

Fate of the City's hawkers on tenterhooks

■ Home Times Network

The fate of the city's hawkers has been dangling for months, but the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is creating numerous issues to implement the hawker policy in Mumbai. Though the BMC has received objections and suggestions from hawkers' unions and civil society, no concrete decision has been taken by the BMC to legalise the number of hawkers to get licences to do legalised hawking in the city.

Annoyed at the snail-speed work of the BMC, an angry hawker in Mulund said, "The process of suggestion and objection on the Town Vending Committee (TVC) that formed the hawker's policy clarifying 32, 415 legalised hawkers in the city has been complete for the past 5 months. A final name list file has been submitted to the BMC Commissioner for approval. Regrettably,

months have passed; no action has been taken yet."

Contradicting the hawker's side, a senior member of the BMC said, "The commissioner has not approved any file because hawkers' unions are dejected by the lesser number of hawkers selected by the TVC. They have demanded a fresh survey to include more hawkers. Hence, once again, the TVC will be formed under the chairmanship of the Commissioner after a meeting, and after the meeting, the members of the committee will be selected."

Readers are aware that on June 20, 2023, BMC released the selection of 32,415 legalised hawkers in the city. Later, BMC sought suggestions and objections until July 14. Since July, months have passed, but no action has been taken in the distribution of legalised places for hawking by the BMC.



Attacking the BMC, a member of the Mumbai Hawkers' Union said, "The BMC is fooling both the public and hawkers. Frankly speaking, the BMC has no real intention of legalising more hawkers, as this move will stop their system of collecting 'Haftas.'"

Another hawker from Mulund said, "The hawker's issue is long-pending and critical. The government needs to pay attention to the objective of the TVC Act and must regularise more hawkers; otherwise, the hawkers will not keep silent. The hawkers will spill onto roads and pavements, and the issue will become graver."

BMC TO PENALISE OPEN GARBAGE BURNING IN MUMBAI

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The BMC in Mumbai has implemented a rigorous measure to address the escalating pollution levels in the city. In an effort to combat open garbage burning, a dedicated helpline number has been established, allowing citizens to report such activities directly to the civic administration.

With pollution levels reaching hazardous levels, particularly during Diwali, the BMC emphasizes the need to take action against individuals



engaging in the open disposal of waste, including penalizing those found burning garbage. To

streamline the reporting process, the BMC encourages individuals witnessing such activities to

file complaints, accompanied by photographs, through the 'Chief Minister Swachh Mumbai Helpline' at 81696-81697.

The practice of burning garbage for disposal is widespread in urban areas, resulting in the release of toxic fumes into the atmosphere. Experts caution against severe health consequences, including cancer, liver disease, bowel obstruction, respiratory issues, and neurological disorders. In response to these risks, the BMC has implemented measures to address waste

'Dark Diwali' in Mulund!

CONGRESS PARTY REVIVED THE 'DIWALI FESTIVITY' IN MULUND BY RESTORING ELECTRICITY!

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Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights'; ironically, in Mulund this year, residents of Jai Shastri Nagar in Mulund West celebrated a 'Dark Diwali' as the MSEDCL disconnected electricity in the entire area without any notice on Diwali festival! Thankfully, after the Mulund Congress intervened, the MSEDCL restored the electricity, bringing a smile on the faces of the residents. The residents thanked the Congress Party and expressed their gratitude by distributing sweets!

Enraged at the authorities of the electricity department, an angry resident said, "It is shocking that on the Diwali festival, when there is dazzling lightning and glitter all around, regrettably, in Jai Shastri Nagar in Mulund West, more than 30 families were submerged in darkness!" He added, "Despite calling the electricity department umpteen times, the officials in Diwali holiday mood gave a deaf ear

to our grievance! The residents finally sought the assistance of the local Congress party men, who came to our rescue and restored electricity."

Congress Block President Vitthal Satpute told HOME TIMES, "It is unfortunate that on Diwali day, the MSEDCL officials did not respond to the complaint of the Jai Shastri Nagar residents, whose Diwali festival was spoiled due to a power failure. What is more deplorable is that despite numerous complaints, the electricity department officials paid no heed to the residents' pleas and ignored their grievances. Only after Congress party leaders took the problem of the residents seriously and the electricity was restored."

Another resident said, "Moreover, the area is notorious for wildlife animals. In the evening, animals like leopards and snakes come out of their shelters in Sanjay Gandhi National Park and openly roam



on the street in Mulund Colony; hence, the area is dangerous at night. Further, with the interruption of electricity supply, the residents living in the area were frightened. Hence they desperately called the electricity department to restore power, but in vain, until Congress workers helped us bring back power."

Mumbai Congress Executive President Charan Singh Sapra

told HOME TIMES, "The Congress party is known for working for the people. However, the Bharatiya Janata Party is trying to suppress the Congress by using central agencies. After the recent victories in many states in the assembly election, the Congress party is revived and is sure of a victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections."

