



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

Growing a regenerative agriculture movement—across farms, institutions and landscapes

Namaste,
Welcome to the 195th edition of the Newsletter.

This edition brings together a promising Telangana engagement, field learning from salt-affected soils, rapid expansion of SRT Shetishalas, national media recognition for SVT, and a proud honour for SRT pioneer Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle

01 Visit to Gram Navnirman Samiti at Vasala Marry Telangana

Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle, accompanied by Mayur Bannore of Cquester, visited about 50-acre plot of Gram Navnirman Samiti at Vasala Marri, Telangana to demonstrate Saguna Regenerative Technique (SRT). This visit was organized by Dr Vijay Gopal Reddy, director of Gram Navnirman Samiti and Mr. Venkatrao Mallela, innovator of E-ZEBU.

The team also visited manufacutring unit of SRT Zebu at Hyderabad and discussed further developement with Mr Mallela



02 Building New Partnerships for SRT in Telangana

Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle, accompanied by Mayur Bannore of Cquester, visited Hyderabad to explore opportunities for strengthening and expanding Saguna Regenerative Technique (SRT) across Telangana.

The programme brought together key stakeholders, including Telangana Agriculture Minister's son Mr. Yugandhar Tummala; Mr. Vijay Gopal Reddy of Gram Navnirman Samiti, Karimnagar; Mr. Venkatrao Mallela of INAV Power and developer of eZebu.

A demonstration of the SRT method was given to the farmers at Nalgonda. Discussions focused on how SRT technique, digital tools, institutional partnerships and local networks can work together to take practical regenerative agriculture knowledge to more farmers in Telangana.



03 Learning from Salt-Affected Soils in Maharashtra

During a field visit from 18–21 August 2026, Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle and the SRT team reviewed experimental plots in Ahilyanagar, Buldhana and the Kharpan Patta region of Akola. The trials are testing Kashad grass and Saptadhanya as biomass crops in saline and sodic soils. We expect this to happen by improved soil aggregation, better water drainage and infiltration and supporting earthworm and microbial activities. The standing vegetation is terminated with herbicide and allowed to decompose on the soil surface. The approach is intended to build biological activity, improve soil condition, retain moisture and support groundwater recharge over time.



04 SRT Shetishalas Expand from 10 to 23

The SRT Shetishala network has grown rapidly—from 10 locations to 22 across Maharashtra, with one additional Shetishala in Bengaluru. Through these field-based learning centres, 4,600 farmers have been trained to date, and more than 70% have adopted the demonstrated practices. The Shetishalas give farmers a practical platform to observe SRT, discuss local challenges and learn directly through demonstrations.



05 The Sunday Times of Times of India Highlights SVT at Lonavala Ghat (30 Aug 2026)

The Sunday Times of Times of India featured the Saguna Vansanvardhan Technique (SVT) and the use of vetiver as a nature-based solution for slope stabilisation. In a Central Railway pilot, 10,000 vetiver slips were planted across approximately 5,600 square metres in the Bhor Ghat section between Karjat and Lonavala.

Vetiver in Live Contour Bunding (LCB) with its dense, deep root system acts like a “**living nail**”: it helps bind soil, slow surface runoff and create pathways for rainwater to move through the slope face. The coverage recognised the potential of this approach near railway tracks in the Lonavala Ghat section, alongside its broader value in land restoration and reducing forest-fire risk.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/central-railways-pilots-vetiver-grass-on-lonavala-hillslopes-to-mitigate-landslides/articleshow/133619229.cms>

06 A Proud Honour for an Agricultural Visionary

On 20 August 2026, Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle was invited by Managing Director of Padcorp Padgilwar Private Limited Mr. Sagar Padgilwar and felicitated at Padcorp’s granddealer conference at Taj Gateway, Nashik, attended by more than 450 dealers and distributors.

The honour celebrated his exceptional contribution to agriculture through SRT, his pioneering work in agro-tourism and his influence as a mentor to farmers, scientists and extension professionals. It also marked Padcorp’s 16-year association with Bhadsavle—an enduring relationship built on farmer-first values, practical innovation and shared commitment to Indian agriculture.

