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## Education

### First International Conference by KAASH Foundation

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The University of Mumbai's Institute of Distance And Open Learning (IDOL) (Under CIQA) and KAASH Foundation-Mumbai, jointly organized its first two-day International Multidisciplinary Conference on 'Transition and Transformation: Cities in Life, Literature and Culture'-Mumbai Chapter on 17 - 18 February, 2020 at Sir Phirozeshah Mehta Bhavan, University of Mumbai Vidyanagari, Kalina, Santacruz (E), Mumbai. The Two-day event was graced by many renowned scholars and well-known personalities and administrators from the industry. It had a humongous response with over **155 registered Delegates, 40 Resource Persons, and 125 Research Paper presentations.**

of Maharashtra. The Presidential Remarks were given by Prof. **Suhas Pednekar- the Honorable Vice Chancellor**, University of Mumbai. The Guests of Honour were **Prof. Ravindra Kulkarni**, the Hon. Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai and **Dr. Ajay Deshmukh**, Registrar, University of Mumbai. **Prof. Frederic Simone**, Director Alliance Francaise de Bombay, France was a Special Invitee for the event.

The **Keynote Speaker** for the event was **Mr. R. Balakrishnan**, popularly known as **R. Balki**. He is an ace Film Director who has won the National Film Award for the Best Feature Film in Hindi 'Paa' and many other prestigious awards. The event was conducted as an Interactive session titled **In Conversation with R. Balki** coordinated by Dr. Avkash Jadhav. The final round was a Question and Answers session where a number of questions from the audience patiently answered by R. Balki. The One hour session mesmerised and enthralled the audience.

The inaugural session was drawn to a close with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Prof. Dr Anil Bankar, Associate Professor and Conference Secretary.

#### Day One 17 February 2020:

##### Inaugural session:

The Inaugural Session began with a Welcome Address by Dr. Kavita Laghate, Director, IDOL, followed by a brief introduction of IDOL by Dr. Santosh Rathod. The introduction to KAASH Foundation was given by the **Founder Trustee Dr. Avkash Jadhav**. The Chief Guest for the function was **Dr. Dhanraj Mane, Director, Higher Education, Government**



(L-R): Prof. Frederick Simon, Director Alliance Francaise de Bombay, France, Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder Trustee, KAASH Foundation (and Organiser of the Conference), Honourable Chief Guest Dr. Dhanraj Mane, Director, Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra, Dr. Rajesh Kharat, Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Mumbai.



KAASH Foundation Mumbai is hosting its second international event, a Webinar Symposium on 'Concerns, Complexities and Dialogues in Religious Philosophy' on 12 May 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. where eminent dignitaries will be presenting their views and perceptions on this topic.

Organised by **KAASH Foundation**, Mumbai in collaboration with the **Indian Council of Historical Research**, New Delhi, ICHR; **Widya Kerthi Foundation** - Universitas Hindu Bali, Indonesia; **Archaeological Institute of Afghanistan**, Kabul Afghanistan; **Centre for the Study of Society and Secularism** Mumbai and **Eikam Foundation**, India, the Symposium will cover the various philosophical perspectives and approaches in each religious school of thoughts.

The inter-section and inter-faith dimension will be the core area of presentation.

**Plenary Sessions:**

**Plenary Session- I** was Chaired by **Dr. Sabyasachi Mukherjee**, Director, CSMVS (Museum). The panellists for this session were 1. **Prof. Arnab Bhattacharya**, Dept. of Condensed Matter Physics and Material Science, Chair TIFR, Science Communication and Public Outreach, 3. **Mr. Ritwick Bhalekar**, Marathi news channel ABP Mazha 4. **Prof. Vikas Dilaware**, Importance of Heritage in Mumbai and **Dr. Shraddha. Kumbhkar**, Department of History Savitribai Phule University, Pune. The session was coordinated by Dr Avkash Jadhav.

**Plenary Session-II** was Chaired by **Dr. M. S. Kurhade** Principal D.T.S.S College Malad, Mumbai and Former Dean Faculty of Humanities, University of Mumbai. Co-Chairperson: **Dr. Mrudul Nile**, Professor of Political Science and Senate Member, University of Mumbai. The coordinator for the session was **Dr. D. Harichandan**, Associate Professor of Education, IDOL, University of Mumbai. The panellists of this session were 1. **Dr. Aravind Ghanachari**, Former Head, Department of History University of Mumbai, 2. **Prof. V. P. Raja**, Director, MERC, Mumbai. 3. **Dr. Kishor Gaikwad**, Professor and Chairperson, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, IGNTU, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh 4. **Prof. Douglas Berger**, Fulbright Scholar, U.S.A. 5. Ms. **Yangyi Qu**, School of Marxism, Chongqing University, China.

**Plenary Session III** was Chaired by **Prof. Dina Linda**, from Italy, who is a Visiting Faculty at Indian Universities on Sustainable Designing. The panellists of this session were 1. **Prof. Abdul Shaban**, Deputy Director School of Development Studies, TISS, Tuljapur. 2. **Sucheta Dalal**, Trustee-Money Life Foundation. 3. **Omkar Bhatkar**, Director and Founder St. Andrews Centre of Philosophy and Performing Arts (SAPP) Mumbai and 4. **Prof. Frederic Simone**, Director Alliance Francaise de Bombay, France.

**Special Technical Session I** was chaired by **Dr. Manjiri Kamat**, Prof. of History and Associate Dean, Faculty of Humanities University of Mumbai, and the Co- Chairperson was **Dr. Suresh Maind**, Professor of Economics and Senate Member, University of Mumbai, Mumbai. Session Coordinator of the session was **Dr. Sanjay Ratnaparakhi**, Assistant Director Academics, IDOL, University of Mumbai. Day one ended with a cultural program much to the delight of the audience. The program was organised by a team from KAASH Foundation that included Ganesh Vandana (Blessings from Lord Ganesha) , Bharud (Traditional folk) Laavani (Traditional dance performance) and Bollywood Hindi Songs Performing Artist of the Foundation were: Shilpika Salian, Shital Jangam, Navmee Goregaonkar, Drashiti Shah, Prajakta Kasoti, Rachel Menezes and Sanjay Salvi.

**Day Two 18 February 2020:**

The Second day of the conference began with **Plenary Session IV**. It was chaired by **Dr. Rajesh Kharat**, Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Science University of Mumbai and the Co- Chairperson was **Dr. Shivram Garje**, Prof. of Chemistry and Associate Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Mumbai. Session Coordinator was **Dr. Santosh Rathod**, Associate Professor of English, IDOL, University of Mumbai. The panellists were 1. **Dr. Neeta Khandpekar**, Professor, Department of History, University of Mumbai. 2. **Mr. Ashok Panvalkar**, Former Editor, Maharashtra Times, Mumbai. 3. **Dr. Ravikant Sangurde**, Management Council Member, University of



Unveiling of Painting by Dr. Abhay Wagh

Mumbai. 4. **Dr. R. Raj Rao**, Visiting Professor, Symbiosis college of Arts and Commerce, Pune and **Shri James Ferreira** the First Fashion Designer of India.

**Special Technical Session II** was chaired by **Dr. Anuradha Majumdar**, Dean Faculty of Science and Technology University of Mumbai . Co- Chairperson: was **Dr. Neeta Khandpekar**, D. Litt., Professor, Dept. of History, University of Mumbai, Kalina, Mumbai. Session Coordinator was **Dr. Mandar Bhanushe**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, IDOL, University of Mumbai. The speakers in this session were 1. **Dr. Lakshmi Salvi**, Senior Assistant Professor, Dept of History, University of Mumbai. 2. **Dr. Rita Malche**, Assistant Professor, Dept of Sociology, University of Mumbai who spoke on "Socio-Economic and Cultural Transition of Mahadev koli Migrants (Tribe) in Mumbai (Mumbra)" 3. **Dr. Moushumi Datta**, Professor, & Vice-Principal, Nagindas Khandwala College 4. **Dr. Hema S. Dhaware**, Head, Dept. of Accountancy, ICLES Motilal Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Vashi, Navi Mumbai 5. **Dr. Kavita G. Kalkoti**, Associate Professor, Nagindas Khandwala College, University of Mumbai.



Introduction of KAASH Foundation by Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder Trustee, KAASH Foundation (and Organiser of the Conference)

**There were Four Parallel Technical Sessions:**

**Parallel Technical Session I** was chaired by **Dr. Kishor Gaikwad**, Professor and Chairperson, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, IGNTU, MP. Co-Chairperson was **Dr. Shraddha Kumbhkar** - Head, Dept. of History, Savitribai Phule, Pune University, Pune. Session Coordinator was **Dr. Vishwambhar V. Jadhav**, Assistant Professor, Physical Education, University of Mumbai.



(L-R): Pro Vice-chancellor Dr. Ravindra Kulkarni. Dr. Dhanraj Mane. Director Higher Education Government of Maharashtra, Principal Vijayalakshmi Trustee Kaash Foundation, Dr. Avkash Jadhav. Founder Trustee Kaash Foundation and Dr. Kavita Lagate. Director IDOL University of Mumbai

**Parallel Technical Session II** was chaired by **Dr. Preeta Nilesh**, Professor and Head Dept. of History, Vaze Kelkar. Co-Chairperson was **Dr. Sudhakar Lahupachang**, Principal, Dadasaheb Limaye College, Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai. Session Coordinator was **Dr. Madhura Kulkarni**, Assistant Professor of Accountancy, IDOL, University of Mumbai.

**Parallel Technical Session III** was chaired by **Dr. Manjiri Thakoor**, Visiting Faculty J.J. College of Arts and Architecture, Mumbai. Co-Chairperson was **Dr. S. P. Shinde**, Head, Dept. of History, Karmaveer Bhaorao Patil College, Pandharpur, Dist. Solapur. The Session Coordinator was **Dr. Rajashri Pandit** - Assistant Professor of Economics, IDOL, University of Mumbai.

**Parallel Technical Session IV** was chaired by **Dr. Ravikant Sangurde**, Management Council Member, University of Mumbai. Co-Chairperson was **Dr. Sachin Labade** Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Mumbai. The Session Coordinator was Prof. **Krishna Gaikwad**, Associate Professor of History, LJNI College, Mumbai.

#### Valedictory Session:

In the Valedictory Session, the Audio-Visual Message of Hon. **Minister of Higher and Technical Education** of Maharashtra **Shri. Uday Samant** was played for the audience. The Chief Guest of the session was **Dr. Abhay Wagh, Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.** The Session Coordinator was Dr. Avkash Jadhav - Founder Trustee, KAASH Foundation. A Vote of thanks was proposed by **Prof Anil R Bankar**, Associate Professor of History and Conference Secretary, which drew the curtain to the two-day International Conference.

The Conference had representation from **five countries**. A total **125 research papers** were presented on various themes of the conference, all related to the city of Mumbai. There were **155 Registered Delegates**, more than **40 Resource persons**, four plenary Sessions, Two Special Technical Sessions and Four Parallel Technical Sessions. In all, more than 250 participants attended the two-day International conference, thus making the First International Conference by KAASH Foundation an astounding success. The conference has set a new benchmark due to the overwhelming response it received in such a short time of announcement.

