

STREE MUKTI SANGHATANA

ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2015

Dear friends

I am honored to present the executive summary of the activity report of Stree Mukti Sanghatana for the period from January 2015 to December 2015. The year was full of activities of perennial nature as well as new challenging issues related to women. Many volunteers and members were involved in preparation and organisation of activities as envisaged in the various projects such as Cultural troupe, publications, counseling centers, Parisar Vkas, Parisar Vikas Udyog, solid waste management, Jidnyasa: Adolescent sensitization programme etc. General campaigns on female feticide, violence, rape cases, public toilets for women in Mumbai, zero garbage campaigns etc. are part of daily activities. Besides the SMS consciously participates in common campaigns and networking. These activities still occupy lot of time as those campaigns can not be abandoned. We as women's organization express deep concern about the violent and heinous crimes committed against women in spite of the amendments and changes made in laws in the wake of Varma Committee report after 'Nirbhaya' incident in Delhi. I am deeply grieved to note that the women and girl children are subjected to sexual assault individually and collectively in many states without any compunction due to caste, class and religious hatred and discrimination. We appeal to all women to gather strength to fight against the atrocities by tooth and nail and press the Central Government as well as state governments to take immediate and effective steps to mitigate & stop crime against women. I thank the executive committee for diligently taking required decisions and appreciate the efforts made by the staff & volunteers to execute the day to day activities, implementation of the projects to the satisfaction of people in general & our members in particular. I take special note of the fact that the implementing committees for various projects and activities have worked tirelessly for completing the tasks planned under each activity, kept meticulous records including accounts and prepared primary reports for presentation before this august general body of SMS

This is 40th year of Stree Mukti Sanghatana. I can not stop without mentioning that the reactionary forces have become more vocal in past few years. There is constant danger of assaults from terrorists & fundamentalists from all quarters of the globe. We need to fight the evil forces of terrorism, violence and hatred against humanity trying to silence the voice of sanity. This is the need of the hour. I express deep appreciation for the efforts taken by our staff, activists and volunteers to encourage and give strength to voices of the downtrodden, individually and collectively, for reaching out in every possible way to the best of our abilities.

Sharada Sathe

❖ **ACTIVITIES :**

1) Publications and Prerak Lalkari

Editor: Sharada Sathe

Editorial Board: Jyoti Mhapsekar , Amol Kerkar , Yogini Raul , Vrushali Magdum, Karuna Gokhale , Mr. Arvind Vaidya

YoginiRaul, Ujjwala Tawde, Madhuri Sharma, Arundhati Shinde and Nanda Salve look after general administration. The membership has been rising constantly as many libraries from rural Maharashtra are included. The print order is 2500 at present. This was the 29th year of Prerak Lalkari & I am proud to announce that there was never a gap in publication . The magazine is popular all over Maharashtra.

SMS has been sensitive to various subjects related to increasing violence, child sexual abuse, laws, Indian Constitution etc. The editorials reflect the opinions and reflections on relevant issues. Prerak Lalkari contains columns on literature, Innovations, Science, laws for women etc. The annual special issue was published on laws for women.

Shri Arvind Vaidya and Vrushali Magdum have always provided food for thought for activists by their short stories, biographical accounts and scathing comments on the present exploitative system. Prerak Lakari is included in the website. There is also demand for web magazine which is under consideration .

2) Family Counseling Centers

Since 1975 SMS has been addressing issues of violence committed on women. It started the counseling activity to give relief to women victims of violence in 1985. Gradually it is developing in to a large scale campaign for violence free world.

Stree Mukti Sanghatana runs six family counseling centres in Parel, Chembur, Vashi, Koparkhairne, Dombivali, Buldhana and Osmanabad and Pune. These centres work on all days of the week except Sunday. Pune centre works only on Tuesdays and Fridays Dombivli Centre was closed for want of funds since December 2015. Ne center was started in Mumbra in collaboration with Maharashtra Mahila Parishad in December 2015. Now the volunteers of Dombivali work in that center. There are about 15 trained counselors and 34 volunteers. working in those centers.

There is constant flow of students of Nirmala Niketan, TISS, SNDT University, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Social Service League for training. They gain first hand experience of learning the handling of cases.

