



# Project Mumbai's Zero Waste Schools





"Real change begins when awareness is matched with action."

This August, we have witnessed just that. Within a month of joining the Zero Waste Schools initiative, students from our newly onboarded schools have stepped up with enthusiasm, sorting waste, leading activities, and showing us how quickly young minds can adapt to concepts.

Behind this progress are our dedicated facilitators, whose energy and commitment make every session engaging and impactful. And standing firmly beside us is Parle, whose unwavering support ensures that this vision of waste-free schools continues to grow and thrive.

Together—with schools, facilitators, and partners—we are not only keeping waste out of landfills but nurturing a generation that carries sustainability as second nature. Dive deep into the insights from August to see how this journey is shaping up!

## Konark Borkar

Senior Project Officer,  
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# Welcome Aboard!

We're thrilled to announce that **4 new amazing schools** have joined our Zero Waste Schools Level 1 Platform! Which makes it **16 new schools** until August 2025.



## Auxilium Convent School

Bandra

 Bandra (W)



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Wadala

 Wadala



## MSB Educational Institute

Institute

 Mazgaon



## Matrubhoomi High School

High School

 Kandivali (E)

# August 2025 Impact Report

Environmental Education & Waste Management Initiative



## Level 1 Programs

Awareness Sessions

**5 Sessions**  
1,372 Students

Activity Sessions

**7 Sessions**  
724 Students

Wet Waste Expert Sessions

**2 Sessions**  
45 Students

Waste Collection  
**Plastic: 73.5 KG**



## Level 2 Programs

Refresher Awareness

**2 Sessions**  
222 Students

Activity Sessions

**7 Sessions**  
423 Students

Waste Collection  
**Plastic: 241.8 KG**  
**E-waste: 24 KG**

**25**

Total Schools

Level 1: 16 | Level 2: 9

**2,786**

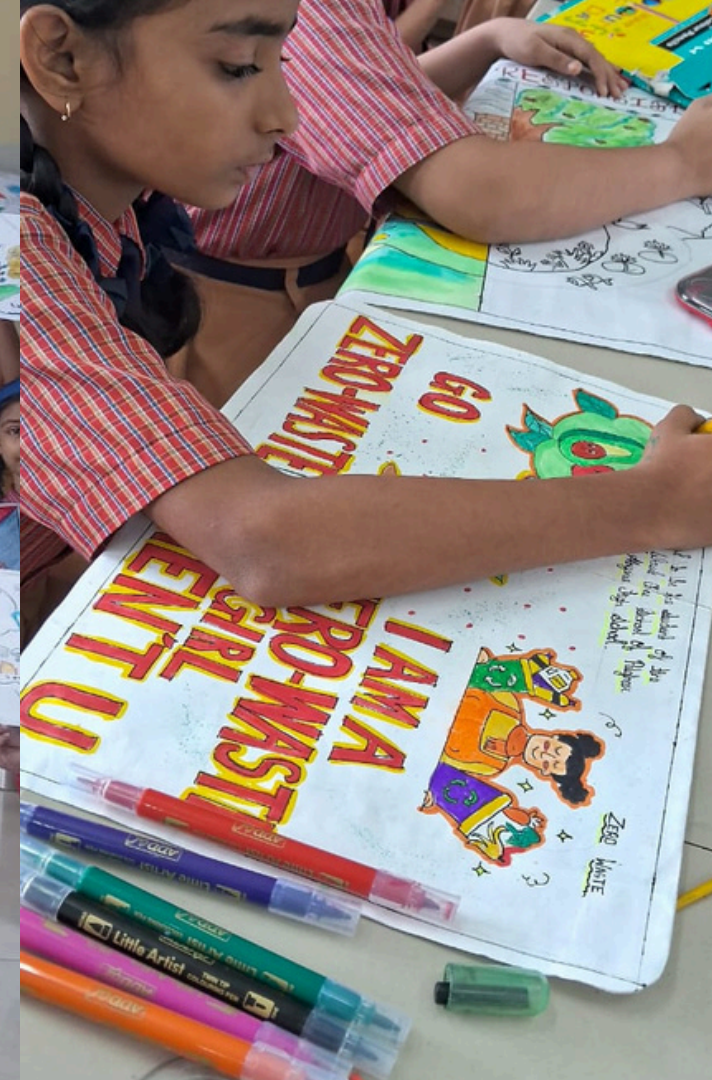
Total Impact

Total Students

**315.3**

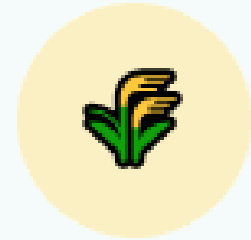
Total Waste (KG)

Plastic + E-waste



# Compost Harvest Success

Combined Level 1 & Level 2 Results (Till August)



**20 KG**

**Solid Compost**

Rich organic fertilizer ready for use



**10 Litres**

**Liquid Fertilizer**

Nutrient-rich liquid compost

## Environmental Impact



**Waste Diverted**

From landfills to compost



**Soil Enriched**

Natural fertilizer created



**Carbon Reduced**

Lower environmental footprint





## Key Achievements & Growth



**School Growth:** 21 → 25 schools (+4 new schools)



**Waste Success:** 55kg → 315kg plastic collection



**New Program:** Compost production started (30 units)



**Expert Sessions:** Added wet waste training (45 students)



## Overall Impact Summary

From initial awareness to sustainable action - we've successfully engaged 7,338 students across 25 schools, collected 444kg of waste, and pioneered compost production. Our program continues to grow and create lasting environmental impact in our communities.

# From Talk to Action: Green Champs in Motion!

Students who learned sustainability took the leap from awareness to hands-on impact – cleaning beaches, leading demos, and inspiring their peers.

## Plastic & E-Waste Demo – St. Aloysius School

The Green Champs of St. Aloysius School, part of the Zero Waste School program, stepped up as eco-leaders! They hosted a plastic and e-waste collection demo session for their peers, showing exactly how to collect, segregate, and send waste for recycling. By turning awareness into peer-to-peer action, they inspired their school community to become active recyclers and champions of sustainability.

## Beach Cleanup Activity – JDT School

Taking their classroom learning straight to the shore, 20 students and 2 teachers from JDT School joined the Jallosh beach cleanup just a day and a half after Ganpati. What started as an awareness session turned into real action – with students rolling up their sleeves, experiencing firsthand how waste affects our coasts, and proving that every hand counts in keeping Mumbai's beaches clean.



# Meet the changemakers behind the scenes.

## Meet our facilitator volunteer, Sonal Desai

Sonal Desai is one of Project Mumbai's oldest and most active Green Champions. A retired IT professional, Sonal has dedicated her second innings to social causes, with sustainability at the heart of her efforts. For over three years, she has been a Plastic Recyclothon champion, mobilizing her community to responsibly recycle waste. A passionate advocate of composting, Sonal not only manages her own household waste but also helps her neighborhood adopt composting practices, turning everyday habits into impactful eco-deeds.

Sonal was also among the very first volunteers of the Zero Waste Schools initiative, where she quickly became the go-to person for ideas and structure. She was the brains in the room when Project Mumbai designed its detailed list of activities for Level 1, and today she proudly leads as a Level 2 facilitator. Beyond her own schools, she has also taken on the role of a mentor to other facilitators, guiding them with her experience, energy, and deep commitment to building a generation of young sustainability leaders.

Sonal shared a papaya and tomato sapling from her home garden to the school



Scan to read about her latest composting activity





# Together, we're building Mumbai's first Zero Waste Generation

