



SWAYAM SHIKSHAN PRAYOG

From Margin to Mainstream



QUARTERLY REPORT

January 26 to March 2026

About SSP

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) was established in 1998, four years after partnering with the Government of Maharashtra on the Latur earthquake reconstruction project (covering 1200 villages), where SSP reshaped a beneficiary program into a successful community women led effort.

With a vision to empower grassroots women to move from “Margin to Mainstream”, the late Prema Gopalan and SSP have developed a model of livelihood diversification.

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) promotes inclusive, sustainable community development by empowering women in low-income, climate-threatened regions. It strengthens women’s collectives by training them as farmers and entrepreneurs, enhancing their social and economic resilience.



SWAYAM
Self - Empowerment



SHIKSHAN
Continuous
Education



PRAYOG
Experimentation

SWAYAM stands for self-empowerment—fostering women’s leadership, awareness of rights, and access to financial, digital, and market systems.

SHIKSHAN emphasizes continuous learning to help women address household and community challenges.

PRAYOG encourages grassroots innovation to solve issues like climate-resilient farming, food security, entrepreneurship, and natural resource management.

Overview

Vision

To build a robust partnership ecosystem that enables grassroots women's networks to access skills training, financial and digital literacy, and technology and marketing platforms.



Mission

To promote inclusive and sustainable community development by empowering women in low income climate threatened communities/regions. Swayam Shikshan Prayog repositions women's collectives by training them as farmers and entrepreneurs and thereby increasing their economic and social resilience.

OUR KEY SECTORS



Women-Led
Climate Resilient
Farming



Women's
Entrepreneur-
ship

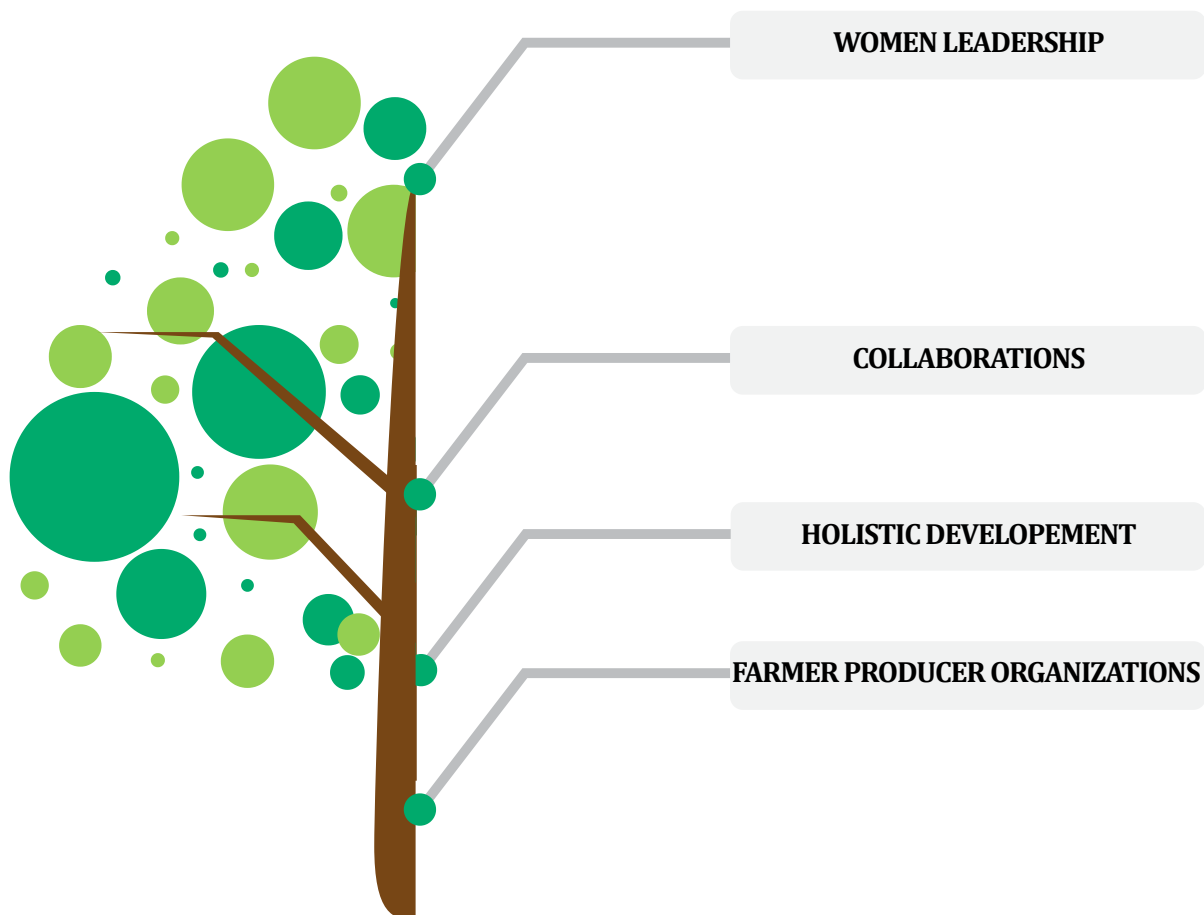


Health, Water,
Sanitation &
Hygiene



Clean Energy &
Environment

OUR INITIATIVES



STRATEGIC APPROACH

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) supports community development by empowering women in low-income and climate-threatened areas. SSP helps rural women in problem solving, decision making and provides insights to tackle issues like water scarcity, food security, sustainable farming and improved livelihoods.

Women trained through SSP cultivate fast-growing, climate-resilient crops, manage diversified agricultural practices, and adopt strategies that reduce dependency on debt - resulting in improved cash flow, greater food security, and enhanced household income.

SSP focuses on transforming the society by building skills, providing technical support and leadership development. Trained groups of SSP Sakhis, women's collectives, and Village Action Groups (VAGs) lead these efforts, working with local governments and market systems.

GEOGRAPHY



Outreach Jan-March'26)

Empowering rural women for 3 decades

Quarterly Outreach (Jan-March'26)



48559

rural women

Provided awareness and trainings



21651

women farmers

Empowered with women led climate resilient agricultural practice (WCRF)



17473

women farmers

Practice in Action: Women Led Adoption of Improved Agricultural Practices



4154

rural women

Received entrepreneurship related training and handholding



12057

people

Empowering Children, Communities & Institutions Through Gender, Education & Sanitation Learning

Collaborations

1.69 Cr

Government Scheme Linkage (Amount in Rupees)

2.89 Cr

Bank Scheme Linkage (Amount in Rupees)

CORE PROGRAMS

WOMEN-LED CLIMATE RESILIENT FARMING (WCRF)



Capacity Building on WCRF

During the quarter, efforts focused on strengthening women-led climate-resilient farming in Kottathara, Wayanad, aligned with the Rabi and Zaid seasons. WCRF trainings and refresher sessions supported women farmers to adopt sustainable practices suited to changing weather conditions, including rising temperatures and intermittent rainfall. Demonstration plots entered active growth stages, serving as practical learning spaces.