BMC TO PENALISE OPEN GARBAGE... (CONTD. FROM PG.1)

burning, aligning with guidelines issued by the State Government's Environment and Department of Climate Change on October 26.

To further facilitate reporting, the civic administration has integrated the option to report 'Garbage burning' on the WhatsApp service number, ensuring

compliance with environmental laws and the Indian Penal Code. Open burning of garbage is considered an offense, with strict penal actions prescribed by law. The civic solid waste management department issues a stern warning that individuals contributing to pollution through such practices will face legal

consequences.

In addition, Mulund MLA Mihir Kotecha has advocated for action against unauthorized waste processing in the Bhandup Sonapur area, where a significant amount of plastic waste is incinerated. Calls for periodic raids in Mulund, Khindipada, and Bhandup Sonapur areas

highlight the necessity of addressing pollution caused by these activities. The civic administration's response to these demands will play a pivotal role in determining the effectiveness of the new regulations.

Amidst the increasing air pollution in Mumbai and its surroundings, citizens are urged to

collaborate with the civic administration to prevent further degradation. Chanda Jadhav, the DMC of the Solid Waste Management Department, emphasizes the importance of immediate reporting if anyone is observed burning garbage, underscoring the collective responsibility to combat air pollution.

Joint action by BMC and Traffic division to ease the parking woes

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The process of removing no parking signs in Mulund East has been initiated. Responding to citizens' objections about the placement of no parking boards, the traffic department and the civic administration have started removing these boards from roads other than the main thoroughfares. The comprehensive removal of no parking signs throughout the area is set to be completed by the end of next week, marking a significant step

towards resolving parking issues for residents in the Mulund east.

Parking challenges have persistently been a key issue in Mulund East. In an effort to regulate street parking, the civic administration and the traffic department installed no parking boards at strategic locations. However, the absence of a structured parking system in Mulund East has resulted in a shortage of designated spaces for vehicles brought in for shopping and other activities.

Consequently, motorists' resort to parking on the roads, causing traffic congestion. Numerous complaints on this matter have reached the transport department, leading to direct action by the BMC and the transport department, including online fines for violators.

While the installation of no parking boards by BMC and transport authorities aimed to discourage parking in specific areas, it inadvertently intensified enforcement actions by the traffic police, sparking

discontent among citizens. In response to the growing dissatisfaction, citizens are now demanding the provision of parking facilities before the imposition of fines. In light of public protests, the MNS has taken a stance against the issue, and Home Times sought clarification from the Kanjur Transport Department.

Home Times highlighted citizens' displeasure with the placement of no parking boards in areas where parking

spaces are insufficient. Acknowledging public discontent, the Kanur traffic department has expressed its willingness to remove nine no parking boards from various locations, including the Kelkar College premises. Importantly, the removal process excluded signs on main roads. The traffic police have assured that, in conjunction with the removal of no parking signs on these roads, parking arrangements will be implemented to address citizens' concerns.

RTO tightens its belt errant motorists in Mulund

■ Home Times Network

The Mulund Traffic Police continued its drive against errant motorists violating traffic norms like double parking, causing traffic jams. The RTO booked cases against more than 18000 erring motorists and collected a massive penalty. The traffic department has appealed to the citizens to follow the rules.

The number of vehicles in Mumbai is increasing day by day, and as a result of the increasing number of vehicles on the road, citizens have to face traffic jams. The traffic jam is mostly due to illegal parking and double parking. Hence, to solve the traffic jam mess, the Mulund Transport Department swung into action mode and intensified a drive against errant motorists.

According to the data from the Mulund RTO, from January 1 to



November 15, 18,548 vehicles have been booked under the Motor Vehicle Act 122. As per Motor Vehicle Act 122, action is taken on double-parking vehicles. "Double parking leads to traffic congestion and is also a

safety hazard for other motorists and pedestrians. It is a major cause of accidents. Therefore, it is advisable to avoid double parking and park vehicles in designated parking areas. The situation of double parking is

worse in Mulund, both in the West and East," said an RTO officer.

The RTO officer informed, "To curb double parking in Mulund, the Mulund RTO conducted a special crackdown on errant motor vehicles from November 1 to November 15. During this period, RTO took action against 462 vehicle drivers in crowded areas in Mulund West, like Sarvodaya Nagar, RRT Road, JN Road, and Mulund Colony. Punitive action is being taken by the transport department so that more and more errant motorists learn a lesson."

An Appeal by RTO

The traffic department has appealed to the citizens living in Mulund and Mumbai to follow the traffic rules and avoid double parking to avoid accidents and actions.

