

Mulund Embraces Joyous **Krishna Janmashtami** Festivities

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Krishna Janmashtami cast its enchanting spell over Mulund, uniting devotees in joyful celebration. This auspicious occasion, observed nationwide, was accentuated by the Dahikala festival, infusing the air with a sense of reverence and festivity. In Mulund, the fervour for Krishna Janmashtami was unmistakable, as local temples hosted an array of cultural programs.

The anticipation for Krishna Janmashtami in Mulund ignited a day prior to the main event. On Wednesday, the melodious strains of Bhajan Kirtan resonated within the sacred precincts of the Radhakrishna



Temple, nestled in the heart of Jhaver Road. Thursday heralded the zenith of Krishna Janmashtami festivities, where the resplendent adornment of Lord Krishna's idol and the tender cradling of the divine infant took Center stage. These jubilant celebrations continued unabated for a six-day span at the temple, allowing devotees an extended period to immerse

themselves in the divine aura.

Devotees thronged the temple, eagerly awaiting a glimpse of Balgopal, forming serpentine queues to offer their heartfelt reverence. Thursday witnessed the streets of Mulund coming to life, with various Govinda squads joyfully partaking in the traditional custom of breaking curds, adding an exuberant touch to the proceedings.

Dahi Handi Utsav assumed prominence in Mulund, with vibrant festivities gracing the central squares of both the East and West regions. The occasion was further elevated by the distribution of numerous prizes, intensifying the jubilation of the occasion. Moreover, at the Babaji Ki Zopadi temple in Mulund, a solemn Krishna Janmashtami ceremony unfolded, as devoted worshippers extended their veneration to Lord Krishna well into the night.

The spirit of Krishna Janmashtami enveloped Mulund, with ardent devotion and spirited celebrations etching an enduring legacy within this vibrant community.

Dahi Handi celebrated with joy and enthusiasm in Mulund

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Janmashtami - The birth of Lord Krishna is popularly celebrated as Dahi Handi in India. Decorated Dahi Handis with colourful flowers hoisted many feet above the ground at several housing societies, roads, junctions, and public grounds across the city attracted

thousands of people to watch the entertaining festival. In Mulund, the scene was the same as elsewhere, with as many as 30 to 35 Dahi Handi celebrations held in every nook and corner of Mulund. There was fanfare and enthusiasm, and the chanting of 'Govinda Aala Re Aala' echoed in the air. The

Govinda Pathaks displayed their best, and many won awards and cash prizes. Meanwhile, the political parties were at the forefront, cashing in on the publicity and turning it into votes! HOME TIMES hereunder captures the Dahi Handi celebration in Mulund.

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Mulund Sarwajanik Vikas Utsav Samiti

Prize Money: 1,11,000/-

Venue: Sarvodaya Nagar in Mulund West.

Dignitaries present Ex-Corporator Neil Somaiya, MLA Mihir Kotecha, Ketan Kotak.

Highlight: The Govinda team from Santacruz-Vakola broke the Dahi Handi.



Shree Swami Charitable Trust

Organiser: Jagdish Shetty

Venue: P.K. Road, Mulund West

Highlight: Awarded prize money





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Dahi Handi celebrated with joy and enthusiasm.... (Contd. from pg.1)



BJP Vidhansabha & Keshav Pada Mitra Mandal

Venue: Keshav Pada, Mulund West. **Highlight:** Maratha Govindas won the prize money.



Organiser: Purushottam Dalvi; Nationalist Congress Party (Pawar Group)

Venue: Wamanrao Muranjan School in Mulund East.

Dignitaries present: Cabinet Minister Chhagan Bhujbal



Saksham Pratishthan and Samita Kamble

Organiser: Samita Kamble

Prize Money: 11,000/-

Venue: Junction of JN Road and Zaver Road; Mulund West.

Highlight: Women's Special. The competition was to break Dahi Handi by wearing an eye band.

Human pyramids: 7 layers

Dignitaries present: North East Mumbai MP Manoj Kotak, local MLA Mihir Kotecha, Vinayak Kamat, Sharad Kamble, Shraddha Gambhir, etc.



Suresh Dada Barku Patil Foundation

Organiser: Suresh Dada Barku Patil

Prize Money: 99,999/-

Venue: RRT Road, Mulund West.

