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Concretization is killing trees in Mulund!

Mulund T ward is not following the National Green Tribunal rules!

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It is ironic that on the one hand, we talk of saving trees and protecting the environment, but the truth is shocking! In Mulund, due to the rapid expansion of Mulund and its surrounding areas, hundreds of trees are facing the death trap of concrete. Besides, incidents of falling trees are also increasing, the consequences of which have to be borne by the Mulundkars.

During the rains, incidents of trees falling at many places in Mumbai are reported. However, surprising this year there has been an increasing in incidents of tree falls in Mulund. Hence HOME TIMES did a reality check to investigate the reason behind the deaths of trees and was left surprised to find the negligence of the BMC T-garden department behind the disaster. The reason behind the tree's fall is the concretization of trees, a practice that acts as a slow poison MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI No. DMC DM (2613 0) Dt, 5:12-2:03 Sub : Regarding provision and making space for tree / uround trees, removal of asphalt / concrete around the trunk of the road side trees in MCGM.

It is observed that while widening / resurfacing / improvement of roads, there is no space left around the trees. It result in lack of breathing space for trees i which is very much necessary for respiration & aeration to roots in trees and for its profound growth) and it leads to barrier for growth and maintenance of the trees. In such conditions trees are not being properly grown and hecome weak gradually.

In this regard. Hon. National Green Tribunal has already directed to make available. 1mtr. Space area around the tree trunk for its better growth of root zone to achieve preservation and protection of trees.

This office has already issued directions to various departments for sufeguarding trees vide no. DMC /DM/961 dated 08.06.2017.

However, it is absolutely necessary to follow this instruction to achieve survival of trees and for better maintenance of trees in MCGM Jurisdiction.

It is hereby requested to direct all the staff concerned to take precaution and provision to make breathing space available while widening/resurfacing/ improvement of roads or any other works. Also it is also mandatory to keep space for new plantation of trees along both sides the roads as per Moharashtra (Urban Area) Preservation and Protection of Tree Act 1975.

and kills the tree.

According to tree experts, "The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has made a rule to



M.G. Road, Near MSEDCL Office

keep a 1-metre radius around a tree free of concrete and construction. Contd. on page 3

GANAPATI BAPPA MAKES HIS ARRIVAL... Police and Civic Authorities Gear Up for Ganeshotsav

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With Ganeshotsav on the horizon, skilled artisans in workshops throughout the city are meticulously adding the final touches to Lord Ganesha's idols. These dedicated craftsmen are tirelessly working long hours, often toiling for 12 to 15-hour stretches, to embellish the idols with intricate details, including the fine detailing of the eyes and ornaments.

In these bustling workshops, around 50 percent of the idols have already been reserved, and nearly 80 percent of the production work is now complete. These beautifully crafted idols are now available in the market for purchase. this year, However, business proprietors are grappling with a 30 percent increase in the cost of Ganesha idols, attributed to the escalating prices of raw

materials.

Mulund city proudly hosts seven to eight small and large workshops solely dedicated to the art of crafting Ganesha idols. These workshops produce idols of varying sizes, ranging from a modest seven inches to an impressive ten feet in height. The surge in prices can be directly linked to the rising expenses associated with procuring the essential Contd. on page 4





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Near Chintamani Gardan

The in-between spaces between the tree and the concert are meant for roads, footpaths, and parking but are often engulfed by construction and repair work. The tree floor is covered under thick, impenetrable concrete.

HOME TIMES, in its Reality Check, captured many trees in Mulund on camera. For instance, Guru Gobind Singh Marg in Mulund West has many trees, and their roots are concreted. Similarly the main market road of Mulund Colony, has many trees concretized at its base. Likewise, six trees near the artificial pond in Mulund West were found in a similar



Guru Govind Singh Marg

state. These trees are getting weaker day by day due to the ill effects of the hazardous concrete.

A few months ago, BMC T Ward did pavement work in front of the Maternity Hospital on MG Road in Mulund West. Though adequate space has been left near some trees on this footpath, many trees still do not have 1 meter of space as suggested by the National Green Tribunal rule.

In Mulund East, while ample space is left near the trees near Mulund's most famous Chintamani Rao Deshmukh Park, there are more than 8 trees



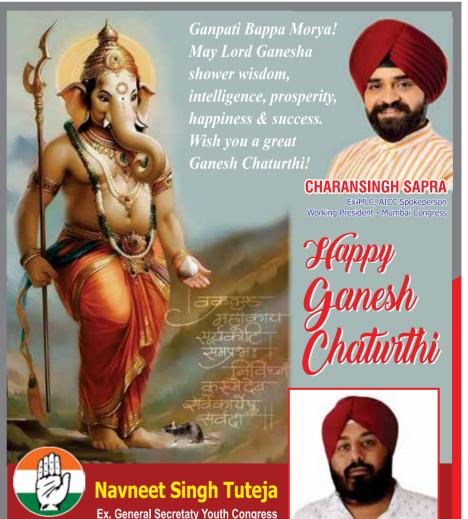
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on the footpath adjacent to this park where no space is left, and these 8 trees are slowly getting weak. Similarly, trees near Mulund East NY Cinemas are in a pathetic state, and in many other places in Mulund East, the National Green Tribunal rules have been flouted due to



Mulund Colony Market

inactions by the negligent BMC. HOME TIMES has exposed that BMC is responsible for the death of healthy trees. HOME TIMES hopes BMC wakes from its slumber and starts removing the concrete from the roots of these trees and save tree in Mulund.



