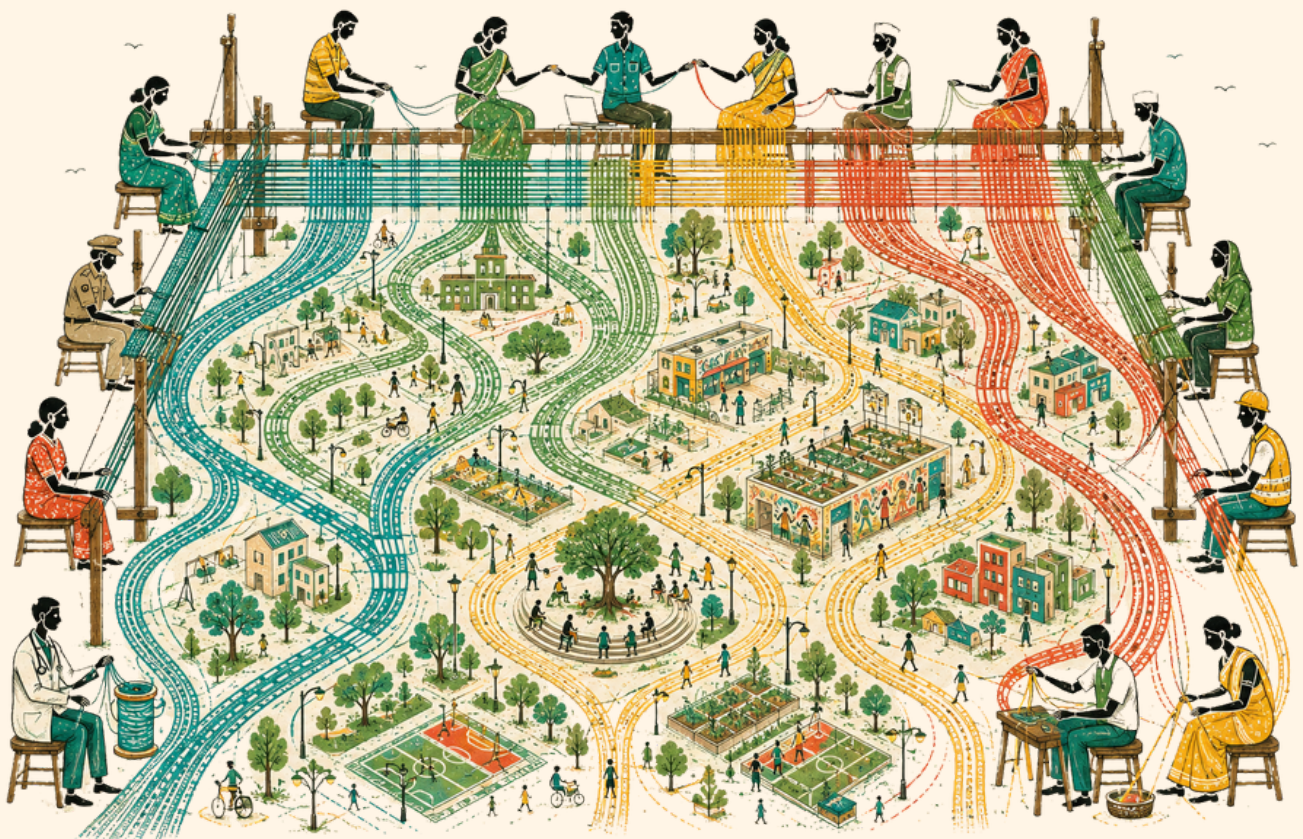




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LEADERS SUMMIT

2026



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Journey of the Evening

One evening. One room. One Mumbai.

On 8 August 2026, changemakers, citizens, community leaders, organisations, youth leaders and city stakeholders came together for the WISE Leaders Summit 2026 to celebrate the people, ideas and places shaping a more Well-being oriented, Inclusive, Sustainable, Expression-led and Entrepreneurial (WISE) Mumbai.

The Summit was envisioned as a space to bring together citizens and institutions that are actively contributing to Mumbai's future. At a time when cities face increasingly complex social and environmental challenges, meaningful change requires collaboration across communities, sectors and generations. The WISE Leaders Summit was created to recognise those already driving this change while also creating opportunities for dialogue, shared learning and new partnerships that can strengthen civic action across the city.

The Summit featured key moments that reflected different dimensions of civic leadership and participation. It began with the Live Civic Simulation, an immersive experience that enabled participants to step into the roles of different city stakeholders and collaboratively address real urban challenges. This was followed by the WISE Mumbai Awards, celebrating individuals, organisations and localities that are already demonstrating what it means to build a more WISE city. The Summit also marked the graduation of Community Connect Fellowship Cohort 16, recognising a new cohort of emerging civic leaders committed to driving change in their communities. Finally, the launch of the How WISE is Mumbai? civic survey shared insights from the city's WISE Quotient, offering a citizen-led perspective on Mumbai's progress towards becoming a more WISE city.

The programme also featured a special performance by The Dharavi Dream Project, celebrating the creativity, talent and aspirations of young people from the community.

Together, these moments created a space for learning, celebration, collaboration and collective action, bringing together diverse voices committed to shaping a more connected, inclusive and sustainable Mumbai.

