

# No ban on firecrackers ; Govt's Pollution Control Plan to be in place

Mumbai district guardian minister Deepak Kesarkar comes up with measures to reduce pollution during the Diwali celebration. Bans bonfire!

## ■ Home Times Network

Diwali without firecrackers is unimaginable, but with Mumbai city battling with poor air quality and increasing pollution, the Maharashtra Govt led by CM Eknath Shinde has thus not imposed a ban on firecrackers, but an appeal has been made to the citizens to burst fewer firecrackers. However, burning bonfires has also been banned by the administration.

In an attempt to make the Diwali celebration a joyous occasion, Mumbai district guardian minister Deepak Kesarkar has come up with measures and actions to reduce pollution during the Diwali celebration. Kesarkar said there



won't be a ban on bursting crackers, but citizens should use their discretion and burst fewer crackers.

During Diwali, fireworks and crackers burst in Mumbai as a traditional form of celebrating Diwali. Hence, to preserve the

Diwali tradition and also keep air pollution under control, Deepak Kesarkar suggested six novel methods through which the air in the city will be controlled during the 5-day Diwali festival. On Wednesday, Deepak Kesarkar held a press conference and

shared six techniques that will help in controlling the air pollution in the city and thus help Mumbaikars enjoy Diwali to the fullest.

Minister Deepak Kesarkar informed us that air filters will be installed in 350 BEST buses plying the roads of Mumbai. Along with this, virtual chimneys will also be installed at 10 traffic congestion spots. In addition, special streetlights and air purification systems will also be installed in select gardens, which will play a vital role in controlling air pollution in Mumbai.

Mumbaikars can thus enjoy the real Diwali festival by bursting crackers, but within a limit!

# RTO cops crack down on traffic rule violators

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The City Traffic Police and Regional Transport Office (RTO), aggravated at the city motorists for not paying the penalties, have launched a crackdown on such default motorists. The city traffic police and RTO have initiated a joint drive to act tough against those found violating traffic norms. Under the

campaign, the RTO is offering an ultimatum of 15 days to violators whose pending e-challans exceed Rs. 20,000/- to pay the amount or face a legal action and fight a long legal battle to seek relief.

Informing the media about the drive to crack down on traffic rule violators, Praveen

Padwal, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Traffic Department, said, "There are about 10,500 motorists owing a fine of more than Rs. 20,000/-. We have given these defaulters a 15-day ultimatum, and the notice has worked wonders. The notices have helped them in their recovery. In seven days, the motorists

have paid ₹2.27 crore. "The effect of the notices has been positive," said Padwal.

According to the data given to HOME TIMES by the Mulund Transport Department, notices have been issued to 245 vehicles. Interestingly, in Mulund also, the notices have proved a boon as defaulters have started

paying outstanding fines.

Earlier, only heavy outstanding defaulters were given notices at their doorstep and asked to pay the fine or face court. But this time, the RTO has set a deadline of Rs 20,000/-. The traffic department has appealed to the citizens to follow the traffic rules and avoid court trials.

# BMC adopts Genome Sequencing for detecting Dengue cases

## ■ Home Times Network

The unprecedented hike in dengue cases in Mumbai has put the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) in a soup. As per BMC sources, Mumbai has registered an alarming 4,384 dengue cases between January 1 and October 22, 2023. Despite attempts to curb the deadly dengue cases, the dengue cases have increased relentlessly. Thus, to put an end to the dengue menace, the BMC health department has decided to carry out genome sequencing of the samples as well. BMC has issued orders to collect samples from various municipal dispensaries and hospitals as well as private hospitals so that the civic authorities, through genome sequencing, could identify the specific



'stains of the viruses.

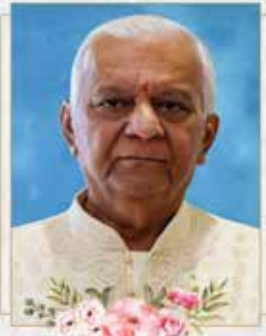
A senior BMC health officer said, "Genome sequencing reveals the genetic code embedded in RNA (Ribo Nucleic Acid), allowing for a detailed examination of the virus's attributes, including its infection mechanisms and replication processes within the human body. Thus, genome

sequencing will give us valuable information about the rampant strain among the Mumbai population and help identify the existing sub-variants."

The BMC health officer said, "The BMC is collecting 180 to 200 patient samples from BMC dispensaries, hospitals, and private healthcare facilities, and the collected samples are tested at BMC's Kasturba Hospital laboratory. Once the stain is detected, treating dengue will be easy."

In Mulund, 52 dengue cases were reported within 18 days. After this, the BMC T-Ward administration has swung into action. At present, on the one hand, genome sequencing has been considered on the part of BMC; on the other hand, citizens have also been urged to be careful.

