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To
The Hon. President of India
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Sub: AN INNOVATIABLE METHOD TO SEARCH THE MISSING CHILD

Respected Sir,

With the salute of today's great day Independence Day 15th August, I would like to state here that next generation children are called as future of this country, but it is a matter of shame that a game is being played in this sensitive issue that lakhs of children lost, missed and stolen and are being abruptly used for bad activities like child labour, beggary, illegal adoption and some times for immoral and ugly things as well as for crime by the anti social elements and child mafias since so many years.

In our nation if some action against child labour initiated, it take place only in metro city areas and in rest of the area of country there is no any action appeared to be taken by the Govt. machinery on this count.

In our country every day number of missing child cases are happened. Police appeared to be cool on this issue. There are other reasons like no any action is being taken against beggary. Lot of missing child are used for this purpose i.e. beggary. Lot of missing child are used for this bad activity i.e.beggary. Our social organisation

organisation i.e. Conscious Citizen Forum would like to attract attention of Govt. towards this sensitive issue and it insisting upon its demand that the missing child who are the future of this country must be searched and the activity like stolen kid/ child be eliminated forthwith. The Conscious Citizen Forum suggesting that registering FIR in child missing case should be made mandatory, after registering FIR of missing child, its progress on record (Rojnama) must be shown on National Website for Missing Child which must be formed by the Govt. forthwith. By uploading the data of missing child it will be easier for the parents of missing child to see the periodical progress being made by Police. The parents of missing child need not pay frequent visits to Police Station to check the progress of search of their missing child. In this way the transparency shall arrive in this sensitive issue. The progress in enquiry of missing child and performance made by sincere police must be reflected in their Service Record mostly in their Confidential Reports which will make them helpful at the time of their promotion. The police officials be given target for effective search of missing child. Police should be given instructions to write in their daily dairy about the efforts they taken in searching the missing child every day.

The first and foremost step is to keep strict vigil on contravention of Child Labour Act and its provisions. Using children for child labour activity should totally be banned and the Mafia in this field must be punished by the Police.

Formation of National Data Base DNA bank for missing child in which the DNA status of each and every child together with parents at the time of registering FIR shall be preserved safely. This is the unique solution to search the missing child and it shall prove exact biotechnological remedy to match the DNA with parents of missing child. For example one child is missing in Pune when he is one year old and the same child found in Ajmer after eight years, it becomes quite difficult for his parents to recognize their own child because after a long span of 8 years due to growth, figure of child is changed and there have been tremendous changes in his body except his retina and DNA. If the DNA of each and every child who put in Remand Home, Baal Sudhaar Gruha, Child Welfare Centre is taken and stored in National Data Base DNA bank, it will become very easy to identify the child and to match his DNA with his parents when the child found in police search after 8 years.

1 Campaign of collecting sample of DNA of each and every child of India who learn in school, colleges shall have to run by the Govt. on the line of Aadhar Card. The wide publicity of this should be given on TV and media on the line of Pulse Polio campaign. On TV channels and every news paper in India photographs of every missing child be displayed by Govt. through Govt. advertisement on priority basis.

As soon as the child take birth in maternity home, Govt. or private hospital, his DNA sample should be taken immediately together with parents and the DNA status should be enrolled in to his/ her Birth Certificate. Govt. should make it compulsory to produce DNA status certificate at the time of taking an admission in school and colleges as well as at the time of applying for Pass port and Visa. It is suggested that this provision can be made for each and every citizen of India compulsorily. It should be mandatory for Passport to curb the extremist and terrorist activity too.

If we wait for police help for searching the missing child/kid and the missing kid / child found after 5 or more than 5 years, how the police or parents can recognise the child? because Police department do not have any method to identify the entity of missing child. Police do not have any method to prove that the parents who come forth to claim a particular child are the real parents of that particular kid/child. In most notorious Nithari Kand in which hundred of innocent children were killed, it became very difficult for Police to prove the identity of the killed child. At that time Police get extract of DNA sample from the bones of dead body of killed child and with the help of the DNA sample, Police could trace out the parents of these children who were brutally killed in Nithari Kand.

A software should be developed containing the details of DNA status of every newly born child togetherwith his/ her parents and all police stations should be connected on line with this software. The huge expenditure which shall be incurred on creating and uploading this type of unique software shall be borne by making special provision in National Budget of this country. This should be given priority because next generation child are the future of this nation. Rs.10/- Child Tax per head be imposed on every citizen of India.

If any body take objection about DNA status which is being incorporated in the electronic record of National Data Base DNA bank on the ground of Violation of Privacy Right , the solution upon this can be found that the right to knowledge of DNA status shall be given exclusively to the Investigation agency and Court only. The DNA status information should be kept out of the purview of provisions of RTI Act 2005.

Police department should be given special training how to operate the DNA software based upon the DNA status stored in National Data Base DNA bank. How to match the DNA status of missing child with the parents. How the DNA status digitally incorporated in Aadhar card/ Passport/Pancard/Voters card/ Driving License etc.

The National Data Base DNA bank can be formed on the line of Criminal Biological Data Base as being done in foreign countries. Assistance of experts from foreign countries for DNA mobilisation work and to take entry of DNA status of each and every child together with parents especially who habitat in Remand Home and Child Welfare Centre or Baal Sudhar Kendra belongs to State / Central Government.

