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PROJECT PACHADHANAM

Telangana

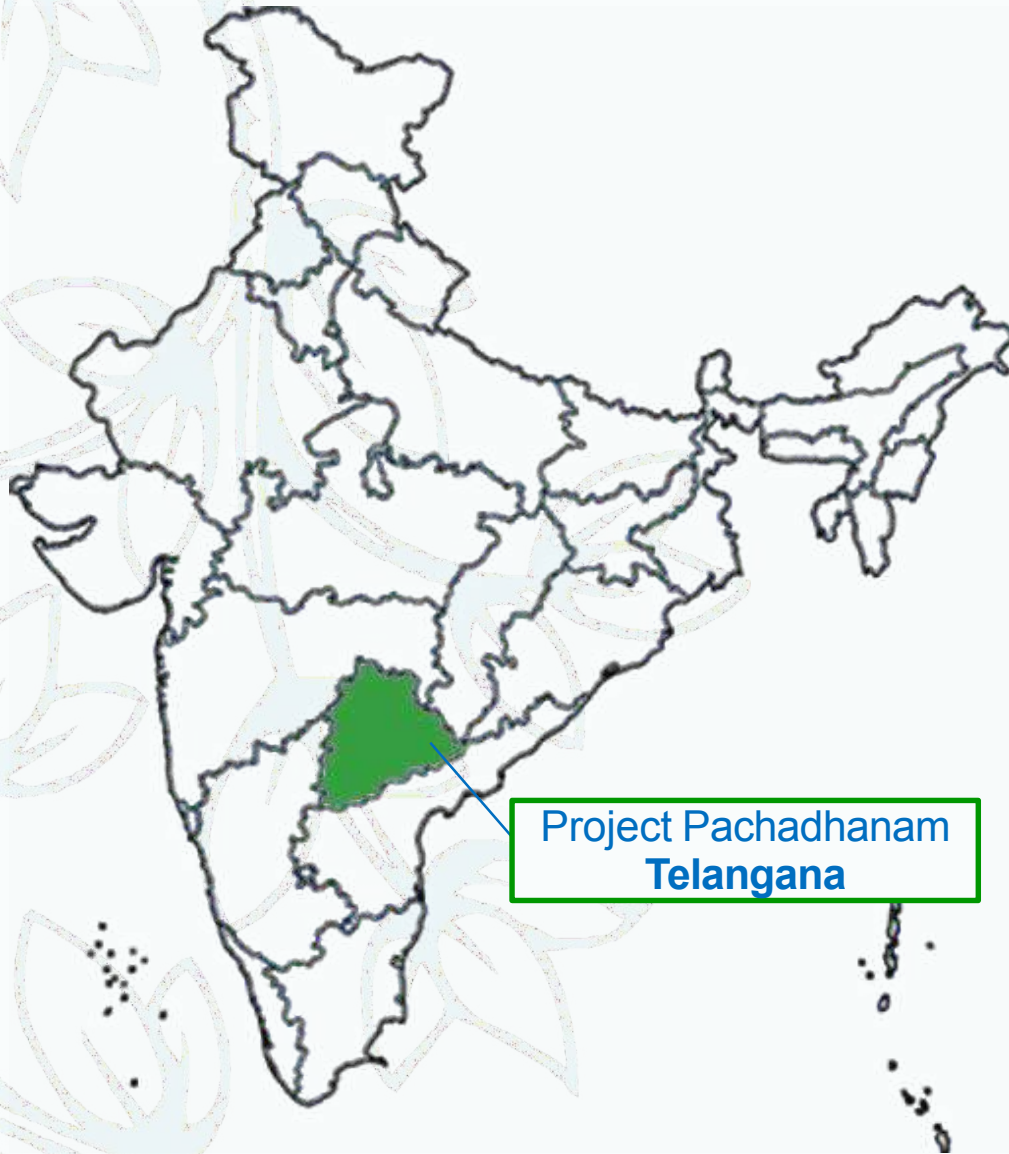


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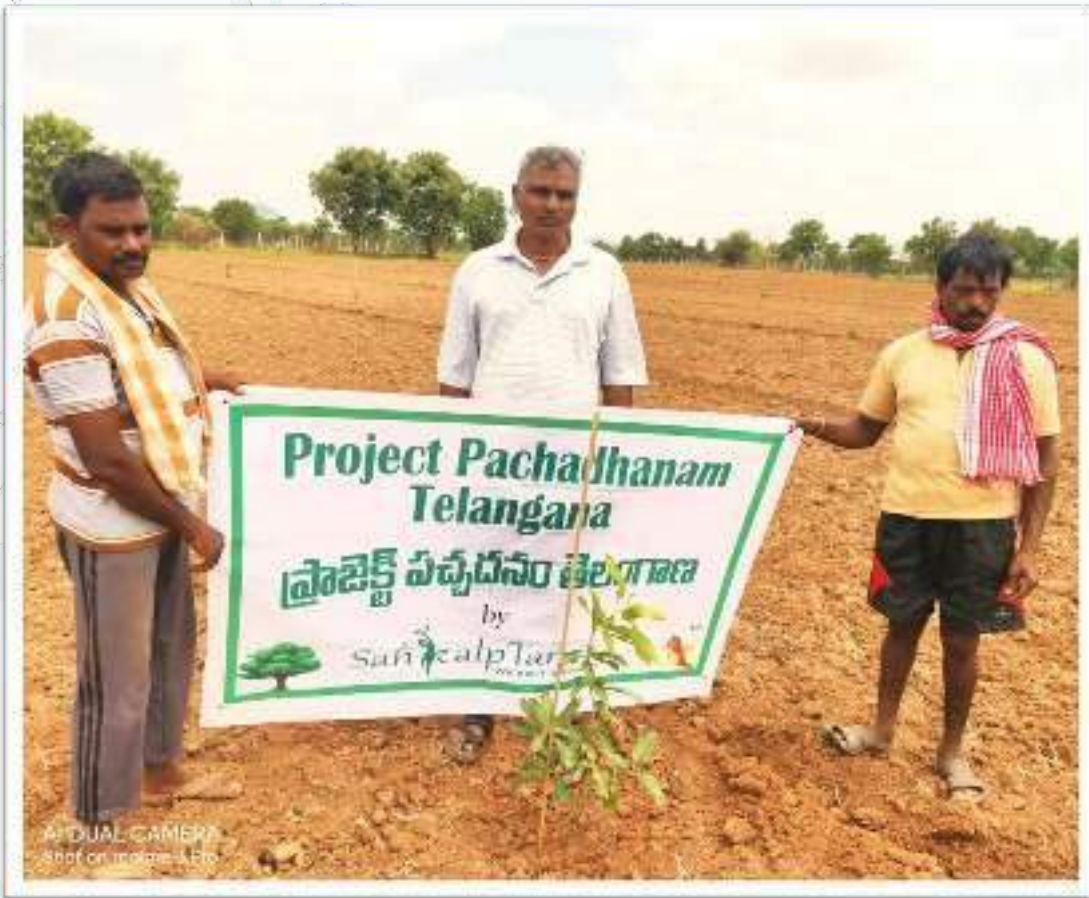
Introduction

- **Telangana**, India's newest state was created in June 2014. The creation of a separate state allowed Telangana to streamline its economy and agricultural production in favor of its farmers.
- A part of the Deccan Plateau of India, Telangana boasts of a rich ecological diversity and a rich cultural heritage.
- SankalpTaru Foundation took this opportunity to launch a brand-new initiative named **Project Pachadhanam** for Telangana and segregated it from the Andhra Pradesh initiative named Project Green Deccan.
- **Project Pachadhanam** began in **2014** with the aim to support small and marginal farmers and turn their lands into fruit orchards.



Project Pachadhanam
Telangana

The Beginning



- The state of Telangana is fed by South India's biggest rivers- Godavari and Krishna. The rivers depend on monsoon rains to provide water to the residents of the state.
- The topography of the state and its geographical features provide a stable income to farmers from the cultivation of paddy.
- However, the state also suffers from a disparity of agricultural production as some parts of the state are arid and receive less rainfall while others receive good rainfall.
- To meet this disparity and to boost farmer incomes through sustainable options, **Project Pachadhanam** in 2019-20 made inroads in the villages of **Jangaon** district.
- Our team planted fruit bearing saplings on the lands of multiple farmer beneficiaries and taught them the skills to nurture their saplings.

