

2025 –26

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Annual Report



A place where nature and all life flourish in dignity,
unity and peace.

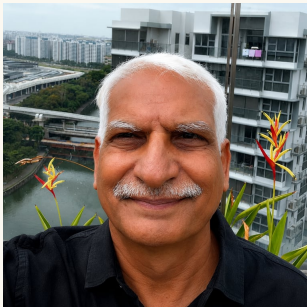
Forty-five years in the same fields.

Amreli · Gir Somnath · Rajkot



Simar, Una block, Gir Somnath – March 2026. Vegetables trained up fibre trellis poles, which replaced bamboo and last four to five seasons instead of one.

A year of learning, resilience and transformation



DHIRAJ VAGADIA

Founder Director, SSKK

Dear Friends, Supporters and Partners,

As we reflect on the journey of 2025-26, I feel immense gratitude and pride in the collective efforts of our communities, team members, volunteers, partners and supporters who continue to walk with us in our mission of creating a more just, sustainable and compassionate society.

This year has been a year of learning, resilience and transformation. Across the villages of Amreli, Gir Somnath, Rajkot and surrounding regions, we witnessed inspiring examples of communities coming together to address challenges related to climate change, livelihoods, health, education and social equity. Whether it was farmers adopting sustainable agricultural practices, women stepping into leadership and entrepreneurship roles or children accessing opportunities for learning and growth – each initiative reflected the strength and determination of the people we serve.

At SSKK, we strongly believe that true development is possible only when communities are empowered with knowledge, dignity and opportunities. Through our work in sustainable agriculture, environmental restoration, women's empowerment, health awareness, skill development and child education, we have continued our efforts to strengthen local capacities and promote long-term resilience.

During the year, our partnerships with various community institutions, government departments, donor agencies, academic institutions and grassroots organizations enabled us to expand our reach and deepen our impact. We are especially thankful to all our supporters and collaborators whose trust and encouragement continue to inspire our work.

The challenges before rural communities are evolving rapidly – climate uncertainties, migration, health risks and socio-economic inequalities demand collective action and innovative responses. As an organization, we remain committed to listening, learning and co-creating solutions with communities while staying rooted in our values of participation, transparency and social justice.

I sincerely thank our dedicated team members, volunteers, Board members, farmers, women leaders, youth groups and community institutions for their unwavering commitment and hard work throughout the year. The achievements highlighted in this annual report belong to all of you.

We look forward to continuing this journey together with renewed hope, stronger partnerships and deeper commitment towards building sustainable and inclusive communities.

Warm regards,

Dhiraj Vagadia

What 2025-26 actually moved

+5.73 ft

average rise in the groundwater table across the Rajkot project villages
ISR project MIS, 139 villages

26

check dams renovated, creating roughly 10 lakh m³ of storage
ISR project MIS

2,821

farmers adopting climate-adaptive practice, across 1,712.63 hectares
IVCD component

1,016

women given imitation-jewellery workstations and toolkits
DRIWE component

1,875

people trained in digital and financial literacy
DRIWE component

272

women screened for breast and cervical cancer across six camps
With Aashirvad Foundation, Jan-Mar 2026



Mota Umarda check dam, August 2025 – the spillway concreted, the excavator still on site. Twenty-six structures like this were renovated across the year.

SSKK's profile

Shikshan Ane Samaj Kalyan Kendra was established in 1980 by a group of young, dedicated volunteers to address the conditions prevailing at that time.

OUR FIVE COMMITMENTS

- Promote sustainable farming – soil health, water management, farmer groups, women's participation
- Foster environmental protection and climate adaptation
- Strengthen livelihoods through education, skills and income
- Improve community health and access to care
- Conduct research, policy dialogue and knowledge sharing

Legal status	Societies Registration Act 1860 & Bombay Public Trust Act 1950
Registration no.	Guj/97/Amreli & F/57/Amreli, 24 Nov 1980
PAN	AACT55105J
12A approval	AACT55105J25AD01, 21/03/2026 Valid AY 2027-28 to 2036-37
80G approval	AACT55105J25AD02, 21/03/2026 Valid AY 2027-28 to 2031-32
FCRA	041930004, 6/9/2000 Renewed to 31/12/2026
CSR registration	CSR00006692, 25/05/2021
NGO Darpan	GJ/2017/0162266
GuideStar India	GSN 556

Sustainable agriculture



Damjibhai Thummar at Juna Rajpipla, December 2025. Unseasonal rain halved his groundnut; the pigeon pea beside it earned nearly twice what the groundnut did.

