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Editorial

Wardwise special issue of MMJ

This is the first special issue covering F/North ward.

It was decided that every alternate issue will cover a particular ward and the ward coordinator will send materials on the ward including information that would help the citizens of the ward with contacts etc.

In this issue you will find articles on F/North ward, corporators and even the member of parliament.

I am sure this will be a real informative issue for F/North ward citizens.

This will also energise coordinators and volunteers, apart from giving information of the ward for its betterment.

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Mumbai MP promises his MPLAD funds for Garbage Processing

Mr. Rahul Shewale, MP believes that it is not acceptable for Mumbai's civic administration to pass on to citizens the responsibility of dealing with wet waste. The municipal administration has threatened to cut off the power and water supply to cooperative societies and bulk generators which produce 100 kg wet waste per day if they do not segregate their waste and compost the wet waste. The MP was speaking to Mr. Nikhil Desai – AGNI Coordinator F North ward.

Our city is divided into seven zones, each zone generating about 1,000 tons of waste a day. Mr. Shewale who represents Mumbai South Central (Dadar, Matunga, Sion, Mahim and Chembur), has offered to buy from his MP Local Area Development Fund (MPLAD) a machine to process



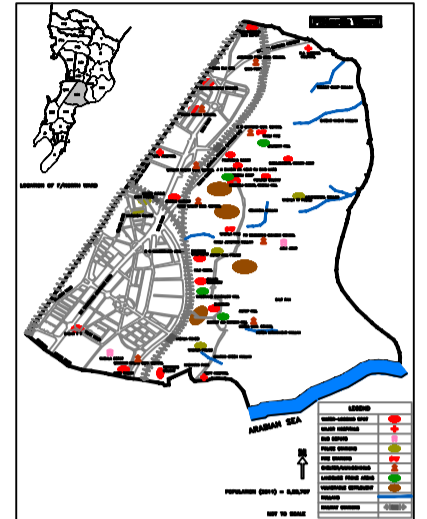
1,000 tons of wet waste a day and give it to the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM).

He is willing also to use his own MPLAD funds or the CSR funds of corporates to provide smaller composting machines to cooperative housing societies processing wet waste on their own premises in his constituency.

Mr. Shewale is critical of the MCGM for passing on the responsibility of handling wet waste to housing societies who generate it. It is the MCGM's responsibility as they collect the taxes, he said.

The state government and the MCGM have known for three years that the city's three dumping grounds can take no more – even assured the

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Supreme Court that two new land filling sites would be identified. Nothing has happened, nor have machines come up to turn the 3000 ton per day garbage to power at Deonar, despite tenders being floated thrice.

The MP reminds MCGM that their own land is available near seven sewage treatment plants (STP) in Mumbai where the garbage processing machines could be installed. The wet waste of an entire zone can be processed there.

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All-woman station at Matunga: a first for Indian Railways

A special at Matunga Central Railway Station: a spanking new ladies toilet and a woman station manager with her staff of 42 women including railway police. "We deserve a place in the Limca Book of Records," says Ms. Mamta Kulkarni, the Station Manager, speaking to Mr. Nikhil Desai, AGNI F North Coordinator.



"I will be here for, say, three years," she says "and in this time I will make it a better place than when I joined it." An escalator to replace the tiring walk up the stairs leading to the foot overbridge has been sanctioned. It will benefit the 60,000 passengers served daily by the station. Free WiFi is also to be provided.

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Guest Editorial Know elected representatives' plans, demand your rights

Nikhil Desai - F/North Ward Coordinator

F North ward was reserved by the city's early planners for its middle classes and educational institutions. Today's citizens demand the same, something echoed by this issue of Mumbai Meri Jaan. We highlight some achievements of our local authorities and some to come.

Election and voting are just the first steps in having a democracy. There are more, like knowing the plans of our elected MP, MLA and corporators and how they plan to improve our area. For these changes we need regular interaction with our elected representatives wherein we can also demand our rights

from various authorities like the BMC, police and traffic police to implement the laws of the land. And when they fail to implement, the courts help citizens by passing strict orders.

