



MOVEMENTS OF CHANGE

A BETTER WORLD IN THE MAKING



ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

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President's Address

Movements of Change,

Inclusion and Empowerment, Not a soul left behind

Catalysts for Action, Smiles and Support

A Better World in the Making

On behalf of Utkarsh Global Foundation, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for FY 2024-2025. For over 15 years, Utkarsh Global Foundation has remained steadfast in its mission to create a better world for all. While challenges continue to arise, we forge ahead with faith and perseverance.

At the outset, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our stakeholders, policymakers, vendors, donors, volunteers, and supporters for standing by us and extending their generosity. Your unwavering support enables us to overcome obstacles and continue our journey toward meaningful change.

One of the year's many highlights was the recognition of Utkarsh Global Foundation's dedication to societal service through two prestigious honours. Utkarsh Global Foundation was awarded the title of "Visionary NGO of the Year 2024" at the Atal Samman Samaroh 2024. Additionally, I was named one of Times of India's "Iconic Indian Leaders of 2024."

Both these honours stand as a testament to Utkarsh's unwavering commitment to creating a meaningful impact on society and improving lives.

This year has been groundbreaking for Utkarsh in many other ways as well, as we have reached numerous milestones across various movements. While the Animal Welfare Movement continues to make a significant difference in the lives of voiceless animals, it is also fostering a more inclusive and compassionate society for humans.

Through our modern veterinary hospitals spread across multiple cities, Utkarsh is spearheading a revolution in animal welfare, rescuing, caring for, and rehabilitating over 2,000 stray animals every month. By combining awareness campaigns, medical care, and community engagement, Utkarsh Animal Welfare has created a model worthy of replication across India.

Our immediate goal is to expand the animal welfare movement into new districts and establish 10 new animal hospitals in the upcoming financial year.

Another priority is developing high-end infrastructure for our animal hospitals, beginning with Utkarsh Animal Hospital, Mumbai, through the installation of advanced diagnostic equipment. Cutting-edge in-house diagnostic centres enable swift and accurate disease detection, leading to more effective and faster treatments that can save animals' lives in emergencies.

Another landmark milestone this year has been the profound impact of the Utkarsh Environmental Protection Campaign. We conducted monumental initiatives in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, actively participating in Pandharpur Wari 2024 and the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 with our "Say No to Single-Use Plastic" campaign. Over the course of a month, we distributed 30 lakh cloth bags and 2.5 lakh steel water bottles to devotees, promoting sustainable practices.

While Utkarsh cloth bag vending machines continue to spread the message of sustainability across various cities, we plan to install 10,000 more such machines across India. A single cloth bag can prevent the use of at least 10 plastic bags per day. Imagine the transformative impact if every citizen in India carried a cloth bag with them!

A greener, cleaner, and healthier planet can become a reality if we simultaneously address multiple areas, including pollution prevention, policy changes, strict enforcement of regulations, and a shift from deforestation to afforestation.

Utkarsh is ready to launch the groundbreaking Utkarsh Green India Mission to accelerate the greening of spaces. As part of this initiative, we will create mini forests across more than 1,000 acres in various cities. Through Miyawaki tree plantation drives, we aim to expand green spaces and establish oxygen-rich havens within urban landscapes.

Another landmark initiative is the Utkarsh Rabies Mukti Mission 2029, which aims to achieve zero rabies cases in Maharashtra by 2029. Rabies remains a major health challenge in India, claiming over 20,000 lives every year. Through this mission, we are driving grassroots-level action via awareness campaigns, particularly in schools, and anti-rabies vaccination drives across both rural and urban areas.

Rabies elimination is possible, but it requires community participation and government support. Currently, the Rabies Mukti Mission operates in four districts, and we plan to expand to 10 more districts in the coming year. By 2029, we aim to cover all 36 districts in Maharashtra, ensuring a rabies-free state.

A Zero Rabies Maharashtra will lead to a safer, healthier future, reducing human-animal conflicts and fostering a more compassionate society. Utkarsh remains unwavering in its commitment to this mission, and with the collective support of Maharashtra's citizens and government, we hope to make this vision a reality.

Yet another remarkable milestone for Utkarsh has been the Women's Education and Empowerment Movement, through which our skill development programmes, employment initiatives, and menstrual health and hygiene awareness campaigns have reached over 50,000 women to date. In the coming year, we aim to expand employment opportunities for women through partnerships with corporates in the textile sector.

As we move forward with unwavering resolve, reflecting on past experiences with gratitude, we seek your continued support in amplifying our impact. Utkarsh Global Foundation is among the few NGOs striving for holistic change through meaningful work across diverse sectors. While each initiative may seem distinct, they are deeply interconnected—each movement reinforcing and positively influencing another.

Let's unite to create a better world for all. There is strength in unity and power in collective action. Together, we can turn this vision into reality, improving lives—human, animal, and environmental alike.

Thank you!

Adv. D. R. Londhe,

President and CEO
Utkarsh Global Foundation



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Vision

To work towards creating a better world that assures the well-being of nature and every living being



Mission

Utkarsh Global Foundation works for the welfare of every living being through awareness, collective action, and employment generation, aiming at the service of others through the empowerment of women and other marginalised sections of society. We rally people and work to ensure the rights and welfare of the environment, animals, and people, thus creating a better world for every living being.



Values

Equality, empowerment, security, safety, inclusivity, honesty, and transparency are the values that Utkarsh abides by, stands by, and strives to achieve each day.



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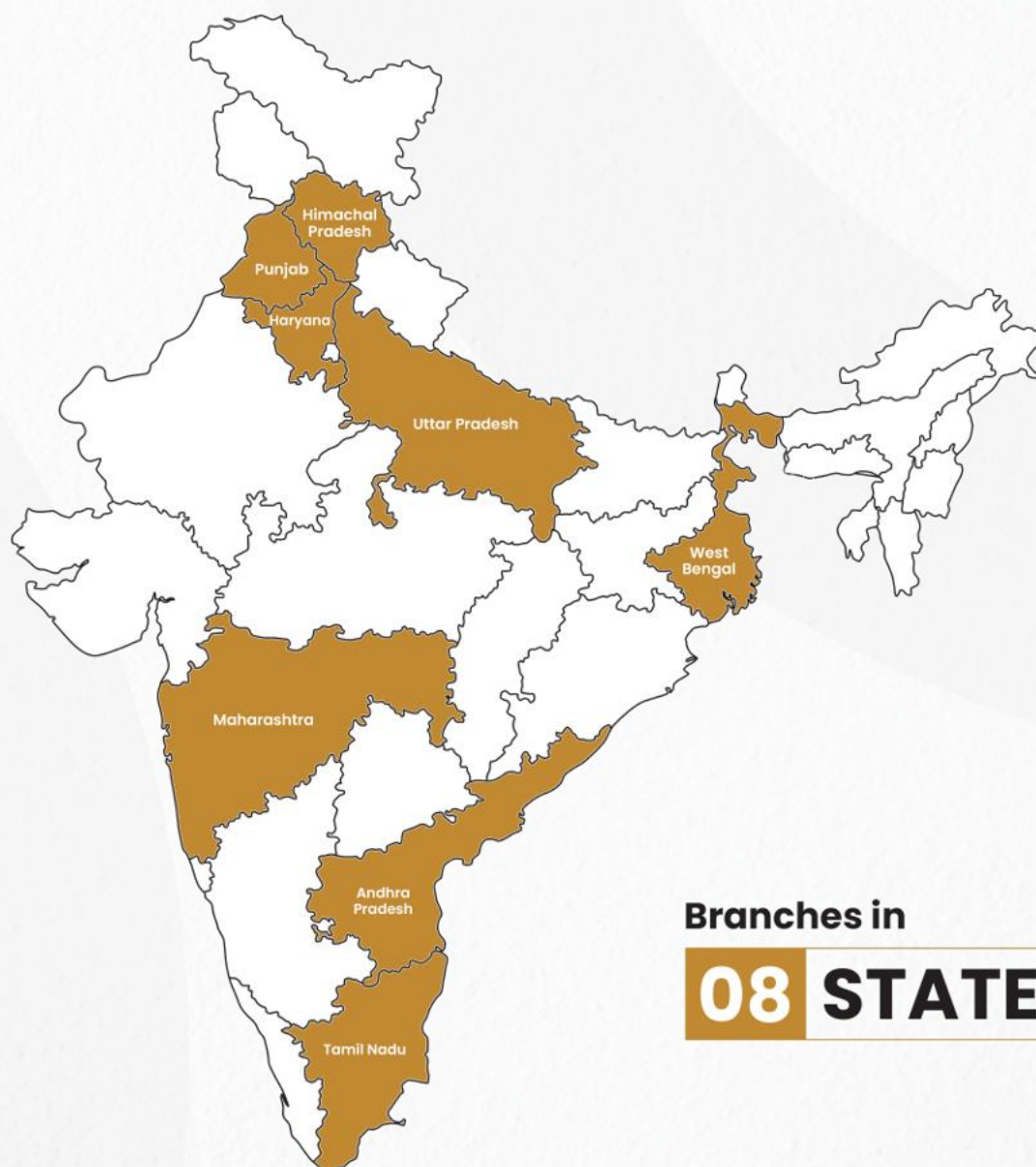
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Utkarsh is the
"Visionary NGO of the Year 2024"

UTKARSH IS HONoured WITH

**PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IN
NEW DELHI**



Utkarsh Global Foundation was honoured with the coveted "Visionary NGO of the Year" award on December 19, 2024, in New Delhi!

Adv. D. R. Londhe, President and CEO, and Aatish Waghmare, Vice-President, Utkarsh received the award at the hands of Shri Tokhan Sahu, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Smt. Raksha Khadse, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports and Ms. Kajal Agarwal, renowned film actress.

