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GRAMONNATI SANSTHAN

From Roots to Resilience

Building **sustainable** communities.
Creating **lasting** change.









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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

A Journey of Hope, Resilience and Collective Action



Dear Friends, Partners and Supporters,

As we reflect on the journey of 2025–26, I am filled with gratitude for the trust, resilience and collective spirit that continue to shape the work of Gramonnati Sansthan. For over four decades, we have stood alongside rural communities, believing that lasting change is possible when people are empowered to lead their own development.

This year reaffirmed that belief. Despite the growing challenges of climate change, economic uncertainty and persistent social inequalities, communities demonstrated remarkable strength in creating solutions rooted in local knowledge, collective action and mutual support. Women emerged as leaders in their villages, farmers embraced sustainable agricultural practices, adolescent girls found their voices, and rural households began exploring clean energy as a pathway to a more secure and sustainable future.

Our work during the year focused on three interconnected priorities: empowering women and adolescent girls, strengthening sustainable livelihoods through organic agriculture, and building climate-resilient communities through renewable energy and natural resource management. Across these areas, we witnessed meaningful progress—not only in terms of programme reach but also in the confidence, leadership and aspirations of the people we work with.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support of our communities, dedicated staff, volunteers, government departments, civil society organisations, technical experts and funding partners. Their collaboration has enabled us to transform challenges into opportunities and ideas into lasting impact.

As we look ahead, Gramonnati Sansthan remains committed to nurturing inclusive communities where every woman, farmer, young person and marginalised family has the opportunity to lead a life of dignity, security and hope. We will continue strengthening local institutions, promoting climate-resilient development and expanding partnerships that place communities at the centre of sustainable change.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has been part of this journey. Together, we will continue building stronger, more resilient communities and shaping a future where development is inclusive, equitable and sustainable.

With gratitude,

Ms. Kalpana Khare
Director, Gramonnati Sansthan

> *"Empowered communities today are building a stronger, more sustainable tomorrow."*

- Empowering women and adolescent girls
- Strengthening sustainable livelihoods through organic agriculture
- Building climate-resilient communities through renewable energy
- Promoting natural resource management
- Fostering partnerships for inclusive & sustainable development

ABOUT GRAMONNATI SANSTHAN

Rooted in Communities. Driven by Change.



Established in **1983** in Mahoba district, Uttar Pradesh, Gramonnati Sansthan iis grassroots, community-based development organisation committed to improving the lives and livelihoods of rural communities across Bundelkhand. For more than four decades, the organisation has partnered with communities to strengthen local institutions, promote sustainable livelihoods and build resilience against social, economic and environmental challenges.

Our work is founded on the belief that sustainable development is achieved when communities become active participants in shaping their own future. By strengthening local leadership, promoting equitable access to resources and encouraging collective action, we support communities in building resilient livelihoods while protecting the natural resources on which they depend.

Today, Gramonnati Sansthan works with women, adolescent girls, small and marginal farmers, landless families, youth, persons with disabilities and community institutions through integrated programmes that address interconnected development challenges. Our interventions span sustainable agriculture, land and livelihood security, women's leadership, decentralised renewable energy, climate resilience, natural resource management and community governance.

Working closely with government institutions, civil society organisations, academic institutions and development partners, we continue to promote locally driven, environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive development that enables communities to realise their full potential.

Where We Work

Gramonnati Sansthan currently works across **40 villages** in four development blocks of Mahoba district, Uttar Pradesh—Kabrai, Charkhari, Jaitpur and Panwari—and one block of Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.

Through strong community partnerships and institutional collaboration, our programmes respond to local priorities while contributing to broader goals of sustainable and inclusive rural development.



VISION, MISSION AND OUR APPROACH



Our Vision

To build resilient, inclusive and self-reliant rural communities where every individual lives with dignity, equality and harmony with nature, and has the opportunity to realise their full potential.

Our Mission

To strengthen rural communities by enhancing access to knowledge, opportunities, institutions and sustainable livelihood systems, enabling women, youth, farmers and marginalised groups to become confident leaders of their own development.



Our Approach

Gramonnati Sansthan follows a community-led and participatory approach that places local people at the centre of every intervention. Our programmes are designed to strengthen community ownership, build local leadership and create sustainable solutions that continue beyond project cycles.

Our work is guided by five core principles:

1. Community Leadership

We strengthen grassroots institutions and nurture local leadership so that communities can identify priorities, make informed decisions and collectively drive their own development.

2. Inclusion and Equity

We ensure that women, adolescent girls, persons with disabilities, small and marginal farmers, landless families and other vulnerable groups actively participate in development processes and have equitable access to opportunities and services.

3. Integrated Development

Recognising that livelihoods, natural resources, gender equality and climate resilience are deeply interconnected, we implement integrated programmes that address multiple dimensions of rural development simultaneously.

4. Sustainability and Climate Resilience

We promote sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, water conservation and responsible natural resource management to enhance community resilience while protecting the environment for future generations.

5. Partnership and Collaboration

We believe meaningful change is achieved through collaboration. By working closely with communities, government departments, civil society organisations, technical institutions and development partners, we amplify collective impact and strengthen long-term sustainability.

OUR JOURNEY

1983
FOUNDATION
Established in Mahoba district with a vision to work alongside rural communities for holistic development.

1990s
COMMUNITY MOBILISATION
Strengthened grassroots institutions and promoted collective action for livelihoods, education and social awareness.

2000s
PROGRAMME EXPANSION
Expanded work in natural resource management, sustainable agriculture, women's empowerment and health.

2010s
INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT
Adopted an integrated approach linking livelihoods, gender equality, education and climate resilience.

