

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



HEALING HIMALAYAS



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on Healing Himalayas' journey this past year, I'm filled with gratitude for the tireless efforts of our team, volunteers, and supporters. Despite the challenges of 2023, including escalating human-induced climate change and its devastating effects on wildlife and ecosystems, our commitment to preserving the Himalayas remains resolute.

We've organized numerous clean-up drives, educational workshops and have engaged communities at all levels. These efforts not only enhance the physical cleanliness of our mountains but also instill a sense of environmental stewardship among locals and visitors.

A major accomplishment this year was the successful implementation of waste management programs in remote mountain villages. With 6 operational Material Recovery Facility (MRF) centers in Himachal Pradesh, we've targeted over 15 Himalayan villages, collecting and processing over 800 tonnes of waste. By empowering local communities with training and resources, we've effectively reduced pollution and preserved the natural beauty of their surroundings.

Yet, our work is far from finished. The Himalayas face complex challenges that demand ongoing innovation, collaboration, and dedication. Looking ahead, we're committed to expanding our efforts, forging new partnerships, and advocating for policies that prioritize mountain protection.

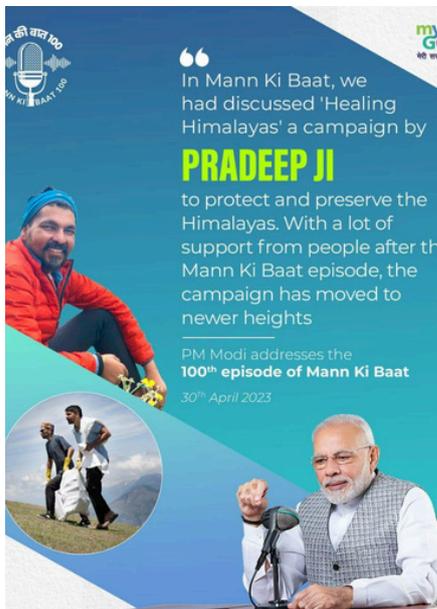
I extend heartfelt thanks to all donors, partners, and volunteers for their support. Your generosity and commitment have been crucial to our success. Together, let's continue to stand as guardians of the Himalayas, ensuring they remain a source of wonder and inspiration for generations to come.



Pradeep Sangwan

CHAIRMAN

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



Our efforts were appreciated by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on the occasion of 100th episode of Mann ki Baat



Governor of Haryana has invited our chairman Mr Pradeep Sangwan, after mention in Mann ki Baat



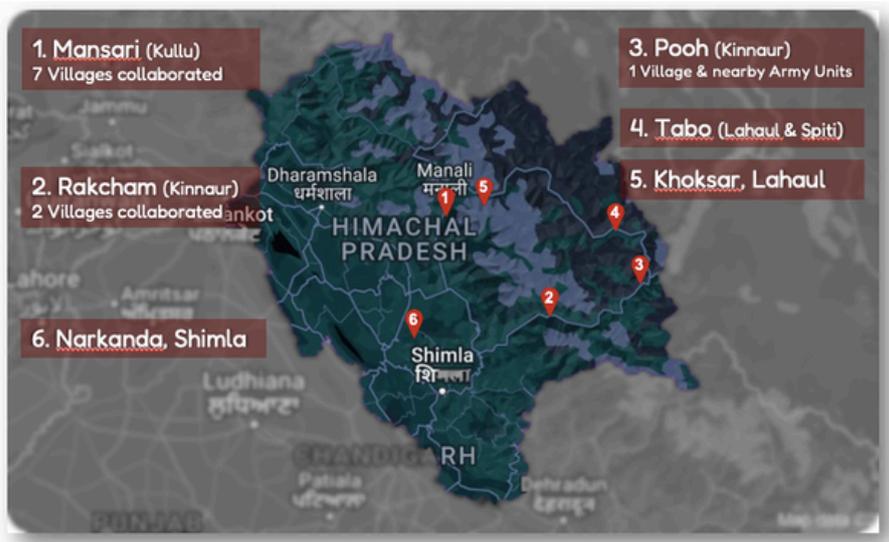
'Sustainable is attainable' award from Tata power, given by Environment minister of India Mr. Bhupender Yadav



Outlook India's Responsible Tourism Award-2023



ACHIEVEMENTS



We now have 6 operational MRF centers in high-altitude regions of Himachal Pradesh. Our MRF centers are now targeting more than 15 Himalayan villages which are also getting good travel footfall. In last one year, we were able to collect and process more than 800 tonnes of waste though our centers which could have ended up in landfills or rivers or burnt up.

All our MRF centers are equipped with machinery for pre-recycling processes like Shredding, Bailing, compressing, and pick-up vehicles for waste collection. More than 25 workers are also employed now from the local community, for building a sustainable local livelihood/income stream.



