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OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY CONNECT

The objectives of the community connect in an agricultural NGO like Krishi Utpadak Sangathan focus on empowering farmers and fostering sustainable rural development. Volunteers aim to enhance farming practices by conducting training on modern techniques, including organic farming, pest management, water conservation, and crop diversification. They also facilitate farmers' access to financial resources, government schemes, and subsidies. Field research and data collection on crop yields, soil health, and irrigation patterns help evaluate and improve agricultural programs.

A key objective is to set up demonstration farms that showcase best practices, eco-friendly techniques like rainwater harvesting, and sustainable technologies such as solar irrigation and organic fertilizers. Volunteers actively engage in community mobilization, organizing farmer cooperatives to improve collective bargaining power and raise awareness about relevant policies and market access opportunities. Post-harvest activities, such as improving storage, processing, and marketing of farm produce, are also part of the objectives, helping farmers connect with local and regional markets and enhance their supply chains. Volunteers support value addition through food processing, branding, and packaging initiatives to increase farmers' income. Additionally, promoting health and nutrition awareness, including dietary diversity and the establishment of kitchen gardens, is crucial for improving household food security. Volunteers contribute to environmental conservation efforts like reforestation and climate-resilient agriculture, ensuring long-term sustainability. Administrative support, logistics management, and documentation are also important objectives, helping streamline field programs and organizational activities. Lastly, fundraising and advocacy efforts are aimed at enhancing farmers' rights, improving market access, and fostering self-reliant, sustainable agricultural ecosystems in rural communities. These objectives collectively strengthen the farming community, making it more resilient and sustainable in the face of economic and environmental challenges.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Krishi Utpadak Sangathan Evam Audyanik Vipran Sahkari Samiti Ltd. is an agricultural NGO dedicated to the holistic development of farmers and rural communities in India. Its primary mission is to empower farmers by promoting sustainable agricultural practices, improving market access, and enhancing rural livelihoods. The NGO works at the grassroots level to uplift smallholder farmers, especially those from marginalized communities, through a range of initiatives aimed at boosting productivity, income, and social well-being. One of the core areas of focus for the NGO is capacity building and training. It regularly conducts workshops and hands-on demonstrations for farmers, introducing them to modern agricultural techniques such as organic farming, efficient water management, crop diversification, and pest control. These training sessions are aimed at equipping farmers with the knowledge and skills needed to improve crop yields, reduce input costs, and adopt environmentally friendly farming methods. By promoting sustainable agriculture, the NGO not only enhances productivity but also contributes to long-term environmental conservation. In addition to capacity building, Krishi Utpadak Sangathan is deeply involved in community mobilization. It helps farmers form cooperatives and self-help groups, enabling them to collectively address challenges such as access to resources, markets, and government support. By organizing farmers into collectives, the NGO strengthens their bargaining power and ensures they receive fair prices for their produce. Moreover, the NGO connects farmers with local, regional, and national markets, helping them navigate supply chains and access better opportunities for selling their produce. It also encourages the adoption of value addition practices, such as food processing and packaging, to further increase farmers' income. The NGO places a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability, promoting eco-friendly practices such as rainwater harvesting, organic fertilizers, and the use of renewable energy sources like solar power for irrigation. It actively supports initiatives that build resilience against climate change, ensuring that farmers are better prepared to face unpredictable weather patterns and environmental challenges. Beyond agriculture, Krishi Utpadak Sangathan focuses on improving the overall well-being of rural communities. The NGO promotes health and nutrition awareness, encouraging the establishment of kitchen gardens and advocating for balanced diets to combat malnutrition. Additionally, it works on educating farmers about their rights, government schemes, and financial literacy, helping them make informed decisions about their futures. Through its multifaceted efforts, the NGO fosters self-reliance, economic growth, and social equity in rural India, contributing to sustainable development for farming communities.

Activities of the organization:

Krishi Utpadak Sangathan Evam Audyanik Vipran Sahkari Samiti Ltd. engages in a wide array of activities aimed at improving the agricultural practices, market access, and livelihoods of farmers in rural India. One of its most successful recent initiatives was the Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024, held on 24th June. This event marked a significant step forward in promoting advanced agricultural technologies and educating farmers on modern, sustainable practices.

The primary objective of this initiative was to introduce farmers to cutting-edge technologies that could enhance productivity and efficiency in their farming practices. The event focused on the integration of smart farming tools, machinery, and innovative techniques to help farmers optimize their resources, reduce manual labor, and achieve higher yields. By encouraging the adoption of precision farming and other technological advancements, the NGO aimed to empower farmers to stay competitive in the rapidly evolving agricultural landscape.

A crucial aspect of the Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024 was spreading awareness about weather patterns and their impact on farming. The NGO recognized that many farmers lacked basic knowledge of how weather conditions influence crop growth and yield. Therefore, experts provided training on how to interpret weather forecasts and make informed decisions about planting, irrigation, and harvesting schedules. This knowledge is vital in helping farmers mitigate the risks posed by climate change and unpredictable weather patterns.

Additionally, the event aimed to correct farming techniques that many farmers may have been unknowingly practicing incorrectly. Through demonstrations and workshops, farmers were educated on proper planting methods, soil management, and pest control to improve crop health and productivity.