When citizens take the first step to vote (less than 50% do so) but take no further interest, the system derails. That is why we see, rampant cooking on footpaths against Supreme Court orders. That is why we see hawkers within 150 metres of railway stations despite a High Court order. That is why the same areas are flooded in the monsoons year after year, despite huge Brimstowad budgets

sanctioned to prevent that. The courts have ruled that good roads and encroachment-free footpaths are a fundamental right.



For all these reasons AGNI believes that citizens must act. So in this special issue on F/N ward I have met the elected representatives of our area and the heads of various organisations. I hope you will enjoy reading about their achievements and plans which they have placed before those with the power to enact them – and, hopefully, you will join the drive for a better life in F North ward.

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Swachha Mumbai Abhiyaan

Corporator Amey Ghole gets 97 buildings together to build a compost pit

Mr. Amey Ghole, corporator of Ward 178, F North ward, got 97 buildings in Sahakar Nagar Wadala together for composting wet waste. Financing has come from his own Corporator's Fund.

"I am proud to say that so many families agreed to install, and then maintain, such a large pit" he said. The space was contributed by 45 buildings and 52 buildings will maintain it.

Mr. Ghole adds that a foul-smelling and filthy area below Nana Jagannath Sheth flyover at Dadar TT will be transformed into a garden with a walk-way. He has obtained a budget allocation to do so from the

Greater Mumbai as well as for laying grass lawns in all the gardens in his constituency.

"I count as an achievement the building of three public toilets", he said, "and renovating ten others." He installed a sanitary pad vending machine in a public toilet.

Mr. Ghole emphasized that hawkers have no place in spaces meant for citizens. **MMJ**



Twenty five year old encroachments to go

For the last twenty-five years, 102 hutments have been occupying footpaths on Tilak Road extension. Of these, residents of 78 eligible structures (pre-2000) will, after removal, get free accommodation in M East ward. Another lot of 76 hutments also dating back 25 years, which had encroached on footpaths of G.D. Ambekar Marg, have already been removed. Residents of 58 hutments have been rehabilitated. This action was the F/North Asst. Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Keshav Ubale, as told to Nikhil Desai, AGNI Ward Coordinator, F/North.

Road widening is a perennial challenge in F North ward. Result: Traffic Jams. Some projects were passed nearly half a century ago but not taken up—till now.

Work has started on a project passed in 1971 to widen Dr. B A Road near the Fire Brigade station at Dadar. After

completion, out-station Shivneri Buses will no longer need to be parked under Dadar TT flyover. This project awaits National Textile Corporation clearance of setback land for the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM).

Traffic jams on Antop Hill and the surrounding areas of Wadala will soon be history. Shaikh Mistry Dargah road is to be widened. Road Line (RL: fixing road width) of the project was passed in 1966. The Indian Army has been required to release approximately 850 square metres of land to turn history into reality.

The F North ward will also attack flooding in chronically affected areas before the coming monsoon. Huge pipes will relieve flooding at Jain Society in Sion where 2,200



Municipal pressure reduces city garbage by 2,300 tons per day

Action by the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) has cut the amount of garbage going to the city's dumping grounds by 2,300 tons per day according to an MCGM spokesperson, Mr. Ram Dotonde.

The MCGM made it mandatory for city's bulk generators of garbage to follow Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules: segregate the garbage and compost the wet waste on their own premises as they must.

Deonar, Mulund and Kanjurmarg, the city's three dumping grounds are at saturation point. Two new ones exist only on paper. Waste generators were told they could lose their power and water supply. Three Acts come into play: The Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, The Mumbai Regional Town Planning Act and The Environment Protection Act.

The city is in a waste management crisis. Waste segregation in homes is important enough. But the role of bulk generators is as vital. The F North ward office has

millimetres in diameter will be installed at the ward officer's initiative (718 metres long). It will carry rainwater from Jain Society to Dharavi nullah.

The most ambitious project involves an even larger pump near Mahul Outfall under the Brimstowad Project. When ready, it will save from flooding 70% of F North ward as well as some localities in wards L, M East and M West. The project awaits the Central Government's handing over of Salt Pan land to MCGM for installation of the pump. **MMJ**



Composting Machine inauguration at Swaminarayan Temple

identified 40 generators of bulk waste and induced them to compost wet garbage on their own premises: Educational institutes like Don Bosco School, Ruia College, VJTI, Wellingkar Institute, Matunga Gymkhana, Indian Gymkhana and Dadar Parsee Gymkhana, Shanmukanda Hall, Tamil Sangam Hall and the Sion Hospital. Also, big housing societies like Dosti Acres, Highway Apartments, Avanti and Kalpatru Residency have already begun composting in their premises.