In Bidar, Karnataka, the focus was on seasonal WCRF implementation, refresher trainings, and promotion of bio-inputs. While earlier there was hesitation in adopting WCRF and organic practices, continued engagement and field demonstrations have begun to shift perspectives. Women farmers are gradually building confidence and recognising the benefits of these approaches.

In Kamalnagar, a total of 65 women farmers were linked to structured trainings and awareness programmes on organic farming, organized in collaboration with the Krishi Vigyan Kendra. These initiatives enhanced access to technical knowledge and promoted the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices.

Women farmers also strengthened their control over productive resources through collective land and input management, contributing to a 28% increase in farm income and improved livelihood security.

The programmes have generated growing interest in soil health management, with farmers expressing the need for more village-level awareness initiatives.

Launch of Bio-Input Products

Under the Natural Farming Mission, the Bio-Input Resource Centre (BRC) of Keravriksha Coconut Producer Company Limited launched its bio-input products, formally handed over by BRC Coordinator Mrs. Janaki to farmer Mrs. Lissy.

The initiative promotes sustainable agriculture by enabling local production and use of eco-friendly inputs such as bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides, reducing dependence on chemical inputs. Farmers trained through demonstrations and exposure visits at KVK Ambalavayal have begun applying these practices in their fields.

This effort has strengthened self-reliance, improved soil health, and opened opportunities for income generation. It has also encouraged wider adoption of natural farming while reinforcing women farmers' confidence in sustainable practices.

These initiatives are supported by the Oak Foundation.



WOMEN-LED CLIMATE RESILIENT FARMING (WCRF)

Partnership with NGOs: During the quarter, key partnerships were formalized to expand the WCRF model, including the signing of an MoU, development of a two-year action plan, and submission of the corresponding budget. Partner organisations, Keravriksha Farmer Producer Company and Hume Centre for Ecology and Wildlife Biology, were supported to strengthen their capacity in implementing women-led, climate-resilient farming practices.

In Kottathara, Wayanad, structured capacity-building efforts enabled over 200 women farmers to participate in WCRF seasonal and refresher trainings. Supported by more than 400 field visits, these efforts improved crop planning and encouraged the adoption of scientific farming practices during the Rabi season.

Demonstration Plot Activities: Ten demonstration plots were actively maintained during the quarter to showcase climate-resilient, multi-tier, and integrated farming practices. Crops such as turmeric, yam, colocasia, and seasonal vegetables grew uniformly, while paddy seedlings were carefully transplanted into main fields. Farmers received continuous guidance on soil nutrition management, pest control, and water conservation. The plots served as practical learning centers where over 200 women farmers observed, experimented, and implemented WCRF techniques on their own lands.

Weekly Weather-Based Crop Advisory: Weekly crop advisories were shared through dedicated WhatsApp groups, providing weather forecasts, early warnings on sudden changes such as heavy rainfall or dry spells, and guidance on crop-specific management practices. These advisories reached over 200 women farmers, supporting timely planning of intercultural operations, irrigation, and pest management. Farmers reported improved decision-making, better resource utilisation, and reduced crop losses. The regular flow of information has enabled quicker responses to changing weather conditions, strengthening resilience and supporting climate-informed farming practices at the field level.

Adoption of WCRF Practices: Adoption of WCRF practices translated into field-level action, with 10 active demonstration plots serving as learning sites. Women farmers applied techniques related to soil health, crop diversification, and low-cost sustainable agriculture on small and fragmented landholdings. In Bidar, women climate leaders expanded sustainable land management practices across their communities, with around 1,000 households adopting soil and water conservation measures. Soil samples from 50 women farmers were collected and tested, strengthening awareness and application of soil health practices. These efforts enhanced farmers' adaptive capacity to climate shocks, with diversified farming systems helping reduce crop losses by nearly 40% during extreme weather events.

Bio-Input Resource Centre (BRC) Activities: The Bio-Input Resource Centre (BRC) was established and operationalised at Mrs. Janaki's household, producing 10 types of bio-inputs, including Jeevamrutham, Ghana Jeevamrutham, and Brahmastra, under the NMNF scheme.

Trainings and hands-on demonstrations enabled women farmers to prepare and apply these bio-inputs in their fields, promoting low-cost and sustainable farming practices.

Tribal women farmers from Kuzhivayal Colony also participated in field-level capacity-building sessions, strengthening their practical knowledge and skills. The BRC is gradually emerging as a local resource hub, supporting wider adoption of natural farming practices and reducing dependence on external inputs.

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RAWE and Student Exposure Programmes

In March, a three-day RAWE training programme was conducted for 17 students from RARS, Ambalavayal, integrating them into field-level activities and farmer engagement.

Students visited demonstration plots, bio-input centres, and women-led model farms, gaining practical exposure to climate-resilient agriculture, integrated farming systems, and farmer-led enterprises.

The programme strengthened students' understanding of sustainable farming practices while creating opportunities for knowledge exchange. Their engagement also provided additional technical support to women farmers, reinforcing ongoing efforts to promote climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture at the community level.

Allied Livelihood Activities

Women farmers strengthened diversified livelihoods through seedling units, mushroom production, vermicompost, biogas, and apiculture. Seedling units supplied Rabi and Zaid crops such as cabbage, cauliflower, chilli, tomato, and cowpea to demonstration plots and neighbouring farmers.

Three to six vermicompost units produced quality organic manure for field application, while biogas units generated clean energy along with nutrient-rich slurry for crop use. Apiculture units, with three to six active hives, supported honey production.

These allied activities enhanced income opportunities, improved input self-sufficiency, and reinforced integrated, climate-resilient farming systems at the household level.

Block-Level Advocacy Meeting and Training

A block-level advocacy meeting was held at Meppady village under the Oak Foundation project, with 110 women farmers participating to strengthen their role in agriculture and rural development. The programme was inaugurated by District Panchayath Member Mrs. Beena Saji through a symbolic plant-watering ceremony.