Another key focus of the event was on educating farmers about modern marketing techniques. With increasing competition in agricultural markets, farmers often struggle to get fair prices for their produce. The NGO provided training on branding, packaging, and e-commerce platforms, enabling farmers to access wider markets and improve their sales. By equipping farmers with both agricultural and marketing knowledge, the Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024 helped bridge the gap between farm production and market success, ensuring that farmers can maximize their profits while maintaining sustainable practices.

CHAPTER 2

WEEK-WISE REPORT

Week 1 Report: Gathering Agricultural Status in Varanasi

Activities Rendered: During the first week of my internship, my key responsibility was visiting the gram panchayat office in Varanasi to gather detailed information about the agricultural status of the region. This included conducting interviews and discussions with local officials and staff to understand various aspects of farming. I focused on gathering data related to crop types, crop health, water availability, pest control measures, and economic conditions impacting the farmers. Additionally, I collected information on the implementation of government schemes, including financial assistance programs and training initiatives, that were aimed at supporting agricultural development.

Number of Hours Spent: I contributed around 10 hours this week (5 hours per day for 2 days).

Outcomes: By the end of the first week, I had compiled a comprehensive report that summarized the agricultural conditions in Varanasi. The report outlined both the strengths and challenges faced by the farmers, such as issues with water supply, crop health, and pest control. This detailed documentation provided the NGO with critical insights, enabling them to focus on specific areas for intervention. The findings also helped the organization to plan future initiatives tailored to improve the livelihood of the farming community.

Community Activities: Throughout the week, my involvement in community engagement was a core part of the work. I interacted closely with local officials and farmers to gain a deeper understanding of their challenges. These interactions helped bridge the gap between the NGO and the community, providing a platform for open discussion on issues such as farming practices and the utilization of government schemes. By engaging with the community, I was able to contribute to identifying the specific needs of the farmers, ensuring the organization's efforts were aligned with the community's actual conditions and requirements.

