

PUNIARNIRMANI

Save the Nature

MONTLYLY NEWSLETTER
OF PROJECT REVITALIZATION

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Editor's Message

DEAR READER

It is a boundless honor to be the editor of the newsletter, and delighted to present the fourteenth edition of the newsletter entitled "Punarnirman" for August, 2024.

By Recycling, you can change Tomorrow, Today! This is what we are learning from the ragpicker women of Thane district in Maharashtra, who have been involved in an imaginary initiative by the non-profit Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth (SBV), which has touched many breathes and changed the way people look at waste.

What started as a small initiative to help a few women ragpickers with a skillfulness and alternate employment by the non-profit, has turned into a huge success story of waste management which connects over one lakh households in the community, engages with over thousands of children, employs many women and prevents approximately 20 tons of waste from being dumped daily.

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

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 admirably.

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 PUBLICATION
SERVE AS A REPRESENTATION OF OUR
POSSIBILITIES FOR CREATING
A MORE ECOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT.**

Waste is not created until we waste.

Vaneeta Raney [Phd]
Newsletter Editor
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SUCCESS STORY OF ONE CONTRIBUTOR

Ramkrishna Nagar Society consisting of 6 buildings, and 180 flats. there is lot of space around. and a lot of trees of various kind. and a well.

why is this initiative of waste management and recycling undertaken by you?

01

I am very much attached to the nature. I love trees and flowers, forest and mountains, birds and animals..., rivers and lakes...I have been trekking for the last 32 years. while trekking we we carry chocolates, namakins, dry fruits biscuits etc. We don't throw away the rappers of the same around...we keep them in our sack or pouches. when we return from the trek then only, we dispos it in nearby dustbin. So, it's my habit not to throw anything out of train/ bus windows or on roadside or anywhere except in dustbin. I am sad when I see the road side, lakes, rivers. jungles, springs full of plastic and other waste.. we are very religious PPL. I have seen it during the pilgrimages. but we don't at all have civic sense... we don't hesitate to throw away things here and there. Bottles, rappers and other waste .and I don't want to be part of it. I don't Want to spoil the beauty of the nature that God has so kindly given us...

When and how did you start working on the project revitalization?

02

Initially I used to throw all the waste in dustbin... I used to give plastic, papers and whatever he accepts to the Bhangarawala... it's only recently that awareness about the serious threats of the dry waste, plastic etc. hit us. I have read many articles about this subject. And when I knew about this project, I immediately got connected with it. before this I used to hand over my plastic to Urja foundation.

SUCCESS STORY OF ONE CONTRIBUTOR

03

How did you motivate others to join hands in this initiative?

I don't use anything made of animal skin, teeth, feathers etc. I talk about it and the project to friends, people whenever I get chance. I write about it on social media.. hoping that someone may be inspired and follow me.

04

What encourages you to continue on this project till date?

I don't need any encouragement to do so. Do we need any encouragement to keep our house clean? No. For me my city, my State my country and the whole earth is an extended part of my home. And the project really is a great help to me to do my duty. sometime I am asked what is the use of handful of PPL doing it when rest of the lot is so careless?

Well my answer to them is let all the ignorant PPL spoil the beautiful Earth I will not do it. And when I die I will be contained, happy and satisfied that I am not responsible for the distraction of my beautiful mother Earth.

05

What is your message for society and community at large?

Everyone should handover maximum dry waste to organizations who are so laboriously working for the betterment of the world. before it's too late.

**समुद्र वसने देवी, पर्वतः स्थनमंडल!
विष्णूपत्नी नमस्तुभ्यं पादस्पर्शे क्षमस्व मे!!**

**That's what our ancestors taught us to do
when we wake up and before we set our foot on
it in the morning.**

Aruna lagu.





SAFAI DOOT STORY

Mrs. Sangeeta Shravan Phupani aged 35 years were born to rag picker parents at Hari Om Nagar. She speaks fluent Marathi. They were five siblings one brother four sisters. Brother expired presently all four sisters stay at Hari Om Nagar. Her childhood does not hold very fond memories for her. She definitely enjoyed playing with her siblings and other kids. She remembers playing with toys, playing bhandi bhandi (toy utensils) used to have regular meals of rice, chapatti, vegetables, fish, chicken, leafy vegetables but there were also days when her father would fight with her mother, hit her and throw the food out. These children would then sleep on an empty stomach.