The mega event honoured achievers from different fields to celebrate excellence that contributed to creating a positive impact in their respective fields. A host of eminent dignitaries from different fields, including changemakers, government officials, Members of Parliament, and ministers attended the spectacular event.

The "Atal Samman Samaroh 2024," organized by the Atal Foundation in memory of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, celebrated his enduring legacy.

The "Visionary NGO of the Year" award truly reflects the mission and vision of Utkarsh Global Foundation, highlighting our remarkable achievements in various fields, ensuring a lasting impact and touching lakhs of lives.



Utkarsh CEO in the Times of India Powerful List

Adv. D. R. Londhe, President and CEO, Utkarsh Global Foundation, was named one of the Times of India's "Iconic Indian Leaders of 2024." As per the TOI, "the list celebrates Indian visionaries making significant contributions across diverse fields. This list recognises leaders who have demonstrated extraordinary impact, leadership, and commitment to innovation, positioning India on the global stage in areas such as technology, business, social initiatives, and public service."

This esteemed honour is a testament to Adv. Londhe's tireless efforts to make a difference and create a better world for every living being. He has steadfastly walked the path of kindness, overcoming obstacles and challenges, transforming society into a safer and happier place for everyone. His vision and principles have made Utkarsh Global Foundation one of the best NGOs in India.

Other remarkable leaders in the list include, Sudha Murty, Chairperson, Infosys Foundation; Adv. Vandana Shah, renowned divorce lawyer and social entrepreneur, and more.



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Take a Look at the Iconic Indian Leaders of 2024

Adv. Dagadu Londhe, CEO & President of Utkarsh Global Foundation

Adv. Dagadu Londhe, CEO & President of Utkarsh Global Foundation, has transformed it into a premier social impact organisation in India. A Visionary lawyer and humanitarian, he has led impactful initiatives in animal welfare, rabies elimination, women's empowerment, environmental protection, and disaster relief, fostering sustainable change and leaving a profound impact on communities across the nation.



ANIMAL WELFARE MOVEMENT

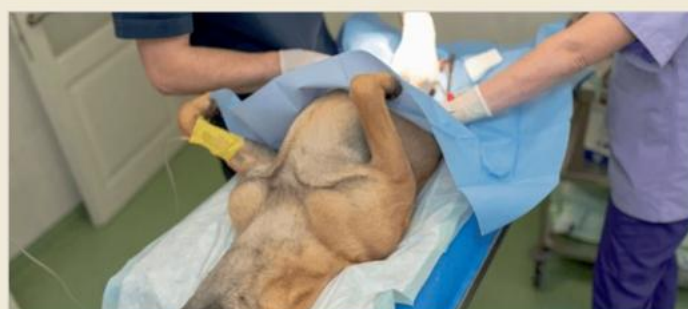
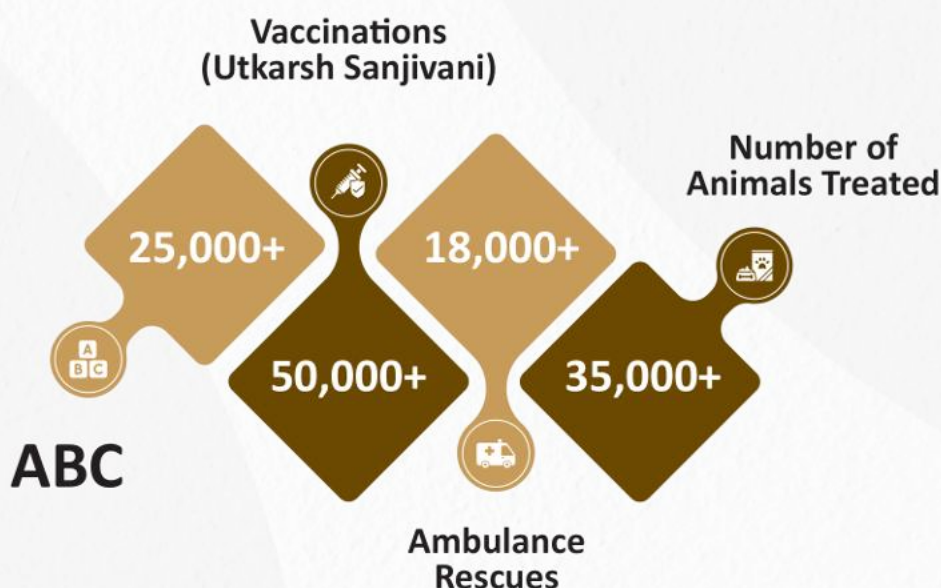
Ensuring the welfare of animals and birds for a safer world

Free Medical Care

Utkarsh Animal Hospitals in Mumbai, Ambernath, Latur, and Nanded are abodes of hope for thousands of injured, sick and helpless stray animals. The hospitals feature modern amenities and are equipped with OPD and IPD departments, operation theatres, ABC (Animal Birth Control) wards, diagnostic centres, and more.



The Report



Feeding Drives

Utkarsh Daily Feeding Drive for Strays

Utkarsh undertakes feeding drive for stray animals in Mumbai and Ambarnath, and feeds more than 6000 animals daily. Strays are neglected animals and are forced to roam in search of food, often ending up in garbage bins. Hungry animals, especially dogs, can turn aggressive. When strays are well-fed, they do not roam but take rest. They are calm and peaceful when their stomachs are full. Utkarsh Daily Feeding Drives have helped reduce human-animal conflict in the regions.



Utkarsh ABC (Animal Birth Control) Programme

Utkarsh conducts the ABC programme in four cities, namely,

Mumbai

Ambarnath

Latur

Nanded

ABC (Sterilization & Vaccination) is crucial in dog population management. Utkarsh ABC is unique. Apart from following the AWBI (Animal Welfare Board of India)



guidelines, Utkarsh also undertakes the following procedures:

- Videography of the catching and releasing process to note and ensure the exact location
- 7-in-1 vaccination to the dogs at the time of admissions to prevent viral infections
- Complete blood examination of the dogs before surgery
- Tying reflective radium collars to the dogs on their release to protect them from road accidents at night

ABC Workshop in Mumbai

A refresher training workshop was held at Utkarsh Animal Hospital, Mumbai, on July 8, 2024, for the team. The workshop, detailed the rules and guidelines mandated by the ABC (Animal Birth Control) programme, and also informed the team about the proper dog handling and catching methods. Dog handling is a crucial part of dog catching for ABC. The right techniques and process ensures smooth functioning and minimal risk to the dogs and catchers.



Stray Together

Aimed at spreading awareness about strays and to encourage and facilitate human-animal peaceful cohabitation, '#Stray Together' is held at housing societies and constitutes the following activities:



Collaboration with the MCGM

Ahead of the #Stray Together campaign at the MCGM Centre for Municipal Capacity Building and Research (MCMCR), Powai, Mumbai, the Utkarsh team, comprising Adv. D. R. Londhe, CEO; Pravin Jadhav, General Secretary and Chief PRO; and Ms. Harsha Darpe, Centre Manager, Utkarsh Animal Hospital, Mumbai, met with Dr. Yogesh Wankhede, Sr. Veterinary Officer, MCGM, and Shri Chandrashekhar Karekar, Admin, MCMCR, and local feeders, to this effect on July 13, 2024. As part of the initiative, Utkarsh will carry out ABC (sterilization and vaccination), feeding and medical care for dogs, and other services in the complex and the surrounding areas.

#StrayTogether Campaign in Kanjurmarg, Mumbai

Utkarsh organized the #Stray Together campaign at the Runwal Forest Housing Society in Kanjurmarg West, on February 9, 2025. Adv. D. R. Londhe, CEO and President, Utkarsh, raised awareness about animal welfare, addressing crucial topics such as the importance of sterilization for stray management, the adoption of stray animals to resolve human-animal conflicts, and more. He further elaborated on the significance of animal welfare and emphasized its role in ensuring human welfare. He also presented suggestions and ideas to achieve these goals, and reiterated Utkarsh's mission to ensure the welfare of animals and humans. The committee members were thrilled about these plans and pledged their support to Utkarsh cause.



Utkarsh CEO Meets Animal Lovers

Adv. D. R. Londhe, CEO and President, Utkarsh Global Foundation, had a fruitful discussion with the Runwal Forest Animal Welfare Committee, the kind initiative by the Runwal Forest Housing Society in Kanjurmarg, Mumbai, for safeguarding the interests of animals and animal lovers, on December 5, 2024. Adv. Londhe shared information about '#Stray Together,' the unique campaign by Utkarsh to find solutions to human-animal conflicts through the scientific and humane management of stray population. The committee members appreciated the Utkarsh campaign and expressed interest in implementing #Stray Together in their housing society.





Voice of Voiceless (VoV)

Every day, we meet a kind-hearted soul who are true animal lovers, and reach out to the voiceless animals in distress.

Every human who lends a helping hand to helpless strays is a 'Voice of Voiceless.' Utkarsh calls upon animal lovers to care for strays around them through the 'Voice of Voiceless' Campaign.



**VoV Engaged
in 2024-2025**



Adoption Drives

Utkarsh organizes regular adoption drives across various locations to encourage stray adoption and discourage the purchase of pets. The craze for owning exotic breeds has led to the rise of illegal breeding centres, which have become devastating grounds for shocking animal abuse. Adopting from animal shelters like Utkarsh not only provides a deserving home to an innocent stray but also helps reduce the number of strays on the streets.



Radium Collar Project

The Utkarsh Radium Collar Project is a unique initiative that brings together two vital movements-Animal Welfare and the Women Education and Empowerment Movement. The reflective radium collars act as a protective shield for stray animals, making them visible from a distance at night. This visibility helps prevent road accidents, saving both animals and humans. Every year, thousands of stray animals in India either lose their lives or suffer severe injuries due to road accidents.

