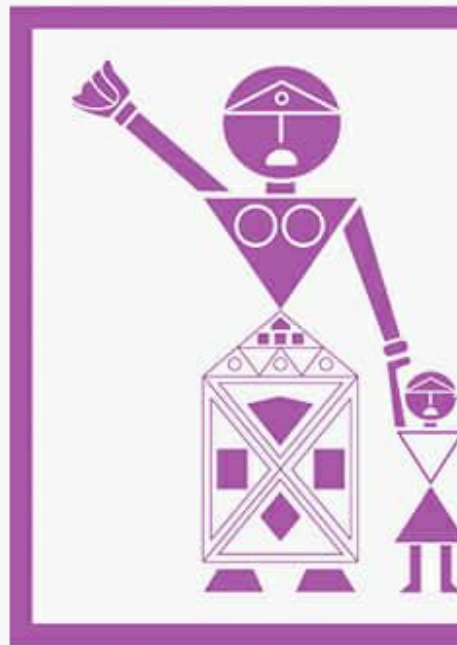


Stree Mukti
Sanghatana

Annual report 2022



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1. Introduction :

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of Stree Mukti Sanghatna for the year 2022.

Though Covid restrictions placed during 2020 were relaxed during 2021, the pandemic effects could be felt even in 2022. Immunization drives ensured that life returned to normal. Our activities also continued with renewed vigor in this period. Our trustees, executive council members, office bearers, activists and employees continued our work with the underserved communities. I commend them all for their efforts and services.



In the year 2022, all our activities like the Family Counselling Centers, Crèches (day care centers), Parisar Vikas, Jidnyasa and school counselling, Cultural troupe, activities and training programs at our multipurpose building at Koparkhairne continued as before.

Various programs were organised for different sections of the society during this period. As part of our awareness campaigns, we also reached out to young adults in informal settlements and encouraged them to explore their creative side by writing, scripting and acting in plays on the occasion of Children's Day.

We also collaborated with various other women's organisations and like-minded organisations on women's issues. In Oct 2020, Stree Mukti Sanghatana initiated an online monthly training/discussion forum (brainstorming) in which all our activists and members from different cities/villages connect on the same platform. This activity continued through 2022. I would like to express our gratitude to the donors who made this possible and present this annual report to you.

Amol Kerkar
Secretary,
Stree Mukti Sanghatana.

Stree Mukti Sanghatana is registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950. The following documents have been submitted to the Charity Commissioner's office as per the act's compliance:

- Audited accounts for the financial year 2021-22 have been submitted to the Charity Commissioner.
- Estimated budget for the financial year 2023-24 has been submitted to the Charity Commissioner within due date.
- The Income Tax Returns (ITR) for the year financial year 2021-22 has been filed.
- The FCRA report for the financial year 2021-22 has been submitted to the home ministry.
- Stree Mukti Sanghatana's FCRA registration for accepting foreign currency has been renewed for next 5 years.

During covid restrictions, the online training/discussion forum (brainstorming) activity was initiated for our activists/employees. This activity is conducted during the last week of every month. In the year 2022, we organised 10 such web discussions :

Sr. No.	Topic	Resouce person
1.	Sullideal, Bullybai and Hijab	Haseena Khan
2.	'Karu cinemachi baat'	Kunda P.N
3.	Child labour	Shailendra Pol
4.	Metaverse, Blockchain, Cryptocurrency	Sunil Gajakosh
5.	Jagatun ferfatka – a discussion on Amol Kerkar's articles in Prerak Lalkari.	Stree Mukti Sanghatana Activists/employees.
6.	50 years of abortion act	Dr. Suchitra Dalvi
7.	Child rights and reality	Santosh Shinde
8.	150 years of Satyashodhak Samaj	Prof. Pratima Pardeshi
9.	Bharat Jodo yatra	Alka Pavangadkar, Sangita Joshi, Sharda Sathe, Neela Limaye
10.	Sexual harassment at workplace	Adv. Preeti Karmarkar

The online training/discussion forum was not conducted in January due to Lokshahi Utsav and in May as many of our activists and members go on vacation. The responsibility of recapping/reviewing earlier session is given to activists/employees of different centers/offices.

In 2022, Stree Mukti Sanghtana's President Jyoti Mhapsekar was conferred with Life time achievement award by The CSR Journal.

2. Family counselling Report for 2022

Since, 1985, Stree Mukti Sanghata has been advocating that women's issues are not personal issues but social problems. The family counselling center (FCC) activity was initiated to help women lead a violence free life. This activity will complete 38 years. Presently, we have 9 FCCs functioning in Parel, Wadala TT, Chembur, Powai, Vashi, Koparkharine, Pune, Buldhana and Osmanabad. In 2022, 39 trained employees and volunteers have contributed to this activity.

Sr. No.	Center	Number of full time employees	Number of volunteers
1.	Parel	2	3
2.	Chembur	6	4
3.	Vashi	4	2
4.	Powai	2	1
5.	Koparkhairne	2	2
6.	Wadala TT	2	0
7.	Pune	2	0
8.	Buldhana	2	0
9.	Osmanabad	2	0
	TOTAL	25	14

The quantitative report of all 9 centers is presented below :

1. FCC activities for 2022 were conducted with assistance of 21 employees and 14 volunteers. In 2022, 9 FCCs handled 2436 cases. Of these 1089 cases were registered cases, 939 cases were unregistered cases/one time counselling cases and 408 were pending/reopened cases. This year 7 new volunteers joined our counselling teams.
2. Problems handled by counselling centers included 127 cases of interference of parents, in laws or relatives. 125 cases of substance abuse/addiction, 101 cases of extra marital affairs and in 70 cases survivors reported that their partner's nature was suspicious.
3. As part of intervention-based counselling, the centers also extended assistance in terms of referring 28 cases for de-addiction counselling/treatment. 110 cases who could not reach reconciliation were sent for legal assistance, 43 cases were provided with legal advice, 12 cases were provided with government assistance.

