



Stree Mukti Sanghatana
(Womens Liberation Organization)

Annual report

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Executive Summary

It gives us immense pleasure to present Stree Mukti Sanghatana's annual report for the year 2018. Like every year, this year too we have conducted various activities, programs and campaigns, as per Sanghatana's objectives. As the year has come to an end we have taken another step towards women empowerment.

Stree Mukti Sanghatana is registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950. Hence the trustees are entrusted with powers to take necessary important decisions regarding various policies of the organisation. After registration in 1984 some of the initial trustees have changed whereas some of the trustees who have been with the organization since its inception are still involved in its day to day functioning. This has led to smooth functioning, continuity and homogeneity in all our programs/projects. This year three activists who have been contributing to Sanghatana's development since many years were added to the existing nine-member trustee panel taking the total number of trustees to twelve. A list enumerating names and other details of the trustee panel is attached.

Sanghatana's work policy and implementation is overseen by the executive council. Trustees are ex-officio members of the executive council. Other activists who are leading various projects comprise rest of the executive council. Total number of members in executive council is 25. Every three years the executive council gets elected in an annual general body meeting. This year five members of the executive council resigned and five new members have been elected to replace those members for the next 3 years. The list of executive council members is also enclosed.

Daily work/administrative responsibilities rest with five office bearers namely the President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer. This year Sharada Sathe resigned from the position of Secretary for personal reasons. In the executive council meeting five new office bearers were elected. The list of the executive council is enclosed.

These changes have been intimated to the charity commissioner's office and the necessary approval orders have been obtained.

Shri. Sandeep Shrikhanhde has been appointed as the Statutory Auditor of Stree Mukti Sanghatana. He has filed the IT returns of 2017-18 and has filled and submitted the IX C form to the Charity Commissioner. He has also submitted the FCRA report. He has also submitted the 2018-19 budget to the charity commissioner.

The necessary formalities for Employees State Insurance Scheme has been completed smoothly and many of our employees are benefitting from the ESIC schemes.

The process of updating Stree Mukti Sanghatana's website was completed this year.

Last year Stree Mukti Sanghatana undertook a skill development initiative to upgrade employee skills and the first workshop was then conducted by Prerena Rane. We took that forward this year by conducting personality development workshops. Under this initiative the first batch employees were taught to speak and write in English. This initiative was successful and many employees from this batch are making attempts to write reports in English and communicate in English.

The number of cases approaching the family counseling centers is constantly on the rise. Our counselors are striving hard to help them get justice. They also conduct premarital workshops in communities and colleges. This helps generate more awareness about the issue. Stree Mukti Sanghatna's cultural troupe also generates awareness through various media on various issues.

Since Stree Mukti Sanghatana's crèche is having a very efficient track record more and more institutions are approaching us with proposals to establish crèches for their employees. This year the number of crèches increased from 9 to 11 with 2 new crèches being established at Mazgaon dock and Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers (RCF).

Stree Mukti Sanghatana's mouth piece 'Prerak Lalkari' has been helping Sanghatana achieve its objective by publishing articles on various issues. Like every year this year too a special edition of Prerak Lalkari was released on Women's Day.

Under Parisar Vikas 7-8 different projects are being implemented at simultaneously. These include different workshops and training programs for parisar bhaginis and their children. Work on waste management is continuously going on. The Secretarial position of 'Akhil Bharatiya Kachravechak Aghadi', which is a national level organization was awarded to Stree Mukti Sanghatna. We took initiative in organizing a national level meet of all organizations under the Aghadi.

In Pune 'Jidnyasa' project is being run in various schools for adolescent boys and girls. The counselors efficiently establish trust with these adolescents and help them open up and sort out their problems.

Various workshops were conducted in our Koparkhairne's multipurpose center. The center has successfully made its mark by making maximum utilization of its available space.

Such numerous and varied activities require a lot of funds. Funds entrusted to us by our donors are utilized with minute, critical and careful planning. No amount of gratitude expressed would suffice to explain the heartfelt thanks we would like to express to our donors to help us carry forward the work of socio-economic empowerment of society.

LIST OF TRUSTEES		LIST OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	
Sr. No.	Name	Sr. No.	Name
1.	Jyoti Mhapsekar	1.	Jyoti Mhapsekar
2.	Amol Kerkar	2.	Amol Kerkar
3.	Sharada Sathe	3.	Sharada Sathe
4.	Pradnya Saraf	4.	Pradnya Saraf
5.	Nilima Deshpande	5.	Nilima Deshpande
6.	Mrunalini Sathe	6.	Dr. Mrunalini Sathe

7.	Yogini Raul
8.	Maya Kabre
9.	Jayashree Pandit
10.	Vrushali Magdum
11.	Karuna Gokhale
12.	Shakuntala Gujar

LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS	
Sr. No.	Name
1.	Jyoti Mhapsekar (President)
2.	Pradnya Saraf (Vice President)
3.	Amol Kerkar (Secretary)
4.	Nilima Deshpande (Jt. Secretary)
5.	Yogini Raul (Treasurer)

7.	Yogini Raul
8.	Maya Kabre
9.	Jayashree Pandit
10.	Vrushali Magdum
11.	Karuna Gokhale
12.	Shakuntala Gujar
13.	Arvind Vaidya
14.	Sangeeta Saraf
15.	Nilambari Dongre
16.	Alka Pavangadkar
17.	Shobha Kokitkar
18.	Vrushali Damle
19.	Sonali Damle
20.	Nisha Bandekar
21.	Karuna Ghate
22.	Sunita Sadafule
23.	Sunita Patil
24.	Rajesh Kolambkar
25.	Ujwala Tawde

Family Counseling Center

Working of family counseling centers

The basic ideology behind formation of Family Counselling Centres has been that women's issues should not be treated as personal problems but should be considered as problems on social level; violence free life is right of each and every woman. The FCC project of SMS is 34 years old. Initially this program was run on voluntary basis only but today there are a total of 23 employees and 19 volunteers in the 9 centres at Parel, Chembur, Vashi, Koparkhairne, Mumbra, Pune, Buldhana, Osmanabad and Powai.

Sr. No.	Centre	No. of full-time workers	No. of volunteers.
1.	Parel	3	2
2.	Chembur	6	5
3.	Vashi	5	4
4.	Powai (from 1 st October 2018)	1	1
5.	Mumbra	2	2
6.	Pune	2	3
7.	Buldhana	2	2
8.	Osmanabad	2	0
9.	Koparkhairne (Up to 30 th Sept 2018)		
	TOTAL	23	19

Work over view:

The Counselling project focuses on the following –

1. Counselling
2. Awareness programs/ campaigns
3. Common networking
4. Student/activist training
5. Local activist training.

1. Counseling report:

The family system is extremely important in cementing women's position in the society. Keeping the woman as central focus all men and women are provided free counselling services in this centre.

We first hear the full argument of the person with problem. Then we send a letter to the person against whom the complaint has been registered. We then listen to what the person against has to say. This is followed by a joint meeting for counselling both of them. If the person against whom the complaint has been registered does not come to the centre we conduct home visits, office visits, etc. Sometimes to solve the problem we take help of local people, neighbours to put social pressure. We could also connect with a likeminded social organisation to solve the problem.

