



**THE SOCIETY FOR SERVICE TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (SOSVA)
DHARAVI PROJECT
ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26**

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From The Director's Desk



Dear Friends,

The year 2025-26 has been a very challenging year in terms of projects. Our team of dedicated and hardworking volunteers and staff have successfully implemented the projects we have undertaken.

It gives me great honour to mention that our donors and supporters have continued to show their trust and confidence in the work we are doing for the underserved communities in Dharavi.

We assure you that our team will continue the good work.

In the new year 2026-27 we would like to scale up our work and increase our reach in the bylanes of Mumbai, and we hope that our beneficiaries will be also aware that the new year will bring difficult conditions and the entire world is facing tough times due to the geopolitical situation. The day to day condition of the marginalised communities is going to deteriorate further and there will be urgent need to reach our beneficiaries which include children, youth, women, men who are facing difficult conditions.

We in SOSVA and ACORN rededicate ourselves to this important service, which will have your continued support and cooperation.

Yours Truly

Vinod Shetty

Honorary Director and Founder

ACORN Dharavi Project

Trustee, SOSVA

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT US

SOSVA

The Society for Service to Voluntary Agencies (SOSVA) is a non-profit organization registered as a charitable trust. Founded in 1984 by Mr V Srinivasan, it supports the non-profit sector through training, volunteer promotion, and projects in education, health, and livelihood.

SOSVA's ACORN-Dharavi Project

This project was started by Mr. Vinod Shetty and it works for the welfare of waste collectors and recyclers in Dharavi. Key initiatives include education, music, health, and community empowerment.

This is the Annual Report for 2025-26



About Us : WHERE WE WORK



Dharavi, Asia's largest informal settlement, houses nearly a million people in 2.5 sq. km in central Mumbai. Its proximity to business districts like Bandra Kurla Complex increases real estate pressure on residents trying to secure their livelihoods. Sector 13 (Compound Tera), bordered by the Mahim railway and upcoming Metro, is the city's recycling hub. Thousands of tonnes of dry waste are sorted and recycled here daily. Families, especially waste recyclers, work long hours in hazardous conditions, seeking to educate their children and build a better future with limited resources.

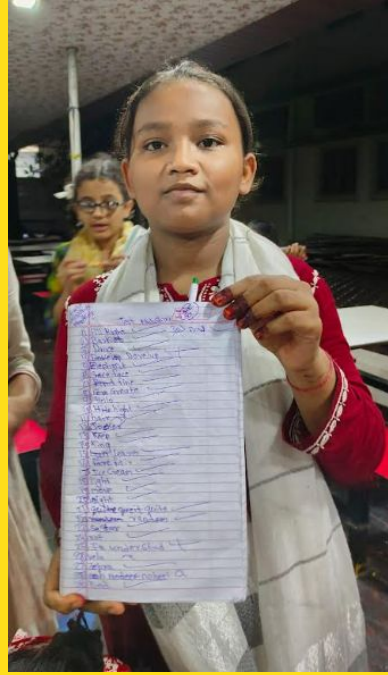


Health Initiatives-The Adolescent Girls Health and Hygiene Initiative -" Silent Taboos broken, confidence stitched in care"



Initiatives in Education: "Lessons etched for big dreams"

The Year at a Glance



Our Scholarship Fund - A spark, to light a thousand futures



The EdelGive SOSVA Dharavi School Music Project - Discarded cans, discovered chords, Dharavi sings.



Our Food4Plastic Initiative - Waste becomes worth, hunger finds hope

OUR KEY AREAS OF WORK WITH RECYCLERS AND MIGRANT WORKERS

ACORN has had a presence in Dharavi since 2008 and we currently have about 1000 members who are waste recyclers and migrant workers.

❑ **RECYCLING**

One of the major programs of the organization focuses on the recycling district, known as Tera Compound. Through our involvement in the recycling industry, we work with the waste collectors, waste segregators and small recyclers. We have been conducting waste management campaigns in Mumbai since 2008.