These centres are run by professional counselors as well as volunteers. Ms. Jayshree Pandit, Rajam Mukherjee, Madhavi Vichare, Rucha Kulkarni, Shamala Kale, Meenal Mahajan, Medha Dikshit, Mrudula Kharvandikar, Jehara Nakvi, Maya kabre & many others work as volunteers. They are in fact backbone of this activity. They provide valuable assistance during home visits, social interventions, observation of cases, record keeping, expert advice etc. Professional experts such as lawyers, doctors, psychiatrists are invited to help whenever required. There is an advisory committee for all the centres for monitoring the activities. The committee meets at regular intervals.

Cases: In 2015 866 new cases were registered. The centers dealt with 1027 cases during the year including old cases. All cases are registered. Some individuals come with some urgent help & require one time guidance. They do not wish to go further than that.

Nature of problems : There are some exceptional problems. However the common issues are about mental, physical violence, sexual torture, battering, insult, bigamy, dowry, rape, premarital issues, property disputes, mental illness, depression, lack of faith in spouses, interventions of parents, extra marital relations, cheating, rigid attitudes, temporary shelter requirement, old age relations, financial and legal assistance etc.

Assistance provided : Counseling, legal aid& advice, help of police stations, temporary shelter, assistance from experts in psychiatry, law, counseling etc. financial assistance, legal assistance, referral to protection officer, assistance from other organisations, rehabilitation, medical help, custody of children, assistance for vocational training, alimony etc.

Funding sources : The Maharashtra State Social Welfare Board gives partial grant to FCC units At Chembur & Vashi- Navi Mumbai. Centers at Osmanabad and Buldana are situated in the Police stations and are funded by Women and Child Welfare Dept. of Govt. of Maharashtra. SMS is designated as service provider under the Act. Partial funding was given by Mahanagar Gas Ltd. in 2014/2015. Partial funding was given by M. G. Manudhane Foundation for Excellence from Septembe2015 for two years for three FCC units (chembur, Parel, Vashi)There There are numerous individual donors.

Total number of cases from Jan 2015 to Dec 2015

Cases	Parel	Chembur	Vashi	Dombi vli	Osmanabad	Buldana	Pune
old	31	47	42	2	20	19	-
Registered	100	103	152	52	136	238	18
Unregistered	181	498	151	98	101	9	-
Pending	54	83	22	38	68	14	4
Closed	77	61	130	14	68	224	13
Males cases	10	12	15	1	44	21	-
students							5
P.O.C.S.O.							3

Qualitative Analysis 2015

Type Of cases	Parel	Chembur	Vashi	Dombi vli	Osmana bad	Buldh-ana	Pune
Dowry demand	2	7	-	2	22	11	1
maladjustment	35	-	-	-	-	-	-
domestic violence	all	all		51	127	all	
Bigamy	-	4	3	1	9	11	-
Alcoholism	5	48	28	9	45	6912	5
Suspicious nature	3	-	2	-	14	17	-
Psychological problems	1	-	3	-	-		
Extra-marital relations	7	17	19	8	17	20	-
Sexual harassment	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	1	1		-	-	-	-
Lack of responsibility	2	4	3	-	-	-	-
Parent's Interference	-	48	8	18	43	10	-
Cheating	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
harassment of Sr. Citizens	6	8	4	3	5	6	-
Property matters	4	5	13	-	-	-	-
Economical problems	6	-	6	-	4	5	-
Suspicious death	3	-	2	-			-
Conflict with neighbors	1	-	5	-	-	-	-
Sexual harassment at work place	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
pre-marital counseling	-	2	3	-	2	2	1

Custody children	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
property	2	5	3	7	7	-	-
Reconciliation	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
medical problems							2
economic crisis	4	7	3	9	2	2	
depression	1				9	4	

The statistical data shows that nature of domestic problem varies from case to case. Even in common causes the solutions are not stereotype. Violence, alcoholism and psychological problems were major grievances. In many cases, the woman manages the family responsibilities alone. The husband does not work and physically and mentally abuses the wife for money to spend on alcohol. Other family members, especially in-laws are not interested in helping the aggrieved woman. Women are not inclined to leave the husband because of addiction, hoping that some day he will repent. Incompatibility of spouses is emerging as one major issue in domestic disputes. Depression is visible but is not recognized as illness.

