

PUNARNIRMAN

February 2025

Connecting
with the
energy of
nature

Editor's

Dear Readers,

Being the newsletter editor and being enthralled with presenting the nineteenth edition, "Punarnirman," for February 2025 is a perpetual righteousness.

You can alter the bad future by reconditioning! The women who pick rags in Thane district, Maharashtra, are teaching us this. They are a part of an idealistic project run by the nonprofit Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth (SBV), which has transformed perceptions about waste and impacted many lives.

What began as a small effort by the non-profit to assist a few women who were ragpickers and provide them with alternative employment has grown into a massive waste

management success story that links over one lakh families in the community, interacts with thousands of children, employs numerous women, and stops about 300 tons of waste from being dumped every day.

With the assistance of the TMC, SBV was able to acquire waste from the company and hired ragpicker women to properly segregate it at a waste management facility located in Kopri, Thane East.

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Let this publication be an emblem of our commitment to a greener future.

You have the right to protect your belongings or dispose of trash!

Vaneeta Raney [PhD]
Newsletter Editor
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Success story of one contributor

I am part of Coral Heights Society. My society location is GB road, Thane.

Coral Heights is one of the peace full society, where everyone wants to work for better environment.

I like to work for nature and dry waste management is one of the part of it.

Whenever I see, people are throwing the used/unused plastic everywhere without knowing impact of it and where it is going, I feel very bad.



One question always trouble to my mind is that, what will happen to our next generation, if all are not going to work on it together.

That is the reason, I want to work for this waste management and recycling initiative.

I come to know about the project revitalization 5 years back.

I connected with Bhatu Sawant Sir and discussed about the project and decided as apart of this great initiative.

To initiate people is the big task.

On regular basis I am sharing the information about the Project revitalization, sharing information about the Dry waste product, How they can start segregation , What is the impact ,if we don't do it now. So How, What, Why is the main parameter for motivation.

On Regular basis arranging the Collection Drive in the society.

Just think about our own kids future and you will get motivate automatically.

We are working so hard for the better future of our kids, so we need to think nature role is major and that is the motivation for me to continue with this work.

The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”

We should be the creator and not destroyer. So, we need to save our mother Earth for our better future.

**Rupali Tamhane
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REDUCE USE CYCLE

February Month Total Dry Waste

7410 KG

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ALL GROUPS



Graph of the month

Safai Doot Story

aged 32 born a Hindu adivasi but presently follows Christianity. She was born at the Mulund dumping ground. She is fluent in Marathi and Hindi. Father was a rag picker at Mulund dumping ground. He used to drink a lot and come home and hit her mother. The parents had a big fight and the father left them in 2011 never to return as yet.

They are 5 siblings 2 brothers, 3 sisters. She is the youngest amongst the sisters followed by the two brothers.

She studied till third std since parents could not afford.

The siblings would get only one meal a day of rice, subzi. If hungry bua; mavshi would give them something to eat. They stayed close by. Her childhood was one of hardships. She and another sister started going to the dumping ground, to collect waste for selling to feed the family when she was around 10yrs old.

She fell in love with her husband at the Mulund dumping ground went to her in-laws place at Govandi to stay with her in-laws. Her husband is from UP. She could not get along with her mother-in-law and came back with her husband to stay next to her mother. They have 3 children 2 sons. 1 daughter all the 3 children go to Signal Shala. School bus comes and picks them up and drops them home. She is thankful to her present job for providing for her children's education. Signal Shala is also run by the same Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth.

Her husband used to have Ganja before marriage but after the birth of their first son, he left the habit. He had terrible withdrawal symptoms and was admitted at Kalwa-Chatrapati Shivaji hospital for around a week. He recovered and has never gone back to the habit. Her caring nice Mother-in-law paid the hospital bill of Rs. 5000/-.

Mrs. Poonam
Mangesh Gaud



He goes to Kanjurmarg dumping ground collects waste and sells on daily basis. Both of them together run the household. His daily earnings get spent in household expenses. She earns around 7000-8000/month. She saves in 2 B.C's with Maam at the work place of 1000/- rs each. She had borrowed Rs 20,000- from a money lender for the treatment of her son Siddharth around 5 yrs back. He suffered stomach infection she repays rs 1500/- towards the loan every month. At that moment she had just joined work and didn't know others well, whom to ask for loan. Presently she thoroughly, enjoys her job. All are so friendly including the administrators. She loves her job and gets so engrossed that she is unaware it's time to go home. She feels blessed being in her present job where she feels they are respected and treated well. She thoroughly enjoyed the picnic to the resort it was once in a lifetime opportunity. She had never been to one before.

She is a proud woman taking care of the house, the children, family. Her opinion of the male species is they can only do outside work. They can't do what a woman can do. But need a good companion if they can be one in old age.

She celebrates Christmas in a big way. Makes puri sheera, sevaiyan gets new clothes for children. Children's program is there. She goes for mass and feast. Her faith in her Jesus developed after her husband left his addiction. She had asked pastor to pray for him. She celebrates, children's birthday with new clothes, cutting a cake and distributing to neighbouring Kids. She never goes to temple; parents would go to jivdani temple, Sai baba temple. She has only Jesus photo in her house. No pundits or Hindu priest ever come and approach them.

She wishes her children should study and work in a decent job not do the job of the parents rag picking. Her ever smiling face is there to stay. She feels everyday is happy moment.

Social welfare



Project
Revitalisation
safai sevika
participated
in
Mahashivratri
Laghu Rudra.





D A V collage, Volunteer work

MONTHLY GROCERY DISTRIBUTION





AAMRA PRABASHI THANE ORGANISED SPECIAL COLLECTION DRIVE



Photo of month

Vinayak Joshi is an 11-year-old environmental friend who lives in the N.M. Joshi Society in Mulund East. Director Nikhil Sule is a friend of Vinayak Joshi's father. After he came to know that Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth works in the field of plastic environment, he persuaded Nikhil Sule to take the plastic he collected to the recycling project. Vinayak regularly sorts dry waste and pays close attention to how the waste can be sent for recycling. The environmental values instilled in him at such a young age are commendable. For these reasons, Vinayak's photo is chosen as the Photo of the Month.