MMR-HERITAGE ONSERVATION SOCIETY

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1. 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 approved the proposal to establish 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.

2. 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/culturalvalue;
- 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.

The Jurisdiction of the Society is the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) area. 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 **17 years**, the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society has supported **66** projects with approved cost of **Rs. 7.03 crore** involving survey, documentation, guidelines for major heritage buildings and precincts and implementation of actual conservation / restoration of heritage structures.

Some of the important projects completed 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, David Sassoon Library, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) and BJPC Institution; Documentation on Heritage Awareness of Caves in MMR; Listing and Grading of heritage buildings and precincts in Urban and Rural areas of Thane and Raigad districts in MMR; Preparation of Action Plan for Conservation of Erangal Village precinct, Mumbai, Chembur precinct, Mumbai, Deulwadi precinct, Uran, and Agashi Talao precinct, Vasai-Virar Sub-Region; Preparation of Nomination Dossier for Victorian & Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai as a UNESCO World Heritage Site; Conservation of Durbar Hall of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai; Mumbai Music: Listening to the Modern city (Phase-1) and Preparation of Guidelines for Shivaji Park precinct. 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.6.14 crores** for the projects so far.

3. THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE SOCIETY

	EX-OFFICIO GOVERNORS	
1.	Shri U.P.S. Madan	President
	Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA	
2.	(a) The Municipal Commissioner , Vasai-Virar City Municipal	Governo
	Corporation (upto 17/03/2015)	
	(b) The representative of the Municipal Commissioner , Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (<i>from 17/03/2015</i>)	
3.	(a) The Municipal Commissioner , Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation (<i>upto 17/03/2015</i>)	
	(b) The representative of the Managing Director , CIDCO (<i>from</i> 17/03/2015)	
4.	Shri. Sanjay Patil	Governor
	Director, Archaeology & Museums, Maharashtra State	
5.	Shri V. Ranganathan	Governor
	Chairman, Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee	
6.	Shri Sabyasachi Mukherjee	Governor
	Director General, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya	
B. N	ORMINEES OF ORGANISATIONS /ASSOCIATIONS	
7.	(a) Dr. (Prof.) Mrs. Manjiri Kamat	Governo
	Professor, Department of History, University of Mumbai (upto 17/03/2015)	
	(b) Prof. Mustansir Dalvi Sir J J College of Architecture (from 17/03/2015)	
8.	Shri Jitendra Nath	Governor
	Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India	
C. IN	IDIVIDUAL EXPERTS	
9.	(a) Shri D.M. Sukthankar	Governor
	Ex-Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Maharashtra (upto 17/03/2015)	
	(b) Shri D. T. Joseph	
	Ex-Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Maharashtra (from 17/03/2015)	
10.	Shri S P Pendharkar	Governor
	Urban Planner	
11.	(a) Shri Pankaj M. Joshi	Governor
	Conservation Architect (upto 17/03/2015)	
	(b) Shri David Cardoz	
	Conservation Architect (from 17/03/2015)	
12.	Ms. Alpa Sheth	Governor
	Structural Engineer	
	Shri. A.P. Jamkhedkar	Governor
13.	Sinn A.F. Jankneukai	Governor

D. PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY			
1.	Ms. Uma Adusumilli	Director	
	Chief, Planning Division, MMRDA		
2.	Shri. Sunil Pimpalkhute	Treasurer	
	Financial Advisor, MMRDA		
3.	Shri Prasad Shetty	Secretary	
4.	Ms. Mayura Gadkari	Conservation Planner	
5.	Shri C.S. Shetty	Admin. & Accounts Officer	

4. ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2014-15

4.1. NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

During the year 2014-15, the Society received two proposals for funding, which were scrutinized by the Sub-Committee of the Society. On the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, the Board of Governors approved the following one project proposal for funding:

4.1.1. "Documentary Film on Mumbai Music: Listening to the Modern City" -

by Dr. Tejaswini Niranjana and Ms. Surabhi Sharma.

The Board of Governors of the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society in its meeting held on 18th September, 2014 approved the above mentioned project and decided to provide financial assistance of Rs. 10.6 lakh for the Phase-2 of the project. The duration of the project is 12 months.