Refresher Training on Mushroom Cultivation

A refresher training on mushroom cultivation was conducted at Venniode, Kottathara Panchayath, with over 30 women farmers participating to strengthen their skills in income-generating and sustainable agriculture.

The session was led by Agriculture Training Manager Ms. Athira K. S. Gaji, who shared guidance on scientific methods and best practices. Experienced model farmers Mrs. Janaki and Mrs. Bindu demonstrated key steps, including substrate preparation, bed making, and maintenance.

Participants engaged in hands-on practice by preparing mushroom beds individually, reinforcing their learning. The training enhanced practical skills and encouraged women farmers to adopt mushroom cultivation as a viable livelihood option.

WCRF Zaid Season Cultivation Training

WCRF training sessions were conducted across five villages in Kottathara, with 50 women farmers participating, focusing on Zaid-season vegetable cultivation and region-specific practices.

The sessions covered key components of the WCRF model, including land preparation, crop and variety selection, nutrient management, pest and disease control, water conservation, and post-harvest handling. Farmers actively engaged in discussions and practical demonstrations, gaining clarity on applying these practices in their fields. The training emphasised sustainable, eco-friendly approaches to improve yield quality while maintaining soil health and strengthening climate-resilient farming practices.

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WOMEN-LED CLIMATE RESILIENT FARMING (WCRF)

WCRF Training

During the quarter from January to March 2026, the Women-Led Climate Resilient Farming (WCRF) programme strengthened community engagement and built capacities of women farmers across Sillod and Palam blocks. The focus remained on awareness generation, structured trainings, and strengthening institutional linkages at village and district levels.

A total of 5,367 women and community members participated in awareness meetings, improving understanding of climate-resilient farming, sustainable livelihoods, and available government schemes. In addition, 2,634 women farmers enhanced their technical knowledge through WCRF training sessions, supporting adoption of improved agricultural practices.

Key Outcomes

Focused efforts on leadership and institutional strengthening enabled 485 women leaders and community representatives to build capacities in agriculture, leadership, and collective action. District-level engagement was strengthened with 95 stakeholders participating in workshops, improving coordination with local administration. Additionally, 12 women farmers were linked to government schemes and services, enabling access to institutional support. Overall, the programme contributed to improved awareness, skill development, and stronger community-led action towards climate-resilient agriculture. This initiative is supported by Kadoori Charitable Foundation (KCF).

Training on Modern Farming Practices

A five-day training on modern and climate-resilient farming practices was conducted for 526 households, focusing on sustainable agriculture, water conservation, natural farming, and integrated farming systems, supported by Axis Bank Limited.

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The training is expected to improve farm sustainability, reduce input costs, and enhance resilience to climate risks, while strengthening household livelihoods and food security.

Drum Theory Demonstration Plots-cum-Livelihood Support Centres

A total of 50 Ten Drum Theory demonstration plots are being established across three project blocks as practical learning sites for farmers. These plots are designed to enable farmers to observe improved agricultural practices and strengthen peer learning at the community level. The impact is expected from the upcoming Kharif season, supporting long-term sustainability. This initiative is supported by Axis Bank Limited (ABL).

Model Farm Development

The fourth quarter marked a consolidation phase for the LIC HFL HRIDAY Project across Wayanad and Dharashiv districts, focusing on strengthening women farmers' capacities in climate-resilient agriculture and sustaining earlier interventions. Model and homestead farms reached maturity, with farmers beginning to harvest vegetables grown through natural farming practices. Continuous field visits, along with WCRF trainings and refresher sessions, supported crop management under changing climatic conditions. The distribution of seeds, seedlings, and bio-inputs further strengthened summer crop planning, reinforcing sustainable practices and improving farm-level resilience. To promote practical learning, 30 Field Farm Schools were established, enabling farmers to observe and adopt improved practices through hands-on experience.

WOMEN-LED CLIMATE RESILIENT FARMING (WCRF)

Capacity Building on Bio-Input Preparation

A field-level, demonstration-based training on bio-input preparation was conducted at Kuzhivayal Colony, engaging over 15 tribal women farmers to strengthen practical skills in natural farming.

The session focused on hands-on preparation and effective application of locally available bio-inputs as organic fertilizers and bio-pesticides. Participants actively engaged in the demonstrations, gaining confidence in preparing and using these inputs.

Farmers immediately applied the bio-inputs in their vegetable cultivation fields, reinforcing learning through practice. The training supported the adoption of low-cost, eco-friendly methods and strengthened women farmers' capacity to manage sustainable agriculture independently. This initiative is supported by the Oak Foundation.

Strengthening Climate-Resilient Livelihoods

Under Axis Bank Limited supported project, significant progress was observed across programme interventions, reflecting strengthened capacities and improved livelihood opportunities for rural households. A total of 526 households adopted climate-resilient and sustainable farming practices following structured trainings, demonstrating a shift towards informed and adaptive agriculture. Livestock management practices were strengthened among 311 households, with 118 households initiating poultry as an allied livelihood activity. At the same time, entrepreneurial readiness improved, with 50 households developing business plans and 28 applying under PMFME to establish enterprises.



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WOMEN-LED CLIMATE RESILIENT FARMING (WCRF)

Capacity Building of Women

Under WOMANITY supported project, an Orientation and Capacity Building programme was organized for Super Sakhis. In this training, the project objectives, field activities, reporting process, and ways of working in the community were explained. Practical training was also given on FGD, baseline survey, and community mobilization.

This activity was important because it improved the knowledge, understanding, and field working skills of Super Sakhis. It helped them implement the project more effectively at the grassroots level. Super Sakhis participated in the programme, and the sessions were conducted by experienced trainers and the project team.

Identification and Selection of WCRF Members

The process of identifying and selecting WCRF (Women Climate Resilient Farming) members was carried out in the selected villages through field visits and community interaction. The project team visited different villages and conducted meetings with women in their households and common gathering places. During these visits, discussions were held to understand women's interest in agriculture, their current involvement in farming activities, and their willingness to participate in climate-resilient farming practices.

Based on their interest and participation, interest, and community discussion, suitable women were selected as WCRF members. Local community members and existing women groups also supported the selection process to ensure transparency and inclusion.

Strengthening Land Rights and Local Governance

Efforts were also made to strengthen women's land ownership and leadership in local planning processes. A total of 630 women received support in improving land ownership recognition and documentation, enhancing long-term livelihood security.