EDITORIAL

True wealth-lies-in good health

International Men's Day 2023 is a global observance that celebrates the positive contributions and achievements of men while addressing vital issues affecting men's health, well-being, and gender equality. This day provides an opportunity to promote discussions and actions that support men's physical and mental health, encourage positive role models, and advocate for a more inclusive society. International Men's Day is celebrated on November 19 every year. It was started in 1998 in Trinidad and Tobago. Then Dr Jerome Tilak Singh took the initiative to give a name to the contribution of men. After which, his father's birthday, i.e., November 19, is celebrated as Men's Day all over the world.

Every year, the theme of International Men's Day is different. Last year, its theme was 'Helping Men and Boys.' The theme for 2023, "Zero Male Suicide," seeks to focus attention on the grave issue of reducing the suicide rate of men and supporting them to take positive control of their lives. On this occasion, various programmes and events can be organised to make people aware and promote harmony. This day promotes harmony and a sense of social justice in society through mindfulness.

In today's hectic world, the life of a man has become chaotic. In earlier times, men used to go out to work and later come home and relax. He would enjoy quality time with his children and wife. He would go out with his family and rejoice. But things have changed drastically. These days, men get up early in the morning, rush out to work, and return late at night in a bid to cope with a fast-paced life. With men and women working together, equality in relationships has made both men and women hectic. In this busy life, they start neglecting their health. Men turn to alcohol consumption, cigarettes, etc. to drive away stress and fatigue, while the ladies too start drinking alcohol and smoking.

In today's work culture, it is no surprise that men in their mid-30s develop serious diseases like heart attacks, which are increasing in men at an alarming speed; hence, in today's work culture, the need for people to pay attention to their health has increased. The importance of yoga, exercise, and spending quality time with family and friends has become the most vital tonics of life.

True, today we are earning enormous money, but frankly speaking,

The best earning of life is staying healthy. Staying healthy means being physically, mentally, and socially fit and stable. Suppose one knows how to have control over their health, then they know how to lead a successful life. If a person is healthy, they will always be ready to work and be productive at work.

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Mulund police raid illegal cracker stalls in Mulund

■ Home Times Network

On the eve of the Diwali festival, the Mulund Police raided several unlicensed and illegal cracker shops and roadside stalls in Mulund West and East and seized a huge cache of fireworks. Police registered four cases against such illegal fireworks sellers in Mulund West and East.

Each year, several notorious elements put up illegal stalls across the city and sell firecrackers on the streets to make a fast buck on the occasion of Diwali. However, the vigilant Mulund police laid a crackdown on all illegal cracker shops and seized their firework. In Mulund, the Mulund West Police registered two cases against such illegal fireworks sellers in Mulund West. In the first case, Mulund police

booked Mulund resident Rajesh Ubale (47) for illegally selling crackers at 11 pm in the night at MG Road in Mulund West. Similarly, Mulund police nabbed Srinivas Jaiswal (47), who was selling firecrackers at an illegal stall on JN Road in Mulund West.

In Mulund East, the Navghar police held Eknath Shinde (39) under Section 286 of the IPC for selling explosive material in Mulund West as well as in Mulund East without a licence. In addition, the police seized crackers worth Rs 4900 from the accused. Navghar police also booked Shantaram Inbarkar (58) for illegally selling crackers near the RR Education Trust in MHADA Colony in Mulund East.

Devotional Songs and Spiritual Melodies Galore at Diwali Pahat in Mulund



Ex-Corporator and President of Mulund Seva Sangh Prakash Gangadhare, skilfully curated the Diwali Pahat at Mulund's Kalidas Theatre. This event featured a unique fusion of devotional and spiritual melodies, offering attendees a memorable experience in celebration of Diwali. The distinguished presence of Adv. Ashish Shelar, President of BJP's Mumbai Region, and MP Manoj Kotak added to the grandeur of the occasion, as both actively engaged in and expressed their appreciation for the festive celebrations.

Post Diwali Fest Mumbai's AQI Worsens: HC rules flouted

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Shame! Deplorable!! Adjectives fail to define the irresponsible action the so-called 'Educated Mumbaikars' displayed on this Diwali. Despite the Mumbai AQI deteriorating and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) making appeals to reduce bursting firecrackers on Diwali, the Mumbaikars gave a deaf ear and openly violated the rules! What's more shocking is that the Mumbaikars even mocked the Honourable Bombay High Court verdict that slashed firecracker bursting hours to 2 hours; however, stupid Mumbaikars flouted the rules and busted fireworks past midnight to their heart's content, giving a cold shoulder to every rule of the

government!

As a result, the aftermath of Diwali revelries boosted the Air Quality Index (AQI) from the recent moderate levels to the poor category! In Mumbai, which recorded satisfactory air quality levels for the past few days owing to unseasonal rainfall, significantly touched 250 (the 'poor' category)-which is harmful to humans and living creatures.