Your Honour will appreciate that this is the only method which is invented by our esteemed Forum to search the missing child and to curb the incidence of missing child in future. On this auspicious day of 15th August we are submitting an appeal before Kind Honour with a hope that this proposal shall work out and implement for as a unique child welfare activity and entire credit will to only and only to the President of India. Jai Hind.

With profound regards,

Yours Sincerely,



600 kids go missing in Navi Mumbai every year

Only a small percentage return, others are lost forever

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Mumbai: If your child ventures out alone in the afternoon to play in a nearby ground, you have reason to be worried. He or she could be one of the 600 children, from Navi Mumbai, who never return home, each year.

According to the Navi Mumbai police records. around 50 children go missing from the city every month. While a small percentage of these are found by the police, and some make their way back on their own, a majority of them are lost without a trace.

According to activists, there are two reasons to be anxious. Firstly, the Navi Mumbai police department never takes the issue seriously. As most parents of missing children

No city for children



Police vow to act against racket

Shrikant Pathak, deputy commissioner of police, crime, confirmed that no action had been taken under the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act ever since he took charge one year ago. "We don't know if there are any begging rackets, but if we find evidence against anyone, we will take action," he said.

To read about a website that helps locate missing children, scan image using the dna it app.

are poor and uneducated, the police tend to ignore such cases and, at times, don't file an FIR, activists said. Secondly, there are many active begging rackets in the city, which lost children fall victim to.

An RTI query filed by an NGO, Conscious Citizen Forum, revealed that the Navi Mumbai police has not taken any action under Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959, in the last 10 years. Maharashtra state home minister RR

Patil recently wrote a letter to Navi Mumbai police commissioner AK Sharma, asking to take the menace seriously.

"We can see hundreds of children begging near bus stands, railway stations, temples, markets and other public places. It's quite shocking and shameful that the police have not registered a single case under the provisions of Beggary Prevention Act in last 10 vears," said K Kumar, president of the NGO. Turn to p4





No action taken under Beggary Prevention Act in last 10 years

Cops say over 600 kids go missing from the city every year and social activists believe that majority of them are forced to beg



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CBD Belapur: According to Navi Mumbai police records, more than 600 children go missing every year. While some of them return home on their own, a few are traced by police. Majority of the missing children, however, remain untraced.

Social activists from the city are convinced that many of these are forced to beg on streets by the mafia. According to Mumbai police statistics, at least four children aged between eight and 14 disappear in greater Mumbai every year. Maharashtra has the highest number of missing child cases in the country.

In spite of the startling numbers, Navi Mumbai police have not taken any action under Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 in the last 10 years. This has been revealed in response to a Right To Information query filed by NGO Conscious Citizen Forum from Belapur.

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Apart from urban areas, children are also trafficked from smaller towns and rural areas and brought to bigger cities like Mumbai and Navi Mumbai where they are forced to beg or become labourers.

A report released last month by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime revealed that various agencies involved in trafficking of children are responsible children going missing.

Shobha Murthy, founder of

NGO Aarambh, said, "There is not even an iota of doubt that many begging rackets have been running in Navi Mumbai for several years. The mafia bring children from various places of Mumbai such as Ghatkopar, Mankhurd, Govandi, even Bandra and force them to beg here."

"When we were teaching children from the slum areas two years ago, a few children who begged also joined us. Some of them told us that they would be beaten up by their bosses if they failed to bring in the desired amount," she said.

"If a one-year-old child goes missing from Pune and he is found in Ajmer after seven years, even his parents won't be able to recognise him. Therefore, a bank containing DNA information of all children is necessary to tackle the menace of child trafficking. We have written to the government as well as the president requesting the same," Kumar said.

Shrikant Pathak, DCP (crime), said, "I don't know about the records of earlier periods, but no action has been taken under Bombay Prevention of Begging Act ever since I took charge around a year ago. We don't know whether there are any begging rackets running in the city, but if we find evidence against anyone we will definitely take action."

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NGOs say NaMu police demand money to lodge complaints; no case registered in 45% incidents

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While 618 kids went missing from Nerul, Navi Mumbai, between January 1, 2003 and July 13, 2013, the police registered only 7 first information reports (FIR) on missing children during this period

As many as 702 kids went missing from Rabale from January 1, 2003 to July 12, 2013 and only 12 FIRs on missing kids were registered during this period. These are just two examples among many such. This has been revealed in a Right To Information query re-

port filed by a non-govern mental organisation (NGO) from Navi Mumbai

"Forget filing an FIR, the police don't register any case in 45%-50% of cases of missing children. They simply ig-nore if any slum-dweller or poor person approaches them with a missing person's complaint. In most cases, the illiterate parents cannot even approach higher authorities with their complaints," says K Kumar, president of the NGO, Conscious Citizen Forum.

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him/her. Therefore, formation of national a database and a DNA bank is very necessary to wipe out the menace of child-trafficking. The DNA status of every child should be preserved in the

NHRC seeks state's report

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sought a report from the state and Navi Mumbai police on missing kids. It has to be submitted within four weeks. dna had carried a report, '600 kids go missing in Navi Mumbai every year' (Oct 23) about missing kids.

The report mentioned that city activists were unhappy with the police who were "not serious" about the issue.

The NHRC on Thursday also directed the state top cop to Inform what steps have been taken to by the police to tackle the problem of missing children across the state.

The report was carried on October 23, 2013

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Founder of NGO Arrambh, Shobha Murthy, cites the example of a child from Ghansoli who was lodged in a remand home in a theft case in

2011. "As the police refused to file an FIR, his mother could not approach the court to get him home," said Murthy, adding that the NGO pressured the police to file the FIR.

