

Mumbai: The Mira Bhayandar-Vasai Virar (MBVV) police's crime branch unit (central) has arrested a small-time bookie, Hiren Shantilal Patel, 49, for indulging in betting on the ongoing Ashes cricket test series being played between England and Australia. Acting on a tip-off, the police caught

the bookie while accepting and placing bets from an office in a building behind Maxus Mall in Bhayandar West at around 9.30 pm on Thursday. Patel was found using user IDs and passwords of various online betting applications installed on his smartphone. Detailed report on freepressjournal.in

Hoax terror call sends cops in a tizzy

SURESH GOLANI / Mira-Bhayandar

A hoax call received by the control room of the Mira Bhayandar-Vasai Virar (MBVV) police sent the police on a wild goose chase on Wednesday night. An unidentified man claiming to be from Gujarat called the MBVV police control room at around 8:30pm and passed information about the presence of terrorists in Mumbai while sharing two numbers. Not taking any chances, the MBVV police immediately stepped up vigil in the area and alerted their counterparts in Mumbai about the anonymous call and the mobile numbers. The police traced the address of the numbers which turned out to be of two women - both commercial sex workers in Dahisar. The women said it might have been a prank to harass them.

Man arrested for molesting woman in train

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The Government Railway Police (GRP) on Friday arrested a man for allegedly molesting a woman aboard a running local train between Charni Road and Grant Road stations. The incident occurred on June 24 and was reported to GRP on Wednesday. The suspect Roshan Patel, a 20-year-old native of Rajasthan who currently resides in Nallasopara, was caught within 36 hours. Following the report, the GRP formed four teams to apprehend Patel. One of the teams raided his residence in Nallasopara and was informed by Patel's father that he lives with his girlfriend and is not in contact with him. The GRP traced Patel's girlfriend and later arrested him on Friday evening based on the information provided by her.

MUMBAI'S PROPERTY SALES DECLINE BY OVER 6% YOY

Despite decline in registrations, real estate firms continue to be upbeat

ATEEQ SHAIKH / Mumbai

Year-on-year biannual data of property registrations done in Mumbai shows a 6.39% decline. In 2022, between January and June, a total of 66,760 agreements for sale were registered with the Department of Registration and Stamps. On the other hