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Her Turn to Drive, Her Time to Lead

For years, female drivers have faced prejudice on the roads. A simple sight of a woman behind the wheel often invites skepticism and unnecessary scrutiny. How often have we heard, "Oh, a woman driver—be careful!"? But the narrative is changing, and leading this transformation are 30 determined and courageous women from Bengaluru who are stepping up to redefine the perception of female drivers.

Under the project 'Women Behind the Wheels', these women are not just driving e-rickshaws; they are driving change. Their presence on the road is a bold statement against stereotypes, proving that women can be equally skilled, responsible and professional drivers. More than just a means of livelihood, this initiative is a step towards creating a safer commuting experience, especially for elderly passengers, children and women traveling at night.

These 30 women drivers are not only ensuring road safety but also securing financial stability for their families. By taking the wheel, they are becoming independent, contributing to their household income, and setting an inspiring example for other women to step into non-traditional roles.

With each ride they take, they challenge societal norms, make public spaces safer, and pave the way for future generations of women drivers. 'Women Behind the Wheels' is not just a project—it's a movement that encourages empowerment, resilience, and equality on the road.

As these women steer towards a brighter and more inclusive future, let's support and celebrate their journey. Because when women drive, society moves forward.

Healing Hands and Brighter Futures as Women Step into Healthcare Careers

In a world where self-reliance is key, young women are stepping up to take charge of their futures. The Empowering Women: Skill Development Programme for Financial Independence is doing just that - helping women gain the skills and confidence they need to build sustainable careers and become financially independent.

At the heart of this initiative is a comprehensive training programme in Nursing and caregiving, equipping 180 women in Mumbai with industry-relevant skills to secure employment in the healthcare sector. The programme also focuses on English communication and personality development, ensuring participants are confident and well-prepared for professional roles.

A key highlight of the training is the three-month theoretical segment, totaling 264 hours, where participants gain hands-on experience in nursing skills, computer literacy and soft skills training. Exposure visits to hospitals further enhance their learning, bridging the gap between classroom knowledge and real-world application.

What sets this initiative apart is its strong emphasis on job placement. Trainees are not just taught skills - they are guided towards real employment opportunities, making this programme a game-changer for many young women striving for independence.



Powering Healthcare by Strengthening Infrastructure with Renewable Energy



A robust healthcare system is the backbone of a thriving society; to ensure quality healthcare, a strong infrastructure is essential. With this vision, we are committed to strengthening healthcare facilities across India. One of our many initiatives has been the transformation of the Alibaug District Civil Hospital, where cutting-edge advancements are revolutionizing patient care.

Recognizing the importance of sustainability in healthcare, we have installed an 80 KW solar power system at the hospital. This shift to renewable energy significantly reduces electricity costs and carbon emissions while ensuring an uninterrupted power supply. By embracing solar energy, we are not just illuminating hospital corridors but also paving the way for a cleaner, greener future.

Alongside this, we have equipped the hospital with a portable digital X-ray machine, drastically cutting down waiting times and enhancing diagnostic accuracy. This innovation enables faster medical intervention, ensuring that patients receive timely and effective treatment.

This project is a game-changer for over 2.15 lakh people, including those from tribal and remote areas, bringing advanced healthcare closer to home. By strengthening medical infrastructure and integrating sustainable solutions.

From Drought to Dignity as Beed Villages Embrace Change

In the heart of Maharashtra, Beed district has long battled the harsh reality of drought. Scarce rainfall, depleted groundwater, and silted water bodies have made even the most basic daily chores, farming and fetching water a struggle. Women walk over a kilometer each day just to collect drinking water, often from contaminated sources. Families are forced to rely on tanker water during the summer, and many migrate in search of work due to a lack of livelihood opportunities.

To address these deep-rooted challenges, a comprehensive Water Conservation and Livelihood Development Project is being implemented across 10 villages in Beed. The initiative focuses on reviving watershed structures and creating water reserves that bring year-round water availability.

Key interventions include:

- 3 CNB/KT Weirs (cement check dams) and percolation tanks to recharge groundwater.
- 25 recharge shafts and 35,000 CuM of water storage through Nala desilting and widening.
- 4 RO water filters and 6 flour mills as village-based livelihood models.

These solutions will empower over 3,323 households (approx. 16000+ beneficiaries directly) with access to clean drinking water and create self-employment opportunities for women and youth. By restoring water bodies and creating sustainable livelihoods, this project is giving new life to Beed - ensuring that water flows, crops grow, and families thrive once again. This is hope for generations to come.



Building Resilience in the Heart of Change: Empowering Communities in Odisha's Mining Belt



The coal-rich districts of Chhendipada and Talcher in Odisha have long powered industrial growth and fueled the nation's economy. But for the communities living in the shadow of mining operations, this progress has come at a heavy cost. Displacement, health risks, and disrupted livelihoods have left many families grappling with uncertainty and the erosion of traditional ways of life.

Amidst these challenges, the Integrated Village Development Project is paving the way for a more inclusive and sustainable future. Spanning nine villages across five Gram Panchayats, the initiative is committed to strengthening the social and economic fabric of these communities.

By focusing on livelihood generation, skill development and health and hygiene awareness, the project is equipping individuals with the tools they need to adapt, thrive, and reclaim agency over their lives. The aim is not just to support but to empower by fostering resilience and nurturing self-reliance.

At the heart of this initiative lies the belief that strong local institutions are key to long-term transformation. Through capacity-building efforts with panchayats, schools, and women's self-help groups, the project is laying the foundation for lasting community-led change.

As industries evolve and landscapes transform, this project ensures that progress uplifts rather than displaces. It stands as a testament to what's possible when development is rooted in dignity, opportunity, and hope.



Concern India Foundation Recognised as 2nd (Joint) Highest Fundraising NGO at TSK 25K

We are proud to share that Concern India Foundation was honoured as the 2nd (Joint) Highest Fundraising NGO at the prestigious Tata Steel Kolkata 25K (TSK 25K), recognised by Impact 360 Foundation. This acknowledgment celebrates the dedication and tireless efforts of our team, partners, and generous donors who continue to believe in the power of meaningful change.

The funds raised will go towards empowering underprivileged communities through education, health, and livelihood initiatives—supporting our mission of helping people help themselves. This recognition reaffirms the collective impact we can create when individuals and organisations come together with a shared purpose.

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