Women's groups played an active role in local governance, with 253 PRA and GPDP exercises conducted across villages. These processes enabled communities to identify priorities related to farming, water, and livelihoods, strengthening collective planning and decision-making.

Panchayat level workshops

The first workshop was held on 8 March 2026 at Amethi Panchayat. Women from different villages and hamlets actively participated in the programme. The main topics of discussion were climate-resilient farming (WCRF), women's land rights, leadership, and government schemes. Women shared their experiences and problems related to farming and livelihood. Issues like lack of land, low income, and limited decision-making power were discussed. Local officials and community representatives also participated and interacted with the women.

Another workshop was organized on 9 March 2026 at Kurkihar Panchayat. Women and community members actively took part in the session. The discussion focused on women's role in agriculture, challenges faced by vulnerable women, and training opportunities under WCRF. Women openly shared their experiences and challenges. The session encouraged women to speak freely and become more confident in decision-making. Both workshops increased women's participation, awareness, and confidence. Women gained better understanding of sustainable farming, land rights, and livelihood opportunities under the Womanity Project.

Rabi Season WCRF Trainings

During the Rabi season, under the Misereor-supported project in Maharashtra, the programme focused on strengthening women farmers' capacities through field trainings on WCRF practices, village planning, and group strengthening.

A total of 5,819 women farmers participated in 196 WCRF trainings, improving their seasonal preparedness and knowledge of climate-resilient agriculture.

Access to Finance and Government Entitlements

The quarter saw strong progress in enabling women farmers to access financial services and government schemes. A total of 123 women farmers from 13 villages secured bank loans worth ₹1.36 crore for dairy farming and land cultivation. In addition, 1,142 women farmers from 11 villages accessed government benefits worth ₹23 lakh for goat rearing, fodder chopper machines, and organic manure units, strengthening livelihood opportunities. This initiative is supported by Misereor.

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Training of Livestock and Poultry Farmers

Under Axis Bank Limited supported project, training on agri-allied livestock, poultry, and goaterly was conducted for 311 women-led households to strengthen animal-based livelihoods and improve productivity. The sessions were delivered by experienced veterinary doctors with support from the Animal Husbandry Department, focusing on scientific livestock management practices.

Women farmers gained knowledge on animal health, feeding practices, and access to relevant government schemes. The training is expected to enhance milk yield, improve animal care, and increase income from livestock-based enterprises, contributing to more stable and diversified livelihoods.

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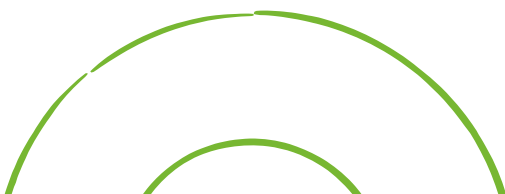
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Skill Building and Livelihood Strengthening

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Vocational trainings in tailoring and mehendi engaged 46 individuals, supporting self and wage employment among small, marginal, and landless households. Labelling and packaging support was extended to 50 entrepreneurs to improve market readiness.

Micro-entrepreneurs enhanced their market presence, as 50 enterprises received support in packaging and labelling. Additionally, diversified livelihood opportunities expanded, with 25 individuals completing skill training and 46 individuals engaging in vocational training for self-employment.



WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Skill Building and Livelihood Strengthening

Under Axis Bank Limited supported project, Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP)

A five-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) was conducted for 58 households to strengthen entrepreneurial skills among rural women farmers and landless individuals. The training covered enterprise planning, digital payments, government schemes (PMFME, CMEGP), banking linkages, branding, packaging, record-keeping, and use of social media for business promotion. Participants developed an entrepreneurial mindset and gained practical knowledge to start small-scale businesses with low investment.

50 households prepared detailed business plans. Additionally, 28 households submitted applications under PMFME for purchasing papad-making, flour mill, and chilli powder machines, while 11 households submitted bank loan proposals to expand their enterprises.

Vocational Skill Trainings

Trainings were conducted in Ausa and Nilanga, blocks with the key objective of improving livelihood opportunities for rural youth and women by developing their practical skills to promote self-employment and sustainable income generation. Tailoring 31 Individuals, 15 Mehendi Tailoring training was completed, and 16 individuals have started tailoring work, earning an initial monthly income of ₹2,500–₹3,000. This initiative is supported by Axis Bank Limited.

Strengthening Market Linkages

During this quarter, monthly meetings were held with Lakshmi in Solapur and Latur cities. Women entrepreneurs were met and guided regarding their business. Review and planning meetings were held with the Sales Coordinator and Block coordinator. Emphasis was placed on market linkages with government. Housewives were given to families in Latur and Solapur cities and meetings were held with women in apartments to inform them about the products produced by women and the products were sold from stalls. This initiative is supported under Mankind Pharma 'Prosper' project.

Skill training of Micro Entrepreneurs

A total of 25 households, including both land-owning and landless families, received structured skill development training aligned with self-employment and livelihood enhancement. The training focused on building technical and entrepreneurial capacities through key areas such as financial literacy, improved production techniques, and sustainable livelihood practices. As a result, households are better equipped to initiate and manage small-scale enterprises, reduce dependency on wage labour, and diversify their income sources, leading to more stable and resilient livelihoods. Ari Work training in Ausa covered 14 participants, while Bakery Product training in Nilanga covered 11 participants.

Packing and labelling material support for enterprises

Providing packing and labelling materials, along with weighing and packaging machines, is critical for strengthening micro-enterprises, especially in food processing. This support helps standardize product quality, improve hygiene, and enhance the visual appeal of products, making them more competitive in local markets. It also enables entrepreneurs to comply with basic market requirements such as proper weight measurement and product identification.

As a result, 50 enterprises (20 in Nilanga, 20 in Ausa, and 10 in Deoni) are better positioned to increase customer trust, access wider markets, and improve pricing for their products. The intervention is expected to boost sales, reduce post-production losses, and support the transition from informal to more structured, sustainable livelihood enterprises



WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Women in business

The quarter unfolded in a context of steady post-winter recovery, with improved mobility in villages and renewed engagement of women in livelihood activities across Jalna district. During this period, focused efforts were made to expand entrepreneurship opportunities and strengthen rural enterprise ecosystems through training, credit access, and close handholding support. As a result, 65 new women-led enterprises were established- 31 in Bhokardan block and 34 in Jalna block-across sectors such as grocery, tailoring, dairy, food processing, beauty parlours, and petty trade, responding to local market needs and seasonal demand. This initiative is supported by SVEP project.

