



# India & Bhutan: An Enduring Friendship

*Powering a vision for Sustainable future*

## **A SAFE-RENEW Initiative**

### **Cottage Enterprise for Paper & Textile Recycling- A Climate Smart Livelihood for Women Empowerment in Bhutan**



“Cottage Enterprise for Paper & Textile Recycling-A Climate Smart Livelihood for Women Empowerment in Bhutan, is the project supported by India Bhutan Foundation, and implemented by the South Asian Forum for Environment, SAFE, in partnership with RENEW, Bhutan.

To celebrate the success of the initiative and the enduring friendship of India & Bhutan, SAFE & RENEW is organizing a ‘Group Exchange Training Program on Recycling Art’ in Kolkata, India with women artisans from Thimphu, Bhutan.

### **Training Program on Recycling**

The Group Exchange Training Program, with participants from both India and Bhutan is being organized from 27th August-5th September in Kolkata, India at the recycling workshop of SAFE.

The skills sets achieved during the training program will help the women artisans of both the countries to transcend the learning and technology to hundreds more marginal women in Bhutan and India as well. This training program is specially designed by experts of SAFE and RENEW and is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for women entrepreneurs in art of recycling.

### **Major Highlights of Training: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, & Recreate**

1. Textile recycling training will comprise methods of reusing or reprocessing used clothing, fibrous materials and clothing scrap. The cloth rags will be woven into making mattress, coarse yarn, home furnishings, and several range of consumer utility products.
2. Paper recycling training will include processes of reprocessing waste paper for making utility /handicraft products for consumer use, and also making different range of handmade paper out of waste paper.



3. The recycling technology developed by expert team of SAFE over past 8 years now is completely environment friendly and mandatorily avoids use of any toxic materials.

4. The 10 days training program will include innovations in recycling with use of thermocols, different cloth rags, vegetable and flower waste also included along with heavy paper and textile waste recycling.



### We welcome you to participate

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Foundation for the support in scaling the project for this year, and dedicating the efforts to India Bhutan Friendship Year, the Group Training Exchange Program is a valuable step towards building sustainable future.

**We welcome you to participate in this training event to be held in Kolkata, your valuable presence will be highly encouraging for the artisans team from both India and Bhutan.**



#### Event Schedule

Date: 27th August to 5th September 2018.

Time: 10.30am-6.00pm

Venue: (SAFE Recycling unit) in Patuli Ghoshpara, Kolkata.

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**RENEW:** Founded by Her Majesty the Queen Mother Sangay Choden Wangchuck, in 2004 is a non-profit organization working on women empowerment and development in Bhutan.