4. An analysis of the age group of survivors brought out that a majority of the survivors approaching the center (402 survivors) belonged to the age group of 26 to 35 years. 241 survivors were in the age group of 36 to 50 years. 4 cases were less than 18 years and 38 senior citizens approached the center. 196 cases belonged to the age group 18 to 25 years.
5. Overall the 9 FCCs conducted 6339 individual meetings and 626 joint meetings (meetings between complainant and respondent). Counselors also had to intervene in cases by approaching various police stations 119 times for cases. 46 home visits and 43 visits to the protection officer were conducted.
6. Of the registered cases, 788 survivors were supported by their parental families whereas, 124 survivors did not have any familial or social support to resolve their problem.
7. Apart from counselling there is also a need to sensitise masses about gender based violence, mental stress, de-addiction. In order to eradicate violence from the root it is necessary to organise awareness programs to change perspective of masses. In the year 2022, 90 awareness programs were organised at community level on various topics for 2886 youth and women from informal settlements, colleges and mahila mandals.



8.

Pre-marital workshops were organised in 11 colleges in MMR region and in Pune. In these workshops we interacted with 879 young people. We also reached out to 722 school going adolescents by conducting gender sensitization programs in 15 schools. Our FCCs have entered into MOUs with 6 colleges for sensitizing students against gender based violence.

Over all, in the year 2022, through our 191 awareness programs we have reached out to 10030 people.

9. FCC staff training :

- Apart from the year long online discussion/training sessions a 2 day residential workshop for FCC staff members was organised on 15th and 16th December, 2022 at our Koparkharine multipurpose center. This offline training session was organised after a period of three years due to covid restrictions in the interim period.

- The training was attended by 40 employees and volunteers. In this 2 day residential workshop, Mrunmayee Agnihotri of Institute of Psychiatric Health conducted a session on 'Counseling skills' and Ketaki Joshi conducted a session on 'Measures to reduce stress management'. An open discussion between our staff members to discuss our FCC work procedures, reporting formats and suggestions to improve our work performances was organised.
- Alka Pavangadkar's solo performance 'Eka lagnachi courtatli gosht' play inspired our counsellors to reflect on social status of contemporary women.

10. Local network:

Networking with local organisations is an important activity for FCCs. Under this activity FCCs connect with local organizations and provide a common platform to connect on prevalent local social problems. This activity is useful for FCCs as local networks connect people in distress to FCCs and local network organizations also assist our counsellors in providing interventions for case work. Local networking also helps us in organising outreach programs for their beneficiaries. Over all our 9 FCCs are connected with 121 local organisations & likeminded individuals.

11. Community counsellor training program:

Since past 3 years, Community counsellor training program has been initiated for purpose of strengthening local leadership, developing community based human potentials and facilitating empowerment through perspective building and training. The year long training program provides for empowering local community leaders with updated information to assist survivors of domestic violence at community levels.

Through the year long training program, interactive sessions are conducted every month for a batch of 12-15 community women. In 2022 our counsellors trained 50 community counsellors.

12. Fellowship:

In 2022, in order to develop local leadership/community level activists, a fellowship program was initiated for selected community counsellors from batches which had completed their training in Chembur, Parel, Vashi, Koparkhairne & Powai. 7 trained community counsellors were selected. After their selection, they were trained in conducting community level surveys, identifying social problems, connecting with local community leaders and conducting outreach programs for facilitating empowerment through perspective building. This program was well received at field level and has increased the client footfall in our FCCs.

13. Student Internships:

Stree Mukti Sanghatana believes in creating opportunities for future generations to give them an insight in our social problems. This objective is achieved by giving student interns an opportunity to interact with stakeholders through our activities. 24 students from varied fields of social work, psychology and law were given internship opportunities at our FCCs. Orientation visits of 13 educational institutes were organised at our FCCs and 301 students were oriented.

14.Centerwise accomplishments:

Parel –

- Emergency medical services were provided to one of our survivor's husband whose alcoholic husband started vomiting blood. Our timely intervention enabled his quick recovery.
- Our counsellors counselled an unmarried girl facing domestic violence in her parental family to become financially independent. She was assisted in enrolling for a skill training. She is now pursuing her course in fashion designing and is doing well.
- Two senior citizens were assisted in filing their cases with the senior citizens tribunal. The Parel team has also been regularly assisting them in drafting new applications and submitting documents to the tribunal.
- A covid widow was assisted in applying for covid compensation from government. She has received Rs.50,000/- under this scheme. The FCC team assisted a senior citizen in his court case in getting maintenance amount with arrears amounting to Rs. 1,05,000/- from his children.
- The team assisted a HIV (+)ve survivor reach a settlement of Rs. 6, 50,000/- from her marital family and also assisted her in recovering her streedhan of 15 gms of gold and other belongings from her marital family.
- Parel center counsellors and volunteers have taken initiative to start free "Adult literacy" classes for women from informal settlements. These classes are attended by 7 women. Of them 5 are aged above 55 years and 2 are aged above 65 years. Within one month of starting this classes, they have picked up pace and are able to do some basic reading and writing.

Wadala –

The Wadala FCC team operates from the Wadala TT police station premises and the team has organised numerous outreach programs in collaboration with the police. The police station personnel have appreciated Wadala team's efforts. These outreach programs have increased our visibility in neighbouring informal settlements and this has subsequently increased our client footfall. Referrals from police station are also on the rise.

Chembur –

- Chembur center assisted 2 survivors in recovering 20 gms & 30 gms of gold each
- The team assisted 5 clients in recovering a total amount of Rs. 6,37,000/- towards settlement.
- Chembur team has assisted one client in getting her birth certificate from KDMC.
- A survivor was assisted in recovering her Rs. 5,00,000/- fixed deposit from her son.
- A senior citizen was assisted in retaining ownership of her house comprising of one room kitchen.
- Chembur team assisted another client in preparing her will.

Vashi -

- A survivor was assisted in recovering Rs.2,50,000/- from a builder who was not returning her money.
- In another case a widow was assisted in recovering Rs. 10,000/- in a property dispute from her tenant who was not paying regular rent.
- The Vashi team networked with local organisation in case involving a widow (waste picker) with 5 grandchildren including a special needs granddaughter. The local NGO provides her with monthly monetary assistance of Rs. 5,000/- .
- Vashi team's community counsellor helped us intervene in a case of an underage girl who was being forcibly married by her parents against her wishes. After intensive counselling sessions with the girl, her mother, the girl, her boyfriend and his family, she is now continuing her education in her native place and is doing well academically.

3. Report on Palnagar (Day care centers/Creche) and Working women's hostel

Presently, Stree Mukti Sanghatana operates 11 day care centers (Creches) in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai areas. The crèches in Borivli, Belapur, Koparkhairne, Seepz have seen admissions of 14-18 children each. BPCL, RCG, Mumbai Central, Ghatkopar, Goregaon have seen admissions of 5-10 children each.

