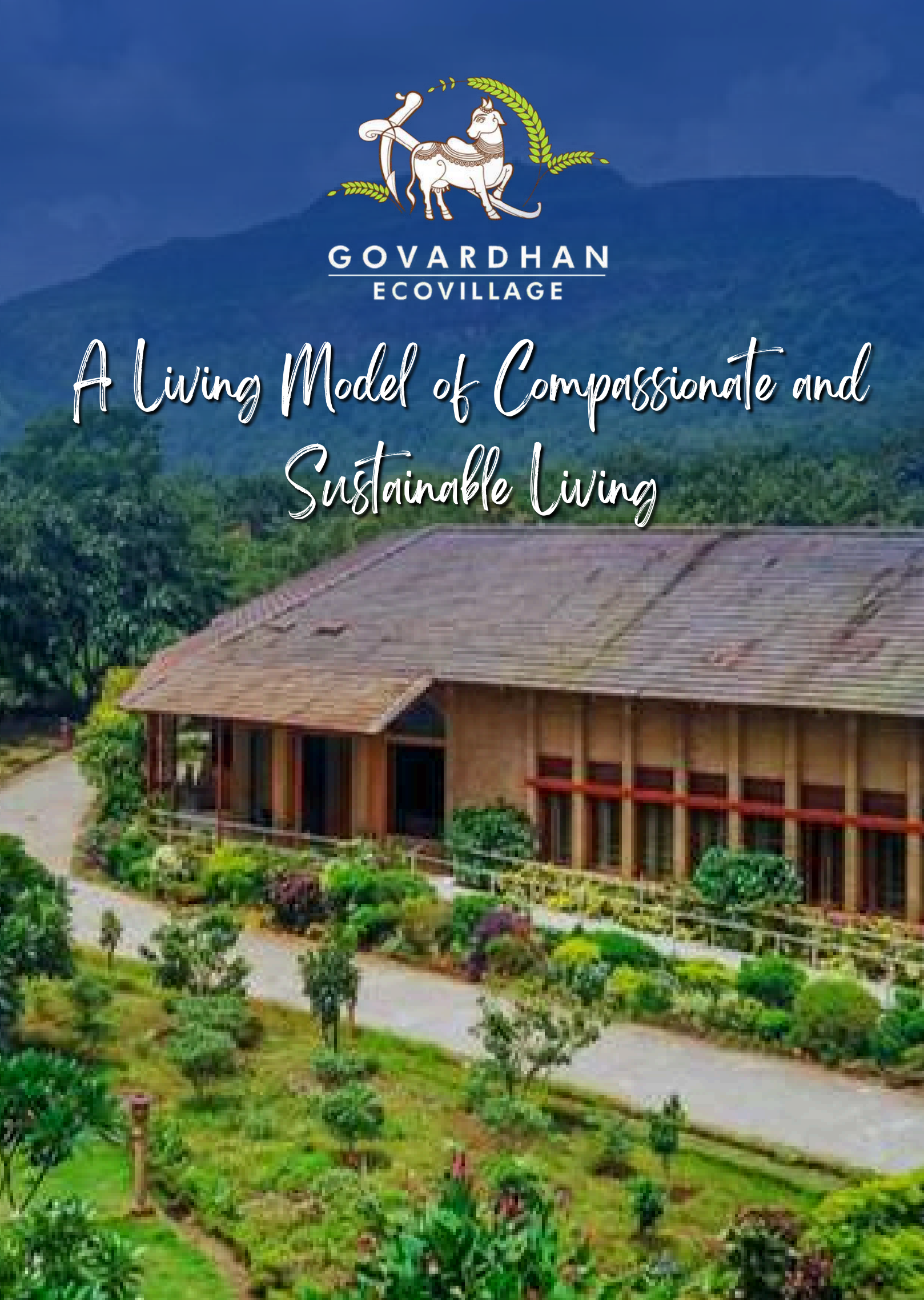
GOVARDHAN
ECOVILLAGE

A Living Model of Compassionate and Sustainable Living



GEV ACCREDITED TO

United Nations
Economic and Social
Council (ECOSOC)

United Nations
Convention to Combat
Desertification

Convention on
Biological Diversity

UN
environment
programme

"Environment is simply manifestation of Ecology of Mind"

GOVARDHAN ECOVILLAGE

Nestled in the serene natural landscape of Maharashtra, Govardhan EcoVillage invites you to experience a way of life rooted in harmony, sustainability, and inner well-being. In a rapidly changing world marked by imbalanced lifestyles and environmental challenges, it stands as a humble yet powerful response.