Highlight: An orchestra, song, and dance.

Human pyramids: 6 layers

Dignitaries present: Ramdas Athvale



Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT).

Prize Money: Rs. 55,555/-

Venue: M.G. Road, Mulund West



Sevak Foundation

Organiser: Charan Singh Sapra, Mumbai Congress Working President

Venue: Mehul Cinema Circle, Mulund West.

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Dignitaries present: MLAs Bhai Jagtap, Uttam Gite, RR Singh, etc.



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Bal Gopal Mitra Mandal

Venue: S.L. Road Mulund West
Human Pyramid: 6 layers



Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT)

Organiser: Shiv Sena Secretary Sanjay Mashilkar
Prize Money: Rs 7 lakh
Venue: MG Road, Mulund West
Highlight: Mulund's biggest and presenter of highest-prize money.



RPI Athawale Group

Organiser: Anil Gangurde
Venue: Swapna Nagar, Mulund West,
Highlight: Song and dance and fun.



Shrestha Ai Pratishthan

Organiser: Vitthal Satpute
Prize Money: Nil
Venue: Near Mulund Colony Circle
Dignitaries present: Congress MLAs Bhai Jagtap, Charan Singh Sapra Mumbai Congress Working President etc.

POWER METER BLAZE CONTINUES TO PLAY HAVOC IN MULUND

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Following the recent fire incident at Girijabai Society's electricity meter cabin in Mulund East, another concerning event unfolded as Lok Everest Society's meter cabin in Mulund West became engulfed in flames. The recurrence of these meter cabin fires has prompted heightened concerns, prompting swift action from the authorities.

On a fateful Wednesday, a fire ignited within the meter cabin of Lok Everest Co-operative Housing Society in Mulund West, coincidentally during a busy morning when residents were present. The gravity of the situation prompted an immediate call to

the fire brigade, who promptly dispatched firefighters to the scene. Fortunately, their rapid response succeeded in containing the blaze within an hour, averting a potential disaster.

These meter cabin fires seem to be increasing in frequency, with a previous incident at Girijabai Co-operative Housing Society in Mulund East narrowly avoided due to timely intervention during the night. Unfortunately, this distressing pattern repeated itself this past Wednesday when the meter cabin of the prestigious Lok Everest residential building also succumbed to flames.

Given the escalating occurrences of

meter cabin fires in Mumbai, Mulund, and neighbouring areas, Mahavitaran has taken action by issuing regulations to both municipal administration and co-operative housing societies, recognizing the seriousness of the issue. Tragically, past incidents have claimed numerous lives.

Meter cabins are often situated adjacent to main entrance staircases, creating significant challenges during evacuations and enabling fires to rapidly ascend to upper levels, resulting in extensive damage. It is imperative that Mahavitaran addresses this issue with utmost seriousness to prevent further tragedies.

EDITORIAL

My Ganesha - Eco-Friendly Ganesha

The month of Shravan opens the floodgates of festivals. After celebrating Raksha Bandhan and Dahi Handi, the citizens are desperately awaiting Ganeshotsav, the most beloved festival of all. When the country goes into a festive mood for not one or two days but for a non-stop 10 days, people enjoy the festival with pomp and spectacle. Ganeshotsav is the most sacred and divine festival; however, while celebrating the Ganesh Festival, people generally ignore the environmental impact of pollution on air, water, noise, solid waste, etc. caused by various activities performed in puja. It is laudable that in recent years, we have seen increased awareness about water pollution caused by PoP Ganesh idols during Visarjan, i.e., immersion of Ganesh idols in water bodies. It takes several months to totally dissolve Ganesh idols made of PoP into water. Also, colours used in the decoration of idols contain harmful chemicals containing mercury and lead, which leak into the water as the idol dissolves. It increases acid content, total dissolved solids (TDS), and heavy metals in water. It kills aquatic plants and marine life, damaging the underwater ecosystem.

Along with Ganesh idols, people dump other accessories used in the worship of Ganapati, such as flowers, fruits, coconuts, incense, camphor, cloth, plastic, Thermocol, etc. It is collectively called Nirmalya. These commodities add to the level of water pollution. Every year, the government spends crores of rupees to clean and dig out tonnes of garbage from natural water sources.