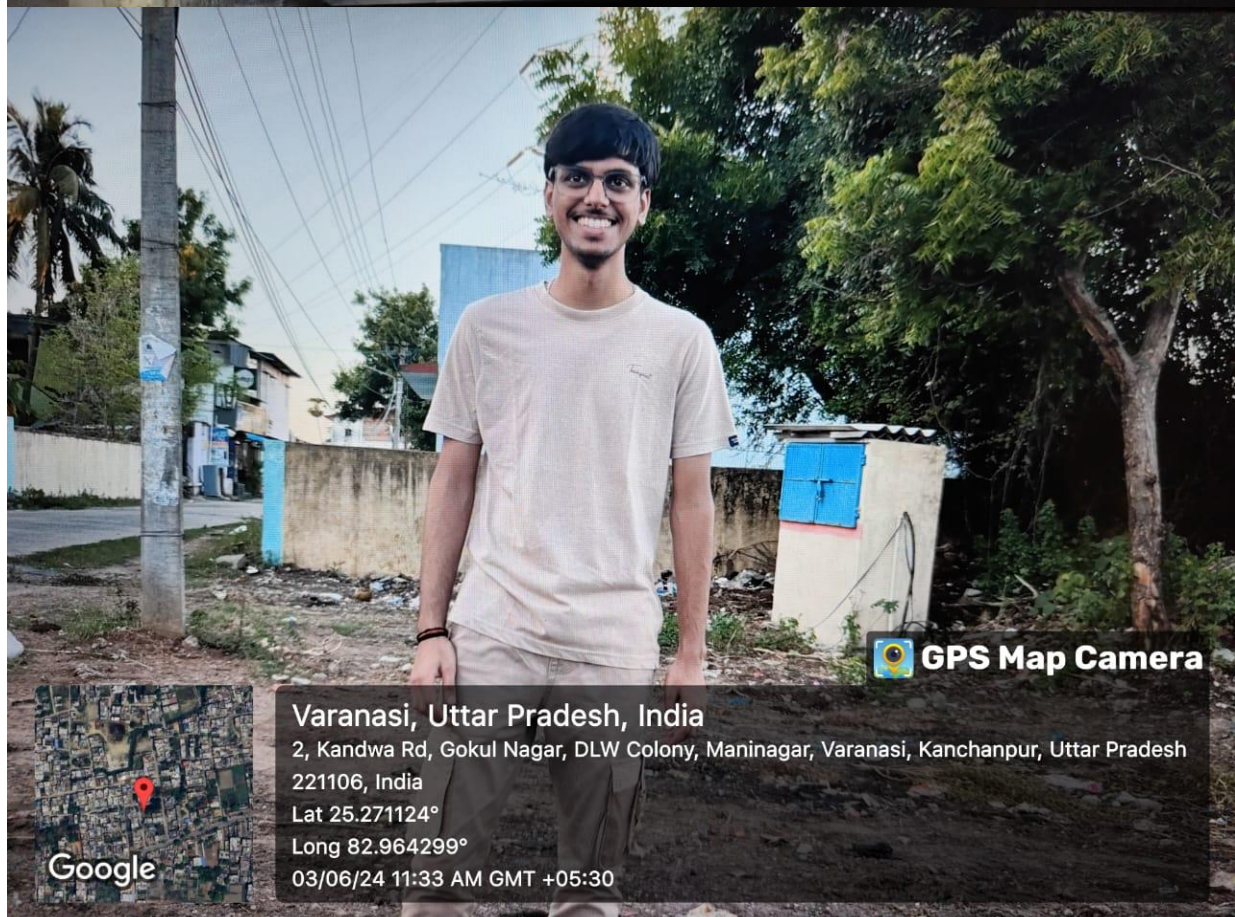


Figure 3.1,3.2: Week 1

Week 2 Report: Identifying and Cleaning Preserved Areas for Tree Growth

Activities Rendered: In the second week of my internship with Krishi Utpadak Sangathan Evam Audyanik Vipran Sahkari Samiti Ltd., I focused on identifying preserved areas with high potential for tree growth. This was part of the organization's broader initiative to promote afforestation and contribute to the long-term environmental sustainability of the region. The process began with extensive field visits to potential tree-planting sites. My responsibilities included evaluating the ecological conditions of these areas, examining factors such as soil quality, moisture content, microclimates, and existing vegetation. I meticulously documented the findings through notes, photographs, and GPS coordinates to ensure precise records of each site's suitability for future afforestation efforts. Once these areas were identified, I joined a community clean-up effort to prepare the sites by removing debris, litter, and invasive species. This was necessary to ensure that newly planted trees would have optimal conditions for growth.

Number of Hours Spent: I spent approximately 9 hours and 30 mins this week (4 hours and 4.5 hours for 2 days).

Outcomes: By the end of the week, I had successfully identified several preserved areas that were ideal for afforestation and cleaned these locations in preparation for tree planting. These cleaned areas were now ready to support future sapling growth, significantly contributing to the NGO's afforestation goals. The documentation I provided, which included ecological assessments, photographs, and progress reports, became valuable resources for the organization as they planned their upcoming tree-planting activities. This week's efforts helped strengthen the connection between environmental conservation and sustainable agricultural practices. Additionally, my work contributed to fostering a healthier ecosystem by supporting local biodiversity, improving soil quality, and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change. The successful identification and preparation of the areas ensured the NGO's long-term afforestation plans would be executed with greater efficiency and impact.

Community Activities: Throughout the week, community engagement played a crucial role in the success of the afforestation preparations. While conducting field visits, I had the opportunity to interact with local community members, including farmers, who shared insights on local environmental issues and how deforestation had affected their land. These conversations underscored the importance of environmental conservation efforts, not only for biodiversity but also for maintaining agricultural productivity. During the clean-up, I worked alongside local volunteers,

reinforcing the idea that the participation of community members is essential for the success of such initiatives. Through these interactions, I had the chance to inform local participants about the benefits of afforestation, including soil conservation, improved air quality, and the creation of habitats for wildlife. These discussions helped raise awareness of the role that afforestation plays in combating climate change and improving rural livelihoods, fostering a deeper sense of community involvement and responsibility for environmental conservation.

