

Gutter water to wash fruits?

Virar: A street vendor was caught using filthy water from an overflowing gutter to wash fruits before selling them at Global City Naka, triggering outrage among residents. The incident occurred around 3pm on Tuesday and was recorded by local resident Vishwanath Shetty, who noticed the vendor sprinkling sewage water on apples and grapes. Shetty immediately alerted authorities by calling 112 and also contacted the Food and Drugs Administration. However, audio recordings of his conversations reveal evasive responses from officials, with little urgency shown. The video has since gone viral on social media, sparking anger and concerns over public health and food safety. Citizens are demanding strict action against vendors engaging in such unhygienic practices. The incident has also served as a warning for consumers to remain cautious.

Domestic fight leads to murder

Thane: A domestic dispute turned deadly at Ruchi Apartment near Sadashiv Dalvi Nagar, close to Diva station, after a husband allegedly attacked his wife with a sharp weapon during a heated argument. The Diva police took the accused into custody, and further legal proceedings are underway. The couple, who lived on the second floor of the building, got into a violent altercation following which the husband inflicted fatal injuries on his wife. The incident has intensified demands for a separate police station in Diva. Currently, the rapidly growing suburb is served by a small police outpost with limited staff, despite a population estimated between five and seven lakh. A new police station was sanctioned years ago, construction remains stalled due to land issues.

Lost money, land: NCLT orders liquidation

Pranali Lotlikar

MUMBAI

The National Company Law Tribunal has allowed the Centre's plea for winding up the Pune-based company, Netwealth Agrotech India Limited, after the tribunal found that it had committed fraud and cheated around 2,400 villagers, thereby siphoning off the invested money of poor villagers from Pune and Beed districts. The tribunal noted that the company is yet to repay the invested money of around 700 customers.

In its order, the tribunal appointed the official liquida-

tor attached to the Bombay High Court as the liquidator of the company and directed him to carry out the procedure to take charge of the company's properties.

The tribunal, in its order, said, "The findings of the investigation conducted by the regional director (Western Region), Mumbai, under the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs, reveal that the company had floated and operated unauthorised deposit-like schemes under the guise of plot allotment and assured returns, and that its affairs were conducted in a fraudulent manner, resulting in large-scale cheating of the

public through acts of commission and omission by the company and its directors. The funds so mobilised from the public were misappropriated and siphoned off by the directors for purposes other than those represented to the investors, including diversion of monies, acquisition of properties, and non-refund of deposits, thereby causing substantial financial loss to a large number of customers and establishing a prima facie case of fraud and mismanagement."

In its petition, the Gol stated that the managing director of the company, Machindra Baban Mundhe,

Netwealth Agrotech India Ltd cheated 2,400 people from Beed and Pune dists & siphoned off their invested money

along with directors Buvasaheb Janu Bochare and Umrao Vasantrao Gilbile, were involved in serious fraud. It alleged that they had floated various schemes promising inflated returns and allotment of plots, thereby cheating several investors, particularly poor villagers.

The company had sus-

pended its business operations in 2014. However, in their sworn statements, the three directors gave consent for the takeover of all properties of the company by the government, at its discretion, for sale and repayment of the amounts due to customers.

The company filed its balance sheets for the financial years ending 31.03.2013 to 31.03.2017 on the MCA portal only on 30.04.2018. However, the same appeared to be forged or fabricated, as they lacked previous year figures, the auditor's report, and notes to accounts. A further investigation revealed that the company raised approxi-

mately Rs3.5 crore from about 2,400 customers, out of which Rs2,08,65,107 remains unpaid to around 700 customers.

The company was incorporated with the object of carrying on business related to agro-based products. The main object clause of the company, as per its memorandum of association, reads as follows: "To carry on the business of agriculture and agricultural technology, including the manufacture of agricultural pesticides and fertilisers, and to produce, manufacture, and process all types of agro-based products and related activities."

Lack of rd claims teenager's life

Palghar: An 18-year-old boy from Tilonda (Ambepe) village in Jawhar taluka died early Tuesday after failing to receive timely medical treatment due to the absence of proper road connectivity. The boy, Shailesh Magan Wagada, was suffering from a serious illness. With no motorable road for nearly four kilometers, villagers were forced to carry him in a makeshift palanquin across hilly terrain to reach a health-care facility. The delay proved fatal, and he died before receiving treatment. Tilonda, a predominantly tribal settlement, remains deprived of basic infrastructure, including roads and accessible healthcare. Locals said the village becomes completely cut off during the monsoon, making ambulance access impossible. No action has been taken so far, they said.