Following an order by home minister RR Patil in May, the police started registering a kidnapping case if the missing child is below 14 years.

The police, however, refute the claim that of not registering an FIR. Additional commissioner Fatehsingh Patil said, "During the last year and half, no one has come to me or any senior police offic-er... It is not fair to accuse us of inaction," said Patil.

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Shobha Murthy, founder of another NGO, Aarambh, which has been working for the promotion of slum children's education for the last 17 years, said, "I can claim from personal experience that the Navi Mumbai police are not child-friendly at all. It is unfortunate that certain officers even take money from parents of missing children just to file an FIR. On the one hand, the police don't take action to tackle the issue of the children roaming the streets; while on the other, if such children commit a petty crime, they are picked up and put in remand homes where they are forced to share a room with a 16 or 17 year-old who has committed serious crimes like robbery and murder."

"We have come across many officers who, just by looking at the face of the child, decide that he or she is a criminal. If a 6-year-old boy or girl becomes a criminal, I don't think it is his or her fault. The whole of society is to blame for it,"

According to Murthy, there are many rackets in both Mumbai and Navi Mumbai that drop children at the busiest junctions to beg early in the morning and pick them up in the evening. "Most such children have a similar background: An alcoholic father who abandoned the family, a mother who works as a maid, economic conditions that forced them to leave school etc. Begging rackets target such children and use them to make money," Murthy said.

"What is heart-wrenching is that they get beaten up at the end of the day if they cannot collect the desired amount. They are only paid Rs 10 to 15 to have a vada pav and the rest of their collections is taken away by their bosses. As the children are afraid of getting beaten up, they commit crimes like theft and picking pockets to satisfy their bosses," said K Kumar.

"We don't know if the police really have any idea about this menace. Unless and until they take this issue seriously, nobody can save these poor children from begging rackets," he said.

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Uran advocate, wife arrested for kidnapping girls

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Uran: A five-year-old girl from Vashi and a four-yearold girl from Nerul, who were kidnapped in 2013, have been rescued from a bungalow in Uran on Saturday.

The Mumbai crime branch, along with local police, raided the bungalow in evening and arrested four people, including an advocate and his wife.

The advocate — Sanjay Bhoir, 50 — already has three children from first wife. He married a bar girl — Ruby, 42 — six years ago, but did not have any child from her. He has told the police that he had

decided to adopt two girls. As it was not easy to 'adopt' girls, Bhoir hired two persons to abduct these slum girls. Cops are however not accepting this theory.

Vaibhavi Pawar (name changed) went missing in April when she was playing on the road in Vashi. Her parents, who did odd jobs, searched for her for months

and finally depressed, they left for their hometown in Usmanabad, around a year ago.

Parthana Shinde (name changed) was kidnapped from Nerul's sector 28 on November 4. A neighbour had spotted a blue car few minutes before she went missing.

"The crime branch got clues about their whereabouts a couple of weeks ago and they tipped us. Our first priority was to rescue the girls. So, we with the help of our informers, we raided the

bungalow," said Suresh Men gade, DCP (crime).

Bhoir had given Rs2 lakh to two people for kidnapping the minors. "Both have been arrested and have been identified as Kishore Thakur, 50, an estate broker from Uran, and Salman Khan, 23, a resident of Nerul," said NG, Majge, police inspector (crime), Nerul. "So far we have not found the trace of physical or sexual assault on the girls. Their parents have also been informed about it," Majge said.

"We have learned that Bhoir's sister-in-law is a commercial sex worker in Nagpur. So, we are trying to find out if he was planning to sell the

girls to brothels.
We are also trying to find out if
more people
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K Kumar, president of Conscious Citizens Forum, an NGO, said, "Bhoir already had three kids, so it is obvious that he did not want more. Secondly, if he really wanted to adopt children,

why just girls? Boys are in demand in our society. It could be easily understood that he was planning to force them into flesh trade."

"There are many couples in the city who do not have children. If this is right way to adopt children, they all of them would have gone to the slums and picked up poor kids. We hope the police will delve deeper and bust all the child trafficking rackets like this," he added.

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The Ayyappa Seva Sangam conducted the 9th Padi Puja in its premises in CBD-Belapur in the evening of January 20

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Activists join hands with cops to reduce drug abuse

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APMC: With more and more vouths getting addicted to narcotics, the police have taken various steps to do away with the menace. Different initiatives have been taken for spreading awareness.

erestingly, many activphysicians, and NGOs are also joining hands with cops to reduce the menace. Cops are already conducting seminars on drug abuse in

Maya More senior police inspector, APMC said, "We have prepared short film on drug abuse and screening it at every public place, schools and colleges. Students don't have any idea about the illeffects of consuming drugs like crystal meth. So, they are being targeted by anti-social elements in recent times.'

According to More, creating awareness among the youths is the best way to curb the menace. "We have put banners at all public places to sensitise people. Likewise, a campaign against drug abuse has also been launched through social networking sites," she said.

Uran couple had plans to kidnap more girls: Cops

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Uran: Advocate Sanjay Bhoir, 50, and his wife Ruby, 42 who were arrested for kidnapping two minor girls from Vashi and Nerul on Saturday were planning to kidnap more girls from the slum areas of Navi Mumbai.

Even as the investigating officers have not come to any conclusion so far, they suspect that the couple had plans to sell the kidnapped girls either to some brothels or to people who do not have children.

The couple had hired two persons to kidnap the girls and paid them around Rs2 lakh for the job. Both of them have also been arrested.