As part of this initiative, Utkarsh equips every animal admitted to Utkarsh Animal Hospitals and those vaccinated during our drives with radium collars. These collars are handmade by women from the Utkarsh Savitrimai Women Empowerment Centres, fostering their financial independence and empowerment while contributing to animal safety.



10,000+

**Radium collars
sold in
2024-2025**

1000+

**Number of women
who received
employment
through the project**

Utkarsh Training Workshops

At Utkarsh, we believe in continuous learning and professional development. To enhance our team's expertise in animal welfare management, we hold regular training workshops in our offices and animal hospitals, providing hands-on experience in various aspects of the field. In addition to practical training, we also organize seminars, workshops, and other sessions, ensuring they stay up-to-date with the latest advancements and best practices in animal care.



Biomedical Waste Management

Biomedical waste comprises used needles and surgery equipment, contaminated dressings, used tissues, and other waste generated during the treatment and other procedures in an hospital. Effective biomedical waste management is essential for preventing the spread of infectious diseases and for protecting the environment. The waste, if not managed properly, can post a huge risk to cleanliness workers handling the waste, healthcare workers, patients and also the general public. Biomedical waste management comprises segregation, collection, treatment and proper disposal.

Biomedical waste is highly dangerous and can lead to the spread of infectious diseases, posing severe health risks. It also causes environmental contamination. Therefore, it is imperative to segregate biomedical waste to ensure its proper treatment.



Workshop in Mumbai

Utkarsh Animal Hospital in Mumbai organized a workshop for its team on effective biomedical waste management. The session was conducted by Prathamesh Mishra, a Skill India certified trainer in biomedical waste management, who provided insights into the dos and don'ts of waste disposal.



Workshops in Ambarnath

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November 14, 2024

The workshop was conducted by Satyam Salunkhe, Learning and Development Manager, Utkarsh and Nitesh Gaikwad, Centre Manager, Ambarnath. Skill India Senior Trainer Prathamesh Mishra also guided the team.

Biomedical waste management helps in decontaminating the generated waste, thus protecting the health of healthcare workers, the public, and also the environment. Proper segregation and management of waste prevents the spread of infectious diseases as well.

Utkarsh Global Foundation is committed to environmental protection, and ensures biomedical waste segregation in all our animal hospitals. We regularly train our team in waste management.



Latur wins the "Centre of the Year" Award

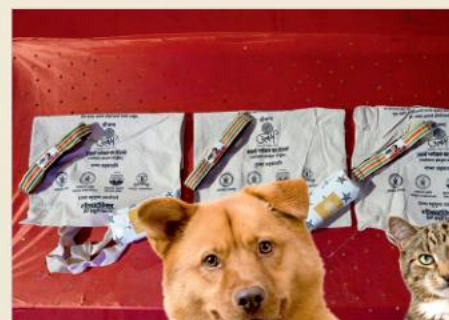
Every year, Utkarsh felicitates a centre for its meritorious contribution to achieving the mission and vision of the Utkarsh Animal Welfare Movement.

This year, the coveted "Centre of the Year" Award was won by the Utkarsh Latur centre. Under the able leadership of the centre manager, Nivrati Deshmukh, Latur centre is creating a difference in Latur and ensuring a successful animal welfare movement in the city. The amazing results at the centre are also making Latur safer and happier for everyone.



Animal Welfare Fortnight Celebrations 2025

Utkarsh Global Foundation (Animal Welfare Movement) organized Animal Welfare Fortnight Celebrations 2025 in collaboration with the Animal Welfare Board of India, from February 6, 2025 to February 15, 2025. Several initiatives were undertaken to mark the celebrations, benefiting over 10,000 animals, along with creating a positive impact on the environment, animals, and birds through tree plantation drives and anti-plastic campaigns.

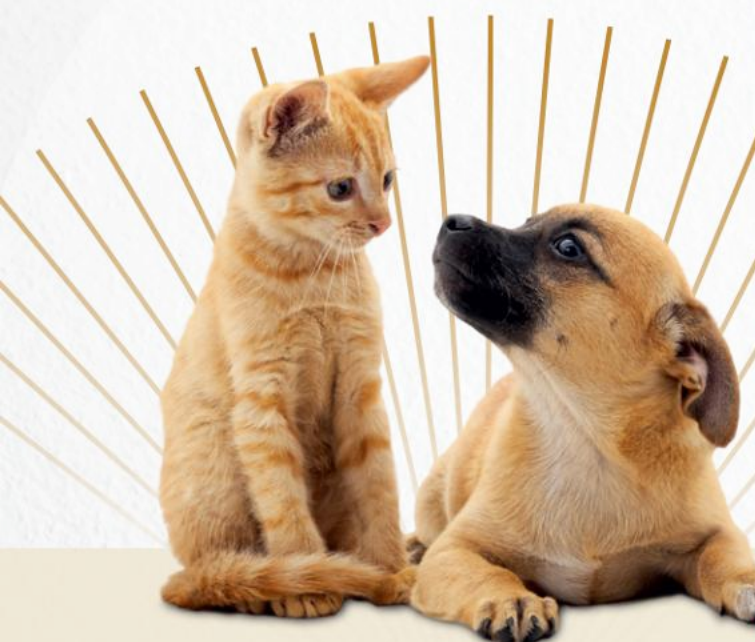


Encouraging Adoption: Felicitation of Pet Adoptive Parents

Over 196 pet parents attended the event at Utkarsh Animal Hospitals in Mumbai, Ambernath, and Latur, on February 6, 2025. Adv. D. R. Londhe, President and CEO, Utkarsh Global Foundation, felicitated the pet parents and applauded their decision to adopt strays instead of buying pets from shops.

Illegal breeding centres keep animals in captivity, deprive them of food or basic facilities, and force them to breed under inhumane conditions. Most of them die a painful death. The puppies, soon after birth, are separated from their mothers, and transported to faraway locations, even killing many of them in the process.

Adopting pets not only prevents pet trade and cruelty to animals but also ensures fewer strays on the street.



Raising Awareness about First-Aid for Strays: Veterinary First-Aid Workshop for Students



We held veterinary first-aid workshops on February 7, 2025, at the BMC School, Mulund (East), Mumbai, and at the Zilla Parishad Primary School, Sai, in Latur. More than 700 students attended the events, where Utkarsh vets and para-vets provided training on first-aid for strays, and shared tips on handling animals with care and caution.



A Solace of Hope: Feeding Drives for Animals and Birds

Utkarsh conducted feeding drives for stray animals and birds in Mumbai, Ambarnath, and Latur on February 8, 2025, benefiting over 10,000 dogs, 399 cats, and 847 birds.



Ensuring the Well-Being of Animals: Veterinary Medical Camps

The health checkup camps were held at Utkarsh Animal Hospitals in Mumbai, Ambarnath, and Latur on February 9, 2025. Utkarsh vets and para-vets also ensured prompt medical care, benefiting over 220 dogs and 10 goats.



A War Against Single-Use Plastics: Anti-Plastic Bag Campaign

Plastic bags are not only harmful to the environment, but also pose a threat to poor animals and birds, as they mistake the plastic for food and consume it, leading to painful deaths. Along with spreading awareness about the indiscriminate use of single-use plastics, Utkarsh also highlighted the issue of disposing of food waste in plastic bags carelessly.

We distributed over 16,500 cloth bags for free to people during the events on February 12, 2025. at Mumbai, Ambarnath, and Latur. A huge thanks to the NSS volunteers from Mulund College of Commerce (MCC) for their support and participation.



Raising Awareness about Animal Laws: Police Training Campaign and Pamphlet Distribution

Raising awareness about animal laws is crucial to preventing animal abuse and ensuring the well-being of voiceless animals. Utkarsh Global Foundation distributed pamphlets about animal protection laws at Bhandup Police Station Mumbai, Shivaji Nagar Police Station Latur, and Ambarnath Police Station on February 13, 2025, reaching over 542 police officials.



Creating Homes for Birds and Ensuring Bio-diversity: Tree Plantation Drives

The more trees we plant, the healthier and happier the Earth will be! Conserving biodiversity is essential for the health of the planet and all living beings, including humans. Utkarsh conducted tree plantation drives in Ambernath and Latur on February 14, 2025. More than 195 saplings were planted at the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Sarvajanic Library, Ambernath and at Sai Hospital, Arvi Road, Nadgaon Pati, Latur.



Awareness Helps in Prevention: Anti-Rabies Camps

Rabies continues to be a threat, but it is preventable, through awareness and vaccination of dogs. Utkarsh conducted anti-rabies camps in Mumbai, Ambernath, and Latur on February 15, 2025, and made over 600 dogs rabies-free through anti-rabies vaccinations.



Employee Welfare Activities



Induction Training at Utkarsh

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Training Session on Work Management

On May 4, 2024, a training session on work management was conducted at Utkarsh Head Office, Mumbai. The session conducted by Ms. Supriya Edke, CEO, Women Education & Empowerment Movement, delved on ways to manage work efficiently.



Communication Training for Utkarsh Team

Effective communication is crucial for the successful management of any organization. To enhance our team's communication skills and abilities, Utkarsh Global Foundation organized an interactive workshop on December 7, 2024, at our Head Office in Mulund, Mumbai.

Ms. Sumita Nair from the IMPA (Image Management Professionals' Association) Group delivered an insightful session, as she engaged our team in various activities, covering topics such as verbal and nonverbal communication, ways of expression, and more.



Wellness Workshop

Health is not just about physical well-being-it also encompasses mental and emotional wellness. This holistic approach was the focus of the wellness workshop held at Utkarsh's head office on January 24, 2025.

Eminent wellness coach Harshit Bhagtani led the session, covering key topics such as weight management, blood sugar and cholesterol control, stress management, and more. His insights provided valuable guidance for our team, helping them improve their overall quality of life.

