



PUNARNIRMAN

Impactful Initiatives
Focused on
Sustainability,
Community
Welfare &
Environmental
Responsibility.



Project Report
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Project Revitalisation – Safai Sathis: The Backbone of Sustainable Waste Management



The Kopri Plant, initiatives and highlights:

Monthly Ration Distribution:Regular distribution of ration kits to Safai Sathis, ensuring their basic food security and well-being.

International Women's Day Celebration: Celebrated with Safai Sathis at the Kopri Plant, recognising their invaluable contribution and boosting their confidence and sense of belonging.

Roti Day Initiative:Successfully organized the Puran Poli Collection and Distribution Drive on the occasion of Holi Purnima, promoting the spirit of sharing and community care.

Safety & Welfare Support:Distribution of safety materials (gloves and masks) along with sarees to Safai Sathis, with the support of the Inner Wheel Club, promoting health, safety, and dignity.

Donation Drive Distribution:Usable clothes and utensils collected through community donation drives were distributed to Safai Sevikas, supporting their daily needs while encouraging reuse and sustainability.

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Editor's Message

Dear Readers,

Every edition of Punarnirman tells a story of transformation—but this month, it is a story of people, purpose, and perseverance.

At the heart of all our initiatives are our Safai Sathis—the silent change makers who form the backbone of sustainable waste management. This month, through initiatives such as ration distribution, safety gear support, clothing donation drives, and the celebration of International Women's Day, we not only recognized their contribution but also reaffirmed our commitment to their dignity, well-being, and empowerment.

The celebration of International Women's Day at the Kopri Plant was more than an event—it was a moment of appreciation, belonging, and encouragement for the women who contribute tirelessly every day. Similarly, the Roti Day (Puran Poli Collection & Distribution Drive) during Holi reflected the spirit of sharing and community care, ensuring that no one is left behind in moments of celebration.

Equally important are the efforts towards awareness and behavioural change. Regular visits by students, institutions, and citizens continue to spread the message of waste segregation and environmental responsibility. Initiatives like counselling sessions on women's safety and rights, conducted in collaboration with partner organizations, further strengthen our holistic approach towards community development.

This edition also features an inspiring success story, reminding us that change begins with individual action. When one household chooses responsibility, it creates a ripple effect that can transform entire communities.

Our Eco Impact this month stands at 12,089 kg of dry waste collected, the highest so far—an achievement that reflects growing participation, awareness, and trust in the system. It is proof that when communities come together with a shared purpose, measurable impact follows.

Punarnirman is not just about managing waste—it is about rebuilding mindsets, restoring dignity, and creating a sustainable future through collective effort.

As we move forward, let us remember:

Small actions, when taken consistently, have the power to create extraordinary change.

Warm regards,

Vaneeta Raney, PhD (Editor – Punarnirman)
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Highlights of the Month

Monthly ration kits distributed to Safai Sathis, supporting their household needs and overall well-being.



Puran Poli Collection and Distribution Drive organized on the occasion of Holi, sharing festive warmth with Safai Sathis and those in need.



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Highlights of the Month

International Women's Day celebrated at the Kopri Plant with Safai Sathis, honouring their contributions and fostering joy, confidence, and a sense of belonging.



With support from Inner Wheel Club of Thane Shining Stars, safety gear and sarees were distributed to Safai Sathis, promoting their health, safety, and dignity.



Regular visits to the Kopri Centre by schools, colleges, and communities promote awareness of waste segregation, recycling, and sustainable practices.



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Highlights of the Month

Usable clothes and utensils collected during the drive were distributed to Safai Sevikas, promoting reuse while supporting their daily needs.



Visit to the Vidhivat Project to understand its sustainable and community-focused initiatives.



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Highlights of the Month

Awareness session on women's safety and rights conducted at the Kopri Plant in collaboration with Women Welfare Foundation



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Success Story of the Month

A Journey towards Responsible Living

A few months ago, I shifted to Bhaskar Colony, Naupada (Thane). Prior to this, for nearly seven years, I had been regularly giving my plastic waste to an organization called Athak in Mulund. Even after relocating, I continued travelling there every month to ensure that my waste was responsibly managed. However, I began to wonder whether this would be sustainable in the long run.

While exploring options in Thane, I came across Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth. Although I couldn't connect with another organization I had in mind, my interaction with this team proved to be a turning point. Despite being occupied, Mr. Sawant ensured that Ms. Mitali Karandikar connected with me promptly and explained the organization's work in detail. This marked the beginning of my association with the initiative.



When I shared this information within my society, I discovered that several members were already contributing by donating plastic, e-waste, clothes, and paper waste. It was reassuring to know that the waste generated in our homes was not ending up in landfills but was being responsibly recycled. This gave me immense satisfaction, knowing that even small efforts can contribute to a larger environmental cause.

Today, we are becoming increasingly aware of how plastic adversely affects our environment—polluting soil, water, and harming animals, birds, and aquatic life. Motivated by this understanding, I have been making consistent efforts to spread awareness among friends, relatives, and fellow citizens. Sharing information within our community groups has helped more people participate in this initiative.

Being part of the Samarth Bharat network has deepened my understanding of how waste can be transformed into meaningful resources. Recycled materials are used to create useful products, many of which support school children and underprivileged communities. This initiative not only promotes sustainability but also creates employment opportunities and supports education.

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It is truly inspiring to witness how items once considered waste are being used for such meaningful purposes. This is a cause I am committed to supporting in the long term.

As responsible citizens, it is our duty to maintain ecological balance. While we may not be able to completely eliminate waste, we can certainly change our habits—reduce plastic usage, avoid the “use and throw” mindset, and participate actively in recycling efforts. What may seem complex at first is, in reality, quite simple—all it takes is the willingness to begin. Once started, it naturally becomes a habit.

Small steps taken consistently can lead to significant change.

Mrs. Sheela Ramesh Dorlekar
Manas Co-operative Society
Naupada – Thane (West)

Rising community participation drives record dry waste collection, reinforcing the impact of responsible waste management practices

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Eco Impact and Graph of the month

SBV DRY WASTE COLLECTION SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

2/3/2026	Vartak Nagar	447
4/3/2026	Naupada 1	462
5/3/2026	Ghodbunder 1	343
6/3/2026	Ghodbunder 2	670
7/3/2026	Vasant Vihar	301
8/3/2026	Navi Mumbai	656
9/3/2026	Vartak Nagar	459
10/3/2026	Naupada 2	462
11/3/2026	Naupada 3	522
12/3/2026	Ghodbunder 1	356
13/3/2026	Ghodbunder 2	682
14/3/2026	Vasant Vihar	294
16/3/2026	Vartak Nagar	462
17/3/2026	kopri & Kalwa	478

SBV DRY WASTE COLLECTION SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

18/3/2026	Naupada 1	443
20/3/2026	Ghodbunder 2	679
21/3/2026	Vasant Vihar	301
22/3/2026	Ghodbunder 1	354
23/2/2026	Vartak Nagar	478
24/3/2026	Naupada 2	470
25/3/2026	Naupada 3	512
26/3/2026	Ghodbunder 1	344
27/3/2026	Ghodbunder 2	682
28/3/2026	Vasant Vihar	316
30/3/2026	Vartak Nagar	454
31/3/2026	Kopri & Kalwa	461
TOTAL		12,089 Kgs

12,089 kg of dry waste collected this month – a powerful reflection of collective action driving real environmental change.”

This achievement highlights the growing awareness, commitment, and collaboration among citizens, housing societies, and volunteers. Each kilogram collected represents a step towards reducing landfill burden, promoting recycling, and building a cleaner, more sustainable environment.

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