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At a Glance: 2025-26

Established in 1992, Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra (SNM) is a leading non-governmental organization dedicated to biodiversity conservation, environmental protection, sustainable development, wildlife conservation, nature education, and community empowerment in the Konkan region of Maharashtra, India.

For more than three decades, SNM has been actively working with local communities, government agencies, educational institutions, CSR partners, and volunteers to create long-term positive impact for both nature and society.

Key Impact Highlights (2025–26)

- 1,03,168 kg plastic & solid waste collected and processed during the year through multiple CSR partnerships. Total 323 metric tonnes of waste mitigated over six years.
- 25,400 kg non-recyclable waste sent for RDF processing
- 20 schools actively engaged in “My Sustainability Corner” initiative
- 2,553 students participated in environmental awareness and collection drives
- 70 households adopted home composting practices
- 1,420 saplings of 157 native tree species planted at Kalambaste Devrai project
- 120 villages covered under socioeconomic study across Ratnagiri & Sindhudurg
- ~3,000 residents surveyed for baseline livelihood and resource dependency data
- 164 senior citizens supported through monthly health monitoring under KARTAVYA initiative
- 7 institutions supported through community infrastructure and healthcare initiatives
- Technical support and training continued for the mTurtle Application for Olive Ridley turtle conservation



Plastic & Solid Waste Management Initiatives in Chiplun and Surrounding Region

**Supported by: Dow Chemical International Private Limited
Vivicta Private Limited,
DMCC Speciality Chemicals Limited**

Project Area:

Chiplun, Khed & Guhagar Blocks, Ratnagiri District, Maharashtra

During 2025–26, SNM strengthened community-based plastic and solid waste management systems across the Konkan region through awareness, structured waste collection, recycling support, and active citizen participation initiatives. The programme focused on reducing plastic pollution, improving segregation practices, and promoting environmentally responsible behaviour among students, households, institutions, and commercial establishments.

Key Highlights:

- **1,03,168 kg** plastic & other solid waste collected and processed. Total **323 metric tonnes** of waste mitigated in six years of journey.
- 25,400+ kg non-recyclable waste sent to RDF & allied facilities throughout the year
- **20 schools** actively engaged in **My Sustainability Corner Initiative** throughout the year.
- **2,500+ students** participated in awareness and collection drives
- **70+ new households** adopted home composting practices
- **Door-to-door collection systems** strengthened across urban and rural areas
- **Community awareness programmes** conducted in schools, villages, and institutions

Programme Interventions

School awareness sessions, village meetings, household interactions, workshops, and citizen campaigns were conducted throughout the year to encourage segregation at source and responsible waste management practices. Students participated in plastic collection drives, drawing competitions, and hands-on workshops on recycling and upcycling, helping build environmental awareness at an early age.

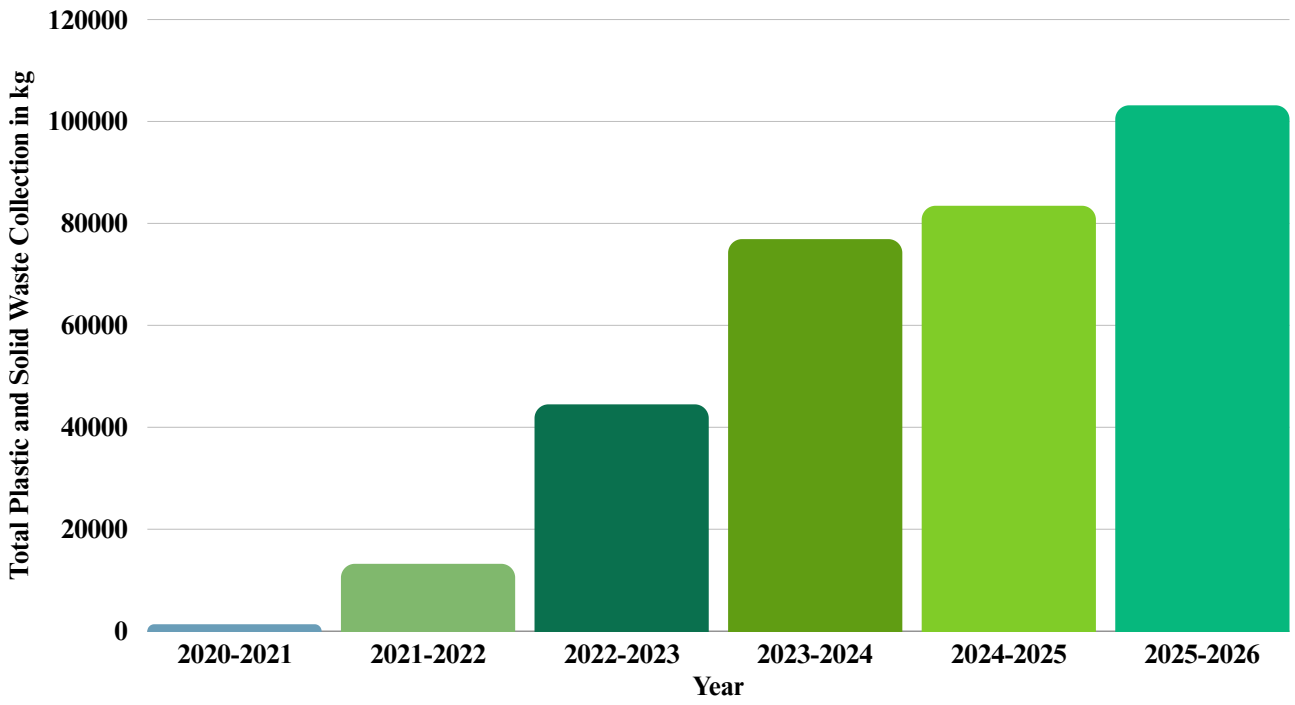
Community-level initiatives such as the “Home Minister” campaign and women-focused outreach programmes encouraged household participation and strengthened public ownership of waste management efforts. Awareness materials including Marathi leaflets, posters, and cloth bags were distributed to reinforce key environmental messages.