❑ **OUTREACH**

We also have our recycling drives in private schools such as The American School, Bombay, Oberoi International School, Dhirubhai Ambani School and large corporate offices such as Bloomberg. Through our linkages we ensure a steady supply of recyclables to this sector.

❑ **ADVOCACY**

We recognise the waste collector as a green-collared worker who makes an important contribution to the environment. We advocate for policy on housing, education, health and women's rights, and labour laws protecting against occupational hazards and pollution in the recycling workshops. We view waste collectors and recyclers as critical stakeholders in the circular economy of the waste industry.

OUR APPROACH

❑ **Service Based**

We help migrant workers and their families with the documentation necessary for access to urban poor schemes of the State and Central governments. We ran community kitchens during the COVID-19 pandemic. We distribute food, dry rations, and bread to migrant workers and women waste pickers, and their children. Before the onset of the monsoons, we support the repair of houses and distribution of tarpaulin sheets and cement sheets, and distribution of raincoats and waterproof footwear.

❑ **Rights Based**

We work to ensure that the fruits of the Constitution reach the poorest of the poor – decent housing for informal workers; health education to their children, menstrual hygiene awareness classes, hygienic sanitation facilities, etc. Our aim is to improve the quality of life of migrant workers through civic and social interventions in the community.

❑ **Community Focus**

With our focus on working with the community, we have empowered adolescent girls, upgraded skills, improved job opportunities for youth, provided nutrition and food to informal workers, promoted financial inclusiveness for mothers and senior citizens in the community, and helped sustain income linkages for waste recyclers in the circular economy of the waste industry.



OUR PROJECTS

FOOD4PLASTIC AND RECYCLING PROJECT

*“Empowering Dharavi’s women waste collectors with dignity, health and nutrition.
Driving community recycling and sustainable change. “*

FOOD4PLASTIC

In Dharavi, women waste collectors play a vital role in managing Mumbai's plastic waste. From early mornings to late evenings, they tirelessly collect, sort, and segregate recyclables from streets, landfills, and beachfronts.

Their efforts significantly reduce the city's landfill burden and contribute to environmental sustainability.

Despite their hard work, these women often face harassment, discrimination, and theft of earnings, leaving them unable to adequately provide for their families.

SOSVA's Food for Plastic Project addresses the challenge by offering dry rations and essential provisions, improving nutrition and supporting income security while promoting education, health, and safety within the waste picker community.



FOOD4PLASTIC: IMPACT IN DHARAVI



6,50,000

KG's Plastic
collection for
recycling

9 to 119

members

Growth in Collective

OUR "GREEN WARRIORS"

SOSVA's women waste collectors collective have collected and saved **650 tonnes**, i.e., **6,50,000 kgs of plastic** from the landfills over the past three years.

Their daily efforts, from dawn to dusk, reduce Mumbai's landfill burden and contribute meaningfully to environmental sustainability.

*The collective has expanded from **9 to 119 members** in just 3 years, empowering local women through sustainable action.*

SOSVA INITIATIVES FOR THE GREEN WARRIORS

Women's Discussion Meetings

Organized at the Dharavi Community Centre for waste collectors, homemakers, and small unit workers.

- **Leadership:** Sessions led by staff, experts, and volunteers.
- **Scope:** Health, education, sanitation, and safety topics.
- **Impact:** A platform to share experiences, voice concerns, and find solutions.



Mrs. Diana Dhote, President SOSVA, handing Raincoats, Tadpatri (plastic roof) and sanitary packets to 60 of the women waste collectors

Seasonal Safety: During monsoons, raincoats, slippers, and roofing materials are provided to ensure comfort and security for the Green Warriors.

Health and Hygiene Initiative: Dental Camp

International Women's Day Celebration

A special initiative for the Green Warriors of Mumbai — our women waste collectors.

- **Event:** Free Dental Camp & Oral Hygiene Session
- **Gifts:** Goodie bags with oral essentials & fresh apples



Total Impact: 56 Women Attended

Menstrual Health Camp

Community Gathering

Organized for the women waste collectors at the SOSVA Dharavi Community Centre.