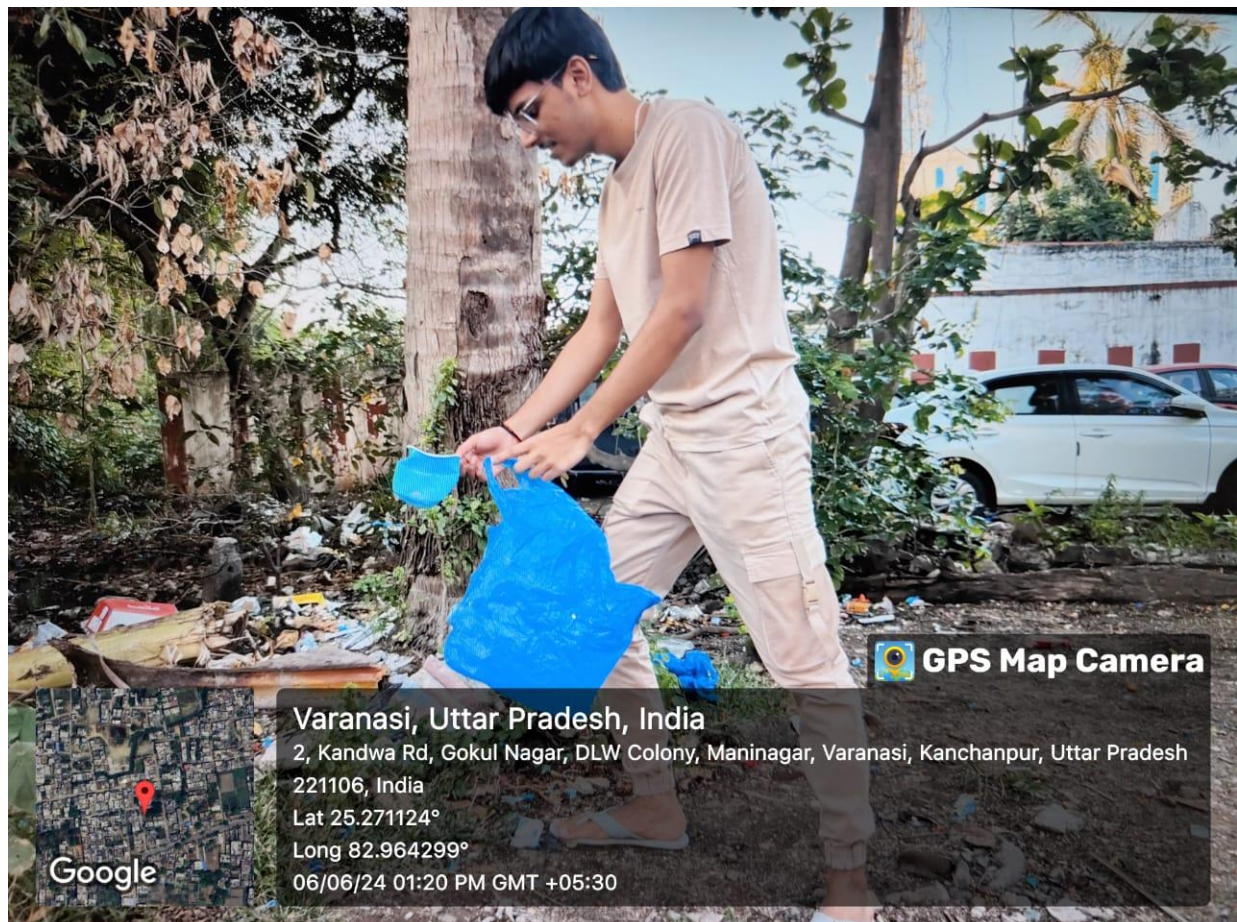


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Figure 4.2: Week 2

Week 3 Report: Planting Saplings in Preserved Areas

Activities Rendered: In the third week of my internship with Krishi Utpadak Sangathan Evam Audyanik Vipran Sahkari Samiti Ltd., I actively participated in the planting of saplings in the preserved areas we had cleaned during the previous week. This was a key step in the organization's broader afforestation initiative, which is focused on environmental sustainability and promoting biodiversity. The week commenced with preparatory tasks, including selecting the appropriate saplings. Working closely with the field staff, I helped choose native species that were well-suited to the local ecological conditions. Native species are integral to the ecosystem, as they support the local wildlife and contribute to maintaining soil health. On planting day, I worked alongside interns, volunteers, and local community members, digging holes, placing saplings carefully, and ensuring proper spacing. We also incorporated soil amendments to enrich the planting areas and implemented water retention methods like mulching to help conserve moisture.

In addition to the physical planting, I was also involved in educating volunteers and community members about proper tree care. This included discussions on regular watering, protecting the saplings from pests, and how trees help mitigate the effects of climate change.

Number of Hours Spent: I worked approximately 8 hours this week (4 hours per day for 2 days).

Outcomes: By the end of the week, we successfully planted a significant number of saplings in the preserved areas, which laid the foundation for achieving the NGO's long-term afforestation goals. These native saplings, carefully selected and planted, are expected to enhance biodiversity by supporting local fauna and flora, as well as improving soil quality and moisture retention. The saplings will also contribute to combating climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. A monitoring plan was also established to ensure that the saplings would continue to thrive. This plan included regular assessments of their growth, water requirements, and identifying any threats such as pests or disease. The monitoring process is essential for ensuring the survival of the saplings and maximizing the environmental impact of our afforestation efforts. These tangible results not only benefited the local ecosystem but also strengthened the organization's role in promoting sustainable practices within the community.

Community Activities: This week's activities also had a strong community engagement component. The tree-planting efforts brought together volunteers, interns, and local residents, fostering a collaborative spirit. By working with the community, we were able to share the importance of environmental sustainability and explain how afforestation contributes to improving the overall health of their surroundings. Educating the community about proper tree care, such as watering schedules, pest control, and soil health, was crucial for ensuring that the saplings would be nurtured and maintained long after planting day. These interactions helped raise awareness about the long-term benefits of tree planting, from improving air quality to providing natural habitats for wildlife, which resonated deeply with the local community. The hands-on involvement of community members not only ensured the immediate success of the tree-planting activities but also encouraged ongoing participation in maintaining the saplings, thereby strengthening their commitment to environmental conservation.

By the end of the week, the sense of community achievement was palpable, as both volunteers and local residents took pride in having contributed to a cause that would benefit their environment and their livelihoods. The experience underscored the critical link between community engagement and the success of environmental initiatives, as the collective effort was crucial for achieving sustainable results.

