



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Holistic Rural Development Program (HDFC) DM Visit Assam**

**Project Unnati (SBI): Workshop on Gender, Health and Financial literacy**

**Visit of Management Team to Spring Shed Sanctuary Project in Bhimtal (KRC)**

**Diwali Celebration (Head Office and Project Locations)**

## KNOWLEDGE NUGGETS

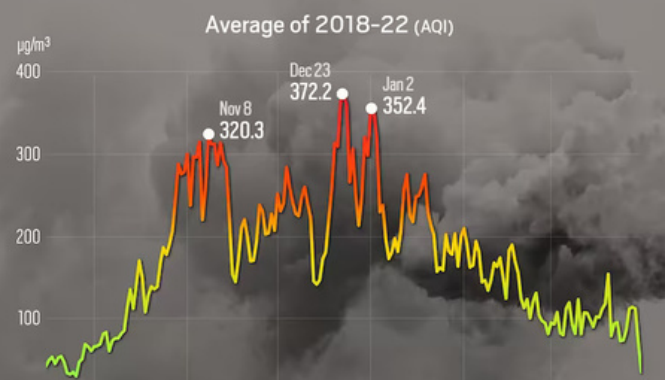
### Bridging Horizons: Exploring Sustainable Solutions Beyond Delhi's Winter Haze

As winter descends upon Delhi, the annual struggle against severe air pollution resumes. In this blog, we delve into the scientific intricacies behind Delhi's winter pollution crisis, shedding light on measures to combat air pollution. However, our narrative extends beyond urban boundaries, highlighting SUVIDHA's impactful interventions in rural communities.

While not directly addressing Delhi's pollution, SUVIDHA plays a crucial role in the broader landscape of air quality improvement. Our clean energy initiatives in rural areas actively contribute to emission reduction, offering sustainable alternatives to communities.

Let's explore the interconnected web of factors contributing to Delhi's air quality challenges and how SUVIDHA's commitment to clean energy is playing a pivotal role in fostering a cleaner and healthier future.

The average of 5-year data on air quality in Delhi reveals that pollution increases sharply from November 1-14, peaks from December 21 to January 5, and starts to ebb in the last week of January



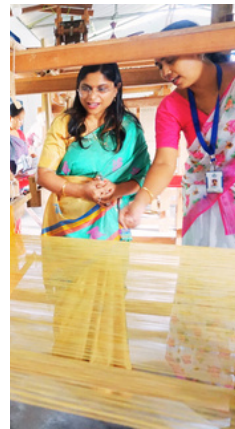
## PROJECT UPDATES

### Holistic Rural Development Program (HDFC): DM Visit Assam

In a notable event on November 4, 2023, **Dr. Neha Yadav**, the District Collector of Biswanath, undertook a visit to HRDP project villages. During her tour, Dr. Yadav personally witnessed the transformation of key community spaces, including the school campus, Anganwadi Centre, Digital Library, and Handloom Unit.

The ongoing development at the mini stadium in Badeti TE village also came under her scrutiny.

Engaging actively with villagers and committee members, Dr. Yadav delved into the impactful interventions carried out in these project villages. Mr. Kalyan Sharmah, Branch Manager of HDFC Bank (Biswanath Charali), was present to accompany and provide insights during the visit.



### Project Unnati (SBI): Workshop on Gender, Health and Financial literacy

Empowering women in Sirmaur and Solan Districts of Himachal Pradesh, the project conducted workshops covering critical topics.

- **Gender Sensitivity**, enlightening participants on societal structures, patriarchy, and gender-related rights.
- **Health and Hygiene** sessions focused on symptoms of a healthy lifestyle, cleanliness, and women's health.
- **Legal Rights** discussions highlighted equality in law, education, and custody.
- **Financial Literacy** modules covered savings, loan management, insurance, investments, and government schemes.

These workshops reached a total of 1026 women beneficiaries across 16 Gram Panchayats, fostering knowledge and empowerment in diverse aspects of their lives.







## Gram Seva (SBI): Renovation of Water Sources

The challenge of water scarcity persisted in five villages of Kiri Gram Panchayat, Himachal Pradesh. In response, community members convened a Village Service Committee meeting and proposed renovation of the natural water sources for essential drinking purposes.

Five natural water sources were renovated under the project which not only improved access to clean water but also elevated health standards and hygiene practices. Additionally, it ensured sufficient water for livestock, contributing to their well-being. Notably, the initiative extended its positive impact to agriculture, enhancing farmers' productivity through increased water availability for irrigation.



## Climate Footprint

### Sustainable Impact Unleashed: Scaling Climate Solutions Across Uttarakhand, Assam, and Odisha :

In the third year of our climate project, we've significantly expanded our reach, identifying and influencing new villages in Uttarakhand, Assam, and Odisha.