Development of skills : Staff members and volunteers attended various workshops to understand and deal with cases of de-addiction, depression, sexual harassment, The SMS has participated in the national monitoring of the Act done by Lawyers' Collective from time to time and has made significant contribution in the deliberations.

Implementation of laws: It is a fact that the Protection of women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 is still not being implemented properly. The Maharashtra Government has not made adequate provisions for implementation in spite of the repeated reprimands from Mumbai High Court. In collaboration with Majlis SMS registered 5 cases under DV Act . Of these, 3 cases have got maintenance orders. 2 women are getting monthly maintenance regularly.

The number of protection officers is not adequate. The service providers are not given any funds or any facilities to attend the cases. No space is provided in the Courts to service providers. There is no stationery available. No adequate office space is allotted to protection officers. They are often given additional charge as a result the work suffers. Compensation is not given to rape victims. The funding from Government is inadequate.

It is very important to create awareness in the society about laws and network with the government officials and other women's organizations for proper implementation. Awaz-e-Niswa conducted a 3 day workshop on Muslim personal

laws, problems faced by Muslim women and minorities. Ms. Shobha Kokitkar attended this workshop.

Stree Mukti Sanghatana has been part of the global campaign to stop violence against women (AMAN foundation which is a global network of NGOs) SMS conducted many activities during the anti-violence fortnight observed during 25th November to 10th December in Parel, Chembur and Vashi branches. Awareness sessions on PCPNDT, domestic violence and female feticide were conducted in slums throughout the year.

Awareness programmes : The family counseling centers organised 42 awareness programmes for various regions and communities, about, laws, adolescent youth issues, cultural programmes, female feticide, gender justice & equality etc. Vashi, Chembur, Parel and Pune activists of FCC participated in many rallies and campaigns to protest against violence.

Stree Mukti Sanghatana participated and continues to participate in the 'Right to Pee' campaign for women. Another major campaign is regarding female feticide. SMS has conducted various awareness sessions in slums, municipal corporation hospitals, college students as well as in the community on topics such as female feticide, PCPNDT Act, vulnerability of children (sexual abuse, rape of minor girls, child labor etc.) and social responsibilities. SMS has tried to monitor court cases with the help of Adv. Manisha Tulpule to ensure that the court procedure is followed properly. Ms. Jyoti Mhapsekar is personally looking into the various activities, to ensure that the issues will get proper attention at policy level.

Vishakha Committees: Supreme Court judgment in Vishakha case gave guidelines for sexual harassment at work place. All government, semi government and private institutions have to appoint a committee against sexual harassment at work place. Many of these Institutions are approaching SMS for representation in the committee. Many activists are nominated on Vishakha committees. It is their experience that the employers pay only lip service to the same. There is more sympathy to the perpetrator of the crime than to the victim. They are not interested in delivering justice to the complainants & often victimize them for having complained. This issue needs to be tackled at Legal level.

In Pune SMS has started FCC since last 2 years. There are volunteers who look after the work. We also deal with POCSO cases. In all 18 cases were registered during the year. Our effort is to strengthen the FCC in Pune.

.Workshop for staff development : A workshop for staff development was conducted in July 2015 in Manshakti, Lonavla, Pune. It covered vital subjects related to counseling.

3) JIDNYASA (QUEST)

Jidnyasa, a joint project of Stree Mukti Sanghatana, the Institute of Psychological Health & the Mumbai Police (Anti-Narcotics Cell) It is a programme to help aimed at adolescent girls and boys to cope up with their daily curiosities related to their physical & psychological problems & doubts., their stresses etc. This project is carried out in secondary schools & junior colleges in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Kalyan, Dombivli & Pune. Counseling cells have been opened in 5 schools in Mumbai and 5 schools in Pune in 2014/2015. This work was done till May 2015. SMS has made a representation to NMEW to try this as pilot project which can be replicated in other states. SMS could not continue Pune for want of funds & adequate support from Pune Mahanagarपालिका. We have tried our best to conduct Jidnyasa sessions in as many schools as possible. The SMS has not stopped its efforts to convince the Authorities about necessity of having a proper dialogue with the students, especially from poor sections.