The Challenges



- The **Ghanpur** division within **Jangaon** district was chosen as the site for plantations.
- Jangaon district with a tropical climate also falls in the drought prone region of the state. Farmers of Jangaon rely on paddy cultivation on their small landholdings.
- When we began plantation activities, convincing farmers to divide their small farm landholdings further for cultivation of fruit bearing trees was a challenge.
- The farmers had been practicing monsoon dependent agriculture for generations and setting aside fertile cropland for cultivation of fruits was a risk few were willing to take.
- Another challenge faced by our team was to convince farmers to take up fruit plantation due to its delayed nature of economic returns as compared to seasonal crops.




The Story Today



- The project has come a long way since 2019 and has seen tremendous growth in the last one year.
- Our team has successfully planted **8000 trees** of fruit bearing saplings in different villages of **Ghanpur** station in **Jangaon district**. **Mango, lemon and guava** saplings have been planted on the lands of **20 farmers** out of which many are women beneficiaries.
- The farmers are hopeful that raising staple crops with new fruit saplings will add to a sustainable and fixed income from their farmlands. The trees will also prevent soil erosion during flood season, improve water availability, increase biodiversity and soil fertility leading to a holistic growth in their lives.

The Story Today



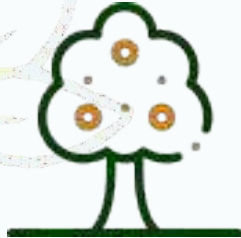
IMPACT IN 2020	
Number of trees planted	 8000
Number of beneficiaries impacted	 20
Survival Rate	 95%

The Story Today

The impact of **8000** trees planted by green patrons like you:



Oxygen Produced
62,29,815.17 kgs



Fruit Production
2,32,000 kg/ season



Carbon Dioxide Sequestered
32,50,338.35 kgs



Economic Value for Farmers
INR 39,20,000 per season



**Total Increase In
Groundwater Depth 24.47 ft**

**The above data has been given for 8000 trees planted under Rural Livelihood Support Program in Telangana for 20 years.*

**After 3 years, the average fruit produced from one tree in one season is taken to be 21 kgs.*

**The average cost of fruits is taken to be 60 INR.*

Testimonial From The Ground



- **P. Yellamma** from **Meedikonda** village in **Jangaon district** expresses her gratitude to SankalpTaru Foundation for the plantation activities on her land.
- “SankalpTaru Foundation planted **91** saplings of **Mango** on my farm in 2019. I always wanted to plant fruit bearing trees on my farm, but buying good quality saplings from the market would have cost me 150 Rs. per sapling amounting to thousands of rupees. However, SankalpTaru Foundation procured the highest quality saplings for me and helped me plant them on my land at zero cost. Their team also introduced me to farming techniques that not only reduced my cost of cultivation, but also improved the taste and quality of the mangoes. Now I am supplying to big suppliers based out of Jangaon. I am very grateful to the donors and the efficient team whose efforts will allow me to diversify my incomes in coming years.”

On-Ground Pictures



On-Ground Pictures



V. Ravi



S. Buchaiah



V. Chinna

On-Ground Pictures



A. Raju



Ch. Ramesh



K. Elandar

The Way Forward



- With your continued support and trust, the Foundation aims to increase the number of farmers under the ambit of **Project Pachadhanam** and show them a sustainable way of earning their livelihood.
- The plantations carried out by SankalpTaru Foundation have been a source of inspiration for farmers in nearby villages of **Jangaon District** since 2014 who have witnessed how existing farmer beneficiaries are now more hopeful of diversifying their livelihoods and growing the highest quality of mangoes and other fruits at minimal cost.
- We plan to engage hundreds of more marginal farmers from Jangaon and help to transform the district into a major producer of fruits in the coming years.

Get In Touch

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PROJECT PACHADHANAM

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