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# PUNARNIRMAN

Monthly newsletter of project revitalization

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# Editor's Message

Dear Readers,

It is a ceaseless rectitude to be the editor of the newsletter, and delighted to present the Thirteenth edition of the newsletter entitled "**Punarnirman**" for July, 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 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 publication serve as a symbol of our promise to a more green creation.**

Vaneeta Raney [Phd]  
Newsletter Editor  
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## Success Story of One Contributor

**1 Why is this initiative of waste management and recycling undertaken by you?**  
I've always been passionate about making the best out of waste – be it through art or recycling. The initiative taken up by Bhatu sir is nothing but wonderful as the society members just have to segregate their household garbage and the dry waste is recycled in multiple ways without harming the environment.

**2 When and how did you start working on the project revitalization?**  
I have been collaborating with Signal Shaala since the last decade – for the kids, their education, with toys, books and sweets. Bhatu sir doesn't stop from doing more and better for his environment – for the people and the planet, and I wouldn't stop encouraging this & I do as much as possible to contribute to the same.

**3 How did you motivate others to join hands in this initiative?**  
I tried to pass on the message through my peer group, and people in the gym and others in the vicinity, on the Republic day I explained how this project does work for the society people. Not only my society but others around me can also contribute to the success of Project Revitalisation accordingly.

**4 What encourages you to continue on this project till date?**  
It's simple, efficient, useful – and most importantly, it does brilliant things for the planet & for the future generations. What better reason than this, to continue being on the project!

**5 What is your message for society and community at large?**  
It's important to contribute at least 2-5% of your time in a day or week – for the betterment of the planet & for the future generations to have a green surrounding, as much as we got when we were kids.



## One Good News About Environment

Free Food Pantry Reduces Food Waste.  
Have you ever stored perishable items

### **ONLY TO THROW THEM AWAY ON GARBAGE DAY?**

We have all been there. It's all too easy to buy too much food, which goes bad before we can eat it. It occurs frequently all over the world, and its prevalence makes food waste a significant issue. In Geneva, a non-profit organization is attempting to reduce food waste by opening free-access refrigerators where people can donate or take food that would otherwise go bad.

This amazing initiative not only reduces food waste but also promotes food security by allowing anyone to take as much as they need before the food spoils.

## Summary of Monthly waste collected





# Safai Doot Story

**Mrs. Asha Ganesh Gaikwad** aged 30 was born in Kalwa to the Magar community (Hindu). Her husband belongs to the same community. She speaks fluent Marathi. They are total four siblings' one brother, three sisters. Elder brother is a mason, sister is a housewife. Other sister is still young. Asha, unfortunately does not remember her childhood.



She studied upto the 3rd standard after that she had to work at home helping her mother. Her mother got her married early at the age of 15. Asha's Husband is not educated; he works at the dumping ground. Husband is handsome, used to drink even before marriage. After drinking he hits her abuses her. In spite of having an arranged marriage and her mother being aware of her abuse, she refuses to allow her to stay with her saying you're married and that's your home till death.

Once after a fight with her husband & her mother, her mother told her to go jump. She jumped from a moving train. One transgender picked her up from the tracks and shifted her to a hospital and saved her life. At that moment she was three months pregnant with her son Gaurav, who studies at Signal Shala. At times when husband hits, fights with her she has to spend the night out staying at neighbour's or at the temple and goes home around 2-2:30 am when all are asleep. Though, it has its own risks being a woman.

She has four children; three sons and one daughter. Husband wanted a girl child. She stays in a pucca house with all basic amenities. She stays there with her four children, husband and Mother-in-law. She has got herself sanitized. Her mother-in-law runs the household. She gives her salary to her mother-in-law. She also, has an outstanding loan of Rs 30,000/-. She has been at the present job for past two months doing waste segregations. She started working after marriage at the Mulund dumping ground, doing daily rag pickings. Had worked earlier at project revitalization left and again came back. Here the work environment is good and under Shade. The job helps her to take care of the children, fulfil their desires and run the household. She prides herself for being a woman because what a woman can do nobody can do. In spite of living in pucca house she feels jealous of people living in high-rises. She feels god did not give us anything. Rich people are in demand not poor. The gutsy, daring woman in her says, I will earn and stay separately with my children and not take physical abuse every day.

She celebrates Sankranti in a big way. Goes to temple offer Til Gud then come home touches husband's feet seeks blessings buy new clothes make Pura Poli, Aamras Puri. She loves dressing up for festivals. She celebrates her son Gaurav's birthday. Husband argues over it saying arrange for D.J get new clothes for him. Hence don't celebrate. She is in gratitude for God having saved her and her 3 month son Gaurav in her womb. She has lost all respect for the men folk. She says, "Woman work, Men drinks". Her life has been quite tumultuous but her grit and determination to prove a woman is capable and bold enough to take decisions in favour of herself and her children keeps her going.





# Picture of The Month



## Attainment event

Children of the women working on the Project Revitalisation are studying in Signal School. These children are also making a name for themselves in many competitions



while taking education lessons. Four girls from Signal School run by Thane Municipal Corporation and Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth participated in the state level competition of Lathi Kathi or Silambam sport this year. In this, Gauri Patharkar won gold in the 32 kg weight group, Harshada Kudia in the 37 kg weight group, Neelam Devle in the 30 kg weight group and Sonali Gaikwad in the 35 kg weight group.



# Social Welfare Activity





# awareness

## & other activity Done by Project Revitalisation

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*Let us all come forward to celebrate  
the Indian Handloom legacy*

**National  
Handloom Day**