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Samerth Charitable Trust
A Quest Towards Collective Action for Freedom & Development

33 Years at the Edge of Possibility.

Over the past year, Samerth held its course with steady resolve — deepening its reach, sharpening its skills, and weaving a gender lens into every initiative. By engaging closely with gram panchayats, government departments, and district administrations across Gujarat and Chhattisgarh, the organisation moved from presence to partnership.

In Kutch, where Samerth has long stood its ground, the focus on water, livelihoods, and the most vulnerable communities has grown into something more ambitious — a regional, integrated programme in the Vagad region that is stitching together safe drinking water, livelihood opportunities, and community ownership. Many villages here are now moving towards becoming water-secure, their ancient water bodies coaxed back to life, flowing year-round through a landscape that was once defined by its thirst.

In Ahmedabad, the city opened new questions — and Samerth leaned in. Spoke centres for People with Disabilities (PwDs) and early childhood care initiatives, built in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development, are bringing structure and warmth to children who needed both. Parents have become partners, and child development has quietly become a shared responsibility between families, communities, and institutions.

In Chhattisgarh, a surge of capacity-building — for the team and the programmes alike — has produced growing expertise in gender, youth engagement, and governance. In Kabirdham, millet seed banks, indigenous nurseries, and self-help groups have taken root among Baiga PVTG communities, drawing the attention and admiration of the Hon'ble Governor and Deputy Chief Minister on their visit to the project area. Over a thousand community members came together at the Anjor Festival 2025, organised by the Central Highlands Restoration Project — a joyful reminder that transformation, when truly people-led, has a sound to it.

The year also carried Samerth beyond its borders. Participation in the Agroecology Fund — Asia Learning Exchange in Bagor, Indonesia, brought new perspectives and networks from across 20 countries, enriching the work back home.

Finance and governance teams continued their regular visits to field offices across both states, strengthening accountability and programme effectiveness from the inside out.



Recognition came in multiple forms. Samerth was once again awarded the prestigious Gold Certification by GIVE. Colleague Ms. Afroz Baig received the Mahatma Award 2025 for Social Impact and Transformative Leadership.

Samerth contributed to a white paper on disability-inclusive education in urban contexts, co-authored with Anant National University and Prabhat Education Trust.

Thirty-five smart LED panels were installed in government schools, and 139 kW of on-grid solar panels furthered the organisation's commitment to sustainable natural resource management in Chhattisgarh.

At the Society for Welfare of the Mentally Retarded (SWMR) cultural programme in Ahmedabad, thirteen children from Samerth took the stage alongside participants from thirty other organisations — and the room was warmer for it.

In Kasindra village, Ahmedabad a handover event marked the close of seven years of education and community development work with PPG-Asian Paints, a moment that stood as a quiet testament to what sustainable development looks like when it is truly led by the people themselves.

To every trustee, partner, and community that made this year possible — this is your story. Samerth is honoured to tell it.

- Gazala Paul
Founder / Managing Trustee / Executive Director

ABOUT SAMERTH

Samerth Charitable Trust, registered in 1992, is committed to empowering vulnerable communities through natural resource management, sustainable livelihoods and educational opportunities. We prioritized swift action, innovation, and the fusion of traditional wisdom with scientific acumen, particularly in emergencies and their aftermath.



Over the past three decades, Team Samerth has worked with marginalised communities to restore both social and economic dignity. Partnerships with government programmes have expanded its reach and impact, while support from institutions, corporates and thousands of individual donors has helped the Trust deliver change at the grassroots.

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Our Vision

To build a humane, sustainable & equitable society.

Our Mission

To work towards strengthening capacities of vulnerable communities & groups to get their entitlement in every aspect of human existence.

To work with the government to include provisions for excluded and marginalized groups by creating alternative models.

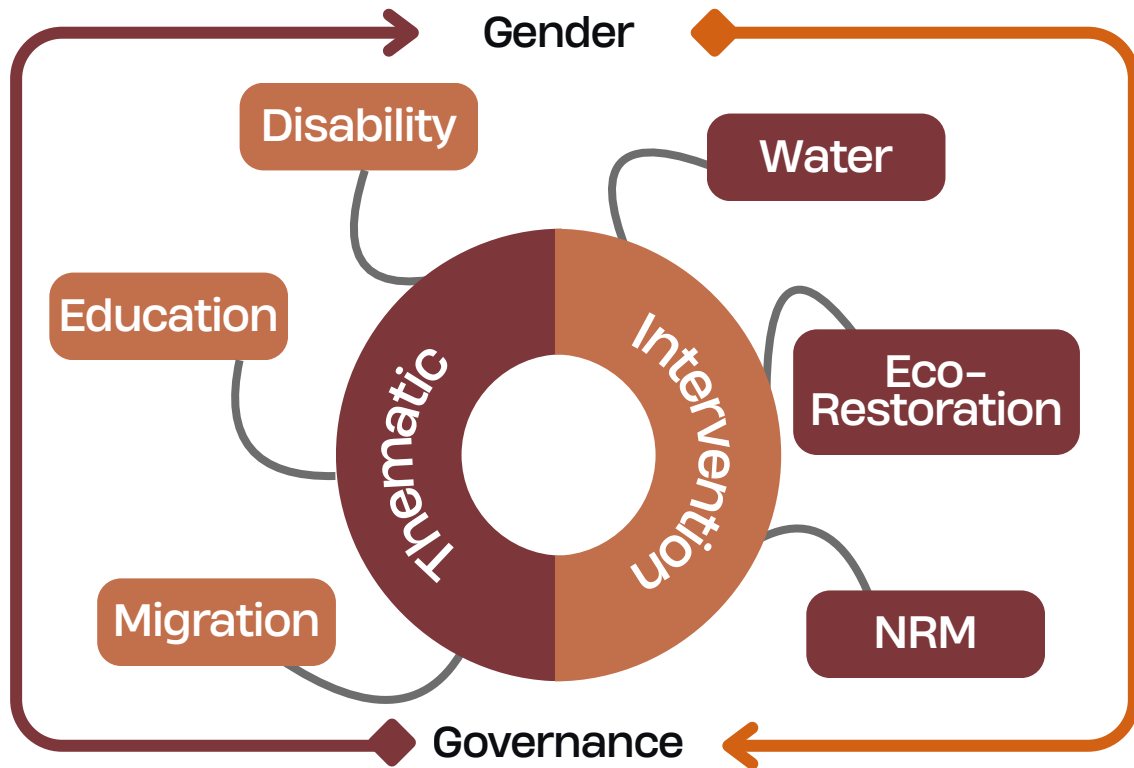
To engage and advocate towards gender balanced development through collective, participatory, and empowering actions.

