

Annual Activities for 2010-11

Donations during the Year

We profusely thank the following members and non-members for their generous contributions for the cause for which Nagrik Chetna Manch stands. It gives us a feeling of full support and of confidence of the donors in the work that we are doing. We greatly appreciate the gesture:

In addition Col. B.F. Chaudhari added the name of Lt.Gen, B.T. PANDIT, Vr.C. having donated Rs. 5,000/- after 31-3-2011.

LIST OF DONORS TO NAGRIK CHETNA MANCH DURING 2009 To 2011

SR. NO.	NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT IN RUPEES	CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS		
			CORPUS	PIL	PCI
1	Mr. Bhavani Vinod Jain	11,000/-	11,000/-		
2	Mr. Sujit Patwardhan	5,000/-			5,000/-
3	Col. Sunder Gidwani	2,000/-			2,000/-
4	Doctor Rawal	5,000/-			5,000/-
5	Col. Mohite	5,000/-			5,000/-
6	Mr. Suhas Kurne	1,000/-			1,000/-
7	Mr. Pawan Nair	1,000/-			1,000/-
8	Mr. Ravi Jatar (Shri N.S. Jatar)	15,000/-		10,000/-	5,000/-
9	Mr. Arvind Reddi	5,000/-			5,000/-
10	Mr. Suren Khirwadkar	5,000/-			5,000/-
11	Air Marshal Shashi Ramdas	5,000/-			5,000/-
12	Ms. Roda Mehta	5,000/-			5,000/-
13	Mr. B.G. Deshmukh	50,000/-			50,000/-
14	Mr. V.S. Kulkarni	50,000/-			50,000/-
15	Mr. Jayant Joshi & Shubhangi	5,000/-			5,000/-
16	Brig. Sanyal	3,000/-			3,000/-
17	Lt. Gen. Ashok Joshi	2,000/-		2,000/-	
18	Mr. Jayant Shah	10,000/-			10,000/-
19	Ms. Suman Kirloskar	5,000/-			5,000/-
20	Col. Ram Sahasrabudhe	2,000/-			2,000/-
21	Ms. Anu AGA	5,00,000/- (Five lacs)		5,00,000/-	
22	Mr. Ranjit Jatar	10,000/-			10,000/-
23	Brig. Jatar	5,000/-			5,000/-
24	Mrs. Neelakshi Jatar	5,000/-			5,000/-
25	Mr. Anil Kulkarni	15,000/-			15,000/-

26	Mr. Ashok Gokhale	5,000/-			5000
27	Mr. Vijay Purandare	10,000/-			10,000/-
28	Mr. Anil Kelkar	2,000/-			2,000/-
29	Mr. Jugal Rathi	2,000/-		2,000/-	
30	Mr. S.M. Acharya	5,000/-		5,000/-	
31	Mr. P.C. Jain	31,000/-	11,000/-	5,000/-	15,000/-
32	Mr. K.K. Kabraji	45,000/-	20,000/-	25,000/-	
33	Mrs. Sarla Jatar	1,000/-			1,000/-
34	Mr. A.M. Limaye	15,000/-		10,000/-	5,000/-
35	Mr. G.T. Mansey	5,000/-		5,000/-	
36	Mr. Amber Lunawat	11,000/-	11,000/-		
37	Mr. Ramesh Punjabi	11,000/-	11,000/-		
			CORPUS	PIL	PCI
38	Mrs. Sumati Mudambi	5,001/-	5,001/-		
39	Mr. Suresh Joshi	10,000/-		10,000/-	
40	Maj. Gen. SCN Jatar	12,985/-		2,985.50/-	10,000/-
41	Gr. Capt. S.R. Purandare	1,05,000/-	1,00,000	5,000/-	
42	Col. B.F. Chaudhari	5,000/-		5,000/-	
43	Mr. M.L. Kondhare	2,000/-		2,000/-	
44	Mrs. Geeta Vir	2,000/-			2,000/-
45	Mr. J.W. Silveira	2,000/-			2,000/-
46	M/s Yog Enterprises	5,000/-		5,000/-	
47	CDR V.M. Chitale	10,000/-	10,000/-		
48	Lt. Gen. A. Mukherjee	5,000/-			5,000/-
49	Mr. Prashant Kakade	3,000/-	3000		
50	Mr. Ravi Kulkarni	10,000/-		10,000/-	
51	Mr. Jaideep Marathe	10,000/-	10000		
52	Mr. Anil Velhal	100/-			100
53	Mr. V. Kulkarni	1,000/-		1,000/-	
54	Mrs. Kanga	3,000/-	3,000/-		
55	Col. J.A. Nadkarni	5,000/-		5,000/-	
56	Mr. B.D. Sharma	5,000/-			
57	Lt. Gen. B.T. Pandit, Vr.C.	5,000/-			

