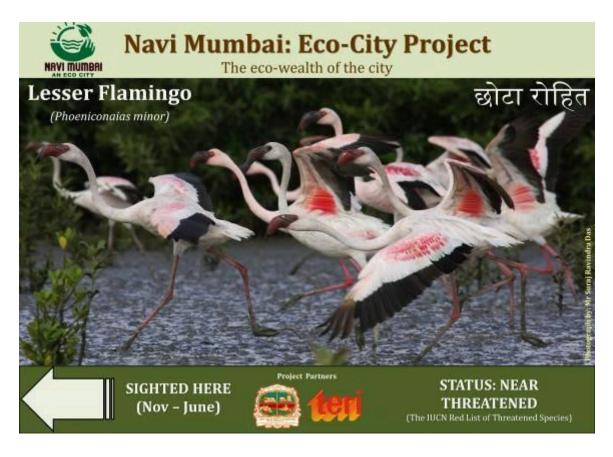


# Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society

Registered Address: 205, CITI Tower, C Wing, Plot 55, Sector 15, CBD, Belapur, Navi Mumbai 400616, Maharashtra, India Registration Number: MAH/1208/12/Thane Date: 24.07.2012

10<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING ON 25-Sep-2022 AT 15/1101 Seawoods Estates, and over video conference



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The following are the Management Committee members as on 31/03/2022:

Mr. Virender Kumar Gandhi Mr. Bulusu S Venkateswar Mr. Anupam Verma Mr. Amit Kumar Mathur Mr. Sandeep Bangia Hon. President Hon. Treasurer Hon. Secretary Member Member

#### Advisors

1. Dr Dhiren Pania - Expert on Mangrove & Coastal Life

2. Mr Dhanraj Stalin - Environmentalist & Director - Projects, Vanashakti Public Trust

#### Auditor

Ajay Madan and Co. Chartered Accountant, B 606, The Great Eastern Summit, B Wing, Sector 15, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai – 400 614

#### <u>Banker</u>

Bank of Baroda, 3299 Seawoods Branch, Shop No 5 to 8, Dhara Complex Plot No 3 and 4, Sector 44A, Nerul, Navi Mumbai – 400 706

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# NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Hon. Members of "Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society, Navi Mumbai are hereby informed that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Society for the year 2020-21 will held on Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of September at 11 am at the Society's registered address and via video conference to transact the following business.

#### AGENDA

- 1. To discuss and adopt the Management Committee report, Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account for the year 2021-22.
- 2. To discuss and adopt the Audit Report given by the Statutory Auditor for the year 2021-22.
- **3.** To appoint the Auditor for the year 2021-22.
- 4. To amend the registered address from the current registered address mentioned above to 15/1101, Seawoods Estates, Sec. 54, 56, 58, Nerul, Navi Mumbai 400706
- 5. Any other business with the permission of Chairperson.

Place: Navi Mumbai

By order of Managing Committee

Date: 18-Sep-2022

(Anupam Verma) Secretary

#### <u>Note:</u>

- 1. If there is no quorum at 11:00 am then the meeting will adjourn till 11:30 AM and meeting will start at the same place even if there is no quorum.
- 2. Any member having queries regarding accounts should write to the society before 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022.

To, The Members,

# **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2021-22**

To, The Members,

#### Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society

205, CITI Tower, C Wing, Plot 55, Sector 15, CBD, Belapur, Navi Mumbai 400616, Maharashtra, India

Welcome to the Tenth Annual report on the working of your Society for the financial year ended March 31, 2020 submitted by the Management Committee of Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society (NMEPS).

### 1. Financial Highlights

Your society has a closing balance of Rs.59196.00. In addition your society has fixed deposits of Rs. 14,03,188. In order to ensure optimum use of funds, the bank account had been converted into Super Saver with swipe in/swipe out facility. We wish to thank our donors, friends and supporters who have made significant contributions to the society.

### 2. Statement of Accounts:

Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 is attached. Also attached is the Auditor's Report.

### 3. Society Formation and registration:

Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society was set up in the year 2012 as a 'Not for Profit Society.' It was registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 Navi Mumbai on 24.07.2012.

Society was registered under the Bombay Trust Act 1950 Navi Mumbai on 20.06.2013.

