



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

## SRT Spreads Roots – From Guwahati Fields to Global Forums

Namaste,

Welcome to the 183rd edition of the Newsletter, Saguna Rural Foundation (SRF) !

Fortnight of September has been truly eventful and inspiring for Saguna Rural Foundation. From energizing farmers in Guwahati with the promise of the Saguna Regenerative Technique (SRT), to strengthening partnerships in Arunachal Pradesh for soil conservation, and welcoming esteemed scientists from VNMKV Parbhani at Saguna Baug, and appearance of SRT farmer on the GFN posting – each step reinforced our mission of building a sustainable farming future. Here’s a glimpse of the fortnight gone by...

### Guwahati Program (9-10 September 2025)

On the first day of the Guwahati visit, Shri Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle delivered an insightful presentation on the Saguna Regenerative Technique (SRT), followed by a practical field demonstration for local farmers.

This program was organized by SELCO Foundation, Bengaluru, and was attended by more than 25 enthusiastic farmers. The participants were highly motivated by the demonstration and many expressed their commitment to adopt SRT practices in the upcoming season.





### Visit to Arunachal Pradesh (10-12 September 2025)

Mr Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle visited the Ramkrishna Mission Ashram in Narottam Nagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

SRF is actively collaborating with the Ashram to reduce soil erosion by planting vetiver grass along the shoulders of river banks. This initiative aims to protect the soil erosion by the water flows during the extended rainy season (March to September).



Photo 1&2: Mr Chandrashekhar and Mr Jignesh Mehta is with **Swami Achuteshananda** of the Ramkrishna Mission Ashram in Arunachal Pradesh.  
Photo 3: Excellent performance of Vetiver grass live bunding on the river bank to stop soil erosion.

### **Parallel Developments at Saguna Baug (10 September 2025)**

While the field visits were underway, Saguna Baug hosted eminent scientists from Vasant Rao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani –

- Dr. Khizer Baig, Director of Research, VNMKV, Parbhani
- Dr. Rakesh Ahire, Director of Extension, VNMKV, Parbhani

The visit was significant as SRF has signed an MoU with VNMKV Parbhani and commenced a pilot demonstration of SRT on cotton, soybean, moong, and urad over a 1-acre plot at the VNMKV campus.

The visitors were amazed to witness the 12-year-old no-tillage SRT paddy plots at Saguna Baug and deeply appreciated SRF's pioneering efforts.



*In the heart of Saguna Baug's lush SRT rice fields (L to R) – Dr. Rakesh Ahire (Director of Extension, VNMKV Parbhani), Mr. Anil (SRF), Dr. Khizer Baig (Director of Research, VNMKV Parbhani), and Mr. Pramod (SRF) explore the thriving no-tillage regenerative plots and Vetiver grass experiment.*

## **Global Recognition – Proud Moment for SRT Farmers**

Adding to the excitement, a photograph of Mr. Parshuram Agivale, a farmer practicing SRT for over 10 years, was showcased during a Global Farmer Network (GFN) webinar.

This recognition is not just an honor for Mr. Agivale but a proud moment for the entire SRT farming community, highlighting the global impact of local sustainable farming practices.

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<https://tinyurl.com/GFNRegenAg03>



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

**Thank you!**



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