

PUNARNIRMAN

Save the Nature



Editor's Message

DEAR READERS

It is a ceaseless rectitude to be the editor of the newsletter, and delighted to present the Fifteen edition of the newsletter entitled "Punarnirman" for the September 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 PREROGATIVE!

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

Everest World CHS is a big complex with 5000 persons and above residents. It is one of the oldest developments of Kolshet region.

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I believe that it is my right to have a clean healthy atmosphere at a place where I reside. In order to accomplish this goal, I have started to coordinate with the initiative of waste management and recycling.

Mr. Satish Mukte
Morning Glory
Everest World

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During my stay in bank complex in Sidheshwar lake area in 2003- 06, I was pained to see the unhygienic, dirty habit of throwing the waste on road, at any time forcing the people to stay in stinking atmosphere.



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Contributing to make our area clean, green motivates me to continue on this project till date.

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. I have approached the local leaders, opinion makers and families of that area, arranged meetings and encouraged those to cultivate good habits of clean and healthy house and area and with their participation project revitalization was possible.



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As a responsible citizen it is the duty of every one to keep this Vasundhara a happy, clean, green space to live.





SAFAI DOOT STORY

Mrs. Manjula Ganesh Kanath, a 27-year-old fluent in Marathi, was born in Hari Om Nagar to parents who worked as rag pickers and passed away when she was very young. She recalls her mother mentioning that she has a total of 15 siblings, of whom three sisters and one brother are still alive; the others have unfortunately passed away. All of them reside in Hari Om Nagar. The three sisters are employed, while the brother is unemployed and struggles with alcoholism. Despite their efforts to persuade him to quit drinking, he manages to abstain for only a few days before relapsing. He has four children, and his wife works as a housekeeper. Although she does not remember much of her early years, she recalls that meals were plentiful and she bore no responsibilities. Her parents died when she was still learning to sit up. She herself is a mother of five children, consisting of three daughters and two sons. Her eldest daughter is unable to attend school as she must care for her younger brother, who is five years old. The other two daughters and the elder son attend Signal Shala. Mrs. Kanath is not familiar with family planning methods but intends to undergo sterilization in the near future. She entered into a love marriage characterized merely by the exchange of garlands, with no priest or formal documentation involved in the ceremony. Her affection for her husband stemmed from his professional endeavors and engaging conversations. Having practiced Christianity since childhood, she found herself in a challenging situation. Her in-laws reside in Vasai, and her husband, who also adheres to Christianity, has made her life increasingly difficult. She perceives all men as fundamentally similar, believing they are inherently unresponsive. His excessive drinking habits have led him to collect rags to support his addiction, and he suffers from liver problems, often remaining unwell. Approximately a year ago, he was hospitalized at Thane Civil Hospital, which caused her considerable distress. His parents, living nearby, assisted with the medical expenses. The period of the COVID-19 pandemic proved somewhat beneficial for her, as the closure of liquor stores provided a temporary reprieve. Currently, she resides in a makeshift home constructed from bamboo and tarpaulin sheets. A light meter was installed by Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth, but she lacks a gas connection and relies on a traditional Chula for cooking. During her lunch breaks, she gathers wood from her workplace or from nearby dumping grounds, also saving dry wood in preparation for the monsoon season. There is little inquiry into their well-being, although some individuals occasionally distribute food and snacks, which she appreciates as it contributes to her limited resources.

She previously worked at the Diva dumping ground, where she would leave home around 5 AM and return by 7 PM. The rags she collected were sold for approximately 200 to 400 per day. From this income, she had to cover her train fare and food expenses. For the past two years, she has been employed in her current position, initially stepping in as a substitute for her sister. Her supervisor appreciated her performance and encouraged her to stay on, which she gladly accepted. She finds satisfaction in her current role producing wooden briquettes, as it is closer to her home, allowing her to save on travel time and food costs. The work environment is pleasant, and she enjoys commuting with her colleagues. This job also represents progress toward her aspiration of owning a proper house with a reliable water supply, as her current living situation is fraught with water issues. She must transport water via rickshaw from Koprigaon, where the locals often refuse service and treat her with disrespect. She manages her household on a monthly salary of 7,000 to 9,000, with grocery expenses ranging from 2,000 to 3,000. She collects rations using her ration card, and if her salary falls short, she borrows from her sisters or moneylenders. She takes pride in her ability to care for her children, endure an abusive husband who frequently uses offensive language, maintain the household, and still wear a smile. She hopes her husband would find work to contribute to their savings for building a new home.

