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SOCIETY

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1. THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE SOCIETY.

A. EX-OFFICIO GOVERNORS

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| 1. Shri. Ratnakar Gaikwad (upto 7th February 2011)
Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA | President |
| Shri. S.V.R. Srinivas (from 8th February 2011 to 9th March 2011)
M.C., MMRDA (Addl. Charge) | President |
| Shri. Rahul Asthana (from 10th March 2011 onwards)
Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA. | President |
| 2. Shri. R.A. Rajeev
Commissioner, Thane Municipal Corporation. | Governor |
| 3. Shri. Tanaji Satre
Vice Chairman & Managing Director, CIDCO | Governor |
| 4. Shri. Sanjay K. Patil
Director, Archaeology & Museums, Maharashtra State. | Governor |
| 5. Shri. D.K. Afzalpurkar
Chairman, Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee | Governor |
| 6. Shri. Sabyasachi Mukherjee
Director, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vatsu Sangrahalaya | Governor |

B. NORMINEES OF ORGANISATIONS /ASSOCIATIONS

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| 7. Dr. Mariam Dossal
Professor, Department of History, University of Mumbai. | Governor |
| 8. Shri. Vikas Dilawari
Head, Department of Heritage Conservation, KRVI. | Governor |

C. INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS

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| 9. Shri. D.M. Sukthankar
Ex-Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Maharashtra | Governor |
| 10. Shri. V.K. Phatak
Urban Planner | Governor |
| 11. Shri. Pankaj M. Joshi
Conservation Architect | Governor |
| 12. Shri. Chetan Raikar
Structural Engineer | Governor |

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| 13. Dr. Aroon Tikekar
Historian | Governor |
| 14. Shri. Ashish Shelar
Member, MMRDA | Special Invitee |

D. PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

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| 1. Ms. Uma Adusumilli,
Chief, Planning Division, MMRDA | Director |
| 2. Dr. Satish Bagal
Financial Advisor, MMRDA | Treasurer |
| 3. Shri. N.V. Kulkarni (upto 15/09/2010) | Secretary |
| 4. Shri. Prasad Shetty (from 01/10/2010) | Secretary |
| 5. Ms. Kanchan Ghadge | Conservation Planner |
| 6. Shri. C.S. Shetty | Admin & Account Officer |

2. INTRODUCTION

In order to focus attention on various issues relating to heritage conservation in the Region, the MMRDA in its meeting held on 30th May, 1996 established the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society.

Accordingly, the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society was registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 on 14th November, 1996 and the Mumbai Public Trust Act, 1950 on 6th February, 1997.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

The main objectives of the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society are – to promote preservation, conservation, protection, development and improvement of natural, built and related cultural heritage within the area of Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR); and to adopt all means to achieve the objects incidental or ancillary to the attainment of the main objects including but not restricted to the following:

Developing a Data Base for Mumbai Metropolitan Region:

- To conduct studies/surveys of buildings, artefacts, structures and precincts of historical/aesthetic / architectural /cultural value;
- To undertake systematic listing of heritage buildings and precincts as well as identifying the components of natural / cultural heritage which needs to be conserved;
- To compile and store data on heritage, including digital database conversion by using advanced techniques such as computerized optical image processing;
- To set up a full-fledged resource centre including library, material documentation and photo-documentation centre on heritage conservation.

Training, Education and Awareness:

- To encourage the architectural educational institutions by undertaking training programmes in heritage conservation and carrying out documentation of heritage buildings and precincts in MMR;
- To organize training programmes for local authorities for developing capabilities in undertaking heritage conservation related activities;
- To sponsor candidates for participating in training courses in India/abroad for architectural students and local authority staff in heritage conservation and related subjects;
- To publish a journal and organize other publications on various aspects related to heritage conservation;
- To promote awareness about heritage conservation movement by educating general public as well as students at the school level, by organizing exhibitions/competitions on heritage conservation.

Providing Financial Assistance to Conservation:

- To finance the programmes for maintenance of heritage buildings/precincts/ artefacts;
- To finance the programmes leading to preservation and conservation of natural heritage such as coastal areas, lakes, rivers, forests, hills and hill stations, etc.;
- To finance the programmes of preservation and conservation of settlements of cultural and historical significance.
- To promote networking of various agencies in MMR including local historical societies, NGO's and professionals.

Jurisdiction of the Society is the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) area. The project proposals are invited in the format prescribed by the Society from Local bodies, University, Colleges, Societies, Institutions, Voluntary Organizations, NGOs and intellectual individuals working in the field of heritage conservation.

