

Integrated Village Development project initiated

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Sehgal Foundation recently launched an Integrated Village Development project titled *Umeed* (hope), supported by the Housing Development financial Corporation (HDFC). The goal of this one-year project is to improve the lives of rural communities in areas of natural resource management, clean energy, health and hygiene, life skills, agriculture livelihoods, and rural infrastructure.



The project goal is to create positive change in the lives of 5,000 villagers including adolescent girls, young women and mothers, school-going and dropout children, farmers, and the elderly.

Major interventions include natural resource management related to water and agriculture, conservation of the environment through investment in renewable energy, and awareness and capacity building of rural communities to encourage preservation of the environment. The project will also work on agriculture and allied activities; hygiene, sanitation, waste water management, and public health awareness; strengthening of village-level institutions, and youth development such as providing life skills education and digital literacy training to children.

The project will benefit six villages of Nuh district and three villages of Rewari district in Haryana.