

PUNARNIRMAN

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PROJECT REVITALIZATION

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Editor's Message

Dear Readers,

It is a ceaseless morality to be the editor of the newsletter, and delighted to present the fourth edition of the newsletter entitled "**Punarnirman**" for the February and March, 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 an 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.

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 COMMUNICATION 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

- The Vishram Tower No.1 Co-Op Hsg Society is situated at Shree Nagar, Wagle Estate, Thane area with 120 residential flats. Close to Mountains, surrounded by greenery, peaceful and pollution free environment are the key features of Vishram tower society.
- The problem of pollution associated with the mismanagement of waste is of global concern. Our society has always actively participated in various activities associated with Environment protection and Awareness. On 21st December, 2018 a seminar was arranged in the society on waste segregation with the support of Thane Municipal Corporation and Hariyali Group of Mulund. Members were distributed two dustbins for segregation of Dry Waste and Wet Waste. On 26th January, 2019 we started a campaign “No to single use Plastic”.
- The awareness programs were arranged at society and in Shree Nagar area level regarding the hazardous effects of the single use plastic on Environment. The cloth bags were distributed with the support of our corporator Mr. Gurmukh Singh Syan to all the members of the society and to the vendors of Shree Nagar area to supply the goods to the customers. All the members took the pledge that they will not use single use plastic. An arrangement was made with NGO “Khushiyaan Foundation” for the collection of plastic waste generated from all the households. On a weekly basis society used to hand over the plastic waste to Khushiyaan Foundation. This activity continued till 2020 only, on account of the unfortunate Corona Pandemic, NGO had stopped the collection of plastic waste.
- Our committee was looking for a complete solution where not only plastic but all other waste like paper, clothes, metal, rubber, leather, e-waste, books, thermocol etc. can also be given either for reuse or recycling. During this thought process, a valuable suggestion was received from one of our esteemed member Dr. Pradnya Chudasama about NGO Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth. Our committee immediately looked at this suggestion and visited the plant of Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth to understand their mechanism. Mr. Bhatu Sawant, CEO of Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth explained us about the ‘Project Revitalisation’, how the dry waste is collected from different societies, how the same is segregated and sent for recycling/ reuse. As our need of complete solution of Dry Waste management was getting fulfilled over here, our society launched “Zero Dry Waste campaign” on 15 th May, 2022 with the collaboration with “Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth”. Since then our society is handing over dry waste on a weekly basis to your NGO. Till date we are able to hand over dry waste total up to 3.5 tonnes.



- To attain our dream of Zero Dry Waste Society committee made lot of efforts to create awareness, sense of responsibility among members. Several seminars on waste management were organised, leaflets were distributed in each house, and posters were put in the lobbies of both the wings and in dry waste collection area. It was explained to members that how a small effort by each of us can help in protecting our Nature. Every week an update is sent to Society WhatsApp Group, informing the amount of dry waste collected during the last week and urging the members for their full co-operation.
- The “Project Revitalisation” initiated by Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth and Thane Municipal Corporation is a great initiative and a need of an hour. Since your organisation collects all the dry waste that gets generated at household level, provide employment to the poor and needy people, the well managed structure of your organisation motivates us to continue with the “Project Revitalisation”. The most important aspect is the positive response by all our members encourage us to continue on this project till date.
- Properly managed dry waste has numerous environmental benefits. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, if all the human beings follow this 3R's, our mother Earth will again become beautiful and prosperous We will be able to provide cleaner, greener and blessed environment to our future generations.

**Contributor, Resident
Vishram Tower**



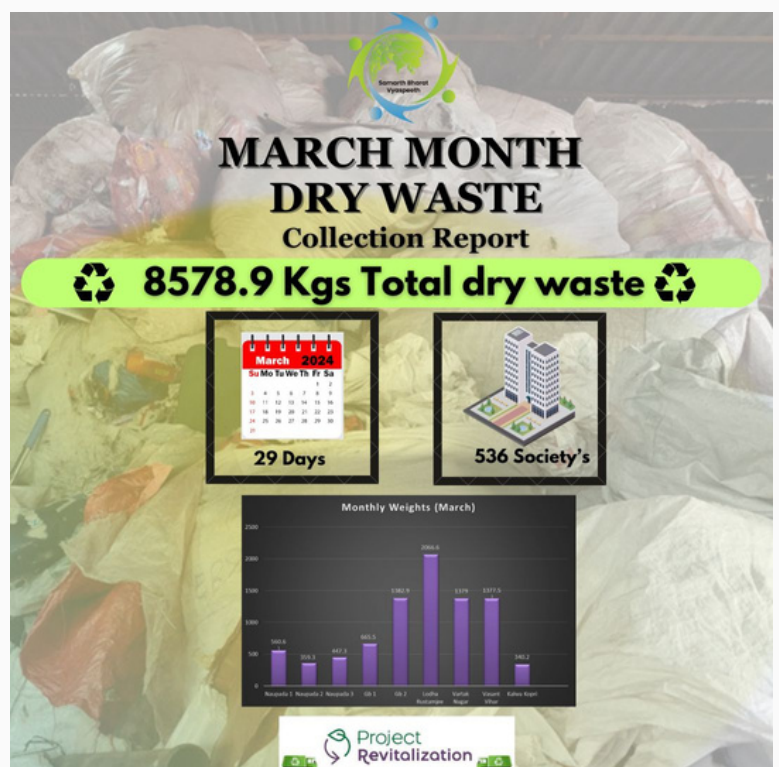
One Good News about Environment

A NEW OAK TREE COULD SAVE SUMATRA'S ORANGUTANS

Trees play a significant role in the preservation of many wildlife species. Wildlife depends on trees for several reasons. From food to shelter, trees provide animals with almost everything they need to survive. As it turns out, a newly discovered oak tree species is helping the survival of the endangered Tapanuli Orangutan. This **oak tree's** acorns are an essential food source for these great apes, proving the vital role trees play in the continued survival of many wildlife species.