She looks forward to the Christmas season with great anticipation. She purchases new outfits for her family, participates in the midnight mass, and prepares chicken and fish for the festive meal, while the church also hosts a celebration. The arrival of her first daughter marked a profoundly joyful occasion in her life.

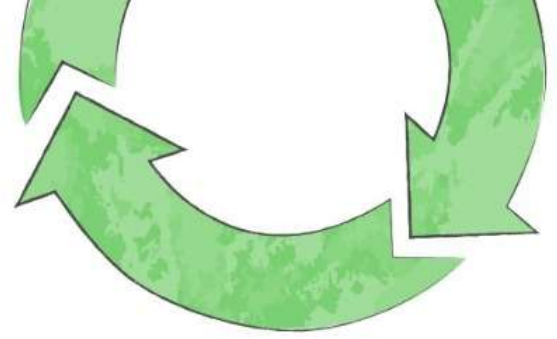
Although she does not typically celebrate her children's birthdays, she will buy a cake for them if they express a desire for one. She thoroughly enjoyed the picnic organized by her current workplace, as it was her first experience of such an outing. Her time at the resort was immensely pleasurable, and she found herself reluctant to return home. These simple joys of life had previously been unfamiliar to her. She has come to realize that her life holds significance for others, a notion she had never contemplated before. The people around her are vital members of society and possess equal rights to a fulfilling life, a truth that is evident in her current workplace. Previously, she had white patches on her skin, which have since disappeared with treatment. May the woman within her triumph and surmount all challenges.

GRAPH OF THE DAY



AWARENESS

& other activity Done by
Project Revitalisation



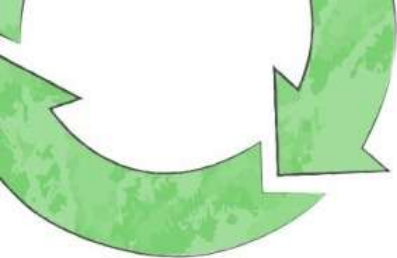
Lok Puram Public
School visited kopri
site

Aamra Probashi Team from
Hiranandani estate visited
to project revitalization on
14 September for
distribution of sanitary
pads to the women's



BURNS AND
MACDONALD
VISITED
KOPRI SITE





NIRMALYA COLLECTION



FROM SEPTEMBER 7 TO OCTOBER 2, A CLEANLINESS FORTNIGHT IS OBSERVED. DURING THIS PERIOD, A NATIONAL-LEVEL COMPETITION CALLED "SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2024" WAS ORGANIZED BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS. AS PART OF THIS, THANE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND VARIOUS VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATED TO PRESENT A CULTURAL PROGRAM CALLED "UTSAV SWACHHATECHA" ON SEPTEMBER 28 FROM 4:00 PM TO 9:30 PM AT KORUM MALL, THANE. MANY THANE RESIDENTS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT. SEVERAL CULTURAL, SOCIAL, AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ALONG WITH THE "UTSAV THANE" INITIATIVE, CAME TOGETHER TO PRESENT PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON CLEANLINESS THROUGH ENTERTAINMENT. IN THIS EVENT, SAFAI SEVIKA FROM PROJECT REVITALISATION PARTICIPATED IN A FASHION SHOW.



Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth PR , has been actively working in the environment protection, conservation and development for the past two decades. The project successfully conducted the International Beach Clean up Day at Kolshet and Gaimukh Bay on 21st September, 2024.

BEACH CLEANUP



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Social Welfare Activity



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Thane, Maharashtra 400603, India
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17TH SEPTEMBER TO 2ND OCTOBER 2024

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(स्वभाव स्वच्छता - संस्कार स्वच्छता).



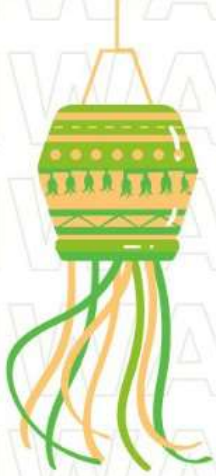
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WASTE TO BEST EXHIBITION
ACTIVITY DONE AT CUSTOMS
HOUSE FORT