80 G Income Tax Exemption from AY 15 / 16 is granted by IT authorities on 11/12/2014.

# 4. Objectives:

The residents of Navi Mumbai were concerned about the destruction of mangroves, lakes and wetlands in Navi Mumbai. These are environmentally important, ecologically sensitive and are natural habitats for migratory birds. The residents have been taking up the issues with the authorities over last several years but there was very little response. The concerned residents, therefore, decided to form Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society. The main objectives of the society are:

To promote / educate and to raise issues and awareness related to environmental protection / preservation / conservation with particular reference to the conservation of mangroves/lakes/wetlands/natural water bodies / natural holding tanks and ecological sensitive areas in Navi Mumbai.

### 5. Membership:

NMEPS has a practice of inviting new members who are interested in environment issues and willing to contribute their time to NMEPS activities. As on 31.03.2022 NMEPS had 23 Members including 5 promoter MC members.

# 6. Review of Activities Conducted by Society:

The Society conducted various activities and educational program to improve environmental awareness and to put pressure on concerned Government authorities to take action to preserve water bodies, lakes, mangroves and prevent debris dumping. Some of the activities conducted are given below:

# - 6.1. World Wetlands Day 2022:

Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society continued its annual World Wetland Day (WWD) event celebration. Keeping in mind that the pandemic hasn't completely died out, the event continued to be conducted in virtual mode with participants joining in over a zoom call on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022.

This was the ninth year in succession that NMEPS had organized the WWD event, and the event continued to grow in popularity with prominent NGO officials attending it. This year, the celebrations This year saw over 300 students from 15 schools participating in the online event, many of whom contributed enthusiastically. Prominent activities conducted during the event were –

- a) The event started with a homage to Late Shri V.K. Punshi, founding President of the Society, by the new President Mr. V.K. Gandhi.
- b) A competition of presentations from students on the need to protect wetlands, especially in the city of Navi Mumbai. Eight entries were received, and presented online. The presentations were strikingly impressive and attractive, with videos, photographs, and results of surveys conducted by the students on display.
- c) Photo presentation by Mr. Satish Dabral, local resident and keen birder and photographer, of the many photos he had taken over many years in the wetlands of Navi Mumbai. Students were thrilled by his brilliant photography.

- d) Speeches by Mr. D Stalin and Mr. B.N. Kumar inspired children to take up environmental issues boldly in their neighborhood. They were asked a number of questions by the enthused students.
- e) Mr. V.K. Gandhi gave a speech about the work done by the Society.

All participants pledged to work together with renewed energy to preserve Navi Mumbai's wetlands and mangrove forests.

### - 6.3 Plantation Activities

Your society organized tree plantations in August 2021 to improve the green cover in Seawoods, Navi Mumbai. Approximately 60 saplings were planted by society members and other invitees. The plantations were carried out in association with Seawoods Estates Limited who provided support during the plantations and also tended to the plants very effectively. As a result, we are happy to announce that almost all plant saplings survived till date. The total expense incurred for the plantations was approximately Rs. 24,500.

#### - 6.2. NMEPS Environment Quiz 2021-22:

As always, NMEPS conducted a quiz program focusing on environmental issues, with the focus back on school students. Awards included hampers and books related to environment preservation. The quiz was a resounding success with a huge number of online participants. Winners were declared during the World Wetland Day celebrations.

### - 6.3. Public Interest Litigation to preserve wetlands

Your Society continued its endeavors to preserve ecologically sensitive spots in the city through its PIL in the Bombay High Court (PIL 218/2013). After 5 years & nearly 100 hearings, the Hon'ble Bombay High Court had given an order on 01.11.2018, the highlights of which are as under:

- a) The impugned notification of 05.10.2016 is hereby quashed and set aside. CIDCO & Project Proponent shall not proceed with the work of making golf course and residential complex.
- b) It is the obligation of CIDCO and local authorities to protect and preserve the two lakes (DPS lake & water body behind T. S. Chanakya).
- c) Mangrove's preservation will be governed by the judgement of 17.09.2018 delivered in PIL 87/2006. The main highlights are:
  - i. There shall be a total freeze on the destruction and cutting of mangroves in the entire State of Maharashtra.
  - ii. No development permission shall be given in respect of any area under mangroves.
  - iii. Destroyed mangroves to be replanted.
  - iv. GoM to create a Grievance Redressal Committee under the Divisional Commissioner Konkan Division to monitor and implement the High Court orders with quarterly compliance reports to the H. C.

