

# MANGROVE RESTORATION

## CHALE CHALO-INDIA & IVDT-UK INITIATIVES



Two Decades of Mangrove Regeneration  
A Coastal Shield Grown by Communities

Grassroots partnerships restoring mangrove ecosystems for people and planet

## Who We Are?

CHALE CHALO - literally means "Let's Move Forward" - a grassroots NGO, in collaboration with the Integrated Village Development Trust (IVDT)-UK, has been working persistently in and around India's second-largest mangrove habitat - Bhitarkanika National Park (BKNP) - and adjacent to the world's largest breeding and nesting ground for Olive Ridley Turtles - Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary, for the last two decades.

Through our community mangrove regeneration (MANGRO) project, we have been restoring the degraded mangrove wetland ecosystems, protecting endangered species, strengthening community resilience, creating living green wall that saving lives and livelihoods from cyclones & sea surge with multi-stakeholder capacity building and engagement approach.



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## Why Choose Us?

- Two decades of on-ground experience
- Local communities lead every action
- Evidence-based restoration
- Recognized by government, PRIs and CSOs
- Transparent, scalable, and replicable approach

Our work aligns with UNSDGs- 13, 14, 15, 17





# Our Achievements

- 5,42,000 potted mangrove seedlings raised & planted directly.
- 10,58,000 seedlings planted in 82 ha through community mobilisation.
- 12,00,000 multipurpose tree species planted to reduce pressure on mangroves.
- 15,000 community members mobilised for mangrove regeneration.
- 9,000 students & Eco-Club members engaged through environmental education.
- 60 coastal villages are now more resilient to cyclones, sea surges & erosion.
- Survival rate of 90–95% for key species such as *Rhizophora apiculata*, *Ceriops decandra*, *Kandelia candel*, etc.

# Our Mission in Action

- Reduce vulnerability to disasters and enhance community resilience.
- Combat climate change through nature-based restoration & local action.
- Restore degraded mangrove wetlands and protect endangered flora & fauna.
- Promote large-scale mangrove plantation to create a living green coastal belt.
- Encourage plantation of native tree species to ease pressure on mangrove forests.
- Establish & operate Mangrove Resource Centres for training, awareness, and knowledge sharing.
- Engage school eco-clubs, SHGs, communities, officials & others in education & collective conservation efforts.

# Our Interventions

- Mangrove Nursery & Plantation
- Community Mobilisation & Protection
- Education & Awareness
- Livelihood & Resilience
- Collaboration & Advocacy