- **Focus:** Address issues of Menstrual Health and seasonal safety.
- **Goal:** Practical support and educational empowerment.
- **Audience:** Women waste collectors of Dharavi.



Empowering the Green Warriors of Dharavi through health education.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Initiatives for the Green Warriors of Dharavi

Facilitated by the CFA INSTITUTE Team



 Objectives:



Basic Savings Principles



Budgeting & Expenditure Tracking



Long-Term Financial Planning



Key Outcomes:



Empowered 60+ Waste Collectors



Increased Financial Awareness



Sustainable Future for Families



The Recycling Project

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Since 2008, the recycling project has collected and recycled dry waste, making an important impact towards reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, oceans or incinerators, causing pollution and health hazards. The project has also promoted the concept of plastic neutrality -- **offsetting the plastic footprint by supporting the campaign for plastic waste reduction and reusing and recycling.**

COLLECTION LINKAGES

Every month waste collectors collect paper and plastic waste from schools and offices in Mumbai. This ensures a steady supply of dry waste to the members of the community. In exchange for the recyclables collected from these institutions, we conduct educational workshops on best recycling practises.

4000 KGS

Dry Waste collection from schools & offices in 2025-26



INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION

“Building dignity and opportunity through learning”

EDUCATION CLASSES

For students and youth of Dharavi

Music and Academic Support

Children in Dharavi face challenges accessing education and proper nutrition. The SOSVA Dharavi Community Centre functions as an alternative school and library.

- **Bridging Classes:** Music, emotional well-being, English, and math for children from waste collector and migrant families.
- **Extended Learning:** Evening classes at St. Xavier's Technical Institute, Mahim.
- **Nutrition:** Over 1,200 nutritious snacks provided to ensure consistent participation.



350 classes conducted



ARTS AND DANCE



ARTSCAPE - Beyond Academics

Artscape conducts expressive arts workshops for children's well-being, teaching them to channel emotions through creative art.

Children express emotions like anger, sadness, and happiness through color and form.

Classes: Twice a month on Tuesdays in Dharavi.



DANCE CLASS

Community children learn hip-hop and Bollywood dance at weekly classes conducted by Shiamak Davar's Victory Arts Foundation at the ACORN Centre.



B-Boy Dance Training

B-Boy classes at Acorn Community Centre, Dharavi give children a creative outlet to learn dance, build confidence, and foster community pride.

Schedule: Every Saturday at the Dharavi Community Centre.



Beat Boxing Workshops

Nagesh Reddy provides a powerful outlet for self-expression through "Building Silence into Sound." Classes emphasize hands-on practice and collaborative learning.

Impact for change

- Students perform better at school and show improved confidence and communication skills.
- Creative workshops allow kids to be just that—kids, providing a space to create, read, and play.
- Art becomes an outlet for suppressed emotions and helps in group activities.
- Better ability to express emotions and participate in group dynamics.



VOCAL CLASSES

At the Acorn Community Centre, Elijah Emanuel—vocalist and environmentalist—brought the spirit of Aarey forest alive through song. His classes blended music with ecology, as children sang of trees, animals, and resistance.

Sustainability & Earth-Friendly Living

4

workshops



"Sustainable human behavior is the most critical factor."

Discussion Highlights

- **Global Issues:** Environmental impacts of regional conflicts on all life.
- **Critical Thinking:** Contrasting waste management with natural landscapes.
- **Climate Change:** Identifying local effects like flash floods.
- **Awareness:** Insights on microplastics and global waste.
- **Practical Action:** Demonstration of low-waste personal kits.

KEY OUTCOMES



"Empowering the youth of Dharavi with the knowledge and tools to lead a sustainable future through community-driven climate action."