Cases review:

In 2018 over all 1047 new cases were registered. A total of 1425 cases including 1047 new cases and 378 old cases were handled.

Though some of the cases registered this year were different in some ways many of the problems were similar to earlier years. These included mental, physical and sexual harassment, domestic violence, humiliation, bigamy, dowry, rape, addiction, premarital problems, property disputes, mental illness, parental interference in marriage, extra marital affairs, cheated in financial matters, senior citizen problems, etc.

Various types of assistance were provided to the cases. These included legal help to 197 cases, police help in 85 cases, temporary shelter to 7 cases, psychological help to 45, economic assistance to 34 cases, educational help to 8 cases, protection officer's help to 61 cases, court help to 26 cases, other NGOs assistance to 28 cases, assistance of de-addiction centre to 24 cases, medical help to 21 cases, children's custody in 9 cases, employment assistance to 9 cases, help avail government schemes to 16 cases, children's hostel help provide to 20 cases, assistance in vocational guidance provided to 9 cases.

2. Awareness Generation programs:

Apart from counselling we believe it is extremely important to initiate a dialogue with people from various stratas of Society to increase level of awareness about general issues. To achieve this we conduct various activities such as premarital counselling workshops, poster exhibition, plays by our cultural troupe, legal awareness, gender sensitization, de-addiction, etc.

Program	Parel	Chem bur	Vashi	KK	Mum bra	Powai	Pune	Bul dha na	Osm nab ad	TOTAL
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Awareness program at community level	10	16	13	1	4	5	17	7	2	74
Cultural troupe's performances at community level	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Youth campaigns through premarital counselling workshops	1	8	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	17
Youth Campaigns through cultural troupe performances	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
De-addiction awareness programs	4	9	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	18
Community counsellors training	11	11	9	0	2	0	7	0	0	40
Networking programs with other NGOs	5	12	3	0	8	0	14	1	3	46
Staff training programs	0	7	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	11

(a) Community counselor's training:

It is essential that a woman facing any kind of abuse gets immediate help. The first person they approach for help are often local social workers. It is therefore necessary to empower local social workers/activists with information which will help them function more efficiently by increasing their knowledge base, understand the concept of violence with respect to their role as a social worker, to reinforce and help them recognize the feeling that they are doing something for the society. Parel,

Chembur and Vashi branches of SMS have completed their first batch of community counselor training program and are in the process of training the second batch. This batch constitutes young women and students. 4% of the trained community counsellors are still active in their local SMS centre's day to day work. Namrata, Shakuntala, Husana, Mangal, Bayadabai, Gulshan, Meena, Vimal, Rekha, Geeta, Roshni, Vrushali, Sheetal, Kalpana, Pramodini are the 15 community counsellors who help the counselling centre.

Pune FCC conducted the community counsellor training for Pune Family Planning Association of India's sahayoginis. These sahayoginis help women in distress approach the FCC.

(b) Student/volunteer training:

In the counselling process we always feel the need for trained professionals. We have included students who come to the organisation for training along with our old and new volunteers in our various training programs. As part of their training, students were required to conduct programs throughout the year. Two foreign students have completed field work with us in the year 2018. Tilak Vidyapeeth, TISS, SNTD and other degree college students have completed their field work with us this year.

3. Common networking programs with other NGOs:

Many organisations work in their individual capacity to decimate violence against women through intervention, awareness programs, counselling, safety planning, legal awareness and implementation, creating pressure groups, research, organisation, etc. It is necessary for all these NGOs to exchange their ideas, experiences with each other. Such mutual exchange of information empowers all workers with more knowledge and increases their efficiency. Through common networking programs we have conducted many programs during the year 2018. In 2019 the 3rd 'Maharashtra Mahila Hinsa Mukti Parishad' will be conducted in Nasik on 21st, 22nd and 23rd December. SMS was the organiser for the first 2 parishads and we will continue to be organiser for the third parishad as well.

Our activists are part of the Internal Complaints Committees formed to protect women from sexual harassment in work place 18 organisations.

Work review:

Parel centre: This centre has strived to help senior citizens recover property ranging from 50 lakhs to 5 crores. The Mumbai city collector extended his full co-operation to us. Women were provided assistance in getting alimony of Rupees 2 lakhs and 250 gms of gold was recovered as part of their streedhan. They also collected Rs. 42,000/- towards donation. 12 cases were referred to KEM hospital for de-addiction treatment of which 4 have completely given up on their addiction. 12 cases were referred for psychiatric treatment of which 2 cases have completely recovered. 9 cases were

filed under the DV act and 4 cases were helped in obtaining divorce through mutual consent. 5 women were helped avail educational or vocational training.

Chembur centre: This centre helped 9 senior citizens. Women were provided assistance in getting alimony of Rupees 3 lakhs and 300 gms of gold was recovered as part of their streedhan. 4 cases were filed under DV act, 11 cases were helped in obtaining divorce by mutual consent. Two women were helped avail educational or vocational training. 12 widows were assisted in obtaining Rupees twelve hundred towards Diwali gift. This year Dr. Shraddha Mukhedkar started volunteering to assist in psychological counselling.

Vashi Centre: In this centre, women were provided in getting assistance of Rupees of seven lakhs and 100 gms of gold was recovered as part of their streedhan. Rupees seven thousand was collected towards donations. This year 36 awareness programs were conducted.

Pune Centre: The centre activists visited other Pune NGOs to provide information about work and functioning of SMS. They generated a revenue of Rs. 15,000/- through poster exhibition and display. This year Tilak Vidyapeeth has started sending their students for field work. Supriya Bendkhale has been appointed as counsellor and Anuradha Raskar has been appointed as supportive staff.

Kalamboli Centre: This centre conducted many legal awareness programs. Programs were conducted for school children.

Mumbra Centre: A project called public hearing (Jansunwai) was conducted to discuss the problems and solutions towards women's safety in public places.

Day Care Center Aamache Ghar (Palnagar)

Stree Mukti Sanghatana runs 11 creche's in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.

Sr. No.	Name of the creche	Year of establishment	No. of sevikas (children's caretakers)	No. of children	Donor (space given by)
1.	Belapur Sec 4	1989	Ful l time : 7 Part time : 1	30	Smt. Patwardhan
2.	Belapur Sec 1.	1989	6	31	CIDCO
3.	Borivli Creche	1989	6	17	Maharashtra Government
4.	IDBI Ghatkopar	1995	4	11	IDBI
5.	Andheri Seepz	2011	7	27	Seepz Authority
6.	Mumbai Central RBI	2014	4	17	R.B. I.
7.	Goregaon RBI	2015	3	7	R.B. I.
8.	Koparkhairne	2015	Full time : 1 Part time : 3	13	Stree Mukti Sanghatana
9.	Chembur BPCL	2016	Full time : 3 Part time : 1	15	BPCL
10.	Mazgaon Docks	2018	3	9	Mazgaon docks
11.	RCF	2018	2	4	RCF

Children availing crèche facilities are provided with breakfast, milk, lunch in the crèche premises itself. Packed lunch is provided for school going children. The crèche workers daily prepare fresh and nutritious food which is served to the children. Apart from this there is also a facility to keep children in the crèche for one full day. Parents truly benefit from this scheme.