Our Values

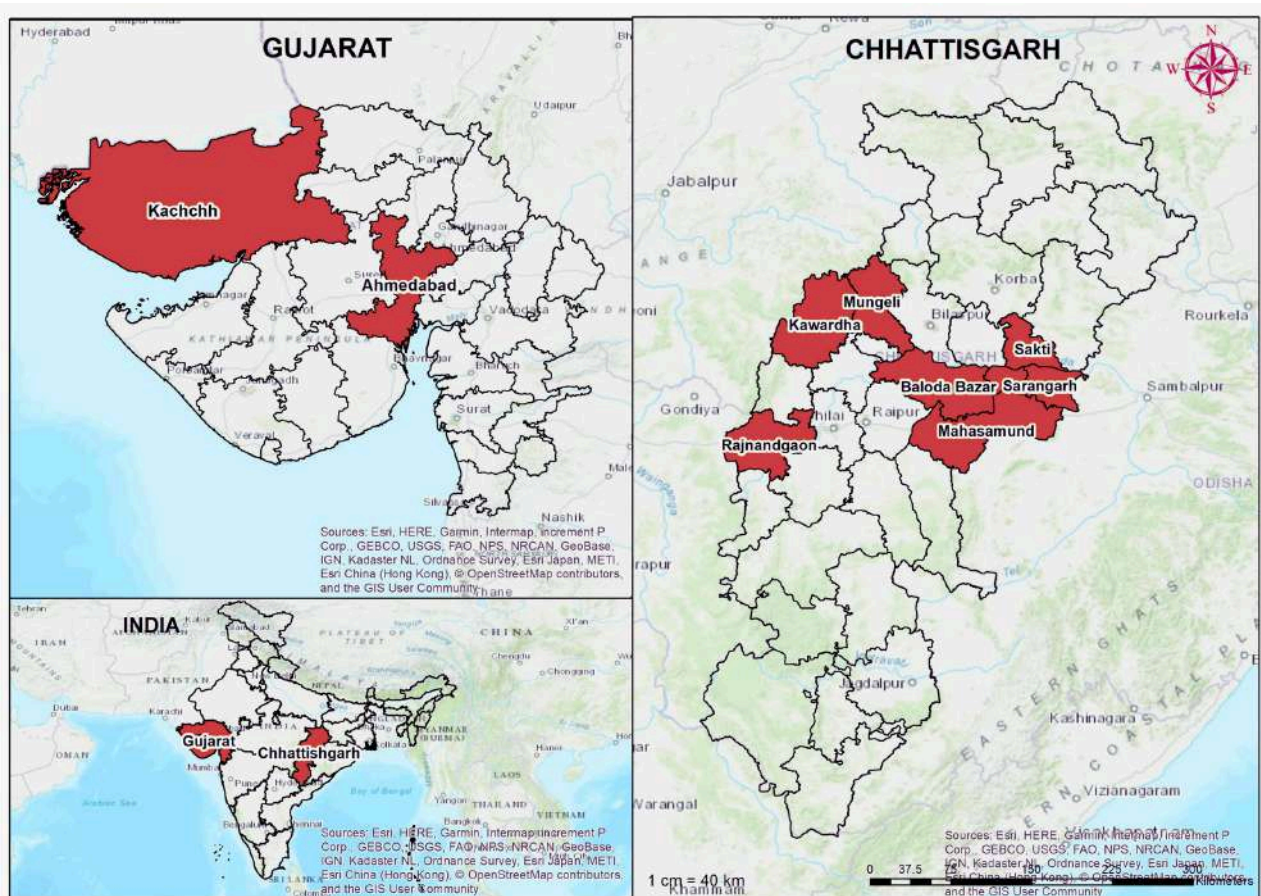
We believe in urgent action, innovation, using traditional knowledge with scientific temperament.



Thematic Intervention:



Geographical Intervention:



Program at a Glance:

Water, Natural Resource Management & Eco- Restoration

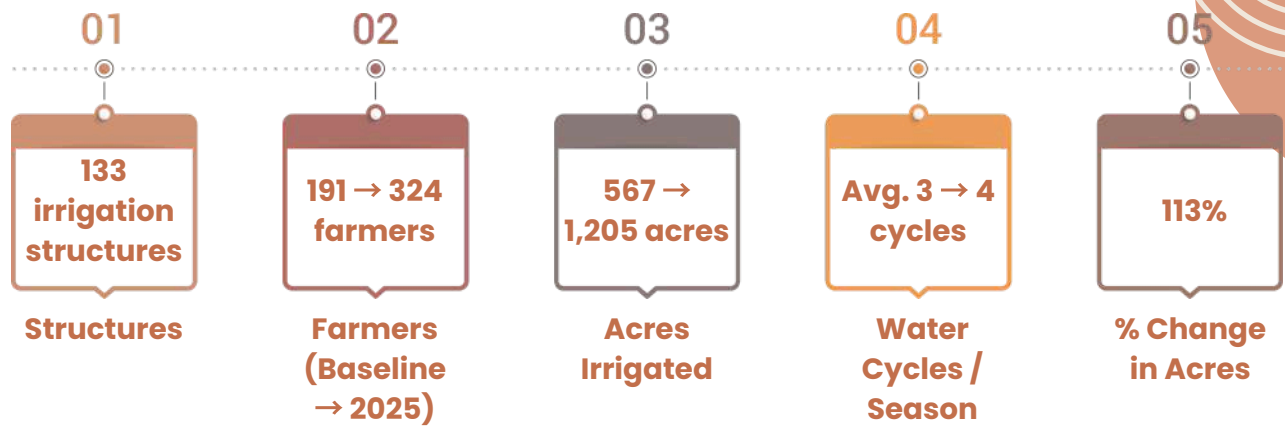
Kutch:

Samerth strengthened water security and climate-resilient livelihoods in the remote villages of Kutch by revitalizing traditional water conservation structures, including wells, ponds, waste weirs, and water storage tanks. These interventions enhanced year-round access to safe drinking water for rural households, reducing the time and effort spent—particularly by women and girls—in collecting water. The restoration and creation of water harvesting structures significantly improved local water availability for both domestic use and livestock, reinforcing the region's pastoral economy. By conserving rainwater and increasing storage capacity, the initiative also enhanced community resilience to recurring droughts and climate variability, while promoting sustainable management of natural resources and improving the overall quality of life in vulnerable communities.