SNM also strengthened structured collection systems across project areas through regular door-to-door collection of recyclable waste from households, markets, shops, hotels, schools, and institutions. Collection operations were carried out using CNG vehicles and e-rickshaws, promoting low-emission and environmentally responsible operations. Decentralized collection mechanisms, including plastic collection cages, further improved accessibility and waste recovery.

The collected waste was transported to SNM’s processing facility, where it was systematically segregated, sorted, banded, and channelized towards authorized recycling and RDF facilities for environmentally sound disposal. Home composting was also promoted among households through distribution of composting units, practical training, and follow-up guidance to reduce wet waste entering the mixed waste stream.







Special Recognition

Our CSR partner Dow Chemical International Pvt. Ltd. received the prestigious FICCI Corporate Social Responsibility Award under the Environment Sustainability category for the CSR initiative “My Sustainability Corner.” Implemented in collaboration with Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra (SNM), the initiative has helped educate students and communities about responsible plastic use, segregation, recycling, and upcycling while promoting sustainable environmental practices at the grassroots level.



Electric Vehicle Support for Waste Management

Supported by: Belgaum Ferrocast (India) Private Limited

To strengthen ongoing plastic and solid waste management activities, SNM added a dedicated cargo vehicle to support waste collection and transportation operations across project areas. The project included procurement of a Mahindra Zor Grand DV Plus vehicle along with insurance and essential monitoring accessories. The vehicle was integrated into SNM’s existing waste collection network and deployed for regular field operations.

The addition of the vehicle improved route coverage, reduced operational delays, and supported smoother collection activities across households and commercial areas. The initiative also contributed towards cleaner surroundings and strengthened organized waste management systems in the region.



Community Infrastructure Development & Institutional Support

Project Area:

Anjarle, Kelashi & Ladghar villages

Supported by: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

SNM implemented a community infrastructure support initiative to strengthen essential facilities in rural schools, primary health centres, Anganwadi centres, and local governance institutions. The project focused on improving access to healthcare services, digital education facilities, safe drinking water, and basic community infrastructure in selected villages of Ratnagiri district.

Key Highlights:

- Infrastructure support provided to schools, PHCs, Anganwadi, and Gram Panchayat (Total 7 Institutions)
- Diagnostic and patient-care equipment supplied to rural health centres
- Digital learning facilities strengthened in Z.P. schools
- Safe drinking water systems installed in Anganwadi centres
- Public utility and office infrastructure support provided at village level

Programme Interventions

Under the project, SNM provided healthcare equipment and patient support facilities to Primary Health Centres at Anjarle and Kelashi. These facilities improved healthcare delivery and supported smooth functioning during health camps and emergency situations. Digital education infrastructure was strengthened in Zilla Parishad schools through installation of projectors, interactive boards, printers, and classroom fans, improving classroom engagement and learning experiences for students.

At the Anganwadi centre in Bhandarwada, safe drinking water facilities and storage cupboards were provided to improve child welfare and learning environments. Infrastructure support was also extended to Anjarle Gram Panchayat through installation of RCC benches and office furniture for better public convenience and administrative functioning.



Outcomes & Impact

The initiative strengthened essential infrastructure across health, education, child development, and local governance sectors in rural communities. Improved medical equipment enhanced patient care and diagnostic support at rural health centres, while digital learning tools increased student participation and classroom effectiveness.