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Shri KLM and Lion Lady Auxiliary holds free Cancer screening camp in Mulund





Home Times Network Shri Kutchi Lohana Mahajan

Mulund, under the joint auspices of the Lion Lady Auxiliary, organised a free cancer screening camp in Mulund West. It was a huge success and was attended by a large number of citizens.

This check-up camp was organised on Wednesday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Pavani Banquet Hall, Lohana Mahajan Wadi, Mulund West. More than 80 citizens were screened for cancer. The patients checked for cancer were handed their cancer check-up report during the Service Week of the Lions

Club. Patients found positive in the report will receive free treatment at NM Hospital. Apart from the free screening for cancer, the health camp provided many important health check-ups like blood pressure, diabetes, and other vital tests. Among

the prominent personalities present on the occasion were Lion Lady Netra Balamwar, District Chairperson of Lion the Lady Auxiliary. The event was also attended by District Chairperson Lion Devaratan Daga, Zone Chairperson Lion Mayur Lakhani, President

Lion Shankar Padmashali of the Lions Club of Mulund, and Shri Kutchi Lohana. Mahajan Wadi's Managing Trustee Maya Mahesh Kothari. Thakkar. and other Lions, along with Lions Lady President Sushma Thakkar and other members also registered their presence.

Delighted by the noble work, Balamwar. Netra district chairperson of the Lion Lady Auxiliary, praised the Lions Club of Mulund and hoped that they would take up similar important projects in the coming days.



GANAPATI BAPPA MAKES HIS ARRIVAL... (CONTD. FROM PG.1)



raw materials required for idol production.

In the realm of regulations, mandals have Ganesha received some reprieve regarding the use of Plaster of Paris (POP). It is now permissible to use POP for idols taller than four feet. whereas idols less than four feet in height must be crafted from Shadu soil. Despite these regulatory

measures, it's worth noting that many households still exhibit a strong preference for POP clay idols. Sculptors argue that Shadu clay idols are not only more delicate but also come at a higher cost compared to POP idols, which often drives citizens to opt for the latter. Consequently, sculptors have made POP idols available for sale,

spanning from one and a half feet to three feet in height.

Curiously, POP finds extensive use in various household items, prompting questions regarding the government's distinct stance on Ganesha idols. Sculptors find themselves pondering why such discrepancies in regulations exist for these specific idols.

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Editorial

When will the government stop the toll tax?

Just as the Aam Aadmi is waiting for the Acche Din to come, so too are the motorists in Mumbai wondering when the toll tax will come to an end? Many social organizations and political parties have raised their voices and demanded that the government stop collecting the toll, as the government has been collecting the toll for innumerable years! The people living around the toll booths are also protesting against the inconvenience of the toll booths. But the toll booths continue to loot the Mumbaikars. And what is aggravating is that from October 1, the government has hiked the toll tax.

Mumbaikars are fed up with paying the toll tax, but the government shows no empathy and shamelessly takes the toll tax. However, concerned Mumbaikars argue the toll plazas earned sums over the expenditure incurred to build the roads in question. And what is surprising is that most collections are unaccounted for. Besides, a citizen who pays the toll has the right to know how the money is being used. What is the money being used for when the roads are in such bad shape? The toll Nakas do not follow any mandatory guidelines that are laid down for them.

According to some NGOs fighting against the toll tax, they claim the findings of the survey have made it clear that contractors rubbish the actual figures of toll collections, thus showing a deficit in the collection to get the tenures of the toll plazas extended and the tax increased regularly instead of bringing it down and slowly phasing out the toll. The toll is collected with the promise that the roads will be maintained, but they are in bad shape, and in one year, the toll collections were used to pay salaries to teachers in government-run schools, argued an NGO member.

Potholes on the road are also filled with people's money. Flyovers are built with people's money, and recovery is also done with their money. The government should be taken seriously and understand that people are aware of the government's loot. It is high time the loot of the Mumbaikars in the form of toll taxes came to an end. If the government does not end the toll tax, then people will lose patience and come on the roads, and then things will go out of the hands of the government.

Hence, HOME TIMES urges the government to stop the toll tax and curtail the new hike announced in the toll tax on October 1.



Devotees throng Shiva temples on the last Shravan Somwar



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The holy month of Shravan considered the most sacred by the devotees of Lord Shiva, attracted thousands of devotees during the month of Shravan. However, on September 10 which was the last of the eight Shravan Somwars; devotees flocked to temples in unprecedented numbers to seek Lord Shiva's blessing.

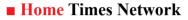
There was a huge crowd of devotees gathered outside several Shiv temples across the country to offer holy water to the lord and seek darshan. In Mulund, too, special arrangements were made at various temples. Temples were lit by colourful lights, and the decoration of vibrant flowers

the temple a divine gave look. Mulund's ancient and most popular Bal Rajeshwar temple was brimming with devotees. The Mata Ki Chowki programme organised in the temple was attended by devotees with utter enthusiasm and divinity. Bhajans, rituals, and the echoing of Har Har Mahadev and Jai Bhole made the temple premises spiritual and sacred. The head priest of the temple, Bal Rajeshwar Temple, informed, "Shravan month is a holy time, and Shravan Somwar are considered to be the day of Lord Shiva. On this day, it is believed that Shiva grants the wishes of his devotees. Hence devotees give special importance to Shravan Somwar."