Growth of New Women-Led Enterprises

A total of 65 new enterprises were started across Bhokardan (31) and Jalna (34) blocks in sectors such as grocery, tailoring, dairy, and petty trade. Women who had undergone EDP training led these enterprises with support from CRP-EPs. This expansion improved local service availability and income opportunities. Increased participation of women in enterprise planning reflected growing acceptance of women as entrepreneurs.

Strengthening Enterprise Systems

During the quarter, 145 business plans were approved through BRCs—105 in Jalna and 104 in Bhokardan-enabling quicker access to enterprise finance. This streamlined system reduced delays and strengthened coordination between community institutions and programme teams. The visible outcome was faster enterprise initiation and improved accountability in enterprise governance.

Enabling Women's Enterprises through CEF

This quarter, 39 women entrepreneurs in Jalna block received CEF support worth ₹19.60 lakh and 131 Women entrepreneur in Bhokardan block worth 48.9 Lakh to start or expand their enterprises. The support was routed through SHGs, VOs, CLFs, and the BRC, ensuring community-led decision-making. This mattered as access to timely capital helped women initiate businesses without depending on informal credit. The process was led by community institutions with SVEP facilitation. A visible shift was seen in women's confidence and faster enterprise start-up.

36 existing enterprises (25 in Bhokardan and 11 in Jalna) were supported through business counselling and improved financial linkages. Access to capital remained a key focus, with 39 women entrepreneurs in Jalna block receiving CEF support worth ₹19.60 lakh and 131 Women entrepreneur in Bhokardan block worth 48.9 Lakh. Enterprise systems were further strengthened through Block Resource Centres, where 105 business plans worth ₹51.25 lakh were approved in Jalna and 104 business plans worth ₹42.70 lakh in Bhokardan, enabling timely enterprise start-up and scale-up.

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CLEAN ENERGY



EDP Training

Refresher training and EDP Training were conducted during this quarter. Other activities included Clean Energy Entrepreneurship Fair; planning of summer crop cultivation and activities to boost the business growth of 'Sakhis' (women entrepreneurs). Another crucial aspect was the establishment of partnerships with businesses operating in the high-value agricultural products sector; aimed at expanding the market reach for 'Sakhi' products, this initiative resulted in a substantial increase in both the sales and income of the women entrepreneurs.

SSP conducted a two-day Advance Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) for 100 women entrepreneurs from Nalanda district, Bihar. The training was organized in two batches, with 50 participants in each batch at Parwalpur, Nalanda during 6-7 and 8-9 January, 2026.

The programme was designed based on a structured Advance EDP training module and aimed to strengthen entrepreneurial capabilities, business planning skills, and market understanding among women entrepreneurs.

Partnership

Partnerships were established with two product partners (animal feed and readymade organic fertilizers) whose products are essential for farmers. Selling these products increases the sales portfolio of the Sakhi (female entrepreneur) and naturally boosts their profits. The increase in sales of these products proved to be a significant turning point this quarter because the higher sales volume and increased profits boosted the Sakhis' confidence.

Seed Distribution

In collaboration with Bihar Beej Pariwartan Pariyojana (BJPP), SSP conducted a special drive for free seed distribution across eight blocks of Gaya and Nalanda districts between 15 to 20 February. The initiative aimed to promote crop diversification, improve farm productivity, and support income enhancement among smallholder women farmers.

A total of 250 Women-Centred Resilient Farming (WCRF) leaders participated in the programme across Mungbean pulses. Each woman farmer received 2 KG seeds as per crop-specific norms, enabling cultivation across a total of 35 acres of land. The cumulative value of the distributed seeds amounted to 60000, resulting in direct cost savings for participating households.

Micro Enterprise training to Sakhis

A 14-day Micro-Enterprise Development Training (MEDP) focused on jewelry making and jute bag manufacturing was organized for women entrepreneurs in Gaya district, held from January 11 to January 24, 2026. This training was conducted by the Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (RSETI), Nalanda, in collaboration with the Self-Learning Experiment (SSP). A total of 37 women (referred to as 'Sakhis') from four blocks of Gaya district participated in this program. The objective of this training was to strengthen micro-enterprise development among women by integrating technical skill-building with knowledge of entrepreneurship and business management.



GENDER TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME (GTP)



Strengthening Gender Equality in Schools and Communities

During this quarter, the programme focused on strengthening school- and community-level engagement on gender equality across Dharashiv and Kalamb blocks. The period saw active implementation despite typical rural challenges such as limited time availability in schools and ongoing local responsibilities of community members. Key activities included teacher trainings, refresher trainings for community facilitators, and large-scale Gender Fair events in schools and villages. Community participation increased significantly, with Gram Panchayats, SMCs, and parents taking greater ownership. Gender social audits in villages helped identify local issues related to safety, infrastructure, and inclusion. Capacity-building sessions for parents and facilitators further strengthened awareness on adolescent health and gender roles.

- Students became more engaged and confident, with 2,882 adolescents actively participating in Meena-Raju Manch sessions across schools.

- Community ownership increased significantly, as Gram Panchayats, SMCs, and schools led 25 Gender Fair events with contributions of over ₹1.5 lakh.

- Parents, especially mothers, showed improved awareness, with around 1715 women gaining understanding of gender, health, and adolescent issues.

- Local leaders and institutions became more active, with 491 SMC members and 445 Gram Panchayat members participating in gender-focused sessions.

Students and communities identified local challenges, as 2,471 participants took part in gender social audits across 44 villages, leading to better awareness of issues like safety and school facilities.

Strengthening Sustainable Livelihoods

Multiple livelihood interventions such as mushroom cultivation, beekeeping, goat rearing, flour mills, and sewing machines were introduced among rural women. A total of 78 women actively participated in these activities, with technical training and ongoing handholding support provided by the project team. This initiative was important as it created diversified and local income opportunities, reducing dependency on seasonal agriculture. Women reported earning ₹1,500–₹2,000 per month, especially through flour mills and tailoring.

Enhancing Learning Environment in Rural Schools

The project supported three schools by installing interactive boards and upgrading basic infrastructure, including wall painting, windows, doors, and toilets. Teachers, students, and School Management Committees actively participated in planning and implementation. This intervention was important to create a more engaging and safe learning environment for children. The introduction of digital learning tools has increased student interest and participation in classrooms.