The Shree Swaminarayan Mandir has installed on their own premises an Excel Company composting machine of 300 kg per day capacity which was inaugurated by Asst. Municipal Commissioner, F North ward, Keshav Ubale. **MMJ**

Amey Ghole organises citizens' meet



Amey Ghole arranged a citizens meeting with the authorities so that they could interact and redress their grievances.

The meeting was attended among others **contd. on pg. 4**

A new face for Sion? The Corporator speaks

Ms. Rajeshree Shirwadkar, the re-elected Corporator from Sion area, has plans for her constituency which include the clean-up of the Sion pond to making Sion a tourist attraction. She wants to give the contract to a German Company which will desilt the pond and return it to its pristine state.

She has also requested the Chief Minister to sanction funds to repair and renovate the much neglected Sion Fort after which sound-and-light shows could be organised at the fort. She believes Sion could become a tourist attraction, instead of the squalid neighbourhood it now is.

She stated that she has

Nehal Shah wants to go underground to decongest parking

Ms. Nehal Shah, Corporator of Matunga (Ward 177) wants a large underground parking project in front of Matunga Central Railway Station. "It will completely decongest the Matunga Market area," she said. "Feasibility studies will be done this year."

In her first year as a corporator of ward 177, her focus has been to get basic amenities for middle class citizens in Punjab Colony and Sion-Koliwada. She has facilitated 61 water connections and repaired the drains and gully passages using her Corporator's Fund.

Ms. Nehal Shah helped prevent encroachment on footpaths below Tilak Bridge with the construction of a 'Strip Garden'.

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removed illegal hawkers from the Gandhi Market area and will allow no more encroachments.

Ms. Shirwadkar plans to change the oddity of two police stations in the same premises: Matunga and Sion. The Chief Minister's office and the Collector Mumbai City have agreed and the Commissioner of Police's facilitation is now awaited. The Sion Police station will move to the Eastern Express Highway near Chunnabhatti.

Dalvi Garden has been improved at a cost of Rs. 1.5 Crore after being the haunt of anti-social elements for 11 years. Now, about a 1,000 persons use it daily for recreation and sport. "I play badminton there," she says, "because it is well-lit and safe now." Shrikant Doshi Garden is next.

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Crime rate drops in Matunga

Sr. Police Inspector Balasaheb H. Kakad of Matunga Police Station, in a recent talk with AGNI, said "Matunga is a much more peaceful area than my previous posting in Dharavi police station." He added that the crime had declined in Matunga in recent years:

Chain-snatching FIRs had dropped from 86 in 2011 to nil in 2017, house-breaking FIRs from 37 in 2014 to 15 and car thefts from 48 in 2014 to 31. No murders were reported in 2017.

Beat Marshals on motorcycles and in jeeps have deterred lawbreakers. One hundred plus CCTV cameras installed by the state government and 500 plus cameras in hotels, shops and homes have done their job, persuaded by SI Kakad.

Taxi drivers from Dadar (East) Railway Station once fitted blue lights inside their vehicles



Mr. Ravi Raja - voice of the opposition

The Sion Hospital is in a mess, says Mr. Ravi Raja (Congress), Leader of the Opposition in the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) and a Corporator of F North ward. He was speaking about one of Mumbai's major hospitals (run by the MCGM) to AGNI Coordinator, F North ward, Mr Nikhil Desai.

"There are often two patients to a bed!" he said, "There's no cleanliness. The hospital needs upgradation in every sense. There is space for a multi-storey building here. The MCGM should break its huge fixed deposit to build this and not a Coastal Road, which is state government business anyway."

Parking and flooding are problems, like everywhere in the ward. A big new storm water drain near Guru Nanak

School in GTB Nagar, will stop the flooding. He wants a new parking lot at Sion Koliwada, Antop Hill area where people can park and catch the Monorail. He is pushing to get it done by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority where he sits on the Board.