The working women's hostel has 7 admissions.

Apart from providing day care facilities, children are provided with a healthy nutritious diet. Various activities were conducted for overall development of children. Stree Mukti Sanghatana's day care centers have a provision to take care of children for the entire day under extraordinary circumstances. Arrangements can also be made for bringing children from their residence to the day care center in the morning and returning them back to their residence in the evening. All festivals are celebrated in the day care center. Activities like singing songs, poem recitals, drawing, story telling and other activities are also conducted for children.



Though day care centers reopened after relaxation in covid restrictions, the number of children's admissions has reduced significantly. This has affected the financial stability of the day care center activity.

All efforts are being taken by the trustees and executive council members to ensure stabilise the situation.

4. Prerak Lalkari report

Stree Mukti Sanghatnana's mouth piece 'Prerak Lalkari' a monthly magazine is being published for the past 37 years. The magazine discusses contemporary women's issues and provides an analytical view towards possible resolutions. The magazine also gives readers an insight into our activities.

In the period January 2022 to December 2022, 10 monthly issues and 1 special issue of Prerak Lalkari were published. Sharda Sathe heads the editorial board of this monthly magazine. She is ably assisted by the editorial panel comprising Jyoti Mhapsekar, Amol Kerkar, Vrushali Magdum, Karuna Gokhale and Yogini Raul. Yashoda Ghanekar's monthly column on social sciences is extremely popular. Her column discusses new scientific developments and experiments which strengthen gender parity. Amol Kerkar's monthly column 'Jagatun ferfatka' gives an analysis of global developments in social, economic, political and environmental fields. Ajit Magdum has also contributed to the magazine by writing articles on de-addiction. In 2022, Mahila Rajsatta Andolan has written articles on elected women sarpanches.

In the year 2022, India completed 75 years of independence. The special issue had an article reviewing impact of developmental policies over these 75 years. Kumar Ketkar, Amol Kerkar, Sunil Gajakosh, Ajit Magdum, Swatija Manorama, Suresh Dhopeswarkar, Shilpa Kamble, etc have contributed articles on various topics. Prerak Lalkari has achieved a special status in the women's movement. Many people have contributed articles for the magazine over the years. The editorial board always makes all efforts to ensure that the magazine is interesting. Prerak Lalkari's subscriptions are now accepted online. The bank details are published in the magazine for easy access of the subscribers.

5. Cultural troupe report

Stree Mukti Sanghatana's cultural troupe is an innovative medium to sensitize masses towards women's issues. Our street plays and songs help us establish a direct connect with the masses. This activity helps us conduct interactive discussions with youth. Book sales are also conducted through this activity. This activity has been continuing for the past 48 years. Our cultural troupe's activities had paused during covid period and resumed in 2022.



Under Worli's Swachh Koliwada project, Jyoti Mhapsekar's play on waste management 'Atta tari jage vha' had 15 performances in that area. 2 shows of this play were also staged in Thane. "Mulgi zhali ho" had 4 performances.

Stree Mukti Sanghatana also organised plays scripted and performed by likeminded individuals and activists. Alka Pavagadkar's solo performance on Dr. Rakhmabai's life (1864-1955) 'Eka lagnachi courtatil gosht' was staged twice. MAVA organization's play 'Mard ko dard nahi hota' was shown in our Parel office.

6. Lokshahi Utsav Report

2022 is the 7th year of Stree Mukti Sanghatana's initiative of Lokshahi Utsav celebrations in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Pune. Transwoman Pooja Sharma hoisted the Indian flag on 26th January, 2022 at our Koparkharine's Multipurpose Center. Despite the, Indian government giving recognition to the non-binary genders in 2017 they have repeatedly been rejected by the mainstream society. In order to change this perspective and also to assert on constitutional rights of non-binary people, an invitation to Pooja Sharma was extended. In her speech Pooja highlighted that the rainbow community faces many problems in accessing education, livelihood opportunities and health services but the major problem stems from societal rejection. She stressed that mainstream approval would resolve a lot of problems. In order to sensitize masses about the rainbow community it is necessary to include scientific information about them in school curriculum.

A program on challenges faced by the marginalised tribes living on periphery of the society on was conducted on 27th January, 2022. The main participants were Durga Gudilu, an activist from the Vaidu community and Sunita Bhosale an activist from the Pardhi community. They both recounted their struggles with the caste system and their determination to bring about change for their communities.

On 28th January, Sandhya Lagad presented 3 folk tales written by Suhas Malekar. Sandeep Pradhan gave a solo performance and Sangeeta Saraf read stories written by Vaman Howal. Suhas's stories reflected the constitutional values integrated within people. Waman Howal's story narrated difficulties faced in obtaining caste certificates. These presentations were followed by interactive discussions between program participants. Sharda Sathe summed up the session by saying that 'Activists have contributed to the people's movements as well as the women's movement. At times our efforts meet with success, sometimes with failure. It is necessary for us as activists to analyze our shortcomings and carry all our activities together in this journey. Programs like Lokshahi Utsav are meant to bring all these people together.'

On 29th January, Suresh Sawant conducted a session called 'Amhi Bharatache Lok' He opined that political decisions disregarding the constitution were the biggest threat to democracy.

V.B. Utpal's session was organised as part of the closing ceremony. He spoke about 'Media and freedom of expression'. In contemporary times, every person has access to social media which has its advantages as well as disadvantages.

He mentioned that an artist could have extraordinary artistic abilities but its emotional effects on society may not always be balanced. Sometimes the reactions could be

contrary or adverse. He stressed that freedom of expression should also be discussed from this angle.

This Lokshahi Utsav has completed six years and is into the seventh year. The response was extremely encouraging and has motivated our team. Every program has had more than 100 participants. Stree Mukti Sanghatana's Secretary, Amol Kerkar opined that when the numerous attacks are being made on the constitution and democracy, such festivals should be conducted on larger scale.

The Lokshahi Utsav in 2023 would be conducted both online as well as offline.

7. Parisar Vikas report

1. Utthan 2 (UNDP):



A nine month activity was initiated to conduct a survey of 1500 women wastepickers and assist them in availing government schemes. This project ended in December 2022. The continuation agreement has been made with Parisar Vikas Bhagini Sangh.

2. Saksham (APPI)

Saksham project has been initiated in collaboration with APPI. The project aims to organize 2000 women waste pickers from Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Thane regions into SHGs. The project also calls to provide them with livelihood training, assist them in their children's education, access health services, etc.