Government and Administration Fully Prepared for Ganesh festivities



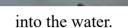


With the approaching auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, the Civic administration has swung into action to ensure a seamless and secure Ganesh Visarjan (immersion) in Mulund. Both the BMC and the police administration have made special arrangements, focusing on the eastern and western sections of Mulund. These preparations include the establishment of immersion centers, crowd management strategies, and ensuring safe transportation for devotees to the immersion sites.

around the corner, devotees have already started procuring various materials. and the markets are adorned with festive decorations. In parallel, the government and local administration have initiated their own preparations. The civic administration is diligently working on constructing an artificial lake for Ganesh immersion, repairing immersion ghats, and fixing road potholes. This year, Mulund boasts a total of seven Ganesh Visarjan Ghats, including four artificial lakes and three natural ones.

These newly established artificial lakes are strategically

located in areas such as Saiprastha, Suresh Barku Patil Park, Veer Savarkar Garden Mulund East, and Priyadarshini Sports Complex. Moreover, lakes in the vicinity of Morya Lake, Mithagar Lake, Hari Om Nagar, and Bhoir Nagar in the eastern part of Mulund have also been readied for Ganesh immersion. The civic administration has commenced preparations at all these locations, appointing volunteers for crowd control and lifeguards to ensure a smooth Ganesh immersion process. These dedicated lifeguards will oversee the immersion of Ganesha idols



It's worth noting that a separate arrangement has been made for the immersion of homemade Ganesha idols in designated areas to ensure that citizens visiting Mulund for the Ganesh festival encounter no inconveniences. For public Ganesha idols, special rafts have been provided to facilitate their safe and convenient immersion.

In a collaborative effort, officials from the BMC, along with the Mumbai Police, will be present at each immersion site to ensure the security and wellbeing of all participants in this joyous celebration.

As Ganesh Utsav is just

SECURITY COVER FOR UPCOMING GANESH FESTIVAL

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Each year during the Ganeshotsav, Mumbai witnesses a lot of chaos and traffic jams during the 10-day celebration due to the popping up of myriads of Sarvajanik Ganesh Pandals erected in every nook and corner of the city. The situation worsens during Ganesh Visarjan. Hence, to avoid such chaos and maintain law and order during the Ganesh festival, which begins on September 9, Mumbai Police Commissioner Vivek Phansalkar has announced the appointment of a parallel force of one lakh volunteers to assist the Ganesh Mandals in the smooth functioning of the Ganesh festival in Mumbai.

Ganpati Festival is one of the biggest festivals in Maharashtra and Mumbai. Hence, the Mumbai police are taking elaborate measures to ensure that Ganeshotsav is celebrated peacefully without any unpleasant incidents. During the festival, due to the massive rush, there are probabilities of criminal activities like gold chain snatching, hence for the safety and security of people, particularly women devotees. Mumbai Police Commissioner Vivek Phansalkar called a meeting of the Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav Samanvay Samiti (BSGSS) and discussed security measures.

During the meeting, Police Commissioner Vivek Phansalkar proposed to the Samiti that Mumbai police will be providing trained volunteers for every Mandal within their jurisdiction. He further averred that "For every small Ganesh Mandal in Mumbai, police will assist 10 volunteers in the city and 20 volunteers for the big Ganesh Utsav Mandal. In total, Mumbai police will provide one lakh volunteers to act as a parallel force for the safety and security of the Ganesh Mandal and the devotees."

"These volunteers will be trained in crowd control and experts in providing security action in case of an emergency. Besides, if any suspicious vehicle or any other suspicious object is seen around the Ganesh Pandal, the vigilant volunteers will immediately contact the police and avoid any untoward action," he asserted.

Lauding the action of the Mumbai police in appointing additional security volunteers, a Sarvajanik Ganesh Mandal member said, "It is an excellent move by the Mumbai police. These volunteers will assist each Ganesh Mandal and help us maintain law and order in the city."

Sarvajanik Ganesh Mandals meet Police for Smooth Celebration of Ganesh Utsav

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True, Ganesh Utsav is the most popular and auspicious festival in Maharashtra, but each year, despite the Bombay High Court's condemnation and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) notices to Ganesh Mandals to follow BMC guidelines, the Ganesh Mandals give a deaf ear to the appeals. The result is that the roads and footpaths are damaged while setting up pandals during festivals. There is a barrage of loud sounds inconvenience causing to patients, senior citizens, and infants. There are traffic jams all around, making life hell for motorists returning home from work. In short, Ganesh mandals continue to violate the permission conditions year after year, and hence, to curb such repetition and to celebrate



a smooth and peaceful festival, an important meeting was held at Kalidas Natya Mandir in Mulund on Monday for public Ganesh pandals and visitors.

The meeting was attended by as many as 808 Public Ganesh Mandals Chiefs from Northeast Mumbai, along with government officers of respective wards, Fire Brigade, Mahavitaran, Adani Group, and Transport Department officials, and Mumbai Additional Police Commissioner Vinayak Deshmukh. The meeting was held under the guidance of the Additional Commissioner of Police and under the leadership of Zone VII DCP Purushottam Karad.

The meeting commenced with the felicitation ceremony of the top 5 Ganesh Public Mandals, who were awarded certificates for their excellent management of the Ganpati festival last year in 2022.

After the award felicitation ceremony, the meeting discussed

the problems that generally pop up each year during the 10-day festival. The problems begin with the construction of the Pandals, the arrival of Bappa, and immersion in waterbodies. The problem included issues ranging from potholes on the road to overhead tangling wires to traffic jams and sound pollution. The government officials assured that they would find a solution before the start of Ganesh Utsav.

