

**Minutes of the meeting of the High Level Monitoring Committee held on
14th November 2017 at 11.00 am at Darbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Mahabaleshwar**

Members of HLMC Present –

1)	Dr. Ankur Arun Patwardhan	Chairman
2)	Dr. Kailas Shinde, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Satara	Member Secretary
3)	Shri. Avinash Shinde, Dy. Collector (Revenue), (Representative of Collector, Satara)	Member
4)	Shri. L.P.Sharma, , Dy. Engineer, (Representative of Director, Municipal Administration, Govt. of Maharashtra)	Member
5)	Shri. Shrikant Deshmukh, Assistant Director, Town Planning, Satara (Representative of Joint Director, Town Planning, Pune Division, Pune.	Member
6)	Dr. Rahul Mungikar	Member

Following Other Officials were present –

1)	Shri. A.M. Anjankar, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara.
2)	Shri. Jagdale , District Planning Officer, DPC, Satara.
3)	Shri. Anand Bhandari, Dy. Chief Executive Officer (V.P.), Z.P.Satara.
4)	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (West) Satara.
5)	Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran, Satara.
6)	Shri. B.M. Kukade, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Satara.
7)	Shri. Ramesh Shendage, Tahsildar, Mahabaleshwar
8)	Shri. Dilip Shinde, Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Mahabaleshwar.
9)	Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani Municipal Council.
10)	Smt. Amrita Shekhar Tamhankar, Div. Controller, MSRTC, Satara.
11)	Shri. A.S. Kashid, Police Sub Inspector, Mahabaleshwar
12)	Shri. Jadhav, Panchgani Police Station.
13)	Shri. R.R. Gaikwad, Range Forest Officer, Mahabaleshwar
14)	Deputy Superintendent of Land Records, Mahabaleshwar.
15)	Deputy Engineer, Works Sub Division, Mahabaleshwar.
16)	Deputy Engineer, Rural Water Supply, Mahabaleshwar.
17)	Representative of MTDC, Mahabaleshwar



At the outset, Dr. Kailas Shinde, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, welcomed Dr. Ankur Patwardhan, Hon. Chairman, Members of the High level Monitoring Committee (Eco Sensitive Zone of Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani Region) and the officers present for the meeting.

Subject No.(1) - The minutes of the meeting held on 9thSeptember, 2017 were confirmed.

Subject No.(2) – Action taken report on the issues of the previous meeting dated 9thSeptember, 2017.

2.1 Tourism Master Plan -

Assistant Director, Town Planning, Satara informed the Committee that the comments to the Tourism Master Plan have been submitted to Office of the Collector, Satara and MTDC has to submit the plan to Government. Representative of MTDC informed that the Plan has already been submitted to Government.

It was decided that

- a. A copy of the Plan should be circulated to the Committee Members &
- b. Town Planning and MTDC should follow up and submit action taken report within 8 days of the meeting.

2.2 About the Panchgani Table Land :-

Tahsildar, Mahabaleshwar informed the Committee that the Heritage Conservation Committee has approved the Plan sanctioned by the Town Planning Office. The Chief Officer Panchgani stated that the procedure of preparation of estimate is in progress and after its completion; the demand of grants will be sent to Govt. at the earliest.

It was decided

- a. copies of correspondence made to Govt. shall be circulated to the Committee and
- b. A compliance report will be submitted by the end of November.



2.3 About the Illegal Construction at Village Dandeghar Survey No. 87/1D.

Tahsildar, Mahabaleshwar informed the Committee that as per the Talathi's enquiry report, SDO, Wai had passed an order to demolish the illegal construction of Shri. Gajanan Kalambe in S.N.89A/1+2+3/A/12.

Shri. Gajanan Kalambe has now applied to Office of the Collector for regularisation of the construction.

It was decided the status of the matter shall be verified before the next meeting and the report should be submitted accordingly at the next meeting.

