

PUNARNIRMAN

Leave a positive print
on the future



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PROJECT REVITALIZATION

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Editor's Message



DEAR READER

It is a ceaseless rectitude to be the editor of the newsletter, and delighted to present the Eleventh edition of the newsletter entitled "**Punarnirman**" for the June 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 a 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.**

Protect possessions or waste, it's your choice!

SUCCESS STORY OF ONE CONTRIBUTOR

This started with my initial need when I wanted to dispose of **e-waste, steering clear of regular garbage**. Instead of just doing for self, I thought of doing it on a larger scale as I felt there will be like minded neighbours in my society who would also want to dispose it off responsibly but don't know how.

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I engaged with members in **my society and I was really impressed with the response that I got**. Honestly, it was more than I expected. We formed a core team and had multiple conversation. We then hit out off the initiative in the **month of Nov 2023**.

There was not much I had to do as the team that we formed were bursting with energy and a strong desire to **revolutionise e-waste disposal**. The rest, as they say, is history.

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SUCCESS STORY OF ONE CONTRIBUTOR

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Our inaugural drive was a success, collecting over **450 kg of e-waste within days**. Contributors were delighted knowing their electronic waste would undergo responsible recycling, avoiding decades of lying in a landfill. Witnessing their satisfaction and contributing to positive change is the ultimate reward, motivating us to continue with this initiative.

Be responsible and mindful of the fact that our today's action will determine how nature will treat our future generation.

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Volunteers of One Hiranandani Park

- Poonam Pandey , Fairway
- Medha Patki / Indrayani Nishane , Preston
- Nrupali , Clifton
- Maitri Gada , Hampton
- Shuchika Jain , Eagleton
- Ranjana Mangalgiri ,Willowcrest
- Gauri Bankar , Barrington
- Asha Shetty , Cloverdale





SAFAI DOOT STORY

Mrs. Pushpa Bunt Gaiwad aged 40 was born to rag picker parents. She is unaware of her birth place. She is a Hindu by birth, ever since 10 years follows Christianity. She was cured of her ailment by Jesus and visited to sermons. Earlier as Hindu she did not pray, hence no experience with miracles.

She did not go to school in spite of her parents putting her in school, she did not like studying. Currently, she feels she should have studied. She has two brothers, one brother goes to Diva dumping ground, other brother does housekeeping job in building. She shares her problems with her young brother, and his wife and they are helpful. She enjoyed her childhood, and never experienced any lack.

She had an arranged marriage fixed by her mother's contact. It was a traditional marriage with feast for guests at Hari Om Nagar. Her husband is from Virar. Her husband is caring, drinks a little, but doesn't get violent. He works only at times of constructing houses in her area.

She is a mother to three children ; two sons and one daughter. Elder son left school after 5th or 6th std. Other children go to Nakhwa School. Her home is a structure made of Bamboo, plastic sheets; flooring is pieces of carpet collected from the dump yard. Light connection was provided by Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth. She cooks on Chula. She collects wood from the workplace for cooking.

She has been working at the present job for five years doing waste segregation. She earlier worked at the Mulund dumping ground. After being out of job she came looking for job at project revitalization. She met the project in-charge and they kept her on the job. Which she likes since unlike her earlier job where she would collect waste, rags on daily basis in all kinds of weather and sell and earn very little which would get used up. Here she gets a monthly salary, tries for some savings and also receives help from the work place. She suffers from foot problems which with the help of medical checkups and medicines from the work place give her comfort.

She runs the household on her salary of 7000-8000/- .Her husband is presently unemployed. This is not sufficient to run the household, hence borrows from work place that amount gets deducted from her salary. She is open to people donating food item, clothes and others since it helps in running of the household and saving some expenditure!

She feels proud that as a woman she can run the household, take care of the house, children, their education. She does not hold the male species in high esteem. She feels it's possible to live without them. If they are there it's ok, if they are not there is also ok.

She feels jealous of people living in high-rises. Wishes she could also live like them. For the present she looks forward to gas connection and water connection.

The birth of her first child was very special in her life.

She does not celebrate her children's birthdays.

She celebrates Christmas in a big way, pastor cuts cake, attends midnight mass, there's snacks and feasting.

When not working she loves listening to hymns, she likes wearing gajra.

She finds happiness in these small things and pleasant moments that keep her going through life's struggles.



raph of Monthly waste collected



**REDUCE
USE
CYCLE**



June Month Total Dry Waste



7653.17 KG

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ALL GROUPS





ONE GOOD NEWS ABOUT ENVIRONMENT

Bamboo bottles are a Great alternative to Plastic bottles and are Biodegradable too. Sikkim, a state in India, has already introduced the use of Bamboo water bottles and completely Banned the use of Plastic bottles.

**SIP SUSTAINABLY,
HYDRATE
NATURALLY.**



SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITY



Picnic Day at
Manthan Resort
18 June 2024




New project for
signal school
students parents
एक छत्री
आत्मनिर्भरतेसाठी



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create positive change in the
world."*

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***CYCLE COLLECTION
(KALPAVRUKSHA GARDEN
SOCIETY HIGHLAND ROAD,
OPP HIGHLAND RESIDENCY
DHOKALI & NEW
BRAHAMAND CHS PHASE 7)**

EMBRACE SUSTAINABILITY, CARRY THE FUTURE





PICTURE OF THE MONTH

Awareness

& other activity Done by Project Revitalisation



Kalbadevi,
Mahajan wadi,

Mumbai.
29-06-24

