



*Ek Saath
The Earth Foundation's*

Annual Report

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About Us

‘Nothing beats kindness. It sits quietly beyond all things. There’s so much beauty we need to look after,’ – the boy, the mole, the fox, and the horse by Charloie Mackesy

Echoing the sentiment of this timeless classic, in 2020, Ek Saath: The Earth Foundation was established with a mission to heighten awareness and responsibility towards the environment. In this short period, it has grown into a dedicated force for change. From organising tree plantation drives to the beach and river clean-ups, in partnership with Carter clean up, Healing Himalayas and Young Creative Productions across Mumbai, Ludhiana and Himachal Pradesh,

The organisation is committed to making nature our strongest ally in the fight against climate change and working towards achieving the established sustainable development goals 2030.

Driven by a passion, to develop an engaged, aware, citizen’s movement for the cause of a better planet, Ek Saath continues to strive to bring together individuals and organisations in a united stand to make a difference, locally and globally.



Our Goals

Our Vision

To hear the inspiring call of the warm sun on the horizon and to answer it with our commitment to build a better world together, co-existing with nature, and to create a lasting sustainable future for both, mankind and wildlife.



Our Mission

- To take concerted action towards the goal of an eco-friendly world, dedicated to eradicating ignorance and exploitation of nature's bounty.
- To consistently educate through seminars and workshops, discover technologically assisted ways to reduce plastic pollution, increase plantation of trees in urban and rural areas, and to pioneer ways to maximise reforestation and protect wildlife.
- To engage people across the spectrum of society imbuing them with a drive to leave a beautiful planet for the generations after to inherit.



Founder's Note

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"Ek Saath is an idea that was long overdue, created as a reminder of the relationship we all have with nature. We have grown too accustomed to disregarding nature and the precious bond we share with it.

Ek Saath is here to repair this broken bond. In little more than a year, we have achieved great heights, conducting beach clean-up drives, removing tons of plastic trash and urban afforestation drives making cities greener. Ek Saath is more than an NGO - it's a movement, a call to

action for people to take charge of their environment and make it better. Volunteers come together in solidarity, united in their shared vision of a greener future. The disconnect between humanity and nature has caused a multitude of environmental issues.

We are accountable for the impacts our decisions have on the Earth. Some remain in the dark regarding their role in the magnitude of this issue, while others lack knowledge of how to do better. We cannot differentiate between who is at fault and who is not since we are here to honour our collective unity.

Our mission is to share this energy with all those we encounter, showing them that every single one of us has the power to make an eternal impact. Instead of only wishing for something better, it is time to act and make it happen.

-Pragya Kapoor

Managing Director's Note

“Ek Saath - The Earth Foundation turns 3 this year - a number that we have been eagerly awaiting to reach. The past year has been a very fulfilling one.

Ek Saath Foundation is now the official NGO partner for the citizen movement "Carter Clean Up" which is currently in its 80th week having engaged over 7000 volunteers and cleared more than 25000+kgs of marine debris from the beach and mangroves. We also cleared more than 36,000kgs of construction debris which was then recycled and converted into benches, now placed on Carter Road Promenade.

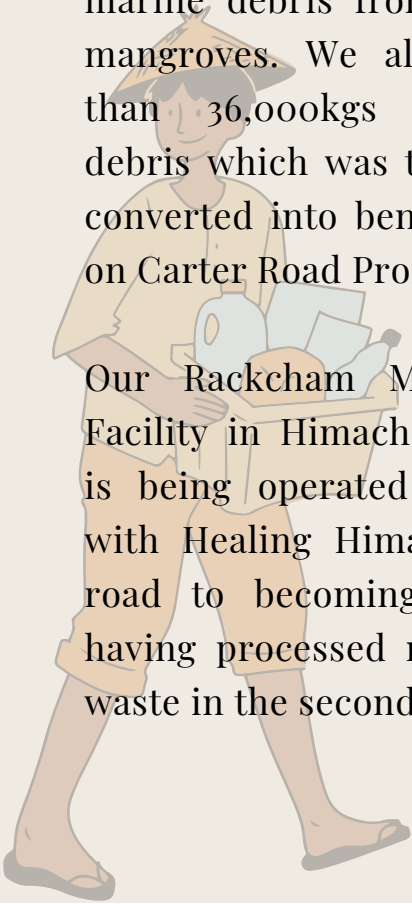
Our Rackcham Material Recovery Facility in Himachal Pradesh which is being operated in collaboration with Healing Himalayas is now on road to becoming self-sustainable having processed nearly 3.5 tons of waste in the second half of 2022.



We have also launched our Eco Shiksha initiative in collaboration with other NGOs to include solid waste management and environmental awareness as part of the curriculum in civic schools.

In the year 2023, we plan to actively work in the fields of wildlife rescue & rehabilitation, waste management, and reforestation. The next 12 months look very exciting and we look forward to the able guidance of our Advisory board members and our founder Pragya Kapoor.”

