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PREFACE

In the realm of urban history various facets of urban life obtain significance. Migration of different communities mostly having a commercial interest becomes a focal point. The migrating communities carry with them their cultural trends some of which after intermingling with those of the others form a synthesis. The customs, manners as well as the symbols, however, are an example of the individual identity of the varying social groups. It is the process of continuity and change that always necessitates the development of a healthy society. The signs of tangible culture left behind by the communities or individuals are the indicators of their contribution to the growth of the city. They have their own space in the theatre of memory. It becomes then the duty of the individuals in the present times to see as to how to carry the heritage to the future. To avoid the monotony of the looks of all the cities it is pertinent that every city maintains the legacy of its cultural variety.

It is on this background that the present project on 'Listing Present Fabric Status and Conservation Plan in the City of Mumbai' was undertaken. Quite often the smaller structures get neglected and lack the necessary space in the plan of heritage conservation that gives importance to the restoration of massive structures, precincts and so on. The idea of studying the fountains was inspired by Sadashiv Gorakshkar, Former Director, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastugrahalay. The project was restricted to the area of island city where we could list fifty fountains till now.

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reconstruct the townscape of many fountains. Oral history technique became necessary wherever the sources were not available in the documented form.

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This is a tiny contribution of ours in the process of heritage conservation. The search for other fountains continues.....

Varsha Shirgaonkar

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 6. Ratansi Mulji Fountain
 7. Flora Fountain
 8. Devidas Parbhudas Kothari Kabutarkhana and Pyaav
 9. Bomanji Hormusji Wadia Pyaav
 10. Wellington Fountain.
 11. Sir Cowasji Jehangir's Fountain at St. Thomas Cathedral Compound
 12. Moolji Naroji Pyaav
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 14. *Unable to locate (listed in 95 List)*
 15. Kessowji Naik Fountain and Clock Tower
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GRADEWISE LISTING OF FOUNTAINS AND PYAAVS

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S.NO.	CARD NO.	NAME OF THE FOUNTAIN	RECOMMENDED GRADE
1	C-02	Marble fountain in Single Officers' Quarters, Mumbai	GRADE - I
2	C-03	Fountain in Mahatma Phule Market at main entry	GRADE - I
3	C-04	Fountain in Mahatma Phule Market in the South	GRADE - I
4	C-06	Ratansi Mulji Fountain	GRADE - I
5	C-07	Flora Fountain	GRADE - I
6	C-08	Devidas Parbhudas Kothari Kabutarkhana and Pyaav	GRADE - I
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2	C-20	Pyaav in the memory of Ardeshir Dadyshett	GRADE - II
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7	C-32	Pyaaav at the corner of R. Sojpal Chawl	GRADE - II
8	C-33	Dr. M. V. Parulkar Pyaaav	GRADE - II
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10	C-38	Fardoonji Jijeebhoy Pyaaav and Trough	GRADE - II
11	C-39	Pyaaav by Vitthal Koli	GRADE - II
12	C-41	Mrs. Indirabai Sahasrabuddhe pyaaav	GRADE - II
13	C-43	Ramji Sethiba pyaaav at Shivaji Park	GRADE - II
14	C-44	Shah Champseybhai Ransey pyaaav	GRADE - II
15	C-45	Pyaaav near Metro Cinema	GRADE - II
16	C-47	Yellow Gate Pyaaav	GRADE - II
17	C-49	Do Taki Pyaaav	GRADE - II
1	C-05	Fountain in Mahatma Phule Market in the parking area	GRADE - III
2	C-12	Moolji Naroji Pyaaav	GRADE - III
3	C-23	Seth Samaldas Nasidas Pyaaav	GRADE - III
4	C-42	Ramji Sethiba pyaaav at Kohinpoor Mill junction Shivaji Park	GRADE - III
1	C-01	COULD NOT BE LOCATED	
2	C-14	COULD NOT BE LOCATED	