Besides air pollution, Mumbai also recorded the highest decibels of noise pollution in the last five years. The sound decibel recorded was 117.2. In contrast, Mumbai recorded 109 decibels (2022), 100 decibels (2021), 105 decibels (2020), and 112 decibels (2019).

Despite police action, Mumbai violates the rules

Despite strict vigilance by the police to enforce the high court order on bursting crackers between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., residents in various locations busted explosive crackers past midnight. Many citizens made complaints about air and sound pollution due to fireworks. Meanwhile, the Mumbai Police registered as many as 784 cases and took action against 806 people in response to violations of the Bombay High Court's directives regarding the bursting of firecrackers during the Diwali festivities.

Health expert advice

With Mumbaikars violating rules and bursting fireworks till late night and early morning, the air quality of Mumbai deteriorated from AQI 150 to 250, causing inhalation and breathing problems for senior citizens and infants. Health experts have thus asked citizens facing respiratory problems to avoid moving out of their houses without any reason and, in case of emergency, to wear masks.

Congress lights up Children's Day with smiles on Kid's faces

■ Home Times Network

The Mumbai Congress celebrated Children's Day uniquely by distributing blankets and Diwali sweets and delicacies among the children. The children were delighted. Their smiling faces conveyed their gratitude and containment.

India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, was renowned for his love for children. He believed children were the cornerstone of a nation, and they had the potential to shape the nation's future. To commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, November 14 is celebrated as Children's

Day (Bal Diwas). The day aims to raise awareness about the well-being and rights of children, acknowledging them as the 'Future Leaders' of the nation.

On November 14, Tuesday, the Mulund division of Mumbai Congress celebrated Children's Day with underprivileged children living on the streets, children deprived of parents, and children making their livelihood by working themselves by begging or doing trivial jobs at tea stalls, hotels, or construction sites.

On Children's Day, Congress workers moved across Mulund streets



like LBS Road, R Mall, Ambaji Dham, Mhatre Nagar, Mithaghar Road, and other places in Mulund West and East. These Congress workers

distributed blankets (with the winter season approaching), Diwali sweets, and Namkeen to the unfortunate children in Mulund.

The Children's Day event witnessed a large number of Congress workers and other social workers participating in the event.

CR makes hawking legal on suburban and express trains

CR will hold an e-auction on November 28 for licence distribution

■ Home Times Network

Hawking in local suburban trains and long-distance express trains is nothing new, but for the first time, the Central Railway's (CR) Mumbai division has decided to make the illegal business into a legitimate business.

According to CR sources, the railways have decided to allow vendors to sell their goods on trains as part of their efforts to boost local businesses. The railways will also provide them with designer carts and kiosks to sell their wares at stations and on trains. The CR will be holding

an e-auction on November 28, in which slots for suburban and non-suburban trains will be auctioned to vendors for selling consumable and non-consumable items on trains. The vendors will have to pay licence fees.

Presently, only Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)-approved vendors are allowed to sell goods on stations and trains; however, since long, many local vendors also illegally enter trains and do business. Hence, to legalise their business and promote local products, CR has decided to provide licences to these vendors

and allow them to sell goods on stations and trains.

A senior officer of the CR told the media, "With consistent demand to encourage local products, the CR has decided to allot a total of 500 licenced vendors into long-distance mail and express trains. Besides, 1,500 vendors will be given licences for suburban local trains. However, vendors will not be allowed on premium express trains like Mahanagari Express, Rajdhani, and Duronto."

The licence will be valid for three years. Licenced vendors will be prohibited from vending consumable items, including

packaged drinking water, on long-distance trains but will be allowed to sell on suburban local trains. However, goods such as travel-related items, mobile and laptop accessories, stationery, and newspapers, magazines, and books will be allowed for sale on both express and local trains."

"The plan is to tap local business associations and offer them a chance to take up places at railway platforms to sell local products, be it handicrafts, food, or clothes, boost their business, and in return earn money for railways as licence fees," said the CR officer.

JOYFUL CELEBRATIONS MARK KALI CHAUDAS FESTIVAL IN MULUND

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Kali Chaudas, popularly known as Choti Diwali, was celebrated with devotion and gaiety by Maa Kali Mitra Mandal at Vasant Garden in Mulund West. The three-day celebration was a huge success and was attended by devotees across Mulund and its suburbs seeking Maa Kali's Darshan. As per Hindu mythology, Goddess Kali killed the Rakshasa Narakasura on the fourteenth day of the lunar night; hence, the day is celebrated as Kali Chaudas.

Pinaki Sarangi,

President of Kali Mata Mitra Mandal, told HOME TIMES, "Our Mandal has been celebrating the Kali Chaudas festival for the last 16 consecutive years. Citizens from all walks of life, irrespective of castes and religions, unite and celebrate the festival with enthusiasm." "During the Corona epidemic, the festival was celebrated on a low scale. However, after the Corona exit, the festival was celebrated with regular pomp and spectacle. The height of the Mata Kali idol was increased, and the festival was celebrated with zeal

and gusto."

