



SUNSHINE

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Inspired by Ancient Wisdom... Empowering Sustainable Living



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

**Subi Subramanian**

Founder & Chairman
Subi Vidya Foundation

“ *The future of sustainability lies not merely in new technologies, but in rediscovering the timeless wisdom that has guided our civilisation for centuries.* ”

— Subi Subramanian

For centuries, sustainability has not been a separate movement in India—it has been a way of life.

Long before expressions such as circular economy, zero waste, and resource efficiency entered our vocabulary, Indian households practised these principles naturally. Families repaired rather than discarded, reused rather than replaced, and respected every resource provided by nature.

These practices were not driven by environmental regulations but by values deeply rooted in our civilisation—a quiet understanding that humanity flourishes only when it lives in harmony with nature.

Today, as the world searches for sustainable solutions, we have an opportunity to rediscover this priceless heritage and adapt it to modern life.

At the Subi Vidya Foundation, our mission is to transform this wisdom into meaningful action through education, community engagement, and practical initiatives that inspire people—especially young minds—to become responsible stewards of our environment.

- Every small action matters.
- Every student we inspire.
- Every volunteer who serves.
- Every institution that embraces sustainability.

Together, these become powerful steps towards building a greener future.

Let us continue this journey together.

Subi Subramanian

Subi Subramanian
Founder & Chairman

GROWING TOGETHER

Building a Network of Volunteers

NEW PARTNERSHIP

**connect
for**

Subi Vidya Foundation (SVF) is delighted to partner with **ConnectFor**, a leading platform that connects skilled volunteers with social impact organisations.

This partnership marks another important step in SVF's journey of building a vibrant network of individuals who are passionate about sustainability and community service.



Ms. Sharon Fernandes
Volunteer – Mumbai

“ *Passionate about creating positive environmental and social impact within communities.* ”

A NEW BEGINNING

Volunteers bring fresh energy, diverse perspectives, and a shared commitment to creating meaningful change.

Recognising the importance of volunteer engagement, the Subi Vidya Foundation is delighted to welcome **Ms. Sharon Fernandes** as its first volunteer from Mumbai through its partnership with **ConnectFor**.

This collaboration marks an exciting milestone in SVF's journey to build a growing network of volunteers dedicated to promoting environmental awareness and sustainable living across India.

We warmly welcome Sharon to the SVF family and look forward to working together to inspire positive change in communities.

WHY VOLUNTEERS MATTER



Expand
community
outreach



Strengthen
partnerships



Inspire
young
people



Promote
sustainable
living



Create lasting
social
impact

LOOKING AHEAD

SVF plans to engage volunteers from different cities to support initiatives in:



Waste
Segregation
at Source



Water
Conservation



Solar
Energy



Composting



Student
Sustainability
Programmes

Together, we can nurture nature and build a more sustainable future.

SUMMER INITIATIVE 2026

WASTE SEGREGATION AT SOURCE

— Young Volunteers Inspiring Sustainable Living —

This summer, our young volunteers stepped into homes and neighbourhoods to spread awareness about waste segregation and responsible disposal.

Through conversations, demonstrations and distribution of educational material, they inspired families to adopt simple but impactful practices for a cleaner environment.



Handing over a dry waste bin to a household

Demonstrating segregation of wet, dry and sanitary waste

Collecting segregated waste from a resident

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS:

Ms. Pallavi Amarnath

Mr. Sangeeth Amarnath



INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



Household awareness



Educational material



Waste segregation



Encouraging responsible living



Community participation



Cleaner neighbourhoods

INTRODUCING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Practical Technologies for Sustainable Living



HARNESSING SOLAR ENERGY FOR COMMUNITY KITCHENS



Solar thermal cooking harnesses abundant sunlight to generate heat for preparing meals in community kitchens. It reduces dependence on conventional fuels, lowers operating costs, and significantly decreases carbon emissions. This technology is particularly suited for schools, hostels, temples, hospitals and large institutions that prepare meals daily.

KEY BENEFITS



Uses clean, renewable solar energy



Reduces LPG and fossil fuel consumption



Lowers greenhouse gas emissions



Cost-effective over the long term



Ideal for institutions serving large numbers of meals



COMPOSTING ORGANIC WASTE

TURN ORGANIC WASTE INTO NUTRITIOUS COMPOST



Organic waste generated from kitchens and gardens can be converted into valuable compost instead of being sent to landfill. Composting transforms biodegradable waste into a natural soil conditioner, supporting healthier plants while reducing the environmental burden of waste disposal.

