

People should play their part in making city more liveable

With so many vehicles on the road we can feel the traffic congestion as well as the increase of carbon emission in the atmosphere.

The freshness of air in your environment has a fundamental impact on the quality and length of your life.

Air is more a necessity of life than either food or water. Imagine living in a city where a grey brown, noxious haze or smog permeates.

Mumbai streets are filled with jam-packed traffic, a slow moving assembly of vehicles which spew unhealthy exhaust fumes of carbon monoxide and other harmful chemicals.

The air is not pleasant to inhale and it gives you breathing trouble, makes you cough and wheeze, your eyes water, your nose runs and have headaches.

Many regular walkers would have experienced all this. Places like parks appoint sweepers to sweep around the time when morning walkers do their daily walk. Instead of getting fresh air inside the park we get a cloud of dust swept out by the sweeper of the park.

Similarly, when we travel in

public places, the smokers spread smoke and part of the smoke is entering nostrils of the non-smokers as well.

All said and done, vehicular traffic is a major source of pollution in all metro cities. In half of them, it is the single most important source.

It is a major source of four of the six major air pollutants - carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, hydrocarbons and lead. When cities expand into mega cities, more people drive vehicles, greater distance and for longer periods.

In the absence of controls automotive emissions will only increase. Another major urban pollutant in cities is noise pollution, which may be defined as displeasing human sound that disrupts the activity or happiness of other humans in a city.

One of the major concerns is water and is so essential for life. Water wastage is to be prevented at all levels.

People, on their part, should play a pivotal role in making the city eco-friendly with preventive measures from their side.

—Nikhil Maniam,
Seawoods

It's time to save water through rainwater harvesting

Unlike the last couple of years, water stock this year is quite encouraging as lakes have started touching the safe mark and still rising.

Out of seven lakes, which supply the source of water for the city, six of them have touched last year's level and the monsoon magic makes Tulsī Lake overflow and it is a good news.

The overall water level, at the same time last year, is exceeded three times and some

more spells of rains are awaited till September this year.

Now the scene is set, withdrawal of water cut and water starved areas will get some relief after a long gap.

However, the sound water resources position at present of water level does not mean that we take things lightly and start using water beyond the limit stipulated per person and overuse water during the rainy season and touch shortfall next year is not an

ideal thing for a crowded city like Mumbai.

It is time to save water through rainwater harvesting system and keep some water reserved for hard times ahead if any.

Presently, water is for grab and the instructions to withdraw water cuts should be taken in all seriousness and preserve sufficient water to avoid a precarious position mid way through next year.

—CK Subramaniam,
Sanpada



Presently, water level has exceeded 3 times than last year —File photo

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Dr Daphne Pillai, co-founder of Pillai Group of Institutions, was bestowed with a special award by a leading women's publication for her 30-year contribution in the field of education

Kudos to security forces for their tolerance and handling Kashmir issue

The disturbances in Kashmir are the outcome of our previous leaders who had no foresight and created a permanent problem for the whole country and presently especially a problem for the security forces.

Some of our leaders, including some journalist, too, are raising question to the use of pellet gun.

They think that our jawans are scapegoats who have been sent there to be maimed and killed by terrorist and unruly public who are paid for throwing stones.

Just imagine, if any part of India such a stone throwing comes up what will be reaction of police, the bullet or pellet gun!

We see the pile of bricks

and stones thrown at the security forces that must have been visible to the parents of the children who have suffered by pellet gun. Was it not their duty to look after their children themselves?

I am surprised, why this hullabaloo by the media and the politicians with vested interest? Are they really Indian or they also have been hired by Pakistan?

I will leave it to judgement of the Indian citizens, but definitely I can only congratulate our security forces for their tolerance as they have used pellet guns instead of live bullets on the persons showing Pakistani flag on Indian soil.

—JN Lal,
Vashi



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Mumbai-Pune Expressway accidents have rung the alarm bells

Mumbai-Pune Expressway news for weeks as accidents are increasing in alarming proportion.

In a major accident on a busy road five engineering students died on the spot. One was critically injured when their speeder veered out of control and plunged into a gully.

The car, in which four youths were travelling, dashed into a road divider and turned turtle, blocking 200 feet of the gully.

As the incident unfolded, the wee hours reached out rapidly.

The reckless driver lost control and caused a fatal accident.

Kamshet police number of accidents need for speed increasing on Expressway.

Speed kills. Expressway for most of the time there is no and young moment of the speed limit.

—Jayanthi



led with traffic, and the vehicles spew unhealthy exhaust on monoxide and other harmful chemicals —File photo

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