3. Zero waste project Thane and Swachh Worli Koliwada

Zero waste project Thane

- Under this project, awareness regarding waste management was spread through our play 'Ata tari jage vha'.
- Sculptor Shripad Bhalerao and a team of our volunteers, activists and children of our waste pickers created a sculpture out of 15000 bottles in the open space outside Viviana Mall, Thane. The Thane Municipal Corporation has appreciated this initiative and given the children participation certificates.
- Waste collection drives to collect unwanted articles; dry waste and electronic waste was conducted in Thane area in collaboration with local organizations. In the year 2022, 550 tonnes of waste has been given for recycling.

- Rotract Club of Thane and Mumbai and the Rotract club have been assisting our parisar bhaginis for the past 2 years by donating raincoats. This year too, they donated 1000 raincoats to our parisar bhaginis.
- Our Thane parisar bhaginis find it difficult to access Chembur FCC due to distance and cost involved in travel. The FCC team has been requested to start a center in Thane.
- Our field workers have referred 17 cases of parisar bhaginis facing domestic violence/marital disputes to our Chembur FCC.

Swachh Worli Koliwada



Worli Koliwada has a demographic population of 9690 households. Our parisar bhaginis segregate waste from 6535 households and make compost out of wet waste. Dry waste is sent for recycling. Apart from these activities our team also spreads awareness about waste management through poster exhibitions & street plays.

Our team makes full use of all social media platforms to spread information about our work. The team comprises of 50 members (waste pickers and supervisory staff) who work in 2 shifts. IDFC bank is supporting this project.

4. Awareness

Zero waste management programs are being implemented in Mumbai colleges since 2104. We enter into MOUs with the local colleges to spread awareness about waste management. We also undertake projects to conduct their waste audit, make compost out of wet waste and to recycle dry waste. Presently we have entered into MOUs with 9 colleges. We have conducted poster exhibitions on waste management in 7 colleges. Waste segregation projects in Kohinoor school and JJ school of Arts have been contracted to our Cooperative societies.

5. Study centers

Our study center activity is conducted for 200 children of women waste pickers residing in 6 slums of M Ward (Vikhroli and Bhandup). Apart from academics,

extra curricular activities like games, educational trips, career guidance, health camps, waste management, science exhibitions, jidnyasa, yoga, physical games are also conducted. Educational scholarships are provided to the children.

6. All India Waste pickers (AIW)

AIW organised a state level meet for organizations working with waste pickers in Kolhapur. 26 organizations participated in this meet. Informative and interactive sessions on SHG formation, registrations and working procedures were conducted. Stree Mukti Sanghatana has been nominated for the position of secretaryship of AIW for the past 3 years. Our tenure as secretary will come to an end in April 2023.

7. Prematric scholarship for children of parents working in unsanitary occupations



Government provided prematric scholarships for children of parents working in unsanitary occupations. Our team assists parents in the online application process for the scheme in the duration of August to March. The scholarship amount of Rs. 3000/- per child is deposited to the children's accounts after a period of 3 months. In the year 2022 assisted 182 students in applying for the scholarships of which 172 children got scholarships.

8. Children's day celebrations (Mukta natya melava)

'Sacrifice' was the theme for children's day celebrations this year. Discussions and interactions were conducted with our study center students (in our Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Thane informal settlements) to discuss the objective of the program. Experts were roped in to conduct drama workshops for the students. Workshops were conducted to enable them to understand script writing and acting. Roles and responsibilities were distributed with in the study center students. Children participated enthusiastically in this activity and presented skits on Dowry Prohibition, Child Marriage, If I was a boy, domestic violence, Elections, Violence in one sided love, Verbal sexual harassment, Social problems of our community, Lost childhood, Our advertisement, 'Ashi hi vayasane' and 'Aai kuthe kay karte'. The children used to discuss the script, play

presentation etc after school hours. The study center teachers and supervisors also participated in these discussions. The final skit presentation program was organised in Ghatkopar Shahid Hall on the occasion of children's day on 27.11.22. The participation of all study center students and their parents made it a success.

9. Health services



Since 2018, mobile health services are provided to parisar bhaginis in collaboration with L&T. A van equipped with basic medical equipments and medicines visits various communities as scheduled and provides basic medical check up and medicines to our parisar bhaginis as well as other community people. Major illnesses include influenza, cold, cough, body ache, etc.

In the year 2022, 18418 people have availed the mobile health services.

Blood check up camps were organised for parisar bhaginis and study center students in Worli and Rafiqnagar area. The reports concluded that many women and children had low haemoglobin count. They were provided with nutritional information and iron tablets; folic acid tablets were distributed amongst them.

Cancer detection camps and cancer awareness programs were conducted in some informal settlements.

Menstrual hygiene sessions were conducted for parisar bhaginis and their daughters.

Projects which have ended in 2022

Zero waste management – Paul Hamilton Foundation

For the past 7 years, our teams have been organising women waste pickers from Buldhana, Wardha and Yavatmal into SHGs and working for their holistic development. Capacity building programs like making ayurvedic soaps, incense sticks, candles, cloth banners, etc was provided. This project was conducted in collaboration with Paul Hamilton Foundation till 2022. Post February 2022 we are continuing to work with

Wardha parisar bhaginis. The project cost is met through administrative expenses received by Stree Mukti Sanghatana from other projects.

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)



Stree Mukti Sanghatana had entered into an agreement with UNDP for the period 2018 to 2022 to recycle plastic from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board certified recycler. The targets set in the contract have been achieved. The plastic was collected and sent for recycling through Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh. Though the project ended in May 2022, the supervisors are now employed with Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh.

Stree Mukti Sanghatana has collaborated with Nestle sponsored 'Hildari project' under the organization 'Recity Network Private Ltd' at 6 tourists destinations of Mussorie, Dalhousie, Nanital, Mahableshwar, Phonda and Munnar.

Under this project in 2022 awareness programs were conducted to provide detailed information about waste management and importance of waste segregation. Training in composting was provided. Local administration was given information about importance of recycling. Women waste pickers were organised to form SHGs. Health check up camps were conducted and assistance was provided to women waste pickers in making applications for obtaining personal identification documents to avail government schemes. Cleanliness drives and various other initiatives have been conducted to integrate them into mainstream.