Special mention has to be made of Cipla Foundation. It has shown deep interest in Jidnyasa & health for waste pickers. In this period starting from June 2015, twenty-six (26) schools from Panvel, Pen, Khalapur, Karjat, Neral from Raigad district were covered in Jidnyasa. Total 814 sessions were conducted for about 4000 students. Special mention has to be made of all the communicators who have travelled a lot to cover the schools from interior regions. The teachers from those schools have taken special efforts to make the programme successful. Anita Patil efficiently handled the coordination of this massive work.

It was observed that the attention span of students is very low in Mumbai & Pune. So the communicators have to make utmost efforts to attract the attention of the students. There is lack of dialogue & communication between students & teachers. The communicators have dealt with individual cases wherever needed & have taken the help of teachers from time to time. The communicators have also done group counseling. Students counseling was done in following`

Jidnyasa training of trainers : With active participation from teachers in Raigad district & financial assistance from Cipla, 3 trainings of trainers were conducted in order to disseminate valuable information to the teachers.

activities conducted: *Parents' meetings for smooth communication.

*The counselors attended the students & helped them in various matters.

*Jidnyasa sessions were conducted for students of 8th & 9th standard.

*In May a vacation camp was organized for 40 students from 4 schools.

* Stree Mukti Sanghatana has produced a short film on the life of Savitribai Fule.

It was shown in 4 schools on the occasion of Savitribai Fule Jayanti and discussion was conducted on the same.

Name of the Schools in selected for NMEW :

- i) Amchi Shala, Chembur, Mumbai
- ii) Gayatri Vidya Mandir, Mumbai
- iii) Arvind Gandbhir High School , Mumbai
- iv) Yojana Vidyalaya, Borivli. Mumbai
- v) Dr. KMS Shirodkar High School, Parel. Mumbai
- vi) Mahatma Fule Madhyamik Vidyalaya
- vii) Yeshwantrao Chawhan madhyamik Vidyalaya
- viii) Rafi ahmed Kidwai Vidyalaya & Junior college
- x) Raosaheb Paywardhan Vidyalaya
- xi) Sant Namdev Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Maharshi Nagar

Name of the Activity : Jidnyasa Sessions feedback chart

Sr. No.	Feedback of beneficiary school Principal & teachers	Beneficiary Boys	Beneficiary Girls	Total Beneficiary
1	05	165	260	430

SMS has completed total 720 sessions (360 sessions in Mumbai and 360 sessions in Pune) till the end of the NMEW project. The teachers and Principals welcomed this activity as the same was helpful for students in improving their concentration, study and behavior to some extent. The students had an opportunity to discuss their problems and queries with the communicators which is otherwise not possible in regular class.

In Jidnyasa sessions communicators discuss 6 topics in each class Adoleson, Stress Management, Deaddiction, Career Guidance, Sexuality Girls boys separate lecters etc. List of the Jidnyasa Sessions, Feed back reports of teachers & students are as follows.

Sr. No.	Name of the School	Month	Total Students	Total Class	Sessions
1	Arvind Gandabhir High School(afternoon)	Jul. 2015	122	3	19
2	Arvind Gandabhir High School (Morning)	Jul. 2014	127	4	24
3	Gayatri Vidya Mandir	Jul. 2014	131	4	24
4	Amchi Shala	Aug.2014	270	5	30

5	Shardashram Vidya Mandir	Aug.2014	207	3	18
7	Dr. KMS Shirodkar (Afternoon)	Nov. 2014	250	5	30
8	Dr. KMS Shirodkar (Morning)	Nov. 2014	250	5	30
9	DAV High School	Nov. 2014	260	4	24
10	Saraswati Vidya Mandir	Dec. 2014	60	1	7
11	Pioneer High School, Matunga	Dec. 2014	200	4	24
12	Anandrao Pawar High School	Dec. 2014	122	2	12
13	Yojana High School	Jan. 2015	228	3	18
14	Matoshri Vidya Mandir, Mankhurd	Jan. 2015	74	1	7
15	Utkarsha Vidyalaya, Malad (West)	Feb..2015	220	3	19
16	R. M. Bhatt High School, Parel	Feb. 2015	298	5	31
17	Utkarsha Vidyalaya, Malad, (East)	Feb. 2015	250	3	19
18	Pioneer High School, Kandivli	Feb. 2015	260	4	24
			3329		360

