

# Annual Report 2005-06

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Advit Foundation

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## About the Foundation

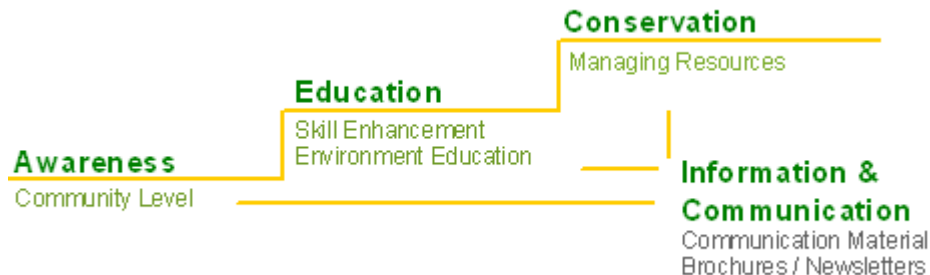
Advit seeks to conserve environment and empower communities through various viable options of resource conservation and management for sustainable development. The organization promotes environment awareness, education and conservation through its various programmes.

Advit is striving to generate **awareness** on the need to educate, provide a platform for learning to all and impart the importance of conserving environment and managing resources in everyday life. The activities focus both on rural and urban sections of the society.

Advit promotes environment **education** and capacity building programmes to create and nurture a learning culture that would believe in and breathe out change through education. Through change we look towards the infinite possibilities that can be created for the positive development. Advit provides training on Water, Energy, Safe Chemical handling and Environment and Health. The organisation provides a platform for capacity building and natural resource conservation through participatory approaches.

With a belief that effective Environmental Management System (EMS) and energy conservation leads to reduced Green House Gas emissions that can assist in meeting the increasingly heavy burden of responsibilities of each one of us Advit designs and implement EMS for corporate. The need for intervention and the alternatives that would improve resource management and development are sought. **Conservation** work is undertaken by identifying local needs, selecting, generating, improving, adopting and developing appropriate implementation plans. Waste of resources and pollution are normally indications of areas for significant improvement. All of the EMS standards stress the need for continuous, never ending, improvement in striving to protect the environment, not only for ourselves but for future generations to come.

### Advit Foundation Programmes



# Women Empowerment – A success Story

## BAG MAKING BY RURAL WOMEN

The main development goal was to impart specialized training to women for income generation. The target area was 5 villages of Palam Vihar in Gurgaon, Haryana

1. Isapur
2. Bajgera
3. Daulatabad
4. Sarai
5. Chauma



The women are now making products for export



## Skill Enhancement Programme

The focus is on empowering communities by strengthening their local skills and providing market linkages for sustainable income generation. This would also ensure that the communities are adapted to and are still able to earn their livelihood in the event of rehabilitation due to developmental activities or disasters.

### VERMICOMPOST PLANT

Vermicompost is a nutrient-rich, organic fertilizer and soil conditioner. The process of producing vermicompost is called *vermicomposting* .

Vermicompost benefits soil by

- improving its physical structure;
- enriching soil in micro-organisms, adding plant hormones such as auxins and gibberellic acid, and adding enzymes such as phosphatase and cellulase;
- attracting deep-burrowing earthworms already present in the soil;
- improving water holding capacity;
- enhancing germination, plant growth, and crop yield; and
- improving root growth and structure.



### BONSAI MAKING

Bonsai is an ancient Asian gardening art. It involves deliberately stunting the growth of a tree to obtain a miniature version, purely for aesthetic purposes. Besides being stunted, the tree may also be shaped to make it more visually appealing. Perfecting the art of growing bonsai trees usually requires years of practice.



## **Founders**

### **Samit Jain**

#### **Trustee**

Mr Samit Jain holds a Masters degree from Hawaii University, USA. He is a director of Pluss Polymers Group of companies and Adya Software Systems, India

### **Mrs Charu Jain**

#### **Trustee**

Mrs Charu Jain is the founder and trustee of Advit Foundation, India. Mrs Jain has been in the development sector since 1995 and set up this Foundation in 2003.

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