



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

3rd ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
ON 21st June, 2015
AT REGISTERED OFFICE

NAVI MUMBAI
AN ECO CITY

Navi Mumbai: Eco-City Project
The eco-wealth of the city

Lesser Flamingo
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STATUS: NEAR THREATENED
(The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species)

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Management Committee Members

The following are the Management Committee members as on 31/03/2015:

Mr. Vinod Kumar Punshi	Hon. President
Mr. Anupam Verma	Hon. Secretary
Mr. Bulusu Sri Venkateswar	Hon. Treasurer
Mr. Amit Kumar Mathur	Member
Mr. Ajay Kumar Goyal	Member
Mr. Sandeep Bangia	Member
Mr. Virender Kumar Gandhi,	Member

Advisors

1. Dr Dhiren Pania - Expert on Mangroves & Coastal Life
2. Mr Dhanraj Stalin - Environmentalist & Director-Projects Vanashakti

Auditor

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

Banker

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 – 400 706 are hereby informed that the 3rd Annual General Body Meeting of the Society for the year 2014-15 will held on Sunday, the 21st June, 2015 at 12.00 P.M at Upper Club, 1st Floor, Thapar Complex, Plot No 51, Sector 15, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai – 400 614 address to transact the following business.

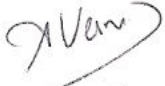
AGENDA

1. To discuss and adopt the Management Committee report, Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account for the year 2014-15.
2. To discuss and adopt the Audit Report given by the Statutory Auditor for the year 2014-15
3. To appoint the Auditor for the year 2015-16
4. Any other business with the permission of Chairperson.

Place: Navi Mumbai

By order of Managing Committee

Date: 27th April, 2015


(Anupam Verma)

Hon Secretary

Note:

1. If there is no quorum at 12:00 pm then the meeting will adjourn till 12:30pm and meeting will start at the same place even if there is no quorum.
2. Any member having queries regarding accounts should write to NMEPS before 15th June, 2015.

Management Committee Report For Year 2014-15

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 Third AGM and the Annual report on the working of NMEPS for the financial year ended March 31, 2015 submitted by the Management Committee of Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society (NMEPS).

1. Financial Highlights

NMEPS has a closing balance of Rs. 50,127.83. We wish to thank our donors, friends and supporters who have made significant contributions to NMEPS.

2. Statement of Accounts:

Income, expenditure statement and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 are 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 OF NMEPS

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 NMEPS 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 31.03.2015 NMEPS had 23 Members including 7 promoter MC members.

6. Review of Activities Conducted by Society:

NMEPS conducted various activities and education programmes 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 Mangroves Action Day

The International Mangroves Action Day is 26th July. It is the day when all citizens, NGOs and Government authorities spread the message on the importance of mangroves. NMEPS organized, in association with Mangroves Cell, Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, mangrove plantation on this day. About 50 residents from nearby Housing Complexes and students from various schools participated. Around 200 Mangroves saplings were planted. The Range Forest Officer, Ms Seema Adgaonkar, showed the participants the different types of mangroves. Dr. Dhiren Pania, a mangroves expert and an Advisor to NMEPS, showed the participants the maps indicating the different areas in coastal Mumbai where mangroves are present and need to be preserved. The event was reported in the media.

6.2 Preserve Wetlands Walk 22/11/2014

In order to increase the awareness of wetlands and their importance to the school children and residents of Navi Mumbai, which is one meter below High Tide Line (HTL), NMEPS organized with active support from Mangroves Cell, Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, on 22/11/2014, a Preserve Wetlands Walk. About 250 Students from 15 Schools/Colleges participated in the over one kilometer walk around DPS Lake.

The participants were from schools and colleges in Nerul, Kharghar, Panvel and Belapur. Besides the schools which regularly participate in NMEPS activities, over 100 students from the two Municipal schools in Karave and Belapur participated. These students do not get such opportunities and they really appreciated the event. NMEPS has decided that in future events; it should invite students from Municipal schools regularly.

The participants were divided into groups of 50 each and each group was accompanied by experts on mangroves /wetlands from Mangrove cell and NMEPS volunteers. They were

explained the flora-fauna around DPS lake and Mangroves. Later all the participants assembled at Club House of SEL, where an audio visual presentation was made and talks were given by experts on the importance of wetlands/mangroves. School children from Poddar International made presentations which were appreciated by the participants as it was done by children. Ms Seema Adgaonkar, Range Officer, Forest Department, explained the different type of mangroves with photographs and actual plant saplings. NMEPS presented on the need to preserve wetlands, mangroves and holding tanks otherwise Navi Mumbai would be flooded like Srinagar and Uttarkashi. The event concluded with an audio visual film on Mangroves.