Ensuring Drinking Water Security	Structures	Families Benefited	Cattle Benefited	Water Access
Well renovation, Pond de-siltation, Tank construction/renovation	19 structures	947 families	24,856 cattle	+32,750 cum (3.27 cr. litres)

Leveraging government convergence, mobilised more than ₹60 lakh through MGNREGA, the Irrigation Department and Panchayats, including ₹54.23 lakh for water conservation works and ₹6.77 lakh in drip irrigation subsidies, scaling up and sustaining impact across Kutch.





To boost water safety, 79 sources were tested in NABL-accredited labs, sparking community awareness on water quality, safe storage and boiling. Villagers were trained to use Field Testing Kits and TDS meters, while hygiene and safe water messages were painted across 13 hamlets.

Capacity building was central: 341 farmers, livestock keepers and staff joined 12 trainings and exposure visits. Samerth's Gagodar Campus evolved into a live lab for greywater reuse, rooftop rainwater harvesting, vermicomposting and sustainable agriculture.



Livelihoods, Food Security and Social Protection

Our Interventions. Our Impact.

	INTERVENTION	REACH	KEY OUTCOME
01	 Multicropping (Bajra + Moong + Til)	 150 farmers / 227 acres	 Zero total crop failures; avg. 287 kg/acre despite severe monsoon variability
02	 Kitchen Gardens	 245 families / women	 Saving ₹3,000–4,000/month; grey-water reuse; chemical-free produce
03	 Horticulture (Apple Bor) + Vegetable Farming	 36 farmers (20 horti + 16 veg)	 ₹6,76,742 Govt. drip subsidy leveraged; water-efficient models established in Rapar
04	 Pastureland Development	 401 families / 6,568 cattle	 19,659 kg fodder grown; reduced migration pressure; steady milk production
05	 Livestock Vaccination & Breed Improvement	 25 camps; 1,003 animals; 107 herders trained	 Disease prevention; emergency sheep pox response (5,000 cattle); improved milk productivity
06	 Goat Rearing (Vulnerable Families)	 5 families; 30 goats	 All 30 goats insured; potential ₹50,000/family/yr income from breeding cycle

991
people
Aadhaar Cards

695
people
Voter ID Cards

1133
people
Bank Accounts



Samerth strengthened household resilience through an integrated program improving food and nutrition security, sustainable livelihoods, and access to social protection. Women-led kitchen gardens, climate-resilient horticulture and water-efficient irrigation (including greywater reuse) boosted diverse chemical-free production, reduced market dependence, and increased incomes. The program also expanded social protection access, livestock support (pasture, fodder, animal health, training), and linkages to government schemes, enhancing economic security and overall well-being.

During 2025-26, the Boys' Hostel in Gagodar supported 40 children through structured, activity-based learning. A grade-wise activity room and educational videos in Mathematics, English, and Science made learning engaging and easier to understand. The children participated enthusiastically, building confidence, curiosity, and joy in learning.

30
women
Widow Pension

60
persons
Old Age Pension

276
Ration Cards

152
Ayushman
Health Cards

87
Birth Certificates



Latitude: 23.408352
Longitude: 70.81654
Elevation: 68.77±1.5 m
Accuracy: 1.4 m

From Virda to Village Tap: Bringing Water Closer to Home

For the women of Raymal Vandh in Kutch, fetching water was once a daily struggle. After the Narmada pipeline to the hamlet became non-functional, nearly 60 households depended on a seasonal stream, where women and young girls dug virda (small pits in the sand) to collect groundwater before carrying heavy pots back home. Each trip took nearly two hours, affecting children's education and women's productive time. During field visits, the Samerth team identified that the issue was not the lack of a water source but the absence of a functional connection. In collaboration with the Kanmer Gram Panchayat, the team facilitated the installation of a 500-metre pipeline connecting the Panchayat's Narmada storage tank to the hamlet and established a public tap stand. Today, safe drinking water is available within the village, significantly reducing the time and effort spent on water collection. The intervention has improved the quality of life for women and girls while ensuring reliable access to safe drinking water for the entire community.



Transforming Jamu Ben's Life Through Access to Social Protection

Jamu Ben, a 37-year-old resident of Varudi Vandh in Bela village, belongs to a marginal farming family, her family consist of six members that depends on rainfed agriculture for its livelihood. While the family possessed basic identity documents, they were unaware of the processes required to access several government welfare schemes and lacked essential documents such as a bank account in Jamu Ben's name. In addition, three eligible family members were not included in the ration card, and the family had not applied for housing assistance under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G). During a field visit, the Samerth team identified these gaps and provided end-to-end support by opening a bank account, facilitating the correction of the ration card, and submitting the PMAY-G application. These interventions improved the family's access to food security, financial inclusion, and government housing support. Jamu Ben's story demonstrates how timely guidance, awareness, and handholding can enable vulnerable families to access multiple government entitlements, strengthening their social and economic security.



Chhattisgarh: Restoring Landscapes, Strengthening Livelihoods.

In Chhattisgarh, Samerth is implementing an integrated Water, Livelihoods, and Natural Resource Management programme to strengthen water security, restore degraded ecosystems, and improve the livelihoods of rural and tribal communities. Adopting a landscape-based approach, the programme combines watershed development, sustainable agriculture, natural resource conservation, and community institution strengthening to address the interconnected challenges of water scarcity, land degradation, and livelihood vulnerability.