Community ownership

One key challenge was limited financial resources for activities like Gender Fair events; This was addressed by mobilizing support from Gram Panchayats, SMCs, and schools, which increased local ownership. Another learning was that continuous engagement through home visits and regular meetings is essential to increase participation, especially among parents and community members. Interactive methods like games, social audits, and discussions proved effective in building understanding of gender issues.

INITIATIVES

Women's Initiative to Learn and Lead (WILL)



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- Community ownership increased significantly, as Gram Panchayats, SMCs, and schools led 25 Gender Fair events with contributions of over ₹1.5 lakh.

- Parents, especially mothers, showed improved awareness, with around 1715 women gaining understanding of gender, health, and adolescent issues.

- Local leaders and institutions became more active, with 491 SMC members and 445 Gram Panchayat members participating in gender-focused sessions.

Students and communities identified local challenges, as 2,471 participants took part in gender social audits across 44 villages, leading to better awareness of issues like safety and school facilities.

Training of Trainers

Trainers strengthened their facilitation and leadership skills, with 79 trainers completing a 2-day Training of Trainers (TOT) across 6 blocks and 4 districts to roll out VAG training independently. This module aims to instill confidence in women, since women are an important factor in village development, training women to raise village level issues and find solutions is essential. Creating awareness about agriculture-related businesses and organic farming, water, health, etc. is taught in this 3-day training. After taking this training, they train VAG women in the villages where they work and also review it through other activities in the project and since this training is conducted in a participatory manner, women take this training with maximum attention.

VAG Leadership Development Training's Modules

VAG women members across 17 blocks increased their participation and confidence in collective action, as 2000 women completed three-day cluster-level VAG Women's Leadership Development Trainings focused on inclusive leadership. The training enabled women to recognize their own identity, build self-confidence, actively participate in group activities, express their opinions at home and in community settings, enhance their decision-making abilities, discuss village-level issues, engage in social work, and develop their personalities.



INITIATIVES

Women's Initiative to Learn and Lead (WILL)



Peer Learning Workshop

Village Action Group (VAG) women members across 17 blocks increased their participation and confidence in collective action, as 3000 women completed Peer Learning Workshop. In this Activities VAG Members Exchange their Experience and Idea of how to Develop the Leadership and Social Securities. They Discussed the Current Situations in the village's Problems and how to overcome them. Gramsabhas and individual level design making also most important part of self development

District Dialogue Workshops

The district level workshop was held with the participation of approximately 1000 to 1100 women from 17 block across four districts - Solapur, Nanded, Latur, and Dharashiv. VAG women from all project villages participate in district-level workshops that provide an open platform to share experiences, including success stories and challenges. Government officials from key departments and banking institutions offer guidance on various schemes, while women's proposals are discussed and followed up. The entire event is organized by the women themselves, enhancing their leadership and coordination skills. Typically, 250-300 women attend each workshop.

Block Dialogue Workshops

The block level workshop was held with the participation of approximately 40 to 50 women from 17 blocks across four districts - Solapur, Nanded, Latur, and Dharashiv. VAG women from all project villages participate in district-level workshops that provide an open platform to share experiences, including success stories and challenges. Government officials from key departments and banking institutions offer guidance on various schemes, while women's proposals are discussed and followed up. The entire event is organized by the women themselves, enhancing their leadership and coordination skills.



WOMEN LED FARMER PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS (FPOs)



Strengthening Women-Led Climate Resilience

During the quarter, significant progress was made under the WCRF model, with 500 women farmers trained in climate-resilient agriculture. The trainings enhanced their capacities in sustainable farming practices and livelihood strengthening.

Building Women's Leadership and Governance

Block-level Advocacy Workshops strengthened women's leadership, awareness, and engagement with local governance systems. Women gained better understanding of their rights, accessed government schemes, and increased their participation in collective decision-making.

Promoting Knowledge and Institutional Linkages

World Soil Day was observed to promote soil health and sustainable agriculture. Seema Sayyad, CEO of Prema Gopalan FPC, engaged with students on soil conservation and organic practices, linking academic learning with field realities.

Manjiri Sakhi Farmer Producer Company participated in the Maharashtra State-Level Consultation on Gender, Climate, and Agriculture organised by FWFB in Pune. The platform brought together policymakers, financial institutions, and FPO leaders to advance gender-responsive and climate-resilient agriculture.

Strengthening Market Linkages and Exposure

A two-day Krushi Exhibition at KVK Tuljapur provided a platform for three SSP-supported FPCs to showcase their products. Around 300 women participated, gaining exposure to new agricultural technologies and strengthening market linkages.

Enhancing Livelihoods and Value Addition

Women farmers adopted improved climate-resilient practices, strengthening productivity, risk management, and income stability. Value addition initiatives such as the installation of a solar dryer reduced post-harvest losses and improved product quality. A dal mill further enhanced local processing capacity and created additional income opportunities.



MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM



SSP's Digital Transformation: Streamlining Impact Through Technology

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) has seamlessly integrated its operations into a centralised Management Information System (MIS), consolidating all its core sectors including Women's Climate Resilience & Food Security (WCRF), Entrepreneurship, WASH, Clean Energy & Environment, and Women's Leadership into a unified digital ecosystem. Progress monitoring and impact tracking are comprehensively managed through the mGrant portal and mGrant application, ensuring real-time visibility and data-driven decision-making across all programme verticals. Sakhi, SSP's frontline community champion, is fully engaged within this app-based tracking framework, enabling ground-level documentation and accountability at scale. This digital infrastructure serves a larger transformative purpose of capturing and understanding the holistic changes in the lives of women farmers and women entrepreneurs, while connecting them to a meaningful digital skill-building journey. This integrated approach not only strengthens community support systems but also deepens SSP's understanding of community needs through purposeful digital intervention, reinforcing technology as a catalyst for inclusive and sustainable development.

MGrant App Training and Sectoral MIS Integration

mGrant App training has been successfully conducted across 8 projects, strengthening digital monitoring capacities at the grassroots level. Under Agriculture, SSP is capturing the Women-Led Climate Resilient Farming Model, documenting the adoption of improved practices by women farmers on a season-wise basis. This not only reflects the tangible changes and impacts in farmer lives but also tracks productivity enhancement, new technological adoption, and the conversion of agricultural land into improved farming practices. For Women Entrepreneurship, alongside training and handholding support, a structured Monitoring and Evaluation framework has been introduced, capturing key indicators such as the number of businesses established, skills and learnings acquired, and the specific support needs of women entrepreneurs, all systematically recorded within the MIS.