Aamache Ghar (Palnagar) activities:

- Children are prepared to go to school
- They are helped in doing various activities including homework
- They are engaged in playing, reading books, drawing and other hobbies and activities
- National, Social and cultural festivals and birthdays of children are celebrated.

Training programs :

Every year 3 workshops are organized for crèche workers to upgrade their skills. On 30th March, Jyoti Mhapsekar guided the Ghatkopar crèche workers in a workshop about the concept of crèche and Stree Mukta Sanghatana's objectives in establishing the crèches. The crèche workers were informed about the factory act laws and laws for women. The crèche workers were about the importance of educating the crèche children with moral and ethical values, importance of providing them with wholesome meals; keeping premises and regularly taking them for play activities. During the training workshops it was reiterated that the crèche workers should keep in mind the children's physical, mental, intellectual and emotional development. Children should be told about truth and equality and that all religions are equal. The importance of garbage segregation should also be inculcated on these young minds.

The second workshop on was conducted on 17th August at Belapur, Sec 1, creche. Rajesh Kolambkar conducted this workshop for parents and guided them on parenting skills. He stressed that it was important for parents to understand children's expectations from them and to weigh them positively as well as negatively. He suggested various alternatives to the parents to establish friendly ties with the children. He reiterated the importance of positive guidance to children through a role play.

The third workshop was conducted on 23rd November by Nilima Deshpande at the Borivli crèche. This workshop was a recap of earlier two workshops conducted by Jyoti Mhapsekar and Rajesh Kolambkar.

New Activities

This year in January, a new crèche was established for children of Mazgaon dock employees in the dock premises. In the month of December a crèche was established for RCF employees in RCF premises.

CCTVs were installed in Belapur, Mumbai Central, Chembur crèches. However Parents trusted us and refused to link their phones to CCTV. They are of the opinion that those of them who want to access the footage could come to the center and access it any time.

Student training :

Trainees of Mobile Creche had come to visit our crèches as part of their curriculum. They conducted various activities and gave valuable inputs for the crèche children and sevikas including songs, stories, play, drawing, etc. German student intern Lena conducted drawing activity for the crèche children of Chembur BPCL. Parents meeting :

Parent meetings were conducted in Koparkhairne, Goregaon and Mumbai Central.

Prerak Lalkari

For the past 33 years since 1986 Prerak Lalkari is regularly published by Stree Mukti Sanghatana. Information about the current happenings in the women's movement and various initiatives of Stree Mukti Sanghatana are published in Prerak Lalkari.

During the period of January 2018 to December 2018, 10 regular issues and 1 special issue of Prerak Lalkari was published. Editor Sharada Sathe was ably assisted by Yogini Raul in editing the contents . Jyoti Mhapsekar, Amol Kerkar, Vrushali Magdum, Karuna Gokhale and Arvind Vaidya contributed to Prerak Lalkaris' content.

Arvind Vaidya's column on India's social movements, Yashoda Ghanekar's column on Science and technology are regularly published along with quality stories poems and reports of various centers of SMS.

The 2018 special issue on the occasion of International women's day was based various ideologies namely 'isms'. Since ancient times many philosophers of different ideologies have been revered. In western nations ideologies of philosophers like Socrates, Plato, Arristotle; and in the east ideologies of Confucius, Buddha and Mahavir's have metamorphosized either in to religions or have been accepted as lifestyle. How are these ideologies assimilated into the various stratas of societies? How do these thought processes shape a person's personal and social life? The mega edition of 2018 has tried to address these ideologies.

Achyut Godbole, Vasanti Damle, Kumar Ketkar, Atul Deolgaokar, Chayya Dattar, Kunda P.N. expressed their views on various aspects of ideologies. Also other esteemed writers including well known activist such as Ulka Mahajan, Disha Shaikh, Suresh Sawant have shared their experiences through Prerak Lalkari. Saraswat Bank is kind enough

Ujwala Tawade, Shamika Dalvi and Arundhati Shinde have given their invaluable services as support staff in Prerak Lalkari's administrative work. All members are requested to contribute to Prerak Lalkari's growth by bringing in more subscribers and advertisements We are grateful to Saraswat Bank for their continuous support in the form of Advertisement.

In 2018, 2,300 copies of Prerak Lalkari have been posted per month.

Cultural Troupe

(Kalapathak)

Since inception of Stree Mukti Sanghatana, our cultural troupe has been working tirelessly to increase awareness amongst masses about women's issues.

In 2018, we had 4 shows of 'Mulgi Zali Ho' including one for BMC employees and one in Saswad, Pune for Tilak Vidyapeeth. All shows received standing ovations.

The play 'Baap re baap' was broadcasted on Akashwani Mumbai's Asmita channel on 8th June,

This year from 20th to 25th December, we staged 'Beti aai hai' for Pratham organisation. This play was attended by 50 didis trained by Pratham for adolescent girls in Ashram Shala in and around Patna. This was followed by a group discussion on gender equality, dowry practices, domestic violence, eve teasing, etc. Another show was staged for residents of Ashram Shala in Patna. The play was well received in both places.

Sr. No.	Date	Address/Organisaiton	Name of the play	No. of audience.
1.	8 th March 2018	Water department, Water work yard, Ghatkopar, MSGM	Mulgi Zali Ho	50
2.	17 th March 2018	Vasu Sports, Devalpada, Kandivli	Mulgi Zali Ho	100
3.	16 th October 2018	Samyak Sanstha, BDD Chawl, 19 and 20 Lower Parel	Mulgi Zali Ho	100
4.	29 th October 2018	Tilak Vidyapeeth, Saswad, Pune	Mulgi Zali Ho	200
5.	23 rd December 2018	Pratham, Patna	Beti aai hain	100

This year our cultural troupe's senior activist, Madhuri Sharma, expired. The loss caused by her death to the organisation and the cultural troupe is irreparable.

Jidnyasa (Pune)

Pune branch of SMS conducts Jidnyasa and counselling program in with help of CSR funds of Yardi Software India Pvt. Ltd., in private schools.

Sr. No.	Name of the school	No. of girls	No. of boys	Total
1.	Yashwantrao Chavhan Madhyamik Vidyalay	435	432	867
2.	Shri Sant Namdeo Madhyamik Vidyalay	158	144	302
3.	K. Com. Shivrampant Damale Prashala	224	272	496
4.	Aranyeshwar Madhymaik school	260	285	545
5.	Hiraman Bankar Madhyamik Vidyalay	250	275	525
	TOTAL	1327	1408	2735

Jidnyasa sessions : The academic year begins with Jidnyasa sessions. These sessions include dealing with adolescence, stress management, sex education, de-addiction, value education. Along with these sessions for students of 8th and 9th standard sessions on gender sensitization and career guidance are conducted. Pre and post jidnyasa, baseline tests on above topics are conducted to understand the impact of these sessions on the students. In year 2018 a total of 2735 students including 1408 boys and 1327 girls benefited from these sessions.