**PRARTHANA SABHA**



**SHRI SURESH VITHALDAS RAMJI BHINDE**  
 Age - 68 years (16/05/1955 - 01/11/2023)  
 (s/o Late Rukshmaniben & Vitthal Das Ramji Bhide)  
 (s/law of Late Manjulaben & Manji Pragji Kotak)

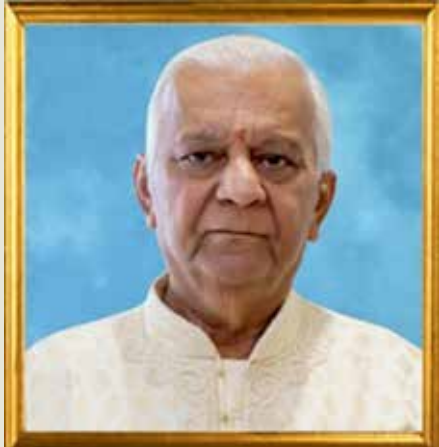
*Has peacefully left for his heavenly abode  
 on 1st November, 2023 surrounded by his family and loved ones.  
 His memory will forever be etched in our hearts.*

**Fondly remembered by**  
 Wife : Jyotiben Suresh Bhide  
 Brother : Usha Manoj Bhide, Nayana Dilip Bhide, Sheela Bipin Bhide  
 Sister : Manglaben Jamnadas Ganatra, Maya Mohanlal Aiya & Neeta Vinod Thakkar  
 Brother in law : Kalpana Vinod Kotak & Kalpana Kamlesh Kotak  
 Sons : Kalpesh & Darshan ♦ Daughters in law : Urmi & Henry  
 Grandchildren : Hansh, Hiya, Pihu  
 and entire family.

Prayer meeting will be held in his memory  
 on **Saturday, 4th November 2023**, between **5.00 to 7.00 pm**  
 at D-2, Parmeshwari center, Madan Mohan Malviya Rd.  
 Near Achija Hotel, Mulund (W), Mumbai -80.  
 (Valet Parking Available)

**॥ JAI SHRI KRISHNA ॥**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**



**LATE SHRI SURESH  
 VITTHALDAS RAMJI BHINDE**  
 (Died - Wednesday, 01 / 11 / 2023)

*A beautiful memory left behind  
 of someone good and kind,  
 A life made worthy by noble deeds...  
 who spent generously for other's needs!*

We all mourns the demise of  
**Shri Suresh Vitthal Das Ramji Bhide**  
 May his soul rest in peace in heavenly abode.

**IN GRIEF :  
 GIRISH KOTHARI**



# Taking on Polluting Developers in T-Ward

## ■ Home Times Network

The developers falling under the jurisdiction of T ward Mulund are being held responsible for their role in polluting the environment. The BMC has taken action in response to the increasing pollution levels in suburban areas, including Mumbai, which have had adverse effects on the health of the local population. People of all age groups, from children to adults, have been suffering from health problems such as colds and coughs due to this pollution. To address this pressing issue, the BMC is now taking targeted actions at the ward level.

A meeting was organized by T ward in Mulund, where 60



developers came together to address the pollution problem. During this meeting, the developers were given specific directives to implement pollution-reduction measures within a 15-day timeframe. One of the

key measures involved installing sprinkler systems at construction sites to minimize the dispersion of dust into the air. Additionally, they were instructed to install smoke detectors to prevent the release of

dust into the atmosphere. For structures with lower heights, the developers were advised to set up barricades up to 25 feet and encouraged to use materials like granite tiles to mitigate pollution.

The meeting was held

under the guidance of the Assistant Commissioner of T Ward in Mulund and with the participation of MLA Mihir Kotecha. Developers and their representatives actively engaged in the discussion, and the ward office issued directives to ensure the completion of these necessary actions within the stipulated 15-day period. However, developers are encountering challenges in procuring the required equipment within this limited timeframe, primarily due to market shortages. The BMC is actively collaborating with the developers to find solutions to these issues and address the pollution problem effectively.

## The crusade to stop air pollution in Mulund begins!

Two builders served Work-Stop Noticed! Surprisingly, they mock the rules! Did not stop-work and continued to work!!

## ■ Home Times Network

After the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) took the driver's seat to seek a permanent solution to the rapidly increasing pollution in the city and the Guardian Minister Deepak Kesarkar joined the crusade, directing the administration to control air pollution within two months in the city, the Mulund BMC T-Ward began action this week. According to T-Ward officials, BMC has started sending notices to the developers of the under-construction sites in Mulund. Interestingly, T-Ward has also begun acting tough and served a 'Work Stop' notice to two builders in Mulund.

A few weeks ago, BMC Commissioner

and Municipal Administrator Iqbal Singh Chahal, concerned over the deteriorating air quality of Mumbai, chaired a joint meeting with government and private institutions and organisations related to the construction sector and framed guidelines to control air pollution in the city. Acting on the guidelines issued by the civic body, every ward in Mumbai, including Mulund T-Ward, is on its toes and has started action against builders violating the rules of air pollution.