Jidnyasa sessions(Mumbai)

Sr. No.	Name of the Beneficiaries School	No. of Beneficiaries	Girls	Boys
1	Amchi Shala Chembur	268	118	150
2	Gayatri Vidya Mandir	79	35	44
3	Arvind Gandabhir High School, Jogeshwari	249	107	142
4	Shardashram Vidya Mandir, Dadar	207	207	0
5	Dr. KMS Shirodkar High School, Parel	500	255	245
6	D.A.V. High School, Malad	128	50	78
7	Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Chembur	114	40	74
8	Pioneer High School, Matunga	200	80	120
9	Anandrao Pawar High School	122	60	62
10	Yojana High School, Borivli	228	116	112
11	Matoshri Vidya Mandir, Mankhurd	74	30	44
12	R. M. Bhatt High School, Parel	536	236	300
13	Utkarsha Vidyalaya, Malad (W)	191	89	102
14	Utkarsha Vidyalaya, Malad (E)	205	92	113
15	Pioneer High School, Kandivli	211	103	108
	Total	3312	1618	1694

Jidnyasa Sessions Pune :

Sr. No.	Name of the School	Date	Total Students	Div.	Sessions
1	Raosaheb Patwardhan High School	Jul-15	132	2	12
2	Saraswati Vidya Mandir	Jul-15	129	3	18
3	Mahatma Phule High School	Aug-15	496	8	48

4	Ram Rajya	Aug-15	128	3	18
5	Yashwantrao Chawan Madhyamik Vidyalaya	Sep-15	423	8	48
7	Rafi Ahmed Kidwai High School	Nov-15	383	5	30
8	Sant Namdev High School	Nov-15	392	5	30
9	Hutatma Shala	Dec.2014	411	4	24
10	Sadhana High School	Dec.2014	478	8	48
11	Hiraman High School	Dec.2014	184	3	18
12	Vasantdada Patil High School	Dec.2014	122	2	12
13	Kendriya Vidyalaya	Jan.2015	188	4	24
14	Rajiv Fandhi E learning School	Jan.2015	55	1	6
15	Pune Vidyarthi Griha	Jan-15	80	2	12
16	Veerkar High School	Feb. - 15	118	2	12
			3719		360

B) Jidnyasa counseling Sessions : Pune

Sr. no.	Name of the Beneficiaries School	No of Beneficiaries	Girls	Boys
1	Mahatma Phule Madhyamik Vidyalaya	496	205	291
2	Raosaheb Patvardhan Vidyalaya	132	65	67
3	Saraswati Vidya Mandir	129	44	85
4	Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Vidyalaya & Junior College	383	221	162
5	Shri Sant Namdeo Madhyamik Vidyalaya	107	16	91
6	Yashwantrao Chawan Madhyamik Vidyalaya	229	86	143
7	Hutatma Shala	220	105	115
8	Sadhana High School	438	200	238
9	Hiraman High School	168	80	88
10	Vasantdada Patil High School	130	70	60
11	Kendriya Vidyalaya	280	160	120
12	Ragiv Gandhi E Learning School	118	68	50
13	Pune Vidyarthi Griha	150	74	76
14	Ram Rajya High School	128	46	82
15	Veerkar High School	89	46	43
	Total	3197	1486	1711

The NMEW project was completed in May 2015. 5 schools were covered under the project. Thereafter SMS made efforts to continue counseling in Pune by applying to Yardi Software India Pvt. Ltd. Three Schools were selected.

* Sant Namdev Vidyalay

*Yeshwantrao Chavan Madhyamik Vidyalay,

* Shivram pant Damle Prashala)

➤ **Cultural programmes**

SMS plays 'Samatekade vatchal' and 'Mulgi Zali Ho' were performed in Navi Mumbai and Parel to an audience of more than 400 people per performance. Samatekde Vatchal was performed in the Hinsamukti shibir in Pune and SNTD University

Jyoti Mhapsekar & Pradnya Saraf attended Women Playwrights' Conference in Cape Town, South Africa in June 2015 & made presentation on Community Theatre.