On the night of Diwali, after Kartik Krishna Paksha Chaturdashi, Maa Kali Puja is performed on Amavasya. On this occasion, Maa Kali idols are installed. In Mulund, Maa Kali Mitra Mandal installed a 5.5-foot statue of Maa Shyama Kali Mata in the Pandal at Vasant Garden. In addition, a 3-foot idol of Ramakrishna Paramhansa and his wife Shardamani was installed by the side of Maa Kali.

The three-day festival started on October 12 with regular worship of



Maa Kali. The Mandal organized daily Bhog (food) for the devotees. On the last day of the festival, i.e., November

14, the Sindoor Utsav (vermilion festival) was grandly held, and the idol of Maa Kali was immersed in Powai Lake.

Free Diabetes Check-ups Across Mumbai by BMC from Nov 20

■ Home Times Network

On the occasion of World Diabetes Day, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Health Department has announced to initiate a 'Free Diabetes' check-up of Mumbai residents beginning November 20. The check-up drive

will focus on citizens working in crowded areas of Mumbai, as several citizens of the lower strata of society are unaware of suffering from diabetes. Apart from checking for diabetes, BMC health officers will also explain a diet plan to Mumbaikars to overcome the disease.

Executive Health Officer Dr. Daksha Shah told the media, "Diabetes is a silent killer disease. It has no symptoms. Hence, a large number of people who are victims of diabetes are often unaware of suffering from it, which is hazardous and could lead to several

complications. Hence, to trace the diabetes patients, the civic body has decided to conduct free screening workshops across Mumbai from November 20, 2023."

Informing further about the diabetes check-up drive, Dr. Shah said, "We have decided to

target a large section of Mumbaikars; hence, we have decided to select places with heavy footfalls, such as railway stations and malls, for screening. BMC health officers will set up health desks manned by doctors and medical staff from the Health Department."

Heightened thefts a matter of safety concern for Mulundkars

■ Home Times Network

The D Mart Ready Shop in Vaishali Nagar recently fell victim to thieves, prompting a thorough investigation by the local police. The incident unfolded on Sunday, November 11, in the Mulund area, contributing to a worrisome trend of heightened thefts during the Diwali season, a time when shops undergo substantial financial transactions.

Upon arriving at her D Mart

ready shop that Sunday morning, Shalini Gardekar was confronted with closed shutters on both sides. Upon opening them and surveying the premises, she discovered a disarrayed interior. Evidence of tampering was evident in the nearby lockers, suggesting that the thieves had attempted entry by breaking the shutters.

Surprisingly, despite the break-in attempt, the money stored in

the lockers remained untouched. It seems that while the thieves successfully breached the shop with the intent to steal, they ultimately left empty-handed in terms of cash. Similar reports of theft have surfaced in other Mulund locations, hinting at a broader pattern of criminal activity during the festive season.

The increase in theft incidents during Diwali is attributed to the significant cash flow in various

types of shops, ranging from electrical stores to food grain and clothing outlets. Shop owners are strongly advised to exercise vigilance and implement necessary precautions to secure their establishments during this period of heightened risk. The police are actively investigating these cases with the aim of apprehending the culprits and ensuring the safety of businesses in the area.

Man conned of Rs 78,500 in fake job racket!

■ Home Times Network

Navghar Police have registered a case against a person for allegedly duping a man of Rs 78,500 in Mulund East by promising jobs in the railways and escaping.

According to Navghar Police, Bhandup resident

Pratap Kahar met Nikunj Nagda eight months ago when he promised to give Pratap a government job in railways. However, before offering the job, Nikunj demanded money. Tempted to get a government permanent job in the railways, Pratap, without

thinking or inquiring about the authenticity of Nikunj, trusted him and paid him Rs 78,500 (in advance) through a cheque.

However, after the payment, initially, Nikunj tried to convince Pratap by giving various excuses. However, as months passed, Nikunj began

avoiding Pratap and stopped answering Pratap's phone.

After a few months, when Nikunj did not give the promised job, Pratap suspected foul play and reported a complaint. The Navghar Police Station registered a case under Section 420 of the IPC.

BEST Contract Workers receive Diwali Bonuses

■ Home Times Network

The Diwali season brought joy to 7,500 employees affiliated with the Maharashtra State Workers' Union, as top-performing contract workers received well-deserved bonuses. The delightful announcement of bonus deposits into their accounts created a festive atmosphere that spilled into jubilant celebrations outside the Mulund Best Depot on Tuesday. Members of the

Maharashtra State BEST Employees' Association expressed their happiness by exchanging heartfelt embraces.

