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Pond and Water Conservation Campaign in Shankargarh and Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh, Efforts have been made for Water Conservation and for Promotion since 2011. Organizing 'Gaanv Gaanv Paani Chaupal', 'Paani Panchayat', 'Nadi Sansad' for the Conservation and Promotion of Natural Sources of Water, Ponds and Small Rivers.

To form 'Jal Mitra' and 'Jal Saheli' in the village to ensure the sustainability of the water projects undertaken in the villages.

Organized the revival of Ponds and Rivers through collective cooperation and means of labour practice of the village at Gram Panchayat level itself.

1. **Renovation of 75 ponds** has been done so far across the entire Bundelkhand through collaborative effort of labour donation (*Shram Daan*).
Link – ([clickhere](#))
2. With the help of **NITI Aayog, Arunodaya Foundation Mahoba, ATE Chandra Foundation** and the district administration, **23 ponds have been renovated** under Gaurihar block in Chhatarpur district.
3. **45 ponds have been renovated** under our own supervision with the help of **MNREGA**. These sites are located across the Bundelkhand region and the Prayagraj district.
4. The work of constructing 3 ponds in 3 fields was done under the **Farm Pond Scheme in the Banda district**.
5. With the help of the District administration of Prayagraj, Banda and Chitrakoot **encroachments** have been effectively removed from 10 ponds, restoring their natural state.
6. Over the past five years, we have dedicated our efforts to the Conservation and Promotion of '**Maa Mandakini**' of the Ganga in the **Chitrakoot** district of Bundelkhand. ([Click here](#))
Link- https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=m0q_dzKzSk8
7. The river (Baan Ganga), a tributary of the Bagai river, which was in an extinct state, has returned in the same form after 5 years of struggle.
8. **Inspired by** the concept of **Mangal Gram, by Nanaji Deshmukh**, people centric development focused on bringing prosperity to the village is being practiced in Andhav Marka of Banda, Thurat of Mahoba district, Jhalokhar of Hamirpur, Gahbra of Chhatarpur, Sonvarsha of Shankargarh area of Prayagraj, Chilla Gauhani, Pachkhara, Mohanpur (Khandeha) of Chitrakoot district.
9. The promotion of cow-based natural farming has commenced in seven villages of Bundelkhand, aligning with the Mangal Gram village concept.

10. Under the Mission '**Khet ka Paani Khet me, Gaanv ka Paani Gaanv me**' a village campaign for the construction of farm embankments was done in the andhava village of Banda district. ([Link](#)) **This campaign received the appreciation by the honorable Prime Minister in his popular 'Mann Ki Baat' episode dated 27 June 2021.**
Link - <https://citynewsuttarpradesh.in/news/10455>
11. Embankment work has been done to harness rainwater in over 5000 bighas across 10 villages.
12. More than 50,000 trees have been planted under the 'Ped Jiao' campaign, promoting active involvement in afforestation efforts.
13. More than 5000 Jal Mitras and Jal Saheli have been nominated in the entire Bundelkhand.
14. Led three state level 'Paani Yatra' to connect people with water. Link – ([Click here](#))
First Yatra – Chhabhi talab, Banda to Press Club, Lucknow. Participated by 60 people.
Second Yatra – Prayagraj to Banda. Joined by 30 farmers.
Third Yatra – From Andhawan village to Banda district headquarter. Participated by 40 farmers and Youth.
15. Community mobilization was done by consistently organizing Paani Chaupal in the Bundelkhand region. Link – ([Click here](#))
16. '**Prakritik Ashram**' has been constructed in the village Andhawan Bajrangbali Ashram, Nidhauri, Itwa Bhabhuwa Augasi of Banda district.
17. Efforts are also being made to promote the **production of coarse grains**. Grains, mainly Kodo raai, maize, sorghum and millet are being cultivated among the coarse.

Awards and Recognitions:

- Invited as a **special speaker** in '**Modi ke Superhero**' show hosted by Honourable Minister **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister of Railways**, Government of India. Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SG5grnPlouU>
- Invited as a delegate to the meeting on the **Bihar Groundwater Development Mission** on September 16, 2019 held at Secretriary, Patna organized by the **Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar**.
- Invited as a delegate to the conference **VVS 2019** on September 21-22, 2019, at **IIT (BHU) Varanasi**.
- Honored with the '**Water Hero Award**' by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India on 20 September 2020.
- Feature on Josh Talks. Link- ([Click here](#))
- Honored with '**Hind Iconic Award 2021**' on 27 February 2021 under the joint auspices of ARK Foundation, Vishal Education Trust and Annie Advertising.
- Honored with the **International Environment Warrior Award** on 27-28 November 2021 under the joint aegis of Peepal Neem Tulsi Campaign, Bihar and Green Youth of Lumbini, Nepal.
- Awarded with the '**Jalmitra Award**' on 8th July 2022, under the joint aegis of Water Aid and Ground Water Action Group, Lucknow. Link – ([Click here](#))
- Honored with '**Respected Nana Ji Deshmukh Paryavaran Mitra Award 2022**' under the joint aegis of Youth of India and Rabindra Nath Tagore University, Bhopal.
- Honored with '**Jal Sevak Award**' in December 2017 under the joint auspices of Tarun Bharat Sangh and Jal Biradari.
- Honored with '**Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna Smriti Paryavaran Bhushan Samman**' in the year 2023 from Nav Prabhat Jan Seva Sansthan, New Delhi.

- Was invited as a Guest for the Telecast of the **100th episode of Mann Ki Baat** in April 2023.
- Honored with the **'First International Young Environment Ambassador'** award for the year 2023, under the joint aegis of *Let's Do It India Foundation* and *Delhi University Students' Union*. [Link](#)
- Awarded with the **'Youth Icon of Prayagraj'** award for the year 2023-24 from *Vishal Sankalp Sanstha*, Prayagraj.
- Honored with the **'Jal Prahari Award'** for the year 2023 under the joint auspices of the *Sarkari Tel organization*, Jal Shakti Ministry.
- *Invited by the Government of India to attend the Republic Day parade at Rajpath, New Delhi, held on 26 January 2024.* [Link](#)
- *Invited and delivered a talk in the Expert meeting-cum workshop on "Nature Based Solutions for small rivers rejuvenation" held from 21-22 August 2025, organized by IIT (BHU) Varanasi.*
- *Invited to attend the 9th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) and 2nd Climate Investments and Technology Impact Summit (CITIS) scheduled on December 4-6, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre, jointly organized by the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (led by IIT Kanpur), National Mission for clean Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti, and NITI Aayog.*