The project also improved access to safe drinking water for children, enhanced institutional functioning, and strengthened public convenience infrastructure within village communities. Durable infrastructure and active institutional participation have ensured long-term usability and sustainability of the support provided.



Development of Devrai-The Botanical Garden at Kalambaste, Chiplun

Project Area: Kalambaste, Chiplun, Ratnagiri

Initiative by: Hon. Mr. Akash Ligade, Sub-Divisional Officer (Prant), Chiplun Sub-Division

Supported by: Tahsildar, Chiplun. SDO (Agri.), Chiplun

Design support: ATLAS SKilltech University

An artificial sacred grove and dense forest development initiative was undertaken at Kalambaste to promote biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration in the Konkan region. The project aimed to conserve native tree species, strengthen green cover, create habitats for birds and pollinators, and increase environmental awareness among local communities.

Key Highlights:

- 1,420 saplings of 157 native tree species planted
- Protected green zone developed with fencing support
- Borewell and drip irrigation system established
- Participation of local citizens, students, and government departments
- Long-term biodiversity conservation and seed bank development initiative

Programme Interventions

The project began with site preparation activities including land cleaning, levelling, soil filling, pit preparation, and boundary demarcation. The entire site was secured using barbed wire fencing to protect the plantation area from grazing and external disturbances.

Environmentally important and locally suitable native tree species were selected and planted systematically across the project area. To ensure healthy growth and long-term survival of saplings, a borewell, drip irrigation system, and supporting electrical infrastructure were established. Organic manure application, regular watering, maintenance, and replantation of damaged saplings were carried out throughout the implementation period.



MY JUNGLE – Native Tree Maintenance Initiative

Project Area:

Choravane & Chiplun

As part of SNM’s ongoing ecological restoration and riverfront greening efforts, maintenance support was provided to native tree saplings previously planted during 2023–24. The initiative focused on improving the survival, health, and long-term growth of trees planted in public spaces and along the Vashishthi River region.



Through continued maintenance and care, the initiative contributed towards strengthening green cover, improving environmental resilience, enhancing the aesthetic value of public spaces, and supporting long-term biodiversity conservation efforts in the Konkan region.



Technical Support & Training for mTurtle Application

Initiative by: Mangrove Foundation

During 2025–26, SNM continued providing technical support and training for the mTurtle mobile application developed for monitoring Olive Ridley turtle nesting data across the Konkan coast.

The initiative focused on improving the usability and efficiency of the mTurtle application. The project supported improved digital data management, field monitoring, and accessibility of conservation information, demonstrating the role of technology in strengthening marine biodiversity conservation efforts.



m-Turtle Application Training and Demonstration

Guhagar Turtle Festival 2025

SNM has played an important role in supporting and promoting the First ever Guhagar Turtle Festival. The festival serves as a platform to create awareness about the conservation of Olive Ridley sea turtles and the importance of protecting coastal ecosystems along the Konkan coastline. SNM has actively contributed through social media awareness & advertisement campaign, volunteer engagement, and coordination support aimed at encouraging responsible tourism and community involvement in marine biodiversity conservation. Through its participation, SNM continues to strengthen public awareness while promoting sustainable environmental practices and local community participation in conservation initiatives.



Socioeconomic Study in Konkan Region

Initiative by: The Habitats Trust

The Habitats Trust and SNM conducted a socioeconomic study in villages located on and around ecologically sensitive lateritic plateaus of the Konkan region to better understand community livelihoods, challenges, and resource dependency patterns.

Key Highlights:

- Surveys conducted in 120 villages across Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts
- Approximately 3,000 residents interviewed
- Baseline socioeconomic information documented
- Community resource dependency and livelihood patterns studied
- Data generated to support future conservation planning

Structured surveys were conducted by field associates across 120 villages in Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg district. The collected information provides important baseline data regarding local socioeconomic conditions and community interactions with surrounding ecosystems. The study will support future conservation and development initiatives by helping ensure that biodiversity protection strategies are aligned with local community needs and sustainable livelihood considerations.

KARTAVYA - Senior Citizen Health Support Initiative

Project Area: Chiplun

Under the Kartavya initiative led by Mr. Uday Pandit (Secretary, SNM), our team worked towards developing a senior citizen health support system through regular health monitoring, emergency assistance, and volunteer engagement.