The conference was the first academic collaboration of KAASH Foundation and the success of the conference with such outstanding response bears the testimony of the efforts and dedication of the team involved in it. During the two days of the conference the core team members and team of 30 volunteers of the foundation handled the registration desk, the venue management, the stage management and compering throughout the conference, the technical support, attending the guests, cultural event, and conference kits management, escorting the guests and VIP section management and hospitality. The relentless and consistent effort of the team is indeed commendable.

The Foundation would like to extend Special Thanks to **His Excellency. Chancellor Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, Governor of Maharashtra; Shri. Uday Samant**, Hon. Minister of Higher and Technical Education of Maharashtra; **Shri. Aaditya Thackeray**, Hon Minister Culture and Tourism of Maharashtra; **Shri. Shyam Benegal** Ace Film Director, **Shri. R. Balki**, National Award winner Film Direc-

tor; **Dr. Dhanraj Mane**, Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Maharashtra. **Dr Abhay Wagh**, Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Maharashtra State; **Smt Kishori Pednekar** Hon. Mayor Mumbai city Committee Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai. **Prof. Suhas Pednekar- Honorable Vice Chancellor**, University of Mumbai; **Prof. Ravindra Kulkarni**, the Hon. Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai and **Dr. Ajay Deshmukh**, the **Registrar**, University of Mumbai; **Shri. Yahwant Jadhav**, Chairman Standing Committee Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai; **Shri. Parveen Pardeshi** Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai Committee Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai; **Shri V P Chitore**, Director Engineering Services and Projects Committee Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai; **ChandraShekhar Chore**, Deputy Municipal Commissioner Committee Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, **Shri. Yogesh Mahangade**, PS to Hon Minister; **Shri. Uday Samant**, Hon. Minister of Higher and Technical Education of Maharashtra The support and good wishes extended by all the dignitaries definitely added value and enhanced our soaring spirit.

The success of the conference would not have been possible without the unconditional support of the Committee members and super powerful student volunteer's team. The two day exhaustive event was carried out successfully by the entire KAASH Foundation family with positive energy and selfless dedication.

The foundation would like to extend its gratitude to the Director Dr. Kavita Laghate of IDOL and dear friends of KAASH Foundation Prof Anil Bankar and Dr. Santosh Rathod, also the entire staff and management of IDOL University of Mumbai.

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**Inaugural Remarks by the Honourable Chief Guest Dr. Dhanraj Mane, Director, Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra**



**Keynote session: Dr. Avkash Jadhav in conversation with R. Balki**



**Video Message of Shri Uday Samant, Maharashtra Higher and Technical Education Minister conveying his good wishes to KAASH Foundation**

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Unveiling of the Proceedings of the First Multidisciplinary Conference by the Honourable Chief Guest Dr. Dhanraj Mane, Director, Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra along with Honourable Vice Chancellor Dr. Suhas Pednekar, University of Mumbai, Ex-Principal Dr. Vijaylakshmi Jadhav, Trustee, Kaash Foundation, Honourable Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Ravindra Kulkarni, University of Mumbai, Prof. Frederick Simon, Director Alliance Francaise de Bombay, France, Dr. Kavita Laghate, Director, IDOL, Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder Trustee, Kaash Foundation (and Organiser of the Conference) and Conference Secretary Prof. Anil Bankar.



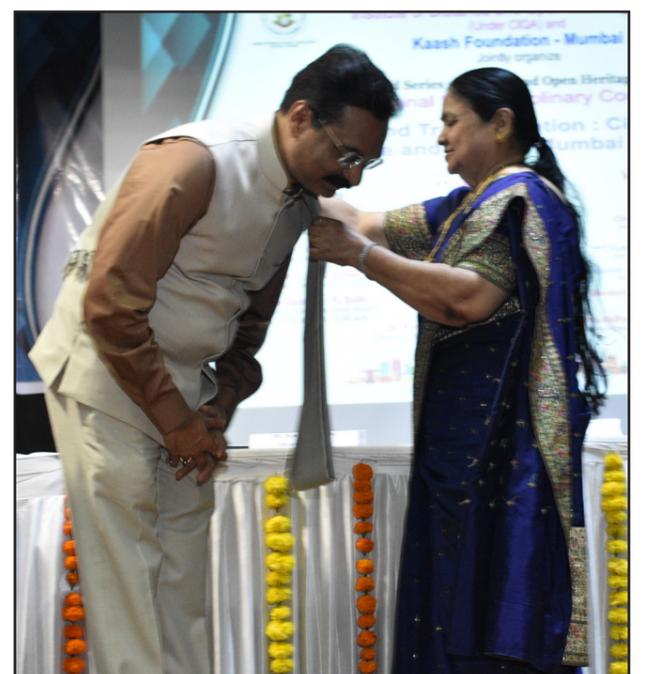
Registration Desk under Subhash Kumar, Technical Director, KAASH Foundation along with Judy, Siddhi, Esther, Dikshita



Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder Trustee, KAASH Foundation (and Organiser of the Conference) felicitating Dr. Arvind Ghanachari, Former head Department of History, University of Mumbai



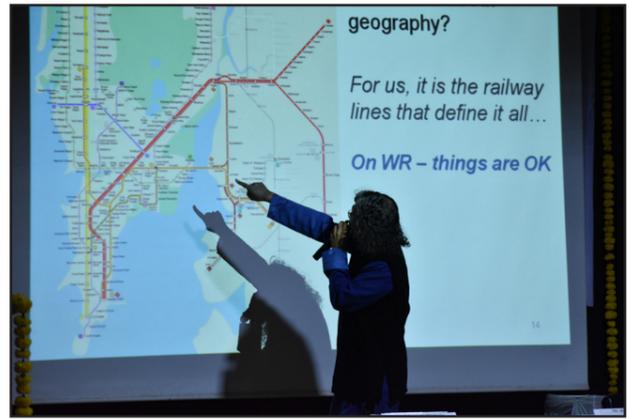
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Felicitating of Dr. Abhay Wagh, Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Maharashtra State, Mumbai by Ex-Principal Dr. Vijaylakshmi Jadhav, Trustee, KAASH Foundation



Presentation by Prof. V. P. Raja, Director, MERC, Mumbai



Presentation by Prof. Arnab Bhattacharya, Dept. of Condensed Matter Physics and Material Science, Chair TIFR, Science Communication and Public Outreach



Cultural Event organised by KAASH Foundation, folk song of Maharashtra - Bharud



Cultural Event organised by Kaash Foundation, Performance of Ganesh Vandana.



(L-R): , Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Maharashtra State, Mumbai, Director, IDOL, Conference Secretary Prof. Anil Bankar, Mr. Malale, Prof. Ratnaparkhi, Dr. Kavita Laghate, Dr. Abhay Wagh and Avkash Jadhav



Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder Trustee, KAASH Foundation (and Organiser of the Conference) felicitating Yangyi Qu, School of Marxism, Chongqing University, China



**Introduction of University of Mumbai & Welcome Address by the Honourable Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Ravindra Kulkarni, University of Mumbai.**



**Presidential Remarks during the Inaugural Session by the Honourable Vice Chancellor Dr. Suhas Pednekar, University of Mumbai.**



**Presentation by Ex-Principal Dr. Vijaylakshmi Jadhav, Trustee, Kaash Foundation during the Inaugural Session.**



**Plenary Session I speaker Dr. Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Director, CSMVS (Formerly Prince of Wales Museum)**



**Plenary Session I speaker Dr. Shraddha Kumbojkar, Head, Department of History, Savitribai Phule Pune University.**



**Plenary Session II Speaker Yangyi Qu, School of Marxism, Chongqing University, China.**



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Plenary Session Speaker III Prof. Dina Linda, Visiting Faculty in Indian Universities on Sustainable Designing, Italy.



Plenary Session IV Speaker James Ferreira, 1st Fashion Designer of India.



Closing Remarks by Ex-Principal Dr. Vijaylakshmi Jadhav, Trustee, Kaash Foundation.



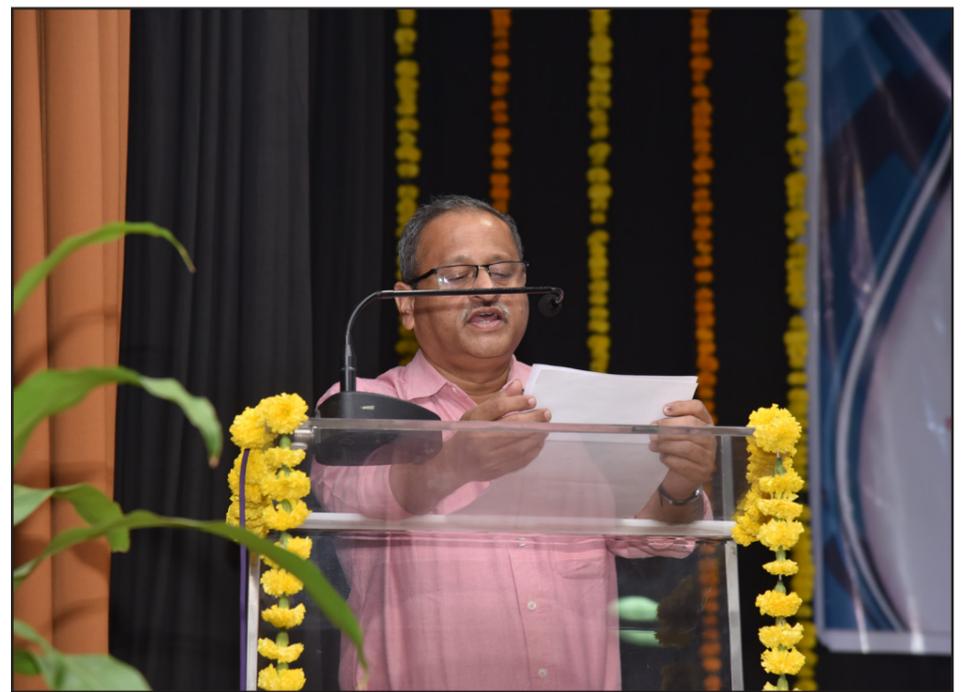
Presentation by Prof. Frederick Simon, Director Alliance Francaise de Bombay, France during the Inaugural Session.



Interactive Session with Keynote Speaker R Balki (Film Director) and Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder Trustee, Kaash Foundation.



Plenary Session II Speaker Dr. Arvind Ghanachari, Former Head Department of History, University of Mumbai.



Plenary Session IV Speaker Dr. Rajesh Kharat, Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Mumbai.



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Plenary Session IV Speaker Dr. Raj Rao, Visiting Professor, Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce, Pune.



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# Environment

## Struggle To Save Mumbai's Green Cover

-Krishna Sawant

The lovely region of Aarey Forest is located in Goregaon, a suburb in the city of Mumbai. It has more than five lakh trees which it shares with the Sanjay Gandhi National Park. It is supposedly the lungs of Mumbai and one of its own kind green zones in the city, or rather the last remaining one for a population of 13 million. The forest cover amounts to 1200 hectares of land with 28 small and big hamlets of the adivasis (Scheduled Tribes) residing in this green zone. In 1977, a Film City was built on a part of Aarey forest, and not long after, a zoo on another part of the Aarey forest. To add to its destruction, it has now become a site for the construction of a new car shed, for the upcoming Metro network in Mumbai. A huge number of trees have been cut to give room for the said metro project. The sad fact is that, there are ample measures of land available near Kanjurmarg and Bandra Kurla Complex areas, but the government was adamant to have the car shed amidst this green forest cover, thereby reducing the size of the lung of Mumbai even more.

