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Editor's Message

Dear Readers,

It is a perpetual goodness to be the editor of the newsletter, and pleased to present the tenth edition of the newsletter entitled "Punarnirman" for the April and May, 2024

By Reconditioning, you can change the unpleasant upcoming! This is what we are learning from the ragpicker women of Thane district in Maharashtra, who have been involved in an make-believe initiative by the non-profit Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth (SBV), which has touched many lives and changed the view about the waste.

What started as a small initiative to help a few women ragpickers with a capability and alternate employment by the non-profit, has turned into a mammoth success story of waste management which connects over one lakh families in the community, engages with over thousands of children, employs many women and prevents approximately 300 tons of waste from being dumped daily.

With the TMC support, SBV managed to obtain waste from the corporation and employed the ragpicker women for its segregation at a waste management plant deployed at Kopri, Thane east suitably.

The initiative has been possible with the help of the Recycled Earth App, which was created in collaboration with SBV's partner, Barking Deer Entertainment. This allowed the team at SBV to schedule pickup of dry waste from different locations and in turn the Centre was able to expand its services, and currently manages several types of waste segregation and recycling commendably.

In this issue, we will report several projects and events in which SBV members were keenly involved. I would like to acknowledge Sri Bhatu Sawant, and the members of the SBV project team for their constant support throughout the creation of this edition.

Let this periodical serve as a mark of our undertaking to a greener establishment.

Be a recycler, be a saver.

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Newsletter Editor

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One Good News about Environment



EARLIER DUMPING GROUND IS NOW FARMLAND

In a Cleveland neighborhood, what once was an illicit dumping ground is presently a nourishment sanctuary much appreciated to the assistance and administration of neighborhood inhabitants, supporting a community kitchen and farmer's markets.

In 2011, Rid-All Green Organization began little, and presently it houses sections of land of maintainable farmland that impacts the neighborhood community in numerous ways. The whole nourishment environment kills nourishment squander by turning it into compost that underpins the cultivate and is sold to neighborhood community individuals.

This trade moreover gives apprenticeship preparing for community individuals and makes neighborhood employments that offer assistance back the economy. There are indeed specialized programs that offer assistance bolster and engage veterans and youth. Not as it were has this environment made a difference affect neighborhood community individuals, but it moreover illustrates what feasible horticulture can see like.

Graph of Monthly waste collected



Safai doot story



Mrs. Jaya Dilip Jadhav, age 35, born Hindu at Mithagar, currently baptized Christian, she is fluent with both Marathi and Hindi. She belongs to the Adivasi Katkar Samaj. Her faith in Jesus developed when the tumour in her stomach vanished after praying to Jesus and hearing sermons. She regularly attends Sunday mass.

She was born to rag picker parents, and couldn't afford education in a school. She has three brothers, one brother passed away due to drowning in sewage outlet unfortunately. Two elder brothers are separated from their wives. One younger brother with his two daughters stays with her. He does fishing and his daughters earn and feed their father.

Mrs. Jaya with her husband; their four daughters and two sons are earning a living. Her two daughters are married and the elder son studied till 10th standard and the left school and was admitted in a hotel management course and spent money on payment of fees and clothes. He has discontinued the course, currently he does nothing.

Mr. Jadhav, her husband along with her brother's daughters are busy constructing a house at Ambadi (wada) where he belongs too with the government support of Rs. 60,000/-though the land is not in their name, but have ghar patti and hence, they pay taxes. Plan a staycation during monsoons and resume at work suitably.

Back then, she was reviving her childhood memories such as buying articles for mere 10 paisa and use of the earthen pots for cooking. Her parents had a place where she presently stays but they sold too.



Eventually, she met her husband at the dumping ground and had a wedding at temple and invited the guests for a feast. Her husband was caring in spite of his drinking habits, presently he has no addictions. He left her after the birth of her sixth child. He has an extra marital relationship with her brother's wife the same brother who stays with her for the last 10-15 years. However, now he is more concerned about her and all of them stay together stranded.

The household is run by both of them. He works in the dumping ground gets around 15,000/- has bought a bike so pays the loan amount around 5000-6000/- and the remaining for household grocery. Her salary of around 9000/- is spent on children's books, clothes and mother-in-law medical expenses Rs.2000-3000/-. There are no savings but she plans to save some money and keep with her daughter. Also, borrow from money lenders, if necessary.

She joined the present job since she needed some money and someone recommended. She's been here hardly 2-3 months, earlier some 3-4 months doing waste segregation.

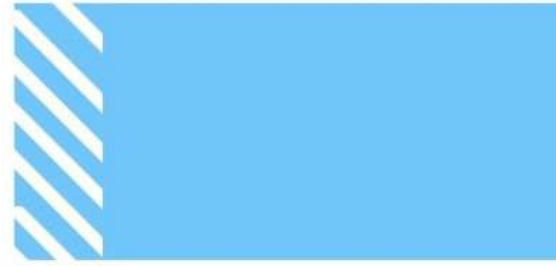
She suffered from joint stiffness and was admitted at Rajawadi Hospital, then shifted to Ambadi and got treated there with money saved earlier. At present job the monthly check-ups and medicines deal with her acidity problem.

Living in her present home of bamboo, plastic & pieces of carpet from dumping as flooring she wishes to have her house at Ambadi completed soon. She has dreams for her son to study and lead a good life.

She prides herself on accepting another woman in her husband's life looking after the household, and children. Her husband wants both the woman in his life to live together. She still warm-heartedly remembers her wedding day. Such an acceptance of situation only a woman can acclimate compassionately in turn.



Success story of one contributor



- Successful contributor
- I am Mrs Aparna Patwardhan, 81 years old, reside in Patwardhan Building near Jambhali Naka, Talao Pali Thane. Both me and the residents of our building are members of this project.
- 1. It is my pride to be a member of this project. I was a Biology Teacher in Junior college for class XII till 2001. We all are aware of the hazards of non-biodegradable waste to the environment. So, it was an opportunity for me to implement whatever has been taught and learnt. Environment is very important and we must try to keep the balance of our ecosystem.
- 2. I have started recycling dry waste from more than 5 years. Day-to-day waste must be segregated as dry & wet. This helps to keep the city clean. Wet waste can be used for composting.
- 3. Once you incorporate a habit such as waste segregation, we also tried to encourage our neighbours and friends to join this movement. It was nice to see them getting involved in this process and contribute to the society.
- 4. Shri Bhatu Sawantji's is a great LEADER. He is a visionary, full of ideas and always encourages people. I really appreciate his talent, working skills. He takes care of his team and workers who are actually working at the segregation sites.
- Small contributions at our level though negligible, is a step towards Clean City and Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Contributor Mrs. Aparna

Social Welfare Activity description



**Monthly
Health
checkup**



Plant Visit



Awareness & other activity Done by Project Revitalisation



Door to door waste segregation awareness campaign I

Installation of water Dispenser



Samarth bharat vyaspeeth installed water dispenser at thane railway station, tin hath naka junction and ram maruti road



Small samarth Contributi on to tackle Heat waves

Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth is participating in the New Year Swagat Yatra organized by Kopineshwar Cultural Trust on the occasion of Gudi Padva

International Plastic Free Day May 25

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Picture of the month

