



Dear supporter,

Thank you so much for contributing towards our vision of an equitable, inclusive and sustainable India. Here are some of the key initiatives and campaign highlights during FY 2021-22 (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022):

Covid
Response

Air
pollution
& climate
change

Gender
and
Sexuality

Updates
from
22-23

Financial
Reports



Jhatkaa.org

Care4Care

While Covid ravaged our country over the past couple of years, we saw incredible acts of compassion and kindness. Volunteers across the country worked relentlessly to help people source beds, oxygen and medication -- purely out of the energy of compassion and humanity. We saw volunteers working round the clock to help complete strangers through an extremely difficult time.

After speaking to volunteer groups, we identified that there was a clear need to find a way to care for these volunteers. And that's how the #Care4Care campaign was born in April 2021.

We hosted counselling sessions for volunteers – both individual and group sessions were held depending on the need. In total we conducted 18 sessions with 103 attendees.

We also distributed over 750 Covid relief packages containing masks, gloves, etc in May and another 695 packages in June to Relief Riders - a group of 650+ riders across India. In addition, we worked with ASHA workers and anonymous volunteer groups.

In July, we distributed another 90 relief packages to two of the volunteer groups based out of Mumbai and Ahmednagar. These packages included masks, shields, gloves, sanitizers, self-care affirmation postcard picture, and a note in solidarity.



#CARE4CARE
A citizen movement to care for our carers

Thank you for being the strongest of all in this pandemic.

Doctors can sign up by scanning this QR Code.

This message is from the Jhatkaa.org's audience

This is an initiative to support doctors during tough times by providing them with **free professional** mental health sessions led by CSRD.
No hidden charges included.



#Care4Care

AN INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING AND OTHER CARE PACKAGES TO VOLUNTEERS WORKING FOR COVID-19 VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SUPPORT US



Support for Sunderbans - Covid and Cyclone relief:

In May 2021, West Bengal saw a disaster of catastrophic proportions caused by a cyclone and a full moon high tide coinciding with the Covid-19 pandemic. This resulted in at least one crore people being affected and three lakh houses becoming uninhabitable.

We began working with the Rural Response Tracker team to help #SupportSunderbans. The Rural Response Tracker, an initiative by Agami, aimed to bridge the gap between urban and rural covid response which was run almost entirely by volunteers.

Our team members also visited the affected areas in Sunderbans in July 2021 to gain a better understanding of the relief support to the communities, and provide a detailed report of the utilization of member donations. We are happy to report that we received over Rs. 11 lakhs in donations towards this campaign.



Donations received for our campaign were used to support two Kolkata-based NGOs, Stronger Kolkata Initiative (SKI) and Kolkata Society for Cultural Heritage (KSCH) who were in need of resources for their efforts.

KSCH mobilized 12 tons of food and 450 tarpaulins. They ran 8 community kitchens providing free meals to 8,600 people daily. They organized 12 relief camps in collaboration with the Govt of West Bengal that helped 1600 families.



SKI supplied free kits containing ration kit, tarpaulin sheets, basic medicine, water purification solutions & sanitary napkins that cost Rs. 800-1000 each.

Rapid response campaigns

Journey to Save 8651 trees

Jhatkaa.org filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) challenging an ongoing road construction by KRDCL in the absence of a mandatory EIA and prior Environmental Clearance in the eco-sensitive zone (ECZ) of Bannerghatta National park.

In the last hearing on 7th April 2021, the High Court of Karnataka ordered an enquiry into the tree felling at Uraganadoddi in the ESZ of Bannerghatta National park after KRDCL could not provide an explanation for the cutting.

KRDCL have contradicted their own affidavit in court stating that there were no trees in the stretch but also mentioned that the trees felled were not by them. The High Court has now directed the state government to conduct an enquiry to find the real culprit.

Save Dumna

The Dumna Nature Reserve is spread over nearly 1800 acres of forested land on a plateau, about 40 meters above Jabalpur town. Development plans were proposed in this area which would result in the removal of old trees, pollution of streams, and a reduction in the city's air quality. It would also result in the obliteration of an urban forest that has withstood the test of time. The loss will be consid-

erably larger for the local fauna, resulting in increased conflict with humans.

We issued an urgent plea that alternative sites be found for the other proposed projects as well and that the eco-sensitive zone of Dumna remains a green zone, where no construction can take place.