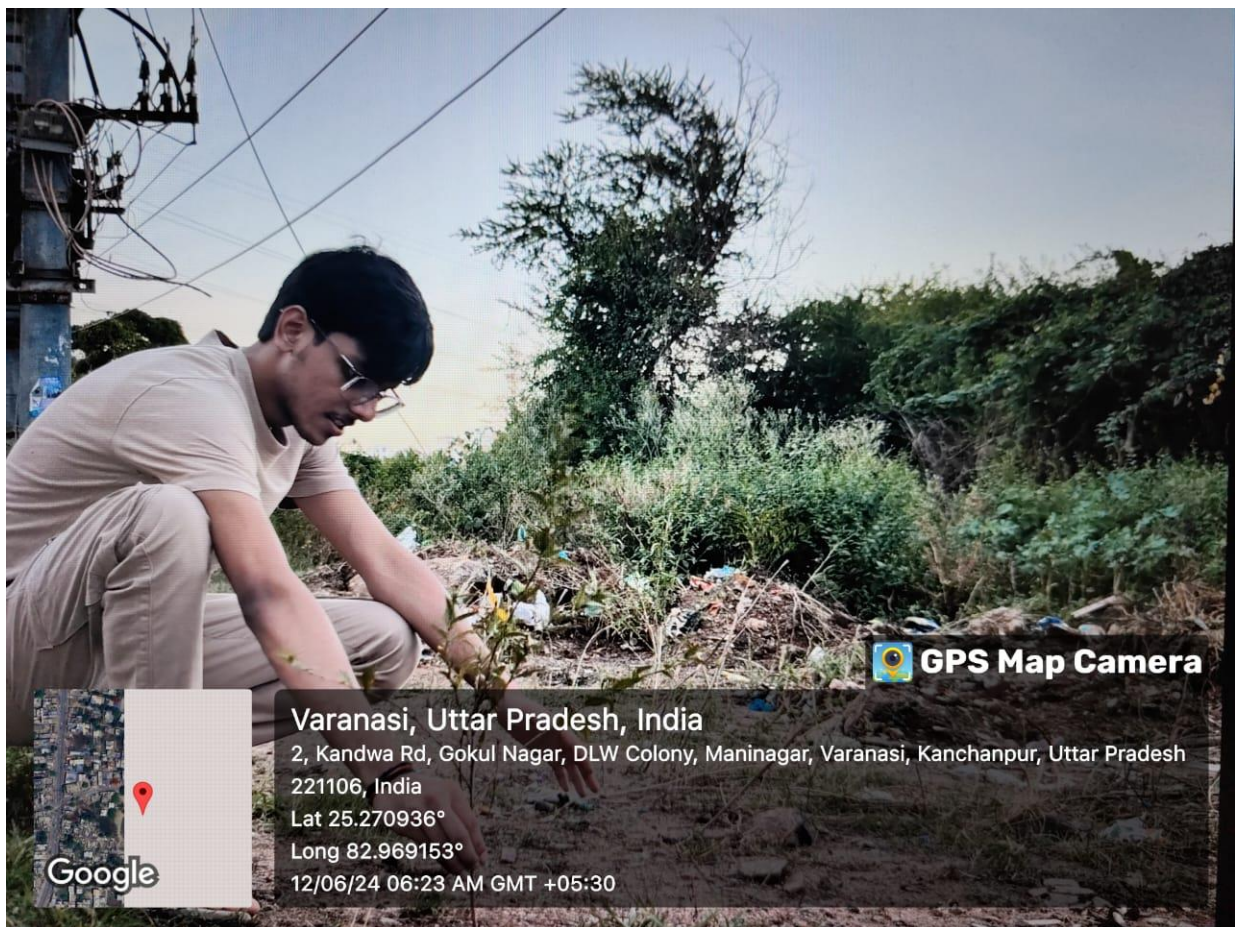


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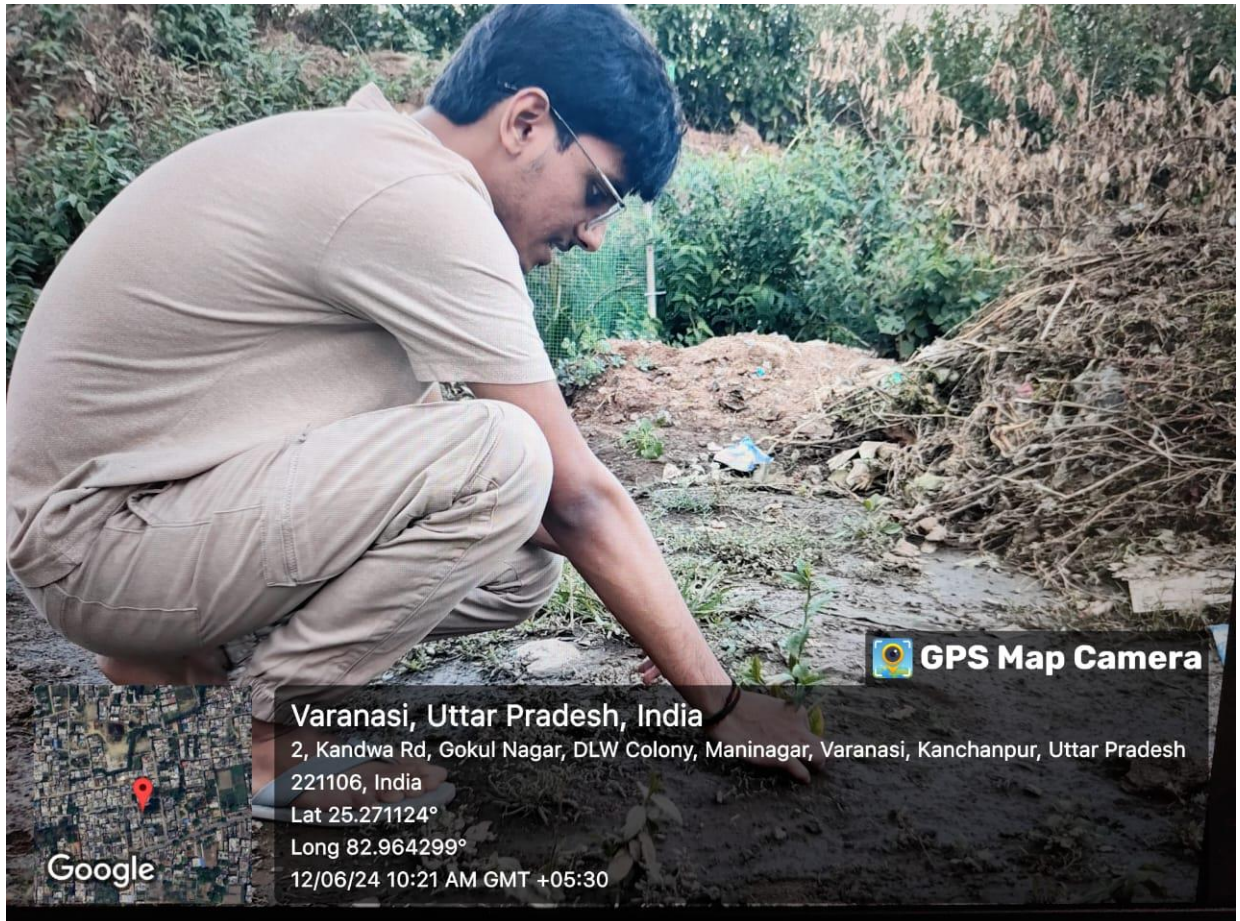


