Navchaitanya Bahuuddeshiya Vikas Yuva Mandal, Shiroli

Annual Report

2023-24

Navchaitanya, despite being a small organization, has consistently demonstrated its commitment to environmental conservation and community development. The organization's efforts to engage the local community in various initiatives have resulted in increased participation, which has boosted both the organization's confidence and the community's interest in these activities. Navchaitanya's primary focus is on conserving natural resources and promoting their sustainable use to enhance community well-being.

During 2023-24, Navchaitanya carried out several activities in Shiroli village, which included:

1. Repairs of Drainage Line Treatment Structures / Weir:

Navchaitanya's repair of existing structures, including weirs built under government schemes, has significantly improved water management and storage in Shiroli village. The enhanced water storage capacity has allowed farmers to utilize the stored water for irrigating wheat and gram crops, directly benefiting agricultural productivity.

By ensuring the functionality of these structures, Navchaitanya has helped optimize the use of available water resources, supporting sustainable agriculture and boosting the livelihoods of local farmers. This initiative plays a crucial role in addressing water scarcity issues and promoting efficient water use for community development.

2. Conservation of trees:

Navchaitanya's efforts to safeguard roadside trees have been instrumental in enhancing their survival rates. By implementing measures such as fencing, watering, supporting plants, and mulching, the organization has created a supportive environment for the trees to thrive. The active involvement of village youths in these activities not only helps in maintaining the trees but also fosters a sense of responsibility and environmental stewardship within the community.

Furthermore, these initiatives provide a valuable opportunity to involve school children in plantation and plant protection activities. Engaging young students in caring for trees not only educates them about the importance of environmental conservation but also encourages lifelong habits of sustainability and community involvement. This multifaceted approach not only benefits the local ecosystem but also strengthens community ties and promotes a culture of environmental awareness among the younger generation.

3. **Nutritional Kitchen Gardens:**

The Kitchen Garden program has successfully expanded its impact this year, with 49 nutritional kitchen gardens established, allowing 49 families to access fresh, non-toxic vegetables for their consumption. This initiative has not only provided essential nutritional benefits but has also empowered families to grow their own food sustainably.



As the program gains momentum, it is transforming into a people's initiative, reflecting increasing community involvement and ownership. This shift signifies a growing awareness of the importance of healthy eating and self-sufficiency. By participating in the cultivation of their own vegetables, families are enhancing their well-being while fostering a sense of community and collaboration. The Kitchen Garden program serves as an inspiring model for sustainable living and community-driven agricultural practices.

4. Protection of birds:

Navchaitanya has introduced an innovative initiative focused on bird protection, enhancing the local ecosystem and promoting biodiversity. As part of this activity, food and water pots have been placed near many nests hanging in trees, providing essential resources for the birds. This thoughtful provision encourages local bird populations to thrive, as they can easily access food and water near their habitats.

Additionally, the organization has prepared artificial nets and hung them around residential houses. Some birds, such as sparrows, have taken advantage of these artificial structures, utilizing them as nesting sites. This dual approach not only supports the well-being of local bird species but also fosters a greater awareness of wildlife conservation within the community.

By engaging in these bird protection activities, Navchaitanya is contributing to the preservation of local biodiversity while encouraging residents to coexist harmoniously with nature. This initiative highlights the importance of community involvement in environmental conservation efforts.

5. Street Play Program:

Navchaitanya has made significant contributions to raising social awareness by conducting 137 street play programs for government departments and NGOs. These performances have been an effective tool for educating the community on a variety of important social issues, including health initiatives, Janani Suraksha Yojana (a safe

motherhood program), Sampurn Swacchata Abhiyan (a comprehensive cleanliness campaign), Integrated Watershed Development, de-addiction, and AIDS prevention.

By using street plays as a medium, Navchaitanya has reached a broad audience, engaging people in an accessible and impactful way. The initiative has helped spread vital information, encourage positive behavioral changes, and promote social development across the community.



6. Achievement of Award and Prizes:

While working in social sector the organization has received awards for the work done on Nala Deepening and widening and conservation of environment.

1. An Award received in Water Summit 2017, Mumbai from the Rin and Lokmat for the excellent work done in water harvesting.
2. An Award received in Krushithon 2017, Nashik from the Human Service Foundation and Media Exhibiters Pvt. Ltd.
3. An Award received in the work of environment protection from Nelda, Pune for consecutive three years 2017-18, 2018-19.







Affiliation with other Organizations:

1. AFARM, Pune
2. Sahayyak Trust, Mumbai
3. Song and Music Department, Pune
4. Devrai, Pune