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# LA TIM METAL & INDUSTRIES LTD.

(Formerly Known as Drillco Metal Carbides Ltd.)

CIN : L99999MH1974PL017951

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Date:-17<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

To,  
The Corporate Relations Department,  
Bombay Stock Exchange Limited,  
PJ Tower,  
Dalal Street, Fort,  
Mumbai- 400 001.

**Ref: Scrip Code: 505693**

**La Tim Metal & Industries Limited**

**Sub: Submission of Newspaper Clipping pursuant to Regulation 47 (1) (b) of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015 for the Quarter and Nine Months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December,2024.**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

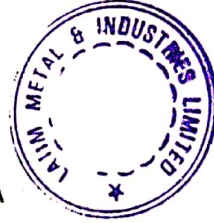
Please find enclosed herewith newspaper clipping of the Un- Audited Financial Result as per Regulation 47 (1) (b), 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015 for the Quarter and nine months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December,2024 published in " Nav Shakti" (Marathi) and "Financial Express" (English) on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 for your records.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Thanking You,

For La Tim Metal & Industries Limited

**RAHUL MAGANLAL TIMBADIA**  
Managing Director  
DIN: 00691457



Encl: As above



## उल्हासनगरातील हवेच्या स्तराची घरबसल्या माहिती मिळणार

नवनीत बन्हाटे/उल्हासनगर प्रदूषणाच्या समस्येमुळे शहरी जीवनावर मोठा परिणाम होत आहे, आणि हवेत असलेल्या अदृश्य विषारी घटकांचा धोका वाढत आहे. मात्र, आता उल्हासनगर शहरातील नागरिकांसाठी एक महत्त्वपूर्ण सुविधा उपलब्ध झाली आहे. केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळाने (CPCB) विकसित केलेले 'समीर ऑप' आता उल्हासनगर महानगरपालिकेच्या

माध्यमातून अधिकृतपणे उपलब्ध करून देण्यात आले असल्याची माहिती पालिका आयुक्त मनीषा आक्काळे यांनी दिली. 'समीर ऑप' शहरातील हवेच्या गुणवत्ता निर्देशांक (AQI - Air Quality Index) दाखवते तसेच हवेच्या गुणवत्तेबाबत तक्रारी दाखल करता येणार आहेत. त्यामुळे शहरवासीय आता आपल्या परिसरातील हवेची स्थिती जाणून घेऊन आवश्यक तक्रारी थेट

## 'समीर ऑप' डाऊनलोड करा आणि AQI त्वरित तपासा!

प्रशासनापर्यंत पोहोचवू शकतात. देशभरातील निवडक शहरांमध्ये हवेच्या गुणवत्तेवर नजर ठेवण्यासाठी केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळाने 'समीर ऑप' विकसित केले आहे. या 'ऑप'च्या नागरिकांना शहरातील हवेच्या गुणवत्तेची अद्ययावत माहिती



हवेचा निर्देशांक जाणून घेता येणार आहे, तसेच हवेच्या प्रदूषणाबाबत तक्रार नोंदवण्याची सुविधा देखील उपलब्ध होणार आहे. या ऑपद्वारे नागरिकांना शहरातील हवेच्या गुणवत्तेची अद्ययावत माहिती

मिळेल, AQI निर्देशांकावर आधारित हवेच्या शुद्धतेचा अंदाज बांधता येईल. हवेच्या गुणवत्तेविषयी तक्रार थेट CPCB व महानगरपालिकेपर्यंत पोहोचवता येईल, पर्यावरण सुधारण्याच्या मोहिमेत सक्रिय सहभाग घेता येईल, अशी माहिती पालिका अधिकाऱ्यांनी दिली.



## 'समीर ऑप' कसे डाऊनलोड करावे?

उल्हासनगर महानगरपालिकेने 'समीर ऑप' डाऊनलोड करण्यासाठी विशेष QR कोड जारी केला आहे. नागरिकांनी महानगरपालिकेच्या अधिकृत संकेतस्थळावर जाऊन QR कोड स्कॅन करून ऑप डाऊनलोड करावे. हे ऑप वापरण्यास अत्यंत सोपे असून, आपल्या परिसरातील हवेच्या गुणवत्तेविषयी सखोल माहिती मिळवण्यासाठी नागरिकांनी 'समीर ऑप' चा नक्की वापर करावा, असे आवाहन उल्हासनगर महापालिकेने केले आहे.