2.4 Debi Goenka's application about illegal tree cutting on Duchess road and illegal construction of Blue Valley.

Tahsildar, Mahabaleshwar informed the Committee that the location of the illegal construction at Blue Valley was not mentioned in the application and hence no action could be initiated.

The Committee enquired about the vigilance of unauthorised constructions. Dr. Mungikar opined that the concerned Authority should be held responsible for unauthorised constructions.

The Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar informed the Committee that Municipal Council has appointed Beat wise Time Keepers for monitoring of unauthorised constructions.

Tahsildar Mahabaleshwar stated that 5 unauthorised constructions were noticed.

It was decided that

- a. Within the jurisdiction of Municipal Councils, the CO of Municipal Councils will be responsible for monitoring unauthorised constructions and taking actions as per rules and regulations. And in the rest of the region, revenue officials will be responsible to take the necessary action.
- b. The ADTP should arrange training programmes for Talathi and Gramsevaks and orient them about the legal procedures of building permission and identification of unauthorised constructions.

The training session should be arranged before the next meeting and the report should be submitted before the Committee



2.5 About the Survey No. 527 A/3 Taighat Green Zone :-

Assistant Director, Town Planning, Satara informed the Committee that a site visit was conducted on 9.11.2017. The Chief Officer Mahabaleshwar has been asked to submit the required documents for approval. On receiving the compliance, Town Planning will take further decision.

It was decided that action on the concerned issues will be taken within 15 days by both Municipal Council and ADTP. The action taken report will be submitted in the next meeting.

2.6 About the plastic garbage in the forest area.

Shri. A. M. Anjankar, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara, informed the Committee that an awareness programme for not littering plastic garbage in the forest area was conducted.

During patrolling, they had noticed 2 cases of illegal dumping of plastic garbage at Lingmala forest area and action was taken by fining Rs.2000/- and Rs. 7000/- from violators.

Plastic garbage from forest areas was collected by 35 local staff along with the assistance of Sahyadri Trekkers.

He also further informed the Committee, that the RO (Reverse Osmosis) water purifier has been installed and another 3 purifiers are being installed. RO water is being supplied to the tourists for just Rs. 5/-. The Committee asked the DCF to give wide publicity to these activities.

Dr. Mungikar stated that there are genuine SWM (Solid Waste Management projects) running in Vengurla (Sindhudurg) and Rajapur (Ratnagiri). These projects can be replicated in Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani Municipal Councils.

Member Secretary suggested that Gram Panchayats should make their own arrangements for treatment of organic waste.

BDO stated that there is no sufficient space for dumping the garbage or running SWM projects in the Gram Panchayat jurisdiction. They need sufficient space for dumping garbage or running SWM projects.

It was decided that,



- a. Municipal Councils will ban the use of Plastic bags. They should make arrangement at entry points for replacing Plastic bags with Cloth Bags or Paper bags for tourists. Such Bags can be made available from SHGs (Self Help Groups). For this purpose, Municipal Councils can collect more fees from tourists.
- b. The Gram Panchayats will submit proposals for *in-situ* organic waste disposal to the BDO and inorganic solid waste can be dumped in municipal councils dumping ground with the cooperation of municipal councils.
- c. Municipal Councils should install decentralized Plastic Crusher units and ban the use of plastic spoons, plates, glasses and bags mostly used by Hawkers at Venna Lake and fine defaulters.
- d. Gram Panchayats can purchase shredding machines from 14th Finance Commission grant.
- e. COs of Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani shall submit an action plan in the next meeting.

2.7 Research proposal of Mr. Prasad Kulkarni for Mapping of Eco – Sensitive Zone.

Mr. Prasad Kulkarni explained the research proposal for GIS mapping of the Eco-Sensitive Zone.

After a detailed discussion it was decided that Mr. Prasad Kulkarni should submit a detailed proposal of GIS Mapping of total Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani ESZ including financial estimate. As decided by the earlier HLMC under the chairmanship of Shri. Karandikar, this project should be funded under the District Innovation Fund (DIF) with financial assistance mentioned in the survey proposal.