She never went to school. Her parents would drink while the children went to collect rags, waste, discards to fend for the family. She remembers being around 12-13 then. The thought of sending children to school never entered her parents mind.

She had an arranged marriage. Her in- laws came home with the proposal. Hers was a grand wedding with feast for around 100 people. Her husband is very nice, caring every little concern of hers. He takes care of her she feels he's god send and wishes him as a husband in every life. He does not drink, has no vices. He works as housekeeping staff in society earning around 8000/- month. She too earns around 8000/month.

Her family in addition to them both consists of an elder Son who is married with 2 daughters. Second son works in the night at dumping ground. Of the 2 daughters one goes to Signal Shala is in the 9th std. second one completed 10th and is at home no job. She along with her husband runs the household. Son pitches in with 2000-3000/- presently staying with her since she fell sick two months back. Donations from people are welcome for her that aids in having some savings for the family.

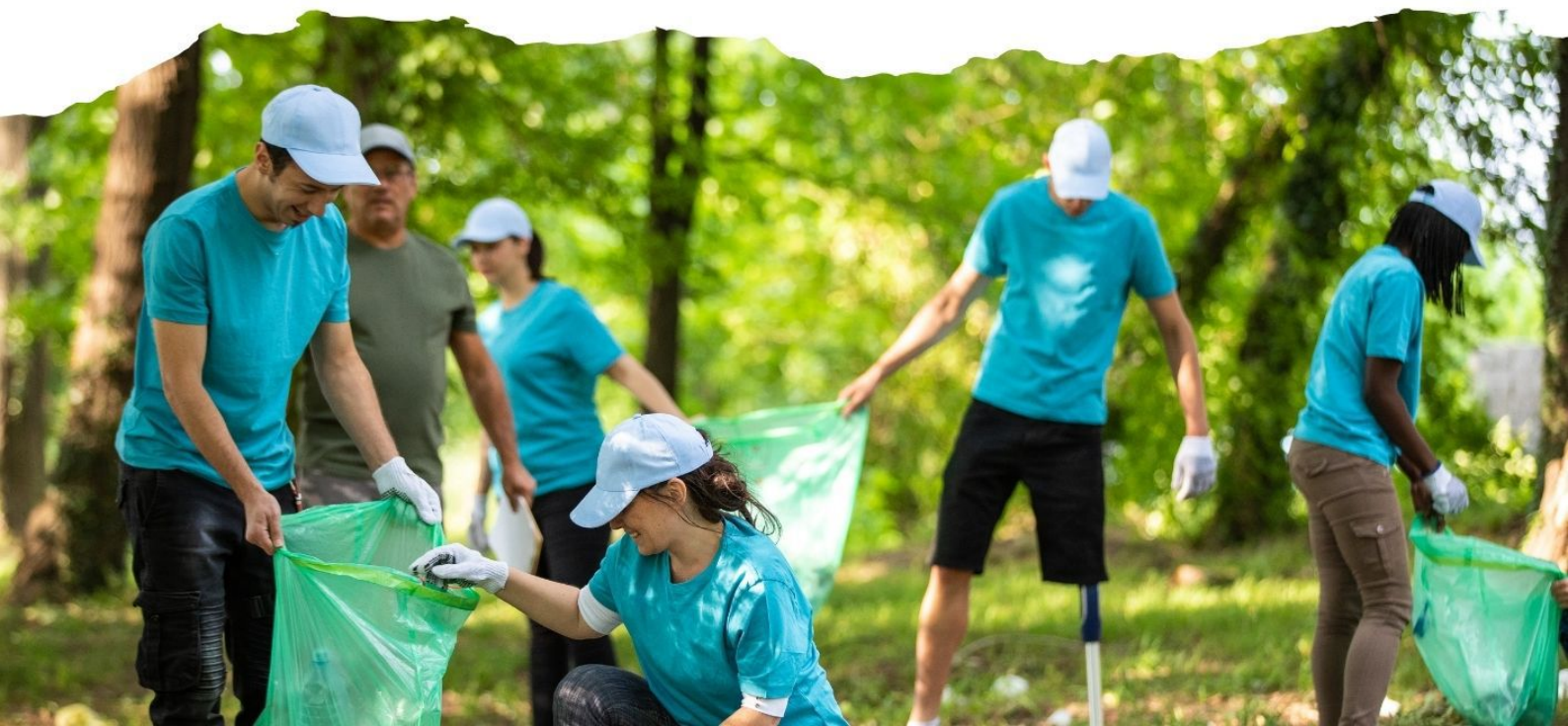
She has a positive opinion of the male species. She feels blessed to have caring and loving husband and sons. Her husband is her go to person with whom she shares everything. He takes her to the doctor when she is in pain. Her mother passed away due to oral cancer without receiving any treatment. Her eldest sister would take her to Tata Memorial hospital but nobody gave her treatment, there was a big waiting period. She passed away. Her brother who passed away, his daughter stays in Delhi, son works in dumping ground their mother passed away after their father.