The Maharashtra State BEST Employees' Association's unwavering efforts in advocating for Diwali bonuses and other demands from the BEST administration finally yielded positive results. This triumph held particular significance for the 7,500 contract workers fulfilling various

roles, including carriers, drivers, and technicians within BEST. These individuals, engaged through contractors such as Hansa, Switch, Daga, and Matoshree, engage in an annual negotiation process with the BEST administration for their Diwali bonuses.

This year, the persistent follow-up by these contracting companies with the BEST administration proved fruitful. The BEST

administration responded by depositing 8.33% of the bonus into the accounts of each employee associated with these contractors. As a result, the bonus for all institutions was successfully credited, with 80% of the employees receiving their well-deserved bonus amounts.

However, a complication arose when the bonus from Daga was not deducted from the employees' accounts.

In response, the BEST organization voiced concerns. After the BEST administration deducted the bonus money from Daga's account, it is expected that the remaining employees will soon receive their due bonuses. The celebratory atmosphere reached its pinnacle as employees, especially those in the role of carrier drivers, expressed their happiness by joyfully embracing one another.



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Protest Erupts as SS Supporters Display Controversial Photo of MP Sanjay Raut

■ Home Times Network

In Mulund, political tensions flared on Wednesday as Shiv Sena activists vehemently expressed their disapproval of MP Sanjay Raut's recent actions, specifically in response to an image depicting him partially unclothed. The protesters energetically chanted slogans condemning Raut's behaviour during the organized demonstration by Shiv Sena.

The protest, coinciding with Sanjay Raut's birthday, featured Shiv Sena supporters prominently displaying a photo of the MP in a state of undress in Mulund. The photo was adorned with the clock logo of the Nationalist Congress Party. The motivation behind this demonstration stemmed from Raut's recent offensive remarks targeting Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. Previously, Raut had stirred controversy by commenting on the BJP logo



adorning the Chief Minister's cloth.

In response to Raut's statements, Shiv Sena members vocally condemned his actions during the demonstration on Wednesday. They issued a warning that unless Raut refrained from making provocative statements immediately, they would escalate their protests, potentially organizing more intense demonstrations at his residence.

Jagdish Shetty, the Head of the Mulund Division, conveyed the sentiment, noting that this reaction was a direct response to Sanjay Raut's criticism of their leaders. Shetty underscored that should Raut persist in his critical stance, they were prepared to vehemently protest outside his residence.

In the meantime Shivsena {Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray} faction acting on behalf of

Sanjay Raut, has vehemently criticized the Eknath Shinde group on behalf of Shiv Sena. Members of the Thackeray faction is demanding legal action against those accountable for damaging Raut's reputation. Sunil Raut, an MLA and the brother of MP Sanjay Raut, and Sena MLA Ramesh Korgaonkar visited the Mulund Police Station to emphasize the urgency of initiating legal proceedings against the Shinde group's members, highlighting the seriousness of the matter. During the meeting with DCP Zone VII Purushottam Karad, Sunil Raut urged the swift registration of the case and the immediate arrest of the implicated individuals. Additionally, he issued a warning that if the case is not filed within two days, both he and MP Sanjay Raut will lead a march to the police station.

Scammer Exploits Senior Citizen's Concerns Over Power Supply

■ Home Times Network

The prevalence of fraud targeting senior citizens in Mulund continues, with unsuspecting individuals falling victim to significant financial losses. A recent incident reported within the jurisdiction of Navghar Police Station highlights the persistence of this threat, where a con artist, masquerading as a MAHAVITARAN employee, successfully deceived a senior citizen through a scheme involving fabricated claims about electricity supply disruptions.

The criminals' modus operandi includes dispatching messages around noon, coercing recipients to promptly settle

their power bills. Leveraging the vulnerability of senior citizens who may be home alone during this timeframe, the scammers manipulate them into making immediate online payments. In this particular case, the fraudster hacked the mobile phone of a senior citizen within the Navghar police station limits, gaining access to and withdrawing funds from two fixed deposits under the pretext of settling online bill payments.


Raghunath Kalamkar of Mulund East, the unfortunate victim in this instance, received an afternoon message purportedly from Mahavitrans, alerting him to potential power

supply disruptions during Diwali festivities. The message provided a contact number for a Mahavitrans officer named Joshi. Anxious about potential power interruptions, Kalamkar called the provided number, only to be informed that his online bill payment had not been reflected. Subsequently, he received a link and was directed to make the payment through it.

Facing difficulty opening the link on his mobile phone, Kalamkar resorted to using his wife's phone to complete the payment. Unbeknownst to him, two fixed deposits belonging to his wife were deposited into the criminal's account. Shortly

thereafter, Kalamkar received messages notifying him that funds had been transferred from the fixed deposits to another account, exposing the fraudulent activity. Subsequently, he filed a complaint at the Navghar police station.