The Additional Commissioner of Police and the leadership of Zone VII Deputy Commissioner of Police Purushottam Karad concluded the meeting by making an earnest appeal to citizens to celebrate the Ganesh Utsav with enthusiasm, simultaneously maintain law and order, and avoid anything stupid that damages the harmony and brotherhood of the festival.

DESPITE PUBLIC DENIAL, BMC PLANS AGAIN TO OFFER MUMBAI'S GARDEN TO THE PRIVATE SHARKS!

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India, it appers, is on the verge of its most ambitious privatisation drive ever. The ideological reason argued for this is the superior efficiency of the private sector relative to the public sector. However, according to the economic experts, the real reason why the government is inclined towards privatisation is that its finances are strained and it looks to augment its resources by selling government assets. Like the Union government, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is also set to ruin the city by offering city properties to private sharks!

In 2016, after the public condemned the BMC open space police, the then Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis acted tough and quashed the policy. In addition, Fadnavis had taken back into custody 190 of the 216 open spaces handed over to the private sector. However, 26 gardens are still in the custody of local Netas. Amidst such a scenario, when Mumbai is starved of green space and open land for children to play, the BMC is again making plans to hand over Mumbai's gardens and open spaces to private hands.

While the citizens are against the privatisation, BMC counters that the private institutions have superior resources, can maintain these open spaces better, and add to the development and beauty of the city.

According to statistics, there are in all 1068 garden open spaces and open grounds at BMC in Mumbai. The BMC has sought the suggestions and objections of the citizens until October 10. Citizens can submit their suggestions or objections by visiting the BMC portal. After public opinion, BMC will take its final call on handing over to the private sector.

While the city may face lack of green space and open grounds, Mulund is known for its parks and open grounds. Mulundkars are thus up in arms against handing over the public gardens and open ground to private companies. A Mulundkar said, "In Mulund, the garden and open ground are excellently maintained by the BMC T Ward Gardens Department. For instance, Dr. C. D. Deshmukh Udyan, Tarabai Modak Udyan, Sardar Pratap Singh Manoranjan Maidan, and Chhatrapati Raje Sambhaji Maidan are shining examples of good management by BMC. So if BMC can do good management, then why doesn't' BMC develop and maintain all its gardens in the city when it has demonstrated the ability to do such efficient work?"

"Embracing Grandeur: Mulund Gears Up for a Glorious Ganeshotsav Celebration"

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With the auspicious festival of Ganeshotsav around the corner. Maharashtra and Mumbai are set to welcome Lord Ganesh amid pomp and gaiety as the elephantheaded god arrives for the 10-day annual Ganesh Utsav. Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav Mandals in the Mumbai area have embarked their preparations. The on construction, decoration, and setting up of elaborate Mandaps (pavilions) have been initiated, with many opting for waterproof pavilion construction this year due to rain.

There is much enthusiasm and



exhilaration among the devotees and citizens about the arrival of Bappa. Though the Ganesh Chaturthi festival is going to be celebrated on September 19 across the country, the arrival of the Vighnaharta has already started in various Sarvajanik mandals. Mumbai's renowned Ganesh Mandals of the city have begun installing Ganesh idols in their Pandals; similarly, in Mulund, many Ganesh Mandals have started bringing the Ganesh idols for the past two days in advance.

The city is reverberating with the echoes of "Ganpati Bappa Morya" and the singing of the famous `artis' "Sukhakarta Dukhharta..." amid the bursting of crackers and beating of drums. A thick security blanket has been thrown in the metropolis by Mumbai police to avoid any untoward incidents and celebrate Ganesh Utsav with fun and devotion.

State Government Extends Support to the Underprivileged for Ganesh Festival Initiating "Anandacha Shidha" Distribution at Ration Outlets

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In a heartfelt gesture, the state government has embarked on a mission to provide "Anandacha Shidha" to assist the underprivileged during the Ganesh festival. This heartwarming initiative kicked off in Mulund on Thursday, with Ration Officer and Mulund MLA Mihir Kotecha overseeing the distribution at various ration shops across the region.

While the state government continues its proactive door-to-door campaigns to ensure the effective delivery of various programs and schemes to the citizens, they have also taken a step to address the nutritional needs of those less

fortunate during festive times. To add a touch of sweetness to the lives of economically disadvantaged individuals during all their celebrations, the government has introduced the distribution of "Anandacha Shidha"



through all authorized ration shops. Since the tenure of the Fadnavis-Shinde government, this thoughtful program has made essential items such as sugar, semolina, oil, and pulses available to citizens at a nominal cost of one hundred rupees during festivals like Diwali and Ganeshotsav.

This specially curated ration package includes one kilogram of semolina, one kilogram of sugar, one kilogram of pulses, and one liter of oil, ensuring that families can enjoy their joyous occasions with a bit more abundance. In Mulund, this ration has been stocked at all authorized ration centers, and its distribution commenced on the same day. A total of 36,000 beneficiaries in Mulund will have the opportunity to benefit from this invaluable scheme. All the necessary stocks are readily available at these ration centers. Consequently, MLA Mihir Kotecha

encourages eligible citizens to visit their designated ration center and obtain this comprehensive ration package for a nominal fee of Rs. 100, thereby adding an extra layer of sweetness to their festive celebrations.