388 Villages Reached	6,328+ Households Covered (NRM/Water)	7,370+ ha Total Land Treated
6,408 ha Irrigated Area Created	80+ Water Structures Built	₹10.26 Cr+ MGNREGA Convergence
12,790+ Saplings Planted	482 ha ANR Forest Protected	1,09,369 Person-Days Employment

The programme promotes community-led planning and implementation while leveraging convergence with government schemes to enhance the scale and sustainability of interventions. By improving water availability, restoring natural resources, and expanding irrigation, the initiative has created opportunities for increased agricultural productivity, diversified livelihoods, and greater resilience to climate variability. Alongside physical interventions, the programme places strong emphasis on scientific watershed planning, soil health management, and strengthening local governance institutions through capacity building and technical support. This integrated approach is enabling communities to sustainably manage their natural resources while laying the foundation for long-term ecological restoration and inclusive rural development.



Natural Resource Managment .

Samerth strengthened climate-resilient agriculture through scientific resource planning, soil health management, and the promotion of sustainable farming practices. The programme supported the preparation of GIS-based resource plans to guide integrated watershed and natural resource management interventions while strengthening transparent monitoring systems through digital tools.

30 GIS-based DPRs prepared across **139** Gram Panchayats; **9,092** hectares planned

1,113 NRM works received Administrative Sanction.

264 soil samples collected; soil health cards distributed to promote scientific farming.



Indigenous paddy: **17** farmers,
6 varieties,
7,649 kg produced
across **8.5** acres.

Millet cultivation: **186** farmers, **152** ha,
23,612 kg produced;
2,096 kg conserved
through seed bank.

Lac cultivation
scaled from **8 → 62**
farmers across **10**
villages; **₹6.69** lakh
income generated.

Farmers were encouraged to adopt climate-resilient agricultural practices, including indigenous paddy cultivation, millet production, and diversified livelihood options such as lac cultivation. Capacity building, technical guidance, and improved access to quality seeds and farming practices enabled communities to enhance agricultural productivity, conserve biodiversity, and diversify household incomes while promoting sustainable management of natural resources.



How Sabita Turned 2.5 Acres into a Year-Round Livelihood

SEMRAHA, Kabirdham — Two and a half acres of rainfed land that once barely kept a family afloat have become a year-round livelihood for one woman who refused to accept seasonal poverty.

Until 2023, Sabita's tiny holding in Semraha produced a single crop each year. Erratic rains and lack of irrigation kept her household's net income near ₹75,000 annually, leaving little buffer against bad seasons or market shocks. "There was always uncertainty," neighbours say of those years when the fields lay fallow more than they fed the family.

The turning point came when Sabita enrolled in Samerth Charitable Trust's HIMWSP 2.0 programme. Through a package of technical support, funding and coordination with government schemes — notably MGNREGA, the state Horticulture and Fisheries departments and CREDA — Sabita reimaged her farm as an integrated system rather than a single-crop plot.

Work began with water. A farm pond was excavated to capture monsoon runoff and to support fish culture. A solar-powered irrigation pump followed, freeing the fields from sole dependence on rainfall and extending the growing season. With reliable water in place, Sabita introduced a horticulture block and diversified her cropping pattern to include paddy, chickpea, pigeon pea and vegetables. She also added livestock — goats, poultry and ducks — creating mutually reinforcing income and food sources.



The economic impact has been dramatic. Sabita's household net income jumped from roughly ₹75,000 to more than ₹2.02 lakh a year — a rise of about 169%. Beyond the numbers, the changes have delivered tangible resilience: steady water supply, multiple incomes spread across the year and reduced exposure to climate and market risks.

From Backyard Birds to Business – Women Lead a Poultry Revolution

KHURSIPAR — For years, poultry in this village of Chhattisgarh meant a handful of scrawny birds scratching in backyards. Women fed them, cleaned after them and sold an occasional hen when cash was needed. Few, including the women themselves, saw it as anything more than routine household work.

That perception began to shift when ten women from the Jai Maa Surabhi Self-Help Group decided to treat poultry as an enterprise, not a sideline. Backed by Samerth Charitable Trust and The Holistic Rural Development Programme (HRDP) supported by HDFC Bank, the group received 1,000 Sonali chicks, a pucca shed, basic equipment and hands-on training in scientific poultry management — from balanced feed and vaccination schedules to disease control and record-keeping.

Over the next two months, the backyard activity turned into a carefully managed operation. The women monitored feed intake, maintained hygiene in the shed and tracked the birds' growth with a precision more commonly associated with commercial farms than with village households.

In just 68 days, Jai Maa Surabhi was ready for market. The group sold 800 birds, earning ₹1.36 lakh in revenue and an estimated net profit of about ₹1.06 lakh. For many members, it was the first time they had seen such income generated directly from a business they owned and controlled.