Established in 2003 and spread across over 100 acres, this UN-accredited eco-community reflects the timeless principle of "Simple Living and High Thinking." Inspired by Vedic wisdom, it offers a space where humans and nature coexist in mutual respect.

Through Dynamic Ecosystem of initiatives in organic farming, tribal welfare, education, and sustainable livelihoods, Govardhan EcoVillage addresses global challenges such as climate change, food security, and rural empowerment. Recognized for its impactful work and innovative approach, it has become a centre for learning and inspiration, welcoming individuals, institutions, and policymakers from around the world.

Come, explore, and be inspired to rediscover a balanced and conscious way of living.

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Global recognitions celebrating our leadership in sustainability, community impact, and holistic living.

SUSTAINABILITY

PERMANENT RAISED BED TECHNOLOGY

ORGANIC FARMING

15+	Acres under organic farming
100%	Chemical-free with in-house organic fertilizer production
2.5 ACRES	Dedicated to agricultural research and experimental farming

TEN DRUM TECHNOLOGY

SOIL CONSERVATION AND REGENERATION

90
MILLION LITRES
PREM SAROVAR

70
MILLION LITRES
SURYA KUND

WATER MANAGEMENT

WATER-POSITIVE COMMUNITY

3 PONDS	With total storage capacity of 170 million litres
200+ KLD	Treated water used daily in Agriculture & Gardens
63+ MILLION LITRES	Water recycled annually

WASTE WATER TREATMENT USING SOIL BIOTECHNOLOGY (SBT)

WASTE MANAGEMENT

GEV ANNUALLY PRODUCES

2,20,000 KG	Compost from food and organic waste
42,000 KG	Vermicompost from 72,000 kg of cow dung
5,100 LITRES	Pyro oil from 9,500 kg of plastic waste

ENERGY CONSERVATION

500 KW	Solar plant generates 2000+ units/day, meets 55% energy needs, reduces 268 tonnes CO_2 (53%)
22 M^3	Biogas plant equivalent to 24 LPG cylinders/month

CLEAN ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

ONLY ELECTRIC VEHICLE INSIDE THE CAMPUS

BRUSHLESS DC FANS

BIOGAS PLANT

FLOATING DRUM (10 CU.M)

BALLOON BIOGAS (12 CU.M)

GREEN BUILDING

8 LAKH+	Compressed stabilized earth blocks (CSEB) used
6 LAC SQFT	Area of mud block green buildings
99.6% LOWER	Embodied energy of CSEB blocks (0.275 MJ/kg)

BIODIVERSITY

63+ bird species | **64+** butterfly species
300+ plant species — Biodiversity supported

120+ cows | **14+** swans | **32+** ducks | **3+** horses
7+ donkeys | **30+** sheep — Animal care

PEACOCK

BUTTERFLIES

COWS

HORSES

SWANS

DONKEYS

GOVARDHAN NURSERY

20,000+	Plantation of trees
200+	Varieties of plant species

Local variety, Medicinal, Ayurvedic Plants

COLLEGES AND SCHOOL VISITS

SCHOOLS VISITED

- Billabong High International School
- Cathedral, South Mumbai
- Vibgyor School
- S M Shetty School
- Podar International School

COLLEGES VISITED

- IIT Bombay & IIT Madras
- BARC (Scientists)
- SVKM's NMIMS – Balwant Sheth School of Architecture (BSSA)

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS VISITED

1500+ FOREIGN STUDENTS
30+ UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE WORLD

- Notre Dame University
- Denver University
- Singapore University
- City University of New York
- Utah Valley University
- Cranfield University

