

Illegal activities and encroachment plague Elphinstone Mill parking Leaders should ensure their statements do not create communal discord: Pawar

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The public parking lot (PPL) at Elphinstone Mill in Dadar (W) is scrutinised by the public due to allegations of unlawful activities, encroachment, and tender condition violations.



Organisation, a citizens' welfare organisation that works to highlight various civic issues in Dadar, posted a video of the parking lot on X. They wrote, "@mybmc Public Parking Lot or Cheap Rental Warehouse?"

Commercial godowns, illegal garages, BMC assets theft & anti-social activities running openly in One Intl Centre @mybmcWardGS PPL in — violating BMC tender conditions! Contractor illegally renting space at throwaway prices!

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Terming his cabinet colleague Nitesh Rane's statement about Muslims "misleading, Maharashtra deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Wednesday advised restraint to political leaders in the state. It should be ensured that statements in public do not cause a communal rift, said Pawar who heads the Nationalist Congress Party.

question about minister and BJP leader Nitesh Rane's recent claim that Muslims were not part of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's army. Pawar was speaking in Karad after paying tributes at the memorial of late Congress stalwart and the first chief minister of the state Yashwantrao Chavan on his birth anniversary.



rich cultural heritage. In the past, leaders in the state have always strived to maintain communal harmony, ensuring that different communities coexist peacefully," he said, when asked about Rane's remarks.

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BMC warns against illegal tree cutting in Mumbai during Holi

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Ahead of Holika dahan on March 13, 2025, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has issued a strict warning against the unauthorised cutting of trees. The civic body has made it clear that violations will result in severe legal consequences, including fines and possible imprisonment.

activities to the local police or municipal authorities. Complaints can be registered through BMC's toll-free helpline at 1916. Jitendra Pardeshi, Superintendent of Gardens and Member Secretary of the Tree Authority, emphasized that unauthorised tree felling is a punishable offense under Section 21 of the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection and Preservation of Trees Act, 1975.

severe cases, imprisonment from one week to one year. The BMC has called on Mumbaiers to play an active role in preserving the city's greenery by protecting and nurturing trees. "Every citizen must safeguard nature and the trees that provide us with oxygen. We urge the public to cooperate fully," Pardeshi added.

Mumbai Police issues strict preventive orders for Holi celebrations

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Mumbai Police has issued strict preventive orders to maintain law and order during Holi, prohibiting unruly behavior such as obscene gestures, vulgar language, and throwing colour-filled balloons at people. The orders, issued on Tuesday by Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) Akbar Pathan, will remain in effect from March 12 to March 18, strictly banning any acts that could disturb public order or create communal tension.

making inappropriate gestures, or throwing water or colors at pedestrians without their consent is strictly prohibited, with violators facing legal action under Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951. Additionally, Mumbai Traffic Police will launch a special drive against drunk driving, setting up checkpoints across the city from Thursday night. Strict action will be taken against two-wheeler riders without helmets, triple riding on bikes, and other traffic violations that pose a risk to public safety.

Suresh Dhas' close aide Satish Bhosale arrested

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Satish Bhosale, a BJP worker and close aide of Beed MLA Suresh Dhas, has been arrested in Uttar Pradesh for attempt to murder and other cases, Maharashtra Police said on Wednesday. Bhosale, also known as 'Khokya,' had been on the run while speaking to news channels. He was nabbed from Prayagraj, confirmed a senior police official. Bhosale faces two attempt to murder cases and



charges under the NDPS Act in Beed, along with a case under the Forest Act. Cases are also pending against him in Ahilya Nagar district. Recently, a viral video showed him and his gang assaulting a man

with a cricket bat, leading to police action. Another video showed a father-son duo, Dilip and Mahesh Dhakne, being assaulted, resulting in two FIRs at Shirur police station. A local farmer also accused Bhosale of attacking him with an axe when his son objected to illegal hunting. A Forest Department raid on his house uncovered dried meat and hunting equipment. Reacting to the arrest, Suresh Dhas stated, "This is a very positive development.

If Ladki Bahin Yojana ends, 10 new schemes can start: Ramdas Kadam

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Following the Lok Sabha election results, Maharashtra's Mahayuti government launched the Ladki Bahin scheme, which immediately faced opposition criticism. The scheme's popularity among women helped the Mahayuti

win the election, partly due to their promise to increase the installment amount. However, the recent budget did not mention this increase, leading to renewed criticism from the opposition. Statements from leaders within the Shiv Sena Shinde group about the scheme's future are adding to

the potential controversy. The Ladki Bahin scheme currently provides Rs 1,500 to eligible women and promised an increase to Rs 2,100 if the Mahayuti was re-elected. The opposition is demanding a timeline for this increase, especially since the budget, presented by Deputy Chief

Minister and Finance Minister Ajit Pawar, did not allocate funds for it. Ramdas Kadam, a Shiv Sena Shinde group leader, added to the confusion by suggesting the scheme could be discontinued to fund ten other initiatives, citing budgetary limitations and the scheme's Rs 30,000 crore cost.

The government has disqualified five lakh women from the scheme for not meeting the requirements but clarified that the Rs 9,000 already distributed to them will not be taken back. The review of applications to determine eligibility is still underway.



National News

BJP's Rajrani Malhotra elected Gurugram Mayor



Agencies Gurugram, March 12

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday won the Gurugram Mayoral election by defeating the Congress candidate Seema Pahuja. BJP's Rajrani Malhotra, contesting for the Mayor post, secured 2,70,781 votes, while Congress's Seema Pahuja got 91,296 votes. Pahuja lost the election with a huge margin of 1,79,485 votes. "I would like to thank the voters of Gurugram who express trust in the party's ideology. I will work in the interest of the people. Those works that are pending in the

Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) area will be completed soon. People will not soon face any problem during the monsoon or related with civic issues," BJP's newly-elected Mayor, Rajrani Malhotra, told IANS. However, the saffron party shockingly lost the Manesar Mayor seat to an Independent candidate. With this election, Manesar got its first Mayor since the formation of the Manesar Municipal Corporation (MMC). The Manesar Mayor seat was won by Independent candidate Inderjeet Yadav, defeating BJP's Sunder Lal Yadav. MMC's newly-elected Mayor, Inderjeet

Yadav, won 26,393 votes, while BJP's 24,100 votes. He was defeated by a Sunder Lal Yadav received a total of margin of 2,293 votes.

BRS condemns arrest of two women journalists

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The Opposition Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) in Telangana has condemned the alleged arrest of two women journalists in Hyderabad. BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao, senior leader Harish Rao and MLC K. Kavitha condemned the arrests of Revathi and Tanvi Yadav and demanded their immediate release. Rama Rao took to

'X' to ask top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi if this was his 'Mohabbat Ki Dukaan'. "Arresting two women journalists in the wee hours of the morning!! What is their crime? Giving voice to the public opinion on incompetent & corrupt Congress Govt. Last I checked, the Constitution of India that you hold regularly, upholds Freedom of Speech Mr. Gandhi," posted the BRS leader.

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