'We have recovered a fourwheeler that was used to kidnap the girls from their neighbourhoods in 2013. We are now investigating the case to find out their exact plans. The girls are currently staying in a child home in Nerul. They will be reunited with their families soon," said an officer from the crime branch.

"The girl who was kid-napped from Nerul was suffering from some heart ailments. So, the couple was on the lookout for more girls. We suspect a huge racket behind this crime," the officer added.

According to social activists from Navi Mumbai, there is a strong relationship between the menace of missing girls and the red light areas of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. Girls from various places are taken to cater to the demands in the red-light areas of bigger cities. So, the possibility cannot be ruled out that the teen-





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aged girls, who go missing from Navi Mumbai, are being forced into prostitution in other cities, if not Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.

In this case also, cops are investigating on the same lines, as the accused's wife was a bar girl and her younger sister is still a commercial sex worker in Nagpur.

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NGO from Belapur, said, "It is not easy to kidnap a five-yearold girl and keep her in a housing society which is frequented by domestic helps, drivers and many outsiders. So, the theory of adoption is not acceptable in this case. In 90% of such cases, girls are used as domestic help in some other cities and then they are forced into prostitution.

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The curious case of missing girls

Airoli girl disappeared the day she scored just 3 in EVS paper

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Airoli: The Airoli girl remains untraceable since Monday evening—the same day she appeared for her EVS exam and scored just three marks, informed her school teacher. Now questions are being raised if the eight-year-old ran away from home because she was scared of the scolding from her parents.

If one goes through Franshela Vaz's academic results, the girl was a good student. But since the last one year her grades started deteriorating; she had become an average student.

According to the principal of New Horizon Public High School, Nichlos Collea, "Franshela's performance in her previous exam was average. However, shockingly the girl scored just three marks in her EVS paper which was on June 29."

The principal added, "Franshela's parents told us that they used to scold at her because her performance was falling in studies."

Sharli Vaz, the girl's mother, said, "Franshela never liked when I scolded at her while helping her with her homework. But my only reason to scold her was to improve her studies."

Now the police suspect that there could be a possibility of the girl running away from home as she might be scared of her parents. However, the police are not sure if the girl sat in the red car—as seen by a 12-year-old neighbourhood boy—who had later informed the police.

As per the girl's mother, she is not aware of Franshela knew this 12-year-old boy. "The boy told us that the girl was talking to one fat man and she had a smile on her face. Then she sat in the red car. But, the girl's mother said that Franshela never spoke to any stranger. She didn't know any other man, except her father and uncle," said an officer from Rabale police station.

Franshela's school friend who

also accompanied her till the building from the school bus said, "I used to reserve place for Franshela in the bus as my class used to get over first. We are best friends and have never fought with each other."

She added, "After getting down from the bus, we walked towards the building. But my wing came first, so I left and she walked ahead. I have never seen her talking to any big uncle."

Franshela's uncle Salvador Quadros said, "We got a message through a social networking website that one girl was spotted in Mulund. We immediately left for the place on Wednesday, but did not find her there. The police are giving us assurance that they will trace the girl, but it's been four days since she disappeared.

According to the police officials, eleven teams have been formed to trace the girl.

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Four days on, Franshela Vaz remains untraceable (right) her family members

Fear of scolding lead to fleeing?

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Are cops not doing ground work?

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Vashi: So many cases of missing and kidnapping are being registered across police stations, but most of the cases remain unsolved. Questions are being raised as officials have failed to nab the culprits.

Social worker K Kumar said, "There are two things that are lacking in police investigation: either they don't have enough men or they are not doing proper ground work." He added, "In most cases I have seen that cops don't take complaints if the complainant is poor. They always tell that your child will return."

An officer said, "When a missing person's case gets registered, the investigation officer and other officers don't carry out ground work properly. And when they don't get clue, the case is left

Missing girls (2014)

Missing boys (2014)

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at that. Later, it gets transferred to another department and then fresh (ground work) begins)."

"Since lot of time is involved, there are chances that the accused flees from the place of crime. So, it becomes difficult to trace the culprit," he added.

Another officer said, 'I have handle one case where investigation officer took a complaint of missing girl. Her neighbours said one boy was also missing from the same area and might have taken her. But in his full investigation, the officer did not mention this information."

Additional commissioner V Chavhan, said, "If we will feel there is a need we will take meeting with officials and solve the problem. We always work for the betterment of the people and we will continue doing it."



Prez backs NGO's innovative idea to trace missing kids

Conscious Citizen Forum has suggested to develop National Database DNA bank of such children

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Belapur: The suggestion of a city-based non government organisation (NGO) to trace lost children has impressed the President of India. Pranab Mukherjee has now asked all the states to see the possibility of its implementation. The President has also asked all the state governments to check the measures they have been taken to prevent instances of children being kidnapped in their respective regions.

Conscious Citizen Forum has claimed that they have received letters from several states regarding suggestions that they sent to the President. "All the state governments have become active and they are now enquiring with their respective departments about the existing mechanism they have to trace lost children," said K Kumar, president of forum.

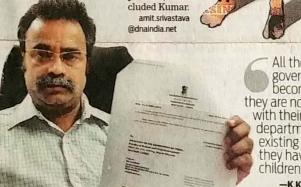
Kumar alleged that in absence of proper mechanism, in majority of the cases missing children are hardly reunited with their families. "It has been observed that kidnapped children are forced to beg on the streets of metropolitan cities, apart from being used as child labour at construction sites. And there are mafias behind it," said Kumar, adding, "Children are kidnapped from one state

and taken to another just to keep the police in dark." In such a scenario, there must be some mechanism to stop trafficking of children across the country. So, the NGO suggested two major steps to prevent such cases across the country. Firstly, to make the police more accountable and secondly, to develop National Database DNA bank of missing children.