People should avoid using such decorative materials that harm the environment. People have to make up their minds and stop purchasing decorative materials that are hazardous to the environment, and if people stop buying such decorative materials, then automatically the market will be compelled to stop selling such destructive materials in the market. Therefore, this responsibility belongs to the public.

Devotees celebrate the prestigious festival with all possible means, including loud music and massive speakers. During Anant Chaturdashi, which is the final day of the auspicious Ganesh festival, we witness heavy traffic on the roads, which leads to an increase in air (particles from vehicles) and noise (excessive honking) pollution. All the above points add up and increase noise pollution way beyond the permissible levels of 55 dB (day) and 45 dB (night) stated by the pollution control board. Senior citizens and children are directly affected by these, as in certain cases the noise level can even reach 110 dB.

A few Ganesha devotees in Mulund have taken the right initiative to celebrate eco-friendly Ganapati and eventually distribute them to the needy. Others should also follow it. Let us protect the environment by beginning to celebrate Meri Ganapati, Environment Protection Ganapati.

Hemanshu Kothari



Honouring Excellence: 50 Teachers Selected for Adarsh Teacher Mayor Award



Anuja Sable



Vitthal Walunj



Asis Shukla

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In a commendable effort to recognize and applaud the exceptional contributions of teachers in primary and secondary education, including private, aided, and unaided primary schools, the BMC has chosen 50 outstanding educators for the prestigious Adarsh Teacher Mayor Award. Out of a pool of 147 submitted proposals, these 50 remarkable teachers have been selected as the deserving recipients of this esteemed recognition. A formal ceremony to confer the awards is scheduled for the upcoming week, during which each recipient will be presented with a cash prize of Rs 11,000, a badge of honour, a traditional shawl, a sacred shrifal, a gold medal, and the traditional feta.

This accolade stands as a testament to the dedication and hard work of educators throughout the BMC. Notably, three teachers hailing from Mulund have been honoured with this prestigious award, a source of great pride for the region.

These 50 educators span various educational domains, encompassing Marathi, Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, English, physical education, painting, work experience, music, and special education, among others. Their selection was

based on a rigorous evaluation process that considered factors such as ten years of exemplary service, efforts to reduce student dropout rates, outstanding academic contributions, written materials that benefit students, participation in educational initiatives, previous accolades, innovative teaching methods, and specialized efforts to support underprivileged students.

The Adarsh Teacher Mayor Award has a rich history, dating back to its establishment in 1971, demonstrating the BMC's enduring commitment to honouring and celebrating the unwavering dedication of educators who play a vital role in shaping the future of the city.

Among the distinguished recipients of the Adarsh Teacher Award from Mulund are:

Marathi Medium:

Anuja Sable - Mumbai Public School, Gavan Pada

Hindi Medium:

Asis Ramji Shukla - Mulund Vina Nagar

Marathi School:

Vitthal Walunj - Mulund Vidya Mandir

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JAIN COMMUNITY IN MULUND COMES TOGETHER FOR A MAGNIFICENT MAHA RATHYATRA



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In an awe-inspiring demonstration of unity and devotion, the Jain Achalgachh Samaj orchestrated a grand procession in Mulund, Mumbai, known as the Unique Maha Rath Yatra. This remarkable event witnessed the active participation of over 10,000 community members, transforming it into a truly extraordinary gathering. It was a convergence of a hundred Achalgachh community groups from various corners of Mumbai, with the added significance

of various political parties in attendance.

The Achalgachh community holds a distinct and esteemed position within the broader Jain community. The grand rally in Mulund served as a platform for its members to unite in celebration. The procession set forth from the Jain Derasar in Mulund and concluded at the same sacred location, with Achalgachh community members leading the way. Prominent figures such as Manoj Kotak, the Member of Parliament for North East

Mumbai, and MLA Mihir Kotecha actively joined the rally, alongside several other notable political leaders.

This rally marked an historic milestone as it brought together Achalgachh community members on such an impressive scale for the first time, infusing the event with a profound sense of grandeur. The procession featured four splendidly adorned chariots, and the open grounds of Priyadarshini Sports Complex in Mulund served as the congregation point for the entire

Achalgachh community.