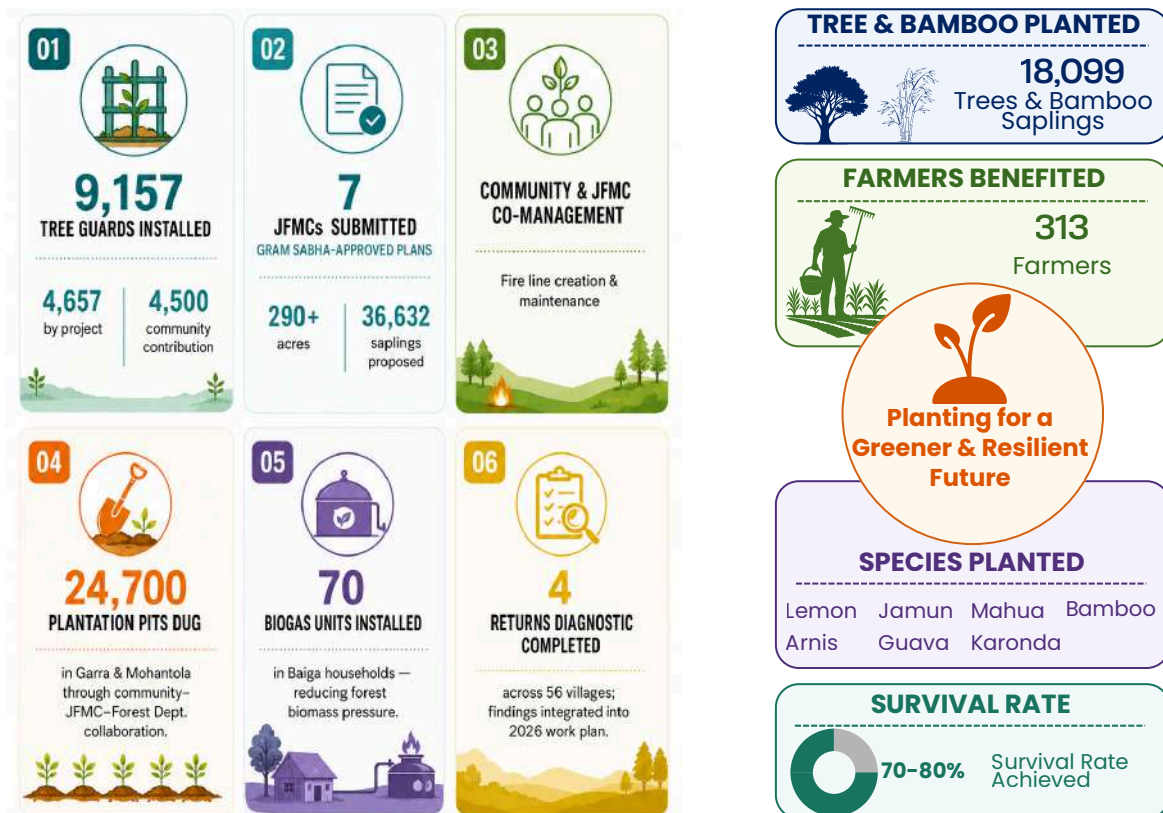
The effects rippled quickly through their lives. Group members began taking a stronger role in household financial decisions. Their confidence at the local market grew as they negotiated prices and dealt with traders as equal counterparts. Women from neighbouring hamlets started visiting the shed, asking how they, too, could start similar ventures.

What began as “backyard birds” has become something larger: a model of how rural women can convert traditional skills into a modern, scientific and sustainable livelihood. The story of Jai Maa Surabhi shows that with organised support, training and infrastructure, poultry can create local jobs, steady income and a pathway to genuine economic independence for women in villages like Khursipar



Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture and Community-Led Resource Planning

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Reviving Traditional Lac Cultivation for Sustainable Tribal Livelihoods

Kotnapani, a remote Gond tribal village in Kabirdham district, demonstrates how community-led forest conservation can restore both livelihoods and ecological resilience. Nearly two decades ago, the villagers collectively resolved to protect their forests by restricting tree felling and promoting sustainable management of valuable non-timber forest produce (NTFP) species such as Mahua, Chironji, Tendu, and Kusum. Building on this strong conservation ethic, Samerth Charitable Trust supported the community in reviving the traditional practice of lac cultivation by providing quality lac seed, technical guidance, and hands-on training. Villagers identified healthy Kusum trees, prepared them for inoculation, and successfully completed their first lac cultivation cycle, generating encouraging returns. Motivated by the positive results, the community expanded lac cultivation to additional trees, creating a sustainable source of income, particularly for land-poor households. The initiative has not only strengthened livelihoods but has also reinforced community stewardship of forests, revived indigenous knowledge systems, and demonstrated how sustainable use of natural resources can generate climate-resilient and environmentally responsible livelihood opportunities.



Samerth's Gender & Governance Initiative:

Samerth strengthened inclusive and participatory local governance by empowering tribal communities, particularly the Baiga community, to actively engage in Gram Sabha processes and village development planning. Through continuous capacity building and community mobilisation, the programme enhanced the leadership of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members and promoted greater representation of marginalized communities in local governance. Focused interventions encouraged women to participate more confidently in Gram Sabhas and community decision-making, fostering gender-responsive governance. The programme also strengthened women-led institutions by promoting Self-Help Groups (SHGs), developing women leaders as community resource persons, and facilitating sustainable livelihood opportunities. These collective efforts have enhanced community ownership, strengthened local institutions, and created a more inclusive and accountable governance ecosystem.



Education, Disability & Migration: Ahmedabad:

Samerth's Urban Programme in Ahmedabad is dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable, marginalized, and migrant communities through integrated interventions that promote quality education, inclusion, and community development. The programme adopts a holistic approach by strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), enhancing digital literacy, promoting creative and child-centred pedagogy, and supporting children with special needs through inclusive education and rehabilitation services. Alongside improving learning outcomes, the programme empowers teachers, Anganwadi Workers, women, adolescents, and community institutions to create an enabling environment for children's holistic development. By fostering partnerships with government departments, local communities, and schools, the initiative has strengthened educational systems, promoted social inclusion, improved access to entitlements, and empowered communities to actively participate in their own development.

Early Childhood Education

1,741 children benefited from quality ECCE services.

4 Balwadi Centres and 30 Anganwadi Centres strengthened.

37 children successfully transitioned from Balwadi to Balvatika.



Creative Pedagogy & Community Learning

3,396 government school students reached through creative pedagogy

256 children participated through Community Learning Centres

1,155 Anganwadi children engaged in activity-based learning

Digital Literacy

458 students from Grades 4–12 developed digital literacy skills

6 Digital Libraries established to promote technology-enabled learning.

Children with Special Needs (Samerth Talim Kendra)



Three dedicated programmes—Day Care Centre, Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR), and Anganwadi interventions—supported 220 Children (87 girls and 133 boys) with special needs. Children improved communication, mobility, self-care, learning, and social interaction through therapies and vocational training, enabling them to live with dignity and respect.

Families experienced reduced stigma and improved access to entitlements, while community-based support systems strengthened inclusion and acceptance. The programme enhanced quality of life for children and their families, positioning children with disabilities as equal participants in education and society.



CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (SAMERTH TALIM KENDRA)

220

CHILDREN SUPPORTED

87

GIRLS

133

BOYS

From Chalkboard to Creativity: Village Teacher Reimagines Her Classroom.