Guidance workshops :

- Workshop for S.S.C.fail students: The number of students dropping out after failing at SSC is very high in Municipal schools. Hence, we conducted a workshop for these students in Shri Sant Namdeo Madhyamik Vidyalay and Aranyeshwar Madhyamik Vidyalay after the SSC results in the month of June with special focus on 'How to excel in maths and science'.
- Effective study habits : A guidance session on 'Effective study habits' was conducted for Class 10 students of Yashwantrao Chavhan Madhyamik Vidyalay and Hiranman Bankar Madhyamik Vidyalay.
- Diet and nutrition : At the beginning of the academic year, blood tests are conducted to check student's haemoglobin levels. This is followed by sessions on need for proper nutrition, how to increase haemoglobin levels, consequence of low haemoglobin levels, etc.

Poster exhibition on Eve teasing :

A poster exhibition on eve teasing was displayed along with sessions on repercussions of eve teasing, attitude towards women, types of eve teasing and legal consequence of eve teasing. This exhibition was for Class 8 and 9 students. The session included a question and answer session. We received a positive response from boys and girls.

Parents meeting :

Child development includes support from parents, teachers as well as the counsellors. Keeping this in mind this year to 2-3 parents meeting were organised. Sessions on parental attitude towards girl's education, teacher-student relationship, adolescence were conducted.

Teachers meeting:

Along with counselling, teacher's support and encouragement is equally important for development of students. Therefore meetings of teachers were conducted. In the first meeting of the year our experts inform the counsellors the importance of counselling and the need for counsellors and teachers to be on the same page. The last meeting enumerates all the activities conducted throughout the year and also gives a brief over view of activities scheduled for the next academic year.

Parent survey:

Keeping the central focus on students research study about parent's attitude towards their children's studies was conducted. Based on the findings, sessions on importance of communication between parents and their children, study habits of students were conducted. From all 5 schools 117 parents participated in the survey.

School absenteeism:

Home visits to the homes of students who remain absent on regular basis were conducted. It was observed that the reason for absenteeism in girl students is the increased burden of house hold chores and boys dropped out because they were lagging behind in studies. Out of the 28 students who were in list 11 re-joined school.

Visit to de-addiction center:

We have found that percentage of addiction was on the rise in students. We selected 5-6 children from each school and took this group of 32 students for visiting a de-addiction centre. The centre conducted an elaborate session on consequences of addiction. The session received a positive response.

Survey regarding menstruation:

A survey on menstruation was conducted for girl students of class 9 in all 5 schools. The findings showed that 70% of the girls knew about menstruation but many of them had many misunderstandings regarding the same. A session to clear these misunderstandings and to discuss hygienic menstrual practices was conducted.

Counselling:

We have been counselling in these schools for the past 5 years and have conducted numerous activities for the children in their free periods. This has led to an increase in footfall of students to the counselling centre. We formed groups of children facing similar problems and conducted group therapy sessions for them.

Networking:

We have networked with many Pune NGOs on various issues like demonstration organised by Stree Mukti Andolan Sampark Samiti. On the occasion of International women's day, we were part of many panel discussions organised by Lokshahi Utsav Samiti. We also participated in many Lokshahi programs. We also participated in the LGBT pride walk organised by Sampathik organisation.

SMS Multipurpose Center (Koparkhairne)

The following activities were conducted in the Koparkhairne Centre in the year 2018 –Republic day was celebrated in the centre premises in which 55 activists, volunteers and beneficiaries participated. Sable tai (Parisar Sakhi Vikas Sanstha) hoisted the flag

- Independence Day was celebrated in the centre premises in which 55 activists, volunteers and beneficiaries participated. Rukmini Paul (President Parisar Vikas Sakhi Sanstha) hoisted the flag.
- In the year 2018, there were 13 new admissions and 20 children availed services of the creche on daily basis. The centre also provides full day and half day facility and this has led to an increase in the number of children availing the services.
- The work of cataloguing library books is almost over and the library will be opened to public in the next two months. The library has books on literature, women empowerment, law, novels, stories, books for children, reference books for research studies, books related to medical sciences, poetry, travelogues, religious books, autobiographies, biographies, medical, rare and unique books. The work of setting up the library is being done with the help of volunteers who come on regular basis.
- The study room services were availed by 15 students. Most of these students are from nearby areas and are preparing for competitive exams like MPSC, UPSC, etc.
- There was a footfall of 220 people in the garbage gallery. Along with gallery tour they were also given information on environmental issues.
- Computer literacy program are being conducted for children of BPL families as well as children of waste pickers. We offer a number of programs for students namely, basic computer programming, Tally ERP 9, computer typing. We also offer a 40 day course for senior citizens. The fees charged are nominal and are waived off in case of poor and needy students. 48 students completed the basic computer course, 24 attended the typing classes and 72 students completed the tally course.

- The tailoring course is being run in collaboration with Rotary Club of Millennium city. The centre was inaugurated by Rtn. Ashes Ganguly (District governor) on 8th July 2018. We have a total number of 15 sewing machines of which 2 sewing machines were donated by Ms. Shilpa Aroskar and Mr. Vijay Kulkarni. In 2018, 43 women have enrolled for the basic and advanced tailoring course.
- Five batches of yoga classes per day are open to men and women. These are conducted by Swati Nigade, Suman Pandey and Gautam. Rasika Sapte conducts karate training thrice a week.
- The working women's hostel is running in full capacity of 12 inmates. The facilities provided to the hostel inmates include morning tea, breakfast and 1 meal, tiffin facility, television connection for specified time, wi-fi connection, hot water in bathrooms and 24 hours security.
- The main hall was booked for 58 programs of which 49 programs were conducted by other NGOs like CORO, Pratham, Abhivyakti, Apnalaya, Asian paints, etc.
- Lokshahi utsav was celebrated in the centre in which all the sessions were open to every one. Sangeeta Saraf conducted the sessions. She gave information about the need to understand the constitution of India and also presented a slide show to help understand the values of constitution, history and the process of creating the constitution.
- Asian paints training program was conducted. 20 people benefited from this training. One of our Parisar Bhagini also attended this training. Asian paints later on made a film about her. It was a certificate course and the certificates were distributed by Jyoti Mhapsekar (President Stree Mukti Sanghatana) and Sushant Soman of Asian Paints.
- Sonal Patkar conducted an awareness program for 70 participants on cyber safety on 27th November, 2018. The session focussed on women's safety in the net world and precautions we should take.
- SMS Koparkhairne participated in a NGO networking program organised by SMS FCC Vashi, in which various NGOs from Navi Mumbai participated to discuss their projects and training programs. Kalpana Khandalkar of SMS Koparkhairne gave information about our training programs and services.

- A TOT for Jidnyasa trainers was organised for 18 participants. The resource persons for the program were Jyoti Mhapsekar, Dr. Ajit Magdum, Sangeeta Saraf, Savita Kuradhe, Rajesh Kolamkar and Chandrakant Sarvagoud.

- Two plays namely, 'Nalli' and 'Baykana ka nako'? were staged in our multipurpose centre. The plays were open to general public and more than 200 people attended each play and gave positive response.

- Two training programs were conducted for the students of tailoring class and computer class. The first was on introduction of SMS and its aims and objectives. This was conducted by Sangeeta Saraf. The second program was on legal awareness and was conducted by Rashmi Karle. Over all 22 students attended this program.

- Optimum use is being made of the terrace garden and presently we are harvesting brinjal, coriander, tomatoes, mint, papaya, etc. These vegetables are utilised in our canteen itself.