Distinguished personalities from the Jain community, including Acharya Mahodayasagar Surishwarji Maharaj Saheb, Ganivariya Shri Udayaratnasagar Maharaj Saheb, and the eloquent speaker Munishree Gunavallabhsagar Maharaj Saheb, graced the Rath Yatra with their esteemed presence. This magnificent event was masterfully organized by the Achalgachh Jain Samaj Mulund and fittingly named the Unique Maha Rath Yatra.

Kanjur Traffic Police celebrate World Clean Air Day

Creates an awareness drive about clean air for rickshaw pullers and Govinda teams

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According to the WHO (World Health Organization), almost everyone (99% of the global population breathes polluted air. The effect of global warming is fast ruining the climate, and it is high time the local, national, regional, and global partnerships come together to tackle the grave problem. To promote awareness about the protection of the environment, September 7 is celebrated as World Clean Air Day. On this

day, public awareness programmes are organised all over the world to create awareness and keep the environment clean. The Kanjurmarg Police on the day took the initiative, and the traffic police came on the road to educate rickshaw drivers and the Govinda teams about the prevention of air pollution.

On the occasion of Gokulashtami on September 7, a joint meeting of 25 Govinda squads and rickshaw pullers was organised

by Kanjurmarg Traffic Police Station to explain the importance of World Clean Air Day. On the occasion, Police Inspector Sampat Londhe, in charge of Kanjur Traffic Police Division, PSI Pawar, and other traffic police officers guided the citizens. The traffic police also gave suggestions and information.

Police Inspector Sampat Londhe, in charge of the Kanjurmarg Traffic Police Division, said, "Everyone has a part to play in cleaning our air

and protecting our health. If everyone pledges to keep a clean environment then everyone can benefit from a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment. He added, "Road vehicles emit a large amount of carbon dioxide into the air. Many motorists do not switch off their engines without stopping their vehicles during traffic jams and when signals are on. At that time, a large amount of carbon is emitted."

Sampat Londhe further advised auto drivers

and motorists, "Switch off the engine of your vehicle while stopping at the signal and keep the PUC checked from time to time. Motorists should also take care that their vehicle does not emit more carbon than the limit, and citizens should also follow the traffic rules so that there is no traffic jam. If there is no traffic jam, then there will be no carbon emissions in the air and the environment will be clean and we can breathe healthy air."

Post CM rebuke BMC begins cleanliness drive

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde is in action mode, particularly for two reasons. Viz: Win the BMC election expected after the monsoon and save his 'Kursi' from the jaws of NCP leader Ajit Pawar's apparent ambition to become the chief minister. In a recent move that has increased his popularity among Mumbaikars, CM Eknath Shinde has expressed anger over the unhygienic main roads and sanitation in the narrow lanes and internal roads of the city.

Pulling up the BMC commissioner, Iqbal Singh Chahal, over the dirty roads of the city, Eknath Shinde wrote in a statement to I.S. Chahal, "Mr. Commissioner, the city main roads and the internal alleys are unclean. Cleanliness, not only on the main roads but also in alleys, is equally important. Uncleanliness will not be tolerated in Mumbai, and the solid waste management department should take this warning seriously."

According to reports, Eknath Shinde

was returning from a private function at Mazgaon Dock when he looked outside his moving car and was left amazed to witness garbage lying on the roadside. Peeved at the pathetic plight of the city, Shinde reportedly immediately called BMC Commissioner Chahal and ordered him to clean the main roads and alleys across Mumbai and maintain cleanliness in Mumbai.

After the Chief Minister's condemnation, BMC Commissioner Chahal swung into action. He immediately transferred seven officers of E-Ward, including Assistant Commissioner of E-Ward Ajay Kumar Yadav, Vikas Samant, Milind Joshi, Jaywant Parhar, etc., for their slack approach to duty and unclean roads under their charge.

Besides transferring the negligent officers, the civic chief ordered the BMC cleaning department that everyone, from assistant commissioners, ward officers, and sanitation inspectors to sanitation workers of the municipal corporation, must be involved in the cleanliness drive so the city should be clean and no clutter, garbage, or debris

should be visible on Mumbai roads.