2.8 About giving permission for the Polo Ground.

Before the meeting, an application was submitted for permission for film shooting at Polo Ground by Shri. D.M. Bavalekar.



It was decided that request for permission for above purpose is denied and as discussed in the previous HLMC meeting, the use of Polo Ground should be only for the natural things and for any other purposes. This issue stands closed.

2.9 About proposal of NA of survey No. 529 in Buffer Zone at Vahagav, Tal. Jawali, Dist. Satara

Assistant Director, Town Planning Satara reported that for the Buffer Zone, Satara Draft Regional Plan Rules apply, which are yet to be finalized. A Proposal of NA for 'use of land for Ayurvedic Health Centre purpose' will be submitted by taking into consideration the provisions under Government Notification.

It was decided that a report will be submitted before the next meeting.

2.10 About formation of Local Biodiversity Management Committee according to Biodiversity Act for Mahabaleshwar Panchgani Eco sensitive Zone.

The Chief Officer, Panchgani Municipal Council informed that Panchgani Municipal Council has not formed the Committee. The Chief Officer, Panchgani Municipal Council was asked to form the Committee and submit a report in next meeting.

Shri. Anand Bhandari, Dy.CEO (ZP) informed that the local Bio diversity Management Committee in all 1494 Gram Panchayats in Satara district has been formed.

The Committee appreciated the action taken by Satara District.

2.11 Shri. Shriraj Satarawala's application about the plastic garbage collected from the forest area :-

As per the discussion in the last meeting, it was decided that Chief Officers of Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani will take the required action and apply for the permission of the State Environment Department and submit the report before the next meeting.



2.12 About the Proposal of Deputy Director, Social Forestry Department, Satara Division to build compound wall and chain link fencing to the forest plot No. 69 and 70.

The DCF, Satara informed that as per discussion in last meeting, biological fencing has been prepared, so this issue stands closed.

2.13 The illegal construction near the Christ Church.

The Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council informed that the FIR has been filed against the illegal construction and the Court has issued a stay order.

It was decided that the status report of the matter should be filed regularly before the Committee.

2.14 About the permission for drinking water pipeline and construction of local roads in the Forest area.

The DCF, Satara informed that following proposals were received from villages Avakali, Bondarwadi, Ahire dare, Taldev vivar and Bhilare.

The process of giving approval as per rules and regulations of forest department will be completed at the earliest.

It was decided that an action taken report will be submitted at the next meeting.

2.15 Regarding the permission to parking at the bottom of Fort Pratapgad.

Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara informed the Committee that the parking site has been surveyed and an estimate has been prepared.

He further informed that a proposal under FCA would be prepared and submitted by 30th Nov 2017.

It was decided that a compliance report will be submitted in next meeting.



2 (3) Discussion about present status of Zonal Master Plan

2.3-A Mahabaleshwar Development Plan

As per discussion in previous meeting the copy of plan was to be submitted to the Committee.

It was decided that ADTP will send soft copy of the plan and related documents to all members of HLMC within 4 days.

2.3-B Panchgani Development Plan :-

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2.3-C Traffic and Tourism Plan :-

It was decided that Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar Municipal Councils and the concerned officers for the Region along with the Police Department should conduct a joint inspection and submit the Action Plan regarding Traffic and tourism at the next meeting.

It was decided at the last meeting that Mapro shall prepare a separate plan for parking. The Chief Officer, Panchgani was asked to communicate this decision and follow-up with Mapro for their plan and submit a report at the next meeting.

Dr. Mungikar suggested that CNG or battery operated vehicles should be considered in Mahabaleshwar, Panchgani to overcome pollution issue.

2.3-D Sanctioned Regional Plan for MPESZ dated 07th August, 2015.

The Committee asked for a final copy of the Regional Plan containing all the modifications approved by the state and the centre.

It was decided that the above copy will be submitted within 15 days.