Informing me about the action against the negligent builders, a senior BMC T-Ward officer said, "We have started issuing guidelines to every construction site and are acting tough against every builder violating

rules." He added, "While many builders are abiding by the new rules issued by the BMC, some black sheep are flouting the rules. We are teaching a bitter lesson to these negligent builders. So far, we have served 'Work-Stop' notice to two such builders. Viz. Prestige Group and Neelam Builder. However, shamefully, despite the work-stop notice, these two builders did not stop their work. They continued their work mocking the BMC rules."

The rowdiness of these two builders has made the residents of the area angry, as they are facing an immense problem of polluted air. "Such errant builders must be put behind bars and their licences cancelled," blasted an angry senior citizen living in the area.



**EDITORIAL**

## Let us celebrate Eco-Friendly Diwali

*Diwali is the greatest festival in India; hence, celebration is indispensable. However, before we go astray in the celebration mood, let us not forget the worsening air quality and the mounting pollution in India. New Delhi's air quality has already reached its worst level. Similarly, the air pollution in Mumbai has deteriorated so drastically that the BMC and the Guardian Minister Deepak Kesarkar have launched a drive to reduce air pollution, taking stringent steps like stopping work in the construction industry that violates the rules of air pollution.*

*Amidst such measures, where metropolitan cities in India are battling to bring down pollution, Diwali, India's most popular festival, starts next week. It is likely to make things even worse as the traditional use of firecrackers adds to the air pollution. The festival, instead of bringing joy and cheerfulness, is likely to pose challenges for people with respiratory illnesses like asthma. During the five-day festival, revellers set off smoke bombs, sparklers, and aerial fireworks that spew clouds of noxious gas. It's a very critical, dangerous week ahead of us.*

*Besides, the worsening air quality in Mumbai has become a serious concern. It has brought brickbats to India in recent World Cup cricket. South Indian cricketers have blamed poor air as the reason for their defeat in Mumbai. Even Indian captain Rohit Sharma, in a tweet, expressed his angst against the increasing pollution.*

*With the country abuzz with festive fervour, the spirit of the Diwali celebration calls for introspection. We have to quit fireworks and opt for eco-Diwali. But advocating for eco-Diwali will only be possible when we take the initiative. There is an urgent need to create awareness among people. People should realise that the use of crackers, in addition to causing toxic pollution, causes accidents, and even birds and other street animals are severely affected. Being humans, it's our responsibility to protect our surroundings. We should think twice before using such harmful things.*

*Instead of wasting money on bursting crackers and polluting the environment, we should promote green Diwali by using eco-friendly things. We should avoid the use of artificial colours and make rangoli with natural things. We should buy only light, earthen diyas instead of fancy ones and candles. We should say no to Chinese and artificially harmful products. We need to set an example for others. Last but not least, the government and civic authorities should take stringent action against the use of fireworks. They should make sure that everyone celebrates Diwali in an eco-friendly manner.*

*HOME TIMES: Hope and sense prevail, and people avoid using things that are harmful and pollute the environment to give a better and more prosperous future to their coming generations.*

*HOME TIMES wishes all its readers and patrons HAPPY DIWALI!*

**Hemanshu Kothari**



## Temperature Dips Down-In Sweltering Mumbai Town

### ■ Home Times Network

Aggravated with the scorching October heat, Mumbaikars heaved a sigh of relief as the night temperatures dipped down and that too below the normal degree, the lowest this season. Morning walkers had a great time as they experienced the pleasant winter wind between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted a drop in minimum temperatures this week and the arrival of winter around the corner.

Delighted at the drop in temperature, a morning walker said, "Finally, the city has got a huge relief from the sweltering October heat. As per IMD, the temperature in some areas of Mumbai reached 35 degrees during the afternoon. But now

Mumbai's weather has started to change. The cold winds coming from the north have transformed the weather in Mumbai, and the maximum temperature in Maharashtra, including Mumbai, has recorded a drop of three to four degrees Celsius." "The morning temperature is even lower; hence, the experience of a cool breeze in the morning is enchanting," he said with a smile.

Sunil Kamble, Director of IMD Mumbai, told the media, "The weather will continue to drop, and Mumbaikars will experience the real winter pleasure from the first week of November, when the temperature may gradually drop further-owing to the changing wind patterns-to 25 or 26 degrees Celsius (°C) for the next few weeks."



***The alarming condition of the drainage system near Mulund Police Station is a matter of great concern. This location is notorious for its high traffic volume, and despite the drainage system's prolonged state of disrepair, the Municipal Corporation has failed to initiate any remedial measures. As a result, the poorly-maintained drainage system is increasingly becoming a hazard, elevating the risk of accidents.***



# Stay Cool: 10 New AC Local Trains Arriving in November

## ■ Home Times Network

With passenger demand for the AC local trains in Mumbai gaining popularity, the Indian Railways has decided to introduce 10 more air-conditioned (AC) local suburban services in the city. These AC locals will run on the slow track on the Central Railway (CR), which will start on November 6. Though the news of new AC local trains has delighted the Mumbaikars, there is a section of the passengers who are disappointed, as they demand to reduce the fare of the AC locals so that it is feasible for the common Mumbaikars.