Parisar Vikas

Waste pickers are the important stake holders of Solid Waste management system. Given the magnitude of our intervention with women waste pickers, Stree Mukti Sanghatana has received attention on various national and international platforms. Our intervention with these women has been recognized in form of being the Secretariat for the Alliance for Indian Waste pickers (AIW). Jyoti Mhapsekar was made Convener of AIW. As Secretariat SMS has addressed the problems of waste pickers all over the country, negotiating with Government officials, met different municipal corporation officials and posing questions to them, finding out various social entitlements that must be meted out to all waste pickers as part of AIW intervention. AIW introduced a fellowship for those who wish to work with waste pickers in new cities, SMS monitored the same. Recognition of efforts of women waste pickers in the Swacch Bharat Abhiyan has been abysmal. To understand the effect of the Swacch Bharat Abhiyan on the waste pickers, a nationwide survey was conducted. Even though the official report has not been released yet, it is evident that due to the privatization of waste, waste pickers have been impacted the most. They must be encouraged and trained, integrated and rehabilitated in an effective manner.

Alliance for Indian Wastepickers also held a workshop at national level in Indore on 23rd and 24th July 2018 on the topic 'Social Entitlements to Waste pickers' for which waste pickers and representatives of organisations from Mumbai, Delhi, Vijayawada, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Nasik, Ahmednagar, Bengaluru were present.

Parisar Vikas: Activities, recognition and awards

SMS has created more than 100 complexes Zero waste in last 15 years with the help of Waste pickers' cooperative members. SMS also trained several personnel of housing societies to attain zero waste status. To understand how to do this better, Sunita Patil and Sunita Sadafule had the opportunity to visit Indonesia and Philippines respectively. WIEGO, which works for the empowerment of women working in the informal sector held its annual conference in Johannesburg for which Jyoti Mhapsekar was invited.

President of Stree Mukti Sanghatana, Jyoti Mhapsekar received awards for our exemplary work from Mahatma Education Society Panvel, SNTD Churchgate and from H ward- BMC for our work in Bandra.

1. We have been listening and reading about the polluting effects of plastic on our environment. What must be investigated is the amount of single-use plastic being manufactured daily, what happens to the plastic after it is discarded, do the companies manufacturing this waste take responsibility for the waste they create? Those companies that manufacture plastic or have two or more materials mixed in their products which cannot be recycled effectively, must be held accountable for the products they manufacture. This

clause has been mentioned in the SWM Rules 2016 and they were also given three years to bring in a system to achieve this. To determine the quantum of waste that is single use and the number of companies' especially multinational companies which are making use of such products GAIA conducted a survey Brand Audit. In Mumbai, this survey was conducted by Stree Mukti Sanghatana. The survey area was Chembur and Mulund for this project and an eight-day in-depth study was conducted. It was observed that more than 50% waste is generated by multinational companies. A copy of this report was submitted to the government.

Projects on Waste Management:

Sr. No.	Donor	Duration of the project	Scope of Work
1.	European Union	2017-2018-2019	Creating awareness material for SWM
2.	Bajaj Electricals Ltd.	November 2016- October 2017-18	Zero Waste Campuses in Bandra Reclamation
3.	Capgemini	August 2016- Present	Dry waste centre at S ward
4.	PHF	2017-2018-2019	Zero waste project and organization of waste pickers at Wardha, Yavatmal
5.	GAIA	October 2018- February 2019	Zero waste project and organization of waste pickers Chembur, Parel
6.	UNDP	14th August 2018- 13th August 2019	Plastic Waste Management in 10 Wards of BMC
7.	OPPI	January- December 2018	100 sessions on recycling in 25 schools

Projects for Waste Pickers and their families:

Sr. No.	Donor	Duration of the project	Scope of Work
1.	Learning Community Vacha	Last five years	Sensitization of 100 adolescent girls in Sathe Nagar, Govandi and other communities
2.	Capgemini- Enlight Project	2016-2021	Study classes for 200 girls in S ward
3.	L & T Health Clinic	2009-Present	Govandi
4.	L & T Mobile Van	2018-Present	2000 patients every month in MMR region
5.	LanXESS- Jidnyasa Project	2018-2019	30 Health sessions and check ups in Thane
6.	Radhakrishnan Trust	2018-present	Study classes for children of waste pickers in Thane

1. With European Union's financial help, we were able to make posters for exhibition on waste management in 2017. In 2018, these posters were converted into a book. At the same time, all the information from 'Kachra Navvhe Sampatti' a book written by Jyoti Mhapsekar (first edition in 2014) was converted into a 5 book series titled 'Waste world Series' in English and Marathi language. The names of the books in the series are Story of Waste, Visit to Litterland, Guide to Composting, Nisargaruna, Social Entitlements to Waste pickers. In total, 11 booklets were published by SMS. The series is edited by Jyoti Mhapsekar and assisted by Alka Pawangadkar.
2. For our Zero Waste Project, we received CSR funds from various Corporates. We started a new Zero Waste Project in Bandra Reclamation area in H West ward with support of Bajaj Electricals. Here, 19 societies + 5 Institutions installed pits and started composting their wet waste. 6 Parisar Bhaginis gained employment and we started composting 1.5 tonnes of wet waste and 2 tonnes of dry waste daily. BRAVO ,a local organisation helped us in carrying out the project. We usually prepare a

report on paper or on a computer. The report was launched at the hands of the Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Mahanagarpalika.

3. We have been working with Capgemini in Bhandup for two years now. They sent their approval for funding a plastic bottle crushing machine and paper recycling machine at the Dry Waste Collection Centre in Thane. We participated in the tendering process for constructing Thane's Dry Waste Collection Centre (DWCC) and received the contract. The TMC has given us the approval to construct a DWCC in Mulla Baug, Thane. This work is still in progress.

We also received five computers from Capgemini, out of which two have been transferred to the Koparkhairane office, one to the Panvel office and the rest have are being used at the Parisar Vikas offices.

4. For better organisational structure it was necessary to set up standard operating process be set up. The documentation process of SOP began in 2018 and it primarily covered the following three areas:
 - a. Organisation's scope of work
 - b. Organic Compost Processing
 - c. How to run a Dry Waste Collection centre.
5. We have been trying to improve the lives of Parisar Bhaginis who work in Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha. One such Dry Waste Collection Centre (DWCC) is at Mulund East (T ward). Even though Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha has been running the DWCC for many years, the method of functioning is not as systematic as it should have been . Consultants of Johnson & Johnson helped us to have standard practices at these centres. Archana Pandya, from Sai Social Fingerprint has been visiting the Mulund shed and training the women. Members of PBVS and cooperative society were given training on rules and regulations which must be followed at any dry waste centre Topics like Team work, care to be taken while working in waste, child labour, equal pay, sexual harassment, safety measures at the workplace were explained to them by her. This information also helped us in the SOP process for DWCC. All these sessions were taken at the Mukund Society Office in Mulund and the society did not charge us for using their office premises. We are grateful to the society's committee for their support.

6. We are associated with GAIA, an international organization, which advocates against waste incineration past 15 years. Zero waste project was launched with the help of GAIA in 2018 in Parel. In the beginning we conducted awareness sessions on waste management at 31 locations including residential areas, schools, colleges, hospitals. Through this project, we reached out to 5300 people and 150 residential societies in the area. The data gathered from this project has been submitted to GAIA and BMC.