उल्हासनगर शहरातील नागरिकांनी आपल्या परिसरातील हवेची स्थिती जाणून घेण्यासाठी 'समीर ऑप' चा

अवलंब करावा, तसेच हवेच्या गुणवत्तेच्या बाबतीत तक्रारी नोंदवून प्रशासनाला सहकार्य

करण्याचे आवाहन पालिका प्रशासनाकडून करण्यात आले आहे.

## निवडक

## अटल सेतूवर मॅरिथॉनचे आयोजन

नवी मुंबई : शिवडी-न्हावा शेवा अटल सेतूवर (एमटीएचएल) एमएमआरडीए विभागाकडून रविवारी दि.१६ फेब्रुवारी रोजी सकाळी मॅरिथॉनचे आयोजन करण्यात आले आहे. त्यामुळे अटल सेतू शिवडी-न्हावाशेवा सी-लिंकवर १५ फेब्रुवारी रोजी रात्री १ वाजेपर्यंत सर्व प्रकारच्या वाहनांना प्रवेश बंद करण्यात आला आहे. नवी मुंबई पोलिसांच्या वास्तूक विभागाने याबाबतची अधिसूचना जारी केली आहे. तसेच अटल सेतूवरून ये-जा करणाऱ्या वाहनांना पर्यायी मार्गावरून जाण्याबाबत सूचित केले आहे. एमएमआरडीए विभागाकडून शिवडी-न्हावाशेवा सी-लिंकवर १५ ते १६ फेब्रुवारी रोजी सर्व प्रकारच्या वाहनांना प्रवेश बंद करण्यात आला आहे.

## जिल्हा परिषदेच्या शाळेत आठवडे बाजार

कर्जत : रायगड जिल्हा परिषदेच्या प्राथमिक आकुर्ले येथील शाळेमध्ये आनंद बाजार महोत्सवाचे आयोजन शाळेच्या मुख्याध्यापिका सायरा पटेल यांनी मोठ्या दिमाखात केले होते. यावेळी बोलताना माजी केंद्र प्रमुख प्रतिभा साळोखे यांनी विद्यार्थ्यांना प्रत्येक गोष्टीचे मूल्य मापन समजले पाहिजे त्याची जाणीव झाले पाहिजे. या आनंद बाजार महोत्सवात विद्यार्थ्यांना दहा रुपये कर्मविषयासाठी किती मेहनत घ्यावी लागली. हे त्यांना प्रत्यक्षात अनुभवाला मिळाले, असे प्रतिपादन साळोखे यांनी केले. या आनंद बाजार महोत्सवाप्रसंगी केंद्र प्रमुख अनंत खैरे यांच्या हस्ते झाले. यावेळी पहिली ते चौथीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांनी खाद्यपदार्थ तसेच पाले भाज्यांचे स्टॉल लावले होते. यावेळी ग्रामस्थांनी मोठ्या संख्येने प्रतिसाद देऊन आनंद बाजार महोत्सवाचा आनंद घेतला.

उरण : गेल्या काही वर्षात उरण तालुक्यात मोठ्या प्रमाणात औद्योगिक विकास सुरू झाला आहे. तालुक्यात ओएनजीसी, जेएनपीटी, बीपीसीएल यासारखे मोठे मोठे प्रकल्प आणि जेएनपीटीच्या अनुषंगाने निर्माण झालेले मोठे मोठे गोदामे यामुळे या परिसरात नोकऱ्या आणि रोजगाराच्या संध्या मोठ्या प्रमाणात निर्माण झाल्या आहेत. या विकासांमुळे उरण तालुक्यात नागरीकरण देखील झपाट्याने वाढत आहे. या वाढत्या नागरीकरण, औद्योगिकीकरणसाठी लागणाऱ्या पाण्यासाठी मात्र तालुक्यातील नागरिकांना दुसऱ्या तालुक्यांवर अवलंबून राहावे लागत आहेत. त्यामुळे उरण तालुक्यातील नागरिकांवर नवीन पाण्याचे स्रोत शोधण्यासाठी भटकंती करण्याची वेळ आली आहे.