During the last 13 years, the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society has supported **55** projects with approved cost of **Rs.6.2 crores** involving survey, documentation, guidelines for major heritage buildings and precincts and implementation of actual conservation / restoration of heritage structures. Some of the important completed projects are: Conservation guidelines for Khotachiwadi Precinct; Opera House Precinct; Marine Drive Precinct; Mahatar Pakhadi Precincts; Bandra Precinct; Cumballa Hill Precinct; Khodadad Circle, Parsi Colony, Hindu Colony Precincts; Ballard Pier Precinct; Guidelines for heritage buildings in Thane, Kalyan, Matheran and Navi Mumbai Notified area; Comprehensive Listing and Grading of Heritage Structures and Precincts in Greater Mumbai; Documentation and Conservation Guidelines for Heritage Buildings and Precincts in Vasai-Virar Sub-Region; Listing and Conservation Plan for Fountains and Pyaavs in the City of Mumbai.; Conservation of Ballard Bunder Gate house and Bombay Castle wall located at Naval Dockyard; Convocation Hall of Mumbai University, Meeting Hall of Matheran Hill Station Municipal Council, Wilson College and David Sassoon Library.. The Society had also organized a week-long Training programme in Heritage Conservation for senior officers/Engineers/Architects dealing with the maintenance of buildings of Local and public authorities in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The Society has released financial assistance of **Rs. 4.05 crores** for the projects so far.

4. ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2010-11.

4.1 NEW PROJECT PROPOSAL

During the year 2010-11, the Society received one project proposal on developing virtual three dimensional models of heritage sites for funding, which was scrutinized by the Sub-Committee of the Society. On the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, the Board of Governors rejected funding this project.

4.2 ON-GOING PROJECTS

The Board of Governors / Sub-Committee of the Society reviewed the progress reports of the following on-going projects:

- **“Refurbishment of BJPC Institution”. – By B.J.P.C Institution.**

The Board of Governors approved this project on 23rd September, 2009 and decided to provide financial assistance of Rs.25 lakhs or 30% of the actual cost whichever is less. The B.J.P.C Institution is a listed heritage grade II B structure and a prominent landmark. The main objectives of the project are to refurbish public spaces, like ground floor lobby, the main staircase, first and second floor passages, Art gallery at third floor and to refurbish Chemistry lab, Bio lab and Physics lab.

During the year the first stage of work was completed and reviewed by the Sub-Committee. The further work on the project is in progress.

- **Conservation of Durbar Hall of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai.**

The above project was approved in March 2008 for a financial assistance of Rs. 25 lakh. The project included Internal Restoration of the Durbar Hall of the Asiatic Society. The Asiatic Society of Mumbai and Central Library or the Town hall is a Grade I heritage structure. As the scope of work changed during the course of the project the financial assistance from the society is reduced to Rs. 22.92,910 with approval of the Sub-Committee

During the year, the first and second stage of the project has been completed and reviewed by the Sub-Committee. The further work on the project is in progress.

- **Consultancy project on “Listing and Grading of Heritage Buildings & Precincts in Urban and Rural Areas of Thane and Raigad District in MMR not covered in earlier listing exercises.”**

Heritage lists have been prepared for several areas in MMR. However large parts of areas like Alibaug, Pen, Karjat, Khopoli, Neral, Kulgaon-Badlapur, Ambernath, Bhiwandi, Taluka, Mira-Bhayander, NMMC areas and rural areas of Thane and Raigad districts were yet to be covered for heritage listing.

The above project was approved by the Board of Governors in January 2009 on consultancy basis. The main objective of the project is to document and list the heritage assets in these areas, which were not covered in the earlier studies. The project was divided into four tasks and following consultants were appointed in September 2009 after tendering process.

Task No.	Area	Consultant	Consultancy Fees (Rs.)
I	Urban areas of Thane Districts in MMR. (only including Municipal areas of Dombivilli, Ulhasnagar, Mira-Bhayander, Bhiwandi-Nizampur, Navi Mumbai, Ambarnath, Kulgaon-Badlapur)	Adarkar Associates.	25 lakh
II	Rural areas of Thane Districts in MMR. (except Vasai-Virar Sub region)	Adarkar Associates.	22 lakh
III	Urban areas of Raigad Districts in MMR. (only including Municipal Areas of Alibaug, Pen, Khopoli and Karjat)	Kirloskar Consultants	18 lakh
IV	Rural areas of Raigad District in MMR. (excluding Navi Mumbai Notified Area)	Envirodesigners Pvt. Ltd.	23 lakh

The work commenced in September 2009 and work of identification of sites has been completed so far. The consultants are in the process of documenting each of these identified sites.

- **Consultancy project on “Preparation of Action Plan for Conservation of Heritage Precincts in MMR.”**

In the previous studies of the society, about 80 heritage precincts have been identified in the MMR. A proposal for undertaking a project on preparation of Action Plan for Conservation of the Heritage Precincts in MMR on consultancy basis was approved by the Board of Governors of the Society in December 2008 with an intention towards understanding various issues in the conservation of heritage precinct. The objective of this project is to develop a comprehensive plan which combines legislative mechanisms, specific projects and programmes and financial strategies to conserve these precincts.