Training modules have been prepared by 14 expert consultants. The topics for training modules include waste management, composting, health, mental health, parenting, adolescence, jidnyasa, social status of waste pickers, constitutional rights, family budget, gender equality, work culture, waste literacy, global general knowledge, leadership skills, alternative livelihood skills, SHG, Corona and government schemes, etc. Changes have been made to the module depending according to local requirements in Marathi, English, Hindi and Malyalam. The projects in Mussorie, Dalhousie and Nanital have concluded and for remaining areas will conclude in 2022.

8. Koparkhairne Multipurpose center report

Various initiatives of Stree Mukti Sanghatana are implemented through our Koparkhairne Multipurpose center :

Sr. No.	Training	Place	Strength
1	Computer training (3 batches)	Room No. 119	30 students
2	Tailoring classes (3 batches)	Room No. 119	30 students
3	Day care center (Creche)	Room No. 104	12 children
4	Study centre	Room No. 102, 103 and 117	50-60 students
5	Women's hostel	Room No. 111 to 115	10 women
6	Family counselling center	Room No. 107	
7	Training hall	Room No. 116	
8	Training room	Room No. 117	
9	Guest room	Room No. 304/305	
10	Dormitory	Room No. 303/306	
11	Library		

The Koparkhairne Multipurpose Center has a working women's hostel. The 5 rooms are occupied on sharing basis with 10 working women. The crèche caters to 12 children. The crèche provides healthy and nutritious diet to the children. The Creche is equipped with CCTV and security guards are available 24 hours. Since the number of students approaching the center for study center has increased, rooms 101, 103 and 117 are also used for study centers. Presently 50-60 students are using this facility. These students are either preparing for competitive exams or for higher studies. Harshadvardhan Ghorpade has been selected as an accountant in Income Tax department. The multipurpose center also houses a library which has 4750 books in English, Hindi and Marathi.

Computer training classes are conducted free of cost in collaboration with Shriram RadhaKrishnan Memorial Trust. The course comprises basic computer, typing and tally. Each batch has a capacity of 30 students and we have trained 6 batches. 180 students have taken this training and some students have found employment after the completing the course.

Tailoring classes are conducted free of cost at the center in collaboration with Shriram RadhaKrishnan Memorial Trust. Each batch has a capacity of 30 women and we have

trained 6 batches. 180 women have undergone this training. Women waste pickers and their children are given priority in admissions.

Stree Mukti Sanghatana believes in environment conservation and has made all efforts to make the Koparkhairne Multipurpose center building a green building. The building has solar panels, water recycling plant and a bio gas. Plastic bottles and cans have been converted into planters. The ground floor houses garbage gallery where information about waste segregation and recycling is detailed in pictorial format. This gallery serves as a training center for many organizations, schools, municipal corporation employees. Wet waste from the kitchen is composted and this compost is used in for the garden as well as the rooftop kitchen garden.



Many organizations, school and college students, waste management workers, environmental enthusiasts visit the garbage gallery and in turn develop a connection with Stree Mukti Sanghatana.

On an average, the garbage gallery sees an annual footfall of 2000 to 2500 visitors. A variety of fruits and vegetables have been planted in the premises. Compost made on the premises is used within the premises. The fruits and vegetables are consumed in the canteen and excess produce is sold.

Some programs/activities during the Lokshahi utsav are celebrated in the Koparkhairne Multipurpose Center building in the period 26th January to 31st January.

On 26th January the flag was hoisting ceremony was performed by transwoman Pooja Sharma.

A program 'Conservation of Constitution' was organised on 15th August to commemorate 75 years of independence. This program was attended by our volunteers, activists, like minded individuals and employees.

Constitution day was celebrated on 26th November. The preamble to the constitution was read and an interactive staff discussion was conducted.

Health camps – An eye check up camp was conducted. A haemoglobin check up camp for staff and parisar bhaginis was organised. 100 people benefitted from this check up.

The following training programs and other activities were conducted in the training halls :

Sr. No.	Date	Program	Number of participants
1	17-18 January 22	'Pratham' teachers training	40
2	26 January 22	Republic day	70-80
3	5 February 22	NGO network meeting	60
4	7 February 22	'Pratham' training	45
5	16-17 February 22	Women waste picker training	47
6	19 March 22	Annual get together Stree Mukti Sanghatana	100
7	21 June 22	TISS students orientation	12
8	21 June 22	Yoga day celebrations	25
9	15 August 22	Independence day celebrations	70-80
10	24 August 22	K.K.P.K.P. Pune	22
11	14 October 22	De-addiction training program	55
12	16 October 22	Manavlok, Ambejogai field workers orientation visit ³⁷	
13	27 to 30 November 22	CORO training	36
14	1 to 3 November 22	CORO training	22
15	15 December 22	FCC Vashi	36
16	December 22	Savtamali society prize distribution program	200
17	December 22	Sangeeta Thosar (Satyashodhak jan andolan, Satyashodhak student organization, Satyashodhak teachers meeting)	100

Future plans :

- To start the library.
- To enroll more people as Lalkari members.
- To undertake new initiatives.
- To increase the number of volunteers.
- To start a film club.

9. Pune center report

Pune center mainly conducts activities for school children in 10 schools. Of these, 6 schools are government schools and 4 are private schools. Over all, we work with 5835 students. Primary activity under this project is counselling.

1. School counselling centers : Post covid we have noticed that the physical and mental framework of school going students has changed. In the period January 22 to December 22, schools were functioning offline full time. Post covid students themselves have started approaching the counselling center for counselling services.

Number of students counselled in the year Jan to Dec 22 :

Sr. No.	School	Boys	Girls
1.	Aranyeshwar	12	7
2.	Bankar	13	7
3.	Yeshwantrao	8	11
4.	Rafi Ahmad Kidwai	6	10
5.	Sant Namdeo	9	15
6.	Nanddeep	9	10
7.	Vasantdada Patil	16	10
8.	Hutatma Balveer Shirshkumar	12	6
9.	Mahatma Phule	6	32
10.	Dada Gujar	8	15
11.	TOTAL	99	123

Group work is conducted with students having common problems/difficulties. The following table gives group work details :

Sr. No.	Group work topic	Boys	Girls
1.	Study routine/schedule	52	35
2.	Positive behaviour	52	24
3.	Love and friendship	12	17
4.	Addiction	7	5
5.	Diet and nutrition	12	44
6.	Galiband (stop verbal abuse)	34	0
7.	Personal hygiene	6	0
	TOTAL	175	125

Common problems encountered by the counsellors included depression, porn addiction, screen addiction, mental stress, losing interest in studies, thoughts about wanting to runaway from home, suicidal thoughts, etc.