उरण तालुक्यात पाण्याचे स्रोत हे खूप कमी आहेत. तालुक्यात एमआयडीसीचे मध्यम आकाराचे रानसई धरण आणि जलसंपद विभागाचे पुनाडे धरण हे दोनच पाण्याचे स्रोत आहेत.

उरण तालुक्यात झपाट्याने नागरीकरण वाढत आहे. मागील वर्षीपासून उरण तालुक्यात रेल्वे लोकल देखील सुरू झाली आहे. न्हावा-शिवडी अटल सेतू यामुळे मुंबई थेट उरण तालुक्याशी जोडली

## वाढत्या लोकसंख्येमुळे उरणमध्ये पाणीटंचाई

पाण्याचे स्रोत शोधण्यासाठी स्थानिकांची भटकंती

## रोज ५० ते ६० एमएलडी पाण्याची गरज

उरण तालुक्याला सध्याच्या स्थितीत रोज ५० ते ६० एमएलडी पाण्याची गरज आहे. मात्र रानसई धरण आणि पुनाडे धरणाची क्षमता तेवढी नाही. रानसई धरणाची पाणीसाठा साठवण्याची क्षमता १० एमसीएम एवढी आहे तर पुनाडे धरणाची क्षमता जेमतेम १.७५ एमसीएम एवढी आहे. या दोन धरणांच्या पाणीपुरवठा अवलंबून राहिल्यास तालुक्याला फक्त ३ ते ४ महिनेच पाणीपुरवठा होऊ शकतो. त्यामुळे तालुक्यातील पाण्याची गरज भागविण्यासाठी सिडकोचे हेटवणे धरण आणि एमजेपीचे बारवी धरणातील पाण्यावर अवलंबून रहावे लागते.

गेल्याने उरणमध्ये आणखी शहरीकरण वाढणार आहे. त्यामुळे येथे होणाऱ्या विकासाच्या अनुषंगाने तालुक्यात आणखी पाण्याचे स्रोत निर्माण करणे गरजेचे आहे.

उरणमध्ये इतर धरणाच्या

माध्यमातून पाणीपुरवठा केला जातो. मात्र वाढत्या लोकसंख्येमुळे तो कमी पडत असल्याचे चित्र पहावयास मिळत आहे. त्यामुळे स्थानिकांना अतिरिक्त पाण्याची गरज भास आहे.

## ऐरोलीत बांधकाम व्यावसायिकांवर गोळीबार

नवी मुंबई : ऐरोली सेक्टर-१ मधील एका बांधकाम साइटवर उभ्या असलेल्या बांधकाम व्यावसायिकांवर अज्ञात व्यक्तीने गोळीबार केल्याची घटना गुरुवारी सायंकाळी घडली. आरोपीने झाडलेल्या दोन गोळ्या सुदैवाने तैथील भिंतीला लागल्या. त्यामुळे या घटनेत कुणीही जखमी झाले नाही. रबाळे पोलिसांनी या घटनेतून गोळीबार करणाऱ्या विरोधात गुन्हा दाखल करून एका संशयिताला ताब्यात घेण्यात आले आहे. ऐरोलीत राहणाऱ्या बांधकाम व्यावसायिक सुधीर शर्माने ऐरोली सेक्टर-१ मध्ये इमारतीचे बांधकाम

हाती घेतले आहे. याच बांधकाम साइटवर गुरुवारी सायंकाळी अज्ञात व्यक्तीने तेथे उभ्या असलेल्या बांधकाम व्यावसायिकांवर पिस्तुलाने गोळीबार केला. सुदैवाने सदरची गोळी तैथील भिंतीला लागल्याने या गोळीबारात कुणीही जखमी झाले नाही. या घटनेची माहिती मिळताच रबाळे पोलिसांनी घटनास्थळी धाव घेतली. त्यानंतर पोलिसांनी बांधकाम व्यावसायिक सुधीर शर्मांच्या तक्रारीवरून अज्ञात व्यक्तीविरोधात गुन्हा दाखल केला आहे. तसेच सुधीर शर्माने दिलेल्या माहितीवरून पोलिसांनी एका संशयितास ताब्यात घेतले आहे.

