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development

Annual Report

**Cornell Sathguru Foundation
for Development**

Towards social sustainable development

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About

Cornell Sathguru Foundation for Development

CSFD is the corporate social responsibility arm of Sathguru Management Consultants, Hyderabad. The foundation was registered under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act 2001, India in the year 2004. CSFD was formerly known as Sathguru Foundation and was later renamed in the year 2005. CSFD was established in collaboration with Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

About Cornell and Sathguru

Cornell University is one of the best universities in the world for Agriculture, Food Science research and Education. Cornell University is recognized as one of the model universities for interweaving liberal education and fundamental knowledge with practical education and impact on societal and world problems.



At the core of the initiative is innovation in teaching and learning through shared practices that connect students, faculty and curricula with communities in the public realm across the globe.

Sathguru Management Consultants, Hyderabad, India, has been in existence for over 30 years and is known globally for its expertise in science management, technology management, enterprise incubation, institutional capacity creation and policy advocacy. Over the years, Sathguru has built a very unique niche of experts with combined strength in science and technology research management and enterprise management. This has provided Sathguru the ability to excel in technology management, corporate strategy planning process and institutional capacity building. Sathguru has a wide global presence in several countries such as America, Africa, several parts of the South Asian region and the Pacific.





Key Focus Areas, 2016-17

Engaging youth in agriculture by improving access to higher education, building awareness, careers, and developing leadership. Promoting Agrienterpreneuership.

Promoting Information and Technology for sustainable social development - training and creating awareness through eLearning especially to -

- 1) promote sustainable agricultural practices
- 2) promote community based animal workers
- 3) promote food safety
- 4) promote health and nutrition

Our Vision

Creating an enabling environment for promoting sustainable social development through life sciences and technology

Our Mission

To contribute towards sustainable agriculture and development by enhancing capacities, creating knowledge and promoting entrepreneurship and gender equity

Initiatives 2016-17

Retaining youth in the agriculture sector

India is largely an agricultural country. Despite rapid urbanization, about two-thirds of the population still lives in rural India with agriculture as their main means of livelihood. Agriculture and allied sectors are one of the largest contributors to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and economic development of the country.

By the year 2020, India will home the youngest population on the planet. Understanding how the nation's youth will contribute to agriculture and use the traditional agricultural methods with modern knowledge is a huge concern. Despite the challenges, human resource development is critical for sustaining, diversifying and realizing the potentials of agriculture. Development agenda 21 refers to promoting sustainable agricultural and rural development – major adjustments are needed in agricultural, environmental and macroeconomic policies at national and international levels especially on education initiatives, economic incentives and development of appropriate and new technologies. Given the need, it is extremely important to improve social awareness and create an enabling environment for students to take up agricultural studies and shape the future of agriculture in India.

"Engaging youth in agriculture is extremely important and a key for achieving the goals on the development agenda 21".

It is the mission of CSFD to provide scholarship to exceptionally bright students from India and enable them to accomplish professional success. This year, CSFD has provided scholarships to 8 students from two state agricultural universities (SAU) in India namely - Assam Agricultural University (AAU) and University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad (UASD). The purpose of this program is to:

1. To offer scholarship to 8 financially constrained girl students and enable them to pursue the bachelor program in agriculture (BSC) and take up International Agriculture and Rural Development (IARD) exchange program.
2. To facilitate students to identify local agricultural needs and take up projects on field based solutions to positively impact agriculture and the local community.

These students have successfully completed year one and are getting ready for IARD to be held 2017-18. Briefly IARD the International Agriculture and Rural Development (IARD) is designed for students who are interested in contributing to the unique and interdisciplinary issues associated with food systems and rural development in emerging nations. IARD gives the opportunity to gain meaningful, on site experience by participating in projects and research in India. Students acquire valuable insight and skills while working within rural communities to:



1. address poverty and hunger through innovations in agriculture,
 2. increase food security,
 3. advance science and policy related to sustainable development,
 4. and contribute to the economic development of emerging economies by strengthening strategies and public policies
- IARD is a two part course - (IARD) 402 online courses and 602 experiential learning focusing on Indian agriculture and allied sectors.



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