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SUVIDHA'S July Newsletter



Knowledge Nugget

Restoration is about rebuilding ecosystems - not simply planting trees.

Restoring degraded landscapes can deliver benefits far beyond increasing tree cover. It can improve **soil health, water retention, biodiversity, carbon storage and rural livelihoods**, making landscapes more productive and resilient to climate change.

Evidence from India shows that **agroforestry systems can achieve 25.34% higher carbon sequestration**, while **agrihorticulture systems have recorded 31.64% higher soil carbon stocks** compared with conventional agricultural systems.

This monsoon, SUVIDHA advanced landscape restoration through interventions that combine **native tree plantation, agroforestry, and soil and moisture conservation** across Uttarakhand.

Natural Resource Management

Forest Landscape Restoration | Almora, Uttarakhand
Partner Organization: Siemens Energy India

103 hectares of degraded Van Panchayat land are being restored through the plantation of **1 lakh** native tree saplings, complemented by soil and moisture conservation measures including contour trenches and percolation pits.



Climate-Resilient Agroforestry | Nainital & Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand

Partner Organization: IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation)

1.25 lakh fruit saplings were planted across **1,000+** acres under a climate-resilient agroforestry approach, with the initiative progressing towards carbon certification.



Livelihood and Women Empowerment



SASHAKTI | Maheshwar Block, MP

Partner Organization: SBI Foundation

DIVERSIFYING WOMEN'S LIVELIHOODS

50 women trained in marigold cultivation and **35** in scientific goat rearing, creating new income opportunities.



PROSPER | Aidalpur & Mansoorpur, UP.

Partner Organization:
Mankind Pharma (KindCare)

PAPER PLATE ENTERPRISE

Women-led production units now independently managed, generating sustainable income.



FDP – Bageshwar | Pindar Valley & Sama, Bageshwar

Partner Organization: HDFC Bank Parivartan

COMMUNITY-LED TOURISM

Seven community homestays have been established, enabling rural households to diversify their incomes while creating opportunities for community-led tourism in the Himalayan region.

LIC HFL Sangam | Laskein (C&RD) Block, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya

Partner Organization:
LIC Housing Finance Limited (LICHFL)

FROM LOCAL ROOTS TO MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

SUVIDHA's Senior Management team visited the RAIWYN Roots spice enterprise with Padma Shri awardee **Trinity Saioo**, focussing on strengthening branding, product positioning and market linkages.



HRDP 2.0 | Samraj Village, MP

Partner Organization: HDFC Bank Parivartan

VOICE FROM THE GROUND

Rekha - "I never imagined weaving would change my life."



Handloom training has opened a new livelihood pathway for Rekha. In just three months, she has woven **39 Maheshwari sarees** and earned **₹24,100**, demonstrating how skills, market access and sustained support can translate into meaningful household income.

Gram Saksham

Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. Partner Organization: **SBI Foundation**.
New collaboration launched this month.

Climate-smart Agriculture

Helping farmers adapt, diversify and grow in a changing climate

HRDP | Gairsain, Uttarakhand

Partner Organization: HDFC Bank Parivartan

BUILDING CLIMATE-RESILIENT ORCHARDS

20 farmers are developing new orchards with **1,800** fruit saplings, including 1,050 Red Gala apples and 750 Chandler walnuts, creating opportunities for diversified and higher-value mountain agriculture.





PRAWAH | Budaun, UP

Partner Organization:
Hindustan Unilever Foundation (HUF)

Capacity Building & Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder consultations and farmer training across five Budaun blocks promoted water literacy, village water budgeting, improved agriculture, and efficient irrigation.

FDP | Bageshwar Uttarakhand

Partner Organization: **HDFC Bank Parivartan**

CLIMATE-RESILIENT HORTICULTURE

2,250 fruit saplings planted (1,000 apple, 500 walnut, 750 mixed fruit).



Krishak Kranti | Tarrak & Seoli, Dera Bassi

Partner Organization:
Pernod Ricard India Foundation

PADDY CULTIVATION: FIELD VISIT

Expert-led session by Dr. Raminder Singh Ghuman on Alternate Wetting & Drying (AWD) and nutrient management.



Best Performer of the Month

Mr. Jagdish Sharma has led the plantation drive with exceptional dedication, ensuring quality implementation and effective field coordination.

His grassroots leadership mobilized community led forest restoration in **103 Ha** Van Panchayat area in Kholyon Kyari, Sult, Almora



Mr. Jagdish Sharma

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