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In India Rivers has great importance and we Indian praise the river as goddess e.g. we assume the Ganges river is the gift of Ishwar Shankara and been preached by Bhagirath who was the only credible to bring the Sargnadi on the earth. We praise river Yamuna and know it by the childhood of Lord Krishna.

India is the Country of temples and mostly temples are situated on the banks of famous river. As there is many river in India, Mumbai has also rivers, like, Poisar, Dahisar, Vengari, and Mithi.

But No one of us was aware that we have four river in Mumbai which has great importance to all mumbaikars, that has a surprisingly reason though we can not have idea about these rivers, such reason is that we know all these rivers are nullah in which we use to through throw all kinds of wastes.

On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005 All Mumbaikars came to know that we have a dangerous river named Mithi. Origin of this river is from the forest of National Park and it flows from mountains inside the forest and comes towards Tulsi lake behind Royal Palms and when Tulsi lake is filled in the rainy season water of the lake comes towards Vihar lake and continues ~~to~~ towards Powai. In the rainy season water of Powai lake comes and join the flowing water of 'Mithi River' first and speed of Mithi river extends to its abnormal. afterwards Vihar lake is also being filled by rainy water and it also extends the speed of Mithi river to a great extent. It happens every year, but every year it was not that much affecting for people.

But last year on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005 it was very disastrous happened. Each lane, each home was being flooded.

by the water of Mithi river, Within four hours ~~the water~~  
~~life was in the field~~ ~~became very much~~ all the roads,  
train tracks were jammed by the flooded water of Mithi  
river and about 14 to 18 feet height water was  
there on the road. Many animals, people died in the flood.  
All the Mallahs were jammed, vehicles blown by the force  
of water.

### Why IT HAPPENED.

In Past river was blowing silently towards its route  
decided by the nature. Because of the Industrial Revolution  
People decided to locate their places near the factories  
and hence the main location was Sakinaka, Powai, Kalina  
for the Industries & were already packed with slums and  
buildings so people started to find nearby place from  
their factories and they got the place i.e. Jilherpada, NITIE,  
Mroraji Nagar and because of growth in population people  
started to dump their earbages on the bank of Mithi river  
and narrowed its basin and made their huts on the basin  
of the river i.e. very width of river became smaller  
and smaller day by day. It was not the last limit  
factories started to dump and throw all of its chemical  
and paper wastes in the river and made the river  
muddy and dirty, that water turns to impure. Even  
State Government, MMRDA, BMC also not taken proper  
action towards the encroachment on the Bank of river  
- Airport authority has done very bad that it make the  
river to turn its route forcibly and made runway  
for the aircraft on the river.

## Precautions to save the river and Mumbaians

- ① State Government, MMRDA, BMC, AIRPORT AUTHORITY should take proper action against any kind of encroachments on the bank of the river.
- ② All the Mumbaians who have situated on the banks of river should live there before monsoon and State Government should help them in the rehabilitation of their amenities.
- ③ Factories should change their places from the bank of the river or change their products that waste materials shouldn't be blown in the river water.
- ④ Central Government must help State Government to implement these kind of projects and provide financial support to some.
- ⑤ All the non government organisations must be asked for the help and to implement cleanliness programme on Mithi River.

So this is the duty of all of Mumbaians to make Mithi river wide, clean and no dangerous. please co-operate in future.