Kodaikanal's dirty secret

The Tiger Sholai forest in Kodaikanal has become a garbage dumpsite in violation of Municipal Solid waste management, 2016. In August 2021, Avijit Michael, Executive Director of Jhatkaa.org, along with

a few local residents, met Kodaikanal's commissioner Mr. D. Narayanan to raise the issue of garbage overflowing into the forest. After a round of talks, the commissioner assured that necessary actions will be taken up. Some of the key demands they agreed upon:

- The authorities will set up centralized composting facilities in the town.
- They will also set up small sheds for processing dry waste in each community.
- Working with the forest department, they will take necessary steps to clean the waste flowing into the forest.

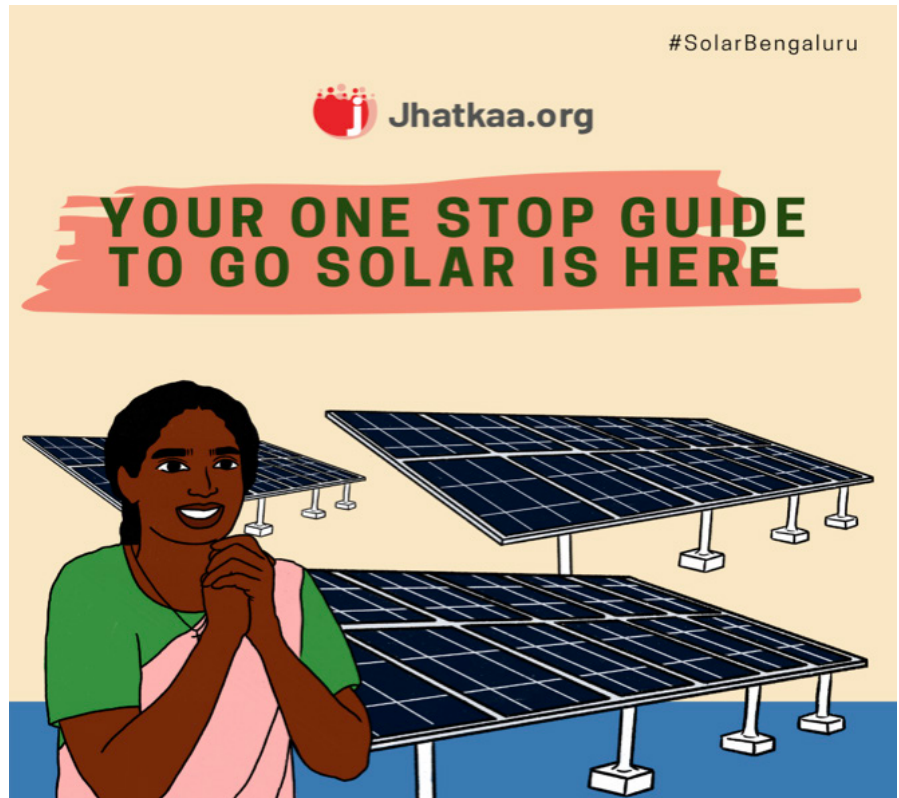


Solar Toolkit Launch

A survey conducted by BES-COM had revealed that the rooftops of 1.4 lakh buildings in Bengaluru have the potential to generate 2.5 GW of solar power. In October 2021, we launched a toolkit that simplified the process of applying for rooftop solar. It aimed to address some of the challenges and common questions that an individual would have before taking the step to install solar panels on their rooftop.

The Toolkit explained:

- What is a Solar PV system
- Application process with BES-COM
- Subsidies available and eligibility for it
- Policies one would require to know



Save Nandini

Nandini river has become a garbage dump for people living along the banks. Many businesses and street vendors throw their garbage directly into the river. Jhatkaa.org, along with citizens and the Nashik Municipal corporation workers, cleaned the riverbed multiple times. Due to several black spots along the river, and people dumping garbage at night, our efforts were not enough.

