

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Be like a soil!

Stay grounded, build deep roots

Share resources, connect with others.

Foster diversity, sprout seeds for the future.

Encourage growth of others.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Regenerate!

Wish you all a peaceful year ahead. (Source: Internet)

It's been one year since we started an initiative called 'tharunam' and working to address agricultural crisis and climate change which are leading to farmers' suicide in India through food literacy programs. It's been very resourceful year since we started in 2018 regarding resource development, networking and piloting projects in different parts of the India. We are happy to share that our training programs benefited 172 students in 5 schools across two states.

Dear friends, well wishers and kind supporters, it is time for the final quarterly newsletter of 'tharunam'. Please find the highlights of the last three months activities.

Technical assistance for Agro forestry development project:

Khetee is a non-profit initiative promoting ecological agro forestry models in Bihar. Kumar Neeraj is the founder of this initiative and implemented Bihar's first ecological agro forestry plantation in Durdih village on October 26, 2018. 'tharunam' extended its technical assistance to 'khetee' as a voluntary service for agro forestry implementation. We are delighted to be part of this historical farming feat in Bihar's story.



Food Literacy workshop in Upper primary school, Durdih village:

Our food habits may differ from place to place but the need of the food is same in every place. The food choices of the people will influence ecological and economical development of that place. So, food literacy is one of important skill to acquire in 21st century to address contemporary world issues for everyone. We got an opportunity to conduct three days food literacy workshop at upper primary school of Durdih village, Bihar.



Observation visit at Kedia village, Bihar:

Kedia became first village in the Bihar, India to achieve complete organic farming status with the help of Green peace organization. We visited this village during project tour to study the sustainable farming practices and its implementations. It is an inspiring story which took ten years to transform the village through different community level interventions. The key learning of this visit is that to understand the importance of 'patience' while working for social change.

Food Literacy training program at Tribal Welfare School, Hatti:



“Are you forcing one section people towards farming?” This is the first question which we faced while proposing food literacy training programs in tribal schools. But we believe that our training programs are not to force anyone in any form but to empower school kids about environmental education and sustainable food production techniques. We are thankful to DTDO Kumaram bheem district, Dileep Kumar sir for believing on our idea and giving us an opportunity to conduct training program at Tribal welfare school, Hatti, from November 21 to 28, 2018. And also special thanks to Devarsh dhar, a karmic fellow in the school for his help during training period.

Food Literacy training program at Social Welfare School, Achampeta:

This time, we extended our idea of food literacy into Social welfare school, Achampeta in Telangana state from December 19 to 22, 2018. We are delighted for this opportunity and inspirational to understand the progressive initiatives taken by social welfare schools in Telangana state.

Farmers' day celebration:

National farmers' day (Kisan diwas) is a national occasion observed on 23rd December every year in the honor of the former Prime Minister of India Chaudary Charan Singh. We observed National farmers day and participated in public event organized by Raithu Swarajya Vedika at Marri Krishna hall, Hyderabad. On this occasion, they screened a movie called 'Mitti-Back To Roots' which directed by award winning film maker, 'Anshul Sinha' based on contemporary agrarian crisis and farmers' suicide issue. Please watch this movie to understand "why farmers' distress is never ending story in India. Now, full movie is available in YouTube (English subtitles available). Please, click on the below link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLxXakvJcNw>

Dear Friends, well wishers and Supporters

The tharunam activities would not be possible without your support and contributions. Therefore on behalf of all, we say thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Thank you also by sharing this News Letter in your circle.

With Green Regards,

'tharunam' team

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