1	12/1/2015	Near Mahila Vidyapith Joshi Highschool, Dombivali	Girls Students. 40	Sangeeta Saraf, Savita Kurade, Rajeshri Patil, Madhuri Sharma, Sushama Masurkar, Asha Gangurde, Ashwini Fadtare, Ram Dalvi, Datta Gorivale
2	16/1/2015	Utkarsha mahila Mandal, Ghatala Village, Chembur	Community Womens. 150/200	Pradnya Saraf, Jayshree Pandit, Madhuri Sharma, Savita Kurade, Sushama Masurkar, Asha Gangurde, Rajeshri Patil, Ram Dalvi, Datta Gorivale
31	26/1/2015	Kolhapur Veer Bajrang Gym, Juna Agra Road, Gokul Nagar, Thane (W))	300	Pradnya Saraf, Jayshree Pandit, Madhuri Sharma, Vidhatri Kirtane, Seema Nikam, Shilpa Sane, Ram Dalvi, Datta Gorivale, Shobha Kokitkar
3	21/2/2015	Tata Power House, Auto Union, Borivali	Community. 200	Seema Nikam, Madhuri Sharma, Pradnya Saraf, Asha Gangurde, Savita Kurade, Shilpa Sane, Rajeshri APTil, Sashama Masurkar, Ram Dalvi, Datta Gorivale
4	14/3/2015	CBD Belapur, Thakur Hall, Sector 44 A, Near Petrol Pump, C wood (west) , Navi Mumbai	Community	Seema Nikam, Pradnya Saraf, Jayshree Pandit, Savita Kurade, Sushama Masurkar, Asha Gangurde, Ram Dalvi, Datta Gorivale
5	15/3/2015	Kamgar Klyan Bhavan, kannamvar nagar-2, Vikroli (East)	500	Pradnya, Madhuri, Asha, Saushama, Nanda Salve Vrinda, Jayshree, Vidhatari, Ram, Datta
6	18/3/2015	Maratha Bhavan, vashi Sector-15	200	Pradnya, Jayshree, ,Madhuri, Sushama, Asha, Nanada, Rajeshri, Ram, Datta
7	7/4/2015	Sainath Nagar, Zopadpatti, New Aayre Rd., Dombivali	Community women. 100	Alka Pawngadkar, Sushama, Madhuri, Savita, Rajeshree, Ram, Datta
8	13/4/2015	Government Hostal, BDD chawl, Varli, Mu-18	Community 150	Pradnya, Madhuri, Asha, Sushama, Rajeshree, Shilpa, Savita, Ram, Datta
9	15/4/2015	Shabaj School, Pune	Bachat Gath Mahila 700/800	Alka, Madhuri, Rajeshree, Sushama Asha, Jayshree, Ram, Datta

10	16/4/2015	Samata Mitra Mandar, Dhan Mill Naka, Elphinston Road (west)	200	Pradnya, Madhuri, Savita, Seema Asha, Sushama, Rajeshree, Ram
11	17/4/2015	BMC Kamgar Kalyan Kendra, Dr.E. Mozes Road, Opposite Geeta Talkies	Community 300	Pradnya, Madhuri, Savita, Asha, Rajeshree Sushama, Vidhatari, Shilpa, Ram
12	18/4/2015	Yuva Building No.3, Adarsh Society, Ganesh Maidan, Lallubhai Compound Govandi (West)	Community 50	Vidhatari, Seema, Jayshree, Madhuri, Sushama Rajeshree, Asha, Ram
13	22/8/2015	Narayan Guru Coolege, Chembur	College Students 150	Jyoti Mhapsekar, Pradnya, Madhuri, Savita Sushama, Shilpa, Vidhatari, Ram, Datta
14	24/9/2015	D.T.S.S. College, Malad (East)	N.S.S Students 300	Seema Nikam, Pradnya , Madhuri, Savita Sushama, Asha, Rajeshree, Ram
15	25/10/2015	Boudhajan Panchayat Samiti, Ekta Mitra Mandar, BMC Building, Ganesh Maidan, Musafir Khana, Majjid Bandar-Mu.1	Community 600	Pradnya, Madhuri, Savita, Sushama, Asha Shilpa, Seema, Ram, Datta

Parisar vikas and Parisa Vikas Udyog (capacity building of waste pickers)

It is pertinent to note that this work started in 1999 for the development & empowerment of women waste pickers. During last 16 years it has acquired a unique place in solid waste management in Maharashtra as well as other states. It has become a very important activity as it covers the families below poverty line.