## भिवंडीत अल्पवयीन मुलीचे अपहरण

भिवंडी : शहरातील शांतीनगर हद्दीतील एका शाळेजवळ राहणाऱ्या १५ वर्षीय मुलीचे अज्ञाताने अपहरण केल्याचे समोर आले आहे. याप्रकरणी शांतीनगर पोलीस ठाण्यात गुन्हा दाखल करण्यात आला आहे. दिलेल्या माहितीनुसार, ३५ वर्षीय तक्रारदार महिला शांतीनगर पोलीस ठाणे हद्दीत कुटुंबासोबत भाड्याच्या खोलीत राहत आहे. दरम्यान १२ फेब्रुवारी रोजी सायंकाळी ४ वाजण्याच्या सुमारास तक्रारदार महिलेची १५ वर्षीय मुलगी घराच्या बाहेरील परिसरात कोणाला काहीही न सांगता गेली असता तिला अज्ञात इसमाने फूस लावून तिचे अपहरण केले.

**ANTONY WASTE**

**Antony Waste Handling Cell Limited**

Corporate Identity Number : L90001MH2001PLC130485  
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**₹709 Cr.**

TOTAL REVENUE

**₹162 Cr.**

EBITDA

**₹70 Cr.**

PROFIT BEFORE TAX

**AVOIDED EMISSION**

**10,172 tco<sub>2</sub>e**

Avoided

**WASTE MANAGED**

**3.56 Mn Tonnes**

**GREEN ENERGY**

**73 Mn+ kWh**

Green Power Generated

Details are for 9M FY25

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS**  
**(STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED) FOR THE QUARTER**  
**AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

The Unaudited Financial Results (Standalone and Consolidated) have been prepared in accordance with the recognition measurement principle of applicable Indian Accounting Standards as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder.

The Audit Committee has reviewed these financial results, and the Board of Directors have approved these financial results at their respective meetings held on February 14, 2025.

In accordance with regulation 33 and 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, financial results can now be accessed through the quick response code (QR code) provided here.

The full format of the financial results is available on the Stock Exchanges websites ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)) and the Company's website at <https://www.antonywaste.com/investors/financial/>

The financial results can be accessed by scanning the QR Code

**For and on behalf of the Board of Directors**  
**Antony Waste Handling Cell Limited**

**Jose Jacob Kallarackal**  
 Chairman and Managing Director  
 DIN:00549994

Place : Thane  
Date : February 14, 2025

#SustainabilityWithGrowth

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**Statement of Financial Results for the quarter and nine month ended 31st December, 2024** (₹ in lakhs except earnings per share)

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# CBSE boards for Class 10, 12 begin today

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MUMBAI

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) commences the Class 10 and Class 12 board examinations for 2025 on February 15, with approximately 44 lakh students set to appear across 8,000 centres in India.

According to the CBSE 2025 date sheet, Class 10 students

will begin with the English (Communicative) and English (Language and Literature) papers, scheduled from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Meanwhile, Class 12 students will sit for the entrepreneurship examination on the same day. The board has structured the schedule to ensure adequate gaps between papers, allowing students ample time for preparation.

To facilitate the smooth con-

duct of examinations, CBSE organised a live webcast on its official YouTube channel on February 14. The session provided essential guidelines for centre superintendents, deputy superintendents, assistant superintendents, city coordinators, and observers, outlining their responsibilities and the evaluation procedures to be followed.

In a bid to uphold the integ-

egrity of the examinations, CBSE had recently reinforced its regulations against unfair practices. Under its 'unfair means rules', students found in possession of prohibited items, such as electronic communication devices, within the examination hall will face stringent penalties, including the cancellation of their current and subsequent year's board examinations.

The board has stressed the importance of strict adherence to the list of permitted items, which includes only essential materials such as admit cards, pens, and simple analogue watches.

Additionally, comprehensive physical frisking measures will be implemented at all examination centres to ensure compliance with these exam regulations.