7. The Maharashtra government brought ban on plastic early this year and is implementing the ban very stringently. Under Extended Producers Responsibility(new SWM rules) National and international companies are held responsible for the plastic waste they produce and have been asked to allocate the funds on recycling it. Due to this, the number of private companies who have to deal with the waste management is increased and this has helped waste pickers to some extent. UNDP, which is an UN organisation partnered with various Corporate companies selected organisations working with waste pickers across the country including Mumbai, Bengaluru, Goa, Hyderabad, Gaziabad, Vijayawada, Chennai, Bhubaneshwar and Ahmedabad. SMS participated in this project in Mumbai. SMS will Monitor ,facilitate and train the waste pickers. However actual work of working with waste pickers will be done by Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha under the guidance of SMS.

This project will be implemented in 7 wards, where Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha is maintaining Dry Waste Collection Centres with the help of MCGM.

- a. Determining the amount of waste coming to the shed every day, categorizing the plastic waste out of the same and training the women from PBVS how to segregate the same.
- b. Selling all the waste only to recycling agency recognized by a Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to give transparency to the whole transaction.
- c. After each sale certificate of receipt must be given to the recycler.
- d. All monetary transactions should take place through cheques.
- e. Only women waste pickers should be the beneficiaries of this project.

All DWCCs run by PBVS today are small in size. For the project to be implemented effectively, the size of the DWCC has to be increased. UNDP has therefore taken up the responsibility of constructing one big DWCC for 5 wards. At this DWCC, Baler machines and other such machinery required for this project will be installed. One vehicle will be provided to transport waste from other wards to this DWCC. UNDP is helping us throughout this process. But entire process is challenging.

In 2017 Loksatta and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's joint venture saw six societies win Green Society Awards. Out of these six societies, three societies where our WP cooperatives are working . This year, Stree Mukti Sanghatana was taken up as Knowledge partner for this venture. Our staff visited all the 140 societies and filled up the survey forms and submitted it to Loksatta. Let's see which society turns Green this year.

8. This year too, we conducted 100 awareness sessions on Solid Waste Management and segregate waste in 25 school premises. These lectures were taken by Kalpana Andhare.

In Navi Mumbai 12 awareness programs were conducted in multiple locations to drive home the importance of waste segregation. The most notable among them was training program organized for 1,065 NMMC cleanliness workers in Koparkhairne multipurpose center.

9. EMpower, an Educational Initiative has collaborated with seven organisations viz., Vacha, Aangan, Bright Future, CORO, YWCA, Stree Mukti Sanghatana to reach out to adolescent girls in various communities to address their problems through a project 'Learning Community'. Under this project, safety of women, right to communicate and other rights, access to sanitation facilities, sexuality and various other issues are focus areas for girls who visit their parents and other members in the community to engage with them. Special emphasis is given to personality development of the girls. Learning community is trying to emphasize the idea of 'Community Spaces for All'.

Learning communities have led to an overall increase in self-confidence among the girls. They have understood their rights besides learning how to work in groups. They also earned the respect of the community members. This project is being implemented in Sathenagar Govandi, the girls who have enrolled have to regularly attend the meeting. Certain meetings are conducted for parents. Leaders from Anand Nagar and Sathe Nagar were introduced to each other and on this occasion the idea behind the Learning Community was explained to the girls. We are also trying to reach out to 100 more adolescent girls from different communities.

10. Enlight Project has successfully completed three years. Because of our tireless efforts for girls' education for last 20 years we find that more most of the girls are going beyond 7th standard However The government has mandated that all the students will be cleared in all examinations until

seventh grade. But the base of these students is very weak. To inculcate an interest among the girls in studies and ensure their overall progress, Capgemini partnered with us to run six study centers in S Ward. Due to this project, 200 girls have benefitted not only in their studies but also in extracurricular activities. Several girls and daughters-in-law of waste picker women have been selected and trained as teachers for in these study centres.

Under the Enlight project, following activities were undertaken:

- a. The children went on an educational trip to Nehru Planetarium
- b. Sunita Patil conducted awareness sessions regarding solid waste management at all six centres
- c. Students from Nirmala Niketan conducted awareness sessions on Health and Hygiene.
- d. Hearing Day was celebrated.
- e. S.N.D.T. students conducted a self-defence workshop at the study centre.
- f. Women's Day was celebrated.
- g. Information related to Human rights and child sexual abuse were given by Vrushali Damle and Sunil Kharat to the students
- h. Health camp was conducted
- i. We undertook a trek in the monsoons.
- j. Citizen's rights and duties were discussed with the students by students from University of Mumbai.
- k. Capgemini also invited the students for a program titled 'Move 50 Challenges)
- l. To inculcate consciousness about money, the students were given piggy banks. They were also given project books.
- m. Republic Day was celebrated.
- n. Monthly Parent-Teacher meetings were organized.
- o. Education Day was celebrated.
- p. All social reformers and important dignitaries were commemorated on their anniversaries.
- q. Mock exams were administered to the students
- r. S.N.D.T. students undertook the following activities:
 - Calligraphy, paintings, handicrafts, yoga for women, bangle making, cloth bag stitching etc. were taught to the them
 - Just like every year, we celebrated a one day Sports Day with 142 children
 - An Educational tour was undertaken to the Marine Diversity Centre, Airoli
 - In S.N.D.T. college, six teachers and thirty students were taught how to use a computer

11. With financial support from L & T we have been running a health centre in the Govandi area for the past ten years. Gynecologist, Pediatrician and General physician visit general physicians visit here to distribute generic medicines. Through Bacchu Ali Hospital, free eye testing is also conducted. These clinics benefit women and their children living in the area greatly. Medicines are also distributed for free. In 2018, 1868 people benefited from our clinics.
12. All these years our health project has been restricted only to Rafi Nagar, Stree Mukti Sanghatana and L& T collaborated to launch a mobile health van in October 2018. With doctors, nurses and updated technology, van reaches out to Mumbai, Thane and Navi Mumbai where 25 communities are benefited from the camps. We have also received enthusiastic support from the community members and every month we reach out to over 2000 patients.

Report for the April 2018 to December 2018

SR.NO	MONTH	NO. OF GENERAL PATIENTS	NO. OF PAEDIATRIC PATIENT	NO. OF PATIENTS WITH GYNAECOLOGICAL CONCERNS	TOTAL NO. OF PATIENTS	MEDICINES RECEIVED RS.
1	APRIL	48	29	47	124	
2	MAY	55	26	46	127	
3	JUNE	49	41	36	126	9732/-
4	JULY	86	35	60	181	
5	AUGUST	63	44	38	145	11608/-
6	SEPTEMBER	80	34	34	148	
7	OCTOBER	101	31	46	178	
8	NOVEMBER	71	32	39	142	18091/-
9	DECEMBER	98	41	40	179	
	TOTAL	651	313	355	1350-	39431/-

Every year, employees from LanXESS India participate in the Mumbai Marathon to represent the waste picker women. The money earned through this marathon is donated to SMS to conduct a health awareness camp for the women. 281 men and women benefited from the health camp. We also organized mental health workshops and workshop on de-addiction. Special sessions were organized for adolescents through Jidnyasa project.