2020s
SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT FUTURE
Strengthening community leadership, renewable energy and climate resilience for a more inclusive and sustainable tomorrow.

PROGRAMME PORTFOLIO (2025–26)

During 2025–26, Gramonnati Sansthan implemented a diverse portfolio of programmes that addressed interconnected challenges related to livelihoods, gender equality, climate resilience and community development.

Programme	Focus Area	Key Support
Livelihood Enhancement Programme	Sustainable and organic farming, women's livelihoods, nutrition, farmer institutions and market linkages	Azim Premji Foundation
Empowering SHGs through DRE Capacity Building	Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE), climate awareness, Energy Sakhis and clean energy livelihoods	Swaniti Initiatives
Small Grant Programme	Rooftop solar systems, induction cooking, renewable energy adoption and carbon emission reduction	TERI
Women Gaining Ground	Leadership development, disability inclusion, access to rights and social protection	CREA
Rebuild India Project	Women and adolescent girls' empowerment, legal awareness, gender-based violence prevention and community leadership	DASRA
Farmer Capacity Building Initiatives	Technical trainings, exposure visits, soil health management and climate-smart agriculture	Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), ATMA Project and other government partners

Together, these programmes strengthened livelihoods, advanced gender equality, promoted clean energy, enhanced climate resilience and empowered communities to become active partners in their own development.

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

From Reach to Resilience

The year 2025–26 marked another significant milestone in Gramonnati Sansthan's four-decade journey of strengthening rural communities through inclusive, community-led development. Guided by the belief that lasting change begins with empowered people and resilient local institutions, the organisation continued to work alongside women, farmers, adolescent girls, youth and marginalised communities to create sustainable pathways for social and economic progress.

Throughout the year, Gramonnati Sansthan expanded its efforts across three strategic priorities: women's leadership and empowerment, sustainable livelihoods through organic agriculture, and climate resilience through decentralised renewable energy and natural resource management. These interconnected interventions strengthened household resilience, enhanced local leadership and promoted environmentally sustainable development across Bundelkhand.

By combining community knowledge, technical expertise and strong partnerships with government institutions and development organisations, the organisation helped communities improve access to livelihoods, public services, clean energy and sustainable agricultural practices while strengthening their capacity to respond to emerging social and environmental challenges.

> "While these numbers demonstrate the scale of our work, the true measure of impact lies in the lives transformed. Behind every statistic is a woman who found her voice, a farmer who restored the health of the soil, an adolescent girl who continued her education, a family that embraced clean energy, or a community that came together to solve shared challenges."

KEY OUTREACH IN 2025–26

2 States Covered	**2** Districts Covered	**40** Panchayats Reached
8,027 Women Reached	**5,901** Men Reached	
14 Transgender Persons Reached	**1,485** Farmers Reached	
163 Women with Disabilities Reached	**1,060** Youth Engaged	
2,424 Adolescent Girls Reached	**892** Self-Help Groups Strengthened	
1,932 Families Reached	**851** Community Meetings Conducted	
74 Capacity-Building Programmes Organised	**813** Government Stakeholders Engaged	

These collective achievements reaffirm our belief that resilient communities are built through participation, partnership and local leadership. They also reflect Gramonnati Sansthan's continuing commitment to enabling communities not merely to overcome challenges, but to shape a more equitable, sustainable and hopeful future.

KEY FOCUS AREAS IN 2025-26

1. **Women & Adolescent Girls' Empowerment**

Strengthening Leadership, Voice and Opportunities

Gramonnati Sansthan believes that empowered women and adolescent girls are central to building inclusive, resilient and equitable communities. Throughout 2025–26, the organisation continued to create opportunities for women and girls to strengthen their leadership, exercise their rights and participate actively in community institutions and local governance.



Working across villages in Mahoba district, our interventions focused on strengthening women's collectives, promoting gender-responsive governance, enhancing access to public services, supporting survivors of violence and creating safe spaces where women and girls could learn, lead and influence decisions that affect their lives.

Through initiatives such as **Women Gaining Ground**, **Rebuild India**, and Gramonnati Sansthan's community leadership programme, women and adolescent girls increasingly emerged as changemakers within their families, villages and Panchayats.

Building Women's Leadership

Leadership development remained at the heart of our approach. Through regular capacity-building programmes, Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) trainings, interface meetings and community dialogues, women strengthened their understanding of local governance, public institutions and their constitutional rights.



During the year:

- Women leaders actively participated in Panchayat meetings and Gram Sabha processes.
- Elected Women Representatives (EWRs), Panchayat members and community leaders strengthened their confidence to engage in local decision-making.
- Young women assumed leadership roles as community volunteers, Panchayat assistants and local facilitators.
- Women increasingly raised issues related to education, health, gender equality, livelihoods and climate resilience during community planning processes.

These interventions contributed to stronger women's representation in local governance and encouraged greater participation in community development.

Empowering Adolescent Girls

Adolescent girls participated in leadership development, life skills education, menstrual health awareness, digital safety sessions and discussions on gender equality.

Exposure visits, school-based interactions and community meetings enabled girls to build confidence, understand their rights and make informed decisions about education, health and future aspirations.



The programmes also contributed to:

- re-enrolment of school dropouts,
- prevention of child marriage,
- improved awareness of sexual and reproductive health,
- increased confidence to report violence and discrimination,
- stronger engagement with community institutions.

Many young women have now become peer leaders who inspire other girls to continue their education and participate confidently in community life.

Promoting Access to Rights and Services

The organisation strengthened convergence with government departments to improve access to welfare schemes, social protection and essential public services.