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State-level workshop ‘Swarim Himalaya’ was conducted with all stakeholders working in SWM (NGOs, Recyclers, Upcycling, Government and Media)

A Mass Cleanup Drive Day was followed after this summit: 40+ cleanup drives on 25th June with the help of volunteers

June 4, 2023 marked the first meeting of स्वर्णिम हिमालय in Shimla, HP. The purpose of the Summit was to bring together leaders from all constituencies—central and state governments, NGOs, individuals, educational institutions, etc—to collaborate on their efforts in Solid Waste Management (SWM) in the Himalayan Region.

Gathered under one roof for the first time, we heard from stakeholders about the challenges and opportunities faced in SWM, specifically in mountainous regions, both urban and rural. Our distinguished speakers were:

- Sh. Pradeep Sangwan, Founder Healing Himalayas
- Dr. Suresh C. Attri, Chief Scientist, DEST&CC, GoHP
- Mr. Shyam Lal Punia, IAS, GoI
- Thomas and Kumar Jay Gaurav, GIZ India
- Mr. Lalit Jain IAS, GoHP
- Sh. Deepak Sharma, Art of Living
- Shm. Anurita Saxena, President IAS officers’ wives committee, St Beads professor
- Ms. Dia Mirza, UNEP Goodwill Ambassador

We pledged to take a top-down, bottom-up approach and work together in policy, advocacy and action to create effective processes and sustainable solutions for the collection, treatment, and disposal of SW

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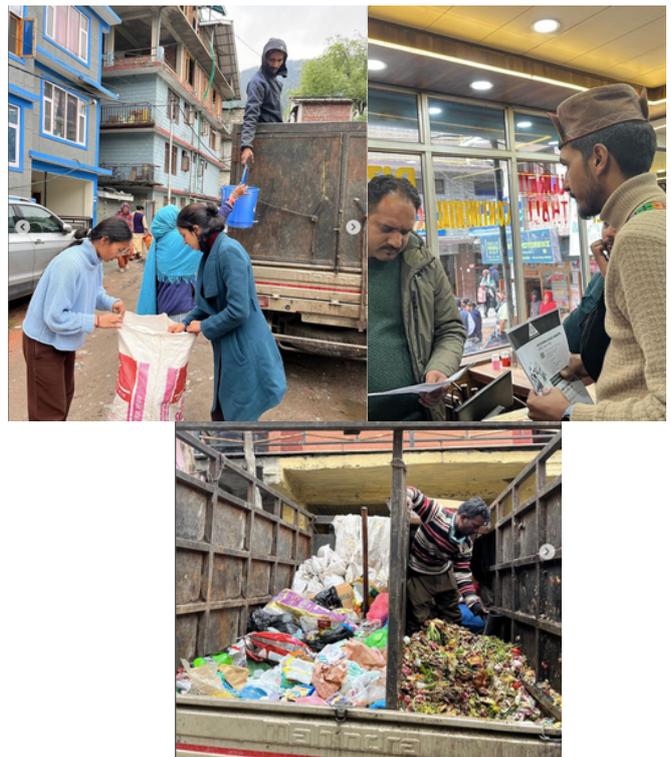
More than 100 clean-up drives were conducted this year in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Delhi/NCR and Goa. With the support of our volunteers' network, we have also achieved one single day of mass clean-up drives on 25th June, 2023.

With collection range of 1-2 tonnes in each drive, we have collected approximately 150 tonnes of waste during these drives with the support of our esteemed volunteers.

IEC Campaigns for changing Waste related Behaviour and Practices

In addition to clean-up drives, our team members have also continued to conduct door-to-door campaigns for increasing waste segregation at source. On daily basis, team has visited households, shops, hotels and other commercial establishments for sharing the right practices of waste disposal and segregation.

The most successful campaign was conducted in Manali (Population-12,000) where our team has achieved almost 100% waste segregation at source through waste segregation awareness activities (door to door) conducted in 7 wards of Manali.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS



Bollywood Actress Ms Bhumi Pednekar has joined our team as Goodwill Ambassador



Solid waste management project was initiated first time in Haryana State (13 villages).

Continuing our earlier interventions of clean-up drives, we now have conducted the series of workshops of Solid waste management and menstrual hygiene in Rural Haryana. We have also setup door-to-door waste collection system with new pickup vehicles

CURRENT CSR ASSOCIATION

Thankful to our CSR partners for believing in our cause and efforts!



MEDIA FEATURES



A talk on Cleanliness and Environmental Protection at Doordarshan Channel

Guest Speaker for a discussion on 'Sustainability Trailblazers: Enabling a Greener tomorrow'



Invitation to be Guest in the Republic Day Parade