The Mumbai Division operates 56 AC local trains in the city, with the addition of 10 more AC locals, the number will increase to 66 AC local trains. Out of these 10 services, there will be one in the morning peak and one in the evening peak

hours. These AC locals will run from Monday to Saturday and will not run on Sundays or nominated holidays. According to reports, 10 non-AC trains have been converted into AC trains by the railways to run additional AC trains on the route due to passenger demand.

These 10 AC local trains will be started from CSMT to Ambernath, CSMT to Kalyan, CSMT to Dombivli, CSMT to Parel, etc. Delighted by the decision, a passenger said, "It is a laudable decision because we pay a high fare to travel on AC trains, but due to a shortage of AC locals, there is a rush and no comfort. However, with an increase in AC locals, we will not only get comfort, but the rush will also reduce. I am sure the Central Railway will get a good business from increasing AC local trains."

## Common Mumbaikars' demand reduction in AC local fare

The common Mumbaikar believes that the maximum number of passengers travel by ordinary railways as compared to AC railways because AC local train fares are much higher. Bindu Pal, a railway passenger, told HOME TIMES, "Air-conditioned local fares are 4-5 times higher than ordinary local fares. If a passenger pays Rs 10 fare for an ordinary local train, he has to pay Rs 40 to Rs 50 for an AC local train. Thus, it adversely affects the pockets of passengers. Central Railway should hence take measures to reduce its fares." He added, "I think, along with increasing the number of AC locales and converting non-AC locales to air-conditioned, it is equally important to keep the AC local ticket fare within the reach of common Mumbaikars."

Vivek Jadhav, another railway passenger attacking the CR, said, "Local trains in Mumbai are said to be the lifelines of the city. These trains are the only mode of communication that is fast and affordable for the poor, needy, and middle class Mumbaikars. In contrast, the AC locals are more expensive and beyond the reach of the common man. CR should try to reduce the fare so that even the middle class could at least afford such AC local trains."

# MNS Rally against Parking Zones at Wrong Places : Conducts Signature Campaign Near Mulund Railway Station

## ■ Home Times Network

The MNS is taking a firm stance against the pressing parking issues in Mulund. Criticism has arisen regarding the administration's attempts to alleviate traffic congestion and parking problems in the region. One concern is the inconvenient placement of designated parking zones, coupled with substantial fines imposed on vehicles parked in areas where parking is indispensable. In response to these actions, the MNS has launched a signature campaign in Mulund East.

While the civic administration has established parking zones in various parts of Mulund, their poor planning and maintenance have resulted in limited utilization. Despite the BMC



and the transport department's encouragement for motorists to utilize these parking facilities, their inability to maintain them has led to vehicles being parked on the streets. To address this, the administration has erected no parking signs at various locations in Mulund East, a move contested by the MNS,

which has initiated a signature campaign in protest.

Led by MNS Vice President Satyawar Dalvi, the signature drive occurred in the vicinity of Mulund East Railway Station. Following the collection of signatures from concerned citizens, the MNS intends to present their statement to both

the transport department and the civic administration. The placement of no parking signs has resulted in fines being levied by the traffic police on those who park in these areas, with motorcyclists being disproportionately affected. These signs have been installed at several high-traffic locations, including the Mulund East Railway Station area, Hanuman Chowk, and MHADA Colony. Moreover, the transport department is conducting daily enforcement actions in these areas, causing hardship for drivers. Consequently, the MNS is demanding the removal of unnecessary no parking signs until proper parking arrangements are put in place in Mulund East.



# MHADA Residents Demand Better Quality Road

## ■ Home Times Network

The construction of a 400-meter cement concrete road from Sainath Chowk to Dead End Bungalow in Mulund East's MHADA Colony, carried out by the BMC at a considerable expense, has rapidly deteriorated. Just within a year of completion, the road has developed visible cracks. Despite residents' complaints to civic authorities, the response has been far from satisfactory. Instead of holding the responsible officer accountable, the BMC has resorted to temporary fixes by patching up the cracks in specific sections of the road, leaving residents dissatisfied.

A year ago, the BMC invested a substantial amount of public funds in this road's construction, with the expectation that it would serve the community's interests. However, the road's subpar quality has raised substantial concerns. The project was executed in two phases, with the first phase already displaying 30 to 40 cracks shortly after completion. Concerns about the work's quality were raised by residents, but civic officials initially dismissed these worries and attempted to address the issue by applying



chemicals to the road. When these measures proved ineffective, the BMC decided to remove 70% of the road and lay down new patches, essentially reconstructing the road from scratch. Persistent complaints from residents have now prompted renewed efforts to repair the road.

Despite the substantial sums the BMC

has invested in this road, it now requires extensive rework. Given the poor condition of the entire road, residents are demanding the removal and reconstruction of its patches. In response to these complaints, civic officials have pledged to inspect the road and take appropriate actions to rectify the cracks and quality concerns.