"The police have to keep a strict vigil on child labour and people associated with dragging kids into such works must be punished," said Kumar

According to Kumar, the DNA of all missing children must be made available at a website and if the police across the country come across any missing children, they can check with website and be handed over to the respective families. "This seems a little clumsy, But this will be useful one this become part of the system, especially when we have already Aadhaar number, which is based on biometrics authentication," he

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so, the NGO has suggested two major steps to prevent such cases. Firstly, to make the police more accountable and secondly, to develop National Database DNA bank of missing children



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Industries minister Subhash Desai says Navi Mumbai is an important destination for industries; assures to solve PAPs' issues

City's fourth seed, national champion Swastika Ghosh defeats Diya Chitale and Manushree Patile

Increasing numbers and aggression pose a public nuisance. Shockingly, authorities claim that they do not have either the count of beggars in city or a definite plan of action to free the streets of the prowling problem

Satellite city swarmed by beggars



Sunnidh Poojary

Vashi: Beggars on the streets of Navi Mumbai — especially the prime node of Vashi — have increased in sharp num-bers in the past few months, nd so much so, that they have

and so much so, that they have become a big nuisance. Far from being docile seekers at the mercy of charity, these beggars almost bordies these beggars almost bordies the captive motorist at a function being aggressive. Be it knocking hard on the window of the captive motorist at a variaffic signal, or be it a young couple trying to catch some private moments on the green lawns of Inorbit mall, there's etiling away from the beggar till you actually shell out a temmer.

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Coming into the satellite city in droves from places as far as Belgaum, Solapur, Vidarbaen Belgaum, Solapur, Vidarbhaen Rajashan, a majority of the beggars are parditipal, who have got displaced by miserable conditions back home, and in the absence of any regulation, made Navi Mumbai their home.

The beggar mennee isat its peak in busy areas of Vashi-Shivaji Chowk preclucts of horoth mall, Vashi Plaza signal, Turbhe signal, Koparkhairane link road.

Center One junction, among others. Present by the hun-dreds in numbers, they float around the streets and busy places by the day, and squat in nooks and crannies by the night.

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The beggars have among hem not just the old and the feeble, but there runs a full-fledged racket of agents who bring in kids, young girls and women through local transportation or loaded trucks into Navi Mumbai in the wee hours from nearby areas like Mankhurd and Jovandi.

"Begging is a group activi "Begging is a group activity which works under the aforesaid borders of the area which are prefixed by their group leaders; thus begging at signals is fixed and no new member is tolerated to beg in their presence or absence," says K Kumar of Conscious Citizen Forum, an NGO that works for the welfare of the homeless.

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For all the nuisance that these beggars create, their town working is a structured activity.

"Guidance is provided well "Guidance is provided well away from people talking to them or how to cry in front of masses forcing them to shell out money," says Kumar.

"The elder-most member of the family is usually a sedentary worker or an employee in tary worker or an employee in some local food joint who dominates the family system and promotes his wife and kids toop for begging to earn kids toop for begging to earn headditional revenue to run their family, which by and large consists not less tham four to five kids," says Kumar.

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He goes on to add that the count during festivity triples as they bring in children from their home towns to earn an extra buck.



Officers clueless about no. of beggars on roads

Pranita Kulkarni @Pranita93

that time, the number remained between 500 and 600."
However, he said the number may have increased as it is subject to their migration. A senior police officer from A senior police officer from A senior police officer from the contract of the contract o Vashi: While the number of beggars is on the rise, authorities seem to have no definite plan of action to free the streets from the nuisance caused by the beggars.

The polline of beggars in Navi Mumbai is believed to have been multiplied at a faster pace in the past six montise. However, authorities have failed to provide a solution.

DS Chabukswar, deputy civic chief (social service), said, "An official census of the homeless and beggars was conducted by encroachment department in January. At



Women and girls at a city signal

in Chembur. However, in a couple of days, they get bail by paying a meagre amount. We have no information on what happens to them once we send them off. How can we have a definite number then." he questioned.

According to census of street children in Mumbai conducted by organisation Action Aid India, in collaboration with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, the number of street kids has dropped drastically.

Also, as per the UNICEF report of 1994, the number report of 1994 the number was estimated between 1 lakh and 1.25 lakh, however, as per the report published by Action Aid India, the number of tion Aid India, the number of street kids had dropped to

street kids had dropped to 37,058 in December 2014. Neeraja Bhatnagar, state head and regional manager of Action Aid India, said a sig-nificant percentage of the dis-

appeared population of home less and beggars of Mumba can be traced in Navi Mumbai.

She said, "Navi Mumbai is She said. "Navi Mumbai is a city of migrated population. Original habitat of the city has disappeared and it is booming with odd jobs and unconventional means of livelihood. It has become a preferred location of several beggars from Mumbai."

She added that it's disappointing to see that there is no development plan for the development plan for the

development plan for the homeless. "We are in talks with the corporations of these cities. It's a deep problem and we cannot ignore it," she said.