VOICES OF WOMEN

From Invisible Labour to Farmer Leader

Nandini Dharane from Khatgoan, Bidar, grew up in poverty, leaving school early and taking on farm and household work. For over a decade, she worked on her family's land without recognition or decision-making power. Climate challenges made life harder. Her turning point came with SSP's Women-Led Climate Resilient Farming programme. Starting on a small plot, she adopted organic practices and slowly improved soil health, reduced costs, and increased income. Today, Nandini is a trained resource person, saving money, increasing earnings, and guiding 100 women farmers. From invisible labour, she has become a confident farmer leader, strengthening her community's resilience.



A Journey of Strength and Leadership: Jaymala's Story

Pawanti Devi from Rajwara, Nalanda, faced deep loss after her husband's sudden death, leaving her to rebuild life alone. With no steady income, survival was uncertain. Joining SSP's Sakhi programme became her turning point. With training and a ₹40,000 grant, she began promoting clean energy products, earning trust in her community. She soon became the highest-selling Sakhi, reaching over 150 households and earning ₹15,000–₹20,000 monthly. She also took up farming with climate-resilient practices, strengthening her income. Today, Pawanti is a confident leader, supporting her family and inspiring other women to build secure and dignified livelihoods.

VOICES OF WOMEN

Moving Beyond Seasonal Uncertainty

In Longaon village of Jalna, Daivshali's family relied on her husband's seasonal photography work, often leaving them without income during off-seasons. Managing daily needs and her children's education was a struggle. In 2022, she joined SSP's SVEP programme, gaining skills and confidence to start her own business. In 2023, she began a small tailoring unit from home, which gradually grew into a multi-service enterprise including a grocery shop, xerox, printing, and more. By aligning with seasonal demand, she built a steady income. Today, Daivshali ensures financial stability for her family and inspires other women to start their own journeys.



Growing Food, Confidence, and Resilience

Shanta Raja from Kottathara, Wayanad, took charge of her 1.5-acre farm after her husband's passing, managing everything on her own. Earlier, she relied on costly chemical-based banana farming, which brought stress and rising expenses. Her turning point came with SSP's Women-led Climate Resilient Farming initiative. Starting small, she shifted to growing 16 varieties of vegetables using natural methods. The results were striking—her cultivation cost dropped by over 95%, and she now saves on food while earning from surplus sales. Today, farming gives her confidence and stability, and she plans to expand this model across her land.

MAJOR EVENTS

International Women's Day

On the occasion of International Women's Day, various activities were conducted across three blocks of Latur district—Ausa, Nilanga, and Deoni on the occasion of International Women's Day. In Nilanga, 60 women received training completion certificates in Aari work, tailoring, beauty parlour, artificial jewellery, and jute bag making, along with guidance on accessing bank loans for starting enterprises. In Ausa, 100 seed kits and vermibeds were distributed, along with a demonstration on vermi bed usage. In Deoni, an animal health camp for milch animals was organized to support women engaged in livestock-based livelihoods. Around 100 women are expected to cultivate vegetables and conserve seeds for future use.

Peer Learning on Women-Led Development

SSP hosted a three-day peer learning exchange from 10–12 February 2026, welcoming the PRASARI team from Kolkata along with seven participants from Sundarban, Jharkhand, Darjeeling and Meghalaya. The visit focused on understanding grassroots women-led sustainable initiatives in local development.

The team was introduced to SSP's thematic work and the Women's Initiative to Learn & Lead (WILL) approach. Interactions with field teams helped them understand how Village Action Groups (VAGs) function as strong women-led institutions shaping local governance and livelihoods while ensuring inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized communities.

The PRASARI team appreciated SSP's community-owned approach and shared that the women leaders they met are a ray of hope for inclusive and sustainable development. The principle of "Empowered Women Empower Women" was not just articulated, but actively demonstrated across villages and enterprises.

The World Water Day 2026

The World Water Day was organized with the Soil and Water Conservation Department and Zilla Parishad, Dharashiv. The program highlighted community-led water conservation, strengthened participation of local communities, and promoted the message of sustainable and inclusive water management. Ms. Vaishali Ghughe, Mentor at Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP), was invited as a guest and shared her experiences on WCRF initiatives and the water conservation work undertaken by SSP in Dharashiv. The event was also graced by the presence of the District Collector, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and officials from key departments including Agriculture and Water Resources (Pani Puravatha), along with Shri Baburao Kendre from Nagdarwadi.

SSP at Maharashtra Rural Livelihoods Summit 2026

Naseem Shaikh, CEO of SSP, spoke at the Maharashtra Rural Livelihoods Summit 2026 on 28 January 2026 at YASHADA, Pune, in a session on "Climate Resilient Sustainable Livelihoods". She shared SSP's experience and learnings from its women-led climate-resilient farming model, highlighting the organisation's ecosystem approach rooted in regenerative agriculture and the strengthening of women's leadership to address climate risks and build sustainable livelihoods.

Jaltara Inauguration Ceremony | Loha Taluka, Nanded District, Maharashtra

The inauguration of 100 Jaltara units supported by SSP was held on 8th February 2026 at Sayal village in Loha Taluka of Nanded district. The programme was inaugurated by the farmer-friendly District Collector of Nanded, Hon. Shri Rahul Kardile. The event was attended by Shri Parlikar Saheb, Tehsildar, Loha Taluka Office; the Police Inspector of Loha Police Station; the Agriculture Officer from Panchayat Samiti; Directors of Prema Farmers Producer Company Pvt. Ltd., Karegaon; and representatives from Pani Foundation, Water, and Sahyadri Farm. Grassroots leaders, women members, villagers, government officials, and other stakeholders actively participated in the programme.



MAJOR EVENTS

Sakhi Prerana Divas

On 1st February 2026, Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) observed Sakhi Prerana Divas across Maharashtra, Kerala, and Bihar to commemorate the birth anniversary of Late Prema Gopalan, founder of SSP and a visionary leader in women-led community development.

From Dharashiv, Latur, Nanded, Solapur, Washim, and Chhatrapati Shivaji Nagar in Maharashtra to Wayanad in Kerala and Nalanda in Bihar, thousands of grassroots women came together to honour Prema Tai's vision of empowering communities through women's leadership and resilience. Observed annually since 2021, the day serves as a space for remembrance, reflection, and renewed collective commitment.

Dignitaries from academia, government, and development institutions joined the celebrations, recognising the role of women in shaping inclusive and sustainable development.