A total of **25, 18, and 13 villages** in each state have undergone transformative change through our focused initiatives on climate mitigation technologies such as Biogas, Improved Cook Stoves, and Water Purifiers. The adoption of these technologies by community members has sparked a powerful ripple effect, resonating even in neighboring communities. This collective embrace of innovative solutions not only fortifies the immediate communities but also contributes to their resilience.

### Validation and Verification of Climate Footprint Project (Designated Operational Entity DOE Visit):

We recently conducted a site visit as part of our Designated Operational Entity (DOE) in four key locations for our Climate Project—Assam, Odisha, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh. This visit aimed to evaluate and understand the impact of our grassroots interventions within the project's scope.

The visit facilitates the validation and verification of climate activities involving Biogas, Improved Cook Stoves, Plantation, and Water Purifiers. Upon successful completion, we anticipate earning carbon credits, ensuring the credibility and effectiveness of our sustainability initiatives.





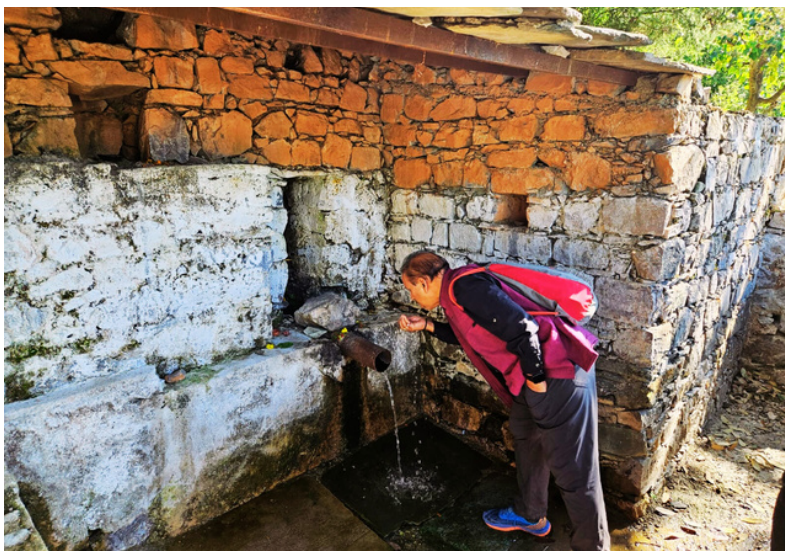
## ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

### Participation in India Art Festival, Delhi

SUVIDHA showcased the mesmerizing Madhubani art, a traditional form of expression that traces its roots to Bihar, at the India Art Festival held at the Constitution Club of India, Delhi, from 2nd to 5th November.

SUVIDHA has been a pillar of support for artists, connecting them with display forums, providing comprehensive support, training, and continuous guidance to nurture their talents. The vibrant and intricate artwork at the festival captivated the audience, resulting in an excellent sale and uplifting the spirits of the artists.

The exposure gained through events like the India Art Festival is a crucial element in the journey of these emerging artists. The endeavour has twofold benefits: promoting the art form and creating sustainable livelihoods for the youth.



### Visit of Management Team to Spring Shed Sanctuary Project in Bhimtal (KRC)

The senior management team visited Songaon Village in Bhimtal, Nainital District, Uttarakhand to witness the project's impact and gather valuable feedback. They engaged with Gram Pradhan, beneficiaries and other community members.

The team included Mr. D.C. Pandey, Former Principal Executive Director RVNL, (Ministry of Railways) and Advisor, Dr. Prakash Dhaila, Additional General Manager, Mr. Rahul Badoni, Dr. Manoj Dhaulakhandi and other team members.

Following the implementation of water and soil conservation activities in the project, villagers observed heightened water discharge, minimized seepage, and successful restoration of the forest. Women empowerment, awareness about natural resource conservation, and fostering participatory collective action emerged as key highlights.



# SUVIDHA Hosts Notable Visitors to Showcase Climate Monitoring Expertise



On November 18th, SUVIDHA had the honour of hosting delegation from TDH (Terre Des Homme) and Aman Foundation at our Head Office, Haldwani. The visit was centered around exploring SUVIDHA's cutting-edge solutions in climate technologies.

The esteemed visitors demonstrated a keen interest in understanding SUVIDHA's proficiency in monitoring carbon emissions, credit generation, and its overall contribution to environmental sustainability. Their participation enriched the discussions, creating a platform for collaborative insights into climate monitoring and sustainable practices.



## Diwali Celebration (Head Office and Project Locations)

Diwali, the festival of lights, resonated with joy and camaraderie at our head office and across various project locations. The celebration was a vibrant blend of traditional festivities, with colleagues coming together to exchange warm wishes, share delightful treats, and illuminate our spaces with the glow of diyas.

Employees added a creative touch to the celebration by crafting beautiful rangolis, adding a burst of color and artistic expression to the festivities. It was a joyous occasion that not only strengthened workplace bonds but also reflected the diversity and shared celebrations that make our organization a close-knit community."

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. Through our **Employee Recognition Program**, we celebrate outstanding individuals from different programs and skill sets who consistently go above and beyond.



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