

NAVSANJEEVAN SOCIAL TRUST

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Message from the Director

The year 2023–24 marked a significant chapter in the journey of Navsanjeevan Social Trust. With a growing commitment to empowering marginalized communities, this year was defined by deeper community engagement, expansion of grassroots programs, and innovation in education and livelihoods.

Operating across 75 villages in Pune, Maharashtra, our work impacted thousands of lives—especially youth, women, and farmers—through a holistic blend of skill development, education, empowerment, and advocacy.

Backed by our values of **integrity, excellence, collaboration, and accountability**, we have continued to shape opportunities for those left behind by mainstream development. This report reflects our achievements, challenges, and the meaningful relationships we’ve built with communities, partners, and change-makers.

— Yuvraj Moholkar, Director

Organizational Highlights 2023–24

- **Geographic Reach:** 75 villages across Pune district
- **School Engagement:** 21 schools, 2,850 students
- **Community Impact:** 4,136 direct community members reached
- **Women Empowered:** 3,000+ trained in vocational skills
- **Youth Skilling:** 2,500+ youth engaged in technical and career education
- **Green Footprint:** 3,500 trees planted across program areas
- **Self-Help Groups (SHGs):** 350+ SHGs activated and trained

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1. Skilling through Schooling: Preparing Students for Tomorrow

Implemented in 10 secondary schools, engaging 600+ students. The program blended academics with vocational exposure through skill workshops and career guidance events, enabling early career clarity.



2. Youth Skill Development: Training for Livelihoods

At our 3 skill centers 450 rural youth were trained in tailoring, computer literacy, electrical work, and beauty services.

- **Exposure visits** and **soft-skill sessions** helped bridge the gap between training and employment.



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3. Women Empowerment: Strengthening Voices and Livelihoods

- 1,200+ women trained in tailoring, food processing, and handicrafts.
- 15 women-led micro-enterprises emerged, generating sustainable livelihoods.
- SHGs trained in financial literacy, digital banking, and leadership.
- Linkages with banks, schemes, and markets improved sustainability.

4. Community & Farmer Development: Building Resilience

- 300+ farmers trained in organic and sustainable practices.
- Support included improved seeds, technical guidance, and market linkages.
- 2,500+ trees planted with schools and farmers, enhancing environmental resilience.

5. Organic Kitchen Garden Project: Nutrition, Inclusion & Sustainability

Supported by *Cummins India Foundation* at Poona Blind School & Home for Blind Girls.

- Produced fresh, chemical-free vegetables over 195 days.
- Improved diet diversity and reduced food costs.
- Staff and students actively participated in gardening.
- Introduced composting and water conservation practices.

This initiative blended **nutrition, sustainability, and inclusion**—becoming a therapeutic and learning space for visually impaired children.



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6. Corporate Engagement for Social Good: Partnership with Cummins India Ltd.

- **1,450 Cummins employees** engaged through year-round volunteering at Poona Blind School, Kothrud.
- **Activities:** Cultural events, cleanliness drives, classroom reading, painting, kitchen garden support, and donations of accessible materials.
- The initiative fostered empathy among employees and strengthened grassroots support.



Organizational Development

Strong partnerships enabled us to scale impact in 2023–24. Support came from:

- CSR initiatives of corporate partners
- Government departments (Education, Women & Child Welfare)
- Volunteers and interns from educational institutions

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Stories of Change

- **Shweta, 17, Baramati:** From expecting early marriage to enrolling in polytechnic studies; dreams of starting her own electrical repair business.
- **Sunita, 38, Bhor:** Graduate of our tailoring program; now runs a sewing unit employing 4 women. "I feel proud that I am not just earning but creating jobs."

Reflections & Learnings

This year underscored the importance of:

- **Localization:** Programs thrive when tailored to local language and culture.
 - **Early Intervention:** Career awareness is most effective before school completion.
 - **Peer Role Models:** Local youth success stories inspire transformation.
 - **Women's Collectives:** SHGs remain powerful engines of change with continuous support.
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Looking Ahead

As we step into 2024–25, Navsanjeevan Social Trust remains committed to scaling its educational, skilling, and empowerment programs to new geographies. With strengthened collaborations and community ownership, we aspire to **build an egalitarian and enlightened society—where every individual has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.**