The criminals strategically choose the afternoon, a period when many citizens are likely to be resting, thereby increasing the risk of unintended transactions. Police stress the crucial need for citizen awareness and caution during online transactions, urging the public to exercise vigilance and adopt preventive measures to avoid falling prey to cybercrimes.



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Winter is almost here in India, and we are all happy to get a break from the heat! We have to keep ourselves healthy and energized because it's the festive season of celebrations. The onset of low temperatures brings along a host of diseases, and one of the most common is the strep throat problem.

Strep throat is a contagious bacterial infection in the throat and tonsils. It spreads through respiratory droplets and direct contact.

Symptoms

- include throat pain with painful swallowing
- Inflamed and red tonsils with pus or white patches
- Red spots on the roof of the mouth



- Fever
- Headache
- Rash
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Nausea or vomiting.

At our "Monisha's Mantra," we have helped many people to get rid of their strep throat infection without any medicine and without any side-effects in the following manner:

- Warm salt water gargle done intermittently, 4-5 times during the day, is an effective treatment to reduce inflammation and pain.
- Drink herbal tea with anti-inflammatory ginger, honey, turmeric, and lemon, 2-3 times a day.
- Drink warm water.
- Have warm vegetable soups.
- Take rest and sleep well.



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Acupressure - Find the painful points on the inner side of the distal joint of any thumb with a diagnostic probe, corresponding to tonsils and throat area. Massage for a minute, 3-4 times during the day (As shown in Pic 1)

Seed Therapy - At night, apply dried green peas (Vatana) on the stimulated tonsils and throat points (As shown in Pic 2)



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Tarot readings, predictions & tips for the week (18th November - 24th November 2023)



Mesh / Aries (A, L, E)

Prediction: You will be accepted by all your dear and near people. Someone will help you nicely.


Advice: (i) Try to be friendly with all known and unknown people. (ii) Be humble and help elderly people. (iii) Pay attention to your memory.



Kark / Cancer (Da, Ha)

Prediction: You will face some difficult situation. You will spend money on useless things.


Advice: (i) Be optimist and social and selfless. (ii) Feed birds and animals. (iii) Pay attention to insight.



Tula / Libra (Ra, Ta)

Prediction: Your satisfaction will give you peace of mind and you will work nicely.


Advice: (i) Share your belongings with your dear and near people. (ii) Reading will help you so read and understand what you read. (iii) Pay attention to your profit.



Makar / Capricorn (Kha, Ja)

Prediction: You will get so many ideas but practically you will not get success.

Advice: (i) Drink more milk or butter milk. (ii) Use things white in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your feelings.



Vrishabh / Taurus (Ba, Va, U)

Prediction: You will not get the support from the people whom you trust. Situation will be more powerful than planning.

Advice: (i) Take quick decisions and take prompt actions. (ii) Try to follow the time and situation as it is. (iii) Pay attention to new relations.



Sinha / Leo (Ma, Tt)

Prediction: You will not be happy with anything or anyone. You will feel bound.


Advice: (i) Visit some holy place or temple. (ii) Feeding birds or animals will help you. (iii) Pay attention to your new ideas.



Vrushchik / Scorpio (Na, Ya)

Prediction: You will get what you want and some hidden truth will be disclosed by someone.

Advice: (i) Listen to the people carefully and clearly. (ii) Do your work yourself and don't trust anyone. (iii) Pay attention to your responsibilities.



Kumbh/Aquarius (Ga, Sa, Sha, Sh)

Prediction: You will think very hard to survey your past deeds to use them again.


Advice: (i) Help someone who comes to you with some hope. (ii) Use things green in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your happiness.



Mithun / Gemini (Ka, Gha)

Prediction: You will be happy with your originality and flexibility. Someone will try to cheat you.


Advice: (i) Your experience will be your teacher remember. (ii) Your feelings and strength will remain steady. (iii) Pay attention to your investment.



Kanya / Virgo (Pa, Tha, Nn)

Prediction: You will be strong enough to rectify your past mistakes and that will help you a lot.


Advice: (i) You should try to understand the situations. (ii) Take advice from whom you trust. (iii) Pay attention to your will power.



Dhanu/Sagittarius (Bha, Dha, Fa)

Prediction: You will get some important documents and happiness through it.

Advice: (i) Wear maximum gold ornaments. (ii) Use things yellow in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your words.



Meen / Pisces (Da, Cha, Tha, Za)

Prediction: Good time is there and you will solve your many problems.

Advice: (i) Show your happiness only to your well-wishers. (ii) Use things pink in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your peace.

BMC Employs Clean-Up Marshals for Pollution Control

■ Home Times Network

Cleanup marshals have been deployed by the BMC to address pollution concerns. Initially

suspended due to fears of conflicts among marshals overseeing city littering, the service is now slated to restart. The marshals will primarily monitor individuals contributing to road pollution. However, effective oversight by the BMC is necessary to

prevent conflicts between marshals and the public.