BEGGING IS A CRIMINAL ACT

The Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 criminalises begging. Its aim is to remove beggars from their current illegal profession so that they may be detained, trained and eventually employed elsewhere. The Act was adopted by the Union Territory of Delhi in 1960. It is remony of Defini in 1960. It is considered a violation of rights amongst activists and advocates of homeless people. Above mentioned is an overview of provisions in the Act that are relevant to kids aged 1 to 18

ENTRY FROM ALL SIDES

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IS THERE NO SOLUTION?

A senior police officer from Vashi A senior police officer from Vasa police station said it is difficult to give a definite number of beggars as the city shares its border with Mumbal. Many beggars who are seen on the signals of Vashi migrate here from areas like Mankhurd and Govandi. he said An effects! Govandi, he said. An official covanui, ne said. An official census of the homeless and beggars conducted by NMMC's encroachment department in January revealed that the number remained between 500 and 600 then

VOX POP: ANNOYED & HELPLESS

While the city is grappling with the rising number of beggars on streets, locals share their views with Sunnidh Poojary and Pranita Kulkarni Heavy rains up Morbe dans ctructure

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CONSCIOUS CITIZEN FORUM 39, Sai Vihar, Plot No. 79/80, Sector-15, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614.

To Hon. Home Minister Maharashtra State, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 021.

Sub: Result of information received through RTI application in most sensitive issue i.e. missing children and children used in beggary.

Ref : Letter dated 5/8/2013 received from Police Commissioner Navi Mumbai, CBD Belapur, Sector – 10, Navi Mumbai – 400 614.

Respected Sir,

This NGO has collected the information to search the solution upon missing child and children being utilized in beggary activities for study purpose.

Following result found in this survey. This survey limited upto Police Stations in Navi Mumbai.

Maximum child missing cases found in the area under Rabale Police station i.e. 702. After that Nerul Police Station – 618, Koparkhairne Police Station – 253, Kalamboli Police Station missing boys – 223 and missing girls – 321, Kharghar Police Station – 113, Taloja Police Station – 97, Vashi Police Station – 52, Turbhe Police station – 30.

Vashi Police Station has submitted information in a systematic way in a very good manner.

Rabale Police Station submitted Rojnama and Daily Report (Prakaran Dainandini and Ghatana Awahal) which was actually required by this RTI applicant. Rabale Police station has given information in a full fledge way. Its nice.

Turbhe Police station also given information in a very good manner with Daily Report.

NRI Police Station has made good search of missing child.

Taloja Police Station has also made sincere efforts to search the missing child. Their performance is found 90 %. Their efforts to search the missing children must be appreciated.

Kamothe Police station has taken exhilarating initiative. 7 cases of missing child lodged and Kamothe police station officers has searched 7 child. Very good performance. It should be imitated by all the police Stations. Policemen of Kamothe police station must be appreciated.

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But the performance in Cases booked under the provisions of Protection of Children from sexual offence Act 2012 is very poor. Turbhe Police Station has booked 3 cases, APMC booked and MIDC booked only 1 case under this Act. This is not proportionate to the no. of cases appearing in news papers every day. More efforts are expected from the police in this issue. In the Independence Day special issue of DNA daily news papers dated 15th August 2013 in page no.8 CID report itself says that 50% of State's rape victims in 2012 were minor girls. This report of CID is self explanatory that how must efforts are to be taken by Police to curb the offences under Protection of Children from sexual

The most serious thing observed in this survey we found that not a single offence is booked under provisions of Beggary Prevention Act for child by any of the Police station. If we visit any temple we will find beggars, if we travel from local trains bus, we will find beggars. We can easily see child beggars every where near Bus stand, near Railway Station, in market. Then how the police men can give Nil report before the column Details of efforts taken under the provision of Beggary Prevention Act with documentary proof? Whether the beggary is entirely eliminated from this State? IT IS A SHOCKFUL AND SHAMEFUL NEWS THAT NO OFFENCE REGISTERED BY THE MAHARASHTRA POLICE DURING THE SPAN OF 10 YEARS UNDER THE PROVISIOINS OF BEGGARY PREVENTION ACT.

The secret of missing child is sustain in beggary. 90% missing children are being used for beggary practice, 7 % missing child are being used for child labour practice. If the police keep strict watch over beggary and stop beggary practice being performed by the child mafia, the scale of missing child will automatically be reduced to the considerable level. Why the child are stolen from hospital? only because the child theft could sale it to the child mafia and he earn money out of it. Child mafia gather such missing children and forced them to enter into beggary practice and thereby he earn money. If beggary by child is completely eliminated there will be no incidences take place of stolen child from hospitals. The solution over missing child is sustain in front of Police, but lack of sensitive attitude do not allow them to take initiative in curbing the child beggary. Second thing is that there is no chance to earn under table money if the police take initiative in curbing the child beggary. The higher authorities of Police department should atleast declare some monetary prize or award to the policemen who take initiative in curbing the child beggary in his beat. This will encourage other policemen to do this true social work. Missing child is the problem being faced by all i.e. Rich, Middle class and Poor class people. This is most sensitive issue of Society. But emotionless behavior of police department is the biggest obstacle in front of the visible solution i.e. to stop beggary.

We become the social organization would like to put forth following few suggestions before Your Honour :-

- There is only one Remand Home found located at Karjat, Mumbai. Every Municipal area, 1 every Nagar Parishad area, every Gram Parishad area must have atleast one Women and Child Shelter Home and/or Baal Sudhar Kendra and it should be mandatory by law.
- Search for missing child and efforts to curb child beggary should be one column in daily diary 2 of Police. There should be entry in Rojnama about the efforts in above field every day.
- The performance of above work should be incorporated in the Confidential Report of Police. 3 4
- One software should be installed in all computers in Police stations in which the efforts being carried out by policemen with the photograph of missing child be uploaded. This can

be got done by the Cyber Cell of Police Department as a Social consciousness of Police towards the society. Search updates available on police web site to every missing child should be displayed every day on line.

