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This past month, we expanded healthcare access in Palghar with the launch of our third Mobile Medical Van, inaugurated by Hon'ble Health Minister Smt. Meghna Sakore Bordikar. We also received the Champions of Change CSR Award 2025 and were proud to see farmer Ramesh Baviskar speak at the Global Better Cotton Conference. Our initiatives supported sustainable farming, improved school WASH infrastructure, and spread health awareness through powerful street plays. On World Environment Day, employees came together for plantation drives and hygiene campaigns. Community Day was marked with heartfelt service across locations, celebrating the legacy of Dr. Desh Bandhu Gupta.

Catch a glimpse of these moments in the photo highlights below!

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## Health Minister Flags Off Lives Program's MMV to Strengthen Rural Healthcare in Palghar

Smt. Meghna Sakore Bordikar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Public Health and Family Welfare, Government of Maharashtra, flagged off the third Mobile Medical Van (MMV) in Palghar at the Primary Health Centre in Gorhe village.

The initiative will bring essential healthcare services to nearly 4 lakh residents across the Jawhar and Wada blocks of Palghar district. The launch also included the inauguration of an open-air gym and a dedicated Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Corner. To further strengthen rural healthcare delivery, nine Community Health Officers were equipped with digital tablets to enable more effective, data-driven services.





## LHWRF Honoured at the Champions of Change Award 2025

We are honoured to have received the Champions of Change CSR Award 2025, presented by Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, in the presence of the Divisional Commissioner of Pune, District Collector, and CEO of Zilla Parishad.

The awards were organized by STEM Learning in association with Zilla Parishad, Pune. We were selected as one of 16 organizations recognized for exceptional contributions to social development, from among 113 participating entities.





## Maharashtra Farmer Speaks at Global Better Cotton Conference

Ramesh Baliram Baviskar, a cotton farmer from Maharashtra, recently spoke at the Better Cotton Conference 2025 in Izmir, Turkey. A participant in the Better Cotton & Lupin Human Welfare & Research Foundation programme since 2018, Ramesh shared insights from the Unlock project focused on decarbonizing cotton cultivation. With field team support, he adopted nature-positive practices including cover cropping, crop residue management, and biodiversity enhancement measures. These interventions improved soil health, stabilized yields, and strengthened income resilience in rainfed agriculture conditions. The international platform enabled knowledge exchange with global farmers on sustainability, agricultural innovation and climate resilience.





## Honouring Dr. Desh Bandhu Gupta's Legacy through Community service

Dr. Desh Bandhu Gupta's legacy was honored through Community Day service activities across multiple locations. Initiatives included plantations, nutrition kit distribution to TB patients, WASH initiative inauguration at government schools, and blood donation camps to address local healthcare needs. Support for a TrueNat machine at PHC strengthened tuberculosis diagnostic capabilities. Employees also participated in tribute ceremonies, upholding his legacy of service to underserved communities.





## Employee Volunteers Lead Environmental Action on World Environment Day

World Environment Day was celebrated with wide-ranging environmental initiatives across locations. Through the Employee Volunteering Program, participants created thousands of seed balls and filled sapling bags for future plantation drives. Tree plantation, cleanliness campaigns and wall Paintings enhanced local biodiversity. WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) initiatives including awareness sessions in schools promoted water conservation and hygiene practices among students. These efforts nurtured shared commitment to ecological preservation within the community.



## Empowering Farmers with Climate-Smart Agriculture Solutions

As part of our Agriculture-Based Livelihood Empowerment Program, we are promoting vertical staking techniques through Farmer School demonstrations to enhance the quality and market value of vegetables such as tomatoes and bottle gourd.

In Akhade village, Dhule, advanced hydroponic units have been set up to showcase innovative farming methods. Additionally, 973 farmers across Dhule and Nandurbar districts have been supported with low-cost drip irrigation systems to tackle water scarcity.

These climate-smart interventions are helping farmers manage water efficiently, adopt multi-season cropping, reduce labour costs, and prevent groundwater depletion, contributing to improved productivity and sustainable farming practices.





## Multi-Level Training Programs Advance Agricultural Practices

Training initiatives are underway with farmer training conducted at Pala Village, Alwar under Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan with ICAR and Rajasthan Agriculture Department, featuring guidance from KVK Nagaon scientists on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Kharif crop cultivation, livestock management, and government schemes.





## WASH Infrastructure Upgrades Support Healthier School Environments

To strengthen Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) services for students, we constructed toilet blocks and handwashing stations at Pradhan Mantri Shri Urdu Primary and Secondary CSMC School in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, and at Adivasi Ashram School in Kavdas, Nagpur district. These infrastructure enhancements promote cleaner, safer learning environments and encourage essential hygiene practices among students, especially in under-served communities.





## Advancing Horticultural Development Across Maharashtra

We supported 6,000 jasmine seedlings to 20 households in Osarvira village, Dahanu, Palghar district, as part of our efforts to enhance sustainable agricultural productivity. Additionally, through the Sustainable Livelihood Development Program supported by Atlas Copco and LHWRF, 3,160 Kesar mango saplings were provided to 143 farmers in the Mulshi block of Pune district, promoting fruit-based farming as a pathway to long-term livelihood enhancement.





## How Street Plays Are Spreading Health Awareness

This video captures how our Lives program uses street plays in local dialects to raise awareness about non-communicable diseases like Cardio Vascular Diseases, COPD, diabetes and hypertension in rural communities. These relatable performances promote early detection, lifestyle changes, and treatment adherence, bringing preventive healthcare closer to those who need it most.

Watch the full video here: <https://youtu.be/28sxH7V7yAc?si=gB-uMnVBp6IMGeLV>





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