The project was initiated by the society as a pilot to develop strategies for conservation of Heritage Precincts in the MMR. Five precincts were shortlisted from a list of 80 precincts across MMR and five consultants were appointed in January, 2010.

Sr. No	Consultant	Precinct	Consultancy fees (Rs.)
1	HCP-DPM Pvt. Ltd	Erangal, Mumbai	20.75
2	Adarkar Associates	Chembur, Mumbai	23.00
3	Urban Management Centre	Deulwadi, Uran	16.96

4	Urban Space Consultants	Jama Masjid, Kalyan	16.12
5	K. Unwalla Architects	Agashi, Vasai	16.00

The work on the project began in March 2010. So far the Inception Report, Detailed Condition Assessment, Evaluation of Significance and Identification of Issues have been completed and reviewed by the Sub-Committee. The next stage work of preparing action plan is in progress.

- **Project regarding “Documentary Film on Heritage Awareness of Caves in MMR”- by Design Plus**

The Board of Governors in its meeting held on 18th January 2010 approved the above mentioned project and decided to provide financial assistance of Rs. 1, 30,000/- for the first phase of the project to undertake research, develop script and to finalize the story for duration of 2 months. The main objective of the project is to undertake research on various cave sites in MMR (historical background, art, architecture & present status, etc) and make a documentary film of 30 min duration. The movie will help create an understanding of the rich heritage of Mumbai amongst the citizens of the city. The work of research is completed and the work on the final script is in progress.

- **“Development of Software on Heritage Information System in MMR”. – By C-DAC.**

The Board of Governors approved this project on 22nd December, 2008 for a cost of Rs.21.5 lakhs. The main scope of the project includes developing an internet based Heritage Information System through developing and deploying a software tool that will facilitate the tasks of digitization, cataloguing, management and dissemination of information of heritage assets in MMR. The work of the project commenced in March, 2009 and a web-based framework to enter new data from the listing project has been set up, which would create a searchable data-base for all new documentation. The work of setting up the heritage information system is currently in progress.

5. TRAINING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

- **International Conference of Commonwealth Association of Museums, titled “Rethinking of Museums” –By Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj vastu Sangrahalaya.**

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya organized the International Conference of Commonwealth Association of Museums, titled “Rethinking of Museums” for five days between 1st June to 5th June, 2010. This was the first-ever event in India organized jointly with Commonwealth Association of Musuems and National Council of Science Museums. The event was held at the CSMVS and at the Nehru Science Centre. A financial support of Rs. 3 lakh was provided by the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society for this conference.

6. PUBLICATIONS

Material and data generated from the documentation process as well as evaluation and formulation of the guidelines is being published in the form of reports, users’ manuals and hand-books. These publications would be in local languages and profusely illustrated in order to make them accessible for wide range of people in the City.

The following manuals are published and available with the Society.

- Conservation Guidelines for Khotachiwadi – Academy of Architecture.
- Design handbook for the provision of heritage sensitive street furniture and signage for D. N. Road streetscape – Ms. Abha N. Lambah, Mumbai.
- Conservation Guidelines for Opera House Precinct – by Ms. Sandhya Savant, Mumbai.
- Stone cleaning in the context of architectural conservation in Mumbai – by A.C.C. Ltd., Mumbai.

7. FUNDS

During the year 2010-2011, the Society had received **Rs. 90,54,164/-** by way of interest from the investment of interest free loan and surplus funds and an amount of **Rs. 75,05,416/-** was released as grant to the approved project and administrative expenses.

Statement showing year-wise income, grant released and number of projects completed

Sr. No.	Year	Total Income (Rs.)	Expenditure			No. of Projects Completed
			On Projects (Rs.)	Administrative (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)	
1.	1998-1999	86,85,413	4,68,090	1,65,482	6,33,572	---
2.	1999-2000	49,08,498	7,95,283	1,49,698	9,44,981	1
3.	2000-2001	66,47,297	11,63,322	2,98,486	14,61,808	6
4.	2001-2002	50,89,228	10,97,895	6,74,705	17,72,600	6
5.	2002-2003	64,29,589	21,15,484	7,54,091	28,69,575	1
6.	2003-2004	66,98,993	30,02,704	7,32,974	37,35,678	4
7.	2004-2005	49,37,066	46,44,322	7,49,632	53,93,954	1
8.	2005-2006	51,18,943	53,54,708	6,32,968	59,87,676	3
9.	2006-2007	63,54,183	50,87,786	6,83,970	57,71,756	8
10.	2007-2008	88,93,315	48,27,000	8,75,655	57,02,655	5
11.	2008-2009	83,10,462	18,98,000	9,17,919	28,15,919	3
12.	2009-2010	8,32,334	62,51,110	9,15,037	71,66,147	3
13.	2010-2011	90,54,164	59,85,478	15,19,938	75,05,416	---