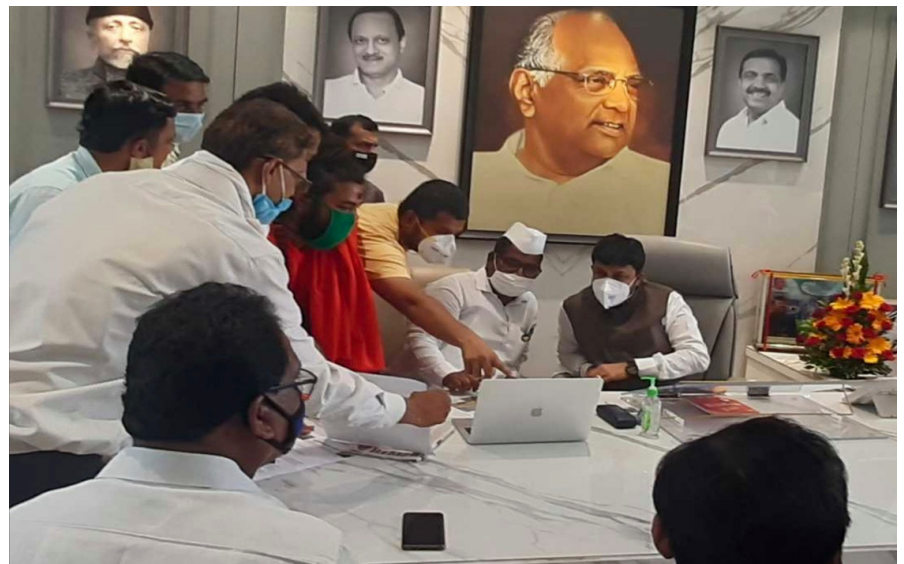
To curb this issue in the long run, the NMC accepted our campaign demand for fencing along the river bed and work has started on a few sites. Also our demand to install CCTV along the blackspots on Nandini river was accepted and that work has begun.



Save Sahyadri - Save Western Ghats

In May 2021, the Brahmagiri mountain range in Nashik witnessed heavy destruction for a construction project by a private developer. The Brahmagiri Action Committee found that this was not an isolated event in the Sahyadri range. Hundreds of illegal and risky mining, excavation and construction projects are ongoing in the mountain range.

In July 2021, our campaigner met with the Maharashtra State Minister Sanjay Bansode (pic below), presenting the issues of these illegal mining and construction activities. **This led to a 'stop-work' order issued on illegal mining projects in Nashik district by the district administration, and investigations have started against these illegal activities.**



DM engagements in Maharashtra in FY 2021 - 22:

On 18th April 2021, our campaigner met with Nashik Municipal Corporation PWD Department Satpur Zone head - Mr. Vilas Patil for the [garden cleanup project](#).



On 28th April 2021, we organised a convening of the Nashik Clean Air Hub on waste management work in Nashik city with NMC's SWM Director - Dr. Avesh Palod.



On 31st August 2021, our campaigner met with Nashik Smart City CEO Mr. Sumant More for our cycling campaign in Nashik.



Kommasandra Planting drive

In July 2021, Jhatkaa.org along with Biotasoil Foundation and HSR Rotary Club commenced our first collaborative planting drive at Kommasandra. **The total planting drive covered as many as 1000s of saplings across 11 acres.**

This collaborative drive aimed to plant 2000 saplings to com-

memorate the lives of people we lost due to Covid-19. Our supporters and members could sponsor the labour, tools and 3-years of maintenance for one sapling at just Rs. 300. In the first phase, we were able to plant 750 saplings with the help of our members and volunteers, some of whom had also donated to the project.



From July 2021 to March 2022 we had raised over Rs.57,000 in donations from members towards sponsoring tree saplings for the planting drive.



Clean-up drives

In Bengaluru from October onwards we supported plog runs hosted by different partners, such as Koramangala Rising, BBMP, The Indian Ploggers Army (IPA), The Mahadev Foundation and the Marwari Yuva Manch, with our many volunteers in attendance for these clean up drives held at Koramangala, VV Puram, Jaynagar, Hosakerahalli Lake and Alahalli Lake.



We collaborated with 'There is No Earth B' in Delhi for their forest clean up drives held at the Sanjay Vann and the Central Ridge Forest. These reserve forests attract scores of walkers, birdwatchers, cyclists, and nature lovers every day. However, with people and eateries comes trash. Hence initiatives to protect biodiversity, and reclaim

the community commons, have led to organizing cleanups.