## AIROLI BRIDGE: A Perilous Commute

### ■ Home Times Network

The Airoli Bridge, situated near the Mulund Eastern Express Highway, has turned into a dangerous passage for travellers. Over the past two months, this road has been marred by a series of fatal accidents, claiming the lives of three individuals in four separate incidents. The most recent tragedy unfolded on Tuesday when a speeding vehicle lost control, leading to a devastating fatality.

Mansab Ali Khan, a Vikhroli

resident, was en route to Vashi around 10:00 am, accompanied by two colleagues on their way to the office. As they approached the Airoli Bridge via the EEH toll plaza road, a dumper truck suddenly slammed on its brakes, leaving Mansab with no choice but to swerve to the right to avoid a collision. Despite his best efforts, the high-speed dumper crossed the divider and collided head-on with an oncoming tempo truck. This harrowing incident left Mansab



and one of his colleagues injured, requiring immediate admission to Mulund's Veer Savarkar Hospital. Tragically, Mohsin Mohammad Ibrahim, one of Mansab's colleagues, succumbed to his injuries during treatment.

This distressing series of accidents on the Airoli Bridge,

within the jurisdiction of the Navghar police station, continues to unfold. The residents of Mulund are now demanding stringent action against drivers who disregard speed limits, calling on authorities to designate this road as a high-risk accident-prone zone.

# Serial Molester Finally Apprehended

## ■ Home Times Network

In Mulund, the Navghar Police have successfully apprehended a serial molester who had been preying on single women heading to work in the early morning hours. This notorious criminal had managed to evade authorities since the previous year when the first complaint was lodged against him. The breakthrough in capturing him occurred after a thorough investigation following a recent complaint. The victims, women leaving their homes in Mulund East for their early morning jobs, had endured sexual assaults in secluded locations for an extended period. The Mulund police station had received numerous complaints



about these incidents but had struggled to identify the perpetrator.

Finally, on October 7, a woman came forward to the Navghar police station with a similar complaint. She provided a description of the offender, prompting the police to take immediate action. The Crime Investigation Unit of the police force swung into action. The culprit, followed a consistent modus operandi, using a two-wheeler in the early morning to stalk and sexually assault women in the area before disappearing from the scene. This pattern was consistent across all cases.

To track down the suspect, the Navghar police meticulously reviewed approximately 400 CCTV recordings, gradually piecing together

his movements. They also questioned another individual who had been with him on the day of the crime, ultimately leading them to the perpetrator. The arrested individual, Surendra Vanjari, a 32-year-old resident of the Kopri area in Thane, he worked as a cashier in a hotel. He regularly visited Mulund in the early morning hours, targeting working women, committing sexual offenses, and skilfully evading capture by altering his route through Mulund East and West before heading to Thane.

The police, under the guidance of Senior Police Inspector Dattatray Girap, along with Assistant Police Inspectors Dhadwe and Suresh Patil, along with Shivkumar Waghchowre, Santosh Gute and Kale put their investigative skills to the test and successfully apprehended Surendra Vanjari from Thane.

## Protecting the Vulnerable: Stepchild seeks Justice

### ■ Home Times Network

In a heart-breaking case, a stepmother has been booked by Navghar police for brutally torturing her 10-year-old stepdaughter by allegedly beating and causing scars on her tender body with burns from lighting incense. Disheartened by her little daughter's sob

tale the father of the child complained to the police. The Navghar police are investigating the case.

According to reports, Mulund East businessman Arjun (33) (name changed) got divorced from his first wife Leela (name changed) in 2016. Later, Arjun remarried Rupa (36), who was also

a divorcee. The couple had children from their previous marriage. Arjun had a ten-year-old daughter, while Roopa also had a mother. Initially, the couple had a happy married life.

However, soon after the wedding, the marriage began to develop cracks as the couple started

quarrelling over trivial issues. The quarrels turned violent when Arjun found his wife, Roopa, ill-treating his daughter and unnecessarily beating and abusing her. What's more, the little girl complained to her father that her stepmother gave her burn injuries with the lighting

incense. Aggravated over the beastly act of his wife, Arjun reported the wickedness of his wife to the Navghar Police. They have filed a complaint against Roopa under Sections 506, 324 of the IPC, and the Juvenile Justice Act, and the case is being further investigated.

## Mulund Cyber Police Freeze Accounts; Refund Victims' Lost Money

### ■ Home Times Network

The Mulund cyber police conducting the probe into online fraud froze the account of the fraudster and helped the victim refund her lost money.

According to Mulund lady Sakshi Kedia (28), she was duped for Rs 2 lakh by sending an OTP by a cyber-fraudster,

tempting her to increase her credit card limit.

After the incident, Sakshi came to know that the Rs 2 lakh was deposited in another person's MPL account. Hence, Sakshi immediately reported the incident to Mulund cyber police, and within a few minutes, the Mulund police froze over the transaction. After

completing the legal process, Rs 50,000 was deducted from the original amount, and Sakshi was returned Rs 1.50 lakh. Sakshi expressed her gratitude to the Mulund police.