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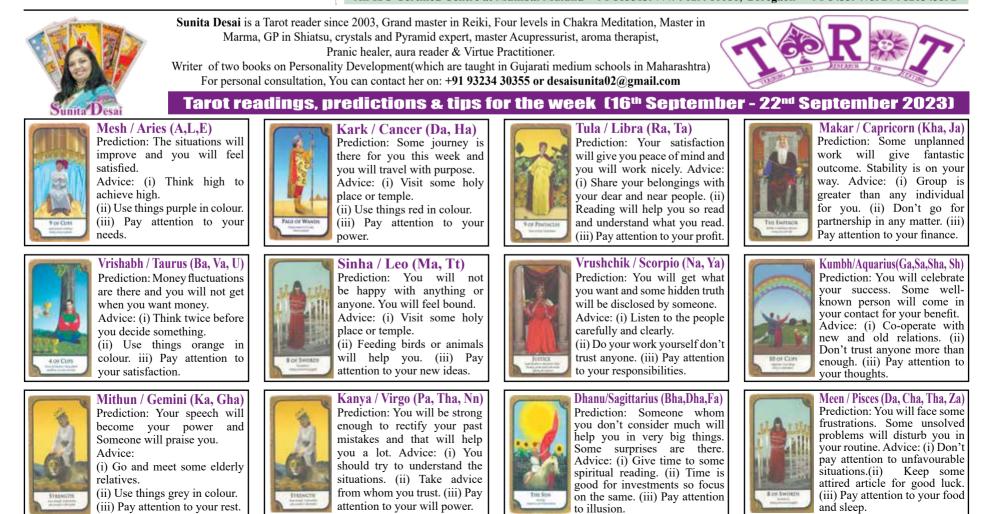
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Tulsi and Vihar Lakes Reach Full Capacity Eight More Days of Rain Needed to Fully Address Water Shortage

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Recent rainfall has once again had a significant impact on the catchment area supplying water to Mumbai. In just 24 hours, the water levels in this lake have surged impressively by 40,526 million liters. Consequently, the combined water storage across all seven lakes now totals a substantial 13,48,449 million liters, providing some relief to the impending water scarcity issue in Mumbai.

Over the past 24 hours (Tuesday), the lake areas of Mumbai received rainfall ranging from 107 to 135 mm. The highest recorded rainfall of 135 mm occurred in the Modak Sagar lake area. In Nashik district, the Upper Vaitrana lake area also experienced substantial downpours, registering 112 mm of rainfall. The Bhatsa lake area, responsible for supplying the city with a daily water volume of 1,850 million liters, received 119 mm of rainfall. The weather forecast anticipates a continuation of rain, contributing to increased water reserves throughout the upcoming week.

In the span of just 24 hours, the accumulated water is now adequate to meet Mumbai's water needs for approximately

10 to 11 days. On September 7th, the water storage in the lake's catchment area stood at 1,307,923 million liters. Thanks to an average increase of 3 percent, this figure has now expanded to 13,48,449 million liters. To reach full capacity, an estimated additional 98 to 99 thousand million liters of water are required. Notably, Tulsi and Vihar Lakes in the Mulund Bhandup area have reached their maximum storage capacity. If the region continues to receive favourable rainfall throughout the week, it is likely that the water shortage crisis facing Mumbai residents will be averted.

MNS stage protests post toll tax hike

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New toll charge at five entry gates in Mumbai, i.e., Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg (LBS) in Airoli, Vashi, Dahisar, Mulund, and Eastern Express Highway in Mulund.

On the one hand, the 56-inch chest of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is widening around the world with the success of the G-20, but regrettably, the pocket of the poor Indian Aam Aadmi is getting hollow thanks to skyrocketing inflation. After an increase in the rates of daily household commodities, the government has decided to milk the middle class and the upper class. Thus, starting October 1, people owning cars will have to pay more toll tax as the administration has announced an increase in toll prices.

However, Raj Thackeray-led Maharashtra Navnirman Seva (MNS) has launched a protest and challenged the government to first provide good facilities to the citizens, then demand more tax!

Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) has announced that the toll charges that were last revised in 2020 are being increased, and the current updated rates, effective this year, will extend until 2026. As per MSRDC, there is an increase of Rs 5 for cars, Rs 10 for mini-busses, and Rs 10 for trucks and buses from October 1 (check the box for actual rates).



MNS protested against the increased toll tax

On Wednesday, Maharashtra Navnirman Seva (MNS) leaders and activists came to the roads to protest against the increased toll tax. In Mulund, MNS activists conducted a protest at the Anand Nagar Toll Plaza in Mulund East on the Eastern Express Highway. MNS leader Avinash Jadhav, in a letter to the toll administration, listed the various facilities the government should provide before October 1. Avinash Jadhav warned that if the administration does not provide the listed facilities and starts collecting the new tax, then MNS workers would conduct a stronger protest at the toll Nakas across the city and restore the typical **MNS-style** agitation!

Public fury

Disappointed at another increase in the toll tax, there is apparent anger and rage among the public against the government and its policies to make everything expensive.

A Mulundkar said, "The roads are filled with potholes, the condition of the roads is pathetic, there is a lack of toilets on the roads, and everyday people are killed by uneven roads and subsequent accidents. Despite resolving the many problems of the citizens, the government is only keen on filling its coffers by mindlessly increasing toll prices and collecting the same by force from the innocent citizens." An agitated youth from Hari Om Nagar said, "The government is so selfish that even if it collects the toll tax from the innocent people who live nearby of the Toll Naka."

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Builder's Double Sale Scandal Uncovered

Home Times Network An alarming incident recently come to has light, exposing the unethical practices of a builder in Nahur who deceitfully sold the same flat to two different buyers. In response, the affected family has taken legal action by filing a fraud case with the Mulund police station, initiating an ongoing investigation by Mulund police officials.