- ✓ **139 students (boys and girls)** sensitized to sustainability and climate change.
- ⚙️ Critical thinking fostered on development and its consequences.
- ♻️ New awareness created about microplastics and waste management.
- 👤 Practical lifestyle alternatives demonstrated by a role model from the community.
- 🎓 Commitment to action encouraged through school-based initiatives.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

For students and youth of Dharavi

48

Music Workshops

1200

Students



Weekly Engagement

- **Weekly Sunday sessions** conducted at the Dharavi Community Centre focusing on music and mental health awareness.
- Volunteers actively supported sessions ensuring smooth facilitation and peer support.
- Interactive workshops with indigenous Dharavi artists expose students to diverse styles and creative expression.
- 1200 Meals distributed

Resource Team

Facilitator:

Professional Artists & Dharavi Rocks Band Members

"Music is a tool for emotional expression, collaboration, and community pride."

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

For students and youth of Dharavi

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Mental Health Awareness
SESSIONS HELD

125

PARTICIPANTS

Student Feedback

"We learned about emotions (diagram of a "Goal Pattern"). We learned about anger, emotions and values. I had a really good time. These sessions are very relaxing. No other class is so much fun."



Mental Health Awareness Workshops

- The sessions provided an orientation to mental health concepts using a blend of talk therapy and activity-based learning, emphasising learning related to emotions, normalising emotional expression, and building rapport among group members for a sustained group dynamic over the subsequent weeks.

OUTCOMES

- By normalising emotional expression and encouraging open dialogue, the workshops helped participants build self-awareness and confidence in sharing their feelings. They fostered a supportive group dynamic that sustained engagement, leaving participants more comfortable discussing emotions, better equipped to manage stress, and more connected to peers.

SOSVA DHARAVI EDUCATION PROJECT

Our Mission

SOSVA is helping children from the underserved community of Dharavi to get to school.

They support them by paying school fees, providing notebooks and stationary supplies so that the children can successfully re-enter the classrooms.



SCHOLARSHIP FUND IMPACT

Covered educational expenses for **9 underserved students** from Dharavi in 2025-2026.

The SOSVA–EdelGive Dharavi School Music Project

A community-based effort to deliver structured music education to children in Dharavi, one of Asia’s largest urban informal settlements. This program is founded on the belief that music is a fundamental right, not a luxury, and provides children with a creative, empowering environment to develop self-expression and confidence through rhythm, voice, and movement.

The project builds upon the Acorn Foundation’s decade-long history of using music in Dharavi to engage youth, build resilience, and foster collective identity. Music has become essential to the community—a way to be heard, seen, and celebrated—from early junk percussion and performances to the creation of Dharavi Rocks.

Now in its third year, SOSVA has concentrated on expanding its reach across six partner schools, enhancing the curriculum, and establishing a strong support system of trainers, coordinators, and community leaders who are integral to the project’s success.

Key Program Highlights

- 250+ students engaged weekly
- 6 partner schools across Dharavi
- 200+ sessions in drumming, vocals, beatboxing, movement
- Monthly community centre sessions for advanced learning
- Artist led Curriculum

ACCESS

Weekly music classes in drumming, beatboxing, vocals, and movement across six schools

CONTINUITY

Year-round engagement with students through structured modules and performance preparation

COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Led by community based trainers and coordinators who understand the pulse of dharavi

PARTNERSHIPS

Strong collaboration with school leadership, teachers, and parents to ensure sustained participation



SOSVA ANNUAL DAY SHOWCASE HIGHLIGHTS

PERFORMANCE AND EXPRESSION

- ❖ Final showcase featured student song performances
- ❖ Group rhythm compositions
- ❖ BBoying and BeatBoxing performances

Students gained confidence, teamwork, stage presence



VOLUNTEERING IN ACTION

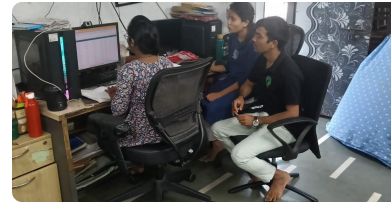
Koichi: Visiting Scholar

Visiting scholar and volunteer pursuing his Masters in Economics at Colgate University, New York.



