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The new year ushered in a lot of new activities and possibilities. One of the highlights of the activities in the first three months of this year has been 'Mission Sustainable Marathons ' an initiative by APCCI to collaborate with marathon organisers and work towards waste neutral events. APCCI continued with volunteering activities on weekends adding more NGOs and young volunteers in it's collaborative efforts . APCCI's Clean City Talks' continued to inspire volunteers with guidance from experts on sustainability and leadership.

Team APCCI

Industry Leaders Applaud APCCI's Initiatives



The 'Pune International Business Summit 2025', recently organized by MCCIA at Hotel JW Marriott, brought together industry leaders and decision-makers from various sectors for a two-day conference. The Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative (APCCI) actively participated in the event, showcasing its efforts in an exhibition alongside the conference at the dedicated APCCI pavilion. Industry leaders visited the pavilion, engaging in discussions on waste management and sustainability while acknowledging APCCI's vital contribution to keeping the city clean.

The summit provided an excellent platform for business leaders to exchange ideas on sustainability. Prominent figures appreciated APCCI's impactful work, having witnessed its 'waste warriors' and machines actively maintaining city cleanliness.

Many visitors emphasized the increasing urgency of waste management for a sustainable future, recognizing APCCI as a model sustainability initiative.



'It is far more important than ever before that we collectively work towards Waste Management'





Former Chairman of MCCIA's IT Committee

'APCCI is an example of sustaining the sustainability initiative'

<u>'Clean City Talks' with</u> <u>Shailaja Deshpande</u>

Lack of people connect is the root cause of almost all the major issues related to river opined Shailaja Deshpande, founder director of Jeevitnadi - Living River Foundation . Safeguarding river ecology is possible if we all get together and contribute through our own individual ways.

Shailaja Deshpande was at the Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative (APCCI) office to interact with the waste warriors and young volunteers as a part of 'Clean City Talks'. The session was fifth in the series which aims to explore different aspects of leadership and what we all can learn to make our city better and more liveable.

Mr.Krishnan Komandur, CEO APCCI, Mr. Malhar Karwande, COO APCCI and Mr.Sathya Natarajan, Lead Volunteer APCCI were present on the ocassion. Young volunteers from 'Vartul' and marathon organisation 'Fit Cover 360' were also felicitated on the ocassion for their contribution to volunteering activities.







Shailaja Deshpande, Founder Director, Jeevitnadi - Living River Foundation

'While we all blame the industry and other stakeholders, we as individuals can also make significant impact by being conscious about what consume and volunteer in our own towards way cleanliness. By being conscious we can remove all the toxic substances that have become a part of our lifestyle, thereby contributing the to cleanliness of the rivers'

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Triple Planetary Crisis is a term and framework adopted by the United Nations system to describe the three intersecting global environmental crises of pollution, climate crisis, biodiversity and/or ecological loss crisesThe Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Science Council (ISC) have produced reports on this issue. Critical global shifts are accelerating a triple planetary crisis according to the new Global Foresight Report produced by (UNEP) the UN Environment Programme International Science Council (ISC) released in July 2024 (https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/07/1152136). they are creating a so-called polycrisis in which global crises are amplifying and synchronizing - with huge implications for human and planetary wellbeing.

Most of the challenges related to the environment today are interconnected and threaten to damage our ecosystems, affect human health and ultimately the global economy, well-being and sustainability.

Our individual role in this also calls for understanding the triple planetary crisis first. Climate Change refers to the rising temperatures caused and accelerated by greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, rising number of waste landfills etc. All combined are causing extreme weathers, melting ice caps and rising temperatures.

Biodiversity loss refers to the destruction of the natural habitat caused due to unsustainable and unchecked use of natural resources which is causing damage to the ecosystems, food chains and eliminating many species.

Pollution, the third of the planetary crisis, is also a serious challenge emerging in various forms of air, water and soil pollution.





Mr. Malhar Karwande
Chief Operating Officer, APCCI

'While these challenges need to be addressed with large-scale policy interventions and commitments at the global stage, each and every one of us can contribute as individuals to ensure a better environment for tomorrow.'

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What can we do as Individuals?

Simple waste management in a proper way at home can be extremely effective and combined with a collective effort can play a crucial role in mitigating these challenges. Small but consistent efforts can reduce carbon footprints, decrease landfill waste, and promote sustainability.

Some of the simple steps we can all take at our individual level are

- 1. Waste segregation at home can ensure correct onward disposal and recycling.
- 2. Compost organic waste to create nutrient-rich soil for gardening.
- 3. Dispose of e-waste, plastic waste separately with competent and authorised disposal systems so that they are effectively recycled or repaired and reused
- 4. It is time that we become conscious of how much waste we generate, whether the products we buy are eco-friendly from organisations that follow sustainable practices, whether we minimize excess consumption, whether we repurpose old products etc.
- 5. Participate with local NGOs and initiatives to promote cleanliness and sustainability While individual efforts matter, collective action magnifies impact. The triple planetary crisis demands urgent attention and action at all levels. By implementing simple waste management strategies at home, individuals can contribute to reducing pollution, conserving biodiversity, and mitigating climate change. Sustainable living starts with conscious choices, and together, we can make a significant difference for future generations.