The event was also graced by Aatish Waghmare, Vice President of Utkarsh, further highlighting our commitment to employee well-being.



Stress Management with the Art of Living, Latur

On July 10, 2024, Utkarsh, in collaboration with Art of Living, hosted a stress management workshop that proved to be an eye-opener for many. Conducted by Dr. Pranita Chakurkar and Kailas Patil from Art of Living, Latur, the session offered invaluable tips on managing stress in daily life.

The event was further enriched by the presence of Latur City Municipal Corporation's Municipal Commissioner, Babasaheb Manohare, and Deputy Commissioner, Panjabrao Khansole, underscoring the importance of mental well-being in the community.



Celebrations

Utkarsh organizes various celebrations in our animal hospitals to engage with the community and instil the values of kindness and acceptance for animals.



Musical Event for Pawed Siblings at Utkarsh

Certain types of music, particularly compositions with sustained, longer notes and a slower tempo, can help lower heart rates, reduce anxiety, and soothe animals. Such melodies promote relaxation and relieve stress, and studies suggest that music therapy can also aid in the recovery of sick and injured animals.

To bring this concept to life, Utkarsh organized a special musical evening for our pawed siblings at Utkarsh Animal Hospital, Mumbai, on April 24. Artists from 'Anaam Prem,' an organization dedicated to animal welfare, performed soothing classical music for the animals. They listened attentively, appearing calm and relaxed throughout the session.



Celebration of Vets

Utkarsh celebrated World Veterinary Day on April 27, expressing gratitude to our veterinarians and para-vets for their dedication to animal welfare. In recognition of their contributions to the Utkarsh mission, they were presented with appreciation certificates. The celebrations took place at Utkarsh Animal Hospitals in Mumbai, Ambernath, and Latur.

The World Veterinary Day theme of the year, 'Veterinarians are Essential Health Workers,' highlights the vital role vets play-not only in ensuring the health of animals but also in safeguarding human well-being. Their work helps create a safer and healthier society for all!



Raksha Bandhan with Animal Siblings

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Utkarsh expressed gratitude to the animals around us by gifting them radium collar rakhis. Radium collars were tied to 250 cows, 500 goats and dogs, and 250 cats and puppies across Mulund, Nahur, and Bhandup, in Mumbai. More than 20 volunteers joined the event, helping to secure the reflective collars.

Every year, lakhs of helpless animals lose their lives or suffer severe injuries in road accidents. The reflective radium collars increase visibility at night, allowing drivers and bike riders to spot roaming animals from a distance.

At Utkarsh, we ensure that radium collars are tied to all dogs admitted to our animal hospitals, as well as those vaccinated during the Animal Birth Control Programme and anti-rabies vaccination drives.



Celebration of International Dog Day

At Utkarsh, every day is a dog day! But on International Dog Day, August 26, we went the extra mile to make it truly special for our pawed siblings.

They enjoyed a fun-filled 'Day Out' with a small picnic at Gorai Beach in Mumbai and Gaimukh Chowpatty in Thane. The littles ones enjoyed the trips.

We also organized a spa day at Utkarsh Animal Hospital, Bhandup, where our furry friends were pampered with lavish baths, nail clipping, brushing, and more. To ensure their well-being, they were also given vaccinations to help them lead healthy lives.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the adorable outfits they wore. Our team had a fantastic time making the day memorable for our beloved dogs!



Teacher's Day Celebration at Utkarsh

On September 5, 2024-Teacher's Day-a grateful nation paid heartfelt tributes to educators. At Utkarsh, we extend our appreciation to everyone who has guided and mentored us. We believe that teachers are not just found in classrooms but in every person who supports, leads, and stands by us through challenges and triumphs. Our teachers include our colleagues, families, friends, neighbours, and even our beloved pawed siblings.

Utkarsh celebrated the day across all its offices in Maharashtra, as well as its regional offices, hospitals, and the Wada Centre.



Utkarsh Celebrates Inception Day

Utkarsh celebrated the 14th inception day on September 8, 2024. The day was celebrated across our offices, hospitals, and Savitrimai Phule Women Empowerment Centres.

It is a day to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, address challenges, and re-energize ourselves for the demanding yet rewarding year ahead.

Children's Day at Utkarsh

As India celebrated Children's Day on November 14 with children, we at Utkarsh celebrated the day as children! Our corporate office team dressed up as kids and had a wonderful time revisiting their childhood through creative artwork. It was a fun-filled and nostalgic day for everyone!



Celebrations at Utkarsh

Utkarsh celebrated Christmas with pawed siblings, as we hope to spread the message of compassion to pawed siblings.



The advent of New Year is a joyous occasion everywhere. Utkarsh had a joyful New Year celebration on January 1, 2025, with games, cake cutting, and fun.



The Utkarsh team celebrated Makar Sankranti with kite making at our head office in Mumbai. Beautiful kites emerged, as each one brought out the best creativity. Our kites are symbolic of the festival, but we don't fly kites as they tend to hurt poor birds. Celebrations without hurting anyone, that's Utkarsh motto!



The Republic Day is a day of pride for India. The Utkarsh team celebrated the occasion at the head office, Mumbai, with games, quiz competition, and more. The team members shared their Republic Day memories, and also spoke about their favourite freedom fighters.



Utkarsh Helps Animal Feeders

Animal feeders are not just compassionate individuals they are true heroes. Despite facing daily challenges, they remain dedicated to their mission of kindness toward animals. Utkarsh frequently lends a helping hand to feeders in need.

On one such occasion, a few animal feeders in Mulund were concerned about being unable to care for their pawed friends while they were out of town for a few days. Utkarsh stepped in to help, taking over their role and ensuring the well-being of the animals. We fed around 20 strays at Navnandan Van Industrial Estate and over 70 dogs at Piramal Revanta in Mulund.



Utkarsh Legal Cell Against Animal Abuse

Every year, thousands of animals suffer brutal deaths due to cruelty inflicted by humans. Animal abuse remains widespread and is often not taken seriously, as perpetrators frequently evade punishment.

Utkarsh Legal Cell is committed to changing this reality. We actively pursue animal abuse cases, file FIRs, and ensure that offenders are arrested and held accountable.



Shocking Case of Sexual Assault on a Dog



Utkarsh Legal Cell received a shocking case of sexual assault on a stray dog at Kranti Krida Mandal, Bhatwadi, Ghatkopar, reported by Aditya Vilas Savlekar. The barbaric incident occurred on August 12, 2024, and a case was filed against the accused at Ghatkopar West Police Station.

Unfortunately, the accused was released after paying a fine. Determined to seek justice, Utkarsh Legal Cell is taking every possible step to ensure the culprit is held accountable for this heinous crime. There must be strict punishments and hefty fines to serve as deterrents and prevent crimes against innocent animals.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MOVEMENT

Engaging community for a cleaner and greener world

The year 2024-2025 was a defining period for the Utkarsh Environment Movement, as we spearheaded monumental campaigns across our branch states, distributing over 40 lakh cloth bags to people.

Our transformative initiatives included Utkarsh Environment Wari (part of Pandharpur Wari), Utkarsh Green Maha Kumbh Mela, Utkarsh Environment Ganeshotsav, Utkarsh Environment Durga Pooja, and more.

These movements not only provided sustainable alternatives to plastic items but also inspired communities to embrace an eco-friendly way of living.



SAY NO
TO PLASTIC

Say No to Single-Use Plastic' Campaigns



Utkarsh Environment Wari 2024

Driving Change, Ensuring Single-Use-Plastic-Free Sacred Events



About Pandharpur Wari

Pandharpur Wari is one of the most revered spiritual events in Maharashtra. Pilgrims undertake a padhyatra (procession on foot) from Dehu and Alandi in Pune district, carrying palkhis (palanquins) with padukas (sandals) of Sant Dnyaneshwar and Sant Tukaram. Along the way, they stop at prominent religious sites before reaching Pandharpur, the sacred abode of Lord Vithoba.

Dating back around 800 years, the Wari is a significant part of Maharashtra's cultural heritage. The term Wari refers to a periodical pilgrimage, while Warkari means 'one who performs the Wari.' The pilgrimage begins at the Alandi and Dehu Sansthan and culminates at the Pandharpur Temple, with Warkaris completing the 21-day journey entirely on foot.

Every year, more than 10 lakh devotees participate in Pandharpur Wari, also known as the 'Walk of Worship', journeying from various locations to the Pandharpur Temple to honour Lord Vitthal.



Utkarsh at the Pandharpur Wari 2024

Utkarsh joined the Pandharpur Wari with our 'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' campaign, Utkarsh Environment Wari! Our slogan was 'Single-Use-Plastic-Free Pandharpur Yatra!'

Utkarsh Environment Wari 2024 was launched on June 29, 2024, at Dehu, with the distribution of 50,000 cloth bags and 50,000 steel water bottles to the warkaris.



Plastic bags and water bottles have become an integral part of daily life due to their convenience. However, these single-use plastic items often end up in landfills, rivers, or scattered across the environment, leading to plastic pollution that impacts the quality of water, air, soil, and the health of both humans and animals.

Through our humble initiative, we ensured that the Pandharpur Yatra-from Dehu to Pandharpur-remained free from single-use plastics!

The campaign to make Pandharpur Wari 2024 plastic-free was a resounding success, receiving a heartwarming response from the warkaris.

We were honoured to have Shri Ajit Pawar Ji, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, inaugurate Utkarsh Environment Wari at Baramati.

Utkarsh was present at all major stops along the Pandharpur Wari, including Alandi Sansthan, Saswad, Baramati, Faltan, and Indapur, from June 29 to July 17. On the final day, as the warkaris celebrated Ashadhi Ekadashi at Pandharpur on July 17, Utkarsh joined in the spiritual fervour.

