conserving 2.25 crore liters of water annually and ensuring a sustainable water supply for these institutions.

Meanwhile, solar energy lit up the path to clean power. Starting with two schools in 2019, solar panel installations now energize 194 schools, collectively saving 823 Kw of energy and easing financial burdens.

What began as a handful of volunteers in cleanup drives has blossomed into a widespread movement, fueled by the enthusiasm of NSS units and community members alike. Together, these initiatives weave a story of hope, collaboration, and a greener tomorrow, inspiring every individual to be a part of this sustainable change.





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