All participants took a pledge to preserve the environment and were given a certificate. The participating schools, the speakers and the Traffic Police API, Mr. Nitin Patil, who helped in the police arrangements, were presented with a memento. Light refreshments were distributed to all the participants.

6.3 Mangroves Walk on the occasion of WWD 2015 31/01/2015

To mark the World Wetland Day 2015 on 2nd February 2015, which was a Monday, NMEPS organised a programme on Saturday 31st January 2015 along with the Forest Dept in the Mangroves Forest in Sanpada. It was primarily meant for school children. 12 Navi Mumbai Schools including Special schools participated. The participants collected on Palm Beach road and walked about 700 meters into the mangroves forest.

Over 200 people participated including 150 school children. The programme was jointly organised by Forest Dept (Mangroves Cell) & NMEPS. The Chief Guest was Mr N Vasudevan, CCF Mangroves Cell. The Forest Dept put up 16 standees with posters and their experts explained the importance of mangroves to the participants. A Painting competition was also organised in the participating schools. Each school selected 3 best paintings. These shortlisted paintings were displayed at the event venue and judged by CCF & Mrs. Sudha Punshi. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 7 consolation prizes were given. In addition, all participants were given certificates & the schools a memento.

Opportunity was taken to facilitate Mr Vivek Masal, ACP Turbe Division, who has been promoted & transferred to Mumbai. He has been a great help to NMEPS in its activities. A special plaque with a citation was presented to him.

The function went off well and the President congratulated all members and volunteers who helped in organizing the events. NMEPS thanked Mr & Mrs. Vasudevan for gracing the event and the support provided by Forest Dept & the Navi Mumbai Police. The President also thanked Dr Dhiren Pania who came for the event and always joins and assists in NMEPS programmes.

6.4 PIL 218/2013

Members would recall that your society filed a PIL in Bombay High Court in 2013. Many hearings have been held and the members would be pleased to note that the Hon'ble High

Court has given various orders which have made CIDCO, NMMC, Forest Dept and the Police take actions to prevent debris dumping and destruction of mangroves. The main points to be noted are:

- CCUC CIDCO and Range Forest Officer, Mangrove Cell, have been appointed Nodal Officers to ensure court orders are carried out. ACP Turbe Division has been directed to provide police protection.
- Debris dumping has reduced, barriers erected to prevent four wheelers to go into the mangroves and police patrols have increased.
- CIDCO has given a Toll Free No. 18002670207 for complaints.
- Unauthorized temple behind TS Chanakya, a temple and a mosque / dargah near the Air Force land on the creek side of Palm Beach Road, Nerul, have been demolished.

Further action still to be taken on other points in the PIL e.g. destruction of mangroves in Sector 50 Nerul, Sector 30 behind Raghuleela Mall and other areas have to be followed. The last hearing was on 17/12/2014. NMEPS proposes to follow-up with High Court for early resumption of hearings.

6.5 Web Site:

The website of your society has been prepared. It is WWW.NMEPS.ORG and was formally inaugurated by Mr N Vasudevan, Chief Conservator of Forests, CCF (Mangroves Cell) Government of Maharashtra on 31/01/2015 on the occasion of the World Wetlands Day Event.

6.6 NMEPS - Annual Calendar

NMEPS has produced a calendar for 2015 that highlights important environmental dates and explains their significance. Desk and wall calendars were designed in house by young Enthusiast Ms Nishtha Sareen and around 750 copies each were printed at an estimated cost of Rs. 1, 85, 000/- These calendars were distributed to schools and various Government Officials who had helped NMEPS in its activities. Everybody appreciated the calendars, both for the quality of photographs & the educational value.

6.7 World Forestry Day 23/03/2015

To mark the World Forestry Day, NMEPS, along with SEL, celebrated it by planting Jacaranda trees in the SEL garden. These are flowering trees and, to ensure high probability of survival, 8 feet saplings were planted. The plantation was done by SEL directors, NMEPS members, senior citizens and young children. NMEPS would like to thank the SEL Board, CEM and the Gardening staff for making the event a success.

