

Quality of urban life is a subject of eternal relevance. Sadly, it has also become a holy cow. No one dares to slaughter it, but no one seriously feeds it either. Parliamentary committee reports indicate that the 'hardware' of urban India—metros, housing complexes, sewage plants—is being built at an unprecedented pace. Yet the use of this infrastructure and ultimately the quality of citizens' lives, depends on the 'software' of governance. As city dwellers in Maharashtra prepare to vote in several municipal corporation elections, it is pertinent to reflect on a long list of issues crying out for attention. Here are six fundamental concerns that merit wider public discourse, consensus-building and—most importantly—honest political will. Ideally, these issues should dominate discussions as competing parties seek a popular mandate. The list begins with linking all state and central grants to the performance of municipal bodies. Urban local bodies spend substantial funds received from higher governments, but owing to corruption and mismanagement, overall improvements in the quality of urban life remain elusive. The 15th Finance Commission made a significant attempt to reform municipal finance by tying grants more closely to performance outcomes than in the past. One critical new metric proposed is the maintenance of 'squatter-free public areas'. Expanding this to include the proportion of encroachment-free pavements would help create a quantifiable index. Equally important is penalising non-performing corporations that allow slums or illegal shops to mushroom on streets. Such disincentives would push urban bodies to perform better. A major reason for pervasive corruption in urban bodies is that mayors and elected representatives are left with little real decision-making power. Despite the 74th Constitutional Amendment of 1992, devolution of authority to urban local bodies has remained incomplete and largely cosmetic. Ironically, the official with power—the municipal commissioner—is not directly accountable to citizens, while the official with accountability—the mayor—lacks authority. Consequently, constitutionally mandated institutions of local self-government continue to be weakened. Excessive concentration of power in state governments has made local governance fragile and unresponsive. The prevailing 'strong commissioner-weak mayor' model reduces the mayor to a ceremonial figurehead. This imbalance cascades downward: councillors, left without authority, often resort to exploiting their nuisance value, leading to the accumulation of ill-gotten wealth and emboldening black-money operators in politics. Land is the most finite and fiercely contested resource in urban India. The existence of so-called 'vacant land' in urban agglomerations presents a dual challenge—it is both a wasted asset that could host public infrastructure and highly vulnerable to encroachment, eventually spawning unserviceable squatter settlements. Addressing this requires a dedicated institutional mechanism: a commission for vacant lands. While the impact of the Maharashtra Vacant Lands (Prohibition of Unauthorised Occupation and Summary Eviction) Act, 1975 needs reassessment, the July 2024 establishment of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) deserves close study. It could serve as a robust prototype. HYDRAA links asset protection with disaster management and, unlike conventional municipal enforcement—which is often toothless—operates with a dedicated force and police coordination, ensuring enforcement without political interference. Failure to prevent illegal hutments has also facilitated cross-border infiltration, with the potential to significantly alter urban demography. Unlike in villages, illegal migrants can seamlessly blend into megacities. Spaces beneath flyovers, near traffic signals and along railway tracks have become safe havens. A demographic audit is therefore a necessary governance tool to ensure urban planning is grounded in reality rather than outdated census data.

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Any person who has a claim in respect of the said securities should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office within 15 days from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate(s) without further intimation.

Name(s) of holder(s) and Jt. Holder(s), if any	Kind of Securities and face value	No. of Securities	Distinctive number(s)	Folio No	Share Certificate No
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given at large that 1) Mr. Sunil Durgvijay Singh, 2) Mr. Jitendra Raj Kishor Chaurasia, 3) Mr. Hareram Rambhaji Chaurasia, being the Owners of property described in the Schedule-I hereunder written, which they have acquired and purchased by virtue of and under Deed of Conveyance duly registered in the office of Sub-Registrar of Assurance Thane 2, vide Document No.1518/2024, Dated: 16/01/2024. Further 1) Mr. Sunil Durgvijay Singh & 2) Mr. Ajay Ganesh Dubey, being the Owners of property described in the Schedule-II hereunder written, which they have acquired and purchased by virtue of and under Deed of Conveyance registered in the office of Sub-Registrar of Assurance Thane 2, vide Document No.32659/2024, Dated: 11/12/2024, is negotiating with prospective developer for development of the said property (described in Schedule-I and Schedule-II), being free from all encumbrances, claims and demand.