4.2. ON-GOING PROJECTS

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

4.2.1. 'Forgotten Gods and Deserted Strongholds – A Case Study of Europeans/Colonial Archaeology in Thane, Mumbai and Mumbai Suburban Districts with a part of Raigad District, especially Uran and Alibaug Talukas – by Shri Mayur Thakare

The Board of Governors of the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society in its meeting held on 28th August, 2013 approved the above mentioned project and decided to provide financial support of Rs. 3.00 lakh for the project. The duration of the project is 1 year.

The project proposes to research the Archaeology of the European expansion in India from the 15th century onwards to 1947 through synthesis of material remains and textual records available at various important centers and institutions. The proposal will attempt to study the archaeological / historical / sociological / art and architectural issues to understand the late medieval history in India chronologically. The data base thus created would help in formulating conservation and heritage management strategies for these areas.

4.2.2. 'Dissemination projects initiated by the MMR-HCS on consultancy basis.'

The Board of Governors in its meeting held on 11th February, 2013 approved the following dissemination projects initiated by the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society on consultancy basis and the appointment of the consultants and the consultancy fees shown against them:

Sr. No.	Name of the project	Name of the Consultant	Amount of consultancy fee. (Rs.)
1	Developing Heritage Circuit Maps in the MMR	(a) Envirodesigners Pvt. Ltd. (b)Rachana Sansad's Urban Design Cell	5 lakh 5 lakh
2	Developing a Synoptic Document of Heritage in the MMR from the existing studies	Adarkar Associates	8 lakh
3	Compilation of Case Studies on Conservation projects in the MMR.	Envirodesigners Pvt. Ltd.	8 lakh

The projects work commenced in March, 2013. The consultants had submitted the 2 stage reports, which were reviewed and approved by the Sub-Committee. The projects are in the concluding stage.

4.3. CONCLUDED PROJECTS

In addition to above new and on-going projects, the Board of Governors/Sub-Committee of the Society also reviewed the final reports of the following projects:

4.3.1 Consultancy project on 'Listing and Grading of Heritage Buildings & Precincts in Urban Raigad District in MMR not covered in earlier listing exercises (Task III)' – by KICONS (Kirloskar Consultants Ltd.)

The above project was approved by the Board of Governors in December, 2009 for a consultancy fee of Rs. 25.00 lakhs and Rs 22 lakhs for Task I and II respectively. The scope of the project includes identification and listing of heritage sites and documenting of the sites listed as per the proforma provided by MMR-HCS.

The Sub-Committee reviewed the final report and recommended the conclusion of the project to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors though pronounced the conclusion of the project in its meeting held in August, 2013, asked the Sub-Committee members to visit the final listed heritage sites.

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee members visited the listed heritage sites in July, 2014 alongwith the consultants.



Datar Wada, Pen, Raigad dist.



Angre Smarak, Alibaug, Raigad dist.

4.3.2 'Mumbai Music: Listening to the Modern City (Phase-1)' - by Tejaswini Niranjana and Surabhi Sharma.

The Board of Governors of the MMR-Heritage Conservation Society in its meeting held on 25th June, 2012 approved the above mentioned project and decided to provide financial assistance of Rs. 7.8 lakh for the first phase of the project. The duration of the project is 12 months.

The main objectives of the project are to undertake research and documentation of Hindustani Music related spaces in Mumbai along with producing a documentary film. The outcome of the project would be – a research, documentary film and archive of the research material.

4.3.3 'Preparation of Guidelines for Shivaji Park Precinct' – by Adarkar Associates

The Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee (MHCC) had requested MMR-HCS to prepare guidelines for Shivaji Park precinct on urgent basis. MHCC had also suggested that M/S Adarkar Associates may be appointed for the work, since they had earlier identified the precinct and will be familiar with the issues related to the precinct.

Since the project was requested to be undertaken on urgent basis, the President of the Society approved the appointment of M/S Adarkar Associates for the above project for a consultancy fee of Rs. 5 Lakh and for a period of 2 months. Subsequently, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, the Board of Governors of the Society accorded ex-post facto approval for the project in its meeting held on 28th February 2014.

