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SOCIAL SECTOR NEWS

According to PwC's report on the Union Budget FY27, the focus is on a healthy, skilled, and empowered India. It outlines a clear, transparent process to ensure Vikshit Bharat's goals. There is an added emphasis on linking education to employment, supporting women's health and financial independence, and promoting primary healthcare infrastructure, which will be applicable to rural communities; however, time will reveal whether their implementation will materialise into sustainable change.

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[Budget 2026 Impact](#)



ACHIEVEMENT

SPARSH Receives Maharashtra's Prestigious Arogya Ratna Award

The Pride India SPARSH has been awarded the highly prestigious "**Vandaniya Balasaheb Thackeray Arogya Ratna Award**" by the Public Health Department of the Government of Maharashtra

It has been recognised as the top-performing hospital across all quality indicators, achieving 100% performance, reflecting the commitment to quality, accountability and patient-centred care.

This award has been made possible by the good teamwork, work discipline, and dedication of the entire Sparsh team.

Message from Mr. Anandraj (COO)

To all who have been part of our journey - thank you for helping turn vision into meaningful impact.

We look forward to another year of creating lasting change, together.



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrating the Strength of Women

All Projects

In March, our teams across project locations came together to celebrate the strength, resilience, and leadership of women in our communities. Through interactive sessions, discussions, and awareness activities, women were guided on important aspects of health, well-being, financial independence, and social participation.

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Commemorating Marathi Language

Education



Marathi Bhasha Din (27th February) was celebrated across 10 schools in 10 villages, engaging nearly **1,000 students** in reading, writing, and speech competitions, along with awareness rallies. The celebrations highlighted the importance of the Marathi language, cultural heritage, and the habit of reading, while encouraging students to make greater use of their school libraries and build a strong reading culture around them.



Early Detection & Healthier Futures for Rural Women

Healthcare

242 women from 72 villages were screened and counselled at SPARSH Hospital in Sastur as part of Cancer Screening camp for women in March. Among these, 41 PAP smear samples were collected, and 9 FNAC procedures were conducted for further diagnosis and management. This initiative enabled rural women to understand the importance of early detection and helped them overcome barriers such as fear, stigma, and lack of knowledge.



Second Crop Cultivation Boosts Farmer Incomes

Livelihood

This quarter, under the Shashwat Gram Project (Ideal Village) in Shrivardhan, **100 farmers** improved their livelihoods through second-crop cultivation, generating an additional income of ₹5,000–6,000 each. This initiative has strengthened household incomes and encouraged a more sustainable, productive use of agricultural land.

SUCCESS STORIES

Women Turn Opportunity into Income



On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Focused Rural Development Project participated in an exhibition, where they showcased and sold their products such as mango products, cashews etc. Their efforts resulted in a total revenue of ₹27,000, thereby, encouraging them to continue building sustainable livelihoods through their skills and entrepreneurship.

This Quarter in Pictures



The importance of water conservation & management was highlighted on World Water Day in NMMC schools



Children's exposure visit was organised to the Nehru Planetarium in Mumbai under Ideal Village Project.



Rally for TB awareness and elimination, along with distribution of POSHAN kits at SPARSH.



16 new cashew processing units set up in Lanja & Sangmeshwar blocks.



'A' Grade Recognition for Karanjkhoh School

Under Holistic Child development, the students, teachers, and community of Raigad Zilla Parishad School, Karanjkhoh, Mahad, celebrated a proud milestone as the school received an **A Grade under the School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Framework (SQAAF)**, recognising its commitment to quality education, strong systems, and an enabling learning environment.

GET INVOLVED!

This year, SPARSH has provided quality care to over 4,000 inpatients, bringing critical healthcare closer to those who need it most. Your continued support can help in saving lives and serving rural communities in need.

