



## HIGHLIGHTS

Participation in the 'Spatial Strategies for Tribal Empowerment' Workshop

Participation in the Biofach Organic India Exhibition

Exposure Visits Under SBI Gram Seva Program, Himachal Pradesh

"Augmenting School Infrastructure and Development of Model ICDS Center" - Project Handover, Gujarat

Chess Tournament

## KNOWLEDGE NUGGETS

### How Biogas Reduces Climate Impact!

Deen Bandhu Biogas Plant - a sustainable solution to mitigate climate change by converting organic waste into clean biogas. It combats climate change by:

- Capturing methane from organic waste and converting it into renewable energy.
- Offering renewable energy for various purposes.
- Enhancing soil health and sequestering carbon with digestate.
- Providing decentralized, local, sustainable power sources.

This innovative technology not only tackles environmental issues but also empowers communities. It offers a reliable energy source, improving indoor air quality and overall quality of life. Women benefit by saving time and energy previously spent on collecting fuelwood, reducing human-wildlife conflicts. Savings from LPG purchases are mainly used for children's education and other family needs.



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## PROJECT UPDATES

### Exposure Visits Under SBI Gram Seva Program, Himachal Pradesh

Beneficiaries of the SBI Gram Seva Program embarked on exposure visits to enhance their skills and knowledge:

**Chamba Chuk Processing Unit:** 46 women visited the Horticulture Department's processing unit to learn the traditional art of making Chamba Chuk, a Himachal Pradesh hot chutney.

**Bee Keeping Training:** 43 women, trained in beekeeping, visited Bee Keeping Unit in Kalsui Village to understand honey production and explored packaging, marketing, and sales at the FPO.

**Mushroom Farming Training:** 67 beneficiaries, trained in mushroom farming, gained practical experience during a hands-on visit to a Mushroom Farm in collaboration with the SBI RSETI Team.



### "Augmenting School Infrastructure" – Project Handover Ceremony, Gujarat

On September 30, 2023, SUVIDHA officially delivered the results of its "Developing Digital Smart School" project, which aimed to enhance five government schools. This initiative improved education with smart class infrastructure, upgraded hygiene by renovating washrooms and toilets, provided clean water through RO water coolers, installed group activity sheds, and added BaLA paintings to engage around 2,000 students.

The handover ceremony, held at Uttampura Primary School, Block Deesa, Gujarat, celebrated the successful project implementation. Hosted by Mr. Sushil Kumar, Program Coordinator of SUVIDHA NGO, and skilfully facilitated by Mr. Kamlesh Thakkar, Principal of Uttampura Primary School, the event welcomed distinguished guests, Shri. P.J. Chaudhary, President, Banas Medical College, Shmt. Niruba Rajput, Taluka Primary Education Officer (TPEO), and Mr. Dashrath Bhai Chaudhary, Block Resource Coordinator, Dantiwad. Approximately 500 students and 50 teachers attended, making it a significant and successful occasion.





## Reviving Ponds for Fish Farming

The Focused Rural Development Program (FRDP) program has orchestrated the remarkable revival of 50 ponds in Darbhanga, Bihar which was once neglected but is now a thriving center for fish farming. This extensive rejuvenation involved vital steps like desilting, liming, fertilization, and weed removal.

Two hundred beneficiaries connected to these ponds have experienced a transformation. Each pond received high-quality fingerlings (Katla, Rohu, Naini, and Silver Carp), essential medicines for aquatic health, and a game-changing protein-rich feed. The beneficiaries received comprehensive technical training to equip them with modern fish farming techniques. Darbhanga's ponds now glisten with not just shimmering fish but also the resilience and tenacity of the human spirit.



## Spring Sanctuary Development for Water Security in a Changing Climate, Bhimtal Bock

A government team, consisting of an Agriculture and Soil Conservation Officer, an Assistant Executive Engineer, Gram Pradhan, and a project team, conducted a detailed evaluation of project interventions as part of ongoing monitoring and evaluation efforts.

Their objectives included assessing project progress, community engagement, regional water security impact in changing climates, fund allocation, and environmental compliance. They closely monitored activities such as trenches, percolation pits, and tree and grass plantations, expressing high satisfaction with the impactful projects in the region.