# Fearing stigma, sextortion victim jumps off Atal Setu

Raina Assainar  
NAVI MUMBAI

A 50-year-old teacher from Alibaug, a victim of sextortion, jumped off Atal Setu on Friday morning. Vaibhav Pingalay was a primary school teacher in a zilla parishad school in Kurdu village, Panvel taluka. He is survived by his wife, who is also a teacher, and two college-going children.

The search for him was suspended on Friday evening owing to darkness. While looking for Pingalay, though, the rescue team found another body and informed the nearby police station.

Senior police inspector Arjun Rajane from Ulwe said Pingalay's family was aware of the sextortion incident and a few of his distant relatives are

in the police force. They had advised him to not worry about it and to make a formal police complaint. Rajane said, "However, he did not register a case as he feared his reputation would be tarnished. He went to Poynd police station to lodge a complaint but left without doing that."

The police said Pingalay left his residence at 7.30am, saying he was stepping out for some work. "He left his mobile phone at home and drove 9km to Atal Setu via Chirner, parked his car on the bridge and jumped off," Rajane said.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Port division) Vishal Nehul said this is the year's first incident of suicide from Atal Setu. "The CCTV cameras caught the car being parked but by the time any-

one could reach there, he had already jumped off," ACP Nehul said.

As per the statements given by Pingalay's family to the Ulwe police, he had already paid Rs12,000 and Rs6,000 to cyber bullies. "He had blocked the numbers but the calls kept coming from different numbers, asking for more money. The unidentified accused had accessed Pingalay's contact list and kept blackmailing him to seek loans from different people," an officer investigating the offence said.

Pingalay had purchased a new phone which was found in the car in a sealed box. The police contacted his family after verifying the details based on the car's registration number.

## CLEAN AIR INITIATIVE | BMC claims success; activists say issues like construction activities, biomass burning, etc, not addressed

# Funds to fight pollution spent on electric buses

Devashri Bhujbal  
MUMBAI

Under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) launched in 2019, Mumbai was identified as one of 131 non-attainment cities in India - that is in the list of cities that consistently fail National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Accordingly, to curb the pollution in the city, the central government granted Rs95.5 crore and till now Rs 620 crore has been provided under 15th Finance Commission to the BMC.

The BMC, in its progress report on NCAP, has stated that it has utilised 100% of the central government funds and 94% of the funds provided under 15th Finance Commission to implement measures to control pollution.

In the report, which was presented during the eight steering committee meeting of NCAP, the BMC has stated that maximum of the funds was used for procuring electric BEST buses, followed by minor expenses against procuring seven mechanised sweeping machines and converting six traditional crematoria into electric or PNG.

Although the BMC claims the NCAP has been implemented successfully in Mumbai, the Air Quality Index (AQI) in the city continues to worsen. "Unfortunately there has been no meaningful consultation with the public nor civil society regarding the preparation and implementation of the program. Spending money on buying electric buses was the easy way out,



and also very lucrative for the decision-makers since the buses were ordered from a company that has failed to deliver most of the buses," said environmentalist and trustee of Conservation Action Trust, Debi Goenka.

"The critical issues of pollution caused by construction activities, industrial pollution, biomass burning, etc, have not been addressed, which is why we continue to suffer," Goenka added. Activist Zoru Bhatena said that the best way to clean Mumbai's air is not to pollute it in the first place. "Spending Rs10,000 crore to needlessly dig up every road, and then to spend Rs95 crore to clean the pollution caused by all this digging, makes no sense," he said.

A senior officer from BMC's Environment Department said, "Under the 15th Finance Commission, Rs1240.25 crore has been allocated to the BMC for air quality management. Till now Rs620.11 crore has been granted and we have utilised 94% of the funds to imple-

ment measures to curtail air pollution. As per the commission, highest allocation, ie a total of Rs992.20 crore, is to be used for procuring electric buses. Accordingly, around Rs493 crore has been used to purchase electric BEST buses in Mumbai."

"Rest of the funds are been used for activities like dust mitigation, traffic synchronised, conversion of bakeries and crematoriums into electric/PNG, construction and demolition and air quality monitoring and strengthening among others," the officer added. Environment activist Sumaira Abdulali slammed the BMC saying the NCAP is not effective. "Unfortunately, the expenditure incurred indicates that no substantial amount has been spent in curbing pollution from construction at source, even though extensive construction and reconstruction are some of the largest contributors. The extremely high AQI and PM2.5 (which is most damaging to human health since PM2.5 is directly inhaled) indicate that hundreds of crore rupees spent under NCAP have not effectively controlled air pollution."