Mixed cropping cut cost and risk at once

Groundnut intercropped with pigeon pea reduced cultivation cost by **₹6,122 per bigha** and raised income by **₹6,262 per bigha**, on 4.72 fewer irrigations a season. Two crops off one field means a failed monsoon takes half the harvest rather than all of it.

Mango plantation

8,000 trees over 26.12 hectares, at an **85% survival rate** – survival being the number that decides whether there is tree cover in ten years.

Drone spraying

252.38 hectares covered under the Drone Didi Yojana. Saved 7.6 hours of labour per session and ₹1,834 per farmer, and got pesticide onto the crop on time during monsoon.

Where farmers went to look

71 LEDP women from Shekh Pipariya and Chital to the Multi Skill Training Centre at Vadinar · 100 farmers of Chital, Jaswantgad and Monpur to natural farming at KVK Amreli · 30 farmers of Sondardi to the NIC model farm, where soil was tested in front of them with a rapid kit · an IADLE tour at Junagadh Agricultural University in February · and 50 children of Sondardi Primary School to the NIC and the natural model farm.

Integrated agricultural development and livelihood enhancement

With the Azim Premji Foundation, across five villages of Una block — Khan, Khajudra, Simar, Dudhala and Khatrivada. A baseline of 2,486 households identified 1,103 farming families, worked with over three years.

Community Leadership Committees

Five formed, meeting monthly – **60 meetings** across the year. They chose the 1,103 families, approved who received what, and watched the work. Decisions about a village, made in the village.

Bio-input production centres

Six centres run by 30 women, five to a centre, each with a permanent shed and a vermicompost unit. They trained at the College of Natural Farming and KVK Amreli. Other farmers have since asked to set up their own.

Soil

350 farmers applied gypsum, most for the first time, on about 0.40 hectare each – for structure, moisture and less chemical fertiliser. **290 farmers** took up IPM and INM practice, mainly in cotton.

Livestock

Five animal health camps, **326 livestock farmers** seen, and 41 artificial inseminations.

Coconut

The target was 250 farmers and 2,500 saplings. **196 farmers planted 4,900** – 196% of the planting target – with Rs 4.90 lakh from the Horticulture Department and Rs 6.11 lakh from SSKK. Survival came in at 71%, leaving **3,495 established trees**.

Well recharge

Forty-five sites surveyed and found feasible; **22 structures completed**. The rest were postponed – joint ownership, hard rock, standing crops, groundwater already high near the coast. Worth recording, because a recharge structure in the wrong place does nothing.

Where it fell short

Drip irrigation was aimed at 100 farmers; quotations went to 70 and **13 installed**. Trellis vegetables were aimed at 150; 122 were interested and **32 installed, across 11 hectares**. In both, the interest was there and the farmer contribution, even after subsidy, was not affordable. That is the constraint to design around next year.

Cotton-growing farmers

2025-26, AMRELI AND GIR SOMNATH

Farmers reached	22,202	of whom 2,752 are women
Cotton growers	20,957	20,490 of them irrigating
Cotton area	35,170 ha	44,098 ha irrigated · 1,528 ha rainfed
Average yield	841 kg/acre	
Villages	126	across 7 blocks and 2 districts
Producer unit clusters	5	Timbi, Dhokadva, Chital, Khambha, Lathi – 638 learning groups
Farm workers trained	3,300	
Scheme applications	3,021	against 1,495 the year before

The two producer companies

SSKK promoted both, well before it became common practice, and supports their governance without running them. Between them they have **3,302 farmer shareholders**.

	Avirat Agro	Sorath Agriculture
Registered	2006, Khambha	2016, Gir Gadhada
Farmer shareholders	2,206	1,096
Authorised capital	₹27,00,000	₹10,00,000
Paid-up capital	₹26,80,190	₹6,08,800

Both sell certified seed, bio-pesticides and fertiliser, and run i-Khedut and e-KYC access for their members alongside the Khambha, Dhokadva and Lathi cluster teams.

What the year's work consisted of

614 soil samples tested. Biochar and regenerative agriculture demonstrations in **126 villages each**, four rounds of training through the season, and separate training for farm labour. **15 input centres**, **35 entrepreneurs** supported, and **233 green cook stoves** distributed.