The entire operation was done under the guidance of Circle VII Deputy Commissioner of Police Purushottam Karad, Assistant Commissioner of Police

Ravindra Dalvi, Mulund Police Station Senior Police Inspector Kantilal Kothimbire, Mulund Cyber Cell Sub-Inspector Shivanand Apune, Police Sub-Inspector Amol Borse, Police Constable Urankar.

The promptness of police constable Kangane and lady police constable Gaykar helped Sakshi refund her money.



# A Partially burnt body found inside a WC in Mulund

## ■ Home Times Network

Residents around Vasant Garden in Mulund West were gripped in sensation after a 35-year-old lady's partially burned body was found inside a public loo in Mulund West. The Mulund police have filed an 'Accidental Death Report' (ADR). The deceased has been identified, but the reason behind the death is a mystery.

According to Mulund Police, on Sunday night, they received a call informing them that the women's toilet at Vasant Garden in Mulund West had caught fire. It was blazing, and the fire could prove dangerous for the neighbourhood. Along with the police, the local residents also alerted the fire brigade. The fire brigade reached the spot on time and brought the fire under control.

After controlling the fire, the fire brigade personnel witnessed a partially burnt woman lying on the floor with severe burn injuries. She was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital. However, the doctors declared her



dead-on arrival. The deceased was identified by her purse found in the loo, along with the lady. Her name is Snehal Bobabe (35). She was a resident of Thane.

Deputy Commissioner of Police of Circle VII, Purushottam Karad, said that the CCTV

footage in the area showed that the woman had come alone. However, the possibility of suicide cannot be ruled out. The post-mortem report negates the possibility of a murder. Currently, the police have registered an ADR case, and the investigation is on.

## MULUND HOUSE BURGLED, JEWELLERY WORTH SEVERAL LACS STOLEN

### ■ Home Times Network

Housebreaking cases in Mulund East have increased. In a recent case, burglars cleverly stole gold jewellery worth 2.26 lakh by breaking into the flat of a resident who had gone out of Mulund for work. The house

was locked, and the burglars had ball time. The Navghar Police is hunting the accused.

According to Navghar Police, Mulund East resident, Amol Sawant, on October 26, locked his house and went out of Mulund for personal work. At

7:30 PM, when he returned home, he was shattered to discover gold jewellery kept in the house had been stolen. Among the jewellery stolen was a 2.5-tola necklace worth Rs 45,000/-, a gold Mangalsutra worth Rs 45,000/-, and a 5-gram

gold chain worth Rs 15,000/-. The stolen jewellery looted is estimated to be worth Rs 2.26 lakh. Navghar Police has registered a case under Section 380 of the IPC against an unidentified person and is on the lookout for the accused.

## Stay Vigilant Mulund Sees Rise in Housebreaking Cases

### ■ Home Times Network

This week, Mulund reported two incidents of housebreaks. In the first instance, gold jewellery worth Rs 2.26 lakh was stolen from a flat in Mulund East. In the second instance, a Mulund family had gone to Nashik to spend quality time. However, taking advantage of their absence, burglars broke into the house and escaped with gold jewellery worth Rs. 25,000. Mulund Police have registered a theft case.

Akshay Pathak (32), a resident of Veena Nagar in Mulund West, informed the police

in his police complaint that on October 27, he and his family went to Nashik. However, in their absence, burglars looted his house. Akshay, in his report, said that his neighbours called him the next day when he went to Nashik and informed that two mysterious people broke into his house and plundered it. The neighbour said, "Before they tried to seize them, they escaped by jumping from the balcony of the house." Hence, Akshay rushed back to Mulund and complained.

In his complaint, Akshay reported that among the jewellery stolen was a

Mangalsutra of 4 grams worth Rs 16,000 and many other small gold ornaments totalling around Rs 25,000/. Mulund Police has registered a case under Sections 34, 380, and 454 of the IPC, and further investigation is underway.

With the increasing number of housebreaking cases in Mulund, the Mulund police have appealed to Mulundkars to be cautious, particularly while moving out of the city. The police said the citizens should inform the police before leaving their houses locked.



# Tragic Loss: 6 Year Old's Life Cut Short by Electrocution

## ■ Home Times Network

The negligence of the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL) has proved fatal for a six-year-old innocent boy in Mulund. The innocent boy was playing in the open when he accidentally came into contact with the open wire dangling in the building and got electrocuted. Though the police have registered a case of 'Accidental Death Report' (ADR), the disillusioned parents are questioning: who is responsible for the kids' deaths?

According to Mulund Police, on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at around 3:30 pm, a 6-year-old boy, Arnav Bhandari, a resident of Shankar Tekdi in Mulund West, was playing with his pet cat in the house. When the cat ran out of the house, little Arnav ran after the cat to catch it and accidentally came into contact with the open wire of the MSEDCL wire dangling near the house.