2 (4) - Creating awareness about Eco Sensitive Zone –

It was suggested that in Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani sign boards should be put up against littering of garbage. The Chief Officers should also create



awareness about Eco sensitive Zone with the help of handouts, pamphlets, interpretation centre, seed museum, etc. and initiate various other activities.

2 (5) - About parking at Venna Lake

It was decided that, Chief Officer should monitor and prepare a self-financing module for stalls and Hawkers.

It was also suggested that the idea of pay and park of Hawking Zone should be considered and a proposal should be submitted at the next meeting.

2 (6)- About Unauthorised / illegal constructions :

2.6-A. About illegal construction of Hotel King's Garden :-

Tahsildar, Mahabaleshwar informed that, the notice has been issued to the concerned person in this regard and the Writ Petition No. 3748/2015 is pending in the High Court, Mumbai.

It was decided by the Committee that the HLMC will be informed about the progress in this matter at every meeting.

2.6-B. About the illegal construction of Shri.Prakash Laxman Hirave and Shri. Ramchandra Baburao Hirave in City Survey No.59 at Mahabaleshwar: -

In previous meeting, it was decided that a joint enquiry by Sub Divisional Officer, Wai, Tahsildar, Mahabaleshwar, Chief Officer, Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council and Deputy Superintendent of Land Records, Mahabaleshwar should be conducted and a report should be submitted by 5th October, 2017. Tahsildar stated that this matter is sub judice.

It was decided that the relevant information pertaining to the legal proceeding shall be submitted along with a report from the CO within 15 days.

2.6-C. About illegal Construction at Mahabaleshwar City Survey No. 92 by Shri. Aaba Maruti Jiman.

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records, Mahabaleshwar and a report should be submitted by 5th October, 2017. Tahsildar stated that notice has been issued to concerned person.

It was decided that Chief Officer will submit a report within 15 days.

2 (7)- About permission for pay and parking in Survey No. 1/2 and 1/5 at Kshetra Mahabaleshwar -proposal of Mr. Pralhad Narayandas Rathi.

Dy. Collector (Revenue) stated that, the report is submitted to Collector, Satara by SDO, Wai. After getting legal opinion from legal cell further action will be taken.

It was decided that the action taken report will be submitted at the next meeting.

2 (8)- About the proposal of permission for proposed Maha-Pratap Cable Car Project (Mahabaleshwar Lodwick Point to Pratapgad)

Representative of SAIO Infra gave a presentation about proposed Maha Pratap Cable Car Project and safety features of the project and security of tourists. Executive Engineer, PWD will do further activities in this regard.

It was decided that as per decision in the previous meeting, Office of the Collector will send a letter regarding formation of Sub-Committee to all the concerned members and arrange for a site visit within 15 days. After receipt of the report of the Sub-Committee, SDO, Wai will submit the report of the sub-committee to the HLMC.

It was decided that, the applicant Agency should give a detailed presentation of the project contents to the Collector, Satara.

2 (9) - About the Permission for revised construction on Survey No. 77A, 78A, 79 at Mahabaleshwar

Assistant Town Planner, Satara stated that Town Planning Department has recommended to grant the permission for the construction for Hotel and Lodging on Survey No. 77A, 78A, 79.

It was decided to give permission for proposal of revised construction on survey No. 77A, 78A, 79 on terms and conditions such that NOC for fire & safety is obtained and verification of installation of STP and any other terms and conditions required under Town Planning.



2 (10) –Regarding change in the Member Secretary of the HLMC

As per discussion in previous meeting, a letter to MoEF&CC for nominating the Collector, Satara as Member Secretary, HLMC instead of CEO, ZP Satara with joint signature of Hon'ble Chairman and Member Secretary of HLMC will be sent today.

2 (11) - Permission for the construction of bridge on Venna River and linking Road at Mahabaleshwar Venna lake road -

Executive Engineer, PWD (West) has submitted letter dated 6th September 2017 seeking permission for construction of bridge on Venna river (Dam) and the linking road.