INTERNSHIPS

200+ INTERNS ; 40 + INSTITUTIONS

- University of Texas, USA
- Notre Dame University, USA
- IIT Bombay
- IIT Delhi
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)
- City University Newyork (CUNY)
- BITS Pilani, Hyderabad

- BITS Pilani, Dubai
- Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore
- Xavier Inst. of Management, Bhubaneswar
- Prin. L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research
- FLAME University
- NICMAR University

COLLABORATIONS & MOU'S

MoU Between GEV, Bhartiya Nadi Parishad and GIZ

भारतीय नदी परिषद

giz Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Partnership for river rejuvenation, water management, capacity building, and environmental sustainability

MoU between IITB and GEV

Strategic MoU at SANKET 2025 for sustainable innovation, research, and living labs at GEV

MoU between TERI and GEV

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Partnership for research and implementation in water, renewable energy, agriculture, waste, and sustainability

MoU between GEV, IGBC and IIT Kanpur

IGBC IIT KANPUR

Collaboration in energy, waste, water, and green infrastructure through research and innovation.

MoU between GEV and Dapoli University

AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, DAPOLI

Partnership for agricultural research, organic farming, agro-ecology, farmer training, and rural development

MoU with MAHAPREIT

MAHAPREIT
MAHATMA PHULE RENEWABLE AND INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGY LIMITED

Collaboration with MAHAPREIT for energy self-sufficiency.

SOCIAL IMPACT

Rural Development Since 2010

15+ Years of Grassroots Impact

Key Demographics

97%
Tribal Population

50%+
Below Poverty Line

70%
No Irrigation Facility
(In non-monsoon season)

Context & Reality

The Rural Challenge We Address

Structural Barriers in Tribal & Rural India

- Small landholdings & low income
- Rain-fed agriculture
- Poor irrigation access
- Low crop productivity
- Distress migration
- Learning gaps in rural schools

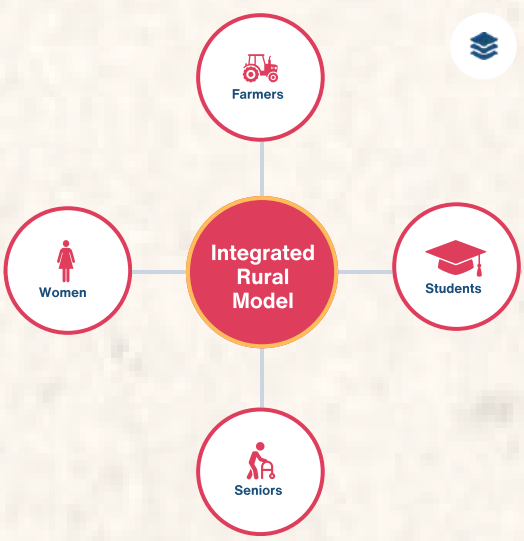
Our Model

"Rural poverty is not lack of effort.
It is lack of systems."

One Ecosystem. Multiple Levers of Change.

Stakeholders	Integrated Approach	Impact So Far
Farmer	**Empowerment + Water Resource Dev.** Holistic agricultural support	**2,000** Farmers impacted **180+** Indigenous seeds preserved **50 Cr** Liters water conserved
Women	**Women Empowerment** SHGs & Livelihood	**3,000+** Women in **300** SHGs Financial inclusion & micro-enterprises
Students	**Rural Education + Vocational** Skill building & academic support	**10,000** Students in 100+ Schools **50%** Girls participation
Senior Citizen	**Healthcare Access** Cataract & Cancer screening	**400+** Camps in Palghar **20,000** Cataract Surgeries **1,000+** Cancer Treatments

Stakeholder Ecosystem



Interconnected interventions ensuring holistic development

"We don't just run projects. We build rural ecosystems."

Empowerment of Farmers

Wadi Agriculture Model

Integrated Agriculture: Horticulture + Floriculture + Vegetables + Rice/Millets + Package of Organic Practices

50-300%
Increase in Income

100%
Increase in Crop Production

180+
Indigenous Varieties Preserved

100%
Reduction in Distress Migration

70%
Increase in Area of Cultivation

Income tripled through diversification & water security.