Figure 5.2: Week 3

Week 4 Report: Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024

Activities Rendered: During the **fourth week** of my internship with Krishi Utpadak Sangathan Evam Audyanik Vipran Sahkari Samiti Ltd., I played an active role in organizing and executing the Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024 initiative, held on June 24th. This event was a key effort in empowering local farmers with new technologies, knowledge, and marketing strategies. My primary responsibilities included coordinating with various stakeholders, such as agricultural experts, local officials, and the farmers themselves, to ensure smooth event execution. I helped organize workshops and demonstrations that showcased advanced agricultural techniques like precision farming, smart irrigation, and eco-friendly pest control. Another critical task was setting up presentations on how farmers can use weather forecasts to make informed decisions. I also facilitated interactive sessions where farmers could discuss challenges in their farming practices, receive tailored advice, and exchange ideas. Beyond the technical knowledge, I was involved in organizing sessions on modern marketing strategies, teaching farmers how to package and brand their produce for broader markets and helping them leverage digital platforms to increase their visibility and sales.

Outcomes: By the end of the **fourth week**, the Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024 event had achieved significant success. Farmers were equipped with essential knowledge about advanced technologies, which had the potential to significantly improve their productivity and resilience in the face of climate challenges. The interactive sessions allowed farmers to gain practical insights on overcoming outdated practices and implementing new methods that were tailored to their specific conditions. The weather-focused presentations were particularly impactful, as they provided farmers with the ability to better anticipate weather patterns and make more informed decisions about planting and harvesting schedules. Moreover, the sessions on modern marketing techniques introduced the farmers to the idea of branding and packaging, and leveraging digital tools like social media and online marketplaces, which can help them access larger markets and improve profitability. The event provided a comprehensive approach to improving the livelihoods of local farmers, focusing not just on increasing crop yields but also on enhancing the marketability of their products. This week's activities played a crucial role in providing farmers with a roadmap for a more sustainable and prosperous agricultural future.

Community Activities: One of the highlights of the **fourth week** was the deep community engagement fostered by the initiative. The Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024 event created a platform for farmers to come together, share their experiences, and learn from one another,

building a sense of unity and collaboration. The event emphasized a participatory approach, where farmers could discuss their individual challenges with agricultural experts and peers, encouraging collective problem-solving. Community members were also actively involved in the organization and smooth running of the event, and their enthusiasm for learning was palpable. This interaction highlighted the critical role of local communities in the success of such initiatives. Workshops not only served as educational forums but also fostered trust between the farmers and the NGO, laying the groundwork for ongoing collaborations. This community-driven approach amplified the effectiveness of the initiative, ensuring that the knowledge shared would continue to circulate among the farmers and encourage long-term positive changes. By the end of the week, a stronger network of farmers had emerged, who were now more confident in applying modern techniques and new marketing strategies to better their agricultural practices and economic outcomes.



