



# July Newsletter

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Every field holds a  
promise for tomorrow.



# Month at a Glance

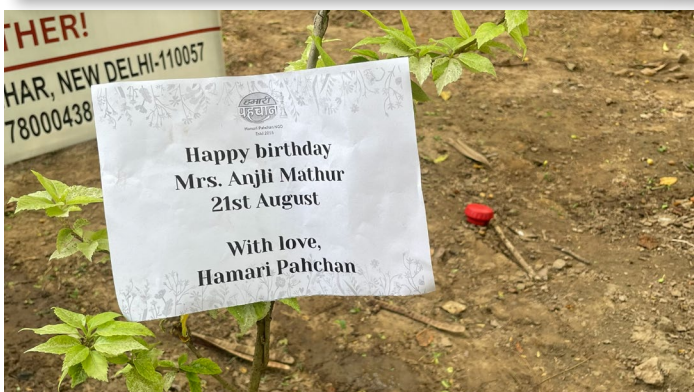


# Growing a Greener Tomorrow

Encouraging environmental stewardship through collective community action.

In collaboration with Hamari Pahchan NGO, Dream Future NGO organized a plantation drive to promote environmental conservation and inspire sustainable living. Volunteers and community members came together to plant saplings, reinforcing the importance of protecting natural resources and creating greener surroundings.

Beyond planting trees, the initiative encouraged participants to adopt eco-friendly practices and recognize the role each individual plays in addressing environmental challenges. Every sapling planted symbolizes a shared commitment to cleaner air, healthier ecosystems, and a more sustainable future for generations to come.



# Supporting Sustainable Agriculture

Improving rural livelihoods through reliable irrigation support.

As part of its commitment to strengthening rural communities, Dream Future NGO, in collaboration with Hamari Pahchan NGO, supported a water irrigation initiative by providing a water irrigation motor to Shri Sham Lal, a local farmer. The initiative aims to improve irrigation efficiency, reduce the challenges associated with water access, and support sustainable farming practices.

By enhancing irrigation facilities, the project contributes to improved agricultural productivity while helping farmers conserve time and resources. It reflects the shared vision of empowering rural communities and promoting long-term environmental and economic sustainability.



# The People Who Clean Our Cities, But Remain Invisible

Every morning, before most of us wake up, someone has already been at work.

The streets are swept, yesterday's waste has disappeared, and the neighbourhood looks fresh enough for another day to begin. We notice the clean roads, but rarely stop to think about the people who made them that way.

Waste collectors, sanitation workers, and recycling workers are among the most essential people in our cities, yet they are often the least recognised. Their work protects our environment every single day. By collecting waste, sorting recyclable materials, and keeping public spaces clean, they prevent pollution, reduce the burden on landfills, and help valuable resources find a second life. In many ways, they are the quiet guardians of a sustainable future.

Yet their contribution often goes unnoticed.

For many of us, throwing away a plastic bottle is the end of the story. For them, it is only the beginning. They spend hours handling waste that others don't want to touch, often in harsh weather and with limited protective equipment. Despite performing a service that benefits every household, they are too often met with indifference instead of respect.

Perhaps the biggest irony is this, we celebrate clean cities, but rarely celebrate the people who keep them clean.

This is where organisations like Dream Future Foundation remind us that environmental protection is not just about planting trees or organising clean-up drives. It is also about recognising the people who work tirelessly to protect our surroundings. Through its initiatives for environmental awareness, sustainable communities, and responsible waste management, the Foundation encourages us to see sustainability through a more compassionate lens one where every individual contributing to a cleaner environment deserves dignity and appreciation.

Building a greener future is not only about reducing waste, it is about valuing the hands that manage it.

The next time you see a sanitation worker sweeping your street or a waste collector carrying heavy bags of recyclables, pause for a moment. A simple smile, a greeting, or a sincere "thank you" may seem small, but it acknowledges something they rarely receive, recognition.

After all, a truly sustainable city is not only measured by how clean its streets are, but also by how deeply it respects the people who keep them clean.