Mr Ravi Raja said the MCGM handles Solid Waste Management haphazardly. "When it mixes wet and dry waste in their trucks on the way to dumping grounds, how can it force housing societies to segregate garbage?" he asks.

Mr Raja said there should be an MCGM market in every corporator ward to accommodate hawkers. Mukundrao Ambedkar Marg can be a hawking zone in his constituency he said

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drivers.

Sr. Inspector Kakad said that a police staff of 207 served around 2 lakh residents in his station area and one lakh of floating population mainly students.

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AGNI and PCGT file PIL in Mumbai High Court

A GNI and Public Concern for Governance Trust have filed a PIL in the Bombay High Court (HC) against the State of Maharashtra, The Director General of Police (DGP), Commissioner of Police (CP), Mumbai, Bharipa Bahujan Mahasangh, Republican Party of India (RPI), Bahujan Mukti Party (BMP), Baudhjan Panchayat Samiti (BPS), Shivraj Pratisthan and Samasta Hindu Aghadi.

The petitioners are represented by D M Sukthankar (AGNI Chairman and former Chief Secretary), Julio Ribeiro (former Commissioner of Police), Shyama Kulkarni, Gerson da Cunha (both AGNI Trustees) and others, supported by AGNI. The divisional bench of Justices Shantanu Khemkar and Makarand Karnik is hearing this PIL. The constitutional validity and legality of the bandh called on January 2 and 3, by Prakash Ambedkar, the President of Bharipa Bahujan Mahasangh has been challenged.

The petitioners stated, 'The bandh affected the state and the Public Exchequer incurred a loss, in Mumbai alone, to the tune of Rs 800 -1000 crores.'

"The city came to a crippling halt, public property was destroyed, the ordinary citizen's daily routine was disrupted and several people died. The bandh was called in violation of judgments of this HC and the Supreme Court."

The special counsel representing the DGP, CP and state, Hiten Venegaonkar pointed out to the bench, "Investigations have begun and in Mumbai alone 74 First Information Reports (FIRs) have been filed, few arrests too have been made. The sections applied are bailable, but action has been taken," said Venegaonkar. He added, "In such a case however, the court will also have to direct someone to quantify the total loss or damage to property caused in the incident," Venegaonkar said.

The bench asked the government pleader to make their stand clear in an application to be placed before the bench. The bench also issued notices to the Maharashtra government over a Public Interest Litigation seeking punitive action against Dalit leader Prakash Ambedkar and other participants of the state-wide bandh called in the aftermath of the Bhima Koregaon violence in January this year. The court has given special counsel four weeks to file a reply. **MMJ**

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De-recognised ALMs get another shot

In February 2018, a total of 131 out of 276 ALMs were deregistered. Many of these were actively segregating garbage and a few were also honoured by the ward officers.

AGNI therefore wrote to Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis. Promptly the CM intervened and asked the municipal commissioner to give the derecognized ALMs one more chance to improve.

A meeting for AGNI with the BMC Commissioner Ajoy Mehta was arranged by MLA Ashish Shelar.

Mehta agreed to re-enrol the 131 ALMs willing to participate in waste segregation, on a case-by-case basis. "We will monitor their work for three to six months," said the BMC chief.

Shyama Kulkarni, AGNI trustee, who was in the forefront of the launch of ALMs, said ALM manuals state that although their main purpose is to help the civic body with waste management, members can also



raise other civic-related issues at meetings. "De-registering them is not a solution. The BMC needs to impose a fine on societies that do not segregate waste, and give an incentive to those composting also to inspire others. Glad BMC has restored the registration of the ALMs and will work on waste segregation with the BMC." **MMJ**

Amey Ghole organises citizens' meet

contd. from pg 1 by M.P. Rahul Shewale, Ex-Mayor Shradha Jadhav, Senior Inspectors Bansaode (RAK), Balsaheb Kakad (Matunga) and traffic police.



Citizens from Ward 178 Wadala and Parsi colony also attended the meeting.

Former Mayor, Shradha Jadhav and Rahul Shewale assured the meeting of their cooperation. **MMJ**

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