Seema Pawar and her family, residents of Mulund, had expressed interest in purchasing a flat within an upcoming project by M/s Om **Builders and Developers** situated in Ashok Nagar visited Nahur. They the builder's office to inquire about the flat and its expected possession timeline. In 2016, they proceeded with transaction а related to this particular flat. The Pawar family given assurances was that the construction of the building would be completed within two years, and they would subsequently take possession of the flat. They had also made the necessary booking payment for the transaction and received a formal possession letter.

However. in 2023. when Seema Pawar revisited the builder's office to inquire about the possession status, she was shocked to discover that the same flat had already been sold to another customer. This revelation prompted her to pursue a course of action to recover the funds paid to the builder thus far. Despite repeated attempts to communicate with the builder and seek resolution, the Pawar family encountered persistent unresponsiveness.

Frustrated by this lack of cooperation, they made the decision to file a formal fraud case against the builder at the Mulund police station.

Subsequently, the Mulund police have registered a fraud case against Milind Yadav

and Sachin Yadav of M/s Om Builders and Developers. An amount totalling 86 lakh 52 thousand 600 rupees, belonging to the Pawar family. is currently embroiled in this legal dispute. Despite diligent efforts their to resolve the matter, the Pawar family was left with no alternative but to seek legal intervention through law enforcement. The investigation is now underway, in accordance with the filed complaint.

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MOBILE THEFT RESURFACES DESPITE RECENT RECOVERIES IN MULUND

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In the wake of recent efforts by the Mulund police to investigate and recover stolen and lost mobile phones, along with their efforts to educate citizens on preventing mobile phone theft, this week has unfortunately seen a resurgence in such incidents in Mulund. The Nirmal Lifestyle area of Mulund became the scene of an unfortunate incident where a mobile phone, valued at 60,000, was swiped from the pocket of Rajesh Dhikle, a legal advisor employed in an establishment within the Nirmal Lifestyle vicinity. On a typical Monday evening, around 4:00 pm, after completing his workday, Rajesh boarded bus number 496 bound for Mulund station for his journey home. During this commute, an opportunistic thief managed to snatch his Samsung Note Twenty mobile phone from his pocket.

Upon realizing the theft, Rajesh promptly asked a friend

to call his number, only to discover that the phone had already been switched off. In response to this unfortunate incident, Rajesh filed a formal complaint at the Mulund police station, triggering an active investigation by the police to identify and apprehend the responsible thief.

Airoli Bridge: An Escalating Safety Concern YET ANOTHER LIFE LOST IN RECENT TRAGEDY

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The Airoli Bridge, connecting to Mulund, has gained notoriety as a dangerous stretch with a growing risk of accidents. Incidents have surged, and sadly, another motorcyclist has lost their life in a collision with an unidentified vehicle.

Avanendra Vishwakarma, a Mulund resident, was on his way to Airoli for work when the accident occurred. Around 10:00 PM, as he approached Pole No. 114 at Airoli Bay, an unidentified vehicle struck him from behind. The impact caused him to lose control of his motorcycle, resulting in severe injuries to his abdomen and head. Bystanders quickly contacted his family using his mobile phone, and he was swiftly transported to Indira Hospital in Airoli for medical care. Tragically, Avanendra passed away the following day while undergoing treatment. In response to this heartwrenching incident, Avanendra's brother

filed a hit-and-run report with the Navghar police station. Consequently, the police are actively pursuing leads to identify the responsible party.

This unfortunate occurrence comes shortly after another accident just two weeks ago, in which a rickshaw driver collided with a twowheeler, resulting in a fatality in the same vicinity. As a result, concerns are mounting regarding the Airoli Bay area potentially becoming a hotspot for accidents.

Bol Bachchan gang terror! Cheat two senior citizens in a single week in Mulund!

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Every week, HOME TIMES warns readers about the foxy Bol Bachchan gang and appeals to them to be vigilant and avoid talking to strangers, but it is regrettable that Mulundkars pay no heed and keep becoming targets of the Bol Bachchan gang. This week, the notorious Bol Bachchan gang targeted two senior citizens and escaped with their gold chains. Mulund police are hunting to arrest the gang members.

In the first instance, on September 11, 64-year-old Mulund resident Shashi Nair was walking down MG Road in Mulund West for some work. In typical Bol Bachchan gang style, Mr. Nair was encountered by a stranger who asked him to remove his gold chain from his neck and keep it in his bag as the area was notorious for its activity. Mr. Nair panicked, but the stranger gave him courage and helped Nair remove the chain. The stranger pretended to keep the gold chain in Nair's bag and left the



place. However, a few minutes later, when Nair opened the bag to check his gold chain, he was shattered to discover the gold chain missing!

Mr. Nair complained and informed the police that he had been conned by a crook, who stole his two Tola gold chains worth Rs 60,000 and escaped.

In a similar modus operandi, Bol Bachchan targeted another senior citizen, Bal Subramanian Krishnan, a resident of Sane Guruji Nagar in Mulund East. On September 11, at around 2:00 p.m., Mr. Subramanian was on his way towards Mulund East railway station to get his slippers repaired. As Mr. Subramanian came close to the Prashant Hotel, he was suddenly taken aback as a stranger hugged him, claiming to be an old friend. However, Mr. Subramanian shrugged him off and asked him to keep away. The disappointed stranger went away, hurling back curses. After a few movements later, when the stranger had left the scene, Mr. Subramanian realized his gold chain had been lifted by the canny stranger.