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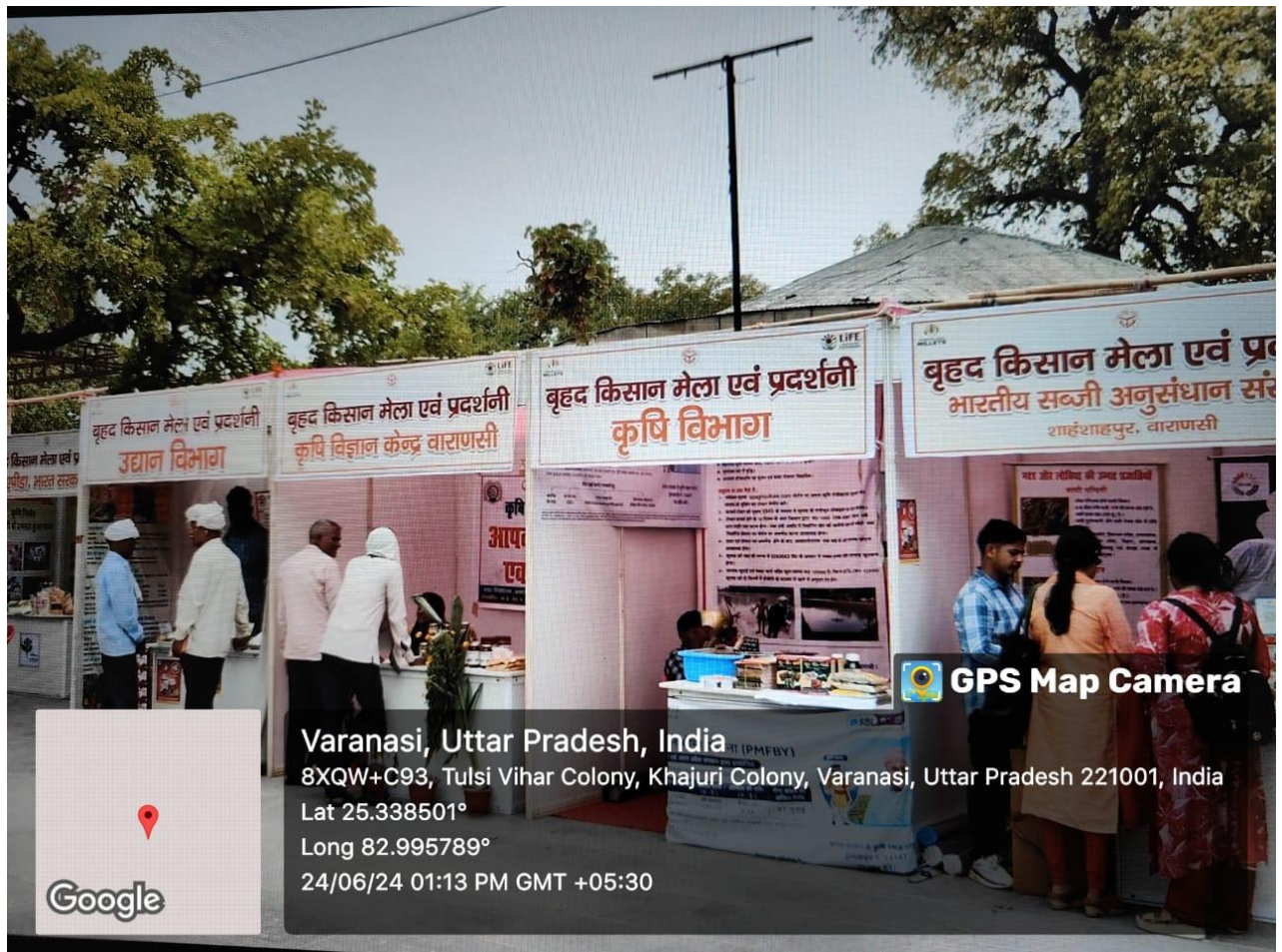


Figure 6.4: Week 4

CHAPTER 3

TANGIBLE LEARNING

Throughout my internship with Krishi Utpadak Sangathan Evam Audyanik Vipran Sahkari Samiti Ltd., I experienced a variety of tangible learning opportunities that enhanced my understanding of agricultural practices, community engagement, and environmental sustainability. These experiences were not only theoretical but were enriched by hands-on activities and real-world interactions, allowing me to grasp the complexities of rural development in India.

One of the most significant aspects of my learning journey was data collection and analysis during my first week at the gram panchayat office in Varanasi. Engaging directly with local officials and farmers helped me develop practical skills in gathering and interpreting data. I learned how to formulate effective questions to elicit relevant information, a skill that is crucial in research and community engagement. This experience taught me the importance of understanding the local context and the socio-economic dynamics that influence agricultural practices. It reinforced the idea that data is not just numbers; it tells a story about the challenges and opportunities faced by the community.

In the second week, my involvement in identifying and cleaning preserved areas for tree growth provided me with practical experience in environmental conservation. I learned how to assess ecological conditions and identify suitable locations for afforestation. This hands-on activity not only emphasized the importance of tree planting for combating climate change but also instilled a sense of responsibility towards environmental stewardship. Participating in the clean-up efforts taught me the value of teamwork and community collaboration. Working alongside volunteers from the local community allowed me to witness the collective impact that a group can have when united by a common cause.

During the third week, my participation in the Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024 initiative was a significant learning milestone. Assisting in the organization and execution of workshops for farmers provided me with insights into effective educational methods tailored for adult learners. I learned how to present complex agricultural concepts in a simplified manner, making them accessible to the farmers. This experience highlighted the importance of effective communication and the need to create an interactive learning environment where participants feel encouraged to share their experiences and ask questions.

Additionally, the focus on advanced farming technologies and marketing strategies during this initiative opened my eyes to the crucial role of innovation in agriculture. I learned about the various tools and techniques available to farmers, including precision agriculture and digital marketing platforms. Understanding how technology can be integrated into traditional farming practices to enhance productivity and market access was a key takeaway from this week. This knowledge not only enriched my understanding of modern agriculture but also sparked my interest in exploring further advancements in this field.

In the final week, my experience planting saplings in the cleaned preserved areas was both fulfilling and educational. I learned the technical aspects of planting, including soil preparation, spacing, and the importance of ongoing care for young trees. This practical engagement underscored the necessity of patience and perseverance in nurturing the environment. Monitoring the growth of the saplings afterward allowed me to apply my observational skills and reinforced the idea that environmental initiatives require sustained effort and commitment.

Overall, the tangible learning experiences I gained during my internship have profoundly shaped my understanding of agricultural development and community empowerment. The combination of theoretical knowledge and hands-on activities provided me with a holistic perspective on the importance of sustainable practices and the role of education in fostering positive change. I am now better equipped to contribute to future initiatives in agriculture and environmental conservation, and I carry forward valuable skills and insights that will guide my professional journey.

CHAPTER 4

STUDENT'S CONTRIBUTION

During my internship with Krishi Utpadak Sangathan Evam Audyanik Vipran Sahkari Samiti Ltd., I witnessed firsthand the significant contributions that students can make to agricultural NGOs. As interns, we brought fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and a strong willingness to learn, all of which greatly enriched the organization's initiatives. Our involvement spanned various activities, from data collection and community engagement to organizing educational workshops and participating in environmental conservation efforts.

