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PRESS RELEASE

Re-imaging of Sassoon Dock

With an intention to re-develop the Sassoon Dock into a vibrant, healthy and sustainable tourists' destination, Mumbai Port Trust organised a one day charette at Mumbai Port Office. As a preliminary, sight visits were arranged for all the intending participant to give them a feel of the area.

In all 49 persons from the various field participated in the charette which includes architects, planners, engineers, social workers and heritage conservators. They worked for the whole day and come out with brilliant ideas on how the Sassoon dock redevelopes.

In all 8 groups were formed from the participant with a mix of different fields. They deliberated amongst them and prepared the proposals and presented their ideas before the audience consisting of Chairman, Dy.Chairman of Mumbai Port trust and eminent experts in the field.

All the participants favoured in preserving the present environment in the form existing roads, existing heritage building. There was consciences among the participants that the area should be segregated for tourism related activity and the fish processing industry.

The tourism area should be mainly pedestrian with proper street furniture, flanked by commercial activity on both sides. Some participants have given novel ideas such as bringing the water bodies within the land area for the use of water sports or water navigation also. Some participant suggested a high level pedestrian pathway to avoid vehicle movement and at the same time provide better view of the Sassoon dock. The activities such as Amphitheatre, Food Court, Experience Centre, aquarium, museum were also suggested to enhance the tourist attraction.

Though, the areas for tourism and fish processing industry is segregated, integration between the two is also proposed by the participants.

All the groups emphasised the environmental consideration with the use of zero discharge, rain water harvesting and use of renewable energy. The innovative ideas such as organizing various events and bringing out calendar thereof are some of the outcome of the workshop.

Mumbai Port Trust also arranged a cultural programme in the form of Folk Koli Dance to enhance the environment.

The function was presided by the Shri Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, Mumbai Port Trust who praised all the participants for the invaluable contribution in the form of ideas and proposals. He promised that Mumbai Port Trust will consider all the suggestions and prepare the plan for redevelopment of Sassoon Dock incorporating the best of all. Shri Yashodhan Wanage, Dy. Chairman, Mumbai Port Trust also highlighted the ideas propogated by the participants and thanked all the participants and the organisers. All the participants were given certificate of participation at the hands of Dy. Chairman.

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