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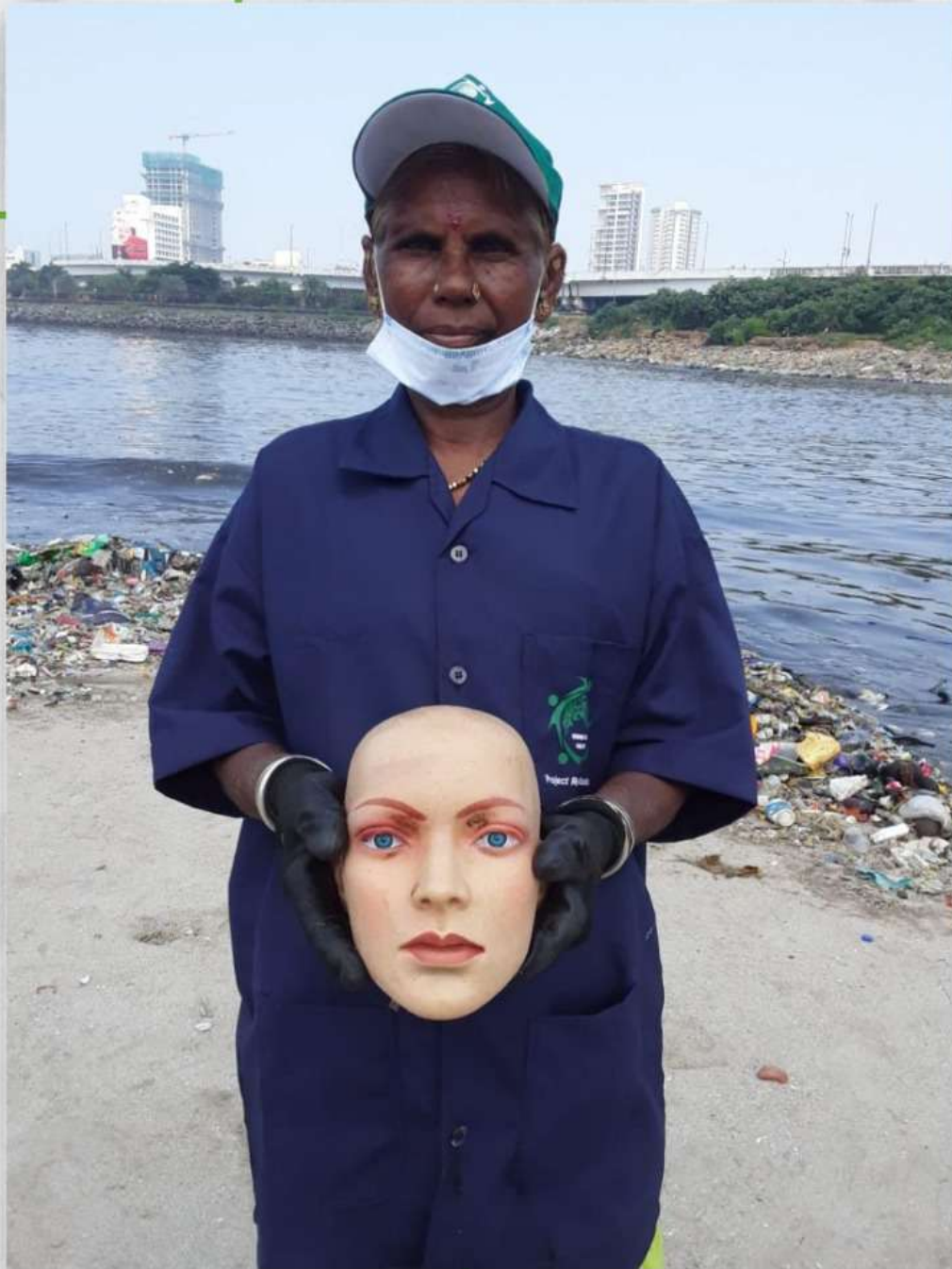
Thane, Maharashtra, India



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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



क्षेत्र में काम करने वाले संगठनों ने एकजुट होकर 'स्वच्छमेव जयते' विचार पर एक शैक्षिक कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया। समर्थ भारत व्यासपीठ के माध्यम से क्रियान्वित कचरा पुनर्प्रक्रिया में कार्यरत महिलाओं ने फैशन से माध्यम से शहर को स्वच्छ रखने का संदेश दिया। साथ ही कचरा चुनने वालों, उनके बच्चों, सफाई कर्मियों, सिमल स्कूल के विद्यार्थियों ने फैशन से के माध्यम से गीला कुड़ा और सूखा कचरा छटाने का संदेश दिया।