7. Donations

NMEPS has received a total of **Rs. 6, 82,800/-** donations during the year. It is thankful and grateful to the many donors who believe in its objectives and have supported it. The list of donors who have donated Rs 5000.00 and above is given below:

- Reliance Industries Ltd	Rs. 2,00,000.00
- Simplex Infrastructure	Rs. 1,50,000.00
- L&T Seawoods	Rs. 1,50,000.00
- Mr. VK Punshi	Rs. 1,00,000.00
- Mass Tech Controls Pvt Ltd	Rs. 25,000.00
- Mrs. Sudha Punshi	Rs. 15,000.00
- Mr. Sandeep Bangia	Rs. 10,000.00
- Mr. VK Gandhi	Rs. 10,000.00
- Mr. Sandeep Sareen	Rs. 5,000.00
- Mr. Amit Mathur	Rs. 5,000.00

8. NMEPS will continue its activities on preservation of the environment and spreading the message to schools & housing societies in Navi Mumbai. Its members will remain vigilant and report any activity harming the ecosystem to the concerned authorities. The main activities planned during 2014-15 are:

8.1 Produce a wall calendar giving various environment and social conscious days in 2015-16. It is proposed to conduct activities on some of these days involving school children and neighboring housing societies of Navi Mumbai.

8.2 Green School Project.

This project has not made much progress last year. It is proposed to start this with an outside volunteer in FY 2015 / 2016. Initially, a pilot project will be started to measure the energy, water used and waste generated in a school. NMEPS will guide the school to take active steps to reduce the current levels and improve overall environment impact. After the pilot project is implemented, it's proposed to extend it to other Navi Mumbai schools.

9. GENERAL

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

NMEPS 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 Management Committee Meetings were held by the Managing Committee. During the year 6 formal meetings were held. There were also other informal meetings.

10. Acknowledgement

NMEPS would like to express its appreciation for the support and continuous cooperation extended by the members. NMEPS Management Committee wishes to place on record the support of Mangrove Cell Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, SEL Management and cooperation of various Government Authorities and Press / Media in the activities of NMEPS to preserve the environment.

By order of Management Committee



**(Vinod K. Punshi)
Hon President**



AUDITOR'S REPORT

To,
The Members of
Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society,
Navi Mumbai-400706.

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure A/C of Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society as at 31-03-2015.

Subject to the scope of our audit as laid down by the committee of members, we report that:

- (a) In our opinion, proper books of accounts as required by the Co-operative Society Act, the rules made there under, the Bye-laws of the Society have been kept in so as it appears from the examination of the books of account.
- (b) The transactions of the Society, which have come to our notice, have been within the powers of the Society, and wherever required a resolution to the effect has been passed.
- (c) The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure A/C as examined by us are in agreement with the books of accounts and statements accounted and submitted by the society.
- (d) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanation given to us, the said accounts give information required under the Society Act, and the Rules made there under, in the manner as required and give a true and fair view:

- I In case of the Balance Sheet, of the State of affairs of the Society as at 31st March 2015.
- II In case of the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on 31st March, 2015.

For Ajay Madan & Co.
Chartered Accountants

Ajay Madan

(Ajay Madan)

(Proprietor)

Navi Mumbai

Dated: 23rd April-2015



**Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March-2015**

Particulars	Amount	Amount	Particulars	Amount	Amount
Direct Expenses		4,06,901	Direct Incomes		4,78,999
Audit Fees	2,500		Bank Interest	3,391	
Bank Charges	169		Donation Received	4,70,400	
Purchase of Calendars	1,85,063		Interest on fixed deposits	3,308	
Event Expenses	80,021		Membership Fees	1,900	
Office Expenses	1,100				
Printing & Stationery	31,194				
Professional Charges	16,854				
Salaries	60,000				
Website Design Charges	30,000				
Excess of Income over Expenditure		72,098			
Total		4,78,999	Total		4,78,999

As per our report of even date

For Ajay Madan & Co
Chartered Accountants

Ajay Madan
(CA Ajay Madan)
(Proprietor)



Navi Mumbai
23rd April-2015

M. S. Madan
Chairman

Treasurer

**Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society
Balance Sheet as at 31st March-2015**

Liabilities	Amount	Amount	Assets	Amount	Amount
Capital Account		3,26,402	Investments		3,00,000
Opening Balance	1,14,002		Fixed Deposits		
Additions during the year	2,12,400				
Current Liabilities		9,295	Current Assets		53,436
Sundry Creditors	9,295		Balance with Bank	50,128	
Income & Expenditure A/c		17,739	Interest Receivable	3,308	
Opening Balance	-54,359				
Current Period	72,098				
Total		3,53,436	Total		3,53,436

As per our report of even date

For Ajay Madan & Co

Chartered Accountants

Ajayan
(CA Ajay Madan)
(Proprietor)



Navi Mumbai
23rd April-2015

Ram
Chairman

Treasurer