200+

SUMMIT ATTENDEES

165+

CITIZENS ATTENDEES FOR LIVE
CIVIC SIMULATION

3600+

CITIZENS CONTRIBUTED TO THE
WISE QUOTIENT



Naata Shahi

A Civic Problem-Solving Simulation

One of the defining experiences of the summit was Naata Shahi, an immersive civic simulation set in the **fictional city of WisePur**. Designed to move beyond traditional discussions on governance, the simulation invited participants to experience how cities truly function by stepping into the roles of citizens, government officials, administrators, NGOs, experts, media and youth leaders, each bringing different priorities, perspectives and responsibilities to the table.

With 165+ citizens, youth and representatives from organisations participating, the room transformed into a vibrant city where conversations, negotiations, partnerships and decision-making unfolded in real time. As participants worked together to respond to urban challenges, they quickly realised that civic issues are rarely solved by a single institution or individual. Instead, meaningful progress depends on collaboration, trust, shared responsibility and sustained dialogue across sectors.

More than an activity, Naata Shahi offered a practical glimpse into the realities of city-making. It encouraged participants to appreciate the complexity of public systems, recognise the value of every stakeholder's contribution and understand that lasting change is created when communities, institutions and governments work together towards a shared vision for a more WISE city.

165

CITIZENS & CHANGEMAKERS

12

LOCALITIES

8

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS



WISE Mumbai Awards

A Civic Problem-Solving Simulation

The WISE Mumbai Awards celebrate individuals, organisations and localities that are building a more WISE spirit, spaces and Mumbai. More than a recognition, the awards shine a light on inspiring initiatives already creating positive change across the city and bring together a growing community of leaders committed to shaping the city through collaboration, compassion and civic action.

This year, the awards received inspiring 76+ nominations from across Mumbai, showcasing the remarkable work being led by citizens, community groups and organisations across diverse sectors. The nominations were reviewed by a distinguished six-member jury, who carefully evaluated each entry and selected awardees whose work truly reflects the values and vision of a WISE Mumbai.



WISE Leader Award - Dr. Noorjehan Safia Niaz

Recognised for her pioneering leadership in advancing justice and equality for Muslim women.

WISE Locality Award - The Dharavi Dream Project

Celebrated for using Hip-Hop as a powerful tool for education, leadership and social change.



Emerging WISE Leader Award - Sachi Maniar

Recognised for her leadership in supporting vulnerable children and youth through care, education and family reintegration.



Emerging WISE Locality Award - Special Hangout

Recognised for creating an inclusive community where neurodivergent individuals and their families can belong, learn and thrive.



Community Connect Fellowship Graduation

The Community Connect Fellowship (CCF) is a three-month leadership programme that nurtures young changemakers through social action in their local communities. Working at the intersection of self, civic systems and active citizenship, the fellowship equips youth with the knowledge, skills and confidence to identify local issues, engage with stakeholders and lead meaningful change.

Rooted in partnerships with colleges and the National Service Scheme (NSS), CCF serves as a pathway into long-term civic leadership. Through workshops, field immersion and community projects, the programme encourages young people to move beyond awareness and become active contributors to building more WISE localities.

Cohort 16 Impact | May – July 2026

3.5 lakh

PEOPLE IMPACTED

3,600+

SURVEYS

564

RESOLVED

4,050+

VOLUNTEER HOURS

1,450+

COMPLAINTS FILED

At the WISE Leaders Summit 2026, **59 fellows** graduated from Community Connect Fellowship Cohort 16, marking the culmination of three months of learning, community engagement and civic action. Their work across neighbourhoods demonstrates the potential of young citizens to drive meaningful, grassroots change when equipped with the right tools, mentorship and opportunities.



WISE Quotient

How WISE is Mumbai?

The WISE Quotient is a citizen-led survey that measures how people experience their neighbourhoods through the four pillars of a WISE city: Well-being, Inclusion, Sustainability, and Expression & Entrepreneurship. Conducted between May and July 2026, the survey was led by 59 Community Connect Fellows, reaching 3,600+ citizens across all 24 municipal wards of Mumbai.

Rather than measuring infrastructure alone, the WISE Quotient captures how people feel about the places they call home. It highlights both the city's strengths and the areas where collective action is needed, providing a citizen perspective on what it takes to build a more WISE Mumbai.



2.25

W: Well-Being



2.85

I: Inclusive



2.16

S: Sustainable



2.47

E: Entrepreneurial & Expression



Quotient Mumbai

2.47 out of 4

The findings reveal a city where hope remains strong. While citizens expressed optimism about Mumbai's future, they also highlighted the need for greener neighbourhoods, stronger community participation, better management of shared civic resources and more opportunities for expression and local entrepreneurship.

The WISE Quotient was presented at the Summit to place citizens' voices at the centre of conversations about Mumbai's future. By understanding how people experience their neighbourhoods, the survey provides a shared evidence base for citizens, organisations, institutions and decision-makers to identify priorities and collaborate on meaningful local action. Rather than being an end in itself, the WISE Quotient is intended to serve as a starting point for building more responsive, connected and WISE localities across the city.



Moments from the Evening



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