After 27 years of lecture-style teaching, primary school teacher Kusum Natwarlal Parmar noticed many pupils—especially slower learners—were disengaged and attendance was falling. After joining Samerth Charitable Trust's Creative Pedagogy and TLMs training, she adopted activity-based, child-centred methods using charts, games and low-cost materials tailored to different learning levels.

The change was swift: classrooms became collaborative, quiet students grew confident, attendance and curiosity rose, and parents noticed their children excited about school. Kusum now teaches as a facilitator, using colorful, locally sourced aids and mixed-level pacing. Her approach shows that practical teacher training and simple tools can make classrooms more inclusive and dramatically improve engagement and learning.

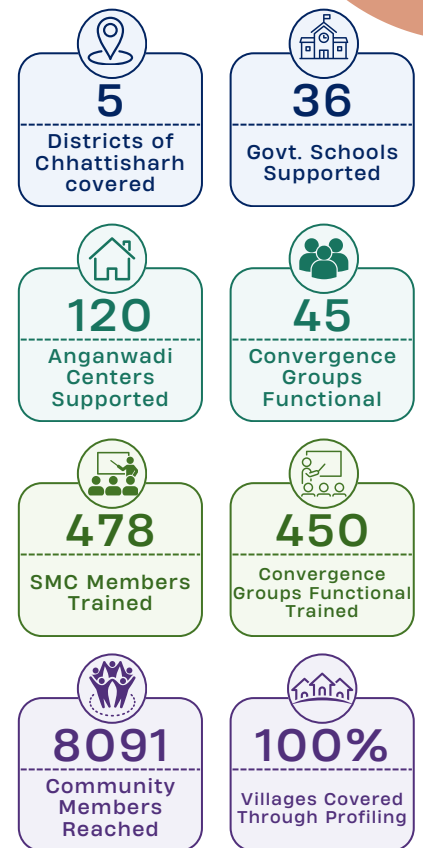
From Barriers to Belonging: Dost Mohammad and Inshiya's Journey to Inclusive Education

In Fatehwadi-Juhapura, Ahmedabad, siblings Dost Mohammad Asifbhai Asaria (13) and Inshiya Asifbhai Asaria (11), both living with intellectual disabilities, struggled to adapt to mainstream schools, which limited their access to quality education and social inclusion. With support from Samerth Training Centre, they received two years of individualized education, life skills, communication, and social development training. Through structured activities and continuous guidance, the siblings built confidence, independence, and the practical skills needed to participate in a regular school environment.

Their efforts culminated in successful enrollment at New Navrang School for the 2026–27 academic year—Dost Mohammad in Grade 8 and Inshiya in Grade 6. They now attend school regularly, take part confidently in classroom and co-curricular activities, and continue to receive follow-up support from Samerth. Their journey highlights that with appropriate guidance, family involvement, and inclusive opportunities, children with disabilities can transition into mainstream education and reach their full potential.

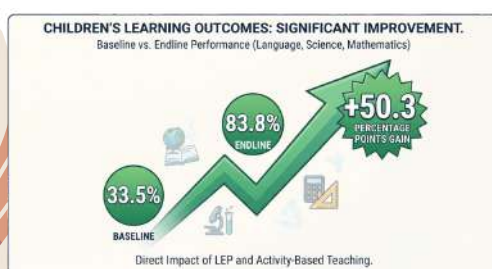
Chhattisgarh:

Samerth is committed to ensuring that children from migrant, tribal, and other vulnerable communities have equitable access to quality Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and foundational learning opportunities. Working closely with government schools, Anganwadi Centres, School Management Committees (SMCs), Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), convergence groups, and parents, the programme has built a collaborative ecosystem that supports children's holistic development and continuity of education. In the tribal and PVTG communities of Kabirdham district, the initiative focuses on improving school readiness, promoting responsive caregiving and active community participation, strengthening the capacities of frontline workers and project staff, and reinforcing convergence with the Government's ICDS and ECCE systems. Through this integrated approach, the programme is creating an enabling environment where every child can access quality early learning, nurturing care, and a strong foundation for lifelong education.



School Education

Learning Enrichment Program demonstrated strong community integration and ownership across the designated districts of Chhattisgarh. Baseline and end line assessment results demonstrates a significant improvement in children's learning outcomes across all three core subjects—Language, Science, and Mathematics. The overall performance increased from 33.5% at baseline to 83.8% at end line, reflecting an overall gain of 50.3 percentage points. This substantial improvement indicates the positive impact of the Learning Enhancement Programme (LEP), regular classroom support, and activity-based teaching methodologies implemented under the project.



Early Childhood Education

Samerth continued to strengthen Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) in tribal and migration-prone communities of Chhattisgarh by creating nurturing, inclusive, and child-friendly learning environments through Anganwadi Centres. The programme focused on enhancing school readiness through play-based and activity-based learning, age-appropriate Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs), and regular developmental assessments. Capacity-building initiatives equipped Anganwadi Workers and project staff with improved ECCE practices, while continuous engagement with parents and caregivers reinforced the importance of responsive caregiving and early stimulation at home. The programme also integrated a gender-responsive approach, encouraging equal participation of girls and boys in learning and play, challenging gender stereotypes through classroom activities, and promoting shared caregiving responsibilities among mothers and fathers. Strong convergence with the Department of Women and Child Development, Chhattisgarh further strengthened the quality and sustainability of ECCE services, ensuring that young children receive an equitable foundation for lifelong learning and development.