Environmental sustainability & climate resilience

Across 139 villages of Gondal, Kotda Sangani and Jasdan — a region of erratic rainfall, long dry spells and, more recently, cyclones.

10 lakh m ³ water storage capacity created Across 26 renovated check dams	12.41 → 16.02 bigha of irrigated area per farm ISR project MIS, 2025-26	19.7 → 22.82 man per bigha crop yield ISR project MIS, 2025-26	+ ₹4,664 net profit per bigha ISR project MIS, 2025-26
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37 farmers were supported with sprinkler and drip irrigation over 48.85 hectares. Farm outlet structures went into 14 villages, covering 306.4 hectares for soil conservation.

Field facilitators mapped biodiversity on and off farm – insects, birds, animals, trees and natural resources – with the results feeding next year's activity plan.



Desilting a village pond, April 2026. The silt goes onto the fields; the deepened pond takes the next monsoon. Eleven sites were done this way.

Disaster preparedness

Team members made follow-up visits through the working area, sat with community members and the people responsible, and checked whether further help or coordination was needed. Observation continues rather than stopping when a season ends.

Livelihoods & empowerment



Shilpaben at home. Piece work on the floor over a low table is what the 1,016 workstations and toolkits are meant to replace.

Women's entrepreneurship

1,016 women received imitation-jewellery workstations and toolkits – raising output and taking the back pain out of a day's piece work.

666 dairy farmers received drinking-water tanks, health kits and mineral mixtures.

50 self-help groups were supported with animal husbandry, jewellery-making, livestock, digital and financial literacy training. **887 people** were enrolled into welfare schemes including Ayushman cards and pensions.

Under the Sangi initiative with Desai Foundation Trust, **24 women** now earn from distributing and selling sanitary pads.

Two days that were marked

National Women Farmers Day, 11 October 2025 at the Amreli office with AKRSP(I), NCNF and FWWB – 45 women farmers, sessions on Jeevamrut, Agniastra and soil health, a visit to the GNFSU model farm, and an exhibition of what the women make.

International Women's Day 2026 was marked in the field area with awareness sessions and discussion of women's rights and the opportunities open to them.

Health & well-being



A women’s health camp at Khambha CHC, February 2025. The queue is the result – getting women there who have never been screened is most of the work.

Cancer screening

272 women screened across six camps between January and March 2026, with the Aashirvad Foundation, at Shekh Pipariya, Keriya, Babara and Nana Ankadiya. Screening ran alongside guidance on self-examination.

First aid

1,000 first aid kits distributed to farmers and farm labourers, who work with tools, machinery and chemicals daily.

Eye camps

Held with Ranchhoddasji Bapu Charitable Hospital, Rajkot. Farmers needing surgery were referred on for it.

The six camps

10 January 2026	PHC Shekh Pipariya	46
4 February 2026	PHC Keriya	80
14 & 18 February 2026	PHC Keriya	64
4 March 2026	Babara	30
25 March 2026	Nana Ankadiya	20
26 March 2026	Shekh Pipariya	32

Research, policy dialogue & knowledge sharing

Development that depends on an NGO being present is fragile. This programme is about what stays after we leave.

The team took part in **23 external trainings, workshops and consultations** – from a Better Cotton regenerative agriculture workshop in Bengaluru to a gender-based violence consultation with SNEHA in Mumbai.

During the 16 Days of Activism, **172 women** attended legal guidance sessions on the Domestic Violence Act.

We publish what we can count, with the year attached. Where a figure is not verified, we say so rather than rounding it up.

How we work – principle three



Learning & Innovation Workshop, Amreli, October 2025. A drinking straw becoming a whistle, with the physics explained after it sounds.

Students we hosted

Thirty-eight students spent placements with us during the year. **Twenty-three came from the Institute of Rural Management, Anand** – IRMA, now Tribhuvan Sahkari University – and others from **SPJIMR Mumbai**, IMSR Malad-Kandivali, Nandkuvarba Mahila Arts College Bhavnagar, Ukabhai Dodiya BRS College Kidivav and V. D. Kanakiya Arts College Savarkundla. They came to study farming, gender and child rights at field level.

Learning & Innovation Workshops

Two phases, 17-19 October and 4-6 November 2025 – technology-based learning, health and hygiene, yoga, teamwork and design thinking, through games, storytelling and scientific models built from paper and straws.