Later, Mr. Subramanian complained to the Navghar police station and informed them about the theft of his 14-gram gold chain worth Rs 45,000/-.

2 accused were arrested!

On the basis of a technical investigation, two accused have been arrested in Dharavi by the Navghar Police. The accused have been identified as Akash Luhera and Sudesh Mahadev. The police suspects, the two criminals, are history-sheeters and have a past record of cheating many innocent seniors.



Tragic accident- Labourer caught in scorching asphalt mishap

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a 22-year-old labourer working in a building in Mulund East was accidently injured with 60% burn injuries due the negligence of to the contractor and the workers. According Navghar police, to labour was working on the ground floor, and asphalt work was being carried out on the floor.

Incidentally, when the boy was walking down the floor, a large chunk of burning asphalt spilled upon him, and he was seriously injured. A case has been registered against the contractor by the Navghar Police.

According to Navghar Police, on September 11, a daily wage worker named Siraj Shaikh (22) was working in the Palm Acres Society in Mulund East on the ground floor. On the first floor of the same building, workers were installing a water purifier. While the workers were busy working on the water purifier, chunks of asphalt were pouring down.

Incidentally, unaware of the asphalt work being carried out on the first floor, Siraj was walking down the same floor when a huge chunk of boiling hot asphalt spilled upon him, causing severe wounds. Fortunately, the patrolling police got the information, and they rushed Siraj to Veer Savarkar Hospital for treatment. However, due to extreme injuries, the doctor at Veer Savarkar Hospital, after first aid, shifted Siraj to Sion Hospital, where he is fast recuperating. However, doctors claimed he sustained 60% of the wounds.

Navghar Police has registered a case against site supervisor and contractor Yogesh Kadam, Shantisagar Chavan. and Deepak Kumar under IPC Sections 288, 338, and 34 for negligence on duty and endangering human life.

FEAR GRIPS MHADA RESIDENTS POST DISCOVERY OF A DEAD BODY

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MHADA Colony in Mulund East is gripped in fear and terror as the Navghar Police has discovered the dead body of a 35-year-old man in a mysterious condition. The Navghar Police have currently registered a case of accidental death, but the possibility of a murder or killing over rivalry cannot be ruled out. Informing about the dead body, a senior police officer from Navghar Police said, "The Navghar Police received a call from a stranger, who informed us to hurry up and come to MHADA Colony in Mulund East. After reaching the spot, we were startled to discover a dead body. We did a thorough investigation of the scene of the murder but could not discover anything suspicious. We also did not notice any marks of injury on his body. Hence, we have registered an accidental report. The dead body has been sent to Rajwadi Hospital in Ghatkopar."

Meanwhile, the Navghar Police have registered an accident death report (ADR), and further investigation of the case is on.

THIEVES BURGLE BUILDING MATERIAL GODOWN IN MULUND

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Gone are the days when the burglars' targeted bungalows, tall towers, to loot and escaped with handsome booty. However, after the Corona pandemic, the situation has worsened so much that burglars are stealing anything to make a living. This week, some anti-social elements sneaked into a godown in the silence of night and escaped with building construction material worth Rs 1.67 lakh. The Navghar police are hunting the culprits.

Krishna Bathe, a Thane resident and a civil engineer at Konark Retailers Company located in Gavanpada Mulund East owns a godown in Arya Park in Gavanpada region in Mulund East. On September 10, some miscreants looted the building construction materials stored in his godown. In his complaint, he told the Navghar Police that on September 10, Mohit, the supervisor of his godown locked the godown and left for home. However, the next morning at 9:30 am, when Mohit opened the godown, he was left amazed to discover several building construction materials, like drilling machines, grinder machines, etc., were missing.

Krishna Bathe informed that material stolen from the godown is worth more than Rs 1.67 lakh. The Navghar Police have registered a case under Sections 34, 380, 454, and 457 of the IPC and are investigating the theft.

Volume IX | Issue 25 HOME TIMES An honest Mulund rickshaw driver returns Rs 2 lakh bag to the passenger!

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There are many stories about the rowdy and dadagiri attitude of rickshaw drivers, but in Mulund, a rickshaw driver is making headlines and winning the hearts of the masses for his honesty and good deed! Read the unbelievable tale of auto rickshaw driver Satish Apte.

In today's age, when money has become the god of the people, there are still some good Samaritans who value humanity over money. A perfect example of such nobility is auto rickshaw driver Satish Apte who found a bag containing Rs 2 lakh left by a passenger in his auto rickshaw. However, instead of running away with the cash, the honest rickshaw driver returned the bag full of money to the rightful passenger.

According to reports, Satish Apte took a passenger from Sarvodaya Nagar Jain temple on Thursday afternoon and dropped him in Mulund East. He then took another fare from the same place and dropped the lady passenger at her destination. After the lady passenger left the auto, Apte witnessed a bag left by some passengers. Hence, he



asked the lady about the bag, but she denied it.

Initially, Apte felt suspicious that the bag may contain explosives, but later gathered strength and opened the bag. When he opened the bag, he was left flabbergasted to witness the bag filled with money worth Rs 2 lakh in cash! The bag also contained some important documents. On further inspection of the bag, he found a receipt book that contained a Rajasthan address and a contact number. He immediately contacted that address but failed to get a proper response.