Key Highlights:

- Digital database created & maintained for 164 members
- Monthly health checkups conducted covering all participants
- Emergency medical assistance provided in 8 cases

The initiative included home visits, orientation meetings, and regular interaction with community members to strengthen healthcare access and awareness. Monthly health checkups conducted by nursing staff ensured basic medical support for beneficiaries. During medical emergencies, SNM provided timely support including transportation to hospitals, admission assistance, coordination with families, and immediate care support. Community volunteers also actively participated in assisting beneficiaries during emergencies, helping build a stronger and more responsive support network. The initiative contributed towards improved community care, social support, and health awareness while encouraging collective responsibility and volunteer participation.



Special Donation Acknowledgement

Hon. Jayant Kanade (Ex-President of SNM) and his wife Sou. Nanda Kanade generously contributed ₹15.25 lakh to Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra in memory of their late son Raj Kanade, who passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Kanade family has remained a strong and committed supporter of SNM over the years, actively participating in various environmental initiatives. Their thoughtful contribution reflects a deep commitment towards social and environmental causes and will continue to support SNM's conservation and community development efforts.

SNM sincerely expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Kanade family for their generous support, trust, and continued association with the organization.



Eye & Body Donation

Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra (SNM) implemented an awareness initiative to promote the noble cause of eye and body donation in the Chiplun region. Through social media campaigns, distribution of informative brochures, and direct community outreach, SNM worked to increase public awareness and encourage participation in eye and body donation.

As part of the initiative, SNM team members visited the homes of interested families, provided detailed information about the donation process, addressed their queries and concerns, and assisted them in completing the necessary pledge forms.

Eye & Body donation awareness done through lectures & PPT sessions. These efforts helped make the registration process more accessible and strengthened community engagement in this important social cause. The initiative was implemented with the support of B.K.L. Walawalkar Rural Medical College, Chiplun (run by Shri Vithalrao Joshi Charities Trust).



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Nature Education Initiatives

Nature education remains one of SNM's core focus areas for nurturing environmental awareness and encouraging citizen participation in biodiversity conservation. During the year, a series of lectures, presentations, nature trails, birdwatching sessions, and interactive learning programmes were conducted for students, youth, and nature enthusiasts.

Key Highlights:

- Nature education programmes conducted throughout the year
- Lectures, PPT sessions, nature trails, and birdwatching activities organized
- Summer Birdwatching Training Camp conducted
- Regular Sunday birdwatching sessions
- Increased participation of youth and nature enthusiasts

Through experiential learning and field-based activities, participants gained a better understanding of local biodiversity, bird identification, nature observation techniques, and the importance of environmental conservation. These initiatives continue to inspire greater appreciation and stewardship of nature among the community.



Chiplun Half Marathon 2025

SNM partnered as the theme partner for the Chiplun Half Marathon 2025, organized by Sangharsha Krida Mandal, Chiplun supporting awareness generation on plastic pollution and responsible waste management among participants and visitors.

Key Highlights:

- Environmental awareness integrated into a major public event
- Creative artwork highlighting plastic pollution displayed
- Awareness banners installed across the venue
- Waste generated during the event collected and recycled
- Outreach to runners, spectators, and the general public

A thought-provoking environmental installation focusing on plastic waste and human responsibility attracted significant attention and encouraged discussion among participants. Awareness messages displayed throughout the venue helped communicate the importance of reducing plastic pollution and adopting sustainable practices.

SNM also coordinated the collection and channelization of plastic waste generated during the event for recycling, demonstrating practical implementation of responsible waste management practices during large public gatherings. The initiative helped extend environmental awareness to a wider audience while promoting sustainable event management.



Acknowledgement and Gratitude

Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra (SNM) extends its heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to our journey of environmental conservation, community development, and sustainable progress during the year.

- **Individual Donors:** We are deeply thankful for your generous contributions and unwavering faith in our mission. Every gift, regardless of size, has strengthened our grassroots efforts to protect biodiversity and build environmental awareness.
- **CSR Partners:** We sincerely acknowledge our corporate partners for their trust and valuable support. Your commitment to sustainability has enabled us to implement impactful projects that benefit both nature and society.
- **Government & Local Bodies:** We express our sincere appreciation to the Forest Department, District Administration, Education Department, Local Self-Government Institutions, and various government agencies for their essential guidance, cooperation, and support.
- **Our Network and Community:** Our gratitude extends to the educational institutions, community leaders, village committees, volunteers, researchers, media, and partner organizations whose active participation and dedication drive our success.
- **The SNM Team:** Finally, we thank our Governing Board, advisors, staff, and field teams whose hard work, passion, and commitment continue to push SNM's mission forward.

Together, your support inspires us to continue conserving nature and building a sustainable future for generations to come.

With sincere gratitude,
Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra (SNM)



Donation Appeal

Our projects continue successfully because of the generous support of our donors and well-wishers. With limited resources and manpower, we strive to make a meaningful impact. Your support will help us expand and strengthen our efforts.

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