11 Bal Mitra Centres	95 AWCs Supported	14 PM JANMAN AWCs
151 Children in BMCs	4840 Children in AWCs	95 Anganwadi teachers trained



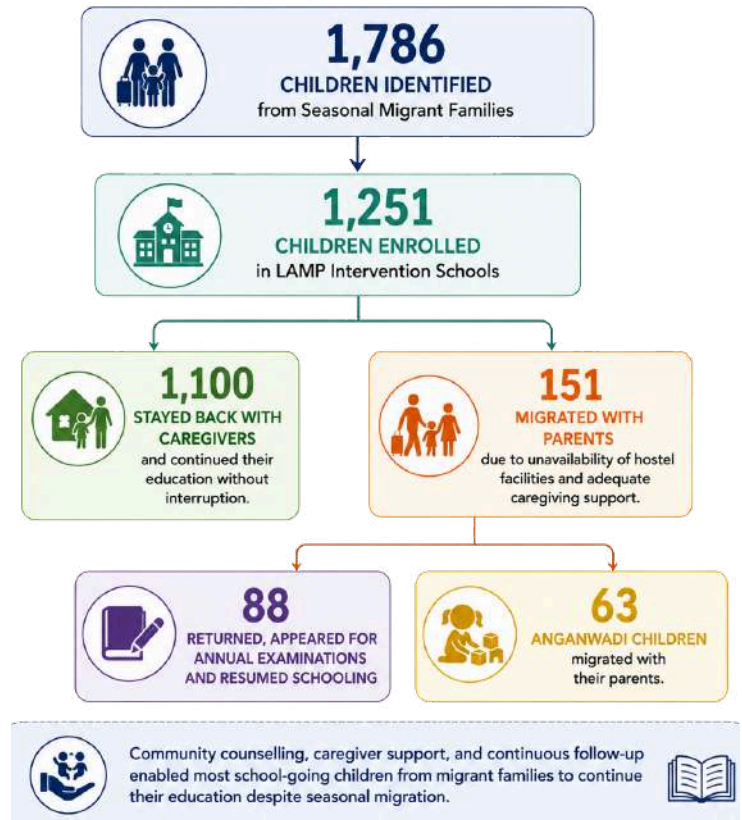
Migration Survey Findings.

During the reporting period, Samerth conducted a migration survey covering 4,992 migrant families across the intervention villages to understand the educational status of children affected by seasonal migration. Through continuous community awareness, home visits, and counselling, families increasingly recognized the importance of uninterrupted education. Although some children migrated with their families due to the absence of hostel facilities and adequate caregiving arrangements, sustained follow-up by the project team helped many of them return and resume their education.

These findings reflect the positive impact of Samerth's community-based efforts in reducing educational disruption among children from migrant families.

MIGRATION SURVEY FINDINGS

Ensuring Continuity of Education for Children from Migrant Families



From Migrant Family to Community Champion: An SMC Chairperson Leading Change



At Government School, Chandidih, Mr. Amarnath, an SMC member, has become a strong advocate for children's education in a migration-affected community. When his entire family migrated for work, their children's education was at risk. With support from Samerth's counselling and the Learning

And Migration Programme, the family created an alternative caregiving system, with grandparents taking responsibility for the children's care and schooling.

Name of the Public Trust : Samerth Charitable Trust

Trust No. E-9150 Date of Registration : 30th September 1992

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Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2026

Bank Account No. of Trust for transaction of Foreign Contribution: 40096325429 - State Bank of India

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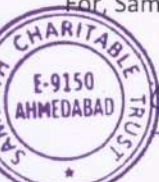
PARTICULARS	ANNEXURE	Foreign	Indian	31.03.2026	31.03.2025
FUNDS & LIABILITIES					
ASSET FUNDS	A	7,33,22,418	12,40,526	7,45,62,943	7,27,50,997
CORPUS FUNDS	B	20,14,67,900	0	20,14,67,900	18,37,57,446
GENERAL RESERVE & EARMARKED FUND	D	2,34,44,003	2,04,61,395	4,39,05,398	3,30,88,004
UNUTILIZED GRANT	H1	5,31,37,887	1,97,83,808	7,29,21,695	6,25,14,098
TOTAL		35,13,72,208	4,14,85,729	39,28,57,936	35,21,10,545
ASSETS & PROPERTIES					
NET BLOCK OF FIXED ASSETS	C	7,33,22,418	12,40,526	7,45,62,944	7,27,50,997
GRANT RECEIVABLE	H2	0	7,79,137	7,79,137	0
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES	F	5,51,67,263	2,15,39,895	7,67,07,157	6,82,14,564
INVESTMENT	G	22,28,82,527	1,79,26,171	24,08,08,698	21,11,44,984
TOTAL		35,13,72,208	4,14,85,729	39,28,57,936	35,21,10,545

Accounting Policies & Notes forming part of accounts

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As per our Report of even date

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INCOME					
GRANTS & DONATIONS (REVENUE)	H	6,76,38,779	9,19,18,877	15,95,57,656	9,93,29,596
GRANTS & DONATIONS (CORPUS)	H	2,04,40,349	0	2,04,40,349	0
INTEREST INCOME	I	1,20,70,907	19,42,454	1,40,13,360	1,72,05,902
PROFIT ON SALE OF ASSET	O	0	0	0	9,250
TOTAL		10,01,50,034	9,38,61,330	19,40,11,365	11,65,44,748
EXPENDITURE					
EXPENDITURE ON OBJECTS OF THE TRUST	J	6,00,32,694	8,42,94,038	14,43,26,732	8,87,87,761
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	K	86,69,830	50,31,238	1,37,01,068	1,28,99,479
REMUNERATION TO TRUSTEE	L	20,02,536	6,37,464	26,40,000	24,00,000
AUDIT FEES	M	6,28,862	5,35,616	11,64,478	10,78,722
CHARITY COMMISSIONER CONTRIBUTION	N	0	0	0	0
DEPRECIATION	C	15,89,433	2,49,856	18,39,289	12,86,222
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	E	2,72,26,679	31,13,118	3,03,39,797	1,00,92,564
TOTAL		10,01,50,034	9,38,61,330	19,40,11,365	11,65,44,748

Accounting Policies & Notes forming part of accounts

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As per our Report of even date

For, Samerth Charitable Trust

Ms. Gazala Paul
Managing TrusteeFor, A S Shaikh & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. 139775WAslam Shaikh
Proprietor
Membership No.162345
UDIN: 26162345TMKSL7085For, H. Rustom & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. 108908WHRD DALAL
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Credibility Alliance Compliance

Accountability & Transparency

List of Board of Trustee :