Impact — Irrigation + Drinking + Conservation

Water = Rural Economic Multiplier

17,000+
Beneficiaries through Water Infrastructure

50 Cr
Litres of Water Conserved

Infrastructure Delivered

20 km
Canals

128
Farm Ponds

15
Lift Irrigation Units

470
Farm Pits

50
Borewells

Water intervention is the backbone of agricultural revival.

Education Transformation through Quality Education

9,000+ Students Impacted

Age Group	Intervention	Impact
6-12 Years	**Vidyavan** Community Remedial Classes	17 Centers established 200+ Students enrolled 100% Proficiency improvement in Maths & Marathi
10-16 Years	**STEM Education** Science, Technology, Engineering, Math	9,000+ Students 100+ Schools
13-16 Years	**Abhyasika** Study Centers	150+ students benefitted every year

We work at learning level, not just syllabus level.

Livelihood Inclusion

Women & Livelihood Inclusion

Community-Led Economic Strengthening

- 300+ Self Help Groups
- 3,000+ Women Empowered
- 60+ Livelihood Initiatives
- 50% Income Increase (Landless)

Key Initiatives

- Wild Food Festival Model
- Micro-enterprises
- Kitchen Gardening
- Financial Inclusion

When women earn, villages stabilize.

GOVARDHAN SKILL CENTRE

India's 3rd largest skill centre, spans 70,000 sq.ft across 4 acres. It focuses on tribal and rural skilling, employment opportunities, and sustainable livelihood solutions through quality education, vocational training, healthcare, and value-based learning.

Vocational Skill Training Courses

- Diploma in Basic Rural Technology
- Electric Technician
- Welding Technology
- Plumbing
- Multi Skill Technician (APAR)
- Diploma in Basic Technology (Girls Batch)
- CNC Machine Operator
- Fitter Fabricator
- Safety Steward
- Fab Lab Technician
- Fab Camp (Vocational Camp)

Early Learning & Development Initiatives

Anganwadi Program

Z.P. School Program

Teacher Training

Govardhan School of Culinary Arts

An initiative aimed at creating a centre of excellence for culinary skills, with a focus on Sattvic cuisine.

Vision

"A Conscious Food System that nurtures people and the planet"

State-of-the-art infrastructure with hands-on traning and cutting-edge technology

WELLNESS

YOGA

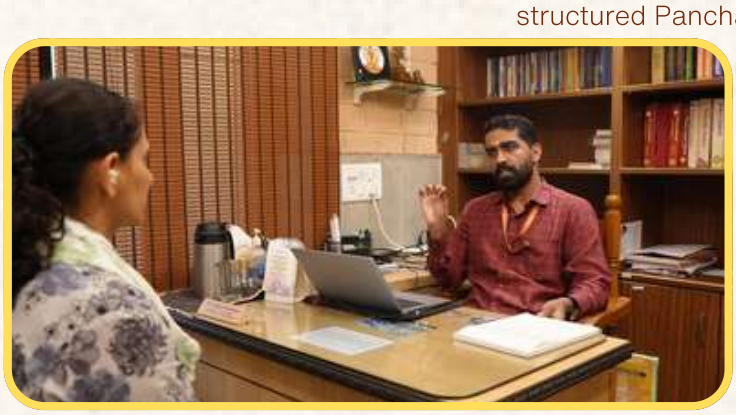
Yoga means to experience something higher inside of us.
When the mind is still through discipline and yoga, it is like a pond that has no waves and no turbulence.
Then we can perceive through that crystal clear water the eternal nature of our soul

Flagship programs offered at GEV:

- 200-Hour YTTC (Level 1) : Foundation course covering asanas, pranayama, meditation, anatomy, and yoga philosophy
- 300-Hour YTTC (Level 2) : Advanced training with deeper study of Yoga Sutras, Bhagavad Gita, chakras, and teaching skills.
- 500-Hour YTTC (Combined Certification)

AYURVEDA

Specialized Ayurvedic care is offered for joint and musculoskeletal conditions, metabolic and digestive disorders, stress-related health concerns, detoxification needs, and long-term rejuvenation through structured Panchakarma programs.



