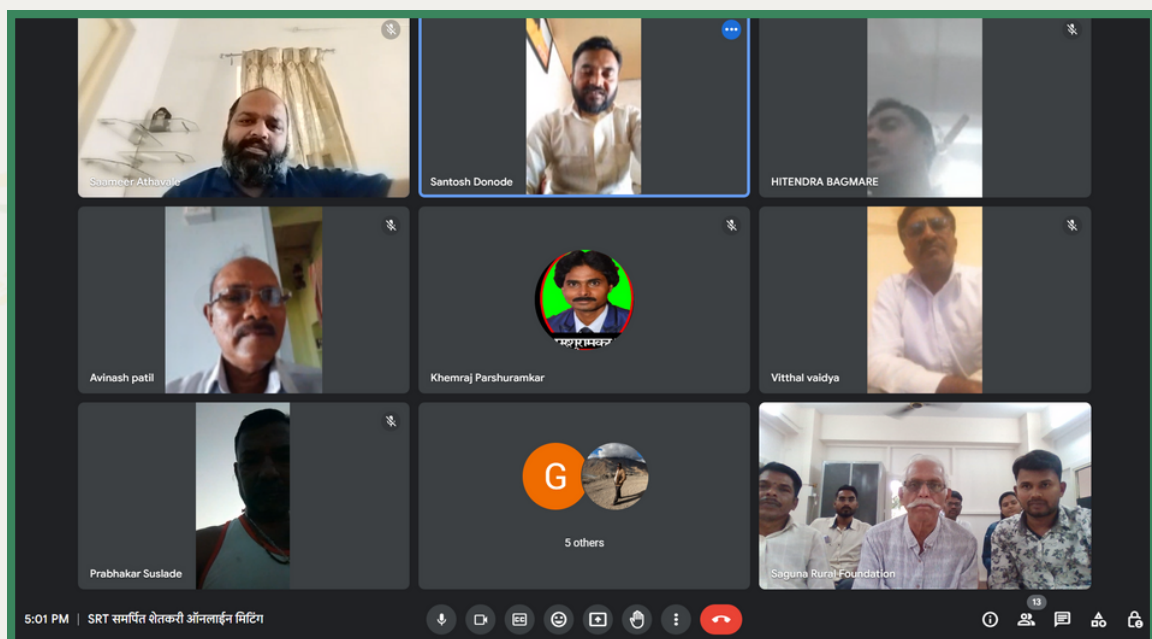




Highlights from the SRT Dedicated Farmers Online Meet - A Step Towards Sustainable Agriculture

On 9th February 2024, we had a special online meeting for SRT (Saguna Regenerative Technique) farmers. It was a big step for us in making farming better and safer for the environment. Farmers from 9 different places in Maharashtra joined us. They all shared their own stories and what they have learned. It was very exciting to see everyone come together like this.



SRT Dedicated Farmers Online Meet

A Gathering of Innovators

The meeting was more than just a talk; it was a big celebration of hard work and new ideas in farming. We were very happy to choose and invite 13 farmers who are leading the way in using SRT in their areas. Their dedication to farming that is good for the environment is really praiseworthy and motivates all farmers.

In-Depth Discussions and Deliberations

At the heart of our meeting, we talked about how SRT is doing in Maharashtra. We looked closely at the problems and obstacles that are stopping this new farming method from becoming more popular. It was a chance for everyone to speak openly and truthfully about our current situation and what we need to do to make SRT grow bigger and better.

Identifying Weaknesses and Opportunities

A significant portion of our discussion was dedicated to identifying the weaknesses of SRT. Understanding these challenges is crucial for us to develop strategies that can overcome them and pave the way for a more sustainable agricultural future.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of SRT

We also took this opportunity to revisit and reinforce the different Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) associated with SRT. It's essential for us to ensure that these practices are not just known but are implemented effectively by our farming community to maximize the benefits of SRT.

Moving Forward Together

This meet was a step towards not just understanding SRT better but also towards building a stronger, more connected community of farmers dedicated to sustainable agriculture. The insights and feedback gathered from this meet will be instrumental in shaping our strategies and initiatives moving forward.

Farmer Story of the Week

Mr. Harishchandra Patil from Pen, Raigad, was facing problem of salt water. His farm is near a creek, and every rainy season, the creek would overflow. This would bring salt water into his fields and spoil his rice crops. This trouble came every year without fail.

In 2018, Mr. Patil decided he had enough and wanted to change things. He visited Chandrasekhar Dada's farm and saw something different - SRT farming. Seeing its success there, he thought, "Why not try this on my farm?"

So, he gave SRT farming a go on his land, and you won't believe it, but it worked like magic! Even with the creek's flooding, his farm was doing much better. The soil wasn't getting dry and cracked, which meant it became soft & porous.

Happy with the results, he didn't just stop there. He expanded SRT farming to 10 acres of his land. And now, in the 2023-2024 Rabi season, Mr. Patil able to take second crop after Kharif paddy. He has planted sunflower. The sunflowers thrived with SRT farming, growing strong and healthy. They did so well, it was like breaking a new record for farming under tough soil salinity conditions.



Celebrating the Triumphs of SRT Farmers in Nashik

The innovative SRT no-till regenerative agriculture method continues to gain well-deserved recognition, as evidenced by the recent accolades awarded to three of our dedicated SRT farmers from the Nashik district of Maharashtra.

These awards not only highlight the individual achievements of our farmers but also underscore the collective progress we are making towards a more sustainable and regenerative agricultural future. The SRT method, with its focus on no-till farming, soil health, and ecological balance, continues to prove its worth as a viable and beneficial approach for farmers and the environment alike.



Shri Kacharu Shinde, Igatpuri, Nashik awarded for Best Farmer award by Shri Dadaji Bhuse, Minister of Public Works & Guardian Minister of Nashik.

An SRT practitioner for 3 years, Mr. Shinde has been recognized with the District Level Ideal Farmer Award for his exceptional work in applying the SRT method to both paddy and orchard crops. His achievements underscore the versatility of SRT in enhancing productivity and sustainability.

A shining example of dedication and innovation in SRT farming, Mr. Paithankar was honored for best farmer award. With two years of experience in SRT farming, he has skillfully cultivated a variety of crops including maize, onion, and gram.



Shri Rajendra Paithankar, Yeola, Nashik honored for Best Farmer award by Shri Nikam, Project Director ATMA, Nashik



Shri Sunil Mahale, Surgana, Nashik awarded for best farmer award by ATMA, Agri Dept of Nashik.



Mr. Mahale has dedicated 2 years to SRT farming, focusing primarily on paddy crops. His efforts highlight the potential of SRT to improve yield and promote ecological balance, making a significant impact in the realm of regenerative agriculture.

A Landmark Victory Under the Sybez Asha Adarsh Village Yojana

In another heartening development, the SRT Farmers Group has clinched the first place in the Paddy Group Farming Crop Competition held under the Sybez Asha Adarsh Village Yojana, Integrated Rural Livelihood Development Programme, at Vadgaon Jahanje, Velhe taluka of Pune District. This victory is particularly noteworthy as it showcases the collective effort and synergy of the SRT farming community in adopting and excelling in regenerative agricultural practices.

The group was awarded a check of 50,000/- (fifty thousand rupees) along with a trophy, symbolizing not just the financial reward but also the recognition of their hard work and commitment to regenerative agriculture. This achievement is a source of immense pride and joy for the entire SRT family, and we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the SRT Farmers Group for their outstanding accomplishment.