Who holds us to account

The Board met four times in 2025-26 – on 11 April 2025, 17 August 2025, 15 January 2026 and 31 March 2026 – taking decisions on the activity report, the annual budget and the audited financial statements. Agenda and previous proceedings go to every member in advance. The Board rotation policy was followed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS ON 31 MARCH 2026

NAME	DESIGNATION	COMPETENCY	MEETINGS
Hardik Vagadia	President	Finance & administration	3/4
Prof. J. M. Talavia	Vice President	Executive & business management	4/4
Pushpa Gohil	Secretary	Co-ordination	4/4
Bharat Vala	Joint Secretary	Education & child rights	4/4
Deepa Chauhan	Member	Natural resource management	4/4
Rekhaben Mithapara	Member	Management	3/4
Mulajibhai Bagada	Member	Civil engineering	4/4
Bipinbhai Joshi	Member	Training	3/4
Narendrabhai Ponkiya	Member	Agriculture	3/4

COMPLIANCE

SSKK complies with the Income Tax Act 1961 and the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. Three women and six men serve on the Executive Committee. No member is related to another.

Recognition

Awards and assessments, oldest first.

Maanbhai Bhatt Nagrik Sanman, 2021 – from Shishuvihar Sanstha, Bhavnagar, in its 75th year, with Shri Chitrakutdham Trust, Talgajarda, for good governance.

Best CLEAN-India Regional Centre, West Zone – 2003, 2005 and 2007, for the CLEAN-Amreli centre under the European Union and Central Pollution Control Board programme.

Recognised as an implementing agency by the Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department, Government of Gujarat, 2009. Nominated for the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards, 2011; ASER survey partner with Pratham, 2012.

Assessed by GuideStar India (GSN 556) and accredited by the Credibility Alliance against its Desirable Norms.

What we wrote down

The 2024-25 annual report published, along with pamphlets, brochures and event banners. Accounting formats and a management process written for the producer companies, so their transparency does not depend on us – with procedure notes, forms and meeting agendas as the constitution requires.



The award presented, Bhavnagar



Maanbhai Bhatt Nagrik Sanman, 2021



CLEAN-India, West Zone

Audit report & financial statements

Figures in rupees. The 2024-25 column is from the audit signed by A. B. Kothiya & Co. on 30 September 2025; the 2025-26 column is draft pending signature.

ABRIDGED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE	2024-25	2025-26	INCOME	2024-25	2025-26
Administrative	6,36,606	3,66,104	Donations	5,88,530	3,52,528
Documentation	–	–	Grants	4,85,59,430	5,67,88,772
Professional services	–	20,100	Interest	1,98,339	4,12,660
Support services	–	–	Other income	18,500	47,350
Project expenses	4,86,13,211	5,47,87,157			
Depreciation	51,563	1,31,904			
Surplus for the year	63,419	22,96,045			
Total	4,93,64,799	5,76,01,310	Total	4,93,64,799	5,76,01,310

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES	2024-25	2025-26	ASSETS	2024-25	2025-26
Capital / trust fund	3,93,836	3,93,836	Fixed assets	2,08,853	2,99,613
Unsecured loans	8,34,604	4,18,281	Current assets	15,05,469	31,14,067
Current liabilities	18,81,490	45,23,949	Loans & advances	–	4,94,707
Income & expenditure a/c	7,29,125	30,22,215	Cash & bank	21,24,733	44,49,895
Total	38,39,055	83,58,281	Total	38,39,055	83,58,281

Auditors: A. B. Kothiya & Co., Chartered Accountants, Amreli.

SALARY RANGE, 2025-26

Highest annual salary **₹4,74,233** · lowest **₹1,68,000** · paid to the head of the organisation **₹0**.

THANK YOU

We work through partnership, not alone

Better Cotton · CottonConnect · NABARD · Reliance Foundation · Azim Premji Foundation · Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) · National Coalition for Natural Farming · Friends of Women's World Banking · Desai Foundation Trust · Aashirvad Foundation · UNICEF · Unnati · Sajjata Sangh · Krishi Vigyan Kendra · ATMA · Junagadh Agricultural University · Gujarat Natural Farming Science University



Most of the team, at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Amreli. Field facilitators, producer unit managers and programme staff – the majority of them living in the districts they work in.

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