Protesters have organised demonstrations and pressured the government in different ways with demands that the cutting of the trees must be stopped. We, at KAASH Foundation have played an important and strong role in supporting this resistance movement. We have left no stone unturned

when it comes to taking a stand for the city and saving the environment.

We began by attending the Public Debate and Hearing that was conducted on 8 July, 2019 at MMRDA premises in Bandra. The meeting was convened by the BMC and members of the MMRCL Company. At the meeting, it was clear that the project lacked thorough conviction from the corridors of authority and power. It was more of an eye wash, with the kind of evasive responses that were given by the proposing team. One could gather from the way the authorities responded, that they had perhaps not expected that such a huge crowd would be present to listen to their justification of the proposed site. This public hearing was attended by almost 50 volunteers of the KAASH Foundation. Dr. Avkash Jadhav, that day, helped many realise that the authorities cannot suppress the voices of Mumbai! He emphasised on the policy of inclusive development.

The next step taken, was a letter to an English adventurer Bear Grylls and the Hon. Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe with a copy to JICA, the Company which was funding this project. This helped to garner a lot of support towards saving the forest cover in Aarey, and also against the axing of the 2700 trees. It definitely gave the "Save Aarey Movement" a much needed impetus! Not long after

this, the Supreme Court put a stay on the cutting of the trees. But the question remains on the number of trees that were already cut. Who will own the loss? That was a huge question mark!

A small group of students from St. Xavier's College conducted a survey to find out whether the public and the citizens were aware of the gravity of the situation. And astoundingly, the results of the survey were an eye opener! It was found that most of the people living within the forest area had no idea that they were about to be uprooted from their very own homes!

KAASH Foundation and Dr. Avkaah Jadhav made an urgent appeal for a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the ground reality, to check on the violation of the civil liberties and to squash the wrongful implications of the activist. At least, the axing of the trees has stopped as of now and this can be regarded as the partial victory to *Save our Vasundhara* (Mother nature).

KAASH Foundation's active involvement in this huge movement is truly commendable, and Dr. Avkash Jadhav's personal involvement makes one realise it is not just an issue for the city, but also a concern for each and every one of us.

### Media Coverage Phase 1



## Business Standard

### Aarey-metro issue: Activists write to Japanese PM for help

Press Trust of India | Mumbai  
Last Updated at September 16, 2019 20:40 IST

A group of activists protesting felling of trees for the upcoming metro car shed in Mumbai's Aarey Colony has written a letter to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe seeking his intervention to scrap the project.

The Rs 23,136 crore Colaba-Bandra-Seez Metro Line 3 project is part funded to the tune of Rs 13,235 crore by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The plan to build the car shed in Aarey, one of the city's prime green tract, has come in for criticism from activists and large sections of society.

For its part, the Maharashtra government, especially chief minister Devendra Fadnis, has expressed its support for the project which involves felling of more than 2600 trees over a 30-hectare plot in the area.

The letter has been written by Avkash Jadhav, Associate Professor and Head of Department, History, of St Xavier's College, and activists. It has been translated into Japanese by an NGO.

"A couple of days ago, I got the final translated version of the letter citing 10 crucial points that were not shared with JICA at the time of the presentation made for the Aarey car shed. After translating it into Japanese, we have sent the letter to PM Abe through

Seeking a meeting with officials at the consulate general of Japan, the group said a copy of the letter sent to PM Abe will be handed over to them.

Jadhav had recently asked Bear Grylls, an English adventurer, to impress upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene and prevent the car shed from coming up at Aarey.

Grylls and Modi featured in a special episode of 'Man Vs Wild', shot in Jin Corbett National Park.

### MIRRORNOWNEWS.COM

**Mumbai: College students seek Bear Grylls' intervention in axing of trees in Aarey**

Updated on 07, 2019 10:58 AM IST

Joining hands with city-based KAASH Foundation, some students of St Xavier College here have written to Bear Grylls, requesting him to back the 'Save Aarey' movement.

Mumbai: Students of a city college have written to British adventurer Bear Grylls, seeking his support to stop felling of trees in Aarey Colony here for Mumbai Metro. The Maharashtra government's decision to allow around 2,700 trees to be cut in Aarey Milk Colony to make way for a carshed of Mumbai Metro is facing a lot of opposition.

Joining hands with city-based KAASH Foundation, some students of St Xavier College here have written to Bear Grylls, requesting him to back the 'Save Aarey' movement.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had recently featured in the British adventurer's 'Man vs Wild' TV show. Students said in their letter to Bear Grylls on September 5 that "government is arbitrarily, and despite opposition from citizens, out to engage in a state-sponsored environmental vandalism", and he should voice support for those who are opposing it.

They received an auto-generated email in reply from his public relations office, saying "due to the volume of enquiries we receive we will only respond where necessary in taking an enquiry further".

Prof Avkash Jadhav, head of the department of history at the college and trustee of KAASH Foundation who helped students send the letter, said, "Response from Bear Grylls will definitely add further sensitivity to this issue."

### Mumbai Mirror

## The people have spoken: Relocate Metro car shed

**81% of 1,000 citizens surveyed over three months are opposed to the cutting of trees in Aarey for the depot; 59% see the area as a forest with wildlife**

**Challenges, Margpurkar**

**Tree Authority violated all rules in clearing the tree cutting**

81% of 1,000 citizens surveyed over three months are opposed to the cutting of trees in Aarey for the depot; 59% see the area as a forest with wildlife. The BMC's process of felling public objections to the tree-cutting proposal also came under scrutiny. Fifty-nine per cent of the respondents feel that the civic body didn't consider the objections fairly, while 13 per cent backed the BMC.

"The survey reflects the mood of the people," says Prof Avkash Jadhav, who heads the department of history at St Xavier's College and founder of NGO Kaash Foundation, which guided the students in carrying out the survey.

Sixty-four per cent of those surveyed want Aarey to be designated as a no-development zone, while 15 per cent were against such a move. Sixty-three per cent of the respondents see Aarey Colony as a forest with wildlife, while 80 per cent assert that it is necessary to stop natural resources from being destroyed. The MMRCL has in the past claimed that there is no wildlife in Aarey, even though the state forest department's records show that at least seven leopards have been spotted in the area in the last three years.

He accuses the BMC's Tree Authority of violated regulations while approving the felling of 2,702 trees. "The Tree Authority must be reconstituted as Tree Cutting Authority since it is only approving the cutting of trees. The proposal must listen to the voice of the people as reflected in this survey."

The August 29 vote had sparked protests across the city and two Tree Authority experts—Dr. Chandrakant Sahasrabudhe and Dr. Chandrakant Sahasrabudhe—assigned days later, saying they were misled. They claimed that they were led to believe that they were voting in favour of an adjustment and learned about the truth only after the vote concluded.

Chandea Pinto, one of the surveyors, says the respondents exhibited substantial awareness of the issue even though some of them had never visited Aarey. "Regardless, they understood the need to preserve the green cover," she says respondents were sought from residential societies, colleges and workplaces.

Rashid Jari, a third-year BA student of St Xavier's College, says the survey began in July, when the second public hearing on the proposal took place in Aarey was conducted. "None of them is against Metro-3 but they don't want trees at Aarey to be destroyed."

**THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS**

### Hours after SC verdict, activist blames Mumbai Metro for axing trees at night, seeks probe

Prof Avkash Jadhav, head of the history department at St Xavier's College here and trustee of the city-based KAASH Foundation, said a SIT should be set up to inspect the site where trees were cut and ascertain the actual damage done.

**MUMBAI:** Hours after the Supreme Court restrained authorities from cutting anymore trees in Aarey Colony here, an activist demanded that the Metro project chief be held responsible for the move to axe trees at night last week and action be taken against those found guilty.

A special bench comprising justices Arun Mishra and Ashok Bhushan said it will have to examine the entire thing and posted the matter for hearing on October 21 before its forest bench.

Jadhav said by October 21, the Maharashtra government and the MMRCCL should give a detailed account to the Supreme Court of how they allegedly "used the state machinery against its own citizens, crushing all civil liberties under the guise of development".

He said Bhidde claimed that the order to cut trees was released on September 13, which gave the authorities 15 days to take action.

"But, if the matter was subjudice and came before the Bombay High Court on October 4, is it not contempt of court to come with the axing notification before the high court's decision was out?" he asked.

The MMRCCL started hacking trees from Friday night to make way for car shed, hours after the high court dismissed four petitions filed by NGOs and activists challenging the decision to allow felling of trees in the prime green lung of the city.

The Metro authorities have defended tree felling by contending that it is restricted only to a small area in Aarey Colony, and is necessary to ensure a modern transport system for Mumbaikars.

The proposed car shed for the Metro-3 line (Colaba- Bandra-Seezp) will occupy 33 hectares.

**HEADLINEZ PRO**

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**DECCAN Chronicle**

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**THE HINDU**

### MUMBAI

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**Students from city college write to adventurer**

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**LEAGUE of INDIA**

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By League Reporter

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**my nation**

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By Team MyNation  
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**MUMBAI:** A group of activists who have been raising their voice against the felling of trees for the upcoming metro car shed in Mumbai's Aarey Colony has now knocked the doors of Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. In a letter to the Japanese Prime Minister, they asked him to intervene to scrap the project.

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नूर उमर, अमर उजाला, मुंबई | Updated Sat, 07 Sep 2019 09:07 PM IST



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# HERALD PUBLICIST

## Activists Ask Japan PM To Scrap Metro Project In Fight Over Aarey Trees

By snehith - September 17, 2019

Mumbai:

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Grylls and PM Modi featured in a special episode of 'Man Vs Wild', shot in Jim Corbett National Park.

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# As Politicians Ignore The Issue, People Seek Bear Grylls' Support In Saving Aarey Forest

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The development comes even as the Devendra Fadnavis government in Maharashtra continues to brazen it out with the growing protests against the proposal to cut thousands of trees.

On Friday, Fadnavis came out in support of the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited's (MMRCL) plan to cut 2,703 trees in Aarey Colony, despite massive opposition.

# newsdig

## Scrap Metro project to protect Aarey trees, activists ask Japan PM

17th September 2019 08:42 am | The Statesman

Activists in Mumbai have been protesting felling of trees for the upcoming metro car shed in the city's Aarey Colony. In their recent move they have written to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe urging him to scrap the project and protect the city's green cover.

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# Media Coverage Phase 2

## St. Xavier's students form human chain

Tanvi Deshpande  
Rachita Dabre

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### Key questions

**Do you support the cutting of the 'Lungs of Mumbai' for the Metro car shed?**

10 YES 81 NO 9 MAYBE

**Are you aware that the uprooting of trees in Aarey would lead to excessive flooding in Mithi river?**

48 YES 52 NO

**Do you view Aarey as a forested area with wildlife?**

59 YES 18 NO 23 MAYBE

**If there are options other than Aarey for construction of the car shed, would you opt for it?**

59 YES 19 NO 22 MAYBE

**Which place would you opt for to shift the car shed?**

KALINA	19
KANJURMARG	35
SARIPUT NAGAR	12
MUMBAI PORT TRUST LAND	15
BKC	19

**BMC chief terms baseless the allegations against experts who quit Tree Authority**

Over 200 students of St. Xavier's College formed a human chain on Monday to save Aarey. Avkash Jadhav, who heads the college's history department, said, "The idea was to mobilise the youth and show that they care about the environmental destruction that the government is indulging in. The students expressed their solidarity with other Mumbaiers who are protesting the government's move."