KEY BENEFITS



Converts waste into a valuable resource



Reduces landfill disposal



Produces nutrient-rich compost



Improves soil health



Suitable for homes, apartments, schools and institutions



WHY THESE SOLUTIONS MATTER

Sustainable living is achieved through practical actions that conserve resources, reduce waste and protect the environment. By promoting renewable energy and organic waste management, SVF encourages communities to adopt solutions that are environmentally responsible, economically viable and easy to implement.

SVF PROMOTES



Solar Bulk Cooking Systems



Organic Waste Composting



Water Conservation



Sustainable Lifestyle Practices





CREATING A CULTURE OF SUSTAINABILITY

The Impact of SVF at DMI College of Engineering, Chennai



DMI College of Engineering, Chennai – Partner Institution of the Subi Vidya Foundation since September 2025.

THE SVF STUDENT CHAPTER

In September 2025, the Subi Vidya Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DMI College of Engineering, Chennai, to establish the SVF Student Chapter. The objective was to encourage students to transform environmental awareness into meaningful action through education, leadership, and community engagement.

Today, the Chapter has grown to over 120 student members working alongside faculty coordinators to promote sustainability by creating awareness, demonstrating leadership, and actively engaging with the community through practical environmental initiatives.



120+

STUDENT MEMBERS

STUDENT-LED SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION



Water Conservation Pledge



Water Conservation Commitment



Awareness for a Water-Secure Future



Promoting Responsible Water Use



Educational Lecture on Ethics in AI

FACULTY PERSPECTIVE



Since SVF began working with our college, we have witnessed a noticeable increase in awareness and participation among both students and staff in social and environmental initiatives.

Students enthusiastically took part in a Water Conservation Poster Competition, which served as an effective platform for promoting awareness about the importance of saving water. We also organized a pledge-taking activity, where students and faculty members committed themselves to responsible water use and conservation.

These initiatives have fostered a stronger sense of social responsibility and encouraged active participation in sustainability-related activities across the campus community.

Ms. Steffy Teena

Faculty Coordinator,
SVF Student Chapter

IMPACT AT A GLANCE



MoU Signed

September 2025



SVF Student Chapter

Over 120
student members



Water Conservation
Campaign

Successfully
conducted



Water Conservation Pledge

Students & faculty
participated



Responsible Water Use

Demonstrated on
campus



Water Audit Initiative

Initiated on campus



Ethics in AI Lecture

Enhanced awareness of
responsible technology



Community Engagement

Growing student
leadership

RECOGNITION AND NEW BEGINNINGS

*Celebrating milestones while strengthening the future of **SUNSHINE**.*

SVF CHAIRMAN HONOURED AT DMI COLLEGE



During a function held at DMI College of Engineering, Chennai, on **3 March 2026**, **Mr. Sundaresan ("Subi") Subramanian**, Founder and Chairman of the Subi Vidya Foundation, was honoured by the college management in recognition of his contribution to environmental education and sustainability initiatives among students.

He was presented with a ceremonial shawl and a commemorative plaque as a token of appreciation for his continued efforts in promoting sustainability through education and community engagement.



INTRODUCING THE EDITOR OF **SUNSHINE**



The Subi Vidya Foundation is delighted to announce that **Ms. Sharon Fernandes**, Mumbai, has graciously accepted the responsibility of serving as the Editor of **SUNSHINE**, the Foundation's quarterly newsletter.

She will coordinate future editions and help provide a platform for sharing inspiring stories, innovative ideas and successful sustainability initiatives from students, volunteers and institutions.



CONTRIBUTE TO **SUNSHINE**

We warmly invite our readers to contribute:

- ✦ Short articles
- ✦ Student experiences
- ✦ Innovative sustainability ideas
- ✦ Community success stories
- ✦ Photographs of environmental initiatives

Selected contributions will be considered for publication in future editions of **SUNSHINE**.

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*Recognition inspires leadership.
Leadership inspires action.*

The Journey Continues...

At the Subi Vidya Foundation, every initiative begins with awareness, grows through participation and flourishes through collective action.

As we continue expanding our programmes across schools, colleges and communities, we invite everyone to become part of this growing movement for sustainability.

COMING SOON



FROM SEED TO SUSTAINABILITY

Helping children experience environmental stewardship through gardening.



SOLAR BULK COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

Promoting clean, renewable energy solutions for institutions and community kitchens.



COMMUNITY COMPOSTING INITIATIVES

Turning biodegradable waste into valuable compost and promoting a circular economy.



WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMMES

Awareness campaigns, water audits, and practical demonstrations to save every drop of water.



EXPANSION OF STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY CHAPTERS

Building environmental leadership and a culture of sustainability in more education institutions.



VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Creating opportunities for citizens, students and professionals to contribute meaningfully to environmental action.



JOIN THE MOVEMENT

*Every student inspired...
Every volunteer engaged...
Every institution transformed...
Brings us one step closer to a sustainable future.*



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