SOUND HEALING

Sound healing is an ancient practice that uses sound vibrations to restore balance and harmony. At Govardhan Eco Village, it offers a transformative experience that brings harmony to the body, mind, and soul.

ACCOMODATIONS

Accommodation at Govardhan EcoVillage offers a peaceful and eco-friendly stay amidst the serene beauty of nature. Spread across a lush green campus, the village provides well-furnished guest rooms and cottages designed with sustainable materials, blending comfort with simplicity. Options like Madhuvan, Mahavan, Vrindavan, and Gokul Cottages cater to different needs, featuring amenities such as attached bathrooms, Wi-Fi, balconies with scenic views, and comfortable living spaces.

KAMYAVAN

MAHAVAN

GOKUL

MADHUVAN

VRINDAVAN

RESTAURANTS

GOVINDAS

Govardhan Eco Village offers three dining options – Govindas (AC Restaurant), Govindas (Non AC Restaurant), and Dhanvantari, serving pure satvik food. Guests can enjoy healthy, nourishing and a variety of wholesome dishes in a peaceful and uplifting atmosphere.

- Govindas (AC Restaurant)
- Govindas (Non AC Restaurant)
- Dhanvantari Ayurvedic Dining

AMENITIES

POOL

SEMINAR HALLS

GOVINDAS (NON AC DINING)

CSR & CORPORATE ENGAGEMENTS

PURPOSE DRIVEN VOLUNTEERING

Move beyond routine work and engage in purpose-driven experiences that create lasting social and environmental impact. Through curated volunteering activities, employees strengthen connections, nurture empathy and leadership, and gain personal satisfaction through meaningful contribution.

- **Employee engagement**
- **Team bonding**
- **Purpose alignment**
- **Personal fulfilment**
- **Community impact**

TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS

Step away from the workplace and reconnect with purpose, people, and well-being. Through an immersive blend of nature, sustainability, experiential learning, and reflection, teams experience collaboration, rejuvenation, and meaningful interactions.

- Seed ball making
- Sound Healing
- Yoga Sessions
- Tree Plantation
- Basket ball
- Pickleball
- Community Services

- Guided Meditation
- Breathwork Sessions
- Mindfulness Practices
- Nature Walks
- Digital Detox
- Waste Segregation Workshops
- Handmade Paper Activities

AWARDS

GOVARDHAN ECOVILLAGE,
THANE
has been provisionally certified with a
'Five Star'
rating under
GRIHA
(Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment)
The Indigenous Rating System for green buildings in India
GRIHA
An initiative of
The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Government of India
and
The Energy and Resources Institute

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2015
Corporate Social Crusader of the Year
Apar Industries Ltd.
and
Govardhan Eco Village

CII
IGBC
Green Champion Award
International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)
Pioneering Institution in
sensitising the masses by going green
2020