Mr. Jadhav accused the government of 'environmental vandalism'. He said, "The Tree Authority seems to have converted itself into a tree cutting authority. The government is keen on silencing protesters. If we don't raise our voices now, Aarey will be soon swallowed by builders in the name of development."

Khushboo Jain, who participated in the protest, said, "We have been attending public hearings and following the issue very closely. The consequences can be grave as it is not just the trees but a full fledged habitat that the government is set to destroy. Biodiversity once destroyed can't be recreated. Cutting trees at a time when we are already facing the brunt of environmental degradation is definitely not a good idea."

## Aarey activists to slug it out with officials in town hall today

Mumbai: For the second consecutive weekend, despite heavy rain and Ganapati celebrations, hundreds of people, along with activists, came out on Sunday to protest cutting of trees in Aarey Colony for the construction of the Metro rail car shed. MP Suleja, Sule and actor Ishaan Khatter were among them.

On Monday, activists and officials—Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) MD Ashwini Dhoke and BMC commissioner Pravin Parthole—will be at a town hall meeting at SNDT University Churchgate, on the topic 'Environmental cost of Metro rail'. This will be the first time the project's proponents and opponents come together to debate the issue. The panel will include activists Zeru Bhatnagar and D Stalin.

Sunday's protest was organised by the local activist community. A human chain was formed, which ran along the car shed area. Protesters and banners said 'Save Aarey', 'Save our environment', and 'Metro is good, but oxygen is better'.

Dinshah Baboo, chief of Advaaita Sang Samarthan Samiti, said, "How can the authorities cut so many trees knowing these provide oxygen and harbor biodiversity? Activist Anurita Bhatnagar said, "We don't want any project to come up at Aarey. Activists fear their land will be taken away."

looks green. But shades are different. Metro 3 depot work has already started in a no-tree area only," tweeted Ishaan Khatter. MMRC has also emphasised on the fact that acquiring an alternative piece of land from Godrej and Kamnargh for a car shed would be financially unviable. Dhoke, on September 2, 2015, in a note to the urban development department, had pointed out that compensation as per ready reckoner rates for the 300-acre plot would work out to Rs 2,260 crore. In addition, MMRC would have to incur additional expenditure on rolling stock to ensure frequency of trains would remain unaffected by the distance from the car shed to the first station.

At Sunday's protest, citizens were upset with NCP's role in the project. The Tree Authority Kapan Malik, had backed the proposal to axe trees. Sule said that a clarification would be sought from Malik. While she was allowed into the car shed site, citizens said they were barred by the authorities. Sule later tweeted, "Aarey Forest are the lungs of Mumbai. I strongly oppose the cutting down of trees here."

Former corporator and professor Avkash Jadhav from St. Xavier's College, who was in the process, said government was moving towards environmental vandalism. "The bigger eye-socket is yet to come, as this lonely strip of the loobers."

## Helping hands feed the poor and daily wagers

### Building bridges with construction workers

Construction workers, daily wagers, labourers and migrants in Malad, Kandivli, Borivli and Dahisar areas are being provided food materials and basic ration by local volunteers of Kaash Foundation. These daily labourers and migrants have been left stranded by builders and contractors without pay for the last 15 days of the construction work. We are trying to provide basic food materials to these workers."

We live on daily wages and do not have any savings to sustain ourselves during this lockdown, revealed Purbhotam Mishra, a labourer. Mishra said, "We live from hand to mouth as we use the money that we get paid every day to buy basic ration. We do not have bank balances and savings as we live one day at a time. We do not have money to buy even basic rice or dal and neither can we return to our villages."

Volunteers, residents and helpers of nearby areas have organised a small truck and are providing basic necessities to those in need through this foundation. Jadhav said, "We are making small packets of instant rice, dal, wheat, tea powder, sugar, milk and biscuits. We carry it in a tempo and distribute it to these workers and labourers. Some of them have started begging on the streets for food but who will they beg from? There are no people on the streets."

Schemes and plans of the government to combat hunger should be implemented at the ground level, demand volunteers. Jadhav said, "The government has announced free and subsidised ration for the poor daily wagers and labourers. But these announcements are of no use if they are not implemented at the ground level. The ground reality is very different and the government should take necessary steps." Any one who wants to help, volunteer or donate can reach out at kaashfoundation@gmail.com.

## A survey of 1,000 citizens, mostly college students, done by a group of students from St Xavier's College has revealed 81% are opposed to cutting of trees in Aarey. Students doing the survey were led by professor Avkash Jadhav. Actor John Abraham in a video on Monday also opposed cutting of trees.

## 81 प्रतिशत लोग आरे के पेड़ों की कटाई के खिलाफ

1 हजार लोगों पर हुए सर्वे से पता चला रुझान

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यह सर्वे साफ जाहिर करता है कि मुंबईकर आरे में काटे जाने वाले पेड़ों के प्रति प्रतिशत लोग आरे के पेड़ों की कटाई के खिलाफ हैं। सर्वेक्षण के दौरान 1,000 लोगों का सर्वेक्षण किया गया था, जिसमें 81 प्रतिशत लोग आरे के पेड़ों की कटाई के खिलाफ थे।

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## HEAD TOPICS

### Bear Grylls, Mumbai Metro

## मुंबई: मेट्रो की खातिर पेड़ों की कटाई के खिलाफ छात्रों ने बेयर ग्रिल्स से मांगी मदद

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## सांमना

### मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी पर्यायी जागा वापरा, 'आरे' वाचवा!

## विकासाच्या नावाखाली मुंबईचे फुफ्फुस तोडू नका!

सर्वेक्षणाना नागरिक म्हणतात... राबू शाहानेच नवलेण्या 'जी-स्टार'ची सभ्यता ने कांठुपुर्ण ने ने ने जगा सुचकली असताना 'आरे'तील वाचका अट्टहास का भरला जात आहे? ८१ टक्के नागरिकांनी 'मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी मुंबईचे फुफ्फुस अखलेल्या आरेतील झाडे तोडू नका असे मत नोंदवले. 'आरे' मध्ये मुंबईकर जीवनविधवा असल्याचे ५९ टक्के लोक म्हणतात. इतरल्याच नैसर्गिक कोट वाचकाचे पाहिलेले असे ८० टक्के लोकांचे मत. नागरिकांच्या सूचना-हरकतीवर पाहिलेने समायोजकाक उतर दिले असल्याचे मत ५९ नागरिकांनी नोंदवले. 'आरे'तील झाडे तोडल्याने मिळे नदी पोषणवापी पाठवी ओलांडिले असे मत ४० टक्के नागरिकांनी व्यक्त केले. 'आरे'ला नव लेखल्याने शोण, नव कर्नाट अड शोण बनवून वाचकाचे पाहिले, असे मत ६४ टक्के लोकांनी व्यक्त केले. 'जी'चा विचारात आणून पर्वतारोहण संदर्भासाठी आरे वाचकाचे पाहिले, असे मत ६३ टक्के नागरिकांनी व्यक्त केले.

मुंबई: मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी पर्यायी जागा वापरा, 'आरे' वाचवा! मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी मुंबईचे फुफ्फुस तोडू नका! सर्वेक्षणाना नागरिक म्हणतात... राबू शाहानेच नवलेण्या 'जी-स्टार'ची सभ्यता ने कांठुपुर्ण ने ने जगा सुचकली असताना 'आरे'तील वाचका अट्टहास का भरला जात आहे? ८१ टक्के नागरिकांनी 'मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी मुंबईचे फुफ्फुस अखलेल्या आरेतील झाडे तोडू नका असे मत नोंदवले. 'आरे' मध्ये मुंबईकर जीवनविधवा असल्याचे ५९ टक्के लोक म्हणतात. इतरल्याच नैसर्गिक कोट वाचकाचे पाहिलेले असे ८० टक्के लोकांचे मत. नागरिकांच्या सूचना-हरकतीवर पाहिलेने समायोजकाक उतर दिले असल्याचे मत ५९ नागरिकांनी नोंदवले. 'आरे'तील झाडे तोडल्याने मिळे नदी पोषणवापी पाठवी ओलांडिले असे मत ४० टक्के नागरिकांनी व्यक्त केले. 'आरे'ला नव लेखल्याने शोण, नव कर्नाट अड शोण बनवून वाचकाचे पाहिले, असे मत ६४ टक्के लोकांनी व्यक्त केले. 'जी'चा विचारात आणून पर्वतारोहण संदर्भासाठी आरे वाचकाचे पाहिले, असे मत ६३ टक्के नागरिकांनी व्यक्त केले.

# लोकसत्ता

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## मेट्रो कारशेड आरेतच, दुसरी जागाच नाही!

अडिक्विनी भिडे यांचे प्रतिपादन, एकाच प्रकारच्या ८० हजार तक्रारीबाबत साशंकता

**विशेष प्रतिनिधी, मुंबई**

राज्य सरकारने अकराव्या मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी अडिक्विनी जवळ ठरविले आहे. लोकसत्ताक प्रेषक कारशेड कोड, अकरा दुसरी जागा नाही असे अडिक्विनी भिडे यांनी म्हणून केले.

**अडिक्विनी भिडे:** कायदाप्रतिकारक तक्रारीमुळे मुंबई मेट्रो प्रकल्पाने अडिक्विनी जवळ कारशेड ठरविले आहे. अडिक्विनी भिडे यांनी म्हणून केले आहे. अडिक्विनी भिडे यांनी म्हणून केले आहे. अडिक्विनी भिडे यांनी म्हणून केले आहे.

**वृक्ष प्राधिकरणाच्या सदस्यांवरील आरोप निराधार**

पालिका आयुक्त परदेशी यांचे स्पष्टीकरण

मुंबई: वृक्ष प्राधिकरणाचे नव्या सदस्य म्हणून अरोप निराधार असल्याचे स्पष्टीकरण पालिका आयुक्त परदेशी यांनी दिले आहे. अरोप निराधार असल्याचे स्पष्टीकरण पालिका आयुक्त परदेशी यांनी दिले आहे.

# पुण्य नगरी मुंबई

## विकासाच्या नावाखाली मुंबईचे फुफ्फुस तोडू नका!

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**वृक्ष प्राधिकरण तज्ज्ञांवरील आरोप निराधार - आयुक्त**

मुंबई: वृक्ष प्राधिकरण तज्ज्ञांवरील आरोप निराधार असल्याचे स्पष्टीकरण पालिका आयुक्त परदेशी यांनी दिले आहे. अरोप निराधार असल्याचे स्पष्टीकरण पालिका आयुक्त परदेशी यांनी दिले आहे.