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- Child mafia should be identified and they should be given hard punishment. Training centres being run for child beggars by the child mafia be searched and destroyed 7
- If the child beggars found in the area comes under the jurisdiction of specific police station, the Incharge of that Police Station should be held responsible for child beggary practice in 8
- The promotion, special increment and Awards should be declared every year to the policemen who show exhilarating performance in searching the missing child and taking initiative to stop child beggary in his beat. 9
- On TV channels and every news paper in Maharashtra photographs of every missing child be displayed by Govt. through Govt. advertisement on priority basis. 10
- State Govt. should conduct enquiry why no any police station taken initiative to book offence under the provisions of beggary prevention act within 10 years or above.

We hope Your Honour will take this issue in a sensitive and positive way and give instructions to Police department under your jurisdiction as well as take approval for few items above from State Govt. taking into consideration that Child is the future of the nation.

We are eagerly waiting for your reply and positive result in this issue.

With regards for Independence Day 15th August and with a hope to receive your reply within a month.

Thanking you,

Copy to:

1 Hon. Home Minister for Govt. of India, New Delhi.

2 Hon. Governor of Maharashtra, Mumbai.

3 Hon. Chairperson Women and Child Welfare Commission New Delhi.

4 Hon. Director General of Police Maharashtra, Mumbai.

5 State Human Rights Commission Maharashtra, Mumbai.



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Date: 16th Nov., 2013

To
The Chairman
National Human Rights Commission
New Delhi.

Sub: An innovatiable method to search the missing child;

Request to involve NGO in Missing child issue.

Ref: News paper extract dated 15/11/2013 appeared in

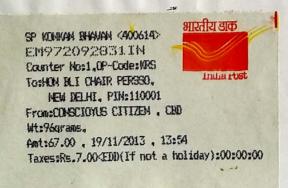
Mumbai Mirror.

Respected Sir,

At the outset we would like to convey our gratitude for taking the issue of missing child straight way to the Govt. of India with strong instructions to search remedial action to resolve the issue.

It is learnt from the News paper extract dated 15/11/2013 that National Human Rights Commission has taken suo motu cognizance of a media report that 600 kids go missing in Navi Mumbai every year and Navi Mumbai Police often do not register FIR in respect of the missing children.

We would like to bring to your kind notice that DNA news paper representatives have published a stormy news about missing child after taking detailed information from our NGO i.e. Conscious Citizen Forum and in consultation with our NGO, DNA news paper has published detailed report cum news on this subject 23/10/2013. Thereafter Your Honour taken cognizance of this sensitive issue and gave a notice of 4 weeks to State Govt. which published in Mumbai Mirror dated 15/11/2013.



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In this regard we would humbly wants to submit our views that there is no body to defend on behalf of the parents of missing children. We therefore put request before Your Kind Honour to please make us party to this litigation and involve us to perform our role as a Petitioner in this matter because we have study this sensitive issue of missing child thoroughly and we can provide genuine information and valuable suggestion for reaching to the goal i.e. solution on this chronic problem. After concluding period of 4 months' notice, State Govt. may give you imaginary reply and may hide the real fact in this issue, but in case if you involve us in this matter, we shall expose real picture in this case with fact and figure.

We have addressed a comprehensive letter to Home Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra on the issue of missing child and few remedies on this dated 17/08/2013 (copy enclosed). Upon this the Home Ministry has given directives to Navi Mumbai Police Commissioner vide their letter dated 23/09/2013 (copy enclosed) and apropos the Home Ministry's letter, Police Commissioner of Navi Mumbai had given us compliance report about their action on the letter they received from Home Ministry.

Above correspondence is self explanatory to prove our initiative and social interest in this sensitive issue.

We would like to bring to your kind notice that the issue of missing child first raised in Maharashtra especially from Navi Mumbai by our NGO. We wrote several RTI applications to Police authority and sought comprehensive information which made us easy to check the status of performance shown by Police while searching the missing child.

We would like to emphasize on our opinion that the Police Department and other subsidiary body of Govt. do not have any concrete solution to search the missing child and to prohibit the practice of utilizing child for beggary, illegal adoption and for bad activities. But in the formula invented by our NGO you can find solution on this sensitive issue surely.

Then after we addressed a letter to Hon. President of India on account of Independence Day in which we elaborated a unique formula invented by our NGO to search the missing child and a forever remedy on this issue (copy of letter dated 15th August 2013 A/t Hon.President of India). We humbly request Your Honour to kindly go through the contents of this letter and give directives to Govt. on the basis of guidelines mentioned in the letter dated 15th August 2013).

After perusing the contents of letter we addressed to President if Your Honour feel our initiative is sincere and innovative, in that case we would like to earnestly request Your Honour to kindly give us an opportunity to join hand with National Human Right Commission as your Amicus curie. If Your Honour pleased to make necessary arrangement to appoint us as your amicus curie, we assure you that we shall not spare a single stone unturned. We shall apply our entire energy and man power to implement the project of National Human Right Commission's - Save Child Movement. We undertake to provide you new invention formula and latest data on national and international level on the subject how to search missing child and to hand over him/ her to parents. We have made thorough study on this sensitive issue. We do not want to make our publicity. We are working on the child project sincerely and doing continuous research by using our social and infrastructural resources. We earnestly request Your Honour to kindly allow us to contribute our efforts and study to materialize your project on missing child and its effective implementation. Please believe our intention is clear and purpose behind making above request before Your Honour is to help Govt. and help Society against the Child Mafia.

