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Flamingo Bay Nerul Needs Compassion --- A Clarion Call to Control Marine Litter

(Article by Dr.S.M.Puranik, Capt. M.Chandra faculty IMU-NMC-T.S.CHANAKYA)

It is observed in the past many years on the back side of IMU-NMC, which is now commonly called **Flamingo Bay**; is full of marine litter, plastics, and all kinds of waste dumped around that pond. Every time we visit, we find more non-biodegradable waste. Once we tried to clean the area with the help of cadets as a national maritime day celebration 2023 activity to clean up Flamingo Bay as a drive-but how long one can keep on cleaning that area? The picture below depicts marine litter, plastic waste, and other kinds of waste. The time has come to walk the talk—CCTV surveillance/Use of drones is the need of the hour.



Local authorities trying hard to make that area beautiful by making a watch gallery, gardening, sitting benches, light arrangements etc. But unless and until we change our way of thinking nothing is going to be successful. **Migratory Flamingo birds are annually visiting this Navi Mumbai [Alias flamingo city] water body since past many years from Arctic Circle, Siberia, etc without GPS/AI/IoT—bingo navigation at latitude longitude near T.S.Chanakya!! They are foreign visitors for us without VISA and Passport! We pledge 'VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM', ATITHI**

DEVO BHAVA'—Can't we host them with cleaner hibernating space for these beautiful creations of nature. We can make the water body clean and beautiful so that more and more birds will get attracted to this area.

We at IMU-Navi Mumbai campus, T.S.Chanakya try to clean this water body and nearby saltwater lake 'JEWEL OF NAVI MUMBAI' with NMMC staff and with NCC cadets of DY Patil University, as a part of Swachha Bharat mission. See the activity photos below: IMU-NMC cadets are cleaning the Flamingo Bay.



Only humans can make our surroundings clean, green, and pleasant for everyone by following certain self-discipline. We must take oath such as

"This is my area and my responsibility to maintain its cleanliness and greenery. I will motivate other people for doing so with the polite request".

All activities in the world are initiated by only one person. The latest example is **Greta Thornburg**, a small school girl for climate justice activist.

Then why can't you? Let us come together to clean marine litter and prevent further Loss of biodiversity and biospecies.

This article is a fitting wake-up call for our zen to apply their ken for

the kins of the mother earth—'One earth, one life, one mission—'India is our incredible identity—we keep our identity clean, cleaner!!

Increasing human activities toward oceans going to harm the marine environment, its biodiversity, marine life cycle, and sea species which are playing a vital role in the marine ecosystem. Efforts must be made to minimize

human interference in the marine cycle for the human life on the land. This is our Amrit Kaal—our time to show what we preach, we practice first.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY on June 5 and OCEAN DAY on June 8 are knocking on our calendar every year and we need to ponder over!! Well, 'Miles to go before we sleep'.

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