# लोकमत

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## मुंबईकरांचे मत : मिठी धोक्याची पातळी ओलांडेल, भूजलावरही परिणाम होईल

# आरेत वृक्षतोड केल्यास मुंबईचा होईल न्हास!

लोकमताने नुकतेच

**कारशेडसाठी आरेचा अड्डाहास का?**

राज्य शासनानेच नेमलेल्या 'त्रि-सदस्यीय समितीने कांजूरपूर जिल्हा जगा पुढील दिशेने जाऊन प्रस्तावित आरेत कारशेड ठरविले आहे. अशा प्रस्तावावर मुंबईकरांच्या मतांचे माहिती घेण्यासाठी लोकमताने एक सर्वेक्षण केले आहे. या सर्वेक्षणात ८० टक्के मुंबईकरांनी आरेत कारशेड ठरविले जाऊ नये असे मत व्यक्त केले आहे.

**तज्ज्ञांची आयुक्तांकडून पाळाखण**

मुंबई: वृक्ष प्राधिकरण तज्ज्ञांच्या मते, आरेत कारशेड ठरविले जाऊ नये असे मत व्यक्त केले आहे. अशा प्रस्तावावर मुंबईकरांच्या मतांचे माहिती घेण्यासाठी लोकमताने एक सर्वेक्षण केले आहे.

८१% मुंबई कारशेडसाठी आरेत कारशेड ठरविले जाऊ नये	८०% प्रस्तावित मेट्रो कारशेड ठरविले जाऊ नये	५९% आरेत कारशेड ठरविले जाऊ नये	५९% मेट्रो कारशेड ठरविले जाऊ नये	३५% कारशेड ठरविले जाऊ नये	४७% आरेत कारशेड ठरविले जाऊ नये
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# सकाळ

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## मुंबईचे फुफ्फुस तोडू नका!

मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी पर्यायी जागा शोधण्याचे मुंबईकरांचे आवाहन

**आरोप बिनबुद्दाले: प्रवीण परदेशी**

मुंबई, ता. १२ : मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी अडिक्विनी जवळ ठरविले आहे. लोकसत्ताक प्रेषक कारशेड कोड, अकरा दुसरी जागा नाही असे अडिक्विनी भिडे यांनी म्हणून केले.

**मुंबईकर काय म्हणतात...**

- राज्य सरकारनेच नेमलेल्या 'त्रि-सदस्यीय समितीने कांजूरपूर जिल्हा जगा पुढील दिशेने जाऊन प्रस्तावित आरेत कारशेड ठरविले आहे.
- ८१ टक्के नागरिकांनी 'आरे' तील झाडे तोडू नका, अशी मागणी केली.
- 'आरे' मध्ये मुलक जैवविविधता असल्याचे ५९ टक्के नागरिकांचे म्हणणे.
- उपलब्ध नैसर्गिक स्रोत वाचवायला हवे, असे ८० टक्के नागरिकांचे मत.
- वातावरण धोक्याची पातळी ओलांडेल, असे ४० टक्के नागरिकांचे म्हणणे.
- 'आरे' तील झाडे तोडल्यास भौती नदी वाऱ्याच्या धोक्याची पातळी ओलांडेल, असे ४० टक्के नागरिकांचे मत.
- मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी पर्यायी जागा शोधण्याचा प्रयत्न करावा, अशी ५९ टक्के नागरिकांची मागणी.
- वातावरण धोक्याची पातळी ओलांडेल, असे ४० टक्के नागरिकांचे म्हणणे.
- जैवविविधता आणि पर्यावरणाच्या संवर्धनासाठी 'आरे' वाचवायला हवे, असे ५९ टक्के नागरिकांचे मत.

# नवशक्ति

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## विकासाच्या नावाखाली मुंबईचे फुफ्फुस तोडू नका!

मुंबई, सोमवार (प्रतिनिधी) - 'आरे' तील 'मेट्रो' कारशेडसाठी पालिकेच्या वृक्ष प्राधिकरण समितीने वृक्षतोडला मुंबईची दली असली तरी मुंबईकरांकडून या निर्णयाला तीव्र विरोध केला जात आहे. कारशेडसाठी हार पर्यायी जागा वापरा, मात्र विकासाच्या नावाखाली मुंबईचे फुफ्फुस तोडू नका, असे वाचवा.. अशी मागणी मुंबईतील हजारो विद्यार्थी-युवकांनी केली आहे. सेंट झेवियर्स कॉलेजमधील विद्यार्थ्यांनी विविध क्षेत्रातील हजारो नागरिकांचे केल्ल्या सर्वेक्षणात ही माहिती समोर आली आहे.

**मेट्रो कारशेडसाठी पर्यायी जागेचा वापर करा, 'सेंट झेवियर्स'चा सर्वेक्षण अहवाल**

मुंबईकरांच्या सर्वेक्षणात आरेत कारशेड ठरविले जाऊ नये असे मत व्यक्त केले आहे. अशा प्रस्तावावर मुंबईकरांच्या मतांचे माहिती घेण्यासाठी लोकमताने एक सर्वेक्षण केले आहे.

# प्रहार

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विकासा नामे मुंबईला ईईसाने नुकसान पहोयाडो नही

(आमारा प्रतिनिधि तरड्धी)

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Bhoye complained that large mango trees were cut in May near unit number 19 without permission from the tree authority and demanded to know what action would be taken against MMRCL officials.

The 250-seater auditorium was too small to accommodate all those who had come to register their objections. MMRCL made them sit in another hall where it had put up a screen but they could only watch and not participate. Students, teachers and retired citizens came in large numbers to attend the hearing. Several students spoke about depicting groundswell, climate change and the need to stop cutting trees.

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Officials said remarks and objections will be put in public domain; forwarded to MMRCL

What MMRCL said

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to Aarey especially since Mumbai goes under each time it rains heavily. They reminded officials about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise to reduce climate change impact. Ranakar Wadhwani, a resident of Shivaji Park, said he had come for the hearing as 500 trees were cut in his area for the metro and road project. This is not inclusive development, he said. Nagma Kapoor said planting a tree on the highway was not the same as a forest as the latter sequesters carbon. She said there was a need for more ecologists and scientists on government panels to make key decisions. Activist Amrita Bhattacharjee said the car shed should be moved as it is being constructed in flood plains of Mithi river. Activist Zuru Bhathena said four petitions on Aarey are pending in various courts and "the tree authority has no permission from Bombay High court to open it".

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"The Supreme Court's directives to maintain status quo at the Aarey site is a moral victory for environmentalists and citizens of Mumbai who are objecting to it," the MLC said.

The opposition NCP on Monday welcomed the Supreme Court's decision on Aarey, and blamed the Devendra Fadnis-led Maharashtra government for the "haste" with which it chopped down trees in the last couple of days.

"The haste with which the Maharashtra Government acted over the weekend in cutting the trees is condemnable," NCP leader Supriya Sule said.

BJP leader Mahabhoj Muthi took potshots on Twitter to say that the issue of trees in the Aarey was more important than Kashiwari lives.

"Aarey trees = Kashiwari lives," she tweeted on Sunday night.

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## आरे कॉलोनी में रात में पेड़ काटने के लिए पर्यावरण कार्यकर्ता ने MMRCL को ठहराया दोषी



उच्चतम न्यायालय द्वारा आरे कॉलोनी में आगे और पेड़ काटने पर रोक लगाने के कुछ घंटों बाद एक कार्यकर्ता ने मांग की है कि पिछले सप्ताह रात में पेड़ों की कटाई करने के लिए मेट्रो परियोजना के प्रमुख को जिम्मेदार ठहराया जाए और जो भी दोषी पाए जाए, उनके खिलाफ कार्रवाई की जाए। सेंट जेवियर्स कॉलेज के इतिहास विभाग के प्रमुख और शहर स्थित काश फाउंडेशन के न्यासी प्रो अवकाश जाधव ने कहा कि जहां पेड़ काटे गए हैं, उस जगह के निरीक्षण के लिए एक विशेष जांच दल (एसआईटी) का गठन किया जाना चाहिए और वास्तविक नुकसान का पता लगाना चाहिए।

जाधव ने कहा कि जांच दल में कार्यकर्ताओं और पर्यावरण विशेषज्ञों को भी शामिल किया जाए। उन्होंने पिछले महीने अपने कॉलेज के छात्रों को प्रेरित किया था कि वे आरे कॉलोनी में पेड़ों की कटाई रोकने के संबंध में समर्थन के लिए ब्रिटिश साहसिक बियर ग्रिल्स को पत्र लिखें। उन्होंने कहा, "हम मुंबई मेट्रो रेल कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (एमएमआरसीएल) और उन सभी लोगों के खिलाफ सख्त कार्रवाई की मांग करते हैं, जिन्होंने मनमाने ढंग से चार अक्टूबर को रात के अंधेरे का फायदा उठाकर पेड़ काटे।"

उन्होंने कहा कि एमएमआरसीएल के प्रबंध निदेशक अश्विनी भिंडे को इसकी जिम्मेदारी लेनी चाहिए। जाधव ने कहा कि पेड़ों को काटने से रोकने के लिए पर्यावरण कार्यकर्ताओं के खिलाफ दर्ज सभी मामलों को तत्काल वापस लेना चाहिए। उच्चतम न्यायालय ने सोमवार को आरे कॉलोनी में अगले आदेश तक पेड़ों की कटाई पर रोक लगा दी है।

## पंजाब केसरी

### थम गई आरे के पेड़ों की कटाई, सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले का देश ने किया स्वागत

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**नेशनल डेस्क:** मुंबई में मेट्रो कोच खड़े करने के लिए शेड बनाने के लिहाज से यहां आरे कॉलोनी में और अधिक पेड़ काटने से अधिकारियों को रोकने के उच्चतम न्यायालय के आदेश का देश ने दिल खोलकर स्वागत किया है। वहीं सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं और विपक्षी कांग्रेस तथा राकांपा के नेताओं ने भी इसे बड़ा फैसला बताया। महाराष्ट्र के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अशोक चव्हाण और राकांपा नेता सुप्रिया सुले ने भाजपा नीत राज्य सरकार पर पेड़ काटने में जल्दबाजी करने तथा पर्यावरण कार्यकर्ताओं और आम जनता की आवाज दबाने का आरोप लगाया।

मुंबई मेट्रो रेल निगम लिमिटेड (एमएमआरसीएल) ने कार शेड बनाने के लिए शुक्रवार रात से पेड़ों की कटाई शुरू कर दी थी। इससे पहले बंबई उच्च न्यायालय ने मुंबई के इस हरे-भरे क्षेत्र में वृक्षों को गिराने की अनुमति देने के फैसले को चुनौती देने की कुछ गैर सरकारी संगठनों और कार्यकर्ताओं की चार याचिकाओं को खारिज कर दिया था। बारामती से लोकसभा सदस्य सुले ने ट्वीट किया कि आरे पर उच्चतम न्यायालय का फैसला स्वागत योग्य है। हालांकि उच्चतम न्यायालय में महाराष्ट्र सरकार की यह स्वीकारोक्ति चिंताजनक है कि जरूरी संख्या में पेड़ों की कटाई कर ली गयी है।

लोकसभा सदस्य ने कहा कि मैं पिछले सप्ताह रात में पेड़ों की कटाई शुरू करने के राज्य सरकार के फैसले की निंदा करती हूँ। अंतिम निर्णय आया भी नहीं था लेकिन फिर भी सरकार ने पेड़ काटने में जल्दबाजी की। वहीं चव्हाण ने भी देवेन्द्र फडणवीस नीत राज्य सरकार पर आरे में पेड़ों को कटाई को लेकर निशाना साधा। उन्होंने कहा कि उच्चतम न्यायालय का आदेश भाजपा-शिवसेना सरकार के चेहरे पर जोरदार तमाचा है जिसने आरे में पेड़ों की कटाई के खिलाफ प्रदर्शन कर रहे आम लोगों और कार्यकर्ताओं की आवाज को दबाने की कोशिश की।