At the Sanjay Vann cleanup drive, 94 kg of non-biodegradable waste was removed and transported to the municipality waste processing center. **The Ridge forest clean-up had citizen groups clear 870 kg of trash.**

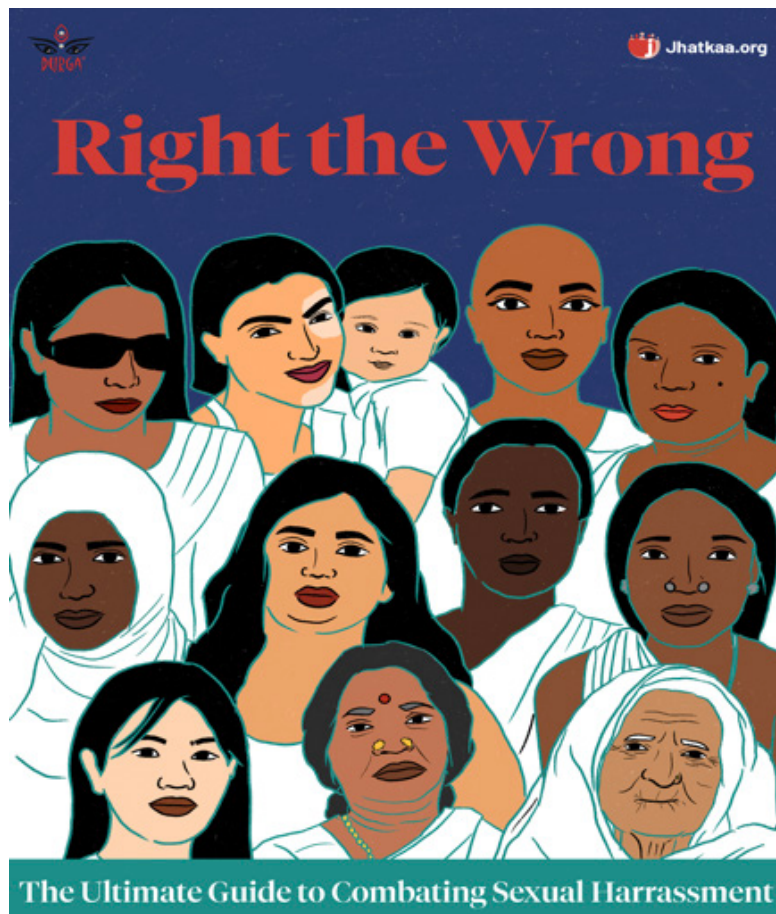


(clockwise: Clean up drive at VV Puram, Clean up drive at Madiwala Lake, Waste Management street play with BBMP and Ridge forest clean up drive)

Right the Wrong toolkit launch

In a joint effort with Durga India, we launched a 'Right the Wrong toolkit - an ultimate guide to combating Sexual harassment', so as to tackle the problem of under-reporting and create awareness by explaining provisions of the law that women can refer to when filing a complaint. The toolkit includes:

- Section 354: Outraging the Modesty of a Woman
- Section 509: word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman
- The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Protection and Redressal) Act, 2013
- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)
- What are the steps involved in reporting a crime: Getting access to Legal Aid
- Bystander Intervention



der the Saheli Samanvay Kendra scheme in Delhi on identifying and intervening in cases of violence against women and adopting a feminist approach to supporting women in distress.

We signed an MoU in collaboration with Durga India and also received an approval from the Director of the Dept. of Women and child Development to conduct workshops under the Saheli Samanvay Kendra scheme.

Gender Sensitisation of Frontline workers

On 27th Sep 2021, we met Dr. Rashmi Singh, the director of the Dept. of Women and Child Development (Govt. of Delhi

NCT) to present our toolkit on the laws against sexual harassment. We're using this toolkit to work with functionaries un-



Paint the Wall

Under the #DontHushMonthlies campaign, the Paint the wall event was hosted by Smitam.org, which aimed to normalize the conversation around menstruation and promote sustainable practices.

We had partnered with them to cover 16 walls in Bangalore over 16 weeks.

This activity helped us spread the message among millions of people, that would help people to switch to better sustainable options. This would in turn directly impact the environment and also our health.



Freedom Ride 2021

More than 250+ people joined us for the Freedom Ride hosted on 15th August. The event supported the 'CycleNow campaign' which asks for better cycling infrastructure in India. Freedom Ride was a day to celebrate the freedom of cycling by asking the decision-makers for a change that will help us to reduce air pollution and congestion on roads.

We were able to conduct eight Freedom Rides in eight different cities, which included Nashik, Agartala, Ranchi, Kolkata, Bangalore, Delhi, Purulia and Noida, supported by Bicycle Mayor, our partners and team members.



Volunteer Engagement in FY 2021-2022

We held around 47 events of which 38 events were hosted by Jhatkaa.org, and 9 events where we participated as a Partner.

We also hosted 7 webinars in the last year.

We had around 1114 volunteers and 10,000 + audience members attend our events.