Sr. No.	Name	Age	Gender	Position	Occupation	Remuneration/ Reimbursement
1	Ms. Gazala Paul	61	Female	Managing Trustee	Managing Trustee, Samerth Charitable Trust	Rs.26,40,000/-
2	Dr. Yogendrasinh Jadeja	57	Male	Trustee	Director of Arid Communities and Technologies	ZERO
3	Ms. Chinmayi Desai	55	Female	Trustee	Programme Manager at SAATH Charitable Trust	ZERO
4	Dr. Sara Ahmed	63	Female	Trustee	Centre for Heritage Management, Ahmedabad University Adjunct Professor & Founder of Living Water Museum	ZERO
5	Mr. Gaurang Raval	43	Male	Trustee	Sauhard, Founder Trustee/Theatre Person	ZERO
6	Ms. Nafeeza Pavri	46	Female	Trustee	Independent Consultant, specialising in resource mobilisation, communication and non-profit strategy and management.	ZERO



OUR BANKERS

- Axis Bank Ltd., Vejalpur Branch, Ahmedabad.
- Bank of India, Panchavati Branch, Ahmedabad.
- State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch, New Delhi.
- State Bank of India, Vasna Branch, Ahmedabad.
- State Bank of India, Kargi Road, Kota, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- IndusInd Bank, Shyamal Branch, Ahmedabad.
- HDFC Bank, Anand Nagar Branch, Ahmedabad.
- YES Bank, Shivranjani Branch, Ahmedabad.

Salary (Highest and Lowest)

Highest Paid Staff Rs. 26,40,000/- per annum (Ms. Gazala Paul Managing Trustee)
& Lowest – Rs. 1,20,000/- per annum

Statutory Auditors:

M/s H Rustom & Co.

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Human Resources

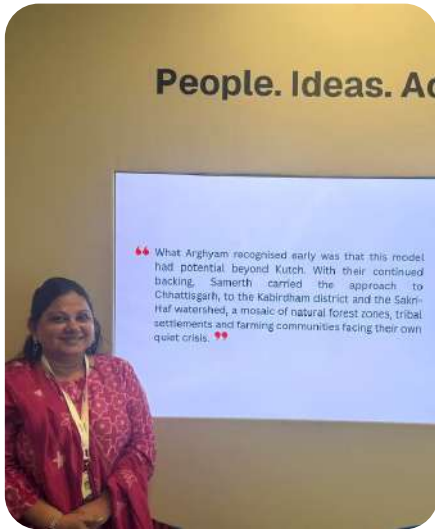
Team Strength:

Payments Slabs	Salary Slabs	Male	Female	Total
	Below 5000	0	0	0
	5001 – 10000	9	19	28
	10001 – 25000	66	31	97
	25001 – 50000	12	4	16
	50000 above	12	5	17
Total		99	59	158

Diversity Profile:

Team Diversity	Range	Male	Female	Total
	General	15	5	20
	Minority	6	19	25
	SC/ST/OBC	76	35	111
	Physically Handicapped	2	0	2
Total		99	59	158

Awards & Recognition



Our Partners:

- Arid Communities and Technologies, Bhuj, Kutch, India.
- BSE Sammaan CSR Limited.
- Credibility Alliance, Delhi, India.
- Give2Asia USA.
- Give.do.
- Guide Star India, Mumbai, India GSN: 688.
- Help Your NGO.com India Private Limited.
- Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, GOI – IA Hub Code: A000259.
- MSME- UDYAM Registration – GJ-01-0177030.

Our Donors:

- American Friends Edelgive Foundation (Harit Bharat Fund), USA
- APIC Trustees of Krupa Limited.
- Asha For Education, USA.
- Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives.
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- Commonland, Netherland.
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- Qi To Happiness.
- Samerth-USA.
- Shree Raj Saubhag Satsang Mandal, Mumbai & Sayla, Gujarat, India.
- Siddhardt Trust c/o Verite Trust
- The American India Foundation, USA.
- The BAOBAB Foundation, USA
- The Ford Foundation, USA.
- The Greencliffe Foundation UK.
- The Mahavir Trust, UK.
- Wipro Foundation.
- Microsoft Corporation (India) Private Limited.
- Myriad, USA (Echidna giving), USA.
- Rise Against Hunger India.

Our CSR:

- Aagam Enterprise/Cygnnet Infotech Pvt. Ltd.
- Finolex Industries Ltd. (Mukul Madhav Foundation)
- HDFC Bank Limited.
- Johnson Screens (India) Pvt Ltd.
- LIC Housing Finance Ltd.
- PPG Asian Paints Pvt Ltd.
- Truetzaschler India Pvt. Ltd

Our Collaboration:

- Women and Child Development, Chhattisgarh.
- Department of Rural Development, Government of Chhattisgarh.
- State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chhattisgarh.

Our Individual Donors:

- Late Mr. Arunkant Maganlal Doshi and Late Ms. Priyavanda A. Doshi, Australia.
- Mr. Ajay Doshi & Ms. Jyoti Ajay Doshi.
- Ms. Nilpa Shah.
- Mr. Emmanuel D'Silva, Mumbai India/USA.
- Mr. Jaysukhlal Shantilal Mehta, UK.
- Mr. Narendra and Ms. Jyoti Popat, USA/Mumbai, India.
- Mr. Late Nemchand Shamji Shah, Kenya.
- Ms. Amrtha Kasturi Rangan.
- Param Pujya Bhai Shree Nalinbhai Kothari, Mumbai & Sayla, Gujarat, India.



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Come, work with us and be part of a journey shaped by diverse experiences, communities and possibilities.

Samerth is a growing organisation expanding its work across diverse regions and areas of development. This offers an enriching space to learn, contribute and engage with meaningful work. Our team includes professionals with expertise in working with persons with disabilities, early childhood development, child-friendly pedagogy, agriculture, hydrogeology, social sciences and education. By joining Samerth, you may have the opportunity to experience the distinctive landscapes and cultural heritage of Kutch—from the Great Rann and the White Desert to Dholavira, a 5,000-year-old civilisation—as well as the ecological richness of its forests.

Working with Samerth also means learning alongside and from communities such as the Baigas, Kolis, Parkara Kolis and Maldharis. These interactions offer an immersive, lived experience of community life, local knowledge and diverse cultural traditions. Whether you choose to volunteer, take up a professional role or support our work as a friend and ambassador, Samerth welcomes people who are eager to learn, collaborate and make a difference.

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