MSW Students from TISS

Nivrutti and Pooja, MSW students from Tata Institute of Social Studies (TISS), Mumbai, volunteering at the ACORN Community Centre.



AMERICAN SCHOOL BOMBAY PARTNERSHIP REFLECTION

A Message of Gratitude from Aditi Parashar, CSR and CAS Lead

VOLUNTEERING IN ACTION

Middle School Highlights

The program brings depth and authenticity through engagement at the Dharavi community centre. Students value the drum painting and interactive activities.

"The interactive drumming activity was my favourite. It made me want to learn more. I've actually decided to start drumming at ASB because of this experience!" – Grade 6 Student



High School Journey

Students found a rhythm balancing life skills with physical activities. Memory milestones include pizza parties and shared growth over the years.

"This was my third and final year... It's taught me so much about patience, communication, and showing up with intention. Working alongside ACORN has been a huge part of my growth." – ASB Graduate



Healthy Futures Dharavi

A Initiative for Mental Health, Menstrual & Oral Health Dharavi

Mental Health, Menstrual & Oral Health & Hygiene Program for Children ,Teenagers and working women of Dharavi"



Adolescent Girls MHH Workshop 2025-26

Empowering 715 girls with health and hygiene education in Mumbai

715

BENEFICIARIES

8

SESSIONS

6

SCHOOLS

10-18

AGE GROUP



Holistic Workshops

Interactive sessions delivered by MHexperts covering anatomy, hygiene, and debunking societal myths using videos and songs.



Health & Nutrition

Guidance on balanced diets and emotional well-being, coupled with the distribution of sanitary products and healthy snacks.

Outcomes of MHH Awareness Sessions for Girls



Breaking the Silence

Empowered hundreds of girls to speak openly about menstruation and challenge long-standing social taboos.



Dignity & Confidence

Fostered a culture of dignity and improved individual well-being through community support and interactive learning.



Healthier Practices

Successful adoption of sustainable hygiene practices and accurate anatomical knowledge among 715 girls.



Product Support

Providing sanitary pads and educating on proper, sustainable disposal methods.



Social Impact

Reached 715 girls across 5 schools, fostering confidence and dignity.



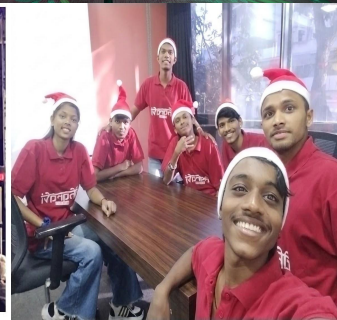
DENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS CAMP



Our Goal: Empowerment Through Education

Extreme population density in Dharavi creates significant challenges for public health and sanitation infrastructure. Lack of private, clean water and sanitation facilities impacts daily hygiene for children and teenagers.

To equip children and teenagers with knowledge, skills and resources for better health, SOSVA + ACORN Foundation organised a camp for 250 students in a Dharavi school.



DHARAVI ROCKS-THE JUNK BAND

These young changemakers are turning waste into instruments and inspiring communities to rethink how we treat our environment. They entertain, they educate and remind us-every small act of recycling contributes to a cleaner and sustainable future.

Dharavi Rocks – Shows & Performances 2025–26



Community & Cultural Shows (6 total)

Kala Ghoda Arts Festival, Art Mumbai Festival, and Jio Finserv at Jio World Plaza.

International Schools (2)

Performances at BIS and Ascend International School.

Annual Day Showcases (3)

Delivered impactful performances at annual day event in schools in Dharavi.

OUTREACH TO CIVIL SOCIETY- RESILIENT CITIES IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

Climate Change and the Green Warriors of Dharavi



Rising temperatures are causing a dangerous increase in disasters, with India ranking 6th globally on the Climate Risk Index 2025 (1993–2022). Climate-driven events like floods and extreme heat severely impact Dharavi's women waste collectors, risking their health, livelihood, and safety. The ACORN Foundation + SOSVA's "Food for Plastic" initiative, involving the women waste recyclers collective, protects the environment by diverting plastic from landfills and oceans through structured recycling, reducing environmental degradation. The SOSVA-ACORN women waste collectors collective also participated in the "BEAT THE HEAT" Impact community action protest.