Fostering a Culture of Prevention and Preparedness



Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative (APCCI) recently organized two comprehensive fire safety workshops for its dedicated waste warriors. The first session took place at the Adar Estate parking location in Hadapsar, while the second was held in Yerawada. These workshops aimed educate frontline workers on fire prevention, emergency response, and personal safety measures, empowering them to protect themselves and their communities from potential fire-related threats. The workshops were led by seasoned experts-Mr. Anil Gaikwad, Station Duty Officer at Kale Borate Nagar, conducted the session in Hadapsar, while Mr. Sandip Pawar led the training in Yerawada. The training covered a range of crucial topics, including tackling different of fire incidents, proper handling extinguishers, and managing emergencies such as falls in open drainages and tree collapses, which are common occurrences during the monsoon season. Given that waste warriors often encounter such incidents in their daily work, the workshop provided essential handson training to enhance their emergency response skills.

A total of 375 waste warriors from Eastern Pune participated in the initiative, demonstrating a strong commitment to fostering a culture of prevention and preparedness.

This collaborative effort between APCCI and the Fire Safety Department of the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) underscores the significance of equipping frontline workers with lifesaving knowledge and skills.





Awareness and education key to ensure road safety

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Around 375 waste warriors from the Adar Poongwalla Clean City Initiative (APCCI) recently took part in workshops on ideal driving practices conducted at the Yerawada Police Station Auditorium and Anna Saheb Magar College Auditorium. Organized by APCCI, the workshop brought together drivers and machine operators from Yerawada, Kalyani Nagar, Manjri and Koregaon Park. Traffic officers and experts including Traffic PSI M Chandrakant Raghvan, Mr. Shaikh, Mr Patil, Crime Branch Inspector Pallavi Meher engaged with the participants, discussing topics such as traffic discipline, legal issues, safe driving practices, precautions when parking, responsibilities of a driver and how to assist or seek help during emergencies or accidents. Prashant Mulay, Principal Anna Saheb Magar College was also present in the workshop at the college auditorium.

Malhar Karwande, COO of APCCI, along with supervisors Nilesh Ramekar, Pawan Badgujar, Sandip Waghmare and Faroog Bangi, were present at the event. Promoting caution and skillful driving is essential for ensuring safety, reducing congestion, maintaining smooth traffic flow, and preventing accidents. Thus, educating and raising awareness about traffic discipline is crucial in highlighting the importance

of safe driving.

The workshop was fruitful, the participants hailed the initiative and called for more such initiatives in future .The workshop was followed by a productive Q&A session where experts answered all the questions and concerns from the drivers and operators.





- Dixit Lifestyle Half Marathon
- Federal Bank Pune Marathon

















- Kidzathon-a marathon for kids
- Vivekanand Run 2025
- JeevitNadi Foundation Cleanliness drive

















- Neerathon 6.0 Amanora
- Handewadi Sports Foundation RUN4CANCER
- Maharshtra Times Aarogyam Kldzathon 2025

















- Pune city Marathon
- **Lokmat Maha-Marathon**

















<u>Mission Sustainable Marathons</u>

- Kharadi- Gera ground
- **Shaniwar Wada**



















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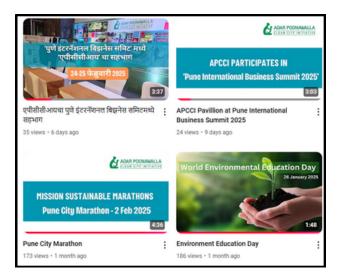






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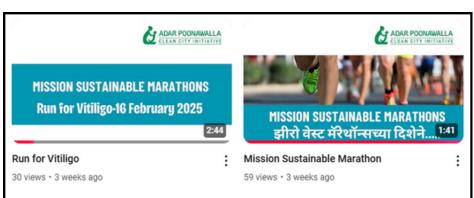












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Every workplace, whether at home or in an industrial setting, carries some degree of occupational risk. One of the most common and potentially devastating hazards is fire. Fire incidents can occur unexpectedly, making it essential for individuals to develop the necessary skills to handle such emergencies effectively and prevent harm to both people and property. Recognizing the critical importance of fire safety. the Adar Poonavailla clean City initiative (APCCI) recently organized to the common state of the common s

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Waste Management and Soil Health- the interconnection that is a key to Sustainable Development

January 20, 20

As the world population continues to grow, the amount of waste and related issues also are growing paramount. Waste Management and Soil Health are two crucial interlinked components that are key to sustainable development. The impact of improper waste management is visible on soil health as well as the overall environment. Improper waste management, which refers to non-segregation, open dumping, or incineration contributes to air, water, and soil pollution. Harmful chemicals and toxins from discarded materials can get into the soil, contaminating groundwater resources.

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A Greener Future Starts with Individual Actions

inuary 15, 2025

As we usher in the new year, it's an ideal moment to reassess our daily habits and embrace practices that benefit not only ourselves but also our planet. Earth is at a critical tipping point, where environmental challenges demand immediate attention and action. Adopting meaningful New Year's resolutions can set the tone for impactful change. One resolution with far-reaching benefits is committing to keeping our city clean—a cleaner environment fosters community pride and improves quality of life for all. The importance of Waste Segregation Proper waste segregation is a commerstone of

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Building a Sustainable Future Through Environmental Education



January 24, 2025

The United Nations (UN) has identified a pressing triple planetary crisis: climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution. Addressing these interconnected challenges requires an unprecedented collective effort. At the heart of this mission lies education—the most powerful tool to drive meaningful change. Every year, January 26th is recognized as World Environmental Education Day, emphasizing the critical role of environmental education in raising awareness and equipping individuals with the knowledge and tools needed to protect our planet. This day serves as a reminder of the

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