BMC T-Ward in Action Mode

After the CM order and the subsequent action by BMC Chief Chahal, every BMC Ward assistant commissioner is in action mode, including the T-Ward in Mulund. The T-Ward Solid Waste Management (SWM) department is cleaning the streets, and special attention is being given to the disposal of garbage. Unlike in the past, piles of garbage are not accumulated on the road but are disposed of at dumping grounds. Apart from the sanitation work, the cleaning staff is also ensuring the beautification work undertaken at designated spots across the Mulund.

An appeal

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Tarot readings, predictions & tips for the week (09th September - 15th September 2023)




Mesh / Aries (A, L, E)
Prediction: The situation will improve and you will feel satisfied
Advice: (i) Think high to achieve high.
(ii) Use things purple in colour.
(iii) Pay attention to your needs.




Kark / Cancer (Da, Ha)
Prediction: Some journey is there for you this week and you will travel with purpose.
Advice: (i) Visit some holy place or temple.
(ii) Use things red in colour.
(iii) Pay attention to your power.




Tula / Libra (Ra, Ta)
Prediction: You will change your way and will find new things and success easily.
Advice: (i) Don't eat outside food this week.
(ii) Use things brown in colour.
(iii) Pay attention to your strength.



Makar / Capricorn (Kha, Ja)
Prediction: Someone will help you and you will feel more secured in many matters.
Advice: (i) Patience is compulsory for you.
(ii) Use things orange in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your habits.




Vrishabh / Taurus (Ba, Va, U)
Prediction: Money fluctuations are there and you will not get when you want money.
Advice: (i) Think twice before you decide something.
(ii) Use things orange in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your satisfaction.



Sinha / Leo (Ma, Tt)
Prediction: You will get power to control people and your own emotions and energy.
Advice: (i) Don't talk much with new people.
(ii) Use things blue in colour.
(iii) Pay attention to your feelings.




Vrushchik / Scorpio (Na, Ya)
Prediction: You will come to know about some secrets and you will be able to take decisions.
Advice: (i) Donate grains to some needy persons.
(ii) Use things grey in colour.
(iii) Pay attention to your anger.




Kumbh/Aquarius (Ga, Sa, Sha, Sh)
Prediction: This week your professional way will help you a lot. You will find some opportunities. Advice: (i) Take care of your food and be regular. (ii) Use things blue in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your co-operation.




Mithun / Gemini (Ka, Gha)
Prediction: Your speech will become your power and Someone will praise you.
Advice: (i) Go and meet some elderly relatives.
(ii) Use things grey in colour.
(iii) Pay attention to your rest.



Kanya / Virgo (Pa, Tha, Nn)
Prediction: You will stay confused this week because things will change very fast.
Advice: (i) Obey the people whom you respect. (ii) Use things purple in colour.
(iii) Pay attention to your emotions.



Dhanu/Sagittarius (Bha, Dha, Fa)
Prediction: Your present situation will change very soon and health and wealth will improve. Advice: (i) Think twice before you give opinions.
(ii) Use things purple in colour.
(iii) Pay attention to your responsibilities.



Meen / Pisces (Da, Cha, Tha, Za)
Prediction: Many people will argue with you to prove you wrong. Advice: (i) You need regular meditation for peace.
(ii) Use green colour in your food and dresses.
(iii) Pay attention to your knowledge.

Disturbance Erupts at Gautami Patil's Mulund Event

■ Home Times Network

Disorderly incidents have become somewhat of a recurring theme at Gautami Patil's events, and the Mulund gathering was no exception. During a recent program in Mulund, a young man attempted to disrupt the proceedings but was promptly restrained by other attendees.

Gautami Patil, renowned for her mesmerizing performances to the tune of Lavani, boasts a substantial following among the youth. Consequently, her events attract large crowds of enthusiastic young admirers.

Recognizing her immense popularity, she was even invited to participate in a Dahi Handi festival in Mulund, specifically at Swapnagari in Mulund West. The program kicked off around 8:30 PM, and local authorities had foreseen the substantial turnout, deploying a robust police presence to maintain order, especially given the youthful composition of the audience. However, as the event unfolded, a disruptive young man from the crowd managed to approach the stage and engaged in inappropriate behaviour towards a woman. Appalled by his actions, vigilant

onlookers swiftly intervened, ensuring he faced the consequences of his misconduct. Some members of the Govinda team also took action, briefly causing a commotion at the event. This unforeseen incident triggered a rapid response from the police, resulting in some initial confusion in the area. Event organizers made announcements in an attempt to regain control and pacify the crowd.