-Ashwin Malwade



Advisory Board

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"I deeply appreciate the partnerships that Ek Saath is building by working with those who are deeply committed to improve the health of our living planet. It is these very partnerships that will ensure the work is sustainable. Kudos to the team! Ek saath, saath saath."

-Dia Mirza

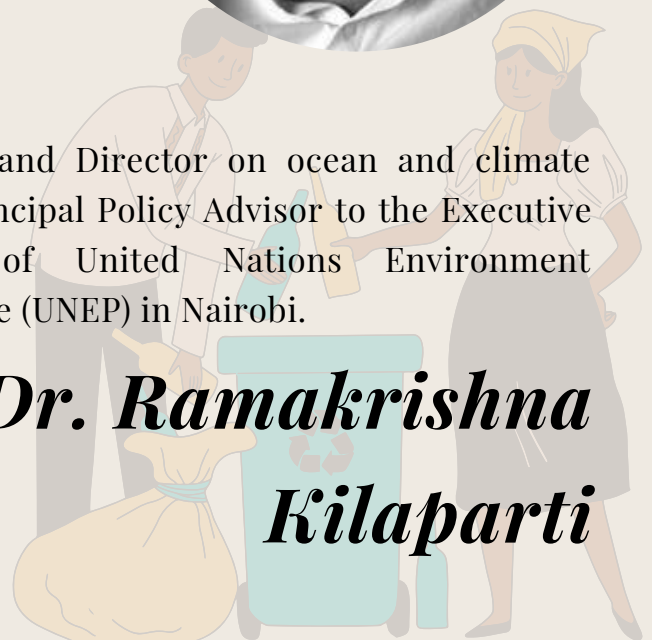
"Virtual care for our common Nature is no match for actual work on the ground. Ek saath connects people and Nature. Very proud to be part of this important mission."

-Tor A. Dahlstrøm



President and Director on ocean and climate policy. Principal Policy Advisor to the Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi.

***-Dr. Ramakrishna
Kilaparti***



Team Ek Saath

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At Ek Saath, we aim to build a society that is conscious about its actions, becoming sustainable and responsible towards its environment. It's about choosing our needs over wants and becoming conscious consumers. **-Dipika Mishra**

(Environment and Partnership Manager)



At Ek Saath we are working towards sustainable solutions and making them reach far and wide. Empowering the Earth warriors is a unique feeling that we tend to embrace together with Ek Saath. **-Sahanu Jain**

(Communication and Dissemination Manager)

“Working with Eksaath has made me more conscious towards the environment and my role in preserving our planet for future generations. But we can't build a safe, sustainable future alone – we build it together. We need to live and work as a community. At Eksaath we work towards bringing more people to this cause.” **-Vidhi (Human resource Manager)**



Ek Saath - The Earth Foundation is a truly fulfilling experience. Right from the beach clean-ups to navigating social media to spread due awareness, at every step, I have felt hopeful and motivated. **-Keya Jadhav (Intern)**

At Ek Saath, we stay alert to living mindfully and cause no harm to the soil of our birth. I wish to help repair the damage done by design or ignorance. It has been an amazing privilege that I look forward to with sincere enthusiasm. **-Mariam (Intern)**



Our Projects

Carter Clean-Up

Ek Saath foundation in partnership with the initiative partner Carter Clean-Up group joined hands to completely eradicate waste from Carter Beach and Mangrove and make it a waste-free zone.

Started with 5 members - Harold Fernandes, Ashwin Malwade, Nupur Agarwal, Freishia B and Maansi Ahuja, today Carter Clean Up is a group of 500+ working for 80+ weeks.



7000+
volunteers



50+ Corporate
collaborations

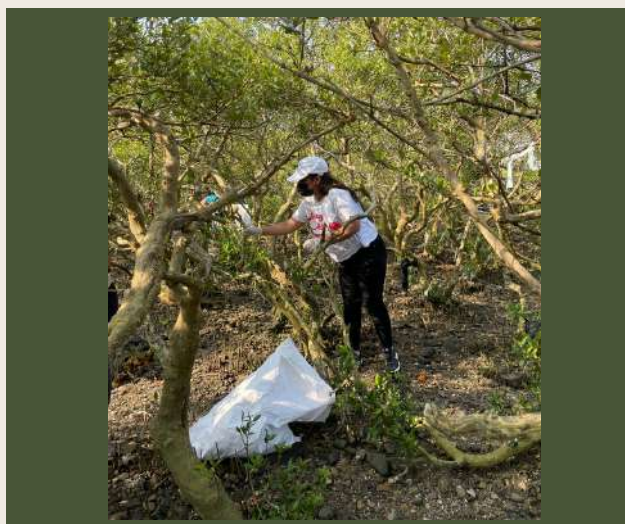


35,000+kgs
C&D waste
eliminated



30,000+ kgs
marine waste
cleared

C&D waste was sent to MetroWaste Handling Pvt. Ltd. for recycling. It was converted into 5 benches, which are now installed at the Carter road beach Promenade.



Project Kooda

Sustaining Paradise

“Cleanliness is next to Godliness,” hence it is crucial for Himachal to stay the paradise it is. Ek Saath foundation in partnership with Healing Himalayas has undertaken a Material Recovery Facility to sustain the Himalayas or 'Devbhoomi', the land of God.