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## UBT opposes huge robotic car parking

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MUMBAI

The Shiv Sena (UBT) has launched a signature campaign against a proposed 17-storey robotic parking tower behind Mumbadevi temple in Kalbadevi.

Around 900 people, including devotees visiting the temple and residents of Mumbadevi, have signed the campaign.

"We plan to continue the campaign for two or three days, gather 4,000 to 5,000 signatures, and submit it with a letter to the BMC commissioner," a local Sena UBT leader said.

The BMC has undertaken the Rs122 crore project at Mumbadevi, which will accommodate more than 500 vehicles. The project is one of the four robotic parking towers the corporation has planned. The other three are located at Fort (Hutatma Chowk), Worli and Matunga.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and MLA Aaditya Thackeray has also voiced his opposition to the project and alleged that it is planned to benefit contractors. He met BMC Commissioner Bhusan Gagrani earlier this week and urged him to scrap the project. Along with Thackeray, the general manager of Mumbaidevi Temple Trust, Hemant Jadhav, was also present. "We are not against the development. However, we had requested to construct the tower on the other corner of the plot. The 17-storey tower right behind the temple is nothing but a safety hazard," Jadhav said.

## Story In Picture



## Couple reunites on Feb 14, after 17 yrs

Poonam Apraj  
MUMBAI

A 59-year-old woman was reunited with her husband who had been missing for 17 years, on Valentine's Day, on Friday. Chandrakant Kanu Joshi was found at a farmhouse in Murbad. The wife had approached the Maharashtra State Commission for Women seeking help in tracing her husband, who had left home in April 2007 and never returned. Following her complaint, the Kalachowki Police registered a missing persons case on March 12, 2024.

With no immediate

leads, police contacted his family, friends, and relatives, but no one had any information. However, a breakthrough came when one of his old friends mentioned spotting him at a farmhouse in Murbad between 2015 and 2016. Using technical investigation methods, the police searched multiple farmhouses in the region.

Eventually, Joshi was found working at a farmhouse in Chauri village, Murbad. He was brought to Kalachowki Police Station, where his wife was called in. Upon seeing him, she identified him as her missing husband.

## 'MSRTC fare hike failed to lift revenues'

Kamal Mishra  
MUMBAI

The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) is struggling to generate revenues despite the recent fare hike, a workers' union has warned.

The demand for bus services is high, but the corporation's fleet has dwindled to 14,000 buses from 18,000 before the pandemic, the Maharashtra MSRTC Employees Congress has said.

Shrirang Barge, general secretary of the union, appealed to the chief minister to ensure the swift arrival of new buses. This will alleviate the shortage and provide better services, he said.

According to the union, MSRTC raised fares by 14.95% in January 2025, but a review of the last 10 days of revenue reveals only a 7.5% increase. "Prior to the fare hike, daily revenue was approximately Rs28 crore, and with the fare hike, the expected daily revenue was Rs32.74 crore. However, only Rs30.22 crore has been earned, resulting in a shortfall of approximately Rs2.51 crore per day," read the statement issued by Barge.

## LOC issued against celebrity chef

Poonam Apraj  
MUMBAI

Gamdevi Police have registered a case against celebrity chef Farrokh Khambata following a complaint filed by his wife, Dilshad Khambata.

In her complaint, Dilshad alleged that her husband had forged her signatures to obtain loans from multiple financial institutions, falsely making her a co-borrower.

According to police sources, the police have issued a Look Out Circular (LOC) against Farrokh to prevent him from fleeing to another country.

The investigation is ongoing, and further legal action will be taken based on the findings.

According to police sources, Farrokh is currently in the Philippines.

In light of this, the police have sought his passport and visa details from the Foreigners Regional Registration Office as part of their ongoing investigation.

## BMC seizes 18 properties of DBS Realty over ₹179cr dues

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The BMC has launched a crackdown against defaulters. As part of the initiative, the Assessment and Collection (A&C) Department has seized 18 properties owned by DBS Realty Company in Chandivali, with dues totalling Rs178.64 crore. The authorities have warned that if the company fails to pay the dues within the 21-day deadline, the properties will be put up for auction.