OUTREACH TO CIVIL SOCIETY- RESILIENT CITIES IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE



ACORN + SOSVA hosted a group of 9 global leaders, who were exploring key leadership themes with a global peer group. The session which was held at our Dharavi Community Centre was to share our expertise and insights to explore the question of "What will it take to make a city resilient? The session was led by ACORN Hon Director, Mr. Vinod Shetty and ACORN International Chief Organizer, Mr. Wade Rathke was also present.

OUTREACH TO CIVIL SOCIETY- RESILIENT CITIES IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE



PEACE & HUMAN RIGHTS

SEEDS
OF PEACE
INDIA



AGENDA



December 13, 2025, The Bahai Centre,
Marine Lines, Mumbai, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

10:30 - 11:00 am: Human (Rights) Bingo

11:00 - 11:30 am: Keynote address on 'Exploring Peace through a Human Rights Lens' by Adv. Vinod Shetty

Mumbai



OUTREACH TO CIVIL SOCIETY- RESILIENT CITIES IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

CONFERENCE INVITATION

CONFERENCE ON LAND AND HOUSING IN MUMBAI'S URBAN FUTURE

21-22 NOVEMBER 2025

Time: 10 AM onwards

Venue: Maharashtra Nature Park,
Dharavi



*Join the discussion on housing and
land - it's status, futures and
alternatives for Mumbai and the MMR*

Organised by: YUVA, Working Peoples Coalition Housing Group, Focus on the
Global South, HALWA, KSSS, Question of Cities, ACORN



SSOVA Dharavi community members attend Land and Housing Conference at the Dharavi Nature Park.

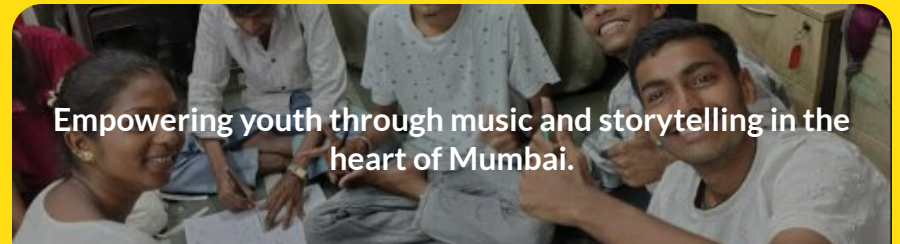
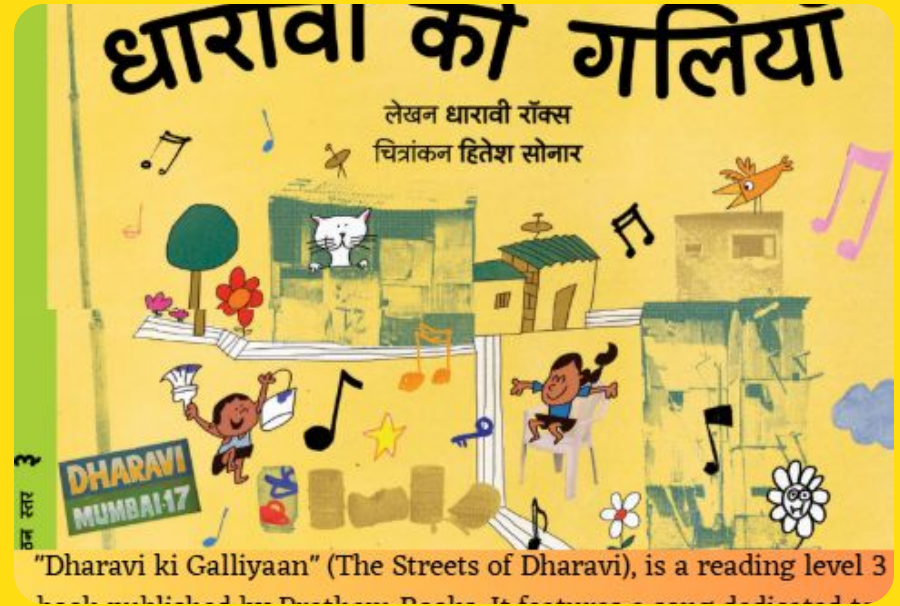
SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Dharavi Rocks: A Creative Journey

Students were asked to visualize and write about their homes and aspirations for the redevelopment of Dharavi.