Following the altercation, the Mulund police have launched an investigation to identify those involved in the disruption during the event.

Gas Pipeline Rupture Disrupts Service to Mulund and Thane Residents

■ Home Times Network

A tense situation unfolded in the MT Aggarwal Hospital area of Mulund West as a Mahanagar gas pipeline experienced a rupture. This incident transpired one Thursday morning, stirring apprehension among local residents. Preliminary findings suggested that the pipeline breach was linked to a subsiding portion of the hospital's grounds.

Further details emerged as the fire brigade received reports of a pervasive gas odour

around the vicinity of MT Aggarwal Hospital in Mulund. Promptly responding to the alert, firefighters discovered a gas leak originating from an underground segment of the Mahanagar gas pipeline. This rupture resulted in the escape of PNG (domestic) gas. In the interest of public safety, Mahanagar Gas employees acted swiftly to curtail the gas supply to the affected area. Consequently, residents in Mulund East, Mulund West, and Kopri found themselves without access to cooking gas for several

hours.

Nevertheless, the dedicated gas workers sprang into action, promptly rectifying the damaged gas line. Within a brief span, normal gas supply was restored. This positive outcome was achieved thanks to the prompt response of the fire brigade and the swift arrival of Mahanagar Gas personnel at the scene. Their collaborative efforts successfully averted a more extensive disaster and ensured the timely resumption of gas services.

The default owner of 'Sealed Flat' assaults bank security guards; arrested!

■ Home Times Network

Two men guarding the house sealed by the bank were assaulted by the owner of the house. The incident took place at the Sai Classic Society near Chintamani Park in Mulund East. The police have registered a case against the assaulting landlord who has been arrested for the crime.

According to the police, the accused, Rajesh Pawaskar, owns

a house in Sai Classic Society, located on Babanrao Kulkarni Marg Mulund East. Pawaskar had taken a home loan from Kotak Mahindra Bank but failed to pay the interest; hence, the bank sealed his flat on account of his default on the loan. To recover the loan, the bank sealed the flat and appointed two security guards, Sumit Kumar Kashyap, and Rajvardhan Singh, to guard it.

On August 5, 2023, in the night at around 1:00 a.m., Rajesh Pawaskar came to the house but was stopped by the security guards. However, Pawaskar used muscle power to seek entry into the house. He abused and assaulted the bank security guards. To save their lives, the two security guards rushed out of the building. Meanwhile, they sighted the patrolling policemen

on the road. They approached the police and reported the matter.

The police went to the building and took Pawaskar into custody. Incidentally, Pawaskar was consuming alcohol. The police registered a case against him under Sections 323, 504, and 85(1) of the Maharashtra Liquor Act and arrested him. Navghar police are conducting a further investigation.

YOUTH HELD FOR CAR BATTERY THEFTS

■ Home Times Network

The Mulund police have arrested a 22-year-old youth suspected of being a thief involved in stealing car batteries. Though the youth has not confessed his crime, but the police are confident. According to a senior Mulund police officer, "A few days

ago, our police patrolling team arrested a youth in a suspicious state at Salpa Devi Pada. While our patrolling police were on duty in Mulund West, they spotted a youth trying to hide behind an auto rickshaw on citing the police.

Hence, the police caught him. During

interrogation, when he failed to give satisfying replies, we booked him on suspicion that he had hidden in the place with the intention of stealing the battery of the vehicle. The arrested accused has been identified as 22-year-old Vardhan Ghag. He is a resident of Bhandup.