Heat shield

Fruit vendors on Nepean Sea Road use umbrellas and covers to protect produce from the heat – Salman Ansari

Convicted for stabbing patient, granted set-off

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THANE

The Thane Sessions Court has convicted a 45-year-old Jabalpur resident for stabbing a patient admitted to a Kalwa hospital following a dispute over a cigarette but granted him set-off after noting that he had spent three years in jail.

The accused, Suresh Banwari Belbansi, was arrested by the Kalwa police in February 2021 for allegedly stabbing the complainant with a sharp knife. According to the prosecution, the complainant was undergoing treatment at Kalwa hospital and was smoking a cigarette when Belbansi approached him and asked for a drag, which was given. However, when the complainant demanded his cigarette back, the accused allegedly abused him, leading to a heated argument. In a fit of rage, Belbansi stabbed the victim with a kitchen knife.

Sessions Judge VG Mohite said, "The incident was a random fight that occurred over

Thane court rules no intent to murder in a hosp altercation over cigarette

a trivial issue and that there was no intention on the part of the accused to commit murder. The court convicted Belbansi for causing grievous hurt but acquitted him of the more serious charge of attempt to murder."

The order said, "There was no prior enmity between them. The prosecution has not led reliable evidence to prove the intention of the accused to commit the murder of the victim or to cause grave injury to him. The seized muddemal knife is generally used in the kitchen. The injury certificate is silent about any stab injury on a vital part of the body of the victim." The accused had already undergone a substantial period in jail since 2021. It awarded imprisonment already undergone as a consolidated sentence and granted set-off.

Crocodile and turtle rescued from chawl

Mumbai: The forest department, crime branch unit 9, and NGO Sarp India rescued a crocodile and an Indian spotted turtle allegedly kept illegally in a Juhu chawl house.

A 29-year-old man, Imran Shaikh, has been booked under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Forest guard Roshan Binde from the Andheri range office said the action was initiated after senior forest officer Santosh Dagale directed him to assist the police following a tip-off. The team reached the house in Moragaon Shankar Chawl on February 3 evening. The door was opened by Imran Shaikh and his sister Shahida; Imran runs a Chinese food stall. Inside a 13 ft by 7 ft room, the team found a glass enclosure measuring 5 ft by 2 ft with the animals. During questioning, Shahida told the officers that Imran had brought the animals home. Imran allegedly gave evasive answers about their source. Based on the findings, police registered an offence against him. An FIR has been filed at Juhu police station under the Wildlife (Protection) Act.

'Maika' app for public mental health support

Initially launched for government employees as pilot project

Now opened for all citizens after positive response

Why it matters

Mental health cases rising sharply

Depression nearly doubled

Stigma and lack of affordable support remain major issues

Features

Meditation sessions and mood tracking

Daily journals for emotional monitoring

Scientific self-assessment tools

AI chatbot for confidential guidance

Contact with counselors and help centers

Mental health first-aid courses

TEXT: Fariyal Sayeed

MNS secretary questions bank worker over Marathi

Avadhut Kharade

MUMBAI

A video of MNS' push for Marathi language has gone viral. It shows party secretary Anish Khandagle questioning a staff member at the Mahim branch of Bank of Maharashtra over alleged misbehaviour with customers

and refusal to speak in Marathi. The employee allegedly maintained that he would not communicate in Marathi, even after being repeatedly asked to do so. Following the confrontation, Khandagle demanded that the bank's branch manager issue an immediate written apology and transfer the employee. He also warned that the MNS would launch an agitation if the demands were not accepted. As per the complaint received by the MNS, a Marathi-speaking customer had visited the bank branch to inquire about a loan and was allegedly treated rudely by the employee. However, Khandagle told to communicate in Marathi.

Versus

1. Mr. Shapoor Minoo Bhathela
Adult, age not known, Occ: not known,

2. Mrs. Nilufer Shapoor Bhathela
Adult, age not known, Occ: not known, having last known address at Flat No. 5, Second Floor, Razia Manor, Plot No. 95, Prof. Almeida Park Road, Bandra (West), Mumbai-400050.Defendants

To,
The Defendants abovenamed,

Whereas the Plaintiff abovenamed has instituted the suit against the Defendants praying therein that the Defendants be ordered and decreed to hand over to the Plaintiff, quiet, vacant and peaceful possession of the suit premises, being flat No. 5 on the second floor of Razia Manor building situated at Plot No. 95, Prof. Almeida Park Road, Bandra (West), Mumbai-400050, which is bounded as under : On or towards the North by : facing Park View Building On or towards the South by : facing Plativila Building. On or towards the East by : facing Regent Building. On or towards the West by : facing flat no. 6 and for such other and further reliefs.

You are hereby summoned to file your Written Statement within 30 days from service of summons and to appear in Court Room No. 33, Court of Small Causes, Antant Kanekar Marg, Bhaskar Building, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 in person or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person, able to answer all such questions, on 23rd February, 2026 at 02:45 P.M. to answer the claim; and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose Evidence and all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

You may obtain the copy of said Plaintiff from Court Room No. 33 of this court.