13. In Navi Mumbai, PSVS has sold 593 'Jaduchi khat topli'.(Magic compost basket.
14. We have collaborated with CIDCO for solid waste management in Jasai village and in Uran.
15. Our garbage gallery in Koparkhairne multipurpose center witnessed a footfall of more than 1200 people in the year 2018.

Photos



Learning Community



Enlight Project



Health clinic Govandi



Mobile van

Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh

(Mumbai and Thane)

1. Self-help groups

Under Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha, the federation, dry waste collection centres, Parisar Udyog function. The self-help groups have been formed in various communities in Mumbai, Thane, Dombivli etc.

Area	Communities	Total SHGs	Grant	Professional Loans
Mumbai	21	113	2	6
Navi Mumbai	11	68		
Thane	2	35	1	2+2
Dombivli	5	10		1

- Two sewing machines in Pestom Sagar, one sewing machine in Sathe Nagar and 2 housewives have benefited under Women and Child Development
- PAN Cards of SHGs were distributed
- Waste picker women residing in Kandivali area were surveyed
- In Thane, four new SHGs were formed. Bank accounts were opened for all new SHGs
- In Dombivli, two new SHGs were formed.
- Migration, new bank rules, unemployment among the women are some of the reasons for inactivity in SHGs

2. Federation

In seven communities, the federation distributed interest among the members. Sharamajivi Nagar, Sathe Nagar, P.L. Lokhande Marg, Anand Nagar, Raman Mama, Shanti Nagar, Sanjay Nagar, Kanjurmarg

- In Pestom Sagar, 35 women were present.
- In Sharamajivi Nagar, 30 women were present
- In P.L. Lokhande Marg, 10 women were present
- In Sathe Nagar, 25 women were present
- In Raman Mama, Shanti Nagar, Sanjay Nagar 15 women were present

- In Kanjurmarg, 30 women were present
- In Anand Nagar, 20 women were present
- In Thane, a federation committee has been formed

Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha was established in 2005. BMC gave us spaces to start 7 dry waste collection centres where Parisar Bhaginis and Pairsar Bhaus have been working. Bisleri International Ltd. signed a contract with Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha to conduct awareness sessions and plastic collection in various parts of Thane and Navi Mumbai.

After the plastic ban, waste picker women were severely affected. No one buys low value plastic. Stacks for plastic had been accumulating at the dry waste centres. As this rejected waste was not being recycled, bad odour would spread all over the centre. This reject plastic waste was purchased for a price of 4 Rs. per kilo and PBVS disposed off 24 tonnes of plastic to Shakti Plastics with support from ICPE. It is important to note that for the UNDP and Bisleri Project, 60% of the supervisory staff recruited are children of waste pickers who are all members of PBVS. Thereby, we have been trying our best to ensure that children of waste pickers do not become waste pickers themselves.

3. Radhakrishna Trust, Study Centre

Radhakrishna Trust has been helping children of waste pickers in Navi Mumbai for last few years. This year it has also started helping children of waste pickers in Thane city.

Bhim Nagar, Thane :-

With the help of Radhakrishna Trust, we are running a study centre in Bhim Nagar where we conduct daily classes for children pursuing their primary education. In total, 32 children are benefited from these study classes. The trust has also granted a scholarship of 40,000 for three children to complete their education. Along with studies, they are also taught painting, handicrafts, various games, value education, health and hygiene camps.

All festivals are celebrated at the centre. They are also explained the importance of all festivals. They are encouraged to become leaders by instilling in them lessons in leadership. To inculcate various values among them, several other sessions were arranged.

Anand Nagar Study Centre (Bisleri International Ltd.)

Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha with the help of Stree Mukti Sanghatana has started picking plastic bottle waste with the help of a vehicle provided by Bisleri International Ltd. With the help of the funds collected, we inaugurated a new study centre in Anand Nagar, Chembur on 31st July 2017. The children enrolled here are also provided snacks. Special attention is also provided to the health of the children enrolled here. Children from grades 1-8 who are 44 in total regularly go to this study

centre. Along with studies, these students are also encouraged to pursue various extracurricular activities.

1. S.N.D.T. students also attended the study centre.
2. Practice exams were also conducted for the children.
3. Bisleri International Ltd. also invited the students to participate in the cultural programs organised by them.
4. Children's day was celebrated.
5. Republic Day was celebrated by them.
6. Monthly parent-teacher meetings were organised.
7. Children's Day was celebrated at the centre.
8. All important national figures were commemorated on their anniversaries.
9. S.N.D.T. students undertook the following activities:-
 - Calligraphy, handicrafts, painting, self-defence and other such workshops were conducted.
 - S.N.D.T. also organised computer literacy workshops for the students studying in the primary sections.

4. Training:-

Pestom Sagar, Ghatkopar

1. Through PACE, children in this community were given information regarding the following:
 1. Driving
 2. Nurse
 3. A.C.
 4. Fridge Repairing

2 women from Sathe Nagar, M (E) Ward were given scooty driving lessons.

5. Education

As per the government rules of the Department of Social Justice and Department of Special Assistance, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (as mentioned in the circular no. इबीसी २००८/प्र.क्र.६२/मावक-२ दि.१७/०३/२००९) mandates that Pre-Matric Scholarship shall be made available to children of those engaged in cleaning and prone to health hazards wherein students studying in Std. 3 to Std. 10 are given Rs. 110/- per month and for 10 months 1100 + 750 (ad hoc grant) totalling it to Rs. 1850/- (Rupees One thousand eight hundred fifty only) as scholarship.

Under this scheme, caste and income is not a condition, therefore any students who fits this criteria can avail this scholarship. To ensure that only the student benefits from this scholarship, it is mandatory for each student to have a bank account of their own.

To ensure that the program is implemented effectively, all schools have been given written directives to implement this scholarship. Last year, the forms for this scholarship were published online. Our organisation had submitted filled forms of several students to the Department of Social Justice. These students were not given scholarships. This year, we approached all schools, we spoke to principals regarding the importance of scholarships for children of those engaged in unclean occupations. We also told them how our organisation would help them in this process. We submitted written proposals from schools regarding these scholarships, school's documents, student's documents and various other documents to the Department of Social Justice. After transferring these documents, we also kept proofs of these documents with us. We also gave information regarding the details of 116 women engaged in cleaning and hazardous occupations who are also eligible for some provisions under the same scheme to Shramik Kamgar Sanghatana.

In Navi Mumbai we filled form of 76 women waste pickers and their children got this scholarship. RadhaKrishna Memorial trust gave scholarships to 198 children of women waste pickers in Navi Mumbai and the total donation amounted to Rs. 10,81,000/- (Rupees ten lakhs and eighty-one thousand only). In Navi Mumbai we were also able to help 100 children of women waste pickers get NMMC scholarships.

6. Constitution Awareness Rally: 26th November, 2018

Under this government, our Indian Constitution and the values it espouses have been under serious threat. Our dream of creating a nation where the Constitution which guarantees common people social, financial and political justice is drifting further away from us.

