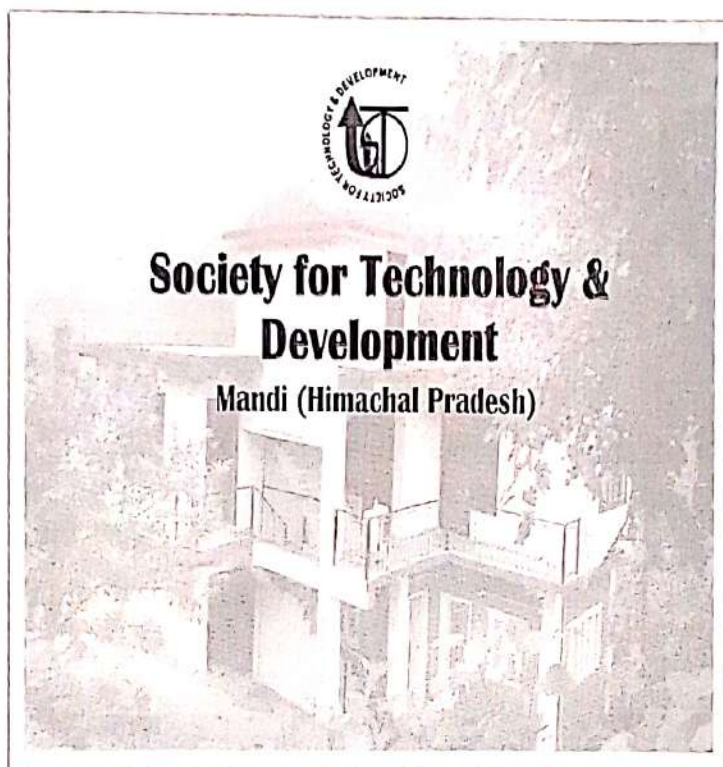


# Annual Progress Report

## 2024-25



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A fruit and broadleaf plantation drive was initiated at the Malori field station on 19th July 2024, followed by second round of plantation in 7<sup>th</sup> September during which 100 plants were planted.



### किसान संघों ने बनाई जिला स्तरीय फ़ैडरेशन

उत्पादों की योजनाबद्ध तरीके से की जायेगी बिक्री

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A meeting of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) was convened on 30th July, 2024 at the MJVS Office, Mandi. The key agenda of the meeting was to deliberate on various aspects of inter-linkages among FPOs, including production, value addition, marketing, and common branding. After detailed discussions, it was unanimously resolved to initiate the formation of a **District Federation of FPOs in Mandi District**. The federation aims to strengthen both **forward and backward linkages** among the existing FPOs, facilitating better coordination, resource sharing, and market access.





The organization actively participated in an event organized to promote indigenous Industries, with a special focus on supporting handloom weavers. The event was held on 7th August, 2025 at Sryo Handloom and Handicraft Pvt. Ltd., Nandi, in collaboration with NABARD and MSJVS, Mandi. The initiative aimed to encourage traditional craftsmanship, enhance the visibility of local artisans, and explore opportunities for



The organization participated in a workshop on Safe Construction Practices and Assessment of Earthquake Retrofitting of Buildings, organized by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Mandi, in collaboration with IIT Ropar. It was held on 16th August, 2024 at the DC Office, Mandi, the workshop aimed to enhance awareness and technical understanding of disaster-resilient construction methods and the retrofitting of existing structures to mitigate earthquake risks.