Campaigns undertaken

One of the major activities is solid waste management segregation of waste, economic activity for waste pickers & participation of other stake holders. Sony Muzic is deeply concerned about disposal of e-waste in scientific aly proper manner. SMS has prepared the project for the same whereby e-waste is collected from door to door, colleges & other organizations & sent for recycling to licensed manufacturers. Sony Muzic has agreed to support this activity. It has also assisted SMS in creating exhibition in Koparkhairne called garbage an galary. Awareness workshops are taken in Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, for 750 Parisar Bhaginis in 15 areas for e-waste. 13 colleges & 5 schools and 5

cooperative housing societies were covered 7000 kg e-waste was collected. Rshmi Joshi is the coordinator.

SMS is running waste collection center in collaboration with Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh with active support from MCGM. In Mumbai this work is initiated for the first time. PBVS has been allotted a tempo for garbage collection by MCGM.

The work needs capital expenditure for buying modern equipment.

Rochling Foundation has continued to support this work.

Capgemini India Pvt. Ltd. has shown keen interest in this activity as well as education of waste pickers; girls. This kind of holistic approach is essential for all the activities of SMS & PBVS.

There are many challenges. An organization – Mind Tree is ready to develop efficient software for the same. The same will be ready for operation in 2016. MOU has been signed.

The objectives :

*give gainful self employment to women waste pickers.

*To modernize garbage collection centers.

Solid waste management in Municipal Councils

A committee has been appointed by, Directorate of Municipalities for assessing the work. Kalpana Andhare & Tejaswini Deshmukh represented SMS. The committee visited Lonavla, Shirur, Satara, Deolali, Pravara, Shirdi, Kagal, Vengurla & Sangola & gave its report.

SMS has obtained rights for wet garbage from BARC. It has developed new basket. a member cooperative of PBVS- Savitribai Fule Sahakari Sanstha has taken up the preparation & sale of the baskets. The response is good. The culture is prepared by SMS.

Since 2002 SMS is doing the cleaning work in 6 RBI residential colonies . In 2015 an MOU was signed whereby 22 Parisar Bhaginis get work & are paid minimum wages

OPPI is giving financial assistance for awareness campaign in schools for environment. This year SMS covered 24 schools in 97 sessions & reached about 12700 students. Kalpana Andhare managed the work.

SMS has held negotiations with Griffith University & Environment Management Center for preparation of syllabus. It is expected to start the course in near future.

SMS has completed the Nisargrun Project in Koparkhairne in 2015 with partial

The United Nations had sanctioned a project for zero waste in colleges. It was completed in June 2015. SMS organized 24 awareness programmes in colleges thereby reaching 3000 students.

In Thane Landscape Co. has a deal with SMS for dry waste. SMS gives them recycled paper. The Company has agreed to bear expenses of medical examination of 400 women. The work will be done in 2016.

PBVS ACTIVITIES :-

Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh completed 12 years in 2015. Divisional meetings as well as individual self help group meetings take place every month at field level. During these meetings we try to bring about discussions on various issues namely rationing, family problems, health, education, small savings, business development. This work is done in 7 communities - Pestom Sagar, Rafi Nagar, P.L. Lokhande Marg, Shramjeejee Nagar, Kanjur marg- Vikroli village, Navi Mumbai, Thane- Dombivli.

PBVS works in following three fields.

- a) To organize SHG according to GR of state Govt. & central Govt..
- b) To work for implementation of National Urban Livelihood Mission
- c) To work with the help of SMS for dispensary, Vacha Project and Bachu Ali, CIPLA for health awareness, education, girl child,

TISS Canteen : Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh has been operating the canteen at the new and old campus of T.I.S.S. with the objective of making PBVS self dependent. It completed nine years in June 2015. Many NGOs are visiting this PBVS initiative to understand and appreciate the functioning of the canteen and the biogas plant.