Reflecting on her legacy, Naseem Shaikh, CEO of SSP, described the day as a Sankalp Divas, reaffirming the organisation's belief in women-centred development. Prof. Vinod Menon, Chairperson of SSP, highlighted Prema Gopalan's contribution to community resilience and the importance of partnerships in driving long-term change.

Sakhi Prerana Divas 2026 stood as a collective expression of gratitude and inspiration, reaffirming SSP's commitment to strengthening women-led movements and carrying forward her vision.

SSP's Grassroots Leadership at the ADB CRPP Forum

Devkanya Jagdale from SSP represented grassroots women leaders at the 4th Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP) Forum organised by the Asian Development Bank in Bangkok.

She shared insights from drought-prone Marathwada, highlighting how climate shocks affect livelihoods and that women bear the greatest burden.

She also highlighted SSP's WILL program, active in 900 villages, where 12,700 women leaders connect vulnerable communities to schemes, finance, and livelihoods through Village Action Groups.

CRF Braintrust, Nairobi, Kenya, February 16-20, 2026

Godavari Dange from SSP participated in the Huairou Commission Governing Council meeting in Nairobi, contributing to important discussions on advancing the Community Resilience Fund (CRF) to its next phase. The meeting focused on strengthening governance systems by clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of GC committees to improve effectiveness, transparency, and accountability.

Leaders also reviewed and strengthened the grassroots women's leadership development programme and assessed the Commission's policy engagement and global influence.


Godavari highlighted how CRF has expanded access to climate and disaster-related finance for grassroots women, drawing on governance and policy frameworks pioneered by SSP. Her presentation outlined CRF's institutional structure, governance systems, and measurable impact at the community level.

Women Farmer's Entitlement

Representing SSP, Naseem Shaikh, Priya Rakunde, and Vaishali Ghuge participated in the Stakeholders' Consultation on Women Farmers' Entitlement in Maharashtra, organised by the Maharashtra State Agriculture Department in collaboration with the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.

The discussion clearly underscored the need for change. Women farmers need a clear and inclusive definition, formal identity and legal recognition as farmers, and equal access to productive resources, knowledge, and markets. Without this, their labour remains undervalued and their voices unheard.

Recognising women farmers is not only about equity. It is essential for economic growth, environmental sustainability, and building a climate-resilient future for agriculture.



IN MEDIA

No middlemen | No exploitation

Documentary Film (6.25 min)

Swayam Shikshan Prayog developed a short film on women-led, fair and just business models focus on agricultural value chain in Maharashtra and Kerala. The film showcases how grassroots women across India are building inclusive business models that restore dignity to those who grow our food. This film was supported by Oxfam Novib under Fair For All project.

Watch now:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W986SS5UCqo>

Fields can do a lot more than grow food.

They can empower women, fight malnutrition, and build financial independence.

For over a decade, through the One Acre model, SSP has trained over 2 lakh women in climate-resilient farming, turning small patches of land into sources of food security and income. Now, with 500 villages across Maharashtra, women are growing 36 diverse crops in just 1 acre each, ensuring they and their families eat well—even in droughts or floods.

Watch at:

<https://youtu.be/XNK8FhxTe24?si=GK0m8RAX92e7VFWM>

Women's Day Special

Latur's daughters are taking a giant leap - 3,200 women have become entrepreneurs through 'Swayam Sakhi'. In Latur, a powerful grassroots transformation is underway. What started as a local initiative is now emerging as a model for the entire state. Through the Swayam Sakhi Shetmal Producer Company, women from 72 villages are building sustainable livelihoods - from dairy enterprises to organic farming - and reshaping their futures.

Watch this inspiring journey of women's empowerment in this special report by Dipratna Nilangekar, Doordarshan Latur District Representative. <https://youtu.be/Wc0aqEat5V4?si=UMOW6tYBCA-5FLG5>

Cultivating success through collectives

- The Hindu Business Line

At the Agri & Commodity Summit 2026 organised by The Hindu Business Line, Vaishali Ghuge of SSP highlighted the challenges faced by women farmers. She played a key role in launching a women-led Farmer Producer Company (FPC) in 2017. Today, nine such women-led FPCs are active across eight blocks in the district, enabling collective procurement and marketing.

"Market access, price stability, reliable supply systems, and low-interest credit — these are the four pillars we need," she emphasized, noting that scaling up remains a challenge despite increased production.

Read more:

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/women-power-in-the-fields-cultivating-success-through-collectives/article70684313.ece?>

Women Farmers are Critical for a Just Transition in Agrifood Systems: The case of SSP

In the drought-prone Marathwada region of Maharashtra, FAO has documented the Women-Led Climate Resilient Farming (WCRF) model developed with Swayam Shikshan Prayog — a grassroots women's organisation working across more than 750 villages in four districts.

This model is explicitly gender-transformative in design: it does not simply provide women with inputs or training, but works to shift power relations by transforming women from informal farm labourers into agri-leaders and entrepreneurs over four agricultural seasons, supported by women community facilitators known as Krishi Samvad Sahayaks.

Read more >> <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/women-farmers-central-just-transition-agrifood-systems-simon-addison-g4xse/>



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Desi Dhaakad Social Impact Awards (DDSIA) 2025-26

We are delighted to announce that Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) has been honored as the winner of the Desi Dhaakad Social Impact Awards (DDSIA) 2025-26 in the prestigious Environment & Climate Indigenous-Led Ecological Restoration & Biodiversity Conservation category!

This incredible recognition is a tribute to our pioneering work in advancing women-led climate resilience, ecological restoration, and biodiversity conservation, and for repositioning grassroots women as leaders and decision-makers in building sustainable futures. This award truly belongs to the grassroots women farmers and leaders who are driving transformative change on the ground!

The DDSIA, co-hosted by the NSE Social Stock Exchange (SSE) in collaboration with Etherwire.AI and the RB Foundation, is a powerful platform celebrating the unstoppable spirit of Nari Shakti and organizations driving measurable social change.

Youtube link of the event: Desi Dhaakad Social Impact Awards 2025-26:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/8s8GdQKph0A>





Sustainable Development GOALS



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SDG 2: Zero Hunger

SSP's Work: Food Security Initiatives: SSP promotes sustainable agricultural practices and provides training to women farmers, increasing food production and security. Nutrition Programs: SSP conducts nutrition education programs to ensure families, especially children, receive nutritious balanced diets.



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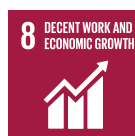
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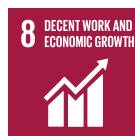
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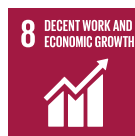
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