Our Rakchham Material Recovery Facility (as part of the Sustaining Paradise Project) in Himachal Pradesh that is being operated in collaboration with “Healing Himalayas” is now on road to becoming self sustainable.

The facility processed nearly 3.5 tons of waste in second half of 2022.

Ek Saath is glad to share that at-source waste segregation at our MRFs is 100%.



Our team collecting waste at Himachal

Further, this collected dry waste is segregated into 10 categories at the MRF and then sent for recycling. Through rigorous awareness campaigns and consistent waste collection practices, our safai saathis have managed to build trust. On daily basis, 1.5 to 2 tons of household and commercial waste is collected.



MRF at Rakchham

Way forward

Ek Saath aims to start similar such MRF's in tier 2 & 3 cities of Maharashtra in the year 2023. Sustaining Western Ghats - will be aiming at eradicating waste

Mission Green Punjab - Ludhiana

In collaboration with Eco Mela Team, Ek Saath foundation has successfully managed to raise awareness on waste management and environmental crisis.

- The native species plantation is now a year old after surviving the harsh cold weather.
- The clean-up drive at Sidhwan canal has finally reached the government and Sidhwan cleanup has started in full force with a complete ban on throwing any garbage in the canal. There is a proper barricading of the water body in progress.
- We have also conducted forest clean up drives in collaboration with Eco Mela and Indian Green Army.



Eco-mela at Ludhiana

Climate Comics



Leaving Green Imprints - A Tree Plantation Initiative

Ek Saath foundation has started a tree plantation drive to create mini forests in urban and rural spaces.

India has agreed under the Kyoto Protocol to increase the area under Forest cover to 33% of the total Land area by 2030.

In contribution, Ek Saath aims to engage corporates and citizens in accomplishing this goal, using the dense plantation method. By 2024 we wish to engage 20+ corporates and plant 1 lakhs+ trees in India.



EcoSwitch - Choosing Sustainable Alternatives



Eco Shiksha Initiative



Young minds are the future of the country. Thus, in collaboration with schools, Ek Saath conducts ‘Solid Waste Management Awareness’ drives for school children. Our aim is to create awareness about waste among kids and help them practise waste segregation at school and home.

We also wish to make these schools waste banks where kids drop their dry waste for recycling . This collected waste will be monetised and picked up by a recycler. We aim to expand our awareness program and reach out to more schools and colleges.



In partnership with Young creative production and 5RCYCLE.

Did You Know?

79%

Indian students feel that it's important to study climate change and environmental conservation.

300 M

students in

1.3 M

schools

in India receive

Environmental Education training.

Ek Saath has conducted waste management sessions for

300+

children of 5th - 10th grade across

3

schools in Mumbai.

Way Forward

Project Kooda

Ek Saath foundation in collaboration with Young Creative production has started the "Swachh Kokari Sundar Kokari" Mission, in Wadala, Mumbai. We aim at turning the slum settlement into a waste free complex through awareness, clean up drives, waste segregation, dry waste monetisation and over all development.



We have conducted a 2 month long survey in the settlement, knowing the people and their problem. Additionally a clean up drive is conducted every Sunday, along with our 10 on ground volunteers.

We have been working along with the F-North ward BMC officials, helping them implement a better waste management System.

Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

In the year 2023, we plan to actively work in the fields of wildlife rehabilitation, and waste management with awareness and reforestation. We plan to engage with multiple NGOs working in the field of Wildlife across Maharashtra and Goa. We aim to provide them with secondary support such as rescue equipment, medical ambulance, thermal drone cameras, etc. and additionally create waste management centres for adjoining villages.



Volunteer With Us

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Volunteer and Employee Engagement

Continuing to make an impact, Ek Saath has started its volunteering and employee engagement programme. Through this programme we wish to:

- Increase our connect and create an impact in other parts of the country.
- Increase corporate participation and engagement.
- Help make our volunteers go zero waste.



**25+ Corporate
employee
engagements**



**250+
volunteers**

Ek Saath - BookASmile, the charity initiative of BookMyShow supported Ek Saath with the intent to maximise the efforts for a sustainable future and zero-waste living.

These hardworking volunteers who put their efforts into making our planet a plastic-free place are rewarded as **#BookASmileECOBuddy** of the week.

Every week, 2 volunteers are nominated. At the end of the quarter, a movie screening is hosted at a leading cinema chain by BookASmile to appreciate their contribution.



#BookASmileECOBuddies at a movie screening

In the last two quarters, a movie screening of Vikram Vedha and Pathan was hosted at a leading cinema chain by BookASmile to reward the efforts of 107 **#BookASmileECOBuddy**

By supporting our cause you not only help us in our ongoing projects but also empower us to take up even more challenging endeavours in future.

To volunteer with us:

- Write to us at **info@eksaathfoundation.com**
- Or visit us on Instagram at **@eksaathfoundation** and fill out the google form in our bio.

The more the greener!