Data Collection and Analysis: One of the primary contributions of students was in data collection and analysis. In the first week, I, along with fellow interns, visited the gram panchayat office in Varanasi to gather essential information regarding the agricultural status in the region. Our ability to formulate relevant questions and engage with local officials and farmers allowed us to gather valuable insights into the challenges and needs of the farming community. This data was critical for informing the NGO's strategies and interventions. Students can play a crucial role in this capacity by bringing analytical skills and an eagerness to engage with local communities, thus ensuring that the organization has access to up-to-date and relevant information.

Event Planning and Execution: Moreover, students contributed significantly to the planning and execution of the Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024 initiative. Our involvement in organizing workshops and demonstrations highlighted the importance of collaboration and teamwork. Each student brought unique skills, whether in communication, event planning, or technical expertise related to agriculture. This collaborative effort not only made the event a success but also fostered a sense of ownership and responsibility among us. The diverse backgrounds of the students enriched the discussions, as we were able to share various perspectives and ideas that resonated with both the organizers and the participating farmers.

Facilitating Educational Workshops: In addition to organizing events, students played a pivotal role in facilitating educational workshops. We assisted agricultural experts in presenting modern farming techniques, weather forecasting, and marketing strategies tailored for farmers. By working closely with experts, we gained practical knowledge that we could relay to the farmers in an accessible manner. This educational component was vital, as it empowered farmers with the tools and information they needed to enhance their practices and improve their livelihoods. Our ability to relate to the farmers, being closer in age and understanding their challenges, helped bridge the gap between experts and the farming community.

Environmental Conservation Efforts: Environmental conservation efforts also saw significant student involvement. In the second week, we participated in cleaning preserved areas identified for future tree planting. This hands-on engagement taught us the importance of environmental stewardship and showcased the direct impact of our efforts on the local ecosystem. Working alongside community members, we learned valuable skills in teamwork, communication, and project

management, which are essential in any field of work.

Practical Involvement in Tree Planting: In the final week, students contributed to planting saplings in the cleaned areas, where we ensured proper planting techniques and care for the young trees. This practical involvement reinforced the idea that sustainable practices require ongoing commitment and active participation from all community members.

Overall, the contributions of students to Krishi Utpadak Sangathan were multifaceted and impactful. Through our involvement, we not only supported the organization's initiatives but also developed invaluable skills and experiences that will shape our future careers. This internship underscored the potential for students to drive positive change in agricultural practices and community empowerment, emphasizing that the next generation can play a crucial role in fostering sustainable development in rural areas.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

My internship with Krishi Utpadak Sangathan Evam Audyanik Vipran Sahkari Samiti Ltd. has been an enlightening and transformative experience, offering me a comprehensive understanding of the intricate challenges and opportunities present in the agricultural sector of rural India. Over the course of four weeks, I participated in a variety of activities that highlighted the critical importance of sustainable agricultural practices, community engagement, and environmental stewardship, all of which are essential for the empowerment of farmers and the enhancement of rural livelihoods.

In the first week, my visit to the gram panchayat office in Varanasi provided me with valuable insights into the agricultural status of the region. Engaging with local officials and farmers allowed me to gather essential data on crop health, farming challenges, and the socio-economic conditions affecting farmers. This foundational knowledge was crucial for understanding the context in which the NGO operates and the specific needs of the farming community. I learned about the various obstacles that farmers face, including water scarcity, pest infestations, and fluctuating market prices, which are all vital factors that influence agricultural productivity.

The second week of my internship was dedicated to identifying and cleaning preserved areas with high potential for tree growth. This task not only reinforced the importance of afforestation but also highlighted the NGO's commitment to environmental sustainability. By actively participating in community clean-up efforts, I recognized the critical role that local communities play in maintaining and nurturing their environment. Collaborating with volunteers and community members further strengthened my belief in the collective power of community action for positive environmental change.

My involvement in the Satta Mandaliya Kharif Utpadakta Ghoshna 2024 initiative during the third week was a pivotal experience that underscored the significance of education and innovation in agriculture. The event aimed to equip farmers with advanced farming technologies, weather knowledge, and modern marketing techniques. By organizing workshops and facilitating discussions, I saw firsthand how empowering farmers with knowledge can lead to improved agricultural practices and greater market competitiveness. The insights shared by experts not only educated the farmers but

also fostered a sense of community, where participants could learn from one another's experiences and challenges.

In the final week, the opportunity to plant saplings in the cleaned preserved areas provided me with a tangible sense of accomplishment. Engaging in this hands-on activity emphasized the importance of nurturing our environment and promoting biodiversity for future generations. It was gratifying to see the immediate impact of our efforts, and I understood the long-term benefits that these newly planted trees would bring to the ecosystem and the community.

Overall, my internship experience with Krishi Utpadak Sangathan has profoundly influenced my perspective on sustainable development in agriculture. The dedication of the organization and its commitment to empowering farmers through education, innovation, and community engagement have left a lasting impression on me. I have gained practical skills and knowledge that I will carry forward into my future endeavors.

In conclusion, this internship has inspired me to advocate for sustainable agricultural practices and to continue working towards empowering rural communities. The experiences and insights I have gained will guide my future work in this field, as I strive to contribute to positive changes that benefit both farmers and the environment. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of such meaningful initiatives and look forward to applying the lessons learned during this transformative journey.