RTO warns citizens to be vigilant of fake e-Challan

■ Home Times Network

After the electricity bill scam, the cyber fraudsters are now scamming citizens by sending links to e-challans, creating replicas of government websites, and duping Mumbaikar's hard-earned money. Amid increasing cases of e-challan scanning, the Regional Transport Department (RTO) police have issued a warning to Mumbaikars to be vigilant of such scams and not fall prey to the cyber thugs. The RTO is also using social media to spread awareness about the

ongoing fake e-challan scam. The cyber police have also appealed to citizens to avoid paying through any links received on mobile. According to the police, in the past few weeks, cases of e-challans sent on mobile phones and cheating of citizens by sending fake messages have become common. A senior RTO officer said, "The modus operandi is simple. The cyber thugs send an alert SMS to their victims by affixing the traffic police logo, urging them to pay the outstanding amount. Besides, a dummy link is also sent to citizens'

mobile phones for payment. On clicking the link, the hackers get an access to the victim's bank account, and within seconds, money is diverted into the accounts of the cyber thugs! "To avoid being conned by the cyber thugs, Mumbaikars must remember that to curb the increasing incidence of fake messages, the RTO sends a message to the citizens from the official website of the traffic police to pay the challan. So don't trust any fake link message and pay the amount only on the official website of the RTO," he asserted.

Recovery of Lost and Stolen Mobile Phones Brings Relief to Mulund Residents

■ Home Times Network

The process of recovering lost or stolen mobile phones and valuables from the police can often seem like an overwhelming legal ordeal for many complainants. Some lose hope, believing that their missing items will never resurface. However, the Mulund police recently provided a delightful surprise to those who had lodged complaints. In a special event, they successfully reunited lost or stolen mobile phones and other possessions with their rightful owners, creating an unforgettable occasion.

Mulund and its neighbouring areas had experienced a surge in mobile phone thefts, with brazen thieves wreaking havoc.



Numerous individuals had fallen victim to these thefts, leading them to report their grievances at the local police station. Little did they expect that their stolen and lost items would be returned to them. Nevertheless, the Mulund police achieved the unexpected by reuniting approximately 100 mobile phones with their respective owners, closing several cases related to stolen and lost devices. This remarkable achievement

was commemorated through a dedicated program.

The event was graced by the presence of Zone VII Deputy Commissioner of Police Purushottam Karad and Senior Police Inspector of Mulund Police Station Kantilal Kothimbire, emphasizing the significance of the occasion. Deputy Commissioner of Police Karad also seized the opportunity to educate citizens on protecting themselves against online fraud

crimes, stressing the importance of vigilance. The gathering centred on raising awareness among citizens about strategies to counter the growing trends in cybercrime and mobile theft.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Karad emphasized the importance of citizens remaining vigilant, as prevention often proves to be the best remedy. The program took place within the premises of Mulund Police Station, where delighted mobile owners were joyfully reunited with their long-lost devices. This heartwarming initiative not only returned valuable possessions to their rightful owners but also served as a reminder of the crucial role that vigilance plays in deterring criminal activity.

Parked vehicle burgled in Mulund

■ Home Times Network

In the past, HOME TIMES has reported that theft of valuables like laptops, audio systems, and cash from parked cars in Mulund and its suburbs has increased. The modus operandi is simple: the miscreants target cars parked on the streets or near motorways, where people come for morning walks. In the absence of a guard, the miscreants break the glass of the cars

and escape, stealing valuables and cash kept in the cars. This week, Mulund police registered a car theft case in which the culprit escaped with Rs 70,000/- by breaking the glass of a car in broad daylight.

According to Mulund Police, Kanjurmarg resident Sagar Kale (42) visited Mulund for shopping in the morning on September 6. Before going to the market, he parked his car on PK Road in Mulund West. However,

after he returned from the market, he was horrified to watch his car vandalized by some notorious anti-elements. The culprits had broken the glasses and escaped with the laptop worth Rs. 70, 000 kept inside the car.

Peeved at the car being looted in broad daylight, Sagar Kale reported the matter to Mulund police. The Mulund police have registered a case under Section 379 of the IPC, and further investigation is on.

A SPEEDING BIKER KNOCKS DOWN A MULUND WOMAN! RASH DRIVER ARRESTED

■ Home Times Network

In a tragic incident, a Mulund East lady on her bike was brutally banged from behind by a 20-year-old delivery boy and died in a road accident. The pedestrians caught hold of the rash bike driver and handed him to the Navghar Police. Mumbaikars' have demanded strict action from the administration due to the increasing accidents caused by speeding and careless delivery boys on the roads of Mumbai.