सेंट जेवियर्स कॉलेज में इतिहास विभाग के प्रमुख तथा शहर के काश फाउंडेशन में न्यासी प्रोफेसर अवकाश जाधव ने अदालत के फैसले का स्वागत किया और शुक्रवार की देर रात पेड़ों की कटाई के मामले में विशेष जांच दल (एसआईटी) से जांच कराने की मांग की। आरे संरक्षण समूह के सदस्य तस्मीन शेख ने भी फैसले का स्वागत करते हुए कहा कि एमएमआरसीएल ने हमेशा दुर्लभ तर्क पेश किये और हमने तार्किक रूप से उनका विरोध किया।

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### आरे पर न्यायालय का आदेश पर्यावरण कार्यकर्ताओं की नैतिक जीत : शिवसेना

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**मुंबई :** मेट्रो कोच शेड के लिए यहां आरे कॉलोनी में और पेड़ काटने से प्रशासन को रोकने के उच्चतम न्यायालय के आदेश की स्वागत करते हुए शिवसेना ने सोमवार को कहा कि यह पर्यावरणविदों के लिए नैतिक जीत है।

शिवसेना की प्रवक्ता मनीषा कागदे ने कहा कि आरे क्षेत्र को जंगल नहीं घोषित करना सरकार की गलती थी और अफसोस जताया कि दो दिनों में करीब 2100 पेड़ काट दिये गये, विधान परिषद ने कहा, आरे में पर्यावरणविदों को रोकने का उच्चतम न्यायालय का निर्देश परियोजना का विरोध कर रहे पर्यावरणविदों और मुंबई के बाशिंदों की नैतिक जीत है। शिवसेना, सत्तारूढ़ भाजपा की सहयोगी है लेकिन शहर के हरे क्षेत्र में पेड़ काटे जाने के फैसले पर उसने अलग रुख अपना रखा है, उच्चतम न्यायालय ने मुंबई की आरे कॉलोनी में मेट्रो कोच शेड बनाने के लिए पेड़ काटे जाने पर फिन्हाल रोक लगा दी है और इस संबंध में दायर याचिका पर सुनवाई के लिए 21 अक्टूबर की तारीख तय की है।

इस पर प्रतिक्रिया जताते हुए कागदे ने कहा, यह सरकार की गलती है कि उसने आरे को जंगल घोषित नहीं किया, यह जानकर बहुत दुःख लग रहा है कि दो दिनों में ही करीब 2100 पेड़ काट दिये गये, उन्होंने हेराती जताया, सरकार ने पेड़ काटने का विरोध कर रहे पर्यावरण कार्यकर्ताओं को भी गिरफ्तार कर लिया, राज्य के लिए लोगों की आवाज को दबाना इतना जरूरी क्यों है? उन्होंने स्वागत किया, राज्य सरकार मेट्रो-तीन परियोजना के लिए आरे की जैव विविधता को क्यों बर्बाद करना चाहती है।

दूसरी तरफ उच्चतम न्यायालय के आदेश का सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं और विपक्षी कांग्रेस तथा राकांपा के नेताओं ने स्वागत किया है, महाराष्ट्र के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अशोक चव्हाण और राकांपा नेता सुप्रिया सुले ने भाजपा नीत राज्य सरकार पर पेड़ काटने में जल्दबाजी करने तथा पर्यावरण कार्यकर्ताओं और आम जनता की आवाज दबाने का आरोप लगाया, इससे पहले बंबई उच्च न्यायालय ने मुंबई के इस हरे-भरे क्षेत्र में वृक्षों को गिराने की अनुमति देने के फैसले को चुनौती देने की कुछ गैर सरकारी संगठनों और कार्यकर्ताओं की चार याचिकाओं को खारिज कर दिया था, सुले ने कहा, महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने जिस हड़बड़ी में पेड़ों की कटाई शुरू कर दी, वो निन्दनीय है।

बारामती से लोकसभा सदस्य सुले ने ट्वीट किया, आरे पर उच्चतम न्यायालय का फैसला स्वागत योग्य है, हालांकि, उच्चतम न्यायालय में महाराष्ट्र सरकार की यह स्वीकारोक्ति चिंताजनक है कि जरूरी संख्या में पेड़ों की कटाई कर ली गयी है, उन्होंने कहा, मैं पिछले सप्ताह रात में पेड़ों की कटाई शुरू करने के राज्य सरकार के फैसले की निंदा करती हूँ, अंतिम निर्णय आया भी नहीं था, लेकिन फिर भी सरकार ने पेड़ काटने में जल्दबाजी की।

चव्हाण ने भी देवेन्द्र फडणवीस नीत राज्य सरकार पर आरे में पेड़ों को कटाई को लेकर निशाना साधा, उन्होंने कहा, उच्चतम न्यायालय का आदेश भाजपा-शिवसेना सरकार के चेहरे पर जोरदार तमाचा है जिसने आरे में पेड़ों की कटाई के खिलाफ प्रदर्शन कर रहे आम लोगों और कार्यकर्ताओं की आवाज को दबाने की कोशिश की, सेंट जेवियर्स कॉलेज में इतिहास विभाग के प्रमुख तथा शहर के काश फाउंडेशन में न्यासी प्रोफेसर अवकाश जाधव ने अदालत के फैसले का स्वागत किया और शुक्रवार की देर रात पेड़ों की कटाई के मामले में विशेष जांच दल (एसआईटी) से जांच कराने की मांग की, आरे संरक्षण समूह के सदस्य तस्मीन शेख ने भी फैसले का स्वागत करते हुए कहा कि एमएमआरसीएल ने हमेशा दुर्लभ तर्क पेश किये और हमने तार्किक रूप से उनका विरोध किया।

## From the Editor's Desk



Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure we bring to you the first Volume of KAASH Konnect. This newsletter aims to give you a panoramic view of all the activities and events conducted within the first quarter of this year. To begin with, we have the commitment to the first vertical of KAASH Foundation – the Education vertical commencing with the First SInternational Conference held in collaboration with IDOL of Mumbai University in February this year. This event has seen many well-known eminent educationists and scholars coming together on a single platform to discuss the transition and transformation in cities as reflected in life, literature and culture. We also take you through the struggles of KAASH Foundation volunteers and its founder Dr. Avkash Jadhav to prevent the colossal destruction being inflicted upon Nature with the construction of the METRO shed within the green Aarey forest. It was a valiant effort to save the few remaining green covers in Mumbai. Enlightening the public of the legacy left behind by our ancestors is one of the pledges taken by KF in its endeavor to protect the heritage of our country. In tribute to this vertical, KF volunteers have been working towards unravelling the wonders of Mandapeshwar Caves to populace and the world at large and to induce within them the need to take immediate preventive measures to save these magnificent structures before all is lost forever! There is no higher accolade than service to those who needs it most. As the whole world reeled under the impact of lockdown wrought upon by the attack of Novel Corona Virus; the Founder, Dr Avkash Jadhav and the volunteers of KF stepped in to help and support not only the marginalized but also the unsung heroes who were working tirelessly in service of the nation during those difficult times. The stall at Kaala Ghoda festival was an initiative to empower the tribal and rural women. As these women witnessed their crafts being sold at such a famed exhibition, their joy knew no bound! It encapsulated the knowledge within them, that independence and freedom were no more just a dream, but a reality within the reach of their fingers.

This is the first of the many newsletter that will be brought to you in the years to come. We hope you enjoy reading them as we at KAASH Konnect transport you to the world of KAASH Foundation.

– Dr. Geeta Ajit

## From the Founder's Desk



We live in a world that requires many modifications and phenomenal changes. The everyday critical undercurrents faced by each one of us, eventually make us cynical. But the pertinent question remains, who will initiate the changes and how will it materialize. Three score years ago, John F Kennedy made the defining statement, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.' This chiasmus thesis statement rings in the right message for every citizen in every country. Unless we the citizens work towards the upliftment of our country and countrymen, we will not be able to lift our country into that heaven of freedom as dreamt by our great leaders. My tryst with social responsibility began more than twenty-five years ago, when I began leaped headlong into finding ways on how to do things and solve problems rather than questioning why they are not being done. I distinctly remember the time when the families, including young children, of the striking mill workers at Parel were facing starvation. I was ten years old when few volunteers came to my locality seeking support and aid for the deeply affected families. My friends and I immediately began collecting food grains from every household in our vicinity and handed it over to the volunteers. That was the time it dawned on me that our inherent nature should be to give, share and exchange instead of demanding, receiving and expecting. I agree that the purpose of our life should be to achieve success, but I strongly feel that this success must be integrated with reciprocation to the source that make us successful – in other words, to give back to society. It was this motto that kept be going in my eleven-year struggle - from 2000 to 2011- to make the 103 sq. km forest area of Sanjay Gandhi National Park a 'No Plastic Zone'.

KAASH Foundation aims at amalgamating and centralizing social work on a universal platform. It acknowledges that there are many people in our society who silently and selflessly work towards the betterment of our society and there are also many who want to, but do not know where to begin. KAASH Foundation would give them scope and hope to initiate their journey. The Foundation has identified the Four Verticals E2-H2 viz. Education, Environment, Health and Heritage to initiate the journey of progress.

The vision of the KAASH Foundation is to become a **CHANNEL TO EMPOWER WITH KNOWLEDGE**- by establishing a **Universal platform** with the following aims:

- Create equal opportunities for every member (irrespective of age/gender) in the global education chain
- Nurture a culture of gratitude towards Mother Nature
- Inculcate practice of sound mental and physical health
- Retain, restore and cherish our ancient culture and values by 'Inclusive development'.
- To address the challenges and issues faced by our society and offer solutions for a sustainable growth.
- To develop opportunities for holistic growth of mind and body for all who wish to explore beyond the common practice while concurrently working towards the betterment of society.
- To advocate 'Self-Accountability' and an open-ended environment for all.

I invite all the readers to be part of the KAASH Foundation and explore your hidden potential and associate yourself with the energy of optimism and growth.

We believe in your belief and trust in your intentions and passion to contribute back to the Global society.

– Dr. Avkash Jadhav

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# KAASH Creative Corner

## We are E2H2!! Join our Brigade!!

-Anuja Augustin

Hi Amigos!!!  
Give us some of your time,  
To share our feelings of lifetime.

E2H2, is what we call ourselves,  
Don't worry, we ain't a chemical formula  
But, society's 4 important arenas  
Which form a mighty umbrella.

Environment, Education,  
Health and Heritage,  
Are the fields to which  
We give more weightage

We come from different vicinities  
Circumstances bound us into one community,  
To show the world, the power of unity  
To spread Happiness and Tranquility

ENVIRONMENT must be CONSERVED,  
EDUCATION must be EXPLORED  
HEALTH must be OBSERVED  
And, HERITAGE must be PRESERVED  
Is our ULTIMATE MISSION.