Women and girls were supported in accessing:

- widow pensions,
- disability benefits,
- housing schemes,
- labour welfare entitlements,
- educational certificates,
- Kanya Sumangala Scheme,
- maternal benefits,
- health services,
- legal aid and counselling.

The strengthening of institutional linkages not only improved service delivery but also increased women's confidence in engaging with public systems independently.

Preventing Gender-Based Violence

Gramonnati Sansthan continued to support women and girls through awareness, counselling, referrals and community-based interventions addressing gender-based violence.

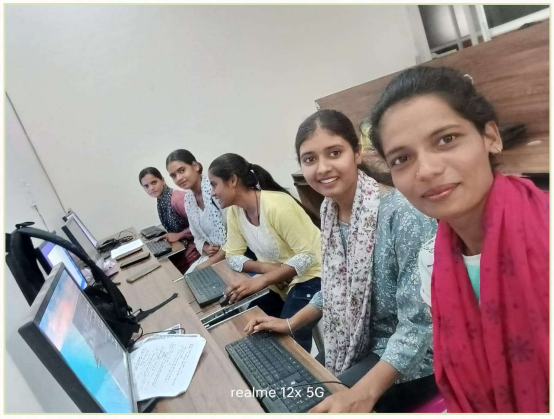
Community meetings, legal literacy sessions and stakeholder engagement strengthened awareness regarding domestic violence, cyber safety, child marriage and women's legal rights.

Women increasingly recognised violence, sought institutional support and accessed services through One Stop Centres, police, counselling services and government departments. Community leaders and youth also played an important role in creating safer and more supportive environments for women and girls.

Key Outcomes

The year's interventions resulted in significant social and institutional change:

- Women's participation in Panchayati Raj Institutions increased substantially.
- Women demonstrated greater confidence in public speaking, decision-making and community leadership.
- Adolescent girls strengthened their educational aspirations, leadership skills and awareness of health and rights.
- Persons with disabilities gained improved access to social protection schemes and community participation.
- Women accessed government welfare programmes more independently.
- Communities demonstrated increased awareness regarding gender equality, child marriage, cyber safety and gender-based violence.



- Local institutions became more responsive to women's priorities through sustained engagement and dialogue.

More importantly, women moved beyond being programme participants to becoming community leaders, mentors and advocates who continue to inspire change within their villages.

2. Sustainable & Organic Farming for Livelihood Enhancement

Strengthening Livelihoods through Sustainable Agriculture

Agriculture remains the primary source of livelihood for rural families across Bundelkhand, yet increasing production costs, climate variability and declining soil fertility continue to threaten household incomes and food security.

Gramonnati Sansthan promotes sustainable and organic farming as a pathway towards resilient livelihoods, environmental conservation and women's economic empowerment. By combining traditional knowledge with scientific practices, the organisation supports farmers to improve productivity while restoring ecological balance.



During 2025–26, the **Livelihood Enhancement Programme** strengthened women's capacities to adopt climate-smart agriculture, reduce dependence on external inputs and improve household income through diversified farming systems.

Promoting Organic Farming

Women farmers received practical training on:

- organic farming practices,
- seed treatment,
- indigenous seed conservation,
- compost preparation,

- natural pest management,
- soil health improvement,
- millet cultivation,
- nutrition gardens,
- trellis-based vegetable cultivation.

The programme encouraged farmers to prepare bio-inputs such as Jeevamrit, Ghan Jeevamrit, Neemastra and Agniastra using locally available resources, reducing cultivation costs while improving soil fertility.

Diversifying Livelihood Opportunities



The programme supported multiple livelihood options including:

- organic crop production,
- vegetable cultivation,
- goat rearing,
- nutrition gardens,
- seed production,
- compost units,
- farmer learning groups.

Women increasingly diversified household income while improving food and nutritional security.

Strengthening Farmer Institutions

Community-based farmer groups emerged as important platforms for collective learning and peer support.

Regular meetings, exposure visits and technical guidance strengthened farmers' knowledge and facilitated stronger linkages with Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and other technical institutions.

Women increasingly accessed government schemes, agricultural subsidies, quality seeds, technical services and market opportunities independently.



Improving Market Opportunities

Organic cultivation improved both productivity and market confidence.

Women farmers reported:

- reduced cultivation costs,
- improved crop quality,
- better prices for organic produce,
- reduced dependence on intermediaries,
- increased household income,
- stronger local market participation.

Many women have now become resource persons supporting neighbouring farmers in adopting sustainable agricultural practices.

Key Outcomes

The programme generated significant livelihood and environmental outcomes.

- Hundreds of women adopted organic farming practices.
- Chemical fertiliser and pesticide use reduced considerably.
- Community compost units and seed banks strengthened local resource management.
- Farmers increasingly adopted nutrition gardens and diversified cropping systems.
- Access to government agricultural schemes improved substantially.
- Women emerged as agricultural leaders and peer educators.
- Household incomes increased through improved productivity and market access.
- Communities demonstrated greater awareness regarding sustainable agriculture, healthy food and environmental conservation.

Beyond increasing agricultural production, the programme strengthened farmers' confidence, promoted local innovation and laid the foundation for resilient rural livelihoods.



3. Climate Resilience & Natural Resource Management

Building Climate-Resilient Communities

Climate change is increasingly affecting the lives and livelihoods of rural communities across Bundelkhand. Rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, declining groundwater and increasing energy costs continue to challenge agriculture, food security and economic resilience.



Gramonnati Sansthan works with communities to strengthen climate resilience through decentralised renewable energy, sustainable natural resource management and community-led climate action.

The organisation recognises that resilient communities are built not only through technology, but through informed local leadership, collective action and sustainable resource management.

Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition

Through the **Empowering SHGs through Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE) Capacity Building** initiative, women and Self-Help Groups were introduced to renewable energy solutions that improve livelihoods while reducing environmental impact.

Community awareness campaigns, household surveys, demonstrations and training programmes strengthened understanding of:

- climate change,
- renewable energy,
- carbon emissions,
- clean cooking,
- solar-powered livelihoods,
- energy-efficient technologies.

For many participants, this was their first opportunity to understand how renewable energy could improve both household wellbeing and long-term environmental sustainability.

Developing Women Climate Leaders

One of the programme's most significant achievements was the development of local women as Energy Sakhis.

These community leaders now promote renewable energy adoption, climate awareness and clean energy solutions across their villages while supporting households in accessing information on solar technologies and government incentives.

The Energy Sakhi model demonstrates how women can become both climate champions and local entrepreneurs.



Expanding Renewable Energy Access

Under the **Small Grant Programme**, rural households adopted rooftop solar systems integrated with clean cooking technologies.

The initiative expanded access to affordable, reliable and environmentally sustainable energy while reducing dependence on conventional electricity and biomass fuels.

The programme also demonstrated how renewable energy can strengthen household resilience, reduce recurring energy expenditure and contribute to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Protecting Natural Resources

Climate resilience also requires restoring the natural resource base on which rural livelihoods depend.

During the year, community-led initiatives promoted:

- water conservation,
- field bunding,
- soil health management,

- biodiversity conservation,
- agroforestry,
- sustainable land management,
- climate-resilient agriculture.



Women and men worked together to conserve soil, improve water retention and strengthen the long-term productivity of agricultural land.

Key Outcomes

The organisation's climate initiatives contributed to multiple dimensions of resilience.

- Communities demonstrated greater awareness of climate change and renewable energy.
- Women emerged as local leaders promoting clean energy solutions.
- Rural households expanded access to rooftop solar systems and clean cooking technologies.
- Water conservation and soil management practices improved agricultural sustainability.
- Communities increasingly recognised the relationship between environmental conservation and livelihood security.
- Renewable energy became not only an environmental solution but also an opportunity for livelihood diversification and economic resilience.



By integrating climate action with community development, Gramonnati Sansthan is helping rural communities move towards a future that is cleaner, more resilient and environmentally sustainable.

Together, these three strategic focus areas demonstrate that resilient communities are built when women lead with confidence, farmers cultivate sustainably, young people realise their potential and communities work collectively to protect the natural resources on which future generations depend.

BUILDING TEAM CAPACITY

Investing in People to Strengthen Community Impact

At Gramonnati Sansthan, we believe that empowered communities are built by capable, motivated and knowledgeable teams. Strengthening the skills, perspectives and leadership of our staff remains a strategic priority, enabling the organisation to respond effectively to evolving development challenges while ensuring high-quality programme implementation.

During 2025–26, the organisation invested significantly in strengthening the technical, managerial and leadership capacities of its team members through continuous learning, knowledge exchange and exposure to innovative development practices. Capacity-building efforts focused not only on enhancing

technical competencies but also on nurturing values of collaboration, accountability, gender sensitivity and community-centred development.

Learning Through Exposure and Knowledge Exchange

Recognising the importance of experiential learning, staff members participated in exposure visits, technical workshops and cross-learning platforms that provided opportunities to observe successful development models and exchange experiences with practitioners from across the country.

A key milestone during the year was the exposure visit to **SELCO Foundation, Dharwad (Karnataka)**, where programme staff and Energy Sakhis gained first-hand experience of decentralised renewable energy solutions, solar-powered livelihood models and community-led climate initiatives. The learning from this exposure has been integrated into Gramonnati Sansthan's ongoing work on renewable energy and climate resilience.

The team also engaged with technical experts, government departments and partner organisations to strengthen knowledge on sustainable agriculture, natural resource management, gender-responsive programming, disability inclusion and community institution building.

Building Technical and Organisational Competencies

Throughout the year, staff members participated in regular internal review meetings, planning workshops and technical orientation sessions covering a wide range of thematic areas, including:

- Sustainable and organic agriculture
- Climate resilience and renewable energy
- Women's leadership and gender equality
- Community institution strengthening
- Government convergence and social protection
- Monitoring, documentation and reporting
- Programme planning and quality assurance

These learning opportunities enhanced the team's ability to facilitate participatory processes, strengthen community ownership and ensure evidence-based programme implementation.

Strengthening a Culture of Learning

Beyond formal training, Gramonnati Sansthan continued to foster a culture of reflection and continuous improvement. Regular team meetings, field reviews, peer learning sessions and experience-sharing forums encouraged staff to reflect on programme outcomes, identify innovations and incorporate lessons into future interventions.

The organisation also strengthened internal systems for planning, documentation and monitoring, enabling teams to make informed decisions, improve programme quality and demonstrate impact more effectively.

STORIES OF CHANGE

Every Number Has a Story



Behind every statistic in this report is a person whose life has been transformed through resilience, determination and collective action. These stories reflect not only individual achievements but also the power of communities coming together to overcome barriers, create opportunities and build a more sustainable future.

From Chemical Farming to Sustainable Prosperity

Archana's Journey Towards Organic Farming

Archana, a smallholder farmer from Chandrapura village, struggled with rising cultivation costs and declining soil fertility due to years of dependence on chemical fertilisers and pesticides. Through Gramonnati Sansthan's **Livelihood Enhancement Programme**, she learned organic farming techniques, seed treatment methods and the preparation of natural bio-inputs.

Today, Archana prepares her own organic manure and bio-pesticides, significantly reducing cultivation costs while improving soil health and crop quality. Her vegetables now fetch better prices in local markets, household income has increased and she actively mentors neighbouring women farmers to adopt sustainable farming practices.

