



**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

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**  
**ON 24-Sep-2023**  
**AT 15/1101 Seawoods Estates, and over conference call**

**NAVI MUMBAI**  
AN ECO CITY

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

**Lesser Flamingo**  
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Project Partners

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(The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species)

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## Annual Report 2022 – 23

The following are the Management Committee members as on 31/03/2023:

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

### **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 are hereby informed that the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Society for the financial year 2022-23 will held on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 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 2022-23.
2. To discuss and adopt the Audit Report given by the Statutory Auditor for the year 2022-23.
3. To appoint the Auditor for the year 2023-24.
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-2023

(Anupam Verma)  
Secretary

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### Note:

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 2023.

To,  
The Members,

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2022-23**

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 Eleventh Annual report on the working of your Society for the financial year ended March 31, 2023, submitted by the Management Committee of Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society (NMEPS).

### **1. Financial Highlights**

Your society has a closing balance of Rs. 61897.00. In addition your society has fixed deposits of Rs. 16,69,696. 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 2023 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 31.03.2023 NMEPS had 23 Members including 5 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 2023:**

Navi Mumbai Environment Preservation Society continued its annual World Wetland Day (WWD) event celebration. WWD event is conducted at DPS auditorium with participants on Saturday, 4th Feb 2023.

This was the 10th 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) Environment Quiz is conducted for School Children.
- d) 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 2023 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. 54000.00

### - **6.2. NMEPS Environment Quiz 2022-23:**

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.

### **6.4 NGT PIL on Plot 2A adjacent to NRI Complex**

A petition is filed against CIDCO to stop the auction of Plot 2A. The judgement is reserved on 16/09/2023 and we are expecting a favorable outcome.

## **- 6.5 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.

## **7. Donations**

NMEPS has received corpus donations of Rs. 2,00,000. It is thankful and grateful to the many donors who believe in its objectives and have supported it.

## **8. 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 2023-24 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. NGT Case to save 2A Plot
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.

## **9. 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.

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

## **10 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**  
**BALANCE SHEET, AND INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

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