

Sewa International Uttarakhand Quarterly Report (Apr-Jun, 2015)

Sewa Uttarakhand Report for Q2, 2015 comprises of updates in the following areas,

- **Agriculture Updates (Sewa Krishi)**
- **Computer Centres**
- **Skill Development (Knitting centre)**
- **School Construction Update (Chinnka)**

Sewa Krishi

Crop, Seeds & Sewa Sakhi Updates

Sewa Uttarakhand distributed High-Yielding Peas seeds to Sewa Sakhi groups in Nov, 2014. These have been harvested by May, 2015 and here are the encouraging results,



Peas crop in Narayanakoti



Cauliflower crop in Lambgodi



French Beans seeds in Raydi

S.No.	Village	Seeds		Income(in Rs)
		Distributed(in kg)	Harvested(in kg)	
1	Narayanakoti	2	400	12000
2	Raydi	2	200	5000
3	Lambgodi	1	85	-
4	Dhat	2	135	-
5	Arkhund	1	50	-

- Sewa Sakhi groups in NarayanKoti & Raydi have collected 5 kg of organic Peas seeds for Organic Seed Bank.
- Lambgodi & Narayankoti Sewa Sakhi groups are producing Cauliflower.
- New Sewa Sakhi group formed in Jyasara on 8th May & in Tapovan on 26th May.
- 500 French Beans seeds were distributed by Sewa Sakhi group in Joshimath

- Sewa Sakhi group in Raydi has collected 10 kg of organic French Beans seeds for Organic Seed Bank.
- In June, 2015, mainly Lady-finger was getting to be harvested and all Sewa Sakhi groups had collected around 25 kg of French Bean Seeds.



French beans by Sewa Sakhi

Crop & Population Survey

In the month of May, 2015, Sewa Uttarakhand did survey of 6 Sewa Mandals comprising of a total of 60 villages in district Chamoli. Following were the results of survey,

Tapovan

Tapovan belongs to Joshimath block and is located near China border. 10 villages of Tapovan were surveyed for this study. Lots of highly useful Himalayan Herbs of Medicinal value are found and harvested here.

- Total Population of 10 villages ~ 4000
- Main Crops: Mainly Organic cash crops like Rajma, Soaybean, Cholai, Ogal Tori, Saunth, Koda etc.
- Vegetables: Organic potatoes, Radish, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Beans, Tomato, Peas, Gucchi, Pumaanu and many other seasonal vegetables.
- Fruits: Apple, Almond, Pecans, Pulam & Chooli
- Tourism: Full of natural beauty, there is Temple of Future Badrinath at 5 km distance. Tourism department provides training for Kunwari Pass and Gorson Bugyal here.

Jaisara Kandara

Jaisara Kandara belongs to Karnprayag block and is famous for its fruits cultivation and preservation.

- Total Population of 10 villages ~ 3000
- Main Crops: Paddy, Wheat, Jhangora, Masoor, Lobhiya, Raines, Bhat, Chole, Toor, Gahat, Rajma, Soyabean, Koda etc.
- Vegetables: Cauliflower, Kakoda, Kural, Gaderi and many other seasonal vegetables.
- Fruits & Dry Fruits: Malta, Pear, Plum, Apricot, Peach, Apple, Pomegranate

Nauti Badeth

Nauti Badeth belongs to Karnprayag block and is famous for its fruits/Medicinal herbs cultivation and conservation. This region is also known for its Milk production and Animal husbandry.

- Total Population of 10 villages ~ 4500
- Main Crops: Cholai, Jhangora, Masoor, Lobhiya, Raines, Bhat, Toor, Gahat, Rajma, Soyabean, Koda etc.
- Vegetables: Cauliflower, Kakoda, Kural, Gaderi, Potato, and many other seasonal vegetables.
- Fruits & Dry Fruits: Malta, Pear, Lemon, Plum, Apricot, Peach, Apple, Walnuts

- Tourism: Famous tourist destination associated with Devi Mahakumbh Nanda Rajjaat.

Kheti Malsi

Kheti Malsi belongs to Karnprayag block and is famous for its fruits/Medicinal herbs cultivation and conservation. This region is also known for its Milk production and Animal husbandry.

- Total Population of 10 villages ~ 8000
- Main Crops: Chulai, Bhat, Toor, Gahat, Rajma, Soyabean, Koda, Saunth, Garlic, Onion etc.
- Vegetables: Cauliflower, Tomato, Broccoli, Radish, Potato, Peas and many other seasonal vegetables.
- Fruits & Dry Fruits: Malta, Pear, Lemon, Plum, Apricot, Peach, Apple, Orange, Walnuts

Urgam

Urgam belongs to Chamoli district and is in one of the most inaccessible remote areas. It consists of 25-30 villages which are even now waiting for development to happen.

- Total Population of 10 villages ~ 4000
- Main Crops: Jhangora, Chulai, Bhat, Ogal Toor, Gahat Rajma, Soyabean, Koda, Saunth, Garlic, Onion etc.
- Vegetables: Cauliflower, Tomato, Broccoli, Radish, Potato, Peas and many other seasonal vegetables.
- Fruits & Dry Fruits: Malta, Pear, Lemon, Apricot, Peach, Apple, Orange, Walnuts

Plans for Future Growth

As per the survey, following projects/activities were found to be worth pursuing for overall development of the region,

- Computer Centres (Sewa Path) – Computer Awareness and Job Assistance for Youth.
- Knitting/Sewing Centres – Women empowerment through Skill Development leading to Self-Employment.
- Sewa Sakhi Groups (Women SHG) – Women self-help groups for organizing village-level initiatives like seeds collection.
- Sewa Saahas – Training in Tourism and Adventure Sports
- Organic Seed Banks – Collection centres for High-Yielding Organic seeds which can be managed in a self-sustainable way by villagers.
- Conservation/Cultivation of Himalayan Herbs/Fruits – Promote and preserve the rich organic Himalayan native species by sustainable cultivation methods.

