



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

## SRT Marathwada-Vidarbha Study Tour

5 Days | 6 Districts | 8 Programs | 1000+ Farmers

Namaskar,

Welcome to the 178th edition of the Saguna Rural Foundation (SRF) Newsletter!

The Saguna Rural Foundation recently conducted a highly successful five-day Marathwada-Vidarbha Study Tour. This inspiring journey covered six districts, included eight insightful programs, and brought together more than 1000 farmers. Here is a day-by-day overview of this transformative experience:

### Day 1: Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

- **Host Farmers:** Mr. Raosaheb More & Mr. Ramchandra Pund
- **Farmers Present:** Over 50
- The day began with an enthusiastic gathering of local farmers who showcased their experiences with SRT (Saguna Regenerative Technique) practices. Discussions centered on sustainable farming techniques and the potential of SRT to revolutionize agriculture in the region.



*Enthusied and motivated farmers about the experience of Mr. Rawsaheb More showcasing his healthier soil and resilient crop.*

## Day 2: Jalna

- **Host Farmer:** Mr. Vitthal Vaidya
- **Farmers Present:** 150+
- The second day witnessed a vibrant farmer movement in Jalna. The interactive session was filled with inspiring stories of farmers who adopted no-tillage SRT practices over the past six years, significantly improving soil health and crop productivity.



*Participation by farmers from 8 districts and words of wisdom by Ex Chief Justice Hon Shri Ambadas Ji Joshi were important features.*

## Day 3: Buldhana & Akola

- **Host Farmer:** Mr. Mahesh Jadhav
- **Farmers Present:** 200+
- Field visits in Buldhana and Akola demonstrated the incredible potential of SRT in enhancing the vigor and productivity of crops such as cotton, maize, wheat, soybean, and chickpea. The attendees were amazed by the visible improvements in soil structure and fertility.



*Amazing turnout of the strong hold farmers such as Mr Prakash Pohare & Mr Sham Gattani and them expressing hope for positive farming by SRT method.*

## Day 4: Yavatmal

- **Host Farmers:** Mr. Umesh Pohadare, Mr. Shrikant Mankar, & Mr. Amol Wankhede
- **Farmers Present:** 450+
- The tour's largest gathering took place in Yavatmal, where farmers passionately discussed the impact of SRT on their livelihoods. The field visits highlighted the outstanding health and yield of crops grown using SRT no-tillage methods, demonstrating the enormous potential for expansion in the region.



*Enthusiastic large gathering of SRT seekers and SRT garland of cotton by a successful farmer.*

## Day 5: Amravati

- **Host Farmer:** Mr. Vilas Mahalle (Retired Teacher & Dedicated SRT promoter)
- **Farmers Present:** 150+
- On the final day, the gathering took place at Mr. Vilas Mahalle's farm, where they firsthand witnessed the benefits of sustainable SRT farming practices. The event concluded with farmers expressing their happiness and optimism about the future of agriculture in the region.



*Special attendance by officials of Cotton Exchange & Cotton Industry.*

## Key Highlights:

- **Farmer Movement:** The tour showcased the growing enthusiasm among farmers for adopting innovative, sustainable SRT farming techniques.
- **6+ Years of SRT Success:** Many farmers shared their success stories of using no-tillage SRT practices for over six years, leading to significant improvements in soil health and crop productivity.
- **Diverse Crops:** Cotton, maize, wheat, soybean, and chickpea crops were noted for their vigor and high yields.
- **Field Visits:** All the local programs were well managed and sponsored by the host farmers. Practical demonstrations of their own fields spoke for themselves about the benefits of SRT and inspired farmers .

The SRT Marathwada-Vidarbha Study Tour stands as a testament to the power of collective learning and innovation. With such overwhelming participation and success, the Saguna Rural Foundation continues to drive positive change in Indian agriculture, fostering a community of happy and prosperous farmers along with remarkable improvement in the soil health.

*The improved soil aggregation from completely degraded and hard like rock black cotton soil of Mr Ramchandra Pund in a short period of 3 years by SRT.*



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

*Thank you!*



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