She's been at the present job for the last six months. She does the work of segregating waste. She earlier worked at the Mulund dumping ground, it closed and she was at home. She heard about this job and joined. Earlier she used to pick rags, waste, segregating waste from dumping ground and selling earning daily around 200-250/ day. At the present job she gets a fixed monthly income. She likes the work environment and enjoys the company of her friendly colleagues. With both her and her husband's salary and son sometimes she somehow manages the household expenses. Yet she borrowed from bank to buy a mobile for her younger son for Rs 20,000/- to fulfill his desire. The mother in her took the front seat. Her son not being familiar with banking she took the loan but he pays the interest.

She celebrates Diwali with snacks, new clothes, crackers, for the children and grandchildren amongst whom she loves being. She enjoyed Raksha Bandhan she had only one brother. After his passing she doesn't feels like celebrating festivals. On children's, grand children's birthdays she buys for them new clothes, gift, cakes for them.

She suffers from no major illness at times fatigue& fever. Her present home since last around 20 years is a structure of ply and plastic and bits and pieces of collected carpet as her flooring. Gas, electricity she procured on her own. She prides herself in being a woman. She earns and takes care of her family. When she sees people living in high-rises she too wishes to build her own home. She has a plot of land that is where she wants to build her house by making some savings.

Much as she is content with her family and life she feels proud that through her salary she can fulfil her children's and grandchildren's wishes. Her monetary contribution to the family helps in the smooth running of the family and no additional burden on the family whether it's her medical treatment or any additional expenses.



GRAPH OF THE DAY



**REDUCE
USE
CYCLE**



August Month Total Dry Waste



8197.95 KG



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In the competition organized by Thane Municipal Corporation under Maji Vasundhara Abhiyan, which is ongoing through the state government to achieve sustainable development by conservation, protection and preservation of Pancha Tattva, the project of Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth was awarded the best number prize at the municipal level.



- 1) Rustomji Azino
- 2) Rustomji Urbania
- 3) Prakriti CHS (Naupada)
- 4) Paulomi CHS
- 5) Savoy raheja
- 6) shubharambha
- 7) Happy vally phase 1

- 8) Gopal CHS manomay building
- 9) Vishram tower no 1 chs
- 10) Ashar Aria, near sapphire hospital, kharegaon naka
- 11) Virat tower



AWARENESS & other activity Done by Project Revitalisation

Chalo Thane...
abse 3 bin campaign



carbon
credit team
visited
Everest
world &
kalpataru



Stakeholders meeting with carbon credit team

SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITY



MONTHLY GROCERY DISTRIBUTION



PRESENT AWARENESS CREATION ACTIVITY
ON 15 AUGUST



ACTIVITY DONE IN KOPRI PLANT
(A FULL DAY GOES TO WORK. THEY ARE
ALSO HAPPY TO PLAY LIKE A CHILD FOR A
WHILE)

International Coastal Cleanup Day

21 September, 2024