Future Cities

We launched the Future Cities campaign in Delhi, where we used an augmented virtual reality display screen to showcase a clean city in the future if we adapt to more sustainable options and a waste segregation system around the city. **The event was inaugurated by Yogesh K Verma, Leader of House, North Municipal Corporation Delhi.**

An 8-day event was held from 11th to 19th December at GTB Nagar, Delhi, with the aim of mobilizing people to ask their decision-makers to switch to sustainable options that will help reduce air pollution.

Different artists, school students and e-rickshaw groups joined, and supported the event, to spread awareness. The event included dance artists, jingles on air pollution, sustainable transport users, flashmobs, and flow art performances.



Future City Festival

We had launched the #Future-City in Delhi in December 2021, and then decided to host an even bigger edition in Bangalore from 3rd to 5th June 2022. Our aim for the festival was to get the citizens and people in power living in the cities to envision a better future and take steps towards it. To help envision this, we installed an augmented virtual reality display screen,

whereby when a user would stand in front of the installed digital display, they would be able to visualize themselves in a reimagined Bengaluru.

We decided to come together alongside artists, environmentalists, young sustainable organizations, civil society groups and citizens to imagine this city as part of Future City Festival,

Bangalore held at Bangalore Creative Circus.

We had a marketplace with green brands alongside talks, workshops and panels, which was to engage with people to reimagine a clean, smart and sustainable future city if we did everything





Save Hesaraghatta

The Hesaraghatta lakebed area and its surrounding scrub forests and grasslands in north-west Bengaluru are important repositories of biodiversity, and critical to the water security of the city. This is an important watershed and protection of this area, and will also help the proposed rejuvenation of the Arkavathi river basin. However, the land is likely to be turned into a concrete jungle if a develop-

ment project is approved by The State Wildlife Board who would be meeting on 5th September 2022 to determine the fate of the Hesaraghatta grasslands.

To save this grassland, we began our campaign 'Save Hesaraghatta', petitioning the Chief Minister of Karnataka and Karnataka State Wildlife Board to notify Hesaraghatta as a conservation reserve.

We received over 66,000 signatures in support of this campaign, which our campaigns director, Divya Narayanan, submitted to the Principal chief conservator of forest, Mr. Vijay Kumar Gogoi, at Arayana Bhavan on 5th September 2022, before the meeting of the State Wildlife board.



Finally, We are happy to report that over the year we had received over Rs 15 lakhs donations from 3100 individual donors. Our 'Support for Sunderbans - Covid and Cyclone relief' campaign received the majority of donations of around Rs. 6 Lakhs.

We also had over 75 media hits across the country featured in four languages - English, Hindi, Kannada and Marathi.

In conclusion, I hope to have your continued support through this year. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please email us at donations@jhatkaa.org, or visit <https://jhatkaa.org/donate/>

In solidarity,
Avijit Michael
Executive Director & Managing Trustee

This report contains a breakdown of our audited financials for FY 2021-22 which we share with all our donors. If you have any questions regarding this or any of our work please mail us at info@jhatkaa.org

Financials FY 2021 - 22

Profit and Loss account

For the financial year ending (in Rs. Lakhs)	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21
Income		
Foreign contribution	229.2	270.6
Corporate contribution	40.3	63.2
Individual contribution	23.1	14.7
Contract services	4.8	10.7
Total income	297.4	359.3
Expenditure		
Technology expenses	0.1	1.4
Consultancy fees	53.2	45.5
Grants	7.2	0.7
Program expenses non-FCRA	9.4	-
Expenses under FCRA	7.6	35.9
Program expenses under FCRA	232.2	160.2
General and admin expenses	5.9	7.8
Depreciation	0.7	0.7
Total expenditure	316.4	252.2
Excess of income over expenditure	19.0	107.1
Balance Sheet FY 2021 - 22		
Statement as on (in Rs. Lakhs)	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21
Funds and Liabilities		
Trust Fund		
Corpus Fund	0.1	0.1
General Fund	131.9	150.7
Capital grants	6.0	4.7
Non Current Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Current borrowings	-	-
Current provisions	-	0.2
Other current liabilities	-	-
Total Funds and Liabilities	138.0	155.7
Assets		
Non Current Assets		
Fixed Assets	6.7	6.2
Long term loans and advances	-	-
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalent	129.5	148.4
Other current assets	1.8	1.1
Total Assets	138.0	155.7



Jhatkaa.org

www.jhatkaa.org