5. TRAINING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

The Board of Governors in its meeting held on 22nd March 2011 suggested that a training programme on capacity building needs to be developed for various stakeholders involved with heritage conservation. Accordingly, the Society's office prepared the proposal and the Sub-Committee of the Society discussed the various aspects of the training programme in its various meetings held between March 2011 and July 2013. It was decided to create a yearlong diploma course on 'Built Heritage Studies and Conservation', which would be conducted through week long modules specifically targeting various stakeholders involved in the conservation process. It was also felt that it was necessary to collaborate with the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) for their expertise in training on various aspects of conservation and Sir J J College of Architecture, Mumbai for their academic experience. Each module would be conducted by experts in the field.

The Society decided to support the course for a period of 5 years with a budget of Rs 1 crore. The Board of Governors approved the proposal of the training programme in its meeting held on 28th August 2013 and also approved the budget of Rs. 20 Lakh for one year.

Module	Course Name	Module Co-	Dates	Venue	No. of
No.		ordinator			students
I	Approaches to	Mr Vikas	21 st to 25 th	Sir JJ College	
	Built Heritage	Dilawari	July 2014	of	19
	Conservation			Architecture	
II	Materials	Mr. Anupam	22 nd to 26 th	CSMVS	
	Conservation I	Sah	September	Museum	21
			2014		
	Structural	Ms. Alpa	1 st to 5 th	Sir JJ College	
	Conservation,	Sheth	December	of	22
	Retrofits &		2014	Architecture	
	Maintenance		th th		
IV	Conservation	Mr. Ravi	15 th to 19 th	Sir JJ College	
	Project	Gundurao	December	of	17
	Management		2014	Architecture	
V	Materials	Mr. Anupam	19 th to 23 rd	CSMVS	
	Conservation II	Sah	January	Museum	17
			2015		
VI	Urban	Mr. Pankaj	16 th to 20 th	Sir JJ College	
	Conservation &	Joshi	March 2015	of	19
	Enabling the			Architecture	
	Environment				

The programme was inaugurated in August 2013 and is running successfully. The different courses covered during the year 2014-15 were as under:



Participants on a walk in the Fort Precinct



Group discussion in one of the modules



Ar. Benny Kuriakose in discussion with participants



A session by Ar. Debashish Nayak



Panel discussion with experts



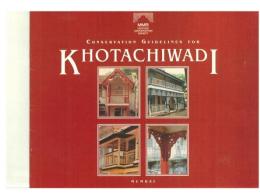
The participants for the course 2014-15

6. PUBLICATIONS

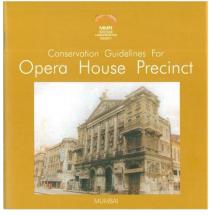
Material and data generated from the documentation process as well as evaluation and formulation of the guidelines is being published in the form of reports, users' manuals and hand-books. These publications would be in local languages and profusely illustrated in order to make them accessible for wide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

The following manuals are published and available with the Society.

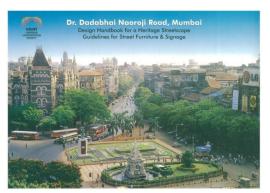
- Conservation Guidelines for Khotachiwadi Academy of Architecture.
- Design handbook for the provision of heritage sensitive street furniture and signage for D. N. Road streetscape Ms. Abha N Lambah, Mumbai.
- Conservation Guidelines for Opera House Precinct by Ms. Sandhya Savant, Mumbai.
- Stone cleaning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



Conservation Guidelines for Khotachiwadi



Conservation Guidelines for Opera House Precinct



Design handbook for D N Road



Stone Cleaning of Heritage Buildings in Mumbai

7. FUNDS

During the year 2014-2015, the Society had received **Rs. 82,68,724/-** by way of interest from the investment of interest free loan and surplus funds and an amount of **Rs.55,82,329/-** was released as grant to the approved project and administrative expenses.

Sr.		Total	Expenditure			No. of
No.	Year	Income	On Projects	Administrative	Total	Projects
		(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)	Completed
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	
14	2011-2012	75,49,563	47,30,668	13,55,994	60,86,662	2
15	2012-2013	91,15,034	60,18,499	14,69,496	74,87,995	3
16	2013-2014	85,01,648	88,23,232	13,49,365	1.01,72,597	7
17	2014-2015	82,68,7240	40,40,789	15,41,540	55,82,329	4

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



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