



**THE CIVIC RESPONSE  
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Dear Friends,

The fourth month of the Majhi City Taka- Tak campaign has begun and the way Aurangabad is transforming is just amazing. Out of 113 wards, the campaign has already covered 35 wards. People from different field are contributing in their own way. In this newsletter we bring to you positive stories of change that we have witnessed as the city comes together to address the problem of Solid Waste Management.

The training and education department of CRT is also expanding its horizons with AMC Schools Development project and UWC Mahindra College Summer Programs for 2016. A lot of exciting projects are coming up and our team is geared up to take them on.

## Majhi City Taka-Tak Updates



A dumping point at Jijabai Chowk in Nehru Nagar (Ward 91) had been an eyesore for residents for many years. Past attempts to clean it were met with failure as waste re-appeared despite regular cleaning. After the launch of MCTT the jawan of this ward Mr. Ravindra Bhalerao and his colleague Mr. Raju Hivrle did not wait for official notice from anyone. They started their work based on the training provided by CRT<sup>^</sup>. Instead of focusing on cleaning up the waste after it appeared, they focused on the source of the waste. Extensive planning efforts to provide 100% door-to-door collection paid off and on 2nd March 2016 the spot was cleared for the last time. The duo then went on to plant a rose sapling at the site. Soon the ward corporator Mrs. and Mr. Mundhe and local residents joined in to mark the occasion by making small contributions such as a banner, a rangoli etc. The priest from the Hanuman temple also performed a short prayer at this impromptu ceremony. The spot is now a used by locals to socialize and the hawkers in the area take responsibility for its maintenance.

## Majhi City Taka-Tak Updates

As the Jawans of some wards began to see the effects of segregation they came up with the idea of collecting rotis separately. While some citizens had already been giving rotis to cows, these days many of the collection vehicles can be seen collecting rotis separately. As the waste collection system has begun to work efficiently in several wards, people could see how much wet waste is generated every day and the quantity of food that is simply wasted. On the other hand there are animals - cows and dogs - who are seen eating from garbage dumps. By doing this, animals eat rotting food along with plastic and also ingest hazardous elements. Acting on this observation, some Jawans are now handing over the collected rotis to animal herders.

With source segregation spreading to more wards, animals will benefit not only because of reduced exposure to plastic and dangerous garbage, but because some of them will be fed with rotis that are collected every day from houses. Environment after all is not an abstract idea, it is the interdependence of beings on each other.



# UWC Mahindra College Summer 2016

CRT^ has signed an agreement with the United World College, Mahindra College to design and execute three exciting summer programs in June-July 2016:

1. Youth Environment and Sustainability (YES)
2. Theater, Gender, Identity, Film (TGIF)
3. Encounter India (EI)

CRT^ conducted the YES program last year and got a 100% recommendation with all participant saying that they would recommend the course to their friends and peers.

We are excited to have on board with CRT^ Shawn Lewis of the Bombay Film Factory. Also, Rukmani Kapoor a Teach for India fellow has joined the education department of CRT^. With such amazing new colleagues we look forward to delivering superb programs this summer.



## Zero Waste Hero: Mrs. Swati Smart

Our this month's Zero Waste Hero is :

***Mrs. Swati Smart***

Mrs. Swati Smart has been an indispensable asset for Team CRT for over a year now. She leads a very active social life and has taken up various welfare projects for the society. After her association with CRT she has become an entrepreneur providing the 'Smart Composting Drums' in Aurangabad. So far she has installed 80 drums – thus keeping the waste from 80 households from going to Naregaon and reducing the burden on the AMC. She has enthusiastically participated in various CRT projects like Nirmalyadan, Majhi City Taka- Tak and Waluj Solid Waste Management Project. She has played a very important role in creating awareness about SWM in the city. Apart from SWM she is also interested in yoga and has organised free yoga classes for women in Aurangabad. Mrs. Smart believes in the saying 'Unity is Strength' and is always ready to help anyone who needs it.





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