The most common problems among children are mentioned below :

Sr. No.	Group work topic	Boys	Girls
1.	Study routine/schedule	552	597
2.	Positive behaviour	530	170
3.	Health	227	446
4.	Love friendship attraction	39	433
5.	Relationship	44	305
6.	Career	135	216
7.	Addiction	109	14
8.	Sexual harassment	4	94
9.	Sexuality	78	61
10.	Mental illnesses	56	33

11.	Nutrition	0	55
12.	Differently abled	3	1
13.	Child marriage	0	4
14.	Child labour	4	0
	TOTAL	1811	2429

Number of students also working as child labourers, children indulging in crime and child marriages has increased. This year our team was able to prevent 2 child marriages. We are also working in collaboration with the police on a POCSO case.

3. Jidnyasa and classroom sessions : At the beginning of every academic year, the team introduces itself its work and activities to the students thorough interactive sessions. This year, we discussed physical and mental consequences of domestic violence on students. The objective of the discussion was to help students prepare safety plans and to inform them about spaces where they could seek redressal. We also touched upon safe sexual behaviour and cyber safety.
4. Other school activities : Various activities are conducted by the school every year. This helps us to connect with the teachers and parents. These activities include parents meeting, teachers meeting, poster exhibitions, career guidance, blood check up camps, summer camps, Savitribai Phule Jayanti, mental health day, AIDS awareness day, women's day, Constitution day, anti violence fortnight, etc.
5. Family Development Project : This program was initiated to reach out to parents and students during covid period. After considering the positive response the program received we are continuing the program post covid as well. During the survey we realised that many parents do not have necessary identification documents. Our counsellors connected with various government offices to help parents obtain these documents. This year we filled 1516 applications.
6. Home visits: Under this project we conduct homevisits to connect with parents & students to understand educational problems of children. The school provides our team with a list of dropouts to pursue. This year we conducted 466 home visits.

Sr. No.	School	Visit as per school request	Case home visit	Educational help	Routine visits
1	Aranyeshwar	5	10	4	18
2	Bankar	3	4	8	13
3	Yeshwartrao	4	15	5	29
4	Rafi Ahmad	12	10	5	15
5	Sant Namdeo	27	22	5	21
6	Nanddeep	4	13	0	16
7	Vasantdada Patil	8	15	4	20
8	Hutatma Balveer	5	8	14	15
9	Mahatma Phule	39	8	14	15
10	Dada Gujar	8	13	14	4
	TOTAL	115	118	65	138
	TOTAL	466			

Community student counselling center: Our team initiated a community student counselling center to remain connected to our students during covid period. We identified 3 communities near 3 schools and started counselling centers for our students. Apart from counselling, drawing competitions, reading competitions and awareness programs for women are conducted.

7. Educational assistance : The organization has received a specific amount to provide financial assistance for student's education. We have been utilising this amount to provide students with educational material/things. This year we gave 60 students notebooks, text books, compass, drawing material, uniforms, etc. 20 students school fees were paid. 15 students were provided with uniforms.
8. School educational assistance activity : In order to prevent students from discontinuing education for lack of finances, Dr. Surendra Gokhale has extended financial assistance through 'School educational assistance activity'. The objective is to extend financial help to pay school fees for poor and deserving students till they are able to complete their educational upto HSC. Accordingly, we have selected 10 students and have paid their school fees, uniforms, medical help, financial assistance as well as provided them with nutrition diet.
9. Networking : We are also conducting networking activities with local NGOs in Pune. These platforms include Stree Mukti Andolan Sampark Samiti, Lokshahi Utsav, Jeevanotsav, BARC.

10. Associated organisations report

a. Parisar Bhaginis Vikas Sangh report –

Parisar Bhaginis Vikas Sangh, a federation of SHGs has initiated activities comprising of waste segregation centers and Parisar Udyog activities. The process of SHG formation is in progress at Mumbai, Thane and Dombivli.

Parisar Bhaginis Vikas Sangh's primary objective is SHG formation. The federation has 186 SHGs as members. We have connected these groups under NULM to receive donations, business loans and livelihood training. This year out of 186 SHGs, 33 SHGs have received grant, 36 SHGs have received business loan. Widows and single women are also assisted under this project. 58 women were given sewing machines and blankets were distributed to 7 women.

Division	Community	Total groups	Donation	Business loans
Mumbai	32	286	21	23
Thane	4	31	12	13
Dombivli	5	2	0	0
TOTAL	41	319	33	36

SAKSHAM project has been initiated since October 2022. Under this project 24 new groups have been formed. Our teams have assisted them in opening their bank accounts. We have also assisted them in obtaining their SHG PAN cards. Our teams have assisted all new SHG members in obtaining their adhar card, ration cards and making applications for 'Poverty eradication program'. A community meeting is conducted every month in which 2 member representatives of every SHG attend.

Federation loan has been disbursed amongst 7 groups :

Loan	Loan repayment	No. of SHGs applying for loan
320000.00	204000.00	7

The annual general body meeting of Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh took place in Shaheed hall. The meeting was attended by 2 SHG members from every SHG. Jyoti Mhapsekar addressed the meeting. She appreciated the fact that alongwith waste pickers, like minded individuals and corporates have also joined this cleanliness drive.

Arati Satupute incharge of the F (N) shed as well as Sushila Sable guided the meeting. 10th and 12th standard students were felicitated during this program. Shireen Lokhande (Labour commissioner) was present for the felicitation and gave an inspirational speech encouraging students to pursue their dreams. Vrushali Magdum also spoke to the students.

Waste pickers do not have any social security. Under Uthan Scheme 1500 waste pickers were assisted in availing government schemes.

A detailed list of these schemes is provided below :

Sr. No.	Scheme	No. of participants
1.	Pradhanmantri suraksha bima yojna	42
1.	Pradhanmantri jeevan Jyoti bima yojna	38
2.	Bank accounts	269
3.	Linking adhar cards to cell phones	632
4.	Eshram card	1303
5.	Voting card	365
6.	PAN Card	21
7.	Ration card	16
8.	Health card	1749
9.	Caste certificate	8
10.	Updating adhar card	27
11.	Sukanya Samrudhi Yojna	10
12.	Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojna	12
13.	Income certificate	2

14.	Linking adhar card to voter card	247
15.	Updating pan card	3

Presently, the number of private companies joining the waste collection sector and have the capability of taking independent dry waste collection drives has increased. In order to give waste pickers an opportunity to participate in this process and to ensure that they do not lose their livelihood, BMC has initiated a tender system in consultation with Stree Mukti Sanghatana. Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh now participates in this tender process. Our parisar bhaginis have bagged the dry waste collection contract at Deonar dumping ground. We have provided these women with identity cards, safety kits and also arrange for fair exchange price for their collected dry waste. The dry waste collections are reported to BMC. 2 supervisors have been appointed for this purpose. From Feb 22 to Nov 22, 882231 kilograms of 10 different categories have been collected.