It was decided to grant the permission for construction of bridge on Venna river (Dam) and the linking road subject to permission of Forest department.

As above minutes of previous meeting discussed thoroughly and then discussion about agenda of present meeting took place as following –

Subject No. (3) Discussion on subjects matter of time with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman.

3.1 Presentation of Prof. Sanjeev Nalavade, RANWA, Pune

Prof. Sanjeev Nalavade, RANWA, Pune gave a detail presentation regarding Ecological Survey and Biodiversity Assessment of Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani Ecologically Sensitive Region, Satara district.

Committee appreciated the proposal and the need to conduct such study. It was decided to grant permission to RANWA, Pune for above survey and as decided by the earlier HLMC under the chairmanship of Shri. Karandikar, this project should be funded under the District Innovation Fund (DIF) with financial assistance mentioned in the survey proposal.

3.2 Regarding Proposal of allotting forest land at Kshetra Mahabaleshwar for crematorium purpose.

As per the letter from Hon. Makarand Patil, MLA dated 16.10.2017, regarding the proposal of allotting forest land S.N.108 area 3.03 R. to



Grampanchayat Kshetra Mahabaleshwar is pending with Forest Department.

It was decided that Forest Department will give permission at earliest and submit report in the next meeting.

3.3 About the complaint of Smt.Gangubai Hari Sakpal regarding destruction of environment at Manghar Tal. Mahabaleshwar.

Smt. Gangubai Hari Sakpal, Manghar addressed a complaint letter dated 11.11.2017 to the Committee regarding destruction of environment at Manghar Tal. Mahabaleshwar.

It was decided that Tahsildar, Mahabaleshwar will visit the site and submit the action taken report at the next meeting.

3.4 About the letter of Shri. Balasaheb Bhilare, Chairman, All India Strawberry Growers Asso. New Delhi. At /Post Bhilar.

Shri. Balasaheb Bhilare, Chairman, All India Strawberry Growers Asso. New Delhi. At /Post Bhilar addressed a letter to the Hon. Chairman, HLMC during the discussion at the public meeting with locals held prior to this meeting.

The following issues were raised ;

- 1) Sanction of New Regional Plan.
- 2) Requirement of extension of old Gaothans in Mahabaleshwar Tahsil.
- 3) License to Niwas and Nyahari Proposals from MTDC.

As a reply to the above query, ADTP stated

- 1) That the Regional Plan is sanctioned.
- 2) The Office of the Collector, Satara will initiate further proceedings regarding the extension of old Gaothans
- 3) As regards license for Niwas and Nyahari Yojana, it was decided that persons should apply individually to MTDC for getting permissions.

It was decided that a report in this regard will be submitted at the next meeting.



3.6 About the letter of Mahabaleshwar Tourism Stall Holders Professional Association, Mahabaleshwar regarding closing of Un-authorized Stalls at Venna lake, Mahabaleshwar.

Mahabaleshwar Tourism Stall Holders Professional Association, Mahabaleshwar submitted a letter dated 14.11.2017 regarding closing of Un-authorized Stalls at Venna lake, Mahabaleshwar.

It was decided that CO Mahabaleshwar will submit the report in this regard at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair


**Member Secretary,
High Level Monitoring Committee,
Chief Executive Officer,
Zilla Parishad, Satara.**


**Chairman,
High Level Monitoring Committee**

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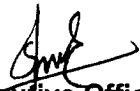
1. Draft of the minutes has been approved by Hon'ble Chairman. The minutes will be discussed and confirmed in the next meeting of HLMC.
2. The concerned agencies should start taking appropriate action on the decisions recorded herein above and submit compliance reports for placing the same before HLMC in the next meeting.

Satara Zilla Parishad,
Village Panchayat Department,
No.VPT/5/WS/14641/2017
Satara. Dated ~~14/11/2017~~
22/12/2017

To,

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2/- For information and necessary action.


**Chief Executive Officer,
Zilla Parishad, Satara**