- Visualized through drawings and paintings
- Expressed through rap songs
- Documented dreams for their community

The outcome was a reading book published by Pratham Books.



Dharavi Rocks in the News

the buzz

Delhi Ag

K SHARMA

he power of the stage to e a l a popular cliché, red by abject poverty, childhoods and the hard-slum life, some talented prodigies from Indian have not e their family proud, but e country. are several rags-to-riches ut very few people know a grit of the never-give-up these globally acclaimed geniuses. **Rattana** used n impoverished life. The of **Naseer** and **Divine** i whole new stratosphere ions for youngsters from our country. ne knows about the hard- ed by iconic Bollywood **Cumar Samu** during his days. He lived in the f Mumbai. He and his alid sleep on the floor times even struggle one square meal a sang in dance bars, i broke into success.

From slums to la la land!

The mythology of the struggling artist is everywhere, but sometimes it is startlingly real; here are some musical prodigi from Indian slums who defied all odds



“ DHARAVI ROCKS IS TOTALLY ABOUT THE STUDENTS. THOSE WHO ARE PLAYING ARE FROM SLUMS.”

— VINESH, Instructor, Dharavi Rocks

GENIUSES OF DHARAVI
considered a circle of at there are some store art turns out to the biggest enabler - cal-social and financial. Rocks is a unique music ich plays music on recycled drums and intrude from waste. ed my drumming career poon and glass.” Vinesh, ctor for the band says. “If w the rhythms, you can anywhere.” He remarks. ally about the students, ho are playing are from They collect different glasses and bottles and rthms and melodies with The **Dom Slums to a La La Land** as an educational pro-

MUSICAL PRODIGIES

• **Dharavi Rocks** has performed more than 220 shows in India and abroad. It is a unique music band which plays music on recycled plastic drums, bottles and instruments made from waste.

• **Chennai Children's Choir** found its way to the Serenade Choral Festival in Washington D.C.

• **7Bantai'Z** is a world-renowned multilingual hip-hop group from Dharavi.



INDIA
Chennai Children's Choir



“ MOST OF THEM COME FROM ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WHERE ACCESS TO LEARN AND ART IS A NEW CONCERN. EXPOSURE IS NOT MUCH.”

— MANJULA PONNAPALLI, Director and Deepika SHARMA, Associate Director, NalandaWay Foundation



“ THESE KIDS HAVE MUCH TALENT, ENTHUSIASM AND HOPE.”

— SHANKAR MAHADEVAN

“Most of them come from economically disadvantaged communities where access to art is not easy. Exposure is not much,” says Manjula and Deepika.

FROM DHARAVI TO EUROPE

ash talks about their journey to Europe. They played in Goa. They told us guys are amazing.” This performance led to a journey to the LaLaLand Festival in the Netherlands. We felt proud that we were representing India. The people who are organising saw it as something different. We taught them to play Nashik Dhol, how to do Garba.”

Sairaj is a b-boy, a rapper as well as an instructor who performed at the LaLaLand festival.



Sairaj



“After my trip to the Netherlands, I got a chance to travel to Slovakia.” It was made possible because of crowdfunding through Kabir Community. “My trip to Slovakia was for Outbreak Europe, an eight-day festival. For the first four-days you get trained by the legends of the b-boying scene.” He feels b-boying helped him get out of Dharavi. “When I went there, I saw youth from 96 countries. For the very first time, I was in the middle.”