The Utkarsh team, including Adv. D. R. Londhe, President of Utkarsh, alongside trustees and other team members, was present in Pandharpur, distributing cloth bags and steel water bottles.



Utkarsh distributed

5 lakh cloth bags and 2.5 lakh steel water bottles to the Warkaris from Dehu to Pandharpur.



Pandharpur
July 17

2.5 lakh cloth bags &
1 lakh steel water bottles

Indapur
July 11

50,000 cloth bags &
25,000 steel water bottles

Baramati
July 07

50,000 cloth bags &
25,000 steel water bottles

Saswad
July 04

50,000 cloth bags &
25,000 steel water bottles

Alandi
June 30

50,000 cloth bags &
25,000 steel water bottles

Dehu
June 29

50,000 cloth bags &
50,000 steel water bottles



Words of Encouragement from Warkaris

It was perhaps the first time that such an event took place for Warkaris. Each of them had words of appreciation for Utkarsh. They agreed wholeheartedly with the concept behind the distribution of cloth bags and steel water bottles.

We received promises and assurances from the Warkaris that they would no longer use plastic carry bags or bottles. We are grateful to each of them for their feedback. We hope more than 5 lakh homes will now be free from single-use plastics.

"The Utkarsh initiative to distribute cloth bags and steel water bottles to Warkaris is commendable. It gives an essential message that plastic is harmful. We will not use single-use plastics anymore!"



Mrs. Lata Arun Gaabhane

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Aatmaram Raimal

"I have been a part of Pandharpur Wari for the last 40 years. It is the first time I am witnessing such a noble initiative. Utkarsh distributed cloth bags and steel water bottles to the Warkaris. I am touched! I am grateful to Utkarsh and I hope they will continue to support Warkaris!"



Alka Ganesh Nagre

"We are grateful to Utkarsh for undertaking this campaign to ensure Warkaris do not use plastic carry bags or plastic bottles. It is a great message and apt for today's times."



25 LAKH

CLOTH BAGS DISTRIBUTED

Utkarsh Global Foundation organized the Utkarsh Green Maha Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, from January 13, 2025, to February 26, 2025, spanning the entire duration of the Maha Kumbh Mela. This initiative aimed to promote sustainability and contributed to the state government's eco-friendly efforts at the event.

The Uttar Pradesh Government declared the Maha Kumbh Mela to be single-use plastic-free. Utkarsh Global Foundation proudly partnered with this initiative, collaborating with the Ministry of Environment, Government of Uttar Pradesh, the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, and the Prayagraj Municipal Corporation.

MAHA K



Utkarsh Jute Bags The Official Bags of Kumbh Mela 2025

Jute bags crafted by Utkarsh were the designated official bags of Kumbh Mela 2025!

The Honourable **Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji**, presented the Utkarsh Jute Bags to the former President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind Ji, and Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman Ji, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, as part of an invitation extended to the Maha Kumbh.



Utkarsh Jute Bags and cloth bags are handmade by women from underprivileged backgrounds, providing them with a sustainable livelihood and supporting their families. These bags not only symbolize women's empowerment but also contribute to environmental conservation by reducing the use of plastic carry bags.

KUMBH



Utkarsh Green Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 Sets a New Record

For the first time in Maha Kumbh history, an organization spearheaded environmental protection campaigns, spreading the message of sustainability and eco-friendly living. It was also unprecedented for an organization to distribute 25 lakh cloth bags for free to devotees attending the Kumbh Mela.

Furthermore, the Utkarsh Green Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 significantly contributed to women's empowerment. The 25 lakh cloth bags distributed at the event were crafted by underprivileged women from Ayodhya, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, and Prayagraj, ensuring their financial independence and providing them with a means of livelihood.

Utkarsh also carried out awareness campaigns along the ghats and akhadas at the event.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jagadguru Rambhadracharya, revered spiritual leader, religious scholar, and educator, and Laxmi Narayan Tripathi, the Acharya Mahamandaleswar of the Kinnar Akhada, for their support and guidance.





Ayodhya District, Uttar Pradesh

'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' at Deepotsav 2024!

We distributed more than 5 lakh cloth bags during the event.

Ayodhya was a sight to behold on October 30, 2024, as it marked the first-ever Diwali for Ram Lalla! The entire city was adorned with lights and flowers, mirroring the joy and excitement of Ayodhya when Lord Ram returned to his kingdom after 14 years of exile. Thousands of devotees flocked to the city to witness the grandeur of Deepotsav 2024, which was the first Diwali celebration since the consecration of the Ram Temple.

Utkarsh joined the celebrations to spread the message of 'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' and distributed cloth bags to devotees.

As 25 lakh diyas illuminated the night, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, Utkarsh seized the moment to reinforce the hope that plastic pollution can be defeated. We distributed cloth bags to devotees at Sarayu Ghat, Naya Ghat, and Lata Mangeshkar Chowk, as well as at the entrance of the Mandir, emphasizing the urgent need for eco-friendly alternatives to plastic.



Deepotsav 2022



Maharashtra

Utkarsh Environment Ganeshotsav 2024

Maharashtra celebrated Ganeshotsav from September 7 to September 17 with devotion, grandeur, and joy. Utkarsh Global Foundation also joined in paying tribute to the Lord of wisdom, knowledge, and prosperity through our mission: Single-Use-Plastic-Free Festivals!

As part of this initiative, we conducted the Say No to Single-Use Plastic campaign at popular Ganesh Mandals across Maharashtra, distributing cloth bags and steel water bottles to devotees.



Dagdusheth Halwai Temple, Pune

On September 9, 2024, Utkarsh organized the campaign at Shreemant Dagdusheth Halwai Mandal in Pune, featuring a street play and free distribution of cloth bags.

The street play, performed by student volunteers, raised awareness about the harmful effects of plastic pollution. Many in the audience were shocked to learn about the environmental damage caused by the widespread use of plastics.

More than 50,000 cloth bags were distributed at the event, with around 50 volunteers actively participating in the campaign.



Lalbaugcha Raja, Mumbai

On September 15, 2024, we visited Lalbaugcha Raja Sarvajanic Ganeshotsav Mandal in Parel, Mumbai-one of the most popular Ganesh Mandals in the city.

More than 15,000 cloth bags and 15,000 steel water bottles were distributed to devotees as part of our Say No to Single-Use Plastic campaign. Additionally, a street play performed by student volunteers helped raise awareness about the harmful effects of increasing plastic pollution.

Shri Rajan Vichare, Chief Whip of the Shiv Sena in the Lok Sabha since 2022, graced the event as the Chief Guest. More than 100 volunteers actively participated in the initiative.



Shivaji Park, Mumbai

More than 10,000 cloth bags distributed

On September 17, 2024, Utkarsh conducted the Say No to Single-Use Plastic campaign at BMC Garden, Shivaji Park, Dadar, Mumbai.

The highlight of the event was the popular 'Selfie Corner'-a booth displaying awareness messages about plastic pollution. Visitors not only engaged with the exhibit but also took a pledge to switch to eco-friendly alternatives, such as cloth bags and steel water bottles, instead of plastic bags and bottles.

Over 50 volunteers actively participated in the initiative, contributing to the success of the campaign.

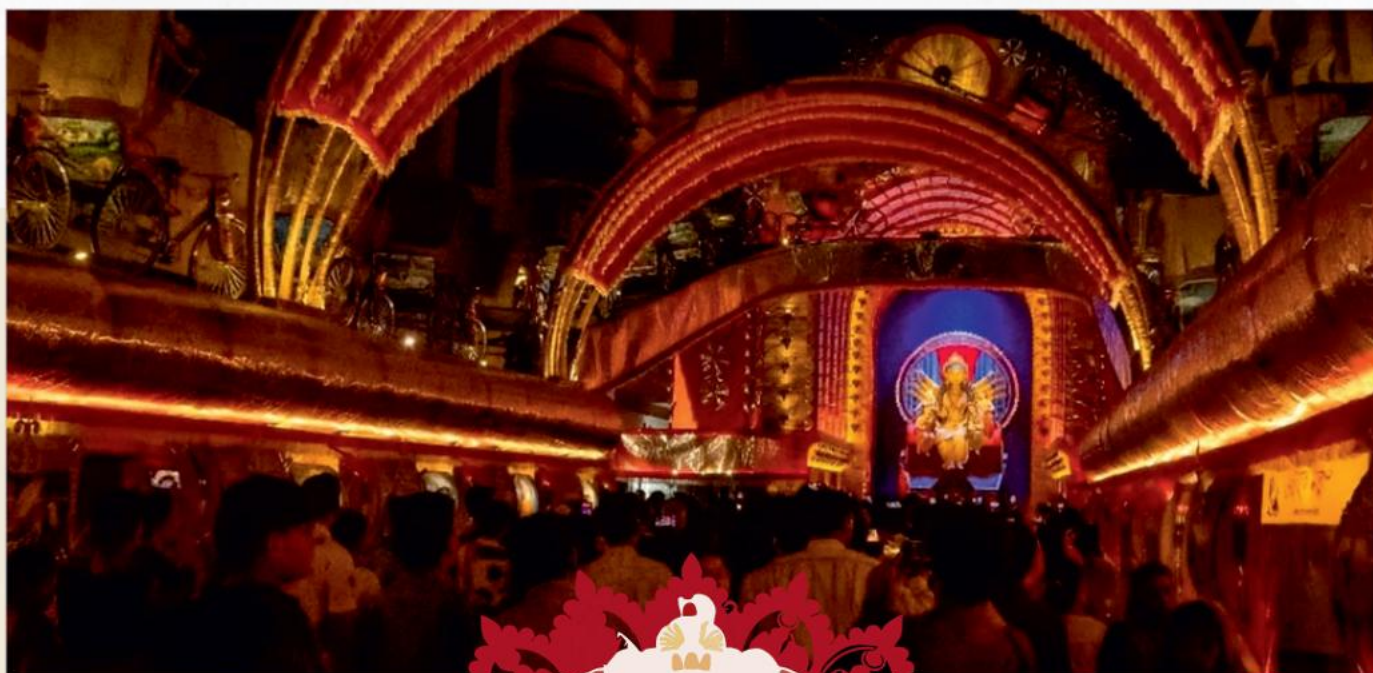


Utkarsh Environment Durga Puja 2024

West Bengal (Kolkata District)

As part of the 'Utkarsh Environment Durga Puja 2024' initiative, over 50,000 cloth bags and 50,000 steel water bottles were distributed to devotees, receiving heartwarming responses.