On further inspection of the bag, he found a bank cheque book and a mobile number. On contacting the mobile number, a man named Premalal answered and informed me that he was a resident of Rajashthan and had come to Mumbai for some important work. Apte asked him whether he had travelled to Mulund East today from Sarvodaya Nagar Jain temple. Premraj nodded. After confirming that the passenger who left his bag was genuine, he called Premalal to Mulund East and handed him his bag with all the money intact.

Interestingly, Premalal had not yet filed a complaint with the police regarding the loss of the bag. But by God's grace, a poor rickshaw driver with a heart of gold returned the bag to him without any greed creeping into his heart. Overwhelmed by Apte's honesty, Premalal had tears of joy in his eyes, and he gave Apte a Munnabhai's kind of Jaadu Ki Jhappi!!

The honesty of rickshaw driver Satish Apte has become viral in Mulund. HOME TIMES congratulates Satish Apte and hopes the ethnicity and virtue of Satish Apte inspire all of us and that we all live a life of honesty and morale.

A two-year-old footpath collapses at Keshav Pada in Mulund

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The poor quality of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) work has been exposed on Keshav Pada Road in Mulund West. On Friday night, the footpath on the road suddenly caved in! The pavement was built over the drainage line. Hence, the cars parked on the pavement suffered heavy damage. Angry citizens have demanded that the BMC T-Ward begin work on a war footing so that no untoward incidents happen in the future.

The pavement in front of Vaishnavi Society in the Keshav Pada Road area suddenly collapsed on Friday night. Four two-wheelers parked on the pavement fell

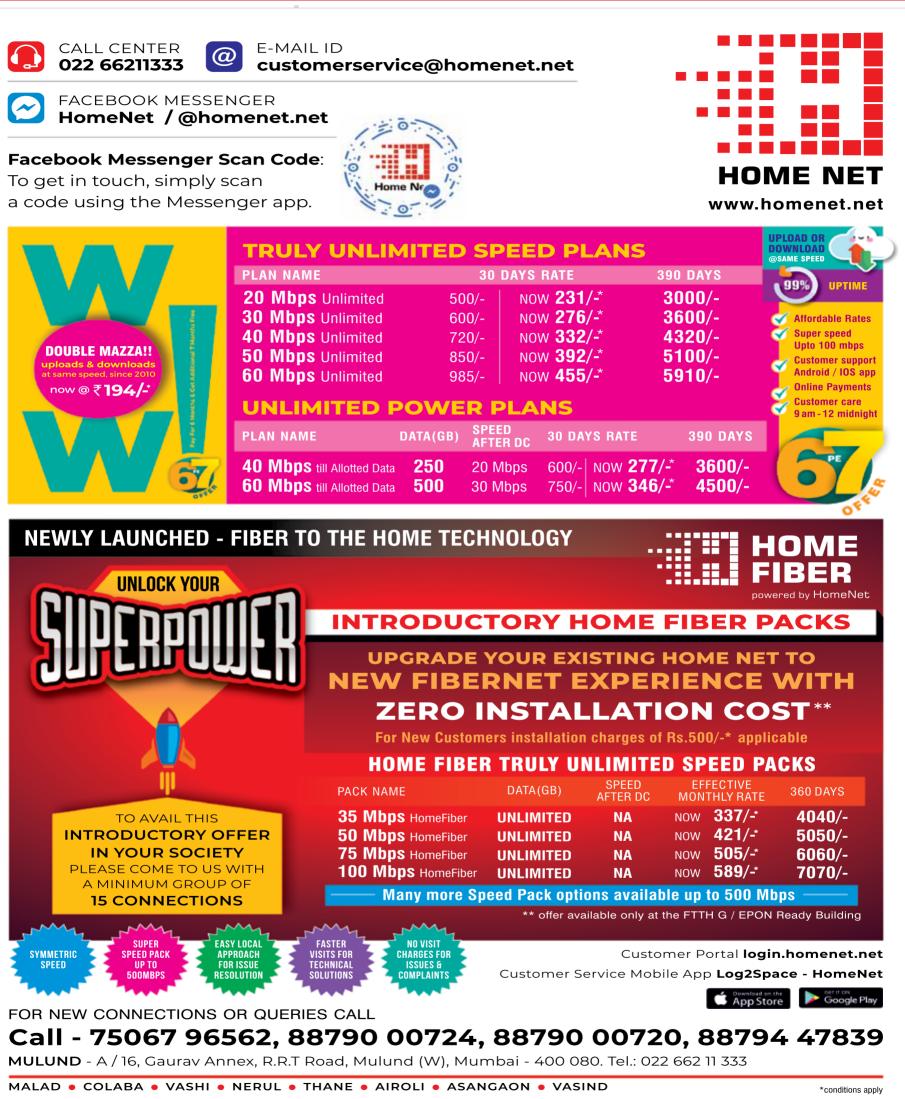


into the drain, causing losses to the citizens. The citizens of this area are protesting to start repairs at the earliest possible time. Meanwhile, opposition leader Uttam Gete

expressed shock. He said, "It is a pity that the footpath was made just two years ago. It proves the poor quality of the BMC's work. Action must be taken against corrupt contractors."

The footpath was built two years ago with Samita Kamble's funds. She said the footpath has been wrecked due to the menace of the rats. Nevertheless, she said action will be taken against whoever is found guilty.

Residents of Vaishnavi Dham Bhavan complain that Ganpati is going to arrive within two days, hence repair work must be done at war footing speed. Samita Kamble assured that an iron plate would be placed as a temporary measure by the BMC.



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