# Hidden Hands The Invisible Face of Child Labor in Everyday Products

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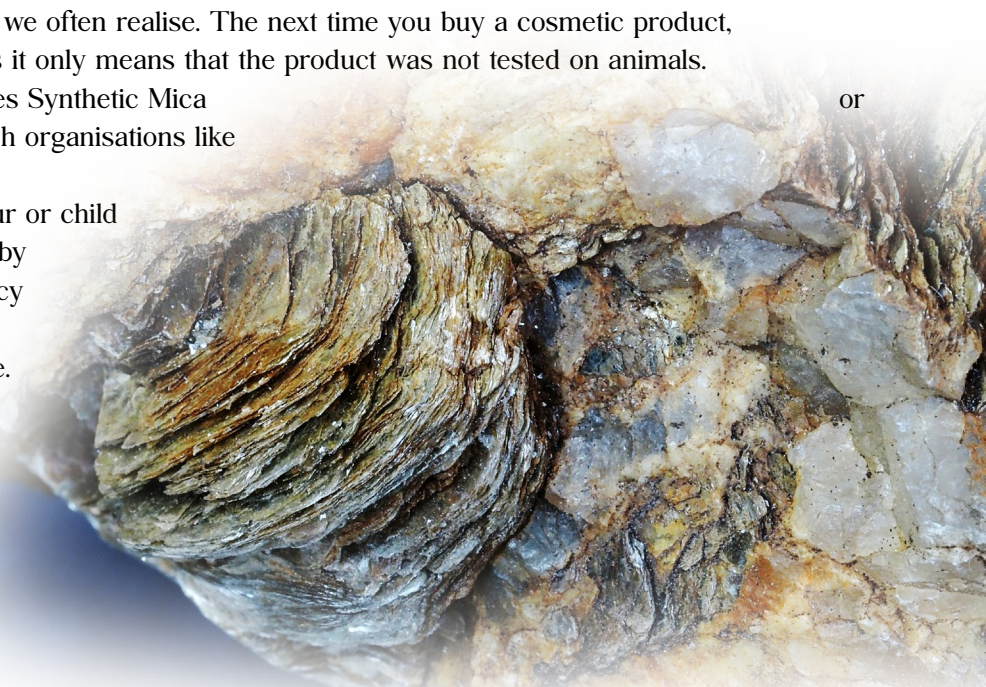


Have you ever looked at your favorite eyeshadow or lipstick and wondered what gives it that beautiful shimmer? The answer is a natural mineral called mica. It is one of the key ingredients that gives many cosmetic products their sparkling finish. But behind that shine lies a painful truth. For thousands of children, the journey of mica from the ground to our makeup comes at the cost of their childhood. This is why it is often referred to as “Blood Mica.” According to reports by international organizations such as Terre des Hommes and Save the Children, around 20,000 to 30,000 children are involved in illegal mica mining in the states of Jharkhand and Bihar. Many of them are only 4 to 14 years old. Their small hands make it easier to separate tiny mica flakes from rocks, making them easy targets for those running these illegal mines. The U.S. Department of Labor has reported that many of these mining operations are controlled by local mafias and operate outside the law. Every day, these children crawl into narrow, unstable tunnels, often called “rat-hole” mines, where even a small collapse can turn fatal. They spend hours breathing in fine dust that slowly damages their lungs and can lead to serious diseases such as silicosis. At an age when they should be sitting in classrooms, making friends, and dreaming about their future, they are instead risking their lives for just 20 to 50 Rupees a day.

The good news is that change is possible. Scientists have developed Synthetic Fluorophlogopite, a lab-made alternative to natural mica that is brighter, safer, and completely free from child exploitation. Many countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States, and Germany, are gradually moving towards this ethical alternative. One well-known example is LUSH Cosmetics, which decided to stop using natural mica altogether. At the same time, organizations like the Responsible Mica Initiative (RMI) are working with businesses and communities to make mica supply chains more transparent and free from child labour.

As consumers, we have more influence than we often realise. The next time you buy a cosmetic product, don't just look for the “Cruelty Free” label, as it only means that the product was not tested on animals. Instead, try to find out whether the brand uses Synthetic Mica or follows responsible sourcing practices through organisations like the Responsible Mica Initiative (RMI).

If you ever come across a case of child labour or child exploitation, don't ignore it. You can report it by calling Childline (1098), India's free emergency helpline for children. Every small choice we make has the power to change someone's life. The sparkle in a makeup product should never come at the cost of a child's future. Because true beauty is not just about how something looks it is about knowing that no child's smile was sacrificed to create it.



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a better future.**



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