

Press Note

Swayam Shikshan Prayog has been chosen as one of the 15 winners of the Equator Prize 2017 out of 806 nominations from 120 countries.

Equator Prize is a UNDP-led partnership, which focuses on local and indigenous groups in rural areas that have developed innovative solutions to protecting, restoring or sustainably managing nature to achieve local sustainable development, including food security, water security, sustainable jobs and livelihoods, and disaster risk reduction.

SSP will be awarded the Equator Prize in the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September 2017

SSP has been selected for its initiative on empowering 20000 women as farmers and leaders in the Marathwada region through its women led climate resilient agro-ecological farming model.

"This model addresses the issues of food security, income security, natural resource management and women empowerment all at the same time" says Prema Gopalan, Executive Director, SSP

Fulfilling its mission, over two decades, Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP), is a leading learning organisation that promotes sustainable community development through empowerment of women at the grassroots. SSP's initiatives have benefitted over four million women and community members across underserved areas in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Assam and Odisha.

SSP promotes sustainable community development by building networks of women farmers, entrepreneurs and leaders and enabling partnership eco-systems, social enterprises and initiatives that offer a range of skills, finance, enterprise and agriculture, nutrition and health-enhancing opportunities in low income communities in climate threatened regions.