All persons having any right, title and interest by way of sale, lease, development, assignment, tenancy, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, maintenance, lien, easement, exchange, possession or otherwise howsoever in or to the said property (described in Schedule-I and Schedule-II), or any part thereof are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned Adv. Mahesh Hundare, Off: B-19, Shanti Shopping Centre, Opp. Railway Stn, Mira Road – (E), Dist: Thane- 401 107 within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date hereof otherwise, my clients shall sign and execute necessary agreement with the said developers in respect of the property (described in Schedule-I and Schedule-II), and the claim, if any, will be considered as and deemed to have been waived.

## The Schedule-I Referred To Above:

All that piece and parcel of the landed property together with the undivided share therein, comprising i) Survey No.34.Hissa No.2B, Area-508 Square Meters out of total area of 1,270 square meters, ii) Survey No.35.Hissa No.2,Area-2,276 Square Meters out of total area of 5,690 square meters, both lying and being situated at Village Kashi, Tal. & Dist. Thane, within the limits of Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation.

## The Schedule-II Referred To Above:

All that piece and parcel of the landed property together with the undivided share therein, comprising i) Survey No.34.Hissa No.2B,Area-254 Square Meters out of 762 square meters, out of total area of 1,270 square meters as per 7/12 and ii) Survey No.35.Hissa No.2,Area-1,138 Square Meters out of 3,414 square meters, out of total area of 5,690 square meters as per 7/12, both lying and being situated at Village Kashi, Tal. & Dist. Thane, within the limits of Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation.

Place: Mumbai Sd/- Date:18.12.2025

Adv. Mahesh M. Hundare

IN THE PUBLIC TRUSTS REGISTRATION OFFICE  
GREATER MUMBAI REGION, MUMBAI  
CHARITY COMMISSIONER OFFICE

1st Floor, Sasmira Building, Sasmira Road, Worli, Mumbai: 400030

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF INQUIRY

(Section 22 along with Rule 7 & 7A of Maharashtra Public Trust Act 1950) Whereas the Reporting Trustees of the Known as "ABU AYYUB EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY" P.T.R. No. F-22342(GBR) has filed the change report No. ACC/IV/163/2023 in the court of Asst. Charity Commissioner - 2.

Delete the name of the following Managing Committee from Schedule 1 for the period from 2016 to 2019)

1. NAUSHAD ALAM ABDULLAH ANSARI	PRESIDENT
2. DILSHAD ALAM ABDULLAH ANSARI	GEN. SECRETARY
3. ZAHEDA BANO ZAMEER AHMED	TREASURER
4. KHAN MEHRUNNISA HIKMAT ALI	TRUSTEE
5. ANSARI ANJUM ARA ABDULLAH ANSARI	TRUSTEE
6. TABASSUM ASHRAF ANSARI	TRUSTEE
7. ANSARI NADEEM DILSHAD ALAM	TRUSTEE

Add the name of the following Managing Committee from Schedule 1 for the period from 2019 to 2022)

1. NAUSHAD ALAM ABDULLAH ANSARI	PRESIDENT
2. DILSHAD ALAM ABDULLAH ANSARI	GEN. SECRETARY
3. ZAHEDA BANO ZAMEER AHMED	TREASURER
4. KHAN MEHRUNNISA HIKMAT ALI	TRUSTEE
5. ANSARI ANJUM ARA ABDULLAH ANSARI	TRUSTEE
6. AZIM DILSHAD ALAM ANSARI	TRUSTEE
7. ANSARI NADEEM DILSHAD ALAM	TRUSTEE

The above mentioned change report has been submitted under section 22 of the Maharashtra Public Trust Act 1950 and the Hon'ble Assistant Charity Commissioner - II, GMR has allowed the said change report Provisionally on 10/10/25. This is to call upon you to submit your objections if any, in the matter before the Ld. Assistant Charity Commissioner - II, Greater Mumbai Region Mumbai at the above address in person or by a pleader on or before 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the change report will be decided and disposed of on its own merits.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Jt. Charity Commissioner Maharashtra State, Mumbai.

This 16th of month of December, 2025.

Sd/-

For Superintendent (J).  
Public Trusts Registration Office,  
Greater Mumbai Region, Mumbai.

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