Major Achievements

There has been upheaval in the country, specially pertaining to a large number of cases of corruption at high levels in the Government with central ministers and chief ministers of states either indicted or going behind the bars. Corruption has now become institutionalised. In the early days, the government allowed donations to the political parties. When the government

banned these, corruption seeped in and the method of making commissions from big projects became the normal practice. This not only inflated the costs but also lowered the quality of the projects because the commission rate started rising year by year. One still recalls the old scams, of KuoOil, Bofors, HBJ pipeline with disdain. Unfortunately, the feeling that corruption is a new phenomenon in Indian life is wrong. One can go back to the days of Chanakya 2300 years back and find that the extent and type of corruption is the same, and could not be on a smaller scale!

The Manch has used the RTI Act extensively to identify corruption. However, identifying corruption is only the first step. The more important steps are actions by the bureaucracy to carry out all the administrative steps necessary to bring the culprits to book by carrying out needful investigations and pin down the guilty. Lastly, the judiciary has to speedily carry out the trials and ensure that the guilty are meted out justice. While India has taken the first step, there is no progress on administrative and judicial reforms, perhaps by design. I say by design because we do not see any administrative commitment and political will to eradicate corruption.

In June and October 2010, Pune experienced destruction of life and property due to massive flooding because of encroachments and unauthorised constructions, blocking of course of natural water bodies, occupation of structures without completion/occupation certificate etc. Commissioner, Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) had put up a proposal for constituting a committee comprising a retired High Court Judge and a retired IAS officer to go into the illegalities and suggest ways to prevent such occurrences in the future and pinpoint responsibility for the lapses.

As the committee suggested by the Municipal Commissioner did not come into being, Nagrik Chetna Manch and Surajya Sangharsha Samiti came forward to establish a People's Commission of Inquiry (PCI) with Justice P. B. Sawant, retired Supreme Court Judge as the chair to solicit complaints from the citizens regarding encroachments, unauthorised constructions, blocking the course of natural water bodies, occupation without CC/OC and other illegalities. We are getting cooperation from the PMC. The Terms of Reference for the PCI cover:

Illegal Buildings and Encroachments.

- a. Obstruction to the flow of natural water bodies.
- b. Occupation without completion/occupation certificate.
- c. Slippages in the implementation of the Development Plan.
- d. Failure of Administration and of PMC staff.
- e. Solutions and reforms.

We did not receive the kind of response that we expected. Our analysis showed that the citizens are afraid to come forward for fear of their lives. At the same time, they detest the state of affairs and would like someone else like Nagrik Chetna Manch to take up on their behalf. We receive some landmark complaints such as Bavdhan (diversion/covering a nala and building on top resulting in flooding), Florida (developer obtaining completion for a few building and

obtaining electricity connection resulting in illegal occupation of the entire lot of premises) and Pleasant Park (no conveyance, using FSI for common parking and toilets for residential accommodation and encroachment on green zone). These are only representative cases and we propose to watch if PMC takes action on the orders of the Public Commission of Inquiry presided over by Mr. Justice P. B. Sawant, Retd. If not, we propose to launch a PIL with the prayer for a high-level inquiry commission to probe the irregularities.

We have launched a number of PILs, e.g. TDR, BB-Paud Road, pleasure trips to Vaishno Devi and Darjeeling. These cases, as is the wont of the Courts, are dragging on mostly getting dates after dates. However, we are losing neither our courage nor our patience. Lastly, I would like to mention that Nagrik Chetna Manch has not joined the newly formed Nagari Sanghatana to fight municipal elections mainly because we are apolitical and also there are some controversial persons in the Nagari Sanghatana.