PROJECT HARIT HIMACHAL

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Dear Green Patrons,

It is with great pleasure and a sense of accomplishment that I present this foreword for the Plantation Update Report 2024 on our Apple plantations done from 2021 to 2024 in the picturesque state of Himachal Pradesh. As we delve into the details of our ongoing efforts and achievements, it is evident that our commitment to sustainable agriculture and responsible practices continues to bear fruit—quite literally. The journey from sapling to blossoming trees and, eventually, to the first harvest has been one filled with dedication, passion, and a profound respect for the environment. As we embrace the challenges associated with tree plantation in this region, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the principles of environmental stewardship and community engagement.

This report serves as a comprehensive update on the progress of our tree plantation, providing insights into key aspects such as trees survival rate and health, yield projections, and the various sustainable practices integrated into our farming methods. It is a testament to the commitment of our donors in uplifting the local communities who have contributed to the success of this venture.

It also highlights qualitative aspects, including the positive impact on local communities, income generation, and the enhancement of biodiversity in the region. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors who have been part of this journey.

As we navigate the future, our commitment to excellence, sustainability, and community development remains unwavering. We invite you to delve into the details presented in this report and join us in celebrating the achievements and progress of our plantations in Himachal Pradesh.

Sincerely,

Simar Mann
Associate Director
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INTRODUCTION

SankalpTaru proudly presents the Annual update report on “Project Harit Himachal.” Committed to the ethos of ecological preservation and community engagement along with supporting livelihood for farmers, this initiative is another step towards fostering a greener and more resilient future for the country.

SankalpTaru Foundation envisions Himachal Pradesh as a shining example of how environmental conservation, community engagement, and technological innovation can coalesce to create a model for responsible and harmonious coexistence with nature. Together, let us sow the seeds of a greener Himachal Pradesh for generations to come.

Through the support of our Green Patrons, Project Harit Himachal aims to focus on rural livelihood support. However, along with socio-economic benefits for our farmers in Himachal Pradesh, the project will help increase green cover, improve air quality, and strengthen the region’s resilience to climate change.
Through its crops of apples, Himachal has already demonstrated its potential for cultivation. SankalpTaru realised that this potential can be further tapped into.

The main hindrances are lack of high-quality saplings, difficult terrain that makes agricultural infrastructure and technology inaccessible, scattered land holdings, and lack of efficient transportation of produce for the rural farmers.

The SankalpTaru Foundation started Project Harit Himachal in 2019 by making accessible high-quality saplings of fruit bearing trees, like apples, to local farmers.
Farm of Layak Ram

Farm of Narayan Dutt

Farm of Pramila
THE STORY
SO FAR

From a small footfall to reaching the milestone of 2 lakh+ trees, the project is going strong, thanks to the continued support of our Green Patrons and the dedication of our farmer friends.

The farmer families across Himachal Pradesh have benefitted from the initiative. Your contributions helped plant more than 2 lakh+ fruit-bearing trees, primarily apple. SankalpTaru Foundation’s on-ground support system helped these farmers gain access to technical inputs and tips as well, leading to an estimated survival rate of more than 90%.
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Our farmer friend Laxma in Village Rail, Shimla District is happy to have received good and healthy saplings of apple trees. These young trees hold the promise of good quality fruits that can sustain the journey from farm to market and fetch a good price for his hard work.

Our farmer friend Layak Ram in Village Rail, Shimla District is happy to have received good and healthy saplings of apple trees. These young trees hold the promise of good quality fruits that can sustain the journey from farm to market and fetch a good price for his hard work.
Our farmer friend Narayan Dutt in Village Rail, Shimla District is happy to have received good and healthy saplings of apple trees. These young trees hold the promise of good quality fruits that can sustain the journey from farm to market and fetch a good price for his hard work.

Our farmer friend Pramila in Village Fagli, Shimla District is happy to have received good and healthy saplings of apple trees. These young trees hold the promise of good quality fruits that can sustain the journey from farm to market and fetch a good price for his hard work.
Hari Dutt

Our farmer friend Hari Dutt in Village Rail, Shimla District is happy to have received good and healthy saplings of apple trees. These young trees hold the promise of good quality fruits that can sustain the journey from farm to market and fetch a good price for his hard work.
**Impact**

- **221032 saplings**
  Total trees planted

- **28000+ tonnes**
  O2 to be produced

- **39000+ tonnes**
  CO2 to be sequestered

- **Approx 50 acres**
  Area greened

- **6500+ tons of fruit per season**
  Fruit production

- **INR 13CR+**
  Eco. value for farmers
To understand the problems and mitigate the causes of environmental struggles, it is essential that we keep the research going and dialogue active within the community.

SankalpTaru will continue to act as a bridge between our farmer-beneficiaries and our Green Patrons.

The immense *diligence, experience, and knowledge* of farmers deserves a scaffolding of the best starting material, like good quality saplings, and latest technical inputs.
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With your enduring support and trust, we are confident that this green journey is a path of lasting impact. Our Foundation is dedicated to advancing the project by expanding our reach to more beneficiaries and cultivating sustainable growth alongside them. By fostering livelihood opportunities and embracing a commitment to a greener future, we aim to thrive collectively. It brings us great joy to envision your contributions reducing the vulnerability to crop failures through the planting of fruit-bearing trees on these farmers' lands.

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