According to Navghar Police, on September 3, Junita Desai, a resident of Anand Nagar in

Mulund East, was returning home after work when, at 5:00 p.m., a speeding bike brutally banged her from behind. Ms. Desai was seriously injured and was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Interestingly, before the rash biker driver, identified as Nilesh Pednekar (20), a delivery boy, could escape from the scene, he was apprehended by the pedestrians on the road. The Navghar Police have registered a rash driving case against Pednekar under Sections 279 and 338 of the IPC and Sections 181 and 184 of the Motor Vehicle Act. Disappointed

at the increasing accidents on the road by the delivery boys, a senior citizen said, "The delivery boys are generally notorious for driving at high speeds to swiftly reach their destination and deliver their product as soon as possible. However, in their haste to achieve their delivery targets, these bikers accidentally knock into other bikers or motorists and injure others. Regrettably, in many cases, many delivery boys become targets of road accidents themselves. The government must set guidelines and penalise such delivery boy drivers for driving fast on roads."

ACCUSED ABSCONDING-POST PHYSICAL ASSAULT ON 11-YEAR-OLD

■ Home Times Network

In a heinous act of shame, a 55-year-old neighbour has been booked by the Mulund police for sexually assaulting a minor girl in his neighbour's house. The accused is absconding, but the Mulund police



have arrested and has been send to juditial custody.

According to the Mulund Police, the mother of an 11-year-old minor girl informed them that on Tuesday, September 5, her daughter was alone at home while

she had gone to work. Taking advantage of her solitude, the neighbour, Almeida Gilbert (55), stepped into the house and sexually assaulted the little girl. Later, when the mother came home, the minor looked in pain. On inquiry, the little

girl narrated her ordeal. Aggrieved at the heinous act of Mr. Almeida, the mother reported the matter to Mulund police. Mulund Police has registered a case against the accused under POCSO and the accused is being arrested.

Mulund is fast becoming the 'HOTSPOT' of Cybercrime!

■ Home Times Network

It seems Mulund has become a hotspot for cybercrime. For the past 2 months, every week HOME TIMES has been publishing cyber theft news and carrying the Mulund police appeal to the citizens to beware and be vigilant of cybercrime, but the Mulundkars are either too busy to read HOME TIMES or are perhaps too rich that such cyber thefts do not affect their lifestyle. Last week, HOME TIMES exposed the Telegram cyber mafia and alerted Mulundkars to be alert too. Regrettably, despite the week-

by-week scam, Mulundkars are falling prey to the fraud. This week, another lady from Mulund East lost Rs 1 lakh, 50, 000 in the lure of earning big money through the Telegram group.

According to Mulund Police, a 32-year-old Mulund lady resident was in search of a job since long. Four years ago, she uploaded her resume on the employment website Naukri.com, but she did not get any jobs. However, to her pleasant surprise, a few days ago she received a call from an unknown number, and a lady named Sita offered her an easy job by subscribing to a YouTube

channel. She was given a link to join a Telegram group for work. The lady, in excitement, clicked the link without checking the authenticity of the link. The lady thus got registered and started doing small tasks and earning easy money.

After giving her initial tasks and winning confidence that the company was genuine, the company enticed her to do paid tasks and lured her to earn huge money. The lady started doing the tasks, but to her surprise, instead of getting prize money, Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 53,750 were withdrawn from her bank

account. Realising her folly, she complained to Mulund Police Station. The police have registered a case under sections 419 and 420 of the IPC and the IT Act.

■ An Appeal

In an appeal to the citizens, the Mumbai police have been repeatedly enlightening people that work-from-home is a big scam. Initially, the company paid huge amounts into the bank accounts of the people. Due to this, most citizens trust and deposit a huge amount, only to later pay a huge price for their greed.



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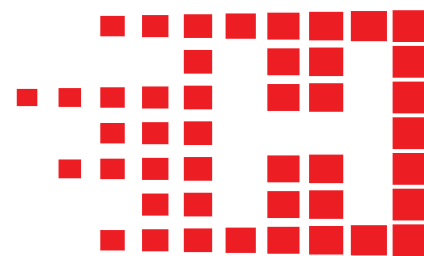
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