Education : PBVS filled forms of 251 students for scholarships. 91 students got Rs. 1800/- each. 723 women have participated in group insurance scheme. 59 students got scholarship of Rs. 1200/- each under this scheme.

Every year RBI employees collect donation for education. The same is disbursed to students for education kits amounting to Rs. 148,000/- through SMS

56 girls 73 students were given nine note books each with the help of other donations.

Vacha project conducted parents meetings, films, poem readings & appreciation etc. This has helped girls to raise confidence, will power. Personality development workshop was conducted by Tanuja Kabre.

Health camps : OPD is conducted with the help of L. & T. Weekly eye examination is done with the help of K.G. Haji BachuAli Charitable Trust The poor people are given free eye glasses & cataract operations are done free.

CIPLA Foundation helped in conducting health examination.

BULDANA

SMS implements a project for solid waste management since 2015. This year SMS organized training for women on 10 subjects related to women. The students of Penganga Nursing College organized a workshop on health & solid waste management.

In Navratri Utsav 11 programmes were organized in various communities.

Pits were constructed in Shahu Nagar, Shivaji Vidyalaya, Bharat Vidyalaya, Jijamata Vidyalaya, police Head quarters, Ekta Nagar.

Health camp was organized for 200 waste pickers.

Four performances were organized of play- Mulgi Jali Ho! by girls of Jijamata High School.

Jidnyasa sessions were organized in Shivaji High School & Sharada Dnyanpeeth. 535 students participated. A workshop was organized for drop out students in collaboration with Buldana Nagar Parishad 100 students participated. SMS obtained scholarships for 50 children of waste pickers.

CRECHE:-

Stree Mukti Sanghatana runs crèches in Belapur, Ghatkopar, Borivli, Malad and Seepz. The crèche we used to run in the IDBI bank Malad has closed down and a new crèche has opened in the OBC bank premises. To ensure proper communication between the crèche workers Ms. Vrushali Damle and Ms. Vinaya Gawade conduct regular staff meetings. Regular workshops are being conducted to ensure that the crèche workers handle children properly. Parent meetings are also conducted regularly. During the parent meeting attendance of parents is less

and hardly any suggestions are made by them. We take this as a sign of them being satisfied with the crèche functioning.

PUNE CENTRE

Since 2011 Nov. 2012 The office got shifted to the new address as under.

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Activities : Under the banner - **Lokshahi Utsav Samitee** - we participated in 4 days programme in Jan 2015. Mainly we introduced the participants to our Parisar Vikas Prakalp in an exhibition organised by Samitee.

SMS participated in common programme of *th March International women's Day & also participated in the Protest March to protest against ghastly murder of Com. Govind Pansare.

SMS participated in Purush Bhan Parishad organised by some women's organizations work in with men; In all 200 men from 68 organizations coming from 18 districts participated in the parishad.

Some organizations have come together against sexual exploitation of children and they are doing intensive work. As part of this activity a meeting with officers of Juvenile Court was held. It was decided to conduct a survey of 15 police stations to examine the facilities availability in the police stations.

The NMEW project for Jidnyasa was completed in May 1015.

A film produced by SMS titled`Jotee, Savitreechya Leki'was shown in 4 schools . 2000 students saw the film. They dicussed the social environment of the period.

A new Jidnyasa project was commenced in June 2015 financed by Yardi Software India Pvt. Ltd. Three schools are covered. more than 2000 students benefit from the project. Students from 5th to 7th standard fro one school are also covered. It is desirable to reach the students from that age group. * 18 students were given counseling on personal problems. *Parents meetings were conducted. *277 parents participated & discussed issues related to children's sleep, phone addiction, food habits, studies, relationships etc.

Family Counseling Center : SMS started FCC out of necessity. Men & women come for counseling. Some cases from schools are also referred. SMS needs adequate funding to conduct this activity

SMS in collaboration with Masum had organizes Hinsra Multi workshop in which 110 representatives from 45 organizations from 18 districts participated. They were supposed to give comprehensive studies on selected issues Pune office dealt with the logistics of the workshop.

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