"Organic farming has not only improved my family's income but also restored my confidence. Today, I proudly share my knowledge with other women in my village."

Leading Change Through Local Governance

Rajnish Prabha's Journey as a Community Leader



When Rajnish Prabha became Gram Pradhan, she initially faced hesitation and limited opportunities to participate confidently in Panchayat decision-making. Through leadership development initiatives facilitated by Gramonnati Sansthan, she strengthened her understanding of local governance, public institutions and community planning.

Today, she actively leads Gram Sabha meetings, promotes women's participation in local governance and advocates for education, health, livelihoods and gender equality within her Panchayat. Her leadership has encouraged many other women to engage more actively in community decision-making.

"Leadership is about listening to people and ensuring every voice is heard. Today, women in my village know that their concerns matter."

Lighting the Way Towards a Sustainable Future

Clean Energy Brings New Opportunities

For many rural families, renewable energy was once an unfamiliar concept. Through the **Empowering SHGs through Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE) Capacity Building** initiative, women began exploring clean energy as a practical solution for reducing household expenses and strengthening livelihoods.

The Energy Sakhi model empowered local women to become community resource persons, promoting solar energy, clean cooking technologies and climate awareness. Today, Energy Sakhis are guiding households, supporting access to information on government incentives and inspiring communities to adopt environmentally sustainable energy solutions.

Their journey demonstrates that women can become powerful ambassadors of climate action while creating new opportunities for local leadership and entrepreneurship.

Choosing Courage Over Silence

Preeti's Story of Resilience



(Name changed to protect identity.)

After becoming a victim of cyber fraud while searching for employment, Preeti lost confidence and feared engaging in digital platforms. Through awareness sessions, counselling and legal guidance under the **Rebuild India Project**, she regained confidence and learned about cyber safety and digital rights.

Today, she educates other adolescent girls and young women about online safety, responsible digital behaviour and available support mechanisms, ensuring that others are better prepared to protect themselves.

"Sharing my experience has become my strength. If my story helps even one girl stay safe, I know my journey has made a difference."

Beyond Disability: A Story of Leadership

(Name changed to protect identity.)

Growing up with a disability, Preeti often remained isolated from community activities and had limited opportunities to participate in public life. Through the **Women Gaining Ground** programme, she joined leadership development sessions, community meetings and exposure visits that gradually transformed her confidence.

Today, she continues her education while facilitating literacy sessions for women in her village and motivating other young women with disabilities to participate in community life. Her journey reflects the power of inclusion, opportunity and self-belief.

"People once recognised only my disability. Today, they recognise my work, my confidence and my dreams."

Transforming Lives, One Community at a Time

These stories represent only a small glimpse of the many lives touched during the year. Across villages, women have emerged as leaders, farmers have adopted sustainable agricultural practices, adolescent girls have continued their education with renewed confidence, persons with disabilities have gained greater inclusion and families have embraced cleaner and more resilient livelihoods.

Together, these individual journeys reflect Gramonnati Sansthan's enduring belief that sustainable development is built not through isolated interventions, but through empowered people, strong community institutions and partnerships that enable lasting change. Every story reinforces our shared journey—**from roots to resilience**.

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION

Working Together for Greater Impact



Meaningful and sustainable development is built on strong partnerships. Gramonnati Sansthan values collaboration with communities, government institutions, civil society organisations, technical agencies, academic institutions and funding partners who share a common commitment to inclusive and sustainable rural development.

These partnerships have enabled the organisation to combine community knowledge with technical expertise, innovation and institutional support, resulting in greater impact and long-term sustainability.

Together, these partnerships continue to expand opportunities for rural communities while strengthening Gramonnati Sansthan's mission of community-led and sustainable development.

GOVERNMENT CONVERGENCE

Strengthening Institutions, Expanding Opportunities

Gramonnati Sansthan believes that sustainable development is strengthened when communities are able to access public institutions, government services and social protection systems with confidence. Throughout 2025–26, the organisation worked closely with government departments, Panchayati Raj Institutions and frontline functionaries to bridge the gap between communities and public services, ensuring that eligible individuals could benefit from existing schemes and programmes.

By facilitating dialogue, strengthening institutional linkages and providing continuous handholding support, the organisation enabled women, farmers, youth and vulnerable households to engage more effectively with government systems.

Key Areas of Convergence

Agriculture Department: Women farmers were supported in accessing quality seeds, technical guidance, farmer registration, agricultural extension services and government subsidy schemes. Hundreds of farmers benefited from improved access to seed distribution programmes and climate-resilient agricultural practices.

Horticulture Department: Eligible farmers accessed horticulture schemes, fruit sapling distribution, spice cultivation initiatives and micro-irrigation programmes, contributing to diversified livelihoods and improved farm productivity.

Forest Department: Communities received fruit-bearing saplings and participated in plantation initiatives that promoted agroforestry, biodiversity conservation and environmental sustainability.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) & ATMA: Farmers benefited from technical trainings, soil testing, exposure visits, demonstration plots and advisory services that strengthened climate-smart agricultural practices and improved farm management.

Labour Department: Women workers were linked with labour welfare schemes, including maternity benefits and other social security entitlements.



Social Welfare & Women Welfare Departments: Eligible women, persons with disabilities and vulnerable households accessed pensions, disability certification, housing support and social protection schemes. Survivors of violence were connected to One Stop Centres, counselling services and legal support mechanisms.

Panchayati Raj Institutions: Gram Panchayats played a central role in promoting community participation, strengthening Gram Sabha processes and integrating local priorities into Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs). Women leaders increasingly engaged with Panchayats to advocate for education, health, livelihoods and social inclusion.

