Forengers, Our Journey.

The Beginning.

Amidst the outbreak of the Brazilian Forest Fires in August 2019, the *First Forenger* rose to ranks and had an idea to bring about a group of *Like-Minded People, Friends & Companions* who would work to bring about a change towards the betterment of the environment and towards the betterment of Humanity. The idea was simple, to bring together people and start a Tree Plantation Activity. The name of that guy, is **Neil Gokhale.**

Kothrud Zone.

Neil’s ambition and his desire to help the environment and his vision of safeguarding our Mother Earth, led to the Formation of Forengers, Kothrud Zone. The very first Tree Plantation Drive took place on, ‘insert date’ with just Four Friends Devansh, Neil, Riya & Soham (have put these 4 names in alphabetical order, can edit if needed) who became the *First Four* planted the first Six Saplings. Since then, we have come up with new ideas, concepts and designs. We have started Cleanliness Drives where we collect both wet and dry waste and personally send it for *Recycling.* We started the notion of reducing the Use of Plastic and came up with the Wonderful Idea of ‘Paper Bag’ making Drive. Since then, Forengers has grew exponentially without looking back. Currently there are over 120 Saplings and ‘insert number’ of Cleanliness Drives and ‘insert number’ of Paper Bag Making Drives that took place in the Kothrud Zone. This has certainly made a generous and positive impact, capturing the minds of our peers & friends from work, from colleges and from schools. The success of Kothrud Zone has then led to the formation of Forengers, SahakarNagar Zone & Forengers, Hadapsar Zone.

SahakarNagar Zone.

Sahakarnagar Zone came into being because of the persistent efforts and dedication of our very own **Mihika Kulkarni**. She started this zone with an expansive point of view and of course, to make a difference. Even though the initial period witnessed quite a bumpy ride, Mihika and her Forengers have grown stronger and smarter and more efficient in all sorts of ways, learning from each and every setback and mistake. Sahakarnagar Zone has a command over 2 beautiful Plantation Zones, backed by the Forest Department of Pune. They have planted over, ‘insert number’ saplings, installed protective Green Sheds/Shades (edit and finalize), installed Drip Irrigation methods as to make sure our dear saplings grown into strong muscular trees, and look after us, for years to come. The Paper Bag making drive along with Cleanliness Drives take place as per the carefully planned schedule that works in tandem with Kothrud as well as Hadapsar Zone. To put it in a nutshell, S.N. Zone has shown steady but sizeable progress and is now *sorted* and *serene.*

Hadapsar Zone.

Last but not the least as they say, comes into picture the Hadapsar Zone. This zone’s responsibility has been taken up by the lively and energetic Audumbar Dravid. When Audumbar took on the authority of initiating the H.P. Zone, he took on quite a challenge. It was an ambitious and burdensome task to some extent, but with Forengers’ Spirit, he overcame every challenge he ever faced with the continuous help and support from other Zonal Leaders and his own Core Team. Unable to find a Plantation Spot within H.P. Zone, Audumbar did not lose courage and initiated Cleanliness Drives along with Paper Bag Making Drives. H.P. Zone have made a staggering, ‘insert number’ paper bags and cleaned about, ‘insert number’ kilos of wet and dry waste altogether! Despite a ton of hurdles, Hadapsar Zone never lost hope and kept working together as a unit and formed their Core Group which works seamlessly towards the implementation of new and varied tasks, and ultimately towards the betterment of our *Society!*