Dry waste collection center :

Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh collects dry waste from 6 wards in Mumbai region and 2 wards from Thane region. 120 parisar bhaginis are employed on this project.

On the occasion of Amrut Mahotsav a cleanliness rally was organised in Mulund division. Employees of CORP organization collaborated with community children to perform a play on waste segregation. Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh members, school students and BMC employees participated in the rally. A total of 150 people participated in the rally.

In January 2022, Swach Sarvekshan team visited our collection centers in Mumbai and Mulund.

For the past 4 years, Parisar Vikas Bhagini Sangh, Thane has entered into a contract with Bisleri for their CSR project – “Bottles for change”. Under this project, apart from awareness plastic waste is also collected. In the year 2022, under this project 575 tonnes of plastic has been given for recycling.

One of our parisar bhaginis has taken over the charge of the waste collection center at Wadala.

Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh represented All India Waste Pickers Alliance at global level. Susheela Sable, the president of Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh participated at the Kenya conference in 2022 to discuss international ban on plastic.

b. Cooperative Societies report :

BARC Anushaktinagar, Mumbai –

Since 2003, we are operating a bio gas plant at the BARC training hostel and hospital. The bio gas plant operations are conducted under Stree Mukti Sanghatana's guidance. A shed with compost bins and shredder have been constructed. The composting process as well as the process of methane gas production in the biogas plant is undertaken by Amla Seva Sanstha. The sanstha also collects and segregates waste from BARC, Vrundavan, Trupti and Madanla areas. They collect and segregate 5 tonnes of waste every day. This is the biggest project undertaken by the Sanstha. The project has 2 supervisors and 16 parisar bhaginis. The BARC contract has been renewed this year. 33 parisar bhaginis are contracted to collect waste from BARC residential area and CCRL company area.

BMC EOI tender :

BMC called for EOI tenders for dry waste collection and recycling centers on the dumping grounds. Amla cooperative centre secured the tender at Kurla and Ramai Cooperative secured the tender at Gorai.

BKC Jio garden :

In 2022, Muktai Seva Cooperative Society tied up with SCROP event Management Company for their event waste management contract for a period of 2 months.

RBI tender :

Yashodhara Seva Cooperative secured the contract for waste management in RBI employee quarters in Dadar, Tardeo, Dahisar, Malad, BKC and also at Saint Francis college at Dahisar.

Waste management at sea-shore :

Waste segregation and recycling contract at Dadar Chaitanyabhoomi, Suryavanshim, Hinduja Hospital at Mahim and the nearby seashore was secured by Yashodhara Seva Cooperative Nand Muktai Seva Cooperative society. A one-day waste collection drive was conducted 22 times during the year 2022.

Swachh Worli koliwada project :

This project was contracted to Stree Mukti Sanghatana and through us sub-contracted to Ramai Seva Cooperative Society. 50 parisar bhaginis and bhaus have been employed on this project.

Community meetings of Cooperative Societies :

Management committee meetings of Amla, Yashodhara, Muktai and Savitribai Phule have been conducted on monthly basis. Their records are meticulously maintained. With assistance from nominated officers from DDR, Cooperative societies elections have been conducted.

Future plans for cooperative society :

In the year 2022, renewed efforts will be made to help cooperative societies get more housing societies zero waste management contracts. Efforts will also be made to help our parisar bhaginis get and sustain more livelihood avenues.

c. Parisar Sakhi Vikas Sanshta Report (Navi Mumbai) :

Savings groups-

Our teams has organised 76 SHGs in Navi Mumbai and Panvel areas. A survey of further 24 SHGs is also under process. Through the SHGs, we empower our parisar bhaginis in health, rationing and educational activities.

SHG	
Total number of SHGs in (Navi Mumbai and Panvel)	Navi Mumbai 52 Panvel 14 Thane-Kalwa 10 TOTAL 76
Total SHGs surveyed (Navi Mumbai and Panvel)	Navi Mumbai 14 Panvel 02 Thane-Kalwa 10 TOTAL 26

40% of our parisar sakhis have availed loans from the SHG medium.

On 3.1.22, Savitribai Phule Jayanti was celebrated in Digha and Sarsole area. Our parisar bhaginis dressed up as Savitribai and presented a play on life of Savitribai. In her speech, Vrushali Magdum motivated the students to follow ideals of Savitribai.

Trainings :

- From 24.1.22 to 31.1.22 under Stree unnati project, empowerment programs were organised for 43 parisar bhaginis from Hanumannagar, Indiranagar, Bonsari and Vashi.

- A waste collection centre (shed) was constructed in Hanumannagar with assistance from Rotary Club of Seaside. The inaugural program was carried out in presence of Rotary club members, Vrushali Magdum (SMS Trustee), NMMC deputy commissioner Dr. Babasaheb Rajale, parisar vikas field team and parisar bhaginis.



Awareness sessions: Interactive sessions on nutrition, women and legal rights, gender equality, rationing, de-addiction, family budget, effective parenting, leadership, etc were conducted for our parisar bhaginis.

- Children of our parisar bhaginis performed plays, sang songs and gave speeches on the occasion of 75th Independence day at our Koparkhairne multipurpose centre.
- On the occasion of 'International women's day', Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmulan Samiti and Stree Mukti Sanghatana collaborated to conduct an awareness program for our parisar bhaginis at Indiranagar. She stressed on importance of women to not forget their existence and well being in the familial and social structures. She also said that women should not become victims of superstitions and quacks, etc. The session was attended by Bharati Anare, Nandkishore Tulshikar, Bhaskar Sadakale, Vijay Parab and Ashok Nikam.
- On 13.3.22, Chandrakant Sarvagod conducted a session at Digha community on 'Role of local informal leaders in incidences of supersititions'. 15 community counsellors attended this session.
- On 10.10.22 a play on life of Savitribai Phule was staged at Sahitya Mandir hall, Sec 6, Vashi, Navi Mumbai for our parisar bhaginis.
- On 14.10.22, a session on stress management by Sandeep Nemlekar and a session on de-addiction by Dr. Dharav Shah was conducted for our parisar bhaginis and staff members.
- On 4.12.22, a career guidance session was organised in collaboration with Kotak Mahindra Foundation for children of our parisar bhaginis.
- On 16.12.22, a play 'Eka lagnachi courtatli gosht' by Alka Pavangadkar was organised for our parisarbhaginis in our Kopakhairne center. 30 parisar bhaginis attended this session.
- 30 parisar bhaginis were contracted by NMMC to collect and segregate waste from slum areas & other regions where NMMC's waste collection vans do not operate.

