



“SRT humming..... Soil enriching, Crops booming and Farmers Empowering”

Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle Receives the Environmentally-Sound Agriculture Hero Award at MSU - USA

Namaskar,

Welcome to the 175th edition of the Saguna Rural Foundation (SRF) Newsletter!

We are proud to share that Mr. Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle, the visionary founder of **Saguna Rural Foundation (SRF)** and innovator of the Saguna Regenerative Technique (SRT), was honored with the prestigious **Environmentally-Sound Agriculture Hero Award by the G.W. Bird Family Foundation for Environmentally-Sound Agriculture** on November 21, 2024.

The award ceremony took place at the globally renowned **Michigan State University (MSU)** during **Environmentally-Sound Agriculture Day**, recognizing SRF team’s groundbreaking contributions to Regenerative agriculture, especially in the development of eco-friendly rice production systems. His **Saguna Regenerative Technique (SRT)** has revolutionized farming, empowering thousands of farmers in Maharashtra and beyond while ensuring environmental conservation.



The 3 heroes of 2024 were honored with the prestigious Environmentally-Sound Agriculture Hero Award by the G.W. Bird Family Foundation for Environmentally-Sound Agriculture

Forum on Environmentally-Sound Rice Production Technology

As part of the event, Chandrashekar participated in a Forum on **Environmentally-Sound Rice Production Technology**, alongside **Dr G W Bird & Professor Karim Maredia** from MSU. The forum provided a platform for sharing insights into the Saguna Regenerative Technique and discussing its global potential to address pressing challenges in agriculture, such as soil degradation, water scarcity, and food security.



Chandrashekar making a presentation to faculty and students of Soil Science & Horticulture department of MSU

Significance of the Award

The Environmentally-Sound Agriculture Hero Award is a highly respected recognition, each year awarded 1 in Michigan state, 1 in USA & 1 internationally (started from this year). By receiving this award, Chandrashekar joins an elite group of innovators championing environmentally responsible agricultural practices.

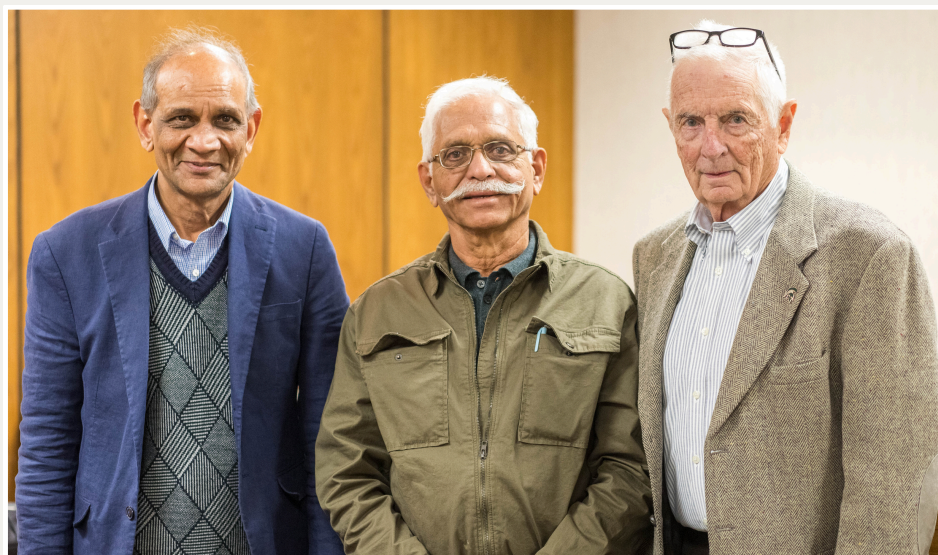
Why This Recognition Matters

- **For Saguna Rural Foundation:** This honor emphasizes the global relevance of our mission to promote healthy soil for healthy food, for happy farmer and healthy environment.
- **For Farmers:** The recognition serves as an inspiration to regenerative no-till farmers worldwide, showcasing the importance and feasibility of adopting eco-friendly farming techniques.
- **For the Environment:** It highlights the urgent need for environmentally sound methods to secure a sustainable future for agriculture.

Message from Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle



"Receiving this award is an incredible honor and a testament to the hard work of individuals dedicated to Regenerative agriculture. I share this recognition with the farmers who have adopted the Saguna Regenerative Technique and are making a significant difference in protecting our environment while they themselves becoming happy & confident. Thus we confirm that eco-friendly farming is essential for a better tomorrow."



From Left **Prof Karim Meredia**, Middle **Chandrashekhar** and right **Dr. G W Bird**

To watch the recorded live speech and award ceremony where Chandrashekhar was honored with the Environmentally-Sound Agriculture Hero Award, click on the following links:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/pxr5XQ1LAGk?si=MDfzlHP5JKfy7Bvh>

<https://www.youtube.com/live/d9ncmpj6EAo?si=BWFy2ILRA-p6JaZ8>

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue our journey towards a greener and more sustainable future.

Thank you!



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