Beyond all the differences, Sairaj and the others connected with one another seamlessly. They were feeling safe. It was a life-transforming experience for him.

He realised that hip-hop is doing something beyond entertainment.

CHANGING PERCEPTIONS

However, things were not easy for the band. “Earlier, we did not get gigs because they would not let us enter the clubs,” says 7Bantai'Z while talking about their past. “The biggest lesson is unity. The place we came from is very secular. We have never seen differences. Our biggest struggle was to change people's perspective.” They were a part of the Gully Boy Cypher and recently did three songs for a movie directed by Bejoy Nambir.

CHOIRS ACROSS THE WORLD

The story of how Chennai Children's Choir found its way to the Serenade Choral Festival in Washington D.C. is out of a movie as well.

“The choir nurtured by NalandaWay Foundation is rooted primarily in Indian musical traditions. It has Sufi, bhajans, folk, Carnatic classical Hindustani classical, few western classical and folk traditions,” Manjula Ponnappalli, Director of Deepika Sharma, Associate Director of NalandaWay Foundation, told the Serenade Washington Choral Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. was a landmark moment for the choir. Many of these children who travelled to the US had never been on an airplane before.

A Spotlight on the Dharavi Project in Local Media

SOSVA CELEBRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES



Sarees and sweets distributed to the Women Waste Collector during Diwali festival.



Staff Picnic in Nashik



Christmas Celebrations for the children of the community. There was a clown show, distribution of christmas sweets and gifts.

Empowerment of Waste Recyclers

Our initiatives would not be possible without the support of our partners and we would like to thank...

Oberoi International School
Dhirubhai Ambani School
American School, Bombay



... for practising recycling and participating in our waste collection drives, which is an important source of income for our community members.





Education & Health

We would like to acknowledge the support and commitment of our partners. Their generosity has made it possible to make our education and health initiatives possible.

- **EdelGive Foundation** for their support to the Dharavi School Music Project which is teaching music to students in Dharavi.
- **Matrix Entertainment** which has supported our Adolescent Girls Health and Hygiene Initiative.
- **CFA Institute India Pvt. Ltd.**-for their support to the Dharavi Project, which has empowered youth and working women through education and well being.

Administrative Team



Rima Basu
Program Manager



Laxmi Kamble
Community Lead Manager



Leena KK
Accounts Manager

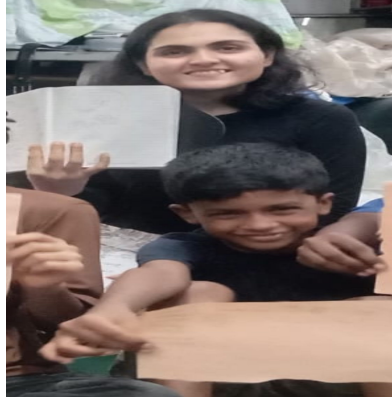


Our Volunteers



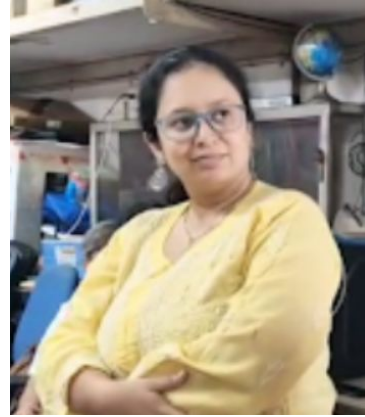
Pooja Domadia

Dedicated low waste community advocate. She's our MH Expert.



Nirmiti Kamat

A web designer and content creator, she's a passionate youth mentor.



Rajasi Diwakar

A Menstrual Health and Sexuality Educator, she's on our panel of MH experts.



Levin Mendes

Percussionist, Drummer. He trains the students of the Music Education Project



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We are guided by a distinguished advisory board from academia, advocacy, the arts and finance, as well as by retired government officials

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Donate for SOSVA :

Bank : Yes Bank

Account : "The Society For Service To Voluntary Agencies"

Account No : 026894600001755

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