

Suresh

Telugu NRI Of the Year

If not for the bank loan he borrowed to pursue his higher studies, Suresh would not be where he is today. He's a top ranking professional in a foreign country. It is with this thought that he came up with an idea to help those aspiring to go abroad for higher education.

Suresh wants to contribute a part of his time and money towards social service. He believes it's his responsibility to reach out to farmers, women, handloom weavers and rural students when they are in need of help. With help from like-minded people, Suresh offers financial assistance to those in need. It is with this vision that he set up an NGO - I4Farmers (Individuals for farmers). He offers help to women from families of farmers who committed suicides unable to repay debts. The I4Farmers has offered interest free loans worth Rs 5000 for 178 women farmers who are part of Nelamma women's farmers cooperative society in Sangareddy district. The NGO is working towards turning them into organic farmers. I4Farmers is extending financial support to families of farmers who have committed suicides in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra too. Suresh also conducts weekly programme - Kisan Ki Baat via internet Radio to create awareness among these farmers. He strongly believes that buying agricultural produce directly from the farmers will ensure every paise goes back to the farmer. Other than Suresh, 50 other families directly purchase agricultural products from the farmers. Suresh's wife Sirisha and parents have lent a helping hand to the handloom workers by raising Rs 60,000 from the sale of Pochampally sarees.

Sakshi recognises Suresh's efforts to work for upliftment of farming community with the help of his I4farmers and honours him with Sakshi Excellence Award 2017 in Telugu NRI Of the Year Category.