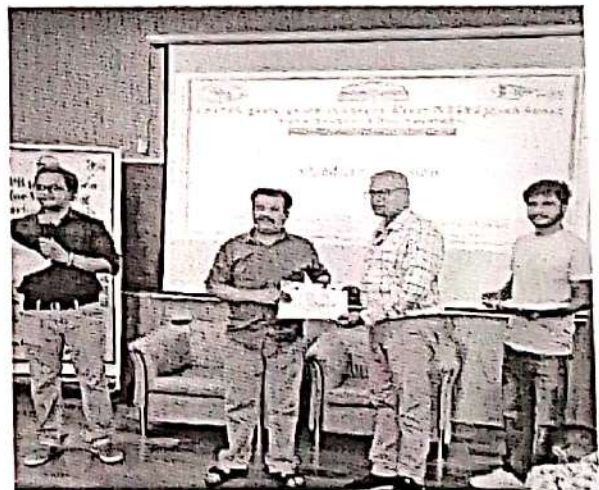


On the occasion of National Scientific Temper Day (20th August), a camp was organized at GSSS Girls Bhangrotu in memory of Dr. Dhabolkar. Dr. Vijay Vishal and Dr. Kishore Khosla addressed the students and staff, focusing on global warming and climate change





The organization participated in a district-level workshop under the *Yuva Bachao Campaign*, which focuses on a three-pronged strategy to combat drug addiction—curbing supply, raising awareness, and reducing demand. The event was organized in collaboration with HGVS, MSJVS, and the Child Protection Department. As part of the campaign, the organization is also actively engaged in conducting mass awareness campaigns at the block and panchayat levels to sensitize communities and youth about the ill effects of substance abuse and to encourage a drug-free society.



The organization participated in a workshop on Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation for disaster mitigation, organized by the District Disaster Management Authority Mandi at IIT Kamand on 19-20 September 2024.





## पर्यावरण को बचाने के लिए सामाजिक आन्दोलन बना कर पहल करनी होगी: वांग

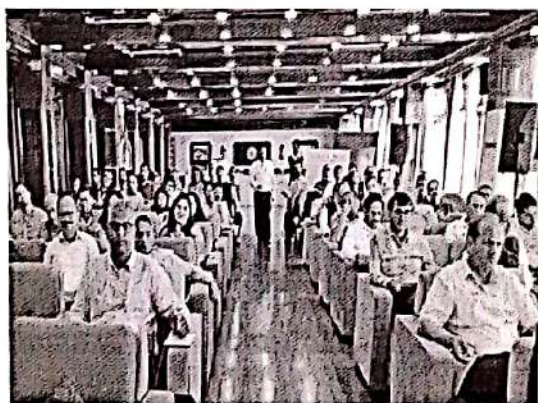
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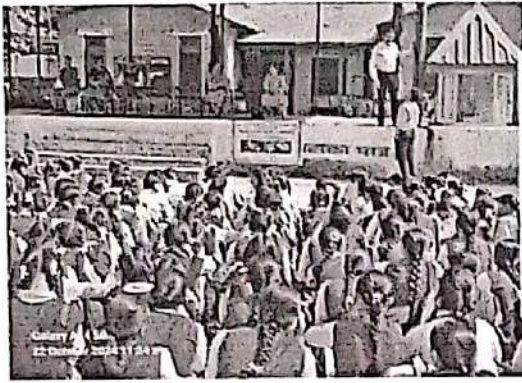
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शर्मा, डॉ. गुरु, काशीराम,  
मंजू, संकेत, वालम, नारीक  
अधिकार मंच से सर्वप्रथम सुरेश  
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A delegation from the organization met with noted environmentalist Mr. Sonam Wangchuk during his long march to Delhi, aimed at raising critical issues related to environment and sustainable development in the Ladakh region. The meeting took place on 21st September, 2024 at Mandi, where meaningful discussions were held on various aspects of environmental conservation, the impact of climate change, and the importance of community-driven efforts to protect natural ecosystems. The delegation expressed solidarity with the cause and shared insights from their own environmental initiatives.



The organization participated in the Regional Stakeholder Meet on the Himalayan Agroecology Initiative (HAI), organized by Alliance Biodiversity International and CIAT, New Delhi. The event was held on 24th September, 2024, at Hotel Holiday Home, Shimla, HP. Representatives Dr. Kishore Khosla, Er. Abhishek, and Mr. Joginder Walia attended the meeting on behalf of the organization. The discussions centered on promoting sustainable agriculture and resilient food systems under the Himalayan Agro ecology Initiative in Himachal Pradesh. The event concluded with an engaging panel discussion featuring diverse regional stakeholders.