On October 12, 2024, we conducted the 'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' campaign at more than five Durga Pandals across Kolkata, spreading awareness and distributing cloth bags and steel water bottles to promote sustainable practices.



Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi District) Single-Use-Plastic-Free Kanwar Yatra 2024

The Kanwar Yatra, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is an annual pilgrimage in Uttar Pradesh. Crores of pilgrims embark on a journey to sacred sites such as Haridwar, Gangotri, Gaumukh, Sultanganj in Bihar, Prayagraj, and more to collect Ganga water. They carry the sacred water in pots balanced on either end of a bamboo pole called a Kanwar. The devotees undertaking the Kanwar Yatra are known as Kanwariyas.

Upon their return, the pilgrims visit local or renowned Shiva temples to offer the Ganga water for ritual bathing or Jal Abhishek of the Shivlinga.

Utkarsh launched the campaign 'Single-Use-Plastic-Free Kanwar Yatra 2024' on July 29, 2024, at Markandeya Mahadev Temple in Varanasi.



As part of this initiative, we distributed more than 2 lakh cloth bags to the pilgrims, promoting sustainable practices and reducing plastic waste along the sacred journey.



Cloth Bag Distribution in Varanasi

We distributed more than 10,000 cloth bags during the 'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' campaign in Varanasi on October 20, 2024. The event was organized near Kashi Vishwanath Temple.



Andhra Pradesh (Visakhapatnam district)

At the event held at R.C.M. Cathedral Aided UP School in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on April 10, 2024, we distributed more than 5,000 cloth bags to students and school staff.

Mr. M. Sreenadh, a respected social activist, enlightened the children about the harmful effects of plastic, encouraging them to adopt eco-friendly alternatives like cloth bags in their daily lives. He also educated students on the significance of environmental protection.



Maharashtra (Mumbai District) / World Earth Day Celebrations

World Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 each year to raise awareness about environmental protection. This year's theme, 'Planet vs. Plastics', highlights the severe damage plastic pollution continues to inflict on the planet. Climate change remains an urgent concern for every nation and individual.



Utkarsh is committed to reducing plastic usage in the country through various campaigns, including our 'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' initiatives.

To mark World Earth Day on April 22, Utkarsh organized an awareness event at the Max Life Insurance office in Mulund (West). More than 50 staff members attended the session.

The event's speaker, Ms. Priyanka Jundare, a social worker with a Master's degree in Biotechnology and Cytogenetics, enlightened and inspired the audience with her words.

Over 300 cloth bags were distributed during the event, including to the Utkarsh Head Office team members. Mr. Arjun Roy, Associate Regional Manager at Max Life Insurance, attended the event and actively supported the cause.



Tamil Nadu (Chennai District)

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

Alongside the 'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' campaign, a tree plantation drive was organized at the ITI Training Institute, Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), Mylapore, Chennai, on June 5, 2024, to mark World Environment Day.

Eminent personalities in attendance included Dr. M. Dinakaran, District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board; Dr. T.G. Srinivasan, Health Education Officer, GCC; Mr. G. Thangaraj, District Coordinator of NGC (National Green Corps), Chennai; and Mr. M. Govindharaj, Principal of ITI, GCC Chennai.



Ambattur Market, Chennai

As part of the Utkarsh 'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' campaign, more than 5,000 Manjapai cloth bags were distributed to people at Ambattur Market in Venkatapuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, on December 20, 2024.

A group of volunteers performed an inspiring street play to raise awareness about the harmful effects of single-use plastics.



The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Ms. R. Priya, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation; Mr. Joseph Samuel, MLA; and Mr. P. K. Moorthi, Chairman of Zone 7.

Mr. E. L. Venkateshwaran, Senior Vice-President, along with the team from Temenos India, the event's sponsors, also attended and supported the initiative.



Chennai District

Over 20,433 cloth bags were distributed across various locations in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, in January 2025 as part of the Utkarsh 'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' campaign.

The campaigns were conducted in collaboration with the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) and Temenos Pvt. Ltd. Events took place at several key locations, including Ambattur Market, Ration Shop in Royapuram, St. Aloysius Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School in Choolai, Anganwadi in Choolaimedu, MGR Market in MGR Nagar, and Chennai Middle School in Balaji Nagar, Royapuram.

These initiatives helped instil the importance of leading eco-friendly lives while raising awareness about plastic pollution and its environmental impact.



Madurai District, Tamil Nadu

On January 23, 2025, more than 25,000 cloth bags were distributed at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Mahaboopalayam, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, as part of the 'Say No to Single-Use Plastic' campaign.

The event also aimed to raise awareness about plastic pollution and promote sustainable alternatives.

Distinguished guests included Mrs. Indirani Ponvasanth, Mayor of Madurai Corporation; Deputy Mayor Mr. T. Nagarajan; and Mrs. Pandi Selvi, Chairperson of Madurai Corporation, who graced the occasion with their presence and support.

The event was featured in 'Dhinapuyal' newspaper.



Utkarsh Team Visits Minister

On March 1, 2025, Utkarsh General Secretary Pravin Jadhav and Chief of Public Relations Vivek Singh had a productive meeting with Shri Shivendraraje Bhosale Ji, Cabinet Minister for Public Works (excluding Public Enterprises).

During the discussion, we apprised him of various initiatives undertaken by Utkarsh Global Foundation and their significant contributions to societal welfare.

Additionally, we shared the success of 'Utkarsh Green Maha Kumbh Mela 2025' in Uttar Pradesh, where we distributed over 25 lakh cloth bags to pilgrims, effectively reducing plastic pollution at the Maha Kumbh.



WOMEN EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT MOVEMENT

Utkarsh Skill Development Programme

Utkarsh conducts skill development programmes in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, offering courses such as basic and advanced sewing, beautician training, mehendi classes, and more.

In addition to skill development, we also run entrepreneurship programmes to encourage women to establish businesses and achieve financial independence.

Beyond training, Utkarsh is actively involved in job creation for women from underprivileged backgrounds. Through hands-on workshops, they receive training in crafting various products, helping them secure a livelihood and sustain their families.



Certificate Distribution / Maharashtra (Palghar District)

➤ **October 19, 2024**

More than 90 students received their certificates for the successful completion of Basic Sewing Course on October 19, 2024, at the Savitrimai Phule Women Empowerment Centre in Wada, Maharashtra.

The event also saw inspiring speakers whose talks enlightened the students about various issues concerning women. Dattatray Bajirao Kindre, Police inspector, Wada Police Station, spoke on women's safety, and shared invaluable information. Advocate Rohini Salve and Shri Shashikant Bhalekar, Professor, A. L. Chandavarkar Junior College, gave motivational talks.

The event was also featured in a newspaper!



➤ **January 18, 2025**

Over 35 students received their certificates upon successfully completing the Basic Sewing Course at Savitrimai Phule Women Empowerment Centre in Wada, Palghar District, Maharashtra, marking a significant step toward financial independence.

Class instructors Ms. Pranali Patil and Ms. Manisha Bhoir, along with Centre Manager Ms. Tejashree Gaikwad, were present at the occasion to celebrate the students' achievements.

A special Haldi-Kumkum ceremony was also organized to honour the students and their journey towards empowerment.



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Guidance Seminar at Wada

Utkarsh Global Foundation celebrated the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, on August 9, 2024, at Wada, Palghar District, with a career guidance seminar for our candidates from the tribal community, who completed the Basic Sewing Course at the Savitrimai Phule Women Empowerment Centre, Wada. Mrs. Mrinalini Motiram Nadge, ex-chairperson, Panchayat Samiti Wada, and Palghar Taluka President, the Nationalist Congress Party, guided the women about the career opportunities available in the field, at the event.



Launch of Skill Development Classes

On March 23, 2025, Utkarsh proudly inaugurated the Skill Development Training Programme -Basic Sewing Classes at Kumaran Colony in Vadapalani, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The initiative received an enthusiastic response, with over 30 students enrolling on the very first day.

Eminent guests at the event included Mylai Dha. Velu, MLA of Mylapore Constituency, and J. Karunanithi, MLA of T. Nagar Constituency. They expressed their appreciation for the Utkarsh cause and encouraged women to join the classes, empowering them for a brighter future.



World Menstrual Hygiene Day Celebrations

On May 28, 2024, Utkarsh organized World Menstrual Hygiene Day celebrations at the office of our CSR partner, Argus India Price Reporting Services LLP (Argus Media), Bandra-Kurla Complex, Mumbai.

The event featured an awareness session on menstrual health and hygiene, led by the chief guest, Dr. Deep M. Bhadra—a gynaecologist, laparoscopic surgeon, and IVF specialist.

More than 70 staff members of Argus India attended the session, engaging in meaningful discussions on menstrual wellness and sustainable hygiene practices.



Utkarsh Products at college fair

Utkarsh attended the 'Joy of Giving' Fair at Somaiya College in Vidyavihar, Mumbai, where we proudly set up a stall showcasing our handmade, eco-friendly products crafted by tribal women—including tote bags, scrunchies, potli bags, and more.

The response was overwhelming, as all our products were sold out in no time!