Graph of Monthly waste collected





Mrs. Ravita Vikrant Deore

Safai doot story

Ravita is thirty years of age and born to rag picker parents at Hari Om Nagar. She speaks Marathi with ease and practising Christianity after marriage. Her spouse used to work at the Mulund landfill and is a Buddhist from Malegaon. Her mother died in a train accident at a young age. Her father used to be unwell most of the times and remarried too eventually. Ravita used to attend school at Koprigaon failed in third standard, later she discontinued going to school as she had to look after her father. Unfortunately, in 2012, he passed away and step mother also passed away. Ravita used to bleed while vomiting which stopped by the grace of Lord Jesus. She now practises Christianity after having developed her faith through her sister.

Her childhood was traumatic as the step mother used to hit her and physically abused her. She was left at her Mami's (maternal aunt) place who loved her and she stayed with them till the age of 12. Then she returned to stay with her father but was sent to her bua's (parental aunt) place. She wishes no child should suffer what she went through.

Her life took a turn for the better when she met her husband at the dumping ground. He liked her and approached her parents. Her father said I can't afford a grand wedding. If temple wedding is acceptable then proceed. They got married in a temple. He is caring, has no addictions other than smoking beedi. She has three children, 2 daughters aged 11 and 7 years and a son 4 years old. She lost her first son and desperately wanted a son. Her mother in law wanted a son too. Her husband was satisfied with the two daughters. Hence, when her second son was born she was very happy, next month she plans to get herself sterilized. She is fortunate to have a hard working husband. From 12:00 pm to 3.00 pm he does rag picking, from 11.00 am to 11.00 pm works in tea stall earning around Rs.9000/- month.

After losing her first child a baby boy, when her elder daughter was two years old then she fell sick as she loved sitting in cold water resulted into high fever getting to her brain. Doctors had lost hope but, Ravita prayed to her Lord Jesus. After moving from two to three clinics and dispensaries, finally one doctor treated. She recovered well and had to spend only on medicine for her actually. .

Her children go to a school named Signal Shala. She wishes her children should study and become independent and reside at a good place. She is jealous of people in high-rise when she sees her house which is a structure of bamboo, plastic with pieces of carpet from dumping ground as flooring. She cooks on Chula, collects wood in her lunch break from the work place to carry home for cooking.

Her present job was to add-on the family income. She has been at the present job for past one year. She had earlier experience of working at Diva dumping ground. Her present job is closer to home and hence flexible. She suffers from chest pain but feels good with medicines when done on monthly check-up basis. Moreover, she is happy with the work environment at Kopri.

Her husband takes care of the children's needs, while she pays for the grocery and light bill. Their salary is not always sufficient to take care of their family needs. Hence does borrow like for meter installation. Power in the house has been provided by Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth. People do donate snacks, grocery on festivals which helps minimize the burden on household expenses. From workplace also she receives goods on Diwali. She is hardly able to save 1000/- to 2000/-p.m. from the salary.

When not working she loves listening to songs, and prayers. She enjoys Christmas which is celebrated with orchestra, dance, singing carols, cake cutting, and feast. She used to earlier celebrate all the different occasions from birthday to anniversaries. With her husband's support she imagines a bright future for her family and small children.

Social Welfare Activity description

Mediclaim Policy



Distribute Diving License



Vehicle distribution



8 March 2024

International Women's Day Program

- Smt. Sonal Shah District Judge, Member Motor Accident Authority
- Dr. Vinaykumar Rathore IPS Deputy Commissioner of Police Transport Thane
- Mr. Anil Gherdikkar ACP Traffic Thane City
- Mrs. Dipali Dhate Additional S P Gramin
- Mrs. Rucha Pataki LNT CSR Deptt
- Mrs. Rashmitai Joshi, Aadhaar Rekha Pratisthan
- Mrs. Shraddha Ganu Modern Optician
- Dr. Kanchan Bagal, Dentist
- Mr. Ulhas Karle, Director, Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth
- Mr. Ajay Joshi, Director, Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth
- Mrs. Aditi Date, Director, Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth

On the occasion of Women's Day, the following programs were conducted for the waste pickers.

- Ayushyaman Bharat Card Distribution Program of Safai Sevak Women
- Distribution of Health Policy for Safai Sevak Children
- Distribution of Driving Licenses to Safai Sevak Women
- Distribution of 2 vehicles for Safai Sevak women
- Inauguration of rest room constructed for Safai Sevak women
- Inauguration of medical camp organized for Safai Sevak women





Awareness & other activity Done by Project Revitalisation



S S Jondhale Polytechnic



Vidyalankar school of IT

World Earth Day

