

**Govardhan Rural Development**

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<b>Core Theme</b>	Integrated Rural Development	<b>HQ</b>	Govardhan Ecovillage
<b>Founder</b>	Sanatkumar Das	<b>Annual Budget</b>	2 crores

### Issue being addressed by NGO:

Palghar, is the next door neighbour of financial capital of India-Mumbai. Still it has a vast tribal population which lives below poverty line. Low levels of land holding, unsustainable agriculture practices, lack of water resources for drinking and irrigation, malnutrition amongst women and children results in distressed migration. To address these issues we have a wholistic Integrated Rural Development programme working at micro level with family as a unit.

### Organization Background:

Govardhan Rural Development is rural development arm of Sri Chaitanya Seva Trust (SCST) which has been rendering various community initiatives for the rural and tribal population. The health care activities are undertaken by the BhaktiVedanta Hospital which operates four PHC's in Palghar district. Since 2009 SCST has expanded its activity for furthering the cause of rural communities under Govardhan Rural Development Programme in Palghar district impacting 1lac+ ppl

#### Program Overview:

**Empowerment of Farmers** - Reducing distressed migration, through stabilising them on the land and generating income through long term, short term and middle term planning, Conserving and promotion of indigenous seeds for nutritional security

**Water Resource Development** - Providing farmers perennial source of irrigation through lift irrigation, small wells, farm ponds and supporting women through drinking water facility

**Women Empowerment** - Helping women to emerge as confident individuals through a 10 steps process of working in Self Help Groups and promoting income generation through market linkage

**Livelihood for Landless** - Stabilising landless families in their villages through micro enterprises

**Rural Education** - Focusing on improved learning of subjects like maths and science through school on wheels

**Skill Development and Enhancement** - Skilling youth by providing employable skills and training for promotion of spirit of entrepreneurship

**Healthcare** - Providing holistic healthcare to the rural areas through mobile clinics, cataract surgeries for avoiding avoidable blindness, catering to malnourished children

#### Key Impacts:

1300+ Farmers adopted, 70+ varieties of indigenous rice and millets conserved  
7000+ farmers trained in Organic farming  
10 lift Irrigation schemes implemented  
5500+ Drinking water beneficiaries  
300+ Self Help Groups covering 3000+ women, 50+ Schools through Science and Maths education covering 9000+ students  
50+ families supported through Livelihood for landless, 70+ students trained in Skill Development. 100000+ patients offered holistic health care



**Two Key Plans for the next year: Developing hostel for tribal students in Jawhar for improved access to education, Improved market linkage for farmers**

**Major Partners: Mafatlal Group, Apar, Motilal Oswal, Bajaj Electricals, Lubrizol, Blue Star, COSCO Shipping, ELICA PB**

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