The Utkarsh Women Health and Empowerment Movement produces a variety of sustainable items, including cloth bags, designer tote bags, college bags, jute bags, women's hair accessories, and pet accessories.

Profits from the sales are reinvested into the movement, providing support to many women and their families, empowering them through financial independence.



'Let's Talk Periods!' - Awareness Sessions on Menstrual Health and Hygiene

Kone Village, Palghar District

More than 28 women, including young girls, attended the menstrual health awareness workshop Let's Talk Periods! at Kalyani Hospital in Kone Village, Wada, Palghar District, on November 23, 2024.

Ms. Purvi Pravin Patil, Health Inspector of the hospital, led an insightful session on menstrual health and hygiene. She debunked common myths and addressed various concerns related to menstruation, empowering attendees with accurate information.

Ramdas Janu Kadam, Sarpanch of Kone Village, graced the event as the chief guest, supporting the initiative to promote menstrual awareness and well-being.



Dahe Village, Palghar District

On March 11, 2025, over 25 women from Dahe Village in Ambat Pada, Wada, Palghar District, participated in the Utkarsh Let's Talk Periods! workshop.

Conducted by Utkarsh Trainer Tanvi Karale, the session provided valuable insights into menstrual health and hygiene while helping to break taboos and stigma often associated with periods, empowering participants through education and awareness.



Dist. W. School, Varsale, Palghar District

Over 200 girl students attended the menstrual hygiene and health awareness session at Dist. W. School, Varsale in Wada, Palghar district, on March 22, 2025. Utkarsh's 'Let's Talk Periods!' session, led by Tanvi Karale, empowered students with vital knowledge about menstrual hygiene while breaking down taboos and myths surrounding menstruation. Mrs. Mayuri Patil, the principal of the school, appreciated the Utkarsh campaign. Raising awareness about menstrual health and hygiene is essential for safeguarding women's well-being.



Crafts Workshop

Utkarsh Arts and Crafts Workshops in schools help children create beautiful items from fabric, paper, and other materials, sparking their creative minds.



Wada, Palghar District / December 16, 2024

More than 80 children, aged 11 to 16, participated in a crafts workshop at the Government Ashram School in Aamgaon, Wada, Palghar District.

During the session, they learned to create stylish hair bows and paper butterflies, engaging in a hands-on creative experience.

Vice Principal Mr. Ganesh Kinge, along with teachers Mrs. Mrunali Nadge, Mr. Vikas Kamble, and Mrs. Suvarna Mene, also attended the workshop, supporting the students in their artistic journey.

January 4, 2025

Utkarsh conducted the one-day crafts workshop at the Government Higher Secondary School in Pali, Wada, Palghar District, Maharashtra.

Led by Utkarsh Skill Instructor Ms. Pranali Patil, the session engaged more than 150 students, aged 11 to 17 years, in crafting beautiful hair bows and butterflies.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience and proudly showcased their creations, making the workshop a memorable and inspiring event.



Legal Awareness Workshop

Legal awareness empowers women and encourages them to stand against injustice. More than 40 women attended the Legal Awareness Session on March 16, 2025, at Neelkanth Nagar in Mulund (West). The session, conducted by Adv. Reshma Jagtap, covered domestic violence and the Posh (Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee) Act, also known as the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act.



Celebrations at Utkarsh

Women's Day

Every day is women's day at Utkarsh as we celebrate the strength and talents of women through various initiatives.

Women's Day, celebrated worldwide on March 8, 2025, for us, is a day to reiterate our commitment to women's empowerment.

On the occasion, Utkarsh CEO and President Adv. D. R. Londhe, met with our team and students at Savitrimai Phule Women Empowerment Centre at Wada in Palghar District, and joined in the celebrations.



Yoga Day

Utkarsh celebrated International Yoga Day today, June 21, with a rejuvenating yoga session in Mulund. The session was conducted by Shri Ambika Yoga Kutir, a yoga training organization, for the Utkarsh team. Yoga instructors Shri Nitin Dattani Ji, Shri Anish Anant Krishnan Ji, and Shri Vinay Kumar Pal Ji led the practice, sharing valuable insights on the benefits of daily yoga. Around 20 Utkarsh team members participated in the session.

Shri Ambika Yoga Kutir has been imparting the knowledge of yoga, free of charge, to people since 1965.



Tributes

Tribute to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

On April 14, a grateful nation celebrated the birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar with gratitude.

Students and teachers from the Savitrimai Phule Women Empowerment Centre, Wada, also celebrated the day with floral tributes to the Father of Indian Constitution. They also drew beautiful rangolis to commemorate the day.



Savitrimai Phule Birth Anniversary

The Savitrimai Phule Women Empowerment Centre in Wada, Palghar, celebrated the birth anniversary of our inspiration, Savitrimai Phule, on January 3, 2025 with various activities. Our students made beautiful rangolis, reflecting the glory of the great social reformer, educationist, and the first female teacher of India. The students paid glorious tributes to the first teacher of India and vowed to follow in her footsteps.

Savitrimai Phule Death Anniversary

On March 10, 2025, Utkarsh Savitrimai Phule Women Empowerment Centre in Wada, Palghar, honoured Savitrimai Phule, on her death anniversary. An embroidery workshop was also held to empower women with skills for income generation.



SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT MOVEMENT

(Lucknow District, Uttar Pradesh) / Drug Deaddiction Workshop

Drug addiction is a menace to society, affecting both users and their loved ones. Utkarsh Social Justice and Empowerment Movement regularly organizes drug de-addiction awareness campaigns across its branches to educate and support communities.

More than 165 students benefited from a drug de-addiction awareness workshop held at Boys Anglo Bengali Inter College in Lal Kua, Lucknow.

Dr. Parul Prasad, an eminent psychiatrist from Lucknow, led the session, explaining the harmful effects of drug addiction and sharing valuable tips on leading a healthy, addiction-free life.



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MOVEMENT

A ray of relief, a helping hand for a better tomorrow

Utkarsh Drought Relief Project 2024

Maharashtra has been battling drought for years now. This year, the state government declared drought in 1532 out of the total 2292 revenue circles. It accounts for 66 percent of the state. If the average rainfall in an area is below 50 percent of normal, then the government declares the area drought-affected.

Water is the basic necessity of life. If that isn't available, then it becomes difficult to sustain life. Women and children bear the brunt, as they are the ones who have to cover miles under the scorching sun for a pot of water.

Utkarsh Drought Relief Project 2024 was launched to offer some solace to thousands of helpless villagers who were staring at uncertainty as lakes, wells, and other water resources in their villages dried up, with no solution available.

Four Districts



More than 40 villages

More than 1,70,00,000 litres of drinking water supplied to the villagers for more than a month

Maharashtra

Utkarsh Drought Relief Project Launched in Raigad and Solapur districts

We distributed drinking water to 10 villages in Khalapur Taluka in Raigad district.

Present on the occasion were Mr. Bhau Pawar, Sarpanch; Ms. Namrata Rakesh Patil, Deputy Sarpanch, and Mr. Ramdas Fawde from the Police Mitra Sanghatana.

Utkarsh trustees Mr. Pravin Jadhav and Mr. Satish Gaikwad, along with the Utkarsh team members, including Ms. Rishika Kashyap, Manager, Operations, Ms. Sushma Thorat, State Coordinator, Maharashtra, Ms Pranali Patil, Mr. Shyam Momin, and Ms Shweta Kamble, also attended the event.



On May 11, 2024, we launched Utkarsh Drought Relief Project 2024 in Solapur

Utkarsh distributed more than 12000 litres of drinking water to each of the 10 villages in the district.

The launch event was held at Sonalwadi Village in Sangola District.

Present on the occasion were Mr. Mahadev Burangale, Sarpanch, Sonalwadi; Mr. Tukaram Adsulkar, Sarpanch Baglewadi; Mr. Vikas Ingole, Sarpanch Ekapur, and Mr. Bhau Pawar, Sarpanch, Group Panchayat or Beed Khurd, Khalapur. Eminent social worker from Solapur Mr. Nand Kumar Yadav, was also present. The Utkarsh team was represented by Mr. Aatish Waghmare, Vice-President; Mr. Vinod Jhavar, Trustee Member; and Mr. Harshvardhan Waghmare, Public Relations Officer, Utkarsh.



May 19, 2024 - Utkarsh Drought Relief Project 2024 launched in Pune District

Utkarsh distributed over 300,000 litres of drinking water in 13 villages in Purandar Taluka. More than 56,000 villagers benefited and were relieved to find some relief amidst the severe drought conditions in the villages.

The Sarpanch of Kumbharvalan village, Mrs. Manjusha Gopal Gaikwad, also graced the occasion.

We thank Shogun Organics Limited for supporting the noble initiative. Their team, including Mr. Santosh Kumar Panda, Vice-President, Operations; Mr. Sudhir Mule, DGM HR, IR and Compliance, and Mr. Ranjeet Khomne, HR, were present at the event.



May 21, 2024

Utkarsh Drought Relief Project reached the villages of Belsare, Ambale and Bopgaon, in Purandar Taluka, Pune District.

The sarpanchs of the villages, namely, Mr. Arjun Haribhau Dhende (Belsare); Mr. Namdeo Thorat (Ambale), and Mrs. Priyanka Shamrao Fadtare, (Bopgaon), also joined the event. A big thank you to Garware Technical Fibres Limited for their support towards the initiative.

The sarpanchs of the villages, namely, Mr. Arjun Haribhau Dhende (Belsare); Mr. Namdeo Thorat (Ambale), and Mrs. Priyanka Shamrao Fadtare, (Bopgaon), also joined the event. A big thank you to Garware Technical Fibres Limited for their support towards the initiative.



May 27, 2024- Project Launch in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar District

More than 42 tankers were dispatched to nine villages in Paithan Taluka, providing drinking water to residents for over a month.