In such times, protecting and promoting the Constitution is our responsibility by saying 'We are the Children of India' as it is the responsibility of our children to ensure that the Constitution is safeguarded. The Central and state governments seem to be doing a lot of activities outside the purview of the Constitution. Therefore, at various levels in Mumbai-Maharashtra-India, those who believe in the constitution and democracy and those who believe in our Indianness like writers, poets, social activists, political parties unequivocally opposed the anti-constitution programs and decisions. In the same vein, to promote the significance of the constitution among people. To ensure that more people gain awareness about the Constitution, we arranged a Constitution Respect Day on 26th November 2018 and a Constitution Awareness Rally was also organised on the same day.

Constitution Awareness Committee organised meetings at 14 locations. 1200 Parisar Bhaginis from Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Thane were part of this program. They all contributed Rs. 25,000/- towards the cause.

The Constitution Awareness Rally was organised to promote utmost respect and trust for the Indian constitution in our democracy. Accordingly, the committee members met. Knowledge, ideologies, experiences were exchanged. Those who sacrificed their lives in the freedom struggle, those who promoted equality, freedom, liberty, justice and fraternity in independent India and those reformers whose anniversaries are celebrated were also spoken about and the committee also decided to share their political thoughts with the people. At this program, school children also attended in large numbers. Parisar Bhaginis also sang songs and gave slogans.

Parisar Sakhi Vikas Sanstha

(Navi Mumbai)

In Navi Mumbai, our parisar bhaginis have been working in 10 housing complexes. Of these Kalash Udyan Housing society won Rs. 15,000/- and a citation from Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation's swachh Sarvekshan award. Niligri Society also won Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only) and a citation under the same program.

In Navi Mumbai area, SMS has collaborated with Galaxy surfactants pvt. Ltd., Radhakrishna Memorial Trust to establish 6 study centers in Sarsole, Indiranagar, Bonsari, Rabale, Digha and Shramik nagar. 194 students benefit from this study centre. SMS has also collaborated with Syntel company on E-school project in which children of women waste pickers are oriented about computers on e-tablets. The bus comes to the slum area twice a week and is equipped with tablets, wi-fi, computer and an instructor. Shri. Radhakrishna Memorial trust helped one ninety eight students with Rs. 10,81,000 (Ten lac. eighty one thousand) Forms of sixty eight students were submitted for unclean profession scholarship

1. Parent teacher meetings were organised to develop better understanding about parenting. Topics like Nutritious food, health and hygiene were discussed.
2. 167 patients were treated with the help of M.G.M. Hospital and D.Y. Patil Hospital (125) in Navi Mumbai (47), in ailments like T.B., Cancer and Gynecological problems.
3. 10 compost pits were installed and 12 women started working in different societies. 593 home composting baskets were distributed at various stalls and with the special efforts of our staff and members.
4. One member participated in wall painting workshop of Asian paints and started working as painter. Asian Paints made a short film on her.

Sr No	Details of Work Done	Beneficiaries
1	Composting Project	10 Projects
2	Awareness on composting	10
3	New Self Help Groups	04
4	Opening of new bank account for SHG	03
5	Ration cards	33
6	Income Certificate	20
7	Financial Help to needy students from Sri Ram Radhakrishnan Memorial Trust	198

8	Scholarships for students whose parents work in un-hygienic professions	68
9	NMMC Scholarships	40
10	Cases referred to counseling centre from waster picker community	10
11	Display of posters for awareness	03
	Segregation at source and composting program for municipal employees	220

Sr No	Type of Sickness	Surgeries	Name of Hospital
1	White discharge	2	M.G.M Vashi
2	Cancer	1	M.G.M Vashi
3	Thyroid	2	M.G.M Vashi
4	Orthopedic	2	M.G.M Vashi
5	Tuberculosis	1	M.G.M Vashi
6	Tuberculosis	1	D Y Patil
7	Eyes infection	10	D Y Patil
8	Growth in nose Nasal cavity	1	D Y Patil
9	Miscellaneous Tests	167	

Co-Operative Societies

Mumbai Marathon January 2018: TATA Mumbai Marathon is Asia's fourth largest marathon. The marathon's management was assigned to a company called Procama. Procama contracted the waste management services to Hasiru Dala, a Bangalore based company. Hasiru Dala collaborated with Mukta G.V.S.S.S. and other cooperatives like Ramabai, Vasundhara, Amla and Yashodhara also helped in executing the waste management for this event. 61 women representatives enthusiastically participated in this exercise and made it a success. The reason women participated here is because of the respectful treatment they get. The marathon was conducted for a period of three days at Azad Maidan and this was a greatly enriching experience for them.

BKC Jio Garden: This year, Mukta Seva Sahakari Sanstha signed an MOU with Scrap, an event management agency to undertake waste management. This company is part of various events that are held at Jio Garden, BKC and other locations such as Mehboob Studio, Bandra. Zero waste management is undertaken by Parisar Bhaginis from our organisation. Zero waste means composting wet waste and recycling dry waste.

Event Management Training: To handle waste management processes at various events in the city, Mukta Seva Sahakari Sanstha has signed contracts with Scrap and Hasiru Dala. Under this contract the role of waste picker women in the event management has been highlighted along with the necessary requirements for such waste management. These contracts also mention the facilities made available to the women in these events. All this information was shared with them. Seven communities with a total of seventy women participated in this training program.

Anushakti Nagar: B.A.R.C. is a familiar name to all of us. Several scientists reside here. Despite that, wet and dry waste was not being segregated properly. The wet waste produced daily is more than five tonnes and the BMC even refused to collect the wet waste from the BARC premises. They were all in a dilemma as this issue had to be resolved. With Stree Mukti Sanghatana's help, they installed pits, purchased shredder machines and constructed a shed for maintaining these pits. The responsibility of maintenance was handed over to Amla Seva Sahakari Sanstha. Today, Amla cooperative maintains five composting sites with a daily input of five tonnes of wet waste. This is the largest project for our organisation. This project has given employment to two supervisors and eighteen waste picker women. We are also operating three biogas plants along with the composting units. In total, 42 women have been employed at several small residential complexes and some institutions like BARC and TIFR where they are running compost pits and involved in housekeeping activities.

Programs undertaken by the cooperatives: There was an all representative meeting wherein members from Amla, Vasundhara, Savitribai Phule were present. In total, there were 120 women present.

Felicitation of Parisar Bhaginis_: At this program, the chief guest facilitated twenty five women with a bouquet of flowers for their efforts to make the projects successful. 140 waste picker women were present for this event. Gifts were distributed to all cooperative members. This year we also witnessed some setbacks. Our work contracts at two locations Kamgar Nagar, Kurla and Corporate Park, Chembur, where we were maintaining compost pits: were discontinued this year. But our biggest project: collecting dry waste from SEEPZ, Andheri was also discontinued this year due to tender system. However all our cooperative members were retained by the new contractor.

WAY FORWARD

The number of our co-operatives as well as the magnitude of their work is gradually increasing. One such example is Muktai Cooperative's participation in the Mumbai Marathon. 61 women participated and 2 Parisar Bhaginis participated in the Marathon. They held the LanXESS banner in their hands and ran the marathon. Muktai Seva Sahakari Sanstha has also been a part of various events held at BKC.

In 2018, 729 home compost baskets were sold. These baskets are used to make compost of wet generated in the kitchen.

All cooperatives together brought in a turnover of 1 crore 64 lakhs. Following is the break up of the same.