We again give you heartily thanks for giving directives to Govt. to strongly implement Beggary Prevention Act because if the beggary practice is prevented, utilization of missing child for this major activity shall be stopped for ever.

We hope Your Honour will consider our humble request and give us one opportunity to defend on behalf of parents of the missing child whereby a truth will come before the Nation in this sensitive issue.

With profound regards on account of International Children Day.

Thanking you,

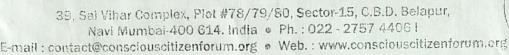
Yours Sincerely,

Encl. – As above.

(K. Kumar) President



conscious citizen forum





Date: 18th Nov., 2013

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- Hon. Chief Minister of Mahashtra Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 021.
- The Guardian Minister of Thane/ MLA, Belapur, Navi Mumbai
- 3. Managing Director (CIDCO) Belapur, Navi Mumbai.
 - The Commissioner (NMMC) Belapur, Navi Mumbai.

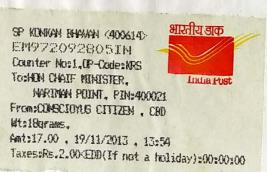
RECEIVED BY JMD OFFICE CIDCO ON: 191112013

Sub: Request to develop a full fledge Shelter Home for helpless
Missing children/poor orphans.

Respected Sir,

This NGO sought information through RTI about missing child and provision of shelter home for them vide an application. Upon which the Police Commissioner Navi Mumbai had replied through their letter dated 27/07/2013 that there is no Shelter Home / Remand Home for missing children in Navi Mumbai.

Unexpected truth is appeared before us and before society that there is no Shelter Home/ Bal Sudhar Grih is still built in Navi Mumbai. It is a matter of surprise that in Navi Mumbai CIDCO is allotting its plots to Big Hospitals, Big commercial schools, Temples and Prayer house of different religions, Air port, giant modern jails, Mortuary, Smashan Bhumi, Funeral place and Kabaristan and



spacious gardens, Cricket, Stadium and other Sports Ground, Drama Theatre, Golf course sports ground for reach people etc. But even after having huge land and so many resources, CIDCO has yet not built a Children Shelter Home for helpless child in Navi Mumbai. Why? because shelter home for missing children is a charity activity and there will be no income out of these shelter homes. It is a shameless thing that in Navi Mumbai there is no shelter home for children. In fact the children are the future of the nation. But heartless administration of Navi Mumbai never think about child but only think about the profit making projects.

It is a noticeable thing that Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation is having financial budget is 2,200 crores approx. every year and day by day earning huge revenue from citizens of Navi Mumbai. NMMC itself is having charitable fund and welfare schemes but they never think of building children shelter home or shelter for orphan children seriously.

It is therefore requested to kindly give directives to CIDCO Navi Mumbai and Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation to make provision of big plot and build an ambitious project of Children Shelter Home with all modern amenities, free mess, school and engineering and medical college with garden and play ground for the helpless children. The capacity of this children shelter home must be 5 to 10,000 children to accommodate therein and it must be Asia's biggest children shelter home.

It is our sincere appeal to respected Guardian Minister of Thane District should take active participation in this big project by encouraging Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation and CIDCO to take initiative to build giant project of Children Shelter Home. Dream maker Guardian Minister is always refer in his each and every speech that he intends to make Navi Mumbai as a eclipse of Shanghai. Without building Children shelter home Shanghai project cannot be visualized. In foreign there are no child beggers. So creating begger less Navi Mumbai should be first step and in order to accommodate missing child, a full fledged children shelter home is an essential project in Navi Mumbai.

It is a fact that numerous missing children do not know their parents. If the missing children located by police, the police is unable to find exact parents of the missing child who missed before years together. Maximum children who are begging on streets are basically the missing child. If such type of big spacious children shelter home built in Navi Mumbai, so many children who are begging on streets can get an ideal shelter.

It is therefore prayed that Govt. should take keen interest and appoint Class - I officers, Architect and Experts in infrastructural development for planning and structural designing of dream shelter home for children in Navi Mumbai which can be imitated by other States.

Eagerly awaiting for concrete reply.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

(K. Kumar) President



PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

(PUBLIC-I SECTION)

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN **NEW DELHI - 110004**

Sl.No.: P1/E/2908130073

Date: 29 Aug 2013

Enclosed please find for appropriate attention a petition Dt:-15 Aug 2013 addressed to the President of India, which is self explanatory.

Action taken on the petition may please be communicated to the petitioner directly under intimation to this Secretariat.

> (Chirabrata Sarkar) **Under Secretary**

To,

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA Ministry of Women and Child Development Room No. 641, A Wing, Shastri Bhawan, **New Delhi 110001**

Copy to: Shri K.KUMAR 39,SAI VIHAR COMPLEX PLOT 78/79/80,SECTOR-15,C.B.D. BELAPUR **NAVI MUMBAI** MAHARASHTRA-

You are further requested to liaise with the aforementioned addressee directly for further information in the matter.

(Chirabrata Sarkar)

You may use website http://helpline.rb.nic.in for submitting your request/grievance online.

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