

Snehavardhini Social Trust



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About us

Snehavardhini Social Trust is committed to the holistic development of marginalized communities, particularly the Kathkari tribal villages in Roha Taluka, Raigad District, serving over 5,000 people. Our initiatives focus on education, women's empowerment, youth development, access to government schemes, local governance, health, and environmental conservation.

With a dedicated team of 24 teachers and 3 social workers across 24 villages, we collaborate with local communities, NGOs, and government bodies to create sustainable change. This year, our emphasis has been on education, livelihood development, and land-related challenges, which are crucial for the well-being of these communities.

Through our efforts, we aim to build a brighter, self-sufficient future for the Kathkari Tribal communities, ensuring they have access to necessary resources and opportunities for long-term growth.

Snehavardhini Social Trust is grateful to the many people who have supported our tribal community children in their education. We can see that many girls and boys have passed out during the academic year 2024-25.

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A Journey of Hope, Growth, and Transformation

Snehavardhini Social Trust has been dedicated to uplifting the Katkari tribal community for the past 35 years. Among all our initiatives, education has consistently been our top priority, serving as a key that unlocks possibilities and transforms lives.

Life for the tribal community has not been easy. However, over the decades, we have witnessed significant growth—an evolution driven by persistence, love, and a belief in change. This year, we proudly celebrate a remarkable achievement: 20 of our tribal students have completed their higher education. This is more than just a number; it represents quiet revolutions and the power of determination. Behind this success is the hard work and dedication of countless individuals known as "Tais," who paved the way by planting the seeds of education in some of the most remote and underserved areas of our region. Today, those seeds have begun to sprout and flourish. The process has been gradual, but it is steady and unstoppable.

What makes this even more inspiring is that 20 of these young individuals have bravely said "no" to child marriage and have chosen instead to pursue their dreams through education. Their stories serve as a reminder that real change is possible and that every step forward matters.

We express our gratitude to everyone who has contributed to this journey. The road ahead is long, but today, we take a moment to celebrate hope, resilience, and the power of education.

Achievements

Sl.no	Name of the students	Village	STD	Percentage
1	Harishachandra Koli	Madali Down	10 th	63%
2	Swpnali Koli	Madali Down	10 th	53%
3	Ramesh Jadhav	Nivi	10 th	48%
4	Rupesh Walekar	Nivi	10 th	41%
5	Rahul Pawar	Madali Up	10 th	53.20%
6	Akshay Pawar	Bathsai	10 th	54%
7	Sita Waghmare	Bhuvaneshwar	10 th	48%
8	Gita Waghmare	Bhuvaneshwar	10 th	48%
9	Ashvisni Pawar	Numberwadi	10 th	46.40%
10	Akash Pawar	Numberwadi	10 th	51%
11	Vijay Lahu Waghmare	Revoli	10 th	40%
12	Arati Shyam	Madali Up	12 th	49.67%
13	Aruna Ram Koli	Madali Up	12 th	44.17%
14	Priyanka Yashwant Koli	Madali Up	12 th	62%
15	Omkar Pawar	Yashwathgar	12 th	60%
16	Mamata Waghmare	Palekhurd	12 th	60%
17	Naina Pawar	Khamb	12 th	53%
18	Usha Waghmare	Sanegaon	12 th	53%
19	Akshata Waghmare	Palekhurd	12 th	55%
20	Reshma Waghmare	Palekhurd	15 th	60%
21	Shubhagi Kapre	Palekhurd	15 th	56%
22	Dipali Waghmare	Palekhurd	15 th	55%

Students, we are proud of



Arati



Akash



Akshata



Akshay



Ajay



Aruna



Ashwini



Dipali



Divya



Gita W



Priyanka



Omkar



Rakesh



Reshma



Rupesh



Sachin



Sagar



Sagar P



Sita W



Supriya



Tanmay



Tanmay W



Usha



When the Train Whistled South: A Journey of Bonding and Joy

The 24th of May began like any other day—except for the bubbling excitement in the hearts of 18 teachers from Snehavardhini Social Trust. For some, it was the first time stepping into a sleeper coach train; for others, it was the long-awaited chance to travel beyond familiar landscapes. With a mix of nervousness, curiosity, and joy, we boarded the train at Roha station, heading toward a place many of us had only seen in pictures—Kerala.

The gentle rumble of the train mirrored the chattering in our compartments. Questions swirled in the air: “What will it be like?” “Will it rain the whole time?” “Will we enjoy the food?” Families back home had their doubts, warning us about heavy rains and flooded streets. But our minds were made up—this was our time, and we were going to make the most of it.

Upon our arrival in Kochi, any lingering worries melted away. We were warmly welcomed by the Snehaniyam



community, whose smiling faces, serene environment, and beautiful garden felt like a gentle embrace. Some of us stood in silence, soaking in the tranquility and feeling grateful for a moment away from the rush of everyday responsibilities.

Next came the adventure we had all been eagerly anticipating—the Kerala backwater boat ride. For many, this was a dream come true. As we glided over the calm waters, surrounded by swaying coconut trees and passing quiet villages, we experienced a deep sense of peace. Sitting together in the boat, we exchanged glances, knowing that we were creating a cherished memory we would treasure forever.

The food, though different from what we usually eat, delighted us. The spices, aromas, and unfamiliar dishes all reflected a culture rich in flavor and tradition. We learned not only about Kerala's cuisine but also about its people, language, customs, and natural beauty. Every small encounter provided a window into a world that was both different and welcoming.



Each evening, laughter filled our rooms. Jokes, shared memories, and stories from the past echoed through the night. For those moments, we were no longer teachers or caretakers; we were simply friends, reliving the carefree days of childhood.

There were moments of discomfort, of course—long travel hours, new environments, and unpredictable rain—but the joy of being together overshadowed any challenges. What could have been a simple trip transformed into a beautiful story of bonding, learning, and renewal.

None of this would have been possible without the generous and thoughtful support of the Snehavardhini Social Trust. They didn't just organize a picnic; they offered us a gift of time, space, and connection. They reminded us that even caregivers need care and that those who support others sometimes need a moment to relax and recharge.

As we returned, tired but beaming, one thing was clear: we were not the same people who had boarded that train. We had laughed, explored, and rested, and we came back stronger—both as individuals and as a team.



To the Snehavardhini family, thank you for the unforgettable days we've shared. You have truly planted seeds of joy that will continue to flourish in our hearts. Your impact on our lives is lasting, and we deeply appreciate it.

Thank you for reading!