PLATINUM AWARD

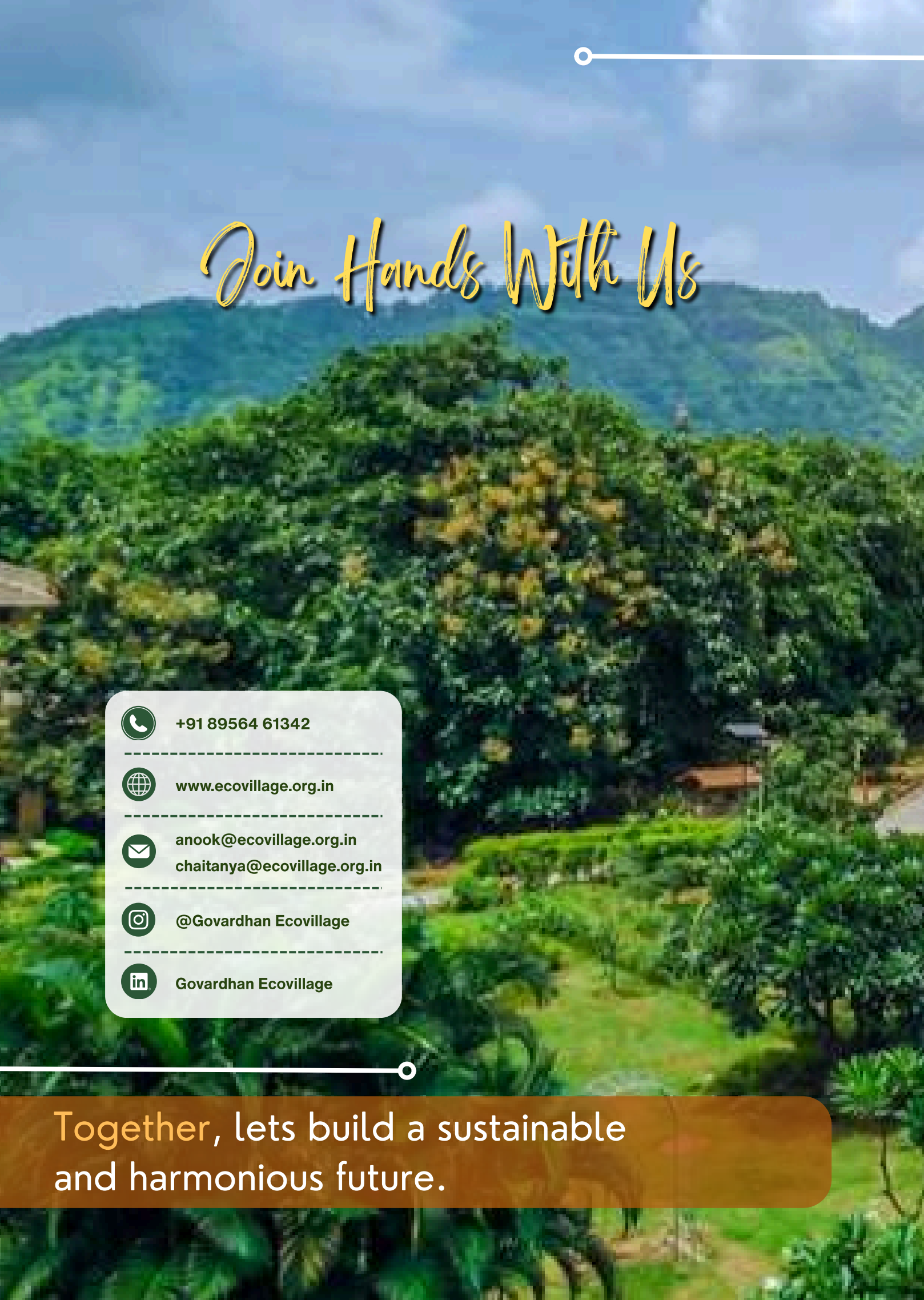
IGBC GREEN VILLAGE
INDIAN GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL
ISKCON, Govardhan
Palghar District, Maharashtra
PLATINUM
2017

UNWTO AWARD

ASIA
BEST ENVIRONMENT
FRIENDLY PROJECT
Govardhan
Eco Village

INTERNATIONAL
GREEN APPLE AWARDS
FOR
THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT 2016
GOVARDHAN ECO VILLAGE

UN environment programme
FAITH FOR EARTH
uri
UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE
Faith for Earth Councillor
Certificate of Recognition
World Environment Day, 2021
Presented to: Hon. Pujya Gauranga Das Organization: ISKCON
In recognition of your training, leadership and vision to perform environmental action
that aims to transform people's behavior through their spiritual values.
Project or SDG Focus Area: SDG 12- Climate Action- Eco- System Restoration
With gratitude for your effort and care to build bridges between
existing knowledge and experience scientifically and spiritually.
Signed:
Dr. Ibrahim Abu Moghli
Signed:
Mr. Atul Bagai
Signed:
Swamini Adityanath Saraswati



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Together, lets build a sustainable and harmonious future.