M/s. Mistry Construction, the Project Proponent, had filed an SLP (Diary No. 4435-2019) which was registered on 01.02.2019 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court against Caveat No. 10415-2018 filed on 16.11.2018 by NMEPS. Further, CIDCO has filed a SLP on 29.01.2019 Diary No. 3887 of 2019.

Your society has appointed lawyers in Delhi – Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court, Mr. Colin Gonsalves, founder of the Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), to defend our case, and had briefed him and his team before the hearing. They represented your society in the Supreme Court hearing held on 19.07.2019. The hearing was also attended by members of the Society. The Supreme Court has stayed the Bombay High Court order, insofar as the notification of 05.10.2016 is concerned. NMEPS has already filed its counter affidavits in both the above SLPs. Dates for further hearings are awaited as of now.

Senior Counsel Colin Gonsalves' office has been intimated of the passing away of Mr. Punshi, who was one of the respondents in the above SLP and has been requested to make necessary amendments in the SLP accordingly, and also for further correspondence and coordination.

### - 7.4 Review of Infrastructure Projects:

Navi Mumbai continues to be at the center of various Infrastructure building activities led by various agencies and the Centre and State Government levels. While NMEPS appreciates the need to build infrastructure to spur growth and development, some of these projects could potentially lead to environmental damage of an area that is already under severe stress of degradation. Consequently, your Society has decided to be vigilant towards assessing the impact of some of these projects, and bring it to the attention of the Government and the judiciary as and when the need arises.

Most notably, the Society has taken up the issue of damage that could be caused by proposals to make a Jetty in Nerul and supporting infrastructure for transportation of cars and people across to Mumbai. Similarly, the impact on mangroves & water bodies by debris dumping in Kharghar is being closely observed and assessed. NMEPS will continue to focus on such developments and act on behalf of civil society to maintain a balance between supporting sustainable development and preserving the environment.

#### 8. Donations

NMEPS has received corpus donations of Rs. 8,99,719. It is thankful and grateful to the many donors who believe in its objectives and have supported it.

#### 9. Future Activities

Your Society will continue its activities on preservation of the environment and spreading the message to schools & housing societies in Navi Mumbai. The main activities planned during 2022-23 are:

**1.** The PIL hearings will continue in the Supreme Court, and the Society will strive to obtain a favorable verdict from the apex court.

- **2.** The Society will continue its participation in the wetland and mangrove committees formed through orders of the High Court and keep contributing positively to the need to preserve the same.
- 3. Plantation drives will be organized to further improve green cover.
- **4.** Awareness activities for citizens and students will continue as and when a need arises, and contingent on what is feasible given restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### 10. General

The society is funded by the committee members and from public donation. The society also collects fees of Rs.100/- annually from its members. Membership is open only through invitation.

Your society appoints Project Leader for every activity. The project team consists of members with domain knowledge. The teams meet frequently and report the progress to the Management Committee.

Regularly Quarterly Meetings were held by the Managing Committee. There were also other informal meetings.

#### **11 Acknowledgement**

Your Management Committee would like to express its appreciation for the support and continuous cooperation extended by the members. Your Management Committee wishes to place on record the support and cooperation of various Government Authorities and Press / Media in the activities of your society to preserve the environment.

By order of Management Committee

(Virender Kumar Gandhi) Hon President

# **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

REPORT OF AN AUDITOR RELATING TO ACCOUNTS AUDITED UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 33 & 34	
AND RULE 19 OF THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT	
AND NOLE IS OF THE BOMBAT FOBLIC TROST ACT	
Registered Number : - MAH/1208/12Thane Date: 24/07/2012	
Name of the Public Trust : Navi Mumbai Environment Protection Society	
For the Year Ending 31.03.2022	
a. Whether accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance	Yes
with the provisions of the Act and the Rules	
b. Whether reciepts & disbursements are properly & correctly shown in the accounts	Yes
c. Whether the cash balance and vouchers in the custody of the	
manager or trustee on the date of audit were in agreement with the accounts	Yes
d. Whether all books , deeds, accounts, vouchers or other documents	Yes
or records required by the auditor were produced before him.	Contraction of the second s
e. Whether register of movable & immovable properties is properly	NA
maintained, the charges therein are communicated from time to the	
regional office, and the defects and inaccuracies mentioned	
in the previous report have been duly complied with	and the second second second second
f. Whether the manager or trustee or any other person required by the auditor	Yes
to appear before him did so and furnished the necessary information required by him	and the second second second second
g. Whether any property or funds of the trust were applied for any	No
object or purpose other than the object or purpose of the trust	
h. The amounts of outstanding for more than 1 year and the amounts written off if any	NIL
. Whether tenders were invited for repaires or construction involving exp exceeding	NA
Rs.5,000/-	
. Whether any money of the public trust has been invested contrary	No
to the provisions of section 35	
k. Alienations, if any of the immovable property contrary to the	No
provisions of Section 36 which have come to the notice of the auditors	
. All cases of irregular, illegal, or improper expenditure , or failure or	No
ommission to recover monies or other property belonging to the public	
trust or of loss or waste of money or other property thereof and	