## Project Prayas Monitoring and Interaction by Senior Management



The senior management team visited Project Prayas, a Climate Change Mitigation initiative in Manpur and Pratappur villages, Nainital District, Uttarakhand. They engaged with women beneficiaries, receiving positive feedback and evaluating the project's impact. The team included Mr. Ashish Srivastava, Director, Mr. D.C. Pandey, Former Principal Executive Director, RVNL (Ministry of Railways), and Advisor, Mr. Shivam Chauhan, Head of Programs, Mrs. Silka Singh, Mrs. Geeta Joshi, Mr. Pushkar, Mr. Manoj Bisht, and Mr. Harish Bisht.

Women empowerment was a highlight, with insights into Self-Help Groups and Biogas Units' success. Valuable community suggestions for additional facilities were also gathered.

## ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

### Participation in 'Spatial Strategies for Tribal Empowerment' workshop

Mr. Rahul Deveshwar, Head of Digital Innovation and Strategy, delivered a lecture on 'Empowering Tribes to be in line with mainstreams' on 20th September 2023 on special invitation, at 'The Department of Regional Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi'. The workshop is titled 'Spatial Strategies for Tribal Empowerment'. He showcased the large gallery of work that SUVIDHA has implemented for the benefit of Tribes residing in rural remote at various states in India.

### Participation in 'Biofach India 2023' Exhibition

SUVIDHA made a significant impact at Biofach, India's premier organic industry trade fair, in India and was endorsed by APEDA, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, from September 6th to 8th, 2023. Farmers from different project areas visited and taken in hand experience with the market presence. SUVIDHA's participation generated a strong response, especially from forward-thinking bulk buyers. Approximately 20 buyers showed keen interest in various bulk products, such as Makhana, oils, spices, rice, and more, for both export and domestic retail purposes. This highlights the broad appeal and potential of SUVIDHA's offerings.

### Intermediate Excel Training

A dynamic two-day Intermediate Excel workshop, led by expert Mr. Rajeev Kumar was conducted on 22nd and 23rd September at the head office, aimed at elevating the skills of the employees. The primary objective was to boost efficiency when dealing with complex datasets and conducting data analysis. Moreover, special emphasis was placed on data integrity, instilling practices to minimize duplication and errors. Options for Online and offline participation were provided to ensure inclusivity and accessibility.



### Chess Tournament

As part of our **Employee Engagement Program**, we organized an exciting chess tournament to motivate and engage our staff. Our winner emerged victorious, showcasing exceptional chess skills and a competitive spirit.

Congratulations to **Mr. Aryan Jindal** our chess tournament champion, and stay tuned for more engaging events that foster a positive and collaborative work environment.

## SUVIDHA SHINERS

At SUVIDHA, we believe that recognizing and appreciating the hard work of our dedicated team members is essential to fostering a culture of excellence and motivation. That's why we proudly introduce our **Employee Recognition Program**, where we celebrate outstanding individuals from different programs and skill sets who consistently go above and beyond.



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Project Co-ordinator,  
Assam



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Field Officer,  
Meghalaya



**Rakesh Tanwar**  
Field Officer,  
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## Senior Management Officials' Visit to RVNL Office, Rishikesh

The senior management team, consisting of Mr. Deepak Pandey, CEO and Mr. Ashish Srivastava, Director, and Mr. Shivam Chauhan, Head of Programs from SUVIDHA, paid a visit to the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited Office in Rishikesh with Mr. D.C. Pandey, Former Principal Executive Director, RVNL (Ministry of Railways) is presently engaged in The Largest Rail Project in hills of Uttarakhand, a 125 km railway track stretching from Rishikesh to Karnprayag, featuring an impressive tunnel construction of approximately 200km.

The project not only focuses on railway development; it also places a strong emphasis on community development as an integral part. During the visit, RVNL officials showcased the project's advancement and their corporate social responsibility (CSR) endeavors in the area.

## SUVIDHA's Outreach:



## Whats Next!

Exhibition on Mithila Art,  
Guwahati

Technical Training on Spinning  
Machine, Meghalaya

SUVIDHA's participation in  
Handloom Expo, Noida

Regional Partners Meet, HDFC  
Parivartan