The boy was electrocuted and fainted on the spot. Arnav's parents rushed him to the nearby civil hospital. However, the doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Meanwhile, Kantilal Kothimbire, Senior Inspector of the Mulund police station, informed us that the post-mortem of the boy has been done at the Rajawadi Hospital, and as per the post-mortem, we have registered an Accidental Death Report (ADR), and further

investigation is being conducted."

Disappointed by the minor's death, the family is experiencing mental trauma. A member of the family condemning the negligence of the MSEDCL said, "We have been staying in this place for many years, but never has such an accident happened. This is the first incident. There are many buildings in the area where MSEDCL electric wires can be seen hanging open. These exposed wires are a fatal threat to the lives of the citizens. The death of my child is due to the negligence of the MSEDCL officials."

He added, "The MSEDCL should find an alternative and prosecute their negligent officials, who do their duty recklessly and give a Nelson eye to the several electrical wires in Mulund hanging exposed and without proper insulation. Will the MSEDCL awake only after the death of some innocent individuals like my son?"

# MOBILE GONE, MONEY GONE

## ■ Home Times Network

In his quest for an affordable iPhone, Atif Khan, a resident of Mulund, fell prey to a scam and ended up losing a significant amount of 84 thousand rupees.

The ongoing iPhone craze has swept through the mobile enthusiast community. Taking advantage of this trend, Atif Khan stumbled upon a tempting offer for an iPhone 14 Pro, priced at 84 thousand rupees. Without hesitation, he messaged the

seller, Rajendra Koli, to express his interest in purchasing the mobile. Rajendra Koli directed him to the Siddhivinayak mobile shop in Mulund for the transaction.

Atif made his way to Siddhivinayak Telecom, where he verified the availability of the mobile and found it to be brand new, still sealed in its original packaging. He even had a conversation with Rajendra Koli while at the shop. Subsequently,

Atif unboxed the mobile, configured his Apple ID, and applied a screen guard. At this juncture, Rajendra Koli requested a transfer of 84 thousand rupees to his UPI account during their phone conversation.

As Atif was leaving the shop, the shop owner approached him to inquire about the unpaid mobile phone. Atif promptly disclosed the entire situation to the owner, leaving the shop staff in disbelief. Their explanations

failed to provide a satisfactory resolution. Ultimately, the shop owner accompanied Atif to the Mulund police station, where they lodged a fraud case against Rajendra Koli.

Atif's eagerness to secure an iPhone at a discounted price ended up costing him a staggering 84 thousand rupees, leaving him without both the mobile phone and his money. The Mulund police are now intensifying their investigation into this matter."

# BUSTING EXTORTIONIST IN TRANSIT CAMP CASE

## ■ Home Times Network

In a recent development, the Navghar police arrested Satish Gaikwad, a labourer, for his alleged involvement in an extortion case related to the demolition of a transit camp in Mulund. Working in tandem with his brother Chandrasen, the accused is accused of demanding Rs 8,000/ for each truck carrying iron scrap from the dismantled transit camp within the colony. Legal actions have been initiated by the police after a


75-year-old businessman, who works as a contractor for the new PMGP Colony of Mulund East, filed a complaint.

According to the police complaint, the victim was overseeing the removal of scrap iron from the transit camp demolition site in the colony when the accused brothers, Satish and Chandrasen, allegedly demanded the extortion money of Rs 8,000/ for each truck's passage. They strategically parked their Innova car at the entrance, obstructing

the passage of vehicles and compelling the victims to pay the extortion fee. This extortion operation occurred between October 1st and October 27th.

The victim and his supervisor reportedly faced threats of physical harm and even death if they failed to comply with the extortion demands. Subsequently, the complainant approached the Navghar police station and officially reported the incident, leading to the arrest of Satish and Chandrasen.





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### Tarot readings, predictions & tips for the week (04<sup>th</sup> November - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023)