in consequence of breach of the trust or misapplicationor any other		
misconduct on the part of the trustees or any other person while in		
the mismanagement of the trust.		
m. Whether the budget has been filed in the form provided by rule 6A	No	
n. Whether the maximum and minimum number of the trustees maintained	Yes	
o. Whether the meetings are held regularly as provided in such instrument	Yes	
p. Whether minute books of proceedings of the meetings is maintained	Yes	
q. whether any of the trustees has any interest in the investment of the trust	No	
r. Whether any of the trustees is a debtor or creditor of the trust	No	
s. Whether the irregularities pointed out by the auditors in the accounts	Yes	
of the previous year have been duly complied with by the trustees during the period of audit		ret-
t. Any special matter which the auditor amy think fit or necessary	No	Sec. 1
to bring to the notice of the Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioner		See Section
For Ajay Madan & Co		_
Chartered Accountants		
(CA Ajay Madan)		
Proprietor		
Membership No 047437		
Firm Registration No 113739W		
Place: Navi Mumbai		
UDIN : 22047437ASIAEP7590		
Date:- 03rd September'2022		Sale of the second second

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRU	ST ACT 1950	
SCHEDULE IXC		
(VIDE RULE 32	)	
Statement of Income liable to contribution for the year ending 31st March 20	022	
Name of the Public Trust : Navi Mumbai Environment Protection Society		
Registered Number : - MAH/1208/12Thane Date: 24/07/2012		
Particulars	Amount in Rs. & P	Amount in Rs. & P
I. INCOME AS SHOWN IN THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		46052
ACCOUNT (SCHEDULE IX)		46053
II. ITEMS NOT CHARGEABLE TO CONTRIBUTION UNDER	the same and the same same same same same same same sam	
SECTION 58 AND RULE 32	and the second se	
(i) Donations received from other Public Trust & Dharmadas		
(ii) Grants received from Government & Local Authorities		
(iii) Interest on Sinking or Depreciation Fund		
(iv) Amount spent for the purpose of secular education		
(v) Amount spent for the purpose of Medical Relief		
(vi) Amount spent for the purpose of Veterinary treatment of		
animals		
(vii) Expenditure incurred from donations for relief of distress		
caused by scarcity. Drought, flood, fire or other		
natural calamity		
viii) Deductions out of income from lands used for		
gricultural purpose:-		
a) Land Revenue and Local Fund Cess		
b) Rent Payable to Superior Landlord		
c) Cost of Production if lands are cultivated		
by trust		

(ix) Deductions out of income from lands used for		
non - agricultural purpose:-		
a) Assessment, cesses and other Government or		
Muncipal Taxes		
b) Ground Rent Payable to Superior Landlord		
c) Insurance Premium	and the second	
d) Repaires at 10 per cent of gross rent of Building		
e) Cost of collection at 4 per cent of Gross Rent building		
let out	and the second se	
(x) Cost of collection of income or reciepts from securities	461	
stocks, etc at 1 per cent of such income		
(xi) Dedcutions on account of repaires in respect of buildings		
not rented and yielding no income at 10 per cent of the		
estimated gross annual rent.	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	461
Gross Annual Income chargeable to contribution Rs.		46514

not claimed any amount twice either wholly or partly against any of the items in the schedule which have the effect of double deduction.

For Ajay Madan & Co Chartered Accountants

(CA Ajay madan) Proprietor Membership No :047437 Firm Registration No : 113739W Place: Navi Mumbai Date:- 03rd September'2022

For Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society

Treasurer

Jui Secretary

# **BALANCE SHEET, AND INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