Sewa Path (Computer Centres)

The updates of different Computer Centres operated by Sewa Uttarakhand is provided in following sections,

New Centres

A P B Government College, Rudraprayag

On 27th May, 2015, the fifth branch of Sewa Path was inaugurated by C S Chauhan, the Deputy collector of Rudraprayag at Shri A P B Government P G College. Sewa Path (with 10 PCs right now) in association with the College aims at providing computer training to B.Ed and other students on a very nominal charge. Initially, the Centre has facilities in basic courses. However, advance courses and job oriented courses are on prospective agenda. The Deputy Collector in his inaugural address lauded the efforts of Sewa Path and College and encouraged the students to get maximum benefits of this facility. The Principal of the College, Shri P S Jangwan, who was instrumental in opening of this Centre advised the students to get benefit of the facility. Shri Devendra Padiyar deliberated upon activities and efforts of Sewa International, Uttarakhand in Rudraprayag and Chamoli districts in the aftermath of Uttarakhand flood. Shri Prahlad Pushpwan presented Sewa's memento to the Deputy Collector on behalf of the Organization.



Simili



- 5th June – Celebration of World Environment day by weeding out carrot grass. Centre Coordinator Neha Malgudi, also gave a lecture on importance of environment.
- 21st June – International Yoga Day Celebration with students at the centre.
- Average attendance of students: 50% - 80%
- Centre with highest number of enrolments (55) and many more applications received. Additional Faculty added to assist.
- Older students want to learn more by getting working knowledge of MS Office along with Basic Computer Course. Lack of Internet makes it difficult to learn on their own.
- In June 2015, started teaching MS Excel and MS Powerpoint.
- Some older students having completed Basic Course also visit the centre for practising the skills they learnt as well as learn MS Office skills.
- On Saturdays, organized Quiz Competition and Group Song.

Chandrapuri

- Average attendance : 40% - 60%
- Introduced MS Excel. Teaching them how to prepare basic Student Mark-Sheet, Salary Reports etc. Plan to teach Advanced Excel skills too.
- Introduced MS Powerpoint and taught about Slides/Animation in a presentation.
- To manage issue of Low Attendance, steps are taken to reason with the absentees as well as imposing minimal fines, such as Rs. 10 for each day of absence to inculcate discipline.
- On Saturdays, students are encouraged to ask queries outside of Computer like GK or about their reflections on the current state of Computer Centre in order to improve it.

Augustyamuni

- Started on June 1, 2015 so fresh start.
- Initial Focus on Introduction to Computer Basics, hardware, basic keyboard etc. Also, introduced MS Paint to the students.
- Introduced MS Powerpoint and taught about Slides/Animation in a presentation.
- On Saturdays, students are encouraged to ask queries outside of Computer like GK or about their reflections on the current state of Computer Centre in order to improve it.

Guptakashi

- Started teaching MS Powerpoint, Net Surfing, Use of Internet as well as basic HTML.
- Teaching how to use Photoshop for making Passport-Size photos, posters etc.
- Low attendance of students is a concern.
- On Saturdays, students are encouraged to provide their views on Environment and issues of local importance and ways to resolve them.

Ukhimath

- Teaching MS Excel (Basic/Advanced), MS Powerpoint, Net Surfing, Basic HTML & MS Publisher.
- Inconsistent attendance of students is a concern.
- Providing job-assistance to students by checking their CV as well as mock-tests involving questions related to Computer, GK, Reasoning & General Aptitude.
- On Saturdays, students are encouraged to ask queries related to Computer as well as sharing the results of Mock-Tests for improvement.

Future Plans

Plan is to open two new computer center in Chamoli district, one in "Mayapur", 12 km from Chamoli market and second one in "Van" village. Van is one of the remotest villages of Chamoli district and also on the route of world famous tracking site known by Roopkund.

Skill Development Centre



- Presently, only one centre in Chandrapuri.
- 8 women trainers/experts working with 42 trainees to produce Sweaters/Woolens for personal as well as team's consumption.
- In the Last week of the June, Shri Kandari Ji visited our knitting center, he is working in this field from 1985 and has deep knowledge in this field. During the visit, he told our dedicated trainees on how to maintain quality products. Overall, he was very happy with our products and centre.



Future Plans

- Planning to produce over 1000 sweaters from the centre for School Children and general population.
- New Skill Development Centre being planned in Raydi, with 3 Knitting Machines and 5 tables. It will be expanded later based on local interest.

School Construction – Chhinka



State of Chhinka School by end-June, 2015



Plaster work has been completed for Ground & 1st Floor from Inside and nearing completion on the outside. 2nd Floor construction is also completed. Weather permitting, work will start soon on the flooring, wooden work, paint work, stairs railing and bathroom fittings.

Shyam Parande, Global Coordinator, Sewa International visited the project site on Apr 20, 2015 to take stock of the project progress and encouraged the team to finish the project on time.