Participation in drug abuse awareness camps which was conducted at GSSB Sunder Nagar on 18th October and at Gagal on 21st October, in collaboration with MSJVS.



A popular lecture on impact of Climate Change was held at the Bharat Scouts and Guides Institute, Rewalsar on 21st November 2024, attended by 120 students and 32 teachers



The 34th Foundation Day of Himachal Gyan Vigyan Samiti (HGVS) was celebrated in Shimla on 23rd November, 2024. On this occasion, members of the organization were invited in recognition of their long-standing association with mass campaigns in the areas of education, health, women empowerment, and environmental awareness across Himachal Pradesh. The organization was honored with a memento for its significant contributions and active participation in the People's Science Movement in the state. This recognition underscores the organization's commitment to grassroots social transformation and knowledge-based community empowerment





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The organization participated in the 18th All India People's Science Congress, held from 27th to 30th December, 2024, at the West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Belgachia, Kolkata. The central theme of the congress was "Science and Technology for Democratic, Self-Reliant, Climate-Resilient Development." The event brought together scientists, grassroots activists, and civil society representatives from across the country to deliberate on sustainable and inclusive approaches to development. The organization actively contributed to discussions focused on climate resilience, community empowerment, and the role of science in addressing socio-economic challenges.



The organization undertook a field visit to observe the Women's Technology Park and Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Hub activities supported by the SEED Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. These initiatives are being implemented by the Vivekananda Institute of Biotechnology (VIB), Nimpith, a branch institution of Sri Ramkrishna Ashram Nimpith, under the Core Support Program of DST.

The visit, held from 31st December 2024 to 2nd January 2025, provided valuable insights into the innovative efforts undertaken by VIB in the development, modulation, and adaptation of appropriate rural technologies. Since its inception in 1991, VIB has been transferring these technologies to the farming communities of the Sundarban region through structured training, awareness campaigns, and follow-up programs. The visit offered an excellent opportunity to understand the replicable models of community-based technology intervention and women-centric innovation for rural livelihoods.



# Internship/Field Training Programme for MBA Students

## (Rural Development)



15<sup>th</sup> January – 24<sup>th</sup> January/2025

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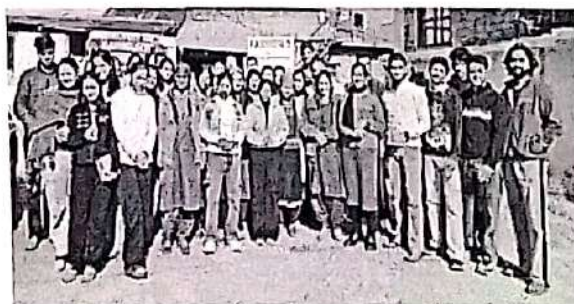
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Society for Technology and Development (STD), Mandi, successfully conducted a two-phase internship/field training programme for MBA (Rural Development) students from Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, supported by the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies.

A total of 31 first-year students participated in the first 10-day program from 15th to 24th January, 2025, followed by 24 third-year students in the second 10-day program from 2nd to 11th February, 2025. The primary objective of the training was to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world applications, providing students with hands-on experience in rural development practices.

### Key Components of the Internship:

- Expert-led sessions on rural development theories, policies, and innovations.
- Field visits to rural communities to observe development interventions and engage with local populations.



- **Exposure to agro-processing units, handloom and handicraft clusters, and interaction with Horticulture and Agriculture University professionals to understand their role in rural upliftment.**
- **Industry and cooperative visits that provided insights into rural enterprises, SHGs, and sustainable business models promoting livelihood development and community empowerment.**
- **Interaction with subject matter experts, enabling students to gain deeper knowledge of ongoing programs and institutional mechanisms in rural development.**

This internship program offered a comprehensive learning platform for students to develop a **practical understanding of rural dynamics**, enhance their analytical skills, and appreciate the value of community-based development models.