 <p><b>Mesh / Aries (A, L, E)</b> Prediction: You will not be able to take decisions regarding finance and you will get confused because of many ideas around. Advice: (i) Meditation will help you. Concentrate your breathing. (ii) Don't talk much and try to be alone for some time. (iii) Pay attention to your balance.</p>	 <p><b>Kark / Cancer (Da, Ha)</b> Prediction: You will get what you try for. Someone will try to misguide you. Advice: (i) Don't trust the people who talk very sweet. (ii) Satisfaction will help you to get more. (iii) Pay attention to your knowledge.</p>	 <p><b>Tula / Libra (Ra, Ta)</b> Prediction: Your satisfaction will give you peace of mind and you will work very 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.</p>	 <p><b>Makar / Capricorn (Kha, Ja)</b> Prediction: You will feel yourself powerful in many matters and people will support you. Advice: (i) Donate your old clothes to needy people. (ii) Use things pink in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your target.</p>
 <p><b>Vrishabh / Taurus (Ba, Va, U)</b> Prediction: You will think very positive but while taking action your jealousy will trouble you this week. Advice: (i) Try to be free from your mental blocks. (ii) Help people around you selflessly. (iii) Pay attention to your self-esteem.</p>	 <p><b>Sinha / Leo (Ma, Tt)</b> 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.</p>	 <p><b>Vrushchik / Scorpio (Na, Ya)</b> 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. Don't trust anyone. (iii) Pay attention to your responsibilities.</p>	 <p><b>Kumbh/Aquarius (Ga, Sa, Sha, Sh)</b> Prediction: You will get confused many a time. Success is there but with some extra pressure. Advice: (i) Think twice before you do something new. (ii) Use things red in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your love and care.</p>
 <p><b>Mithun / Gemini (Ka, Gha)</b> Prediction: You will get satisfaction in your work and outcome of your efforts will be good. Advice: (i) Don't waste your time and energy. (ii) Try to give comforts to people you meet. (iii) Pay attention to your changes.</p>	 <p><b>Kanya / Virgo (Pa, Tha, Nn)</b> 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.</p>	 <p><b>Dhanu/Sagittarius (Bha, Dha, Fa)</b> Prediction: There is some money improvement this week and your outlook will help you. Advice: (i) Control your emotions when they are negative. (ii) Use things yellow in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your work.</p>	 <p><b>Meen / Pisces (Da, Cha, Tha, Za)</b> Prediction: You will find some better way to get peace of mind and satisfaction. Advice: (i) Avoid arguments and try to understand the opinions of the people. (ii) Use things dark blue in colour. (iii) Pay attention to your faith.</p>



# BLACK FRIDAY: Burglar Strikes five shops in a single night

## ■ Home Times Network

Mulundkars beware; there is a steady increase in cases of house break-ins and looting of shops in Mulund. This week, after two incidents of house break-ins, two burglars looted several shops (approximately five shops) in a single night in Mulund West. Mulund Police have registered a case of theft, but the burglars are absconding. Meanwhile, questions are being raised about the negligence of the police patrolling! People claim that had the Mulund police patrol team been alert, it was impossible for the two burglars to loot five shops at different locations in a single night.

According to reports, two shops were looted in the Runwal Commercial Complex on the LBS road in Mulund West on Friday night. According to reports, the burglars broke the shutters of two shops in the



Runwal Commercial Complex. Similarly, two shops were looted at SN Road and Panch Rasta the same night by another gang of burglars.

After the incident came to light, the CCTV footage of five thefts by two youths in the Mulund area went viral. The citizens are aggravated, blaming the inefficiency of police patrolling Team and posing questions about the security and law and order situation in Mulund. "

Mulund resident Dharmesh

Mishra told HOME TIMES, "The law and order situation in Mulund is under a scanner. It is a shame that, despite police patrolling, many shops were vandalised in one night. The shopkeepers whose shop was vandalised have lost a fortune. Due to the festive season, shops are loaded with different types of stock to make a brisk business. If incidents of this nature continue, the Diwali festival will turn 'Diwala' for businessmen. The Mulund



police should take the theft seriously and increase patrols along with police deployment in the area. Also, inefficient and negligent policemen should be suspended."

Prateek Joshi, another Mulundkar, told HOME TIMES, "In Mulund, this kind of incident has come to light for the first time. Taking a lesson from this incident, the accused should be nabbed as soon as possible, and the police should also increase patrolling."

## YOUNG AND IMPULSIVE: A COSTLY LESSON IN ONLINE VENTURES

## ■ Home Times Network

In a distressing case, a young resident of Mulund became the victim of an online scam, losing over five lakhs in the process. This incident reflects a troubling trend in Mumbai, where cybercriminals prey on individuals seeking quick money with just a click.

Tapan Thakkar, residing in Mulund, received a message on Telegram from a lady named Bhavesha, who enticed him with part-time income opportunities. Bhavesha's message instructed Tapan to click on a link

and provide his bank details. In return, he was offered a task worth Rs. 150, which, upon completion, would reward him with Rs. 500. Encouraged by this initial success, Tapan continued to accept subsequent tasks, each demanding larger financial investment.

As Tapan invested more money, he appeared to enjoy increasing returns, which fostered trust in the process. However, the situation took a dark turn when he was asked to commit a substantial sum of five lakhs for an extended task that spanned several days. Tapan complied, transferring Rs. 32,847 in

stages.

To his dismay, his communication with Bhavesha abruptly ended when she deleted their chat. In a state of panic, Tapan attempted to contact her, only to discover that his account had been deactivated. Realizing he had fallen victim to a scam, he promptly reported the fraud to the cyber police on October 15, 2023.

Subsequently, the police, after verifying the legitimacy of the incident, filed a fraud case against an unknown perpetrator and launched an investigation into the matter.



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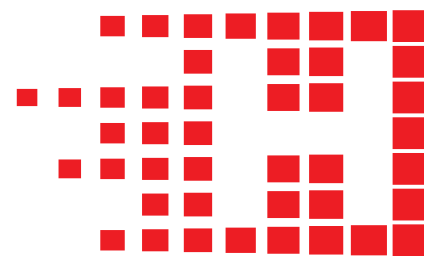
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