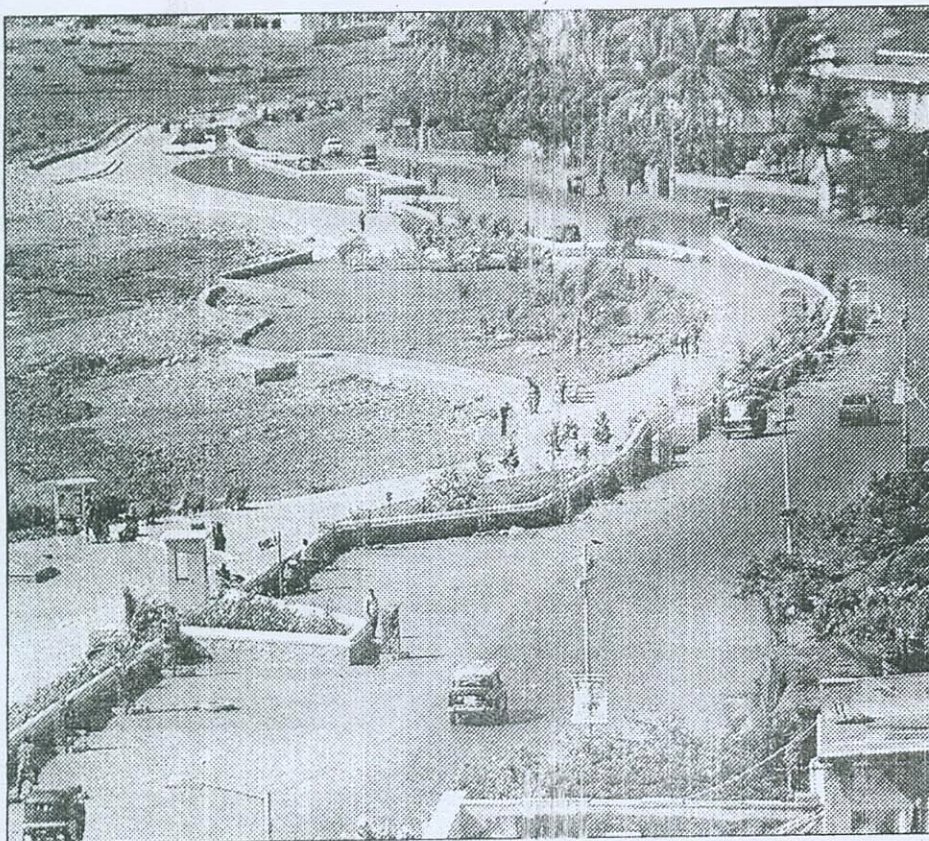


'Play'ing up the promenade success



lifestyles in the direction of reducing, reusing and recycling. The members perceive this as the only way to preserve the earth's resources in the interest of the coming generations. The eventual goal is to make the area a zero-garbage zone.

Dr Radhika Ramasubban, trustee, BBRT told MID-DAY, "There is round-the-clock security around this promenade to curb nuisance. Cleanliness is ensured by our cleaners who work in shifts."

The play troupe, Clean Air Island, is a non-government organisation (NGO) that has been active partners with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation and other NGOs currently engaged in the ongoing zero-garbage pilot project in the Colaba area. They have performed over 100 shows of the play all over Mumbai in the last several months – at various companies during lunch hour, at residential complexes, schools, colleges and as dinner and lunch theatre at hotels.

The 'Return to Nature' promenade is the culmination of a five-year struggle by the citizens of Bandstand to reclaim this beautiful Mumbai waterfront. Almost lost to mindless landfill operations, land grab attempts and wilful degradation, it is today one of the most imaginatively restored public spaces in the city.

The design for the promenade was developed and implemented by architect P K Das, aided by a generous grant by Shabana Azmi from her MP fund, for the improvement of the waterfront.

The ongoing struggle now is to sustain what has been achieved – freedom from noise and dirt pollution and encroachments, and from threats to law and order by the activities of food shops, vendors and anti-social elements.

Proud achievement: The Bandra Bandstand 'Back to Nature' promenade PIC: VIJAYANAND GUPTA

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AFTER creating a promenade that is envied for its success in beating the odds, the sea, the establishment and apathy, the Bandra Bandstand Residents Trust (BBRT) is moving into phase two of its 'Back to Nature' project.

And the members are celebrating the event with a play. *Whose Mumbai is it anyway?* will be staged at Bandra Bandstand's 'Back to Nature' promenade today at 6.15 pm. Admission is free and the motive singular — to increase awareness for the project.

The movers behind the Bandstand promenade beautification switch to next gear with a play

BBRT succeeded in securing the seafront against degradation. Now it intends to continuously beautify it by bringing about a change in local