Originally, the BMC appointed cleanup marshals to ensure cleanliness and monitor scavengers. This decision sparked controversy and was subsequently revoked. Despite this, Mumbai's civic administration is reintroducing cleanup marshals to monitor and enforce penalties against

polluters when pollution levels become hazardous.

Each ward will have 25 to 30 marshals tasked with addressing issues like open garbage burning and other pollution-contributing activities. They will also ensure compliance with civic regulations to prevent pollution in building areas. Cleanup marshals were previously appointed in Mumbai

to address problems

such as open spitting, ritual performances, and public littering. However, corruption allegations and criticisms led to the discontinuation of the scheme. Nevertheless, in response to the increasing pollution in the city, the BMC has decided to reinstate the "cleanup marshal" role, expanding responsibilities to include pollution prevention and

sanitation.

The BMC previously faced challenges with cleanup marshals arbitrarily collecting money from individuals. While supporting cleanliness and pollution prevention is commendable, citizen Pradeep Jain emphasizes the importance of a thorough check of cleanup marshals' criminal records before their appointment.

Diwali Fervour Marred by Tragic Incident in Bhandup

■ Home Times Network

Bhandup bore witness to a tragic incident where a clash between two groups led to the loss of one life and severe injuries to another individual. The joyous atmosphere of Diwali in Bhandup was marred by this unfortunate event, stemming from a minor dispute on the occasion of Bhaubeej

The incident unfolded in Bhandup Konkan Nagar around 12:30 on Wednesday night. A group of youths, including

Suraj Bhalerao, Hrithik Shelar, Chetan Natekar, Ashish Vane, and Sangram Jadhav, were celebrating near an under-construction building in front of the Janata Flour Mill. On the opposing side, individuals identified as Aniket Ambre, Swapnil Ambre, Vinay Raut, Ganesh Kolpate, Mayur Kotiyan (Dudh), and Nitesh Digambar Parab (Chicho) initiated teasing, leading to a verbal altercation.

The confrontation escalated into physical violence, with

Swapnil Ambre assaulting Sangram Jadhav using an iron rod and a beer bottle, resulting in injuries to his face and head. Additionally, Vineet Raut, Ganesh Kolpate, Mayur Kotiyan, and Nitesh Parab attacked the complainants, including Chetan Natekar, Ashish Vane, and Hrithik Shelar, using wooden bamboo, causing injuries.

Aniket Ambre exacerbated the violence by stabbing Suraj Bhalerao multiple times,

targeting the left side of the neck, head, back, and under the left armpit. Following the assault, the assailants dispersed from the scene. Subsequently, the police were alerted about the incident, and despite medical treatment, Suraj Bhalerao succumbed to his injuries due to excessive bleeding.

In response to the incident, the police acted promptly, arresting a total of six individuals involved in the clash. The investigation into this tragic event is ongoing.

A BOGUS COP DUPED MULUND BUSINESSMAN OF RS 1.92 LAKH

■ Home Times Network

Mulundkars' Beware! If you are stopped by a cop on the street wearing a police uniform and speaking authoritatively, do not be daunted. Just ask for their identity card, scrutinise it, and if you find something suspicious, call the control room. A real cop will be unfazed; a fake one will look for cover. Recently, many criminals have been posing as police officers and looting. This week, a Mulund business became the victim of a bogus police officer and lost Rs 1.92 lakh.

According to reports, Harish Salve, a

Mulund businessman, was walking down on his way home from Thane to Mulund on November 12 at around midnight when he was suddenly stopped by a police officer. The police officer told Salve, "The police are hunting an accused on the run, and since the accused has a strong resemblance to you, it is advisable to remove all your jewellery and hide it in a handkerchief because the police are on patrol at regular distance, and if they watch you, they might check you at every post."

Trusting the police officer, Salve removed

all the ornaments that he was wearing and put them in a handkerchief. Before parting, the police officer cunningly exchanged the handkerchief from Salve's pocket. When Salve reached home, he was shattered to discover a different-coloured handkerchief in his pocket and the original jewellery replaced by bogus jewellery!

Salve realised that he had been cheated. He registered a case with Kopri Police. Salve told the police that the value of the stolen jewellery was Rs 1.92 lakh. The police are investigating further.



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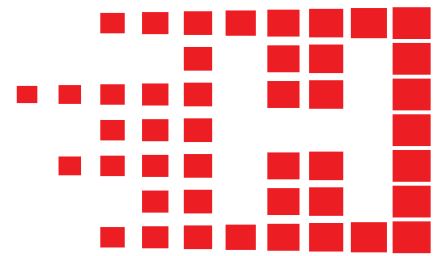
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