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Integrated Agricultural Development and Livelihoods Enhancement

During the month various activities were effectively implemented in the five villages of the project namely Khajudra, Khan, Simar, Khatrivada and Dudhala. In which, significant progress was seen in the collection of FFB data through regular field visits of the beneficiaries, completion of the remaining baseline forms, guidance on various government schemes running on the i-Khedut portal, site selection for well recharge, excavation of pits and chamber masonry. In addition, farmers were encouraged and persuaded to adopt new methods for trellis, drip irrigation and mulching methods and necessary materials were distributed. Guidance was given on the production and use of vermicompost, Jivamrut, Nimastra etc. at the Bio Input Center. A significant number of farmers were connected by follow up with the beneficiaries for gypsum fertilizer in person and over the phone and payment collection and distribution work was completed. Traps were distributed and guidance was given for rhinoceros beetle and whitefly control in coconut crops. All these activities increased awareness among farmers about scientific farming and pushed the project objectives forward towards success. The details of the beneficiary are as below.

Details	Number of Beneficiaries (Farmers)
Rhinoceros beetle (Trap) IPM	250
Whitefly (Neem Oil) IPM	250
Well Recharge	15
Vegetable Tray	40
Micro Irrigation System Drip	03
Mulching	03
CLC Meeting	04 Village
Soil Test Sample	200
Artificial Insemination	25 (Animal)
Gypsum Fertilizer	104



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Better Cotton Initiative

Under the Better Cotton Project, activities like meetings of farmers and laborers, staff meeting, visits to entrepreneurs and bio-input centers, distribution of green cooks stove, well monitoring and collection of samples for soil testing were carried out during the month of April. Details of the activities are as under

Activities	No. of activity done by PUs				
	INGJ 45	INGJ 27	INGJ14	INGJ46	INGJ48
Focus Group Discussion	21	31	35	21	16
Soil Sample Collection	146	114	120	120	127
Farmer Meeting	35	1488	36	4504	102/127
Labour Meeting	21	372	11	488	7/16
visits to entrepreneurs and bio-input centers	0	7 + 14	5 + 4	7 + 10	18/32
distribution of green cooks stove	3	29	4	24	3/3



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On April 28, 45 farmers were trained to make solid Jeevamrut and Dashaparni extract in Chital village with the Natural Agriculture Development Board and visited the input center.



In addition, under convergence 60 farmers were helped to fill out forms for weighing scales and 65 women from LG farming families were helped to fill out forms for the Mahila Vritika Yojana.



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Program for Improving Self-Reliance and Resilience of Rural Communities

Promotion of Good Agricultural Practices

Soil sampling is currently being conducted across local villages to develop detailed agricultural fertility maps. These maps will provide valuable insights into the nutrient status of the soil in different areas. Based on this information, farmers will be able to make informed decisions regarding fertilizer application. This will help in optimizing the use of inputs and reducing unnecessary expenses. The initiative also aims to address the issue of declining soil fertility in a scientific manner. By following the recommendations from the maps, farmers can improve crop productivity. Additionally, it will help in minimizing the excessive use of chemical fertilizers.



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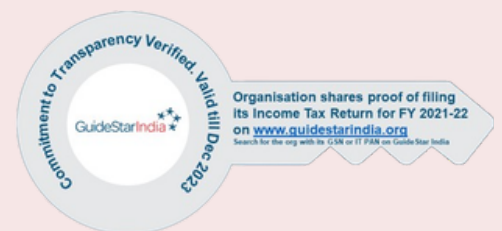
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Digital & Finance Literacy training

We completed a training program on digital and financial literacy in Soliya village with 23 participants. During the session we showcased videos on topics such as YouTube search techniques, Google Pay usage and digital payments. Additionally, we provided information about various government portals and websites to raise awareness of digital platforms among women. Efforts were also made to assess the trainees' current usage of digital media and their level of awareness.



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