



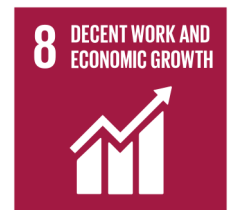
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NATIONAL INTEGRATED WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST (NIWAD)

"COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY GROWTH"

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Empowering Communities • Enriching Lives • Sustaining Change



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Mission & Vision.

MISSION

- Empower underprivileged community to thrive in their livelihoods
- Promoting resilience farming to ensure shared prosperity
- Empower tribal communities to promote sustainable forest conservation practices

VISION

To create a safe and sustainable Life and livelihood for marginalized Farmers, Tribal ,women and children”

THEMATIC AREAS

EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

WOMEN & CHILD EMPOWERMENT

AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

TRIBAL & INDIGENOUS WELFARE

HEALTH & WELL-BEING



About Us

- The National Integrated Welfare and Development Trust (NIWAD) is a registered non-profit organization founded in 2005 under the Indian Trust Act. Established by a committed woman leader with academic expertise and deep field experience, NIWAD was born out of a strong desire to uplift marginalized and tribal communities through participatory, community-centered development.
- NIWAD works across a broad spectrum of development areas to create holistic and lasting impact in the communities it serves. The organization is deeply committed to environmental sustainability, promoting practices that protect and restore natural resources for future generations. With a strong focus on tribal and indigenous welfare, NIWAD supports the preservation of traditional knowledge and livelihoods while fostering inclusive development. Through education and skill development, it empowers youth and adults alike to access better opportunities and break the cycle of poverty.
- NIWAD actively engages in agriculture and allied sectors, introducing sustainable and innovative practices to enhance food security and rural incomes. In the realm of Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), the organization promotes clean water access, hygiene awareness, and improved sanitation infrastructure. By encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship, NIWAD helps individuals unlock their potential and build resilient livelihoods. It is also dedicated to women and child empowerment, advocating for gender equity, protection, and leadership. Additionally, NIWAD prioritizes health and well-being, ensuring communities have access to essential healthcare and live in safe, supportive environments.

SANKARI MODEL VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 2024–2025

Project Overview

The Sankari Model Village Development Project is a holistic initiative designed to improve water security, livelihoods, and educational infrastructure across 10 villages in the Sankari block. The project envisions developing a model rural ecosystem by integrating water conservation, agricultural enhancement, and school development interventions. Healthcare and live in safe, supportive environments.

- Project Duration: April 2024 – March 2025
- Total Budget: ₹1.06 Crore
- Target Community: Small & marginal farmers, landless households, women SHGs, and school children.
- Total Beneficiaries: 10,088 households | Population: 35,569 | 3600 students across 20 schools



Under the water conservation component, traditional ponds, farm ponds, and check dams were renovated and newly constructed to enhance water availability throughout the year. A total of 13 major water structures were completed, resulting in the desilting of 13,833 cubic meters of soil and storage of over 1.31 crore liters of rainwater. These efforts have led to a remarkable rise of 25–40 feet in groundwater levels in nearby wells and borewells. More than 300 small and marginal farmers have benefited from improved irrigation facilities, while several landless families gained employment during the construction phase. Some renovated ponds are now being used for community fish rearing, adding an additional source of livelihood for local families.

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To provide access to safe drinking water, six Water ATMs were installed across six panchayats, namely Avarangampalayam, Unjanur, Chettipatti, Sathya Nagar, Chettikadu, and Veerachipalayam. Each Water ATM now serves over 2,000 rural families daily, ensuring clean water for drinking and household use. In alignment with sustainability principles, six women's Self-Help Groups were organized as Water User Groups to operate and maintain the systems. These groups have been linked with local Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies (PACCS) to manage funds transparently and ensure long-term functionality.



The project also emphasized school infrastructure development as a key area of intervention. Twenty government schools were upgraded with modern facilities including hand wash stations, renovated toilets, RO water systems, digital learning devices, and incinerators for adolescent girls. The schools were beautified with syllabus-based theme paintings that promote joyful learning, and playground equipment was provided to encourage physical activity. In total, 3600 students benefited directly, while teachers and school management committees received training on maintaining the new facilities. More than 6,000 square feet of educational wall painting were completed to make the school environment more engaging and child-friendly. Additionally, SWASH (School Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Committees were formed in each school, and Global Handwashing Day 2024 was celebrated with awareness activities, competitions, and hygiene demonstrations.

Livelihood Support Program



The Livelihood Support Program aims to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities and reduce the vulnerability of tribal communities in Panamarathupatty and Ayothiapattinam Blocks of Salem District. The program focuses on improving the living standards of marginalized families while encouraging ecological restoration and environmental balance through sustained community participation in the operation and maintenance of assets created under the project.

Support is extended to families interested in engaging in dairy farming, agriculture, and floriculture—activities that the local communities are already familiar with and which hold strong economic potential. Assistance is provided to Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Joint Liability Groups (JLGs), and individual members through effective linkages and convergence with back-ended government schemes, ensuring long-term sustainability and institutional support.