Surfing people with same vision,  
We found KAASH FOUNDATION.  
They adopted us as their main theme,  
And striving day and night  
To fulfill lay man's every dream

Friends, who are listening  
Give ear to this calling,  
Join us in this journey of  
Teamwork, Creativity and Perseverance  
Lend us your dedication, brilliance and prudence

Let's give society an assurance,  
To make this world a better place  
Where Trees, Mind, Body and Ethnicity  
Will have their own independent space..

## E2H2 - We ought to do it!

-Tirtha Samant

Environment  
It nurtures us  
It cultures us  
It validates our existence  
It enculcates persistence  
Indebted we are to the mother Nature  
We ought to pay back.

Education  
It nurtures us  
It cultures us  
It kindles Morals and Hope  
It stops from us becoming Dopes  
It moulds us into who we are  
We ought to prove the worth.

Health  
It lets us be ourselves  
It permits us to celebrate ourselves  
A synonym for wealth, they say  
It's something that we should care for every day  
Care for it today to have a carefree tomorrow  
We ought to invite grins and goodbye sorrow

Heritage  
It has a lot to give  
It has witnessed many lives live  
Standing big, strong and tall  
It makes us rise after every fall  
They make us feel proud of our ancestors  
We ought to preserve, conserve and be the torch bearers.

With our feet grounded on the Earth  
We aim to spread mirth  
With our hands soaring high  
We soar to touch the sky.

# Turning To The Healing Power Of Nature

-Pranati Trivedi

HEALTH: AYURVEDA

*"Sama dosha sama agnischa sama dhatu mala kriyaaha | Prasanna atma indriya manaha swastha iti abhidheeyate"*

- Sushruta Samhita

HEALTH: NATUROPATHY

**Naturopathy** is an alternative system of integrating holistic health in harmony with the constructive principles of nature on physical, mental, moral and spiritual planes of living. It has great **health promotive, disease preventive and curative as well as restorative potential.**

INCORPORATING HEALTH AT KAASH FOUNDATION

Here at KAASH Foundation, we aim to create a healthy and holistic individual for a healthy country and ultimately, the future.

NATUROPATHY CAMP: NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> 2019:

On the occasion of 'World Naturopathy Week', from November 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2019, KAASH Foundation organized a **Free Medical Camp** in association with **The Ayush Ministry, Government Of India and International Naturopathy Organization, New Delhi with UMASA, MUMBAI, and Mumbai Vidyapeeth Karmachaari Sangh**, at the Marathi Bhasha Bhavan, University of Mumbai, Kalina.

This Free Medical Camp was inaugurated by **Dr. Vinod Patil, Director, Examinations and Evaluation, University of Mumbai**, along with Retired Principal, **Mrs Vijayalakshmi, Trustee KAASH Foundation, Mumbai**, **Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health) (Naturopath)**, and other eminent academicians and staff of the Mumbai University.

Through this Camp, the Foundation aims to create awareness and also to promote the Non Allopathy treatment, along with reviving the different types of Natural processes of Healing. During the medical camp, the participants were given the experience of different techniques of healing like Naturopathy, Yoga, Acupressure, Sujok, Sound Meditation Healing, and Music Therapy and were explained in detail about the benefits of these therapy. The healing experiences and personalised medical attention gave them the **Hope and Assurance** of trying out these new techniques of healing.

Some of the aspects that were covered during the medical camp were techniques to be followed for relief from physical fatigue and excessive body pain, importance of the healthy diet plans, inculcating healthy habits, scheduling healthy routine exercises, methods to overcoming our anxiety, stress and pressure attacks, etc. The pleasant relief and smile on the faces of the participants post the medical camp bore the testimony of the success of the camp.

The University of Mumbai had declared a half day leave for their staff, so they could avail this benefit. The response received for the medical camp was overwhelming and the organizers of KAASH Foundation, had to go beyond the set schedule of the camp to attend to the overflowing participants.

This tie up with the University of Mumbai was coordinated due to the efforts of the **Founder Trustee of KAASH Foundation, Dr. Avkash Jadhav.**

KAASH Foundation would like to extend its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all the Management and members of the Mumbai University and



Naturopathy Team at Medical Camp

the Foundation, who made this event a resounding success. It owes it special gratitude to :

- Hon. Vice Chancellor. Dr. Suhas Pednekar, University of Mumbai
- Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ravindra Kulkarni, University of Mumbai.
- Jt. Director (Health), Dr. Renuka Vyas, KAASH Foundation.
- Technical Director, Prof. Subhash Kumar, KAASH Foundation
- UMASA President, Prof. Anil. Bankar\*.
- The General Administration Department, Kalina, University of Mumbai\*
- The Management of Marathi Bhasha Bhavan

A special word of gratitude is offered to the **Team of Doctors** and professionals of KAASH Foundation who relentlessly and enthusiastically offered their service.

- Dr. Renuka Vyas
- Dr. Brijesh Raval
- Dr. Alpa Mehta
- Dr. Surekha Sarvade
- Dr. Alkesh Shah
- Dr. Shernaz Vachha
- Dr. Trupti Malkar
- Pooja Malkar
- Hr. Sapna Shrivastav

- Sudhir Worlikar
- Geeta Raut
- Dixita Gohil
- Hr. Sunil Kohle
- Kiran Gohil
- Shraddha Patil
- Arundhati More
- Uma Parab
- Neha Sawant

The Foundation would like to extend its gratitude to the following teams, who helped to make this event into a grand success:

Photography by **Dharmesh Gohil.**

The **Technical Department** for registration was handled by the following young brigade:

- Vandan Rogheliya
- Ashwani Tiwari
- Tiju Thomas
- Kenneth Menezes
- Ayush Jagwani
- Abhishek Rathod

Following Unions, Associations, Office bearers and the Senate Members of the University were part of this camp.

- Secretary, UMASA Teachers union- Dr. Balaji Kendre
- President, MUNOWA Officers Association.
- Secretary MUNOWA- Shri Vinod Malale
- President, Mumbai Vidyapeet Karmachari Sangh - Shri Abhay Rane
- Secretary Shri Rupesh Malusare
- Avinash Tambe from Mumbai University, Shaikshanik Kalyankari Karmachari Sanghatna
- Krushna Paras President, All India Adivasi Employees Federation Mumbai University Branch
- Shri Krushna Parade
- Senate Members Dr Suresh Maind and Dr. Mrudul Nile

KAASH Foundation thanks all the enthusiastic participants who made this camp successful. The health vertical indeed offered their service in the much neglected area in the metropolitan life i. e. Health.



Inauguration Ceremony by Dr. Vinod Patil



Stretching exercise by Uma Parab



Registration for Medical Camp



Meditation by Arundhati More



Yoga Exercise by Geeta Rawat and Apukli Jadhavv



Geeta Raut: Yoga Teacher



Dr. Brijesh Rawal: Sound Meditation



Dr. Alpa Metha



Dr Alkesh Shah



Dixta Parmar: Oncometric



Pooja Malkar: Naturopath Therapist



Dr. Shernaz Vatshah



Dr. Trupti MALKar: Ayurveda Doctor



Swapna Shrivastav



Dr. Sunil



Uma Parab



Yoga Consultation by Geeta Rawat



Sujok Treatment by Dr. Alkesh Shah



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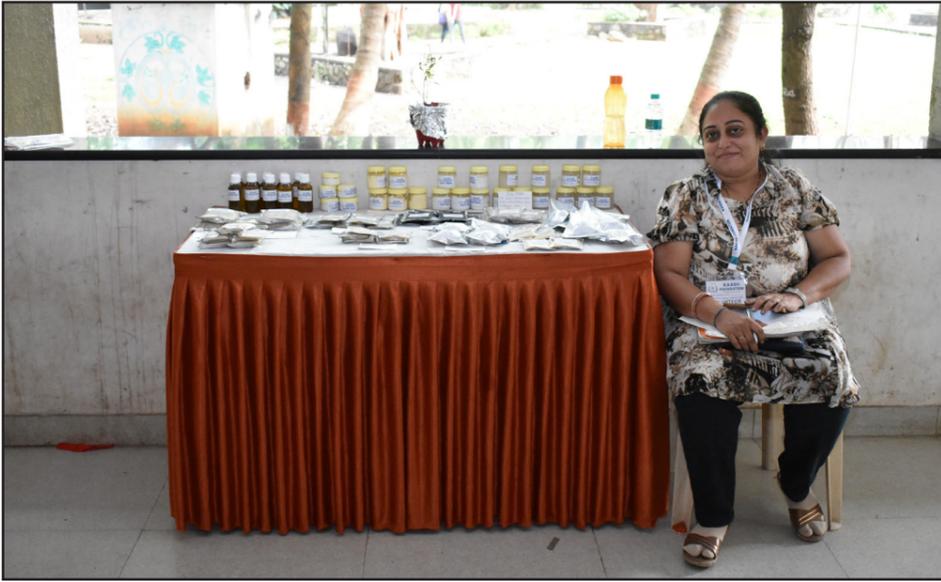
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Sujok Treatment by Dr. Alkesh Shah



A stall for Herbal Products by Kiran Gohil



Sound Meditation by Brijesh Rawal



Accupressure Meridien by Arundhati More



Foot Reflexology by Neha Sawant



Towel Twisting by Shraddha Patil



Stretching Exercise by Arundhati More

## Heritage

# Beholding the Unknown: Mandapeshwar Caves

– Pamela Dhonde and Krishna Sawant

*You don't stumble upon your Heritage. It's there, just waiting to be explored and shared.* - Robbie Robertson

The above lines by Robbie Robertson, gives an insight to the various unknown heritage in our country which are tucked away in isolation and are waiting to see the light of the day. One such heritage is the Mandapeshwar Caves, 8th Century rock-cut shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva, located near Mount Painsur in Borivali West, Mumbai. Though it was built in the 7th century A.D, around the same time as the Elephanta Caves in Mumbai and the Kanheri Caves at Jogeshwari, it has not been able to garner enough awareness and attraction with the public. KAASH Foundation has always strived to bring this quaint little Shaivite caves to the forefront of the city's heritage sites, under its Heritage Vertical. With this aim, for the past fifteen years, its founder, Dr. Avkash Jadhav has been working relentlessly towards protecting these caves from further dilapidation. The Foundation aspires to draw the attention of the present generation to protect and preserve it for the future generation.

Like every year, this year too, on the occasion of Mahashivratri Festival on 21 February 2020, the members of KAASH Foundation joined the Mandapeshwar Samiti in celebrating the festival. Mandapeshwar Samiti had organized its annual grand pooja, mythological dramas, bhajans and traditional classical performances to be held throughout the eve of Mahashivratri. The caves were illuminated with hundreds of diyas, casting a mystical glow to the whole setting. There were also cultural programs giving detailed information about the legacy of the historical past as witnessed by the beautiful sculptures in these caves.

The caves experienced a huge gathering, with people pouring in, to witness the cultural performances, while taking 'darshan' of Lord Shiva! It just proved



Team KAASH and Mandapeshwar Samiti

that the Mandapeshwar Caves is still a living place of worship. The occasion was quite a surreal and enriching experience for the volunteers of KF as some of them were visiting the caves for the first time.

Earlier, in November, 2019, KAASH Foundation had extended support to the Samiti by celebrating Tripurari Poornima festival. It is through these festivities, that the Samiti strives to promote the importance of preserving this ancient heritage amongst the citizens of Mumbai.