The BMC has set a tax collection target of Rs6,200 crore for 2024-25. Between May 26, 2024, and February 12, 2025, it collected Rs4,823 crore. Officials are working to collect the remaining Rs1,377 crore by March 31. To ensure this, the BMC has been issuing attachment notices under Section 203 of big defaulters who delay payments or fail to pay property tax despite having the financial capacity.

If the taxes are not paid within the stipulated period,



the BMC initiates the process of attaching and auctioning the goods from the defaulting property, in accordance with Sections 203, 204, 205, and 206 of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act. The officials have placed attachment notices on 18 properties owned by DBS Realty located in Sangharsh Nagar at Chandivali.

"Despite follow-ups, no response has been received, leading to the attachment notices being affixed to all these properties. If the taxes

are not paid within the next 21 days, as per MMC Act, the goods from these properties will be seized and auctioned," said BMC said on Friday.

Meanwhile, the BMC has compiled a list of 500 defaulters, which includes names of real estate developers, corporations, and even civic offices. According to civic calculations, the pending dues up to March 2010 amounted to Rs3,242 crore, which have now escalated to Rs5,397 crore after the addition of penalties over the last 15 years.

## Film-maker appeals cheque bounce verdict

Charul Shah Joshi  
MUMBAI

Film-maker Ram Gopal Varma has moved the Dindoshi sessions court against the order of a judicial magistrate sentencing him to three months in jail in a cheque bouncing case.

Last month the metropolitan magistrate's court, Andheri, had held Varma's firm guilty in a case filed by a Vile Parle-based firm. Since

Varma was not present in court, it also issued a non-bailable warrant against him.

Varma challenged the order before the sessions court earlier this month. The appeal came up for hearing on Thursday, wherein his lawyer sought bail for the film-maker and sought suspension of the sentence. The judge has issued a notice to the complainant and scheduled the case for hearing next month.

The complaint was filed by

a firm named 'Shree' through one of its partners, Mahesh Chandra Mishra, in 2018. Its lawyers Rajesh Kumar Patel and Alok Singh had contended that the company has been engaged in the business of providing hard disks for the last several years. The firm had provided hard disk to Varma's company from February 2018 to March 2018, for which the complainant had raised a bill of Rs2,38,220. However, on June 1, 2018,

when the complainant deposited a cheque given by Varma to clear the dues, it bounced "for the reasons funds insufficient". When the complainant approached Varma, he gave another cheque, which too bounced for the reason "payment stopped by drawer". Hence, the complainant claimed that they moved a criminal complaint for cheque bouncing with the magistrate court, Andheri.

## Pakistanis jailed in heroin case file HC appeal

Charul Shah Joshi  
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Seven of eight Pakistani nationals who were recently sentenced to 20 years in prison in a drugs case have appealed the verdict in the Bombay High Court.

A special court handed the eight Pakistanis the maximum jail term under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in January. They were intercepted by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) along with 232

kilos of heroin, worth Rs6.93 crore, in 2015.

In the appeal, filed through their lawyer Anil Lalla, the Pakistanis have claimed that Indian courts have no jurisdiction to prosecute them as their boat was not in Indian waters.

The appeal states that the boat did not enter Indian jurisdiction. The defence had claimed that ICG officials in their cross-examination had admitted that it was moving towards Indian water.

India's maritime boundary extends 12 nautical miles and

is applicable "to all persons on ships and aircraft registered in India where ever they may be. The boat Al Yasir was not registered in India nor did the boat enter the territorial waters of India... therefore provisions of NDPS Act, 1985, was inapplicable to this case", the appeal reads.

The appeal stated that the accused were not in conscious possession of the drugs. It was contended that they knew they were carrying some chemicals but were unaware

that they were drugs.

"They were not aware of its nature, which shows that the appellants were not in conscious possession of seized heroin and that they were being used as carriers by their bosses stationed in Pakistan. Moreover, the appellants come from very humble background although the heroin allegedly seized from their possession was worth crores of rupees, which was far beyond their financial capacity to hold or possess," the appeal reads.

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