TBGP – Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project

Under the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project (TBGP), NIWAD implements several integrated activities aimed at ecological restoration and livelihood enhancement. The project includes conducting socio-economic surveys in formats prescribed by the Forest Department, followed by Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and micro-level planning for effective community engagement.

Key activities include the formation of Village Forest Councils (VFCs), raising nurseries, and undertaking large-scale tree plantation programs to promote green cover. The initiative also focuses on the formation and strengthening of SHGs, promoting small savings and microcredit, and providing income generation training to create alternate livelihood options.

To ensure sustainability, the project establishes a revolving loan fund, facilitates loan recovery mechanisms, and promotes convergence with relevant line departments. Additional interventions such as water conservation measures, percolation pond construction, and creation of community assets contribute to improving soil and water conditions in the target villages. The project also supports the marketing of community products and works collaboratively with the Forest Department to implement biodiversity and soil conservation programs.

A key component includes milk collection centers and coir training for women SHG members, empowering them to earn sustainable incomes and build entrepreneurial skills. Furthermore, farmers' collectives are organized, case studies are documented, and comprehensive micro plans are prepared and submitted to ensure transparency, replicability, and measurable impact.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Residential School – Periyasiruvathur





- The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) project is a key educational initiative managed by NIWAD Trust, operating a residential school for 100 girl children at Periyasiruvathur, Chinna Salem, Kallakurichi District. The school provides a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment for girls from marginalized, tribal, and economically disadvantaged families who might otherwise lack access to formal education.
- The KGBV School ensures free education, accommodation, food, uniforms, and health care for all students, helping reduce dropout rates and promote gender equality in education. A team of dedicated teachers and caretakers focus not only on academic progress but also on developing life skills, moral values, and leadership qualities among students. The curriculum integrates academic learning with extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including sports, cultural programs, art, and environmental awareness sessions. Regular health check-ups, nutrition monitoring, and counseling support are provided to ensure the holistic development of every child.
- During the reporting year, the school achieved notable academic performance, with several students excelling in public examinations and competitions. Awareness sessions on personal hygiene, menstrual health, and digital literacy were organized to build confidence and independence among the students. The school also promotes environmental stewardship through tree plantation, clean campus drives, and waste segregation activities led by students.

Strategic Pathway: 2025–2029

Strategic Deliverables: 2024–2029

S.No	Program Name	Planned Deliverables (2024–2029)
1	Agriculture & Allied Programs	Expand sustainable agriculture practices across 50 Panchayats in 5 districts of Tamil Nadu, promoting eco-friendly and resilient farming systems.
2	Working Villages/Slums	Establish 200 functional villages/slums with economic and livelihood development opportunities for marginalized populations.
3	Community Group Formation	Promote 1,100 community groups engaging 15,725 women, small/marginal farmers, and handloom weavers , strengthening grassroots mobilization and empowerment.
4	Savings & Credit Linkages	Mobilize ₹500 lakhs in community savings and link 750 groups to credit, facilitating ₹1,500 lakhs in loan access for development initiatives.
5	Health Insurance	Enroll 5,000 new members into the LIFE Mutual Health Insurance Scheme , enhancing healthcare accessibility and financial protection.
6	Education Support	Establish 10 tuition centers to enroll 500 students , improving educational access for children in underserved communities.
7	Health Camps	Conduct 50 health camps benefiting 750 individuals , with a focus on preventive care and health awareness.
8	Water Resource Management	Renovate 50 water harvesting structures across 2 blocks , supporting improved water conservation and sustainable usage.
9	Skill Building for Women & Youth	Implement 20 skill development programs engaging 1,000 youth and women , equipping them with vocational and livelihood skills.
10	Promotion of Goat Rearing, Dairy & Millets	Establish 10 dairy units and 50 goat rearing units . Promote local food systems and small millets, with a sales target of 3,060,000 kg of millets. Expand millet-based product lines and enhance online sales reach.
11	Millet Processing Unit	Process 200,000 kg of millet grains at the NIWAD unit, ensuring regular maintenance, introducing R&D for innovation, and improving processing technology.
12	Forest Produce Marketing	Facilitate the sustainable sale of Other Forest Produce worth ₹1,72,500 , focusing on ethical sourcing and conservation partnerships.
13	Ecotourism Initiatives	Develop ecotourism programs generating ₹1,75,000 revenue. Use proceeds to support conservation efforts and community development. Expand offerings seasonally to highlight regional biodiversity.

Awards & Achievements



Awarded for Best Civil Society Organisation



Bank of Baroda Certificate of Appreciation



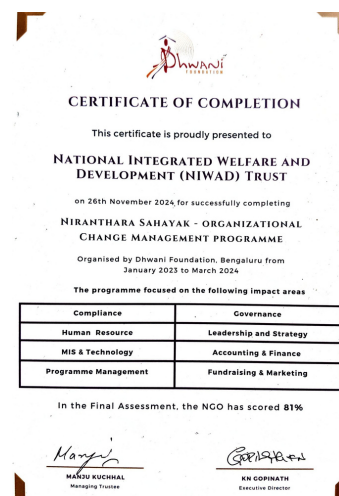
Award for Best NGO Services



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Together, we can build a brighter, more sustainable future for all. We look forward to connecting with you!!!!!!