The inaugural event was held in Changatpuri village, with Mr. Bhagwan Kabadi, Sarpanch of Changatpuri, and Mr. Gokul Patangrao Rawas, Sarpanch of Pategaon, in attendance.

The Utkarsh team was represented by Adv. D. R. Londhe, President, and Mr. Aatish Waghmare, Vice-President, who contributed to the successful execution of this critical relief effort.



Submission of Utkarsh Drought Relief Project Report 2024 to district collectors

We submitted the complete report of the Drought Relief Project 2024 to the collectors.

Shri Kishan Jawale, District Collector, Raigad



Dr. Suhas Diwase, District Collector, Pune



Words of Relief from the Villagers

Our village has been suffering from drought for years now. Our farmers and animals were suffering. The Drought Relief Project was a blessing, as it brought water tankers to our village. It has helped each and every household in our village. You have done a great job, indeed."

Mrs. Manjusha Gopal Gaikwad, Sarpanch, Kumbharwala Village, Purandar Taluka, Pune District



"Our village is facing severe water scarcity. Rains were less, and our lakes and wells have dried up. Our people get water once every four or five days. Utkarsh Global Foundation brought water tankers to our village, and filled every pot in the village with clean drinking water. It is such a relief! I am grateful to Utkarsh."

Ms. Dipali Anil Fadtare, Sarpanch, Supegaon Village, Purandar Taluka, Pune District

Drought had made our lives miserable beyond imagination. Women had to walk miles just for one pot of water. Wells and lakes were dried up. It was when we had given up all hopes that Utkarsh Global Foundation came to our village. They supplied drinking water to every home in the village. Now there is enough water for drinking water and for the household purposes. We are grateful to Utkarsh!"

Pratibha Sandeep Kadam, Sarpanch, Chambli Village, Purandar Taluka, Pune District



"Our village has been facing water scarcity for some years. Every year, we face the same issue. Our animals were suffering. Every day was a struggle. Our village heaved a sigh of relief as water tankers from the Utkarsh Global Foundation filled our pots with water, and our hearts with gratitude. Now there is enough water in each house, and our animals are also getting water to drink."

Rajendra More, Sarpanch, Dadegaon Village, Paithan Taluka, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar District



"Utkarsh Global Foundation entered our village, not just with water, but with hope. Our villagers were in a state of despair, as the drought had made our lives worse. There was no water in our village. Utkarsh had an efficient system in place for supplying water. They ensured no one was left out. Our happiness has returned."

Sainath Horkate, Sarpanch, Group Gram Panchayat, Changatpuri, Paithan Taluka, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar District



"The drought condition is severe in our village. Wells have dried up. There is not enough drinking water. Water tankers come once every 15 days or so, but that is not enough. We are a family of six. We have travelled 3 kilometres to fetch water and have to carry water pots on our heads. It is not easy to survive! The Utkarsh Global Foundation has come to our village as a blessing. We have enough water now. Our pots and tanks are full of clean water. Thank you, Utkarsh!"

Ramdas Tukaram Fadtare, Bopgaon Village, Purandar Taluka, Pune District



"Our villagers faced much distress and helplessness because of water scarcity. Utkarsh initiative made our villagers smile again. Your water supply gave a new life to our village. We will always be grateful."

Prashant Khandekar, Sarpanch, Beedkhurd Village, Khalapur Taluka, Raigad District

Utkarsh Drought Relief - The Preparations



Utkarsh surveys drought-affected districts

Before launching the Utkarsh Drought Relief Project 2024, Utkarsh undertook surveys of the villages in the districts and spoke to the villagers. They shared with us the conditions and the problems they were facing. The surveys helped us identify the villages and draw a proper water distribution plan for the villages.



Utkarsh President and Trustees Visit Pune District

On May 25, 2024, Adv. D. R. Londhe, President of Utkarsh, along with Mr. Aatish Waghmare, Vice-President; Mr. Pravin Jadhav, General Secretary; and Mr. Vinod Javir, Trustee Member, visited the drought-stricken villages in Pune District to assess the ground report on Utkarsh's ongoing disaster relief efforts.

The Utkarsh team engaged with local officials and village sarpanchs to discuss the Utkarsh Drought Relief Project 2024 and gain insights into the current situation in the affected communities.



Meeting with Minister to seek a cap on water tanker charges

When disasters strike, it is the common people who suffer the most. The exorbitant charges of water tankers have further worsened the plight of drought-affected communities in Maharashtra.

To address this pressing issue, the Utkarsh team met with Shri Anil Patil Ji, Cabinet Minister for Relief & Rehabilitation and Disaster Preparedness, Maharashtra Government, on May 22, 2024.

During the meeting, the team formally requested a cap on water tanker rates to alleviate the financial burden on affected families.



Utkarsh Drought Relief Project Helmed by "People for a Better World"

The Utkarsh Drought Relief Project 2024 was a resounding success, providing hundreds of families with much-needed drinking water during extreme drought conditions in their villages.

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and efficiency of our incredible team-both on the ground and behind the scenes.

While the field team managed coordination and ensured the timely delivery of drinking water to every home, our backend team played a crucial role in fundraising, digital marketing, administration, and logistics.

A special shoutout to the talented photographers and videographers who captured the raw emotions-helplessness, relief, joy, tears, and excitement-bringing the impact of this initiative to life.



HEALTHCARE MOVEMENT

One Health Approach to ensure the health of all

Utkarsh Rabies Mukti Mission 2030

The Utkarsh Rabies Mukti Mission aims to eradicate rabies from Maharashtra. Rabies, a zoonotic disease that spreads from animals to humans, remains a serious public health concern. We organize anti-rabies vaccination drives all over Maharashtra and vaccinate dogs (pets and strays) to ensure they are rabies-free. Till date, the Rabies Mukti Mission has vaccinated more than one lakh dogs in the state and made them rabies-free!



Ant-Rabies Vaccination Drives

Utkarsh organized more than 50 drives in Mumbai, Ambernath, and Latur, covering 100+ locations, and vaccinating over 8000 animals.



Utkarsh Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive in Ambernath Finds Mention in Vartahar

Utkarsh Rabies Mukti Mission in Ambernath vaccinated over 50 dogs and made them rabies-free on February 6, 2025. The drives were held in collaboration with the Ambernath Municipal Council.



Utkarsh responds to MCGM call about a rabid dog in Mumbai

On May 8, 2024, Utkarsh swiftly organized an urgent anti-rabies vaccination drive at IIT Powai Gate No. 2, Mumbai, after receiving a call from MCGM about a suspected rabid dog. The dog had bitten 10 other dogs, causing concern among residents. Acting promptly, Utkarsh vaccinated over 23 dogs in the area, along with a cat, bringing much-needed relief to the community.



Rabies Day Celebrations

World Rabies Day, September 28, serves as a global initiative to spread awareness about rabies prevention, reminding us that the disease still threatens both humans and animals. The day also marks the progress made in combating rabies worldwide.

Notably, September 28 is the death anniversary of Louis Pasteur, the microbiologist who pioneered the first rabies vaccine, saving countless lives.

For Utkarsh, however, Rabies Day is every day. Through the Utkarsh Rabies Mukti Mission, regular anti-rabies vaccination drives continue across Maharashtra, ensuring protection for animals and communities alike.



Rabies Prevention Awareness Seminar at Rajawadi Hospital

On World Rabies Day, Utkarsh organized an awareness seminar at Rajawadi Hospital, Mumbai, focusing on 'Dog-bite Treatment & Rabies Prevention.'

Over 25 doctors and nurses attended the seminar, which was conducted by Dr. Rashmi Gokhale, a veterinary specialist in rabies. The session emphasized the importance of timely intervention and preventive measures, ensuring better protection for both humans and animals.



17 dogs became rabies-free in Latur on Rabies Day

While we conduct anti-rabies vaccination drives every month in different locations in Maharashtra, on the occasion of World Rabies Day, the Utkarsh Animal Welfare Centre in Latur conducted a special anti-rabies vaccination drive in the city, vaccinating over 117 dogs.



Workshops on Rabies Prevention and Animal Welfare in Schools

There are many misconceptions about stray animals, causing hesitation in helping injured or sick animals. The same applies to rabies, as awareness about the disease remains limited.

While rabies is a serious concern, it does not mean every dog should be feared. Instead, caution and ensuring the vaccination of dogs in our surroundings are key to preventing the spread of the disease.

To promote this message and instil kindness toward animals in children, Utkarsh organizes interactive workshops on animal welfare and rabies prevention in schools.

These workshops include Q&A sessions, first-aid training for animals, guidance on responsible pet ownership, and information on rabies prevention and transmission.



The workshops were held at:

- Pandurang Vidyalaya, Salpadevi Pada, Mulund on January 29, 2025
- Mulund Vidya Mandir School, Mulund West on February 13, 2025
- Tulshet Pada BMC Hindi School No. 02 on February 18, 2025
- BMC 9 Bhandup, Hindi School No. 03 on February 20, 2025

We covered various topics including rabies prevention and transmission, first-aid for animals, responsible pet parenting, and ways to behave around stray animals. There were also Q & A sessions where students shared their queries and doubts.



UTKARSH 'JANATA KI SOCH'

Seeking Solutions, Empowering Citizens

Utkarsh Janata Ki Soch' is a dynamic initiative dedicated to addressing the everyday struggles of citizens—from civic issues and pollution to corruption, legal matters, and infrastructure concerns. Through awareness campaigns, pamphlet distribution, and community engagement, we empower individuals with the knowledge and support they need.

Navigating authorities, legal follow-ups, and redressal systems can be overwhelming for the common citizen. Limited awareness often makes solutions inaccessible. Through 'Janata Ki Soch', Utkarsh actively reaches out, resolves pressing concerns, and provides much-needed assistance, making daily life easier for all.



JANATA KI SOCH





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