- Our field team assisted 4 children of parisar bhaginis to take admission to nursing courses.
- Awareness about government schemes for disabled was imparted to our parisar bhaginis by TISS students.
- International waste pickers day was celebrated.
- Global recycling day was celebrated on 17.3.22 at ICL College and Bhimnagar, Panvel.
- On 8.3.22, on occasion of International women's day the social welfare department of NMMC organised an event at Vishnudas Bhave Auditorium. Our parisar bhaginis were given a stall to sell our products.
- On 16.10.22, ewaste collection camps were conducted at Millenium tower, Army colony and Durga Society. 450 tonnes kilos of ewaste and plastic was collected and given for recycling.
- A team from MiraBhayandar Municipal Corporation was given an orientation by our team on waste segregation. The team also visited our work sites.

Waste collection and management :

Nutan Sahakari Seva Sanstha and Parisar Sakhi Vikas Sanstha Navi Mumbai have secured waste collection contract in 14 residential societies, malls, colleges and also 5 NMMC projects. This has given livelihood opportunities to 65 parisar bhaginis. Our bhaginis ensure that the entire process of waste collection, segregation, recycling and composting is systematically followed. 102 tonnes of waste is collected.

Waste collection and management	
Dry waste	
Plastic	49 tonnes
Waste	10 tonnes
Paper	11 tonnes
Glass	12 tonnes
Other material	6 tonnes
Used newspaper	12 tonnes
E waste	350 kilos
Wet waste	
Sale of compost fertiliser	436 kilos
Magic basket	310 baskets

Health related activities :

Our team has collaborated with D Y Patil hospital, NMMC hospitals, MGM hospitals in Kamothe and Vashi and Nayar hospital for medical treatments and checkups for parisar bhaginis.



A mobile medical van visits 10 slum areas and gives preliminary medical assistance to our parisar bhaginis and their families.

Blood checkup camps were conducted for parisar bhaginis in collaboration with Innerwheel.

Calcium and Iron tablets were distributed to parisar bhaginis in Panvel and Digha areas.

An eye check up camp was conducted in collaboration with Nayar hospital at Bhimnagar, Panvel. 51 bhaginis attended the camp and 5 were operated for cataract operation.

Surgeries and checkup	Total number
Eye surgery	10
Eye check up (Panvel)	97
Family planning surgeries	3
Childbirth/deliveries	4
Gynaecological problems	13
Bone density check up	37
HB blood check ups	65
Eyecheck up camps at Nayar hospital	51
L & T mobile medical vans	3898

Educational activities :

Study centers - Presently we have 8 study centers for children of parisar bhaginis. Details regarding these remedial educational centers are as follows

Sr. No.	Division	No. of students
1	Digha	62
2	Bonsari	60
3	Indiranagar	25
4	Sarsole	35
5	Rabale	35
6	Panvel	30
7	Khandeshwar	23
8	Kalwa	45
	TOTAL	315

- 34 children whose parents are labourers working in unhygienic conditions were assisted in availing government's educational scholarships.
- 127 parisar bhagini's children studying from 1st standard to higher education were assisted in availing Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation's educational scholarships.
- 108 children of parisar bhaginis were assisted in availing Shri Ram Radhakrishnan Memorial Trust's educational scholarships.
- Interactive life skill sessions are conducted for study center students. Regular monthly parent's sessions are conducted to update parents about their ward's progress.
- Educational material and books were distributed in collaboration with Prabhat trust and Winners educational charitable trust to 42 students.
- Shri Ram Radhakrishnan Memorial Trust assisted Stree Mukti Sanghtana in Khandeshwar informal settlement by constructing a shed for study center and installing solar lights
- for lighting up the center.
- Our team assisted 15 parisar bhaginis in Navi Mumbai and Panvel division in getting their children admitted to school.

Scholarships at a glance :

Scholarships	Total number of students
Government scholarships for children of parents working in unhygienic conditions	34
Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation educational scholarships	127
Shriram Radhakrishnan Memorial trust scholarships	108
TOTAL	269

Other assistance provided to parisar bhaginis:

- 5 children were referred to the Family Counseling Center for counseling.
- 2 students from Indiranagar study center were identified as slow learners and referred to ETC for further treatment and assistance.
- 76 parisar bhaginis were referred to the Family counselling centre for their domestic violence problems.

Assistance in availing government schemes and documentation :

Government schemes and documentation	Total number
Adhar card and linkages	120
Eshram card	421
Sukanya Scheme	13
Health card	237
Ration cards	101
Bank accounts of parisar bhaginis and children	91
Shriram Radhakrishnan Memorial trust widow pension scheme	69
Disability certificates and schemes	8

- An awareness program on plastic segregation was conducted for Digha study center students. They then collected 122 kgs of plastic and gave it to Parisar Sakhi Vikas Sanstha's collaborative partner 'Bisleri bottles for change'.
- Tin sheets were donated to 21 parisar bhaginis homes to make them rainproof in collaboration with Shriram Radhakrishnan Memorial Trust.
- Ebus project has been initiated in collaboration with Syntel CSR for our study center students. The ebus is equipped with tabs and teaches children mathematics and English.

- In order to increase awareness amongst youth regarding waste segregation, waste collection centers are encouraged in college premises. MOUs were signed with SIES College, Phunde College, Pillai college, Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil college, Annapurna NGO. Paper and plastic collection drives are also conducted from these colleges.
- Rainwaters flooded our parisar bhaginis houses in Kalwa informal settlements. Relief measures were provided to them by making arrangements for temporary shelter for them and their families. Food kits, clothes, sheets, utensils, etc were also provided to them.
- Iron and calcium tablets were distributed to study center children in the age group of 5 to 18 years.