Given under my hand and the Seal of Court,

this 21st day of January, 2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE FOR PREQUALIFICATION / EMPANELMENT OF CONTRACTORS & ARCHITECTS

Union Bank of India, a leading Nationalized Bank, intends to empanel Contractors & Architects for a period of 3 years for the works of Civil Work, Furniture / Furnishing Work and Electrical Work its Branches / Offices / Residences in Kolhapur Region.

Looking towards the geographical location of the Branches in Kolhapur, Sangli, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg District, the individuals / companies must exist in these 4 districts only.

Interested individuals / companies may obtain the application forms on payment of Rs. 500.00 (non-refundable by way of Pay Order / Demand Draft favoring Union Bank of India, payable at KOLHAPUR) during working hours from 10.00 to 16.00 from 06.02.2026 to 27.02.2026. **DGM**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

PREMISES REQUIRED ON LEASE FOR BRANCH AT PHONDAKHAT

Union Bank of India requires well constructed / proposed construction Commercial Premises on lease for its Branch at below mentioned Place (Location):

Desirable Carpet Area (sq.ft.) Location
1200 ± 10% PHONDAKHAT, Dist. Sindhudurg, Maharashtra (Semi Urban)

The proposed premises will be well constructed / undergoing constructed building in the PHONDAKHAT and should be preferably on Ground Floor (with sufficient parking place for staff vehicles) with good frontage on lease rent basis for shifting a bank branch. For further details, please visit bank's website www.unionbankofindia.com

Last date for submission of bids in the prescribed format is **27.02.2026** upto 4.00 pm. The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

DGM

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that I am investigating the title to the immovable property being Plot No. 78 in area admeasuring about 574.1 Sq. Mtrs. or thereabouts forming part of Abhinav Nagar Layout, situated on Property bearing CTS No. 1998/2 of Village Dahisar, Taluka Borivali, belonging to Abhinav Nagar Co-operative Housing Society Limited and having its address at Abhinav Nagar, Borivali (East), Mumbai-400 066 along-with a Structure comprising of Ground and Upper Floor/Terrace ("SAID PLOT") and 5 (Five) Fully Paid-up Shares having value of Rs. 50/- each, bearing distinctive Nos. 1361 to 1365 (both inclusive), issued by Abhinav Nagar Co-operative Housing Society Limited, under Share Certificate No. 273 ("SAID SHARES"). The said Plot and the said Shares are collectively referred to as "THE SAID PROPERTY".

All Persons/entities including an individual, Hindu Undivided Family, Company, Bank/s, Financial Institutions, Non-Banking Financial Institutions, Firms, Association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, Lenders and/or Creditors having any benefits, titles, claims, objections, demands or rights or interest in respect of the Said Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, sale, transfer, share, mortgage, pledge, charge, lease, lien, license, assignment, tenancy, gift, exchange, encumbrance, family arrangement/settlement, bequest, succession, maintenance, easement, trust, possession, Decree or Order of any Court of Law, contracts/ agreements, Development Rights, partnership, rights of way, lis-pendens, reservation, Power of Attorney, option, FSI consumption, rights of first refusal, pre-emption or any liability or any commitment or otherwise of whatsoever nature is hereby required to intimate in writing, along with documentary evidence to the undersigned **AMEE DHARMADHIKARI, ADVOCATE** having address at : 301, Plot No. 139, Abhinav Nagar, Borivali (East), Mumbai - 400066, within 14 (Fourteen) Days, from the date of publication of this notice of such claim, if any, failing which they shall be deemed to have given up or abandoned such claim/s and we shall proceed to certify the title in respect of the said property as clear and marketable.

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The Managing Committee of society reserves all right to accept/reject EOI without assigning reason thereof.

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Place: Mumbai **Sd/-** Ameesh Dharmadhikari **Date:** 06-02-2026

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SPECIAL WINDOW FOR RE-LODGEMENT OF TRANSFER REQUESTS OF PHYSICAL SHARES

Pursuant to SEBI Circular No.- HO/38/13/11(2)/2026-MIRSD-POD/I/3750/2026 dated January 30, 2026, titled "Ease of Doing Investment - Special Window for Transfer and Dematerialisation of Physical Securities", all shareholders, holding physical securities of the Company are hereby informed that SEBI has provided a Special Window for a period of 1 (One) year commencing from February 05, 2026 and ending on February 04, 2027, for transfer and dematerialisation ("Demat") of physical securities which were sold or purchased prior to April 01, 2019 and could not be processed earlier due to deficiency in the documents, process, or otherwise.