On this day, Dr. AvKAASH Jadhav, was felicitated by

the Mandapeshwar Utsav Samiti for his consistent support over the years. He emphasized, "The greatest wealth we can pass on to our next generation is our Culture, and these Monuments are our greatest assets."

The Foundation would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to the Mandapeshwar Utsav Samiti for their tireless endeavours to preserve and promote the caves to a larger audience.

By initiating support and assistance to protect these ancient monuments of India, KAASH Foundation pledges to preserve our country's rich cultural heritage.



KAASH Foundation at Mandapeshwar



Lighting of the lamps



Ice Shivling at Mandepeshwar



Floral Mandala

## Others

# Rural and Tribal Community Outreach Program (RTCOP)

-Pranati Trivedi

**K**AASH Foundation conducts different programs to fulfil the **E2 and H2 verticals** (Education, Environment Health and Heritage). To fulfil the objectives of this segment of its Education vertical, Foundation organised an **Outreach Program** on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019. The Outreach Program emphasised on the development of skills and aiding in securing the basic requirements among lesser privileged children and women.

As part of the RTCOP, KAASH Foundation is trying to reach out extensively to rural villages like **Khamboli, Jawal, Katarkhadak, Rihe etc., in the Pune district** of Maharashtra. Under this branch of activity, the Foundation works to aid schools and villages in overcoming scarcity of items, often as requested and required by them.

On **8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December**, 2019, KAASH Foundation arranged for blankets to be distributed to the students in the areas of Namdeorao Mohal Vidhyala, Khamboli, Mulshi Taluka, as these regions face severe cold waves during the winter months. The event was graced by **Principal Bhamre** and teachers **Gole Sir, Parke Sir, Khedakar Sir** and the school staff. **Siddha Samadhi Yog (SSY) and the Gram Panchayat members** assisted the Foundation to distribute the blankets, thus ensuring the smooth flow of the event. Special assistance was provided by Ms. Bindu Bendre and Shri. Manoj Lekhi.

The Principal, teachers and students were extremely glad to receive the blankets and expressed their gratitude to the Foundation. Said, in appreciation, Principal Bhamre, "Our students needed blankets, and we are extremely thankful to KAASH Foundation for helping us. We look forward to the Foundation's support and cooperation in the future, as well."

For the students, KAASH Foundation has become their "beacon of hope."



Team KAASH with school children at Khamboli



KAASH at Katarkhadak

KAASH Foundation works relentlessly to bridge the gap between urban and rural backgrounds. Its ob-

jective is to have an ongoing activity, and KAASH Foundation is deeply committed to achieving it. The RTCOP was coordinated by **Renuka Vyas**. The

Foundation would like to extend special thanks to **Mrs. Asha Pethani**.



Smiling Faces



Renuka Vyas handing over blankets for the children



KAASH Foundation at RTCOP

# Kala Ghoda Festival and Women Empowerment

-*Krishna Sawant*

**K**ala Ghoda Art Festival is the country's largest multicultural festival, which takes place in the month of February every year. This Festival draws visitors in large numbers, not just from the city but from all over the country, and the world.

Said Mrs. Sulochana Pokle, one of the trained members from Katarkhadak, Pune, "I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of this project. I didn't just earn an income in these few days, but learned a life skill. I am so thankful to the KAASH Foundation for giving me this wonderful opportunity."

festival. Also special thanks to the staff of KGF; Ms. Vidula, Imran Mulla and the other team members. We also appreciate the assistance provided by Pushkaraj, Sunny and the Event Management team of Kala Ghoda Festival for all the four days.

The KAASH Foundation team inaugurated a stall at this highly acclaimed Kala Ghoda Festival as part of its **Rural and Tribal Community Outreach Program (RTCOP)** from 6 - 9 February 2020, at Stall No. 70.

The Foundation would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to DMC Shri. Shekhar Chore, for supporting us to participate in this festival in all the possible ways. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Shri. Manek Davar, Chairman of Kala Ghoda Festival for giving us the opportunity to be part of the

The four day event was successful because of the initiative and support of the following team members: Sulochana Pokle, Smita Naikodi, Sonali Pawar (Team leaders from Pune), Chrag Patel, Bharti Sondagar, Deena Bhoj (Team leaders from Ahmedabad) and Prof Nishikant Jha.

Preparations for this event began much before this event. Right from October 2019, a number of skill development programmes had been conducted for women of Katarkhadak and Khamboli in the interiors of Pune District and also in the areas of Ahmedabad. The women were trained in the skills of jewellery making, stitching of traditional outfits, blended with western patterns and decorative artefacts. The jewellery were made mainly with terracotta, jute, fine wired and silk thread woven etc.

This participation in Kala Ghoda festival helped the KAASH Foundation to provide a platform to these struggling women from rural India to exhibit their potential as they blended it with their artistic skills. The Foundation also encouraged the women to participate in the exhibition and experience the feedback of their hard work. As the woman interacted with the numerous visitors to the stall, it gave them a sense of pride and feeling of empowerment.

The main objective of this programme, under the Heritage of KAASH Foundation, was to empower women from rural and tribal India. The Foundation found its goal being met, as it witnessed the astounding change in these women in these four days, when they not only found their skill and power, but also realised that they need not feel helpless any more as now they had another source of income.



Buzzing Day 1



KAASH Foundation at Kala Ghoda

The turf at Kala Ghoda for four days was managed by Renuka Vyas, Dixita Parmar, Bhumika Gohil, Parmeshwari Parmar, Geeta Raut, Labdhi, Mehul Parmar, Priyanka Vaidya, Jaivik and Darshan Vyas, Mr and Mrs Gohil.

The most enterprising volunteer team consisted of Kishan Singhania, Jinansh Dugger, Rohan Hegde, Megha Patel, Samiksha Singh, Sonal Rana, Pousali Giri, Prachi Bhanushali, Madhu Ramasamy, Hetvi Parmar and Yogita. Navale. They were indeed the star performers during the four day event. Their dedication and sincerity was unparalleled throughout the four - day event.

The Promotional Creative was done by Ayushi Motiwala and Sahil Jahagirdar. Photography of the event



Terracotta Jewellery

was covered by Dharmesh Gohil. Last but not the least the efforts of Dr. Avkash Jadhav Founder Trustee of KAASH Foundation who contributed from its inception of getting the booking for the stall to overlooking everything personally till the last day of the exhibition. The undaunted support and tireless efforts kept everyone thoroughly motivated.



Stall set up



Jewellery made of quilling

KAASH Foundation's Stall Number 70 witnessed more than 5000 visitors in those four days. We would like to thank all our well wishers who visited us to bestow their best wishes and the visitors who encouraged us in our first attempt of Women Empowerment through **Rural and Tribal Community Outreach Program (RTCOP)**.

## COVID-19 and KAASH Foundation

### KAASH Foundation and the Mumbai Police

-Dr. Avkash Jadhav

The day long Nationwide Curfew on 22 March 2020 and the 5.00 p.m. applause for the service providers, was successful. In the evening, I had come out to pick up hand sanitizers from the local chemist, when I witnessed a few bikers arguing with the cops at Nakabandi near the bridge of Kora Kendra, Borivali West, Mumbai. I bought my requirements from the medical shop, to which I also added a few packets of Juice and walked straight to the site of police Nakabandi. The cops saw me and requested me to go back home. I assured them that I would definitely turn back and handed them the packets of juice. They were stunned with that gesture. They told me they were on duty since 8 a.m. and it was 7:30 p.m. now. As I thanked them for their untiring efforts as they carried on with their duties, I enquired about their dinner, on which they responded saying that they had no clue.

I returned home safely, but with a heavy heart. When I reached my society, I gathered the children and narrated the plight of the police who are protecting us. I told them that we need to find food for the cops on duty and asked the kids to request the members in the building to give some homemade food. Most of the members in my Palm Springs Apartments, Borivli west, responded positively. By 9.00 pm we had more than enough food to feed the whole squad of policemen.

We divided the food packets into three parts and distributed these food packets at three places: Kora Kendra Nakabandi, Poinzur, Kandivli West Nakabandi and Chikuwadi Borivli Link Road Nakabandi. This was just a small gesture of our gratitude to these unsung heroes of the city. The staff at each Nakabandi was overwhelmed by this gesture of the

citizens from the city. The hot and fresh homemade food made them feel that 'though they were away from their home, they still had people who cared for them and were concerned about their well being'. One of the lady officers commented, "Since afternoon I have not been able to take a break, but this gesture is enough to motivate us to go ahead and do our duty at night also". Another duty constable commented, "People have been arguing with us the entire day, and we were annoyed and tired, but this gesture has strengthened our belief that our services do not go unacknowledged". It just goes on to prove that a small act of kindness can go a long way!

The motto of Mumbai police is **सद्रक्षणाय खलनगिरणाय** "To protect Good and to destroy Evil". Saluting the Mumbai police! The Real Heroes!

### KAASH Foundation and the Rescue operation

-KAASH Foundation Volunteer

On 29 March, 2020, one of the KAASH Foundation volunteers, through a common network, received a distress call about the sorry state of construction workers, at a construction site in Ganesh Nagar, Kandivali West, Mumbai. When the volunteer visited the site, he saw that there were almost 55 construction workers who were living in

absolute unhygienic conditions. They had barely any food or money nor did they have adequate masks with them to protect them from this raging virus. They had not received their salaries for over two months and were running out of ration, kerosene, provisions of cooking, etc. They were trapped in the premise and had nowhere to go. They were also ter-

rified to speak, in fear of losing their jobs.

KAASH volunteers immediately stepped in and provided them with adequate ration. They also tried to arrange for the masks for them. This timely help made them stay safe indoors.

# KAASH Foundation and Relief work during COVID 19 Pandemic in Mumbai

-Team KAASH Foundation

Most of us are united in tackling the deadly disease of Corona and are safe at home. But there are many daily wage workers, Mathadi workers, small time hawkers and homeless people who do not have this luxury. Their savings have been exhausted and now they are facing great difficulties to procure even their basic requirements. From 23 March 2020 KAASH Foundation, as a Mumbai based registered NGO, took the initiative of providing two -way support to these people through our volunteers and networks.

1. Food grains Packets: Rice, Oil, Dal, Atta (Flour), soap, sugar and biscuits.
2. Cooked Food: Hygienically prepared food to the homeless and shelter les as packaged food, along with fruit.

So far, KAASH Foundation has helped more than 200 families with the food provisions for the next fifteen days and has served two meals a day to 600 people, daily, for more than fifteen days. This relief work was carried out from Malad to Dahisar in Mumbai.

Most of these slum inhabitants live in a hand to mouth existence. The volunteers ensured that each packed ration was handed over by maintaining safe social distance and with utter discipline. There were requests from some people to provide cooked food as they did not have any provisions to cook food. And so, to aid these people, the Foundation took the initiative and started a community kitchen. The Foundation would like to thank all the donors who encouraged us in this initiative.

## Education

*“Education is the manifestation of perfection present already in man. Divinity is the manifestation of the religion already in man.”*

– Swami Vivekananda

## Environment

*“We won't have a society if we destroy the environment.”*

– Margaret Mead.

## Health

*“It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.”*

– Mahatma Gandhi

## Heritage

*“India is not, as people keep calling it, an underdeveloped country, but rather, in the context of its history and cultural heritage, a highly developed one in an advanced state of decay”*

– Shashi Tharoor.