The organisation's convergence approach strengthened institutional accountability while enabling communities to access government services more independently. It also fostered stronger collaboration between community institutions and public systems, ensuring that development initiatives became more responsive, inclusive and sustainable.

CHALLENGES & OUR RESPONSE

Strengthening Resilience Through Continuous Learning

Development is an evolving journey shaped by changing social, economic and environmental realities. Throughout 2025–26, Gramonnati Sansthan continued to work in communities facing multiple and interconnected challenges. Rather than viewing these challenges as barriers, we approached them as opportunities to innovate, strengthen partnerships and deepen community ownership.

Key Challenges

Climate Variability: Erratic rainfall, prolonged dry spells and increasing temperatures continued to affect agricultural productivity, water availability and rural livelihoods, particularly for small and marginal farmers.

Limited Awareness of Renewable Energy: For many rural households, decentralised renewable energy remained a relatively new concept. Limited awareness of clean energy technologies and financing mechanisms slowed initial adoption.

Gender and Social Norms: Deep-rooted social norms continued to restrict women's participation in leadership, decision-making and public institutions. Adolescent girls and persons with disabilities also faced barriers in accessing education, livelihoods and public services.



Access to Government Services: Complex documentation requirements, limited awareness of entitlements and administrative procedures often delayed access to government schemes and welfare programmes for vulnerable households.

Capacity and Information Gaps: Low literacy levels and limited access to technical information reduced communities' confidence in adopting improved agricultural practices, climate-smart technologies and digital services.

Our Response

Gramonnati Sansthan responded through a participatory, community-centred approach that placed local leadership at the heart of every intervention.

Community mobilisation and regular village meetings created platforms for dialogue, collective planning and shared problem-solving. Practical demonstrations, exposure visits and hands-on training enabled women, farmers and youth to confidently adopt sustainable agricultural practices, renewable energy solutions and improved livelihood opportunities.

The organisation strengthened convergence with government departments to facilitate access to welfare schemes, technical services and institutional support. Simplified Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, visual learning tools and field demonstrations helped translate technical concepts into practical community knowledge.

Regular mentoring, peer learning and continuous follow-up ensured that learning was sustained beyond individual training programmes. By combining local knowledge with technical expertise and institutional partnerships, communities strengthened their capacity to respond to changing circumstances and became increasingly self-reliant. Our experience reaffirmed that resilient communities are built through trust, participation and continuous learning—not simply through project implementation.

RECOGNITION & MILESTONES

Celebrating Progress, Innovation and Partnerships

The year 2025–26 marked several important milestones that strengthened Gramonnati Sansthan's position as a trusted grassroots organisation promoting sustainable rural development, women's leadership and climate resilience.

Advancing Renewable Energy Leadership



Gramonnati Sansthan participated in the **India Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) Summit 2026**, joining practitioners, policymakers, technical experts and development organisations working to accelerate clean energy access across India.

The summit provided an important platform to share community experiences, learn from innovative renewable energy models and strengthen collaborations for scaling decentralised renewable energy solutions.

Promoting Community-centred Innovation

Through the **Small Grant Programme**, the organisation demonstrated innovative approaches for promoting rooftop solar systems, clean cooking technologies and community-led renewable energy adoption. By integrating awareness generation, technical support and government convergence, the programme showcased practical models for improving rural livelihoods while reducing carbon emissions.

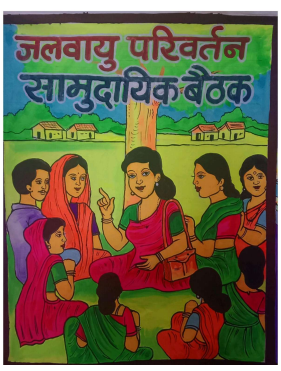


Championing Climate-smart Agriculture

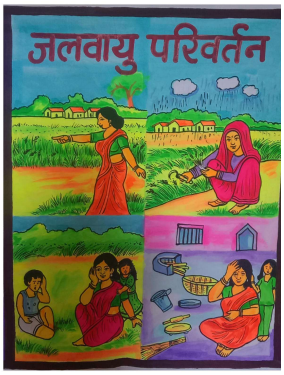
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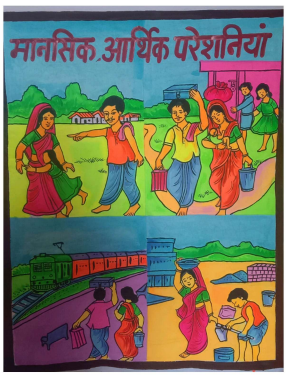
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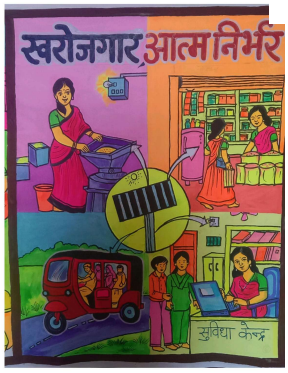


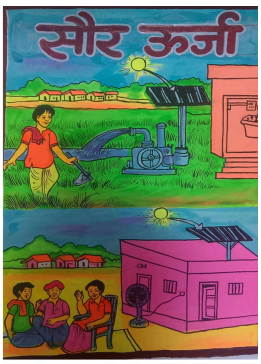


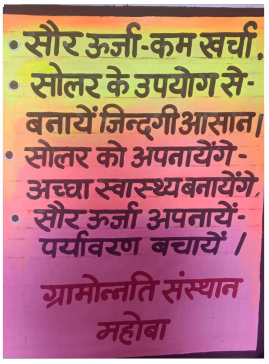












GRAMONNATI MAKING HEADLINES IN 2025-26



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ग्रामोन्नति संस्थान का ज़िला स्तरीय रीथिंक गोष्ठी कार्यक्रम हुआ संपन्न

महिलाओं किशोरियों को प्रत्येक क्षेत्र में मौका दिलाने एवं जागरूकता की दिशा में संकल्पित है संस्थानः कल्पना खरे

महोबा। डब्ल्यू जी जी कार्यक्रम के तहत राम उन्नति संस्थान महोबा के तत्वाधान में जिला स्तरीय रीथिंक गोष्ठी मीटिंग का आयोजन जैश पैराडाइज होटल महोबा में किया गया। जिसमें प्रोग्राम के तहत चयनित 15 पंचायत से लगभग आधा सैकड़ा से अधिक प्रतिभागियों ने सहभागिता की। जिलास्तरीय सरकारी विभाग, सखी वन स्टॉप सेंटर महोबा चाइल्डलाइन जिला न्यायालय एवं विकलांग जन सशक्तिकरण विभाग की ओर से उनके प्रतिनिधियों की कार्यक्रम में उपस्थिति रही। पुनर्विचार गोष्ठी के इस कार्यक्रम के दौरान संस्थान की प्रबंध निदेशक कल्पना खरे ने बताया कि मीटिंग में युवा लड़कियों महिलाओं में विकलांगजन के लिए शिक्षा स्वास्थ्य एवं सामाजिक बराबरी के साथ पंचायत में महिलाओं की भूमिका और राजनीतिक भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए इस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि संस्थान का मकसद महिलाओं और लड़कियों को अधिकांश अवसर मिले, वे आगे बढ़कर आत्मनिर्भर बने और स्वयं की पहचान बना पाए,

महिलाओं में लीडरशिप और विकलांगता की मुद्दे पर नुक्कड़ नाटक को और संस्थान सदस्यों द्वारा प्रेजेंटेशन प्रस्तुतियों के माध्यम से संस्था की विजन मिशन और प्रोग्राम गतिविधियों को विभिन्न रूपों में प्रस्तुत किया गया। इस दौरान जहां इस दौरान जहां वन स्टॉप सेंटर मैनेजर क्षमा ने महिलाओं लड़कियों के लिए केंद्र में मिलने वाली सुविधाओं के बारे में बताया तो वही जिला न्यायालय से प्रतिनिधि के रूप में अधिवक्ता संदीप पांडे ने बताया कि महिला हिंसा और सुरक्षा से जुड़े कानून में विभिन्न महिला अपराधों के रोकथाम निषेध और निवारण के तौर पर नियम बनाए गए हैं जिसकी जानकारी और जागरूकता से उत्पीड़न और शोषण की घटनाओं में कमी लाई जा सकती है। वही चाइल्ड हेल्पलाइन 1098 से प्रियंका ने बताया कि 24 घंटे बच्चों के लिए मुफ्त आपातकालीन फोन सेवा उपलब्ध है अपने आसपास किसी ऐसी घटना को देखें तो निश्चित रूप से आपातकालीन नंबरों पर संपर्क कर जानकारियां और मदद प्राप्त की जा सकती है। इस दौरान विभिन्न गांवों से आई हुई किशोरी महिलाओं ने अपने-अपने अनुभव साझा किए। इसके साथ संस्थान की भूमिका और जागरूकता कार्यक्रमों को देखते हुए संस्था की निदेश-क कल्पना खरे का धन्यवाद आभार व्यक्त किया। कार्यक्रम में संस्थान के कार्यकर्ता सुंदरम सक्सेना, उषा अग्रवाल, ममतेश विश्वकर्मा, चौरसिया नीरज सिंह आदि उपस्थित रहे।



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ENSURING NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

Gender equality and social inclusion are fundamental to Gramonnati Sansthan's vision of sustainable development. Rather than being implemented as separate programmes, these principles are integrated across every intervention, ensuring that development opportunities are accessible to those who have historically faced exclusion.

Throughout 2025–26, women, adolescent girls, persons with disabilities, transgender persons, Self-Help Groups, youth, landless families and small and marginal farmers remained at the centre of our programmes.

Women strengthened their leadership in agriculture, local governance, renewable energy and community institutions. Adolescent girls developed greater confidence through leadership, education, health awareness and life skills programmes. Persons with disabilities gained improved access to social protection, education, leadership opportunities and community participation. Transgender persons were included in awareness activities and community platforms, reinforcing our commitment to dignity, equality and inclusion.

Youth emerged as community volunteers, peer educators and local leaders, contributing energy, innovation and new perspectives to community development. Self-Help Groups continued to provide a strong platform for collective action, financial inclusion and women's economic empowerment.

By promoting inclusive participation and equitable access to opportunities, Gramonnati Sansthan continues to strengthen communities where every individual has the opportunity to contribute, lead and thrive.

INNOVATION IN ACTION

Community-led Solutions for Sustainable Development: Innovation at Gramonnati Sansthan is rooted in community knowledge, local leadership and practical solutions that respond to real-life challenges. During the year, several innovative approaches strengthened livelihoods, promoted environmental sustainability and enhanced community ownership.

Community Compost Units: Women farmers established community compost units using locally available organic materials, reducing dependence on chemical fertilisers while improving soil fertility and lowering cultivation costs.

Energy Sakhi Model: Local women were trained as **Urja Sakhis** and **Ujala Sakhis**, enabling them to promote decentralised renewable energy, climate awareness and solar-powered livelihood opportunities within their communities. The model demonstrates how women can become both climate champions and local entrepreneurs.

Indigenous Seed Conservation: The organisation promoted indigenous seed varieties and community-based seed conservation, strengthening biodiversity, preserving traditional agricultural knowledge and improving resilience against climate variability.

Nutrition Gardens: Household nutrition gardens encouraged families to cultivate diverse vegetables and fruits throughout the year, improving nutrition, reducing household expenditure and contributing to food security.

Women-led Agricultural Extension: Experienced women farmers emerged as community resource persons, providing peer learning, practical demonstrations and technical guidance to neighbouring farmers. This locally driven extension model has strengthened knowledge sharing while creating a sustainable network of women agricultural leaders.

CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE

Farming for People, Prosperity and the Planet

Climate change demands agricultural systems that are productive, resilient and environmentally sustainable. Gramonnati Sansthan promotes climate-smart agriculture by combining traditional knowledge with scientific practices that improve productivity while conserving natural resources.

During 2025–26, women farmers strengthened their capacities in organic farming, indigenous seed conservation, millet cultivation, nutrition garden development, compost preparation, natural pest management and soil health improvement. Demonstrations on mulching, water-efficient irrigation, crop diversification and integrated farming encouraged farmers to reduce production costs while increasing resilience to changing climatic conditions.

Community compost units and seed banks strengthened local resource management and reduced dependence on external agricultural inputs. Nutrition gardens improved household food security and dietary diversity, while water conservation initiatives enhanced soil moisture and protected agricultural land from erosion.

These interventions demonstrate that climate-smart agriculture is not only a response to climate change but also a pathway towards healthier soils, resilient livelihoods and sustainable food systems.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

Local Action for Global Goals

Gramonnati Sansthan's work contributes directly to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By integrating gender equality, sustainable livelihoods, renewable energy and environmental conservation across all programmes, the organisation contributes to national and global development priorities.

By aligning local action with global development priorities, Gramonnati Sansthan demonstrates that community-led initiatives can contribute meaningfully to building a more equitable, resilient and sustainable future.



LOOKING AHEAD 2026–27

Building on Our Journey, Expanding Our Impact

As Gramonnati Sansthan looks towards the future, we remain guided by our belief that resilient communities are created through local leadership, inclusive institutions and sustainable development. The achievements of 2025–26 provide a strong foundation for expanding our work while responding to emerging social, economic and environmental challenges.



In the coming year, the organisation will continue to deepen its engagement with communities while scaling innovative models that strengthen livelihoods, promote gender equality and enhance climate resilience.

Our Strategic Priorities

Expand Decentralised Renewable Energy

We will strengthen the **Energy Sakhi** model, expand awareness on clean energy technologies and facilitate greater adoption of rooftop solar systems and solar-powered livelihood opportunities across rural communities.

Promote Climate-smart Livelihoods

The organisation will support more farmers in adopting organic and climate-resilient agriculture through indigenous seed conservation, nutrition gardens, sustainable land management and diversified livelihood models.

Strengthen Women-led Enterprises

Women and Self-Help Groups will be supported to develop sustainable enterprises, strengthen market linkages and access financial services that improve household income and economic resilience.

Deepen Women's Leadership and Inclusive Governance

Gramonnati Sansthan will continue strengthening the leadership of women, adolescent girls, persons with disabilities and youth, enabling them to participate more actively in Panchayati Raj Institutions, community organisations and local development planning.

Enhance Community Climate Resilience

Future interventions will focus on water conservation, soil restoration, biodiversity conservation and community-based adaptation strategies that reduce climate risks while protecting natural resources.

Strengthen Digital Systems and Knowledge Management

The organisation will continue investing in digital monitoring, evidence generation, documentation and organisational learning to improve programme quality, accountability and long-term impact.

Our Commitment

As we move forward, Gramonnati Sansthan remains committed to working alongside communities to create a future where every woman leads with confidence, every farmer cultivates sustainably, every young person has the opportunity to realise their potential and every village becomes more resilient to the challenges of tomorrow.

Together with our communities, partners and supporters, we will continue our journey—from **Roots to Resilience**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Together, We Made This Possible

The achievements presented in this Annual Report are the result of the collective efforts, trust and commitment of countless individuals and institutions who have walked alongside Gramonnati Sansthan in our journey of community-led development.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the women, farmers, adolescent girls, youth, persons with disabilities, Self-Help Groups, community leaders and village institutions who placed their trust in us and actively shaped every initiative. Their resilience, determination and willingness to embrace change remain the true foundation of our work.

We sincerely acknowledge the generous support and partnership of Azim Premji Foundation, Swaniti Initiatives, UNDP–GEF Small Grants Programme, Women Gaining Ground, Rebuild India, SELCO Foundation, Goonj, RRA Network, SATHI, and all our development partners whose collaboration has strengthened our ability to create meaningful and lasting impact.

We are equally grateful to the Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Forest Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), ATMA, Labour Department, Social Welfare Department, Women Welfare Department, Panchaṛyati Raj Institutions, District Administration, educational institutions and frontline government functionaries for their continued cooperation and commitment to strengthening rural development.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the members of our Governing Board, dedicated staff, field teams, volunteers, Energy Sakhis and community facilitators whose professionalism, compassion and unwavering commitment have transformed ideas into action and aspirations into reality.

As we conclude another year of service, we reaffirm our commitment to working in partnership with communities and stakeholders to build a future that is inclusive, resilient and sustainable. Every milestone achieved this year reflects the strength of collaboration and the shared belief that lasting change begins when communities themselves become the architects of their own development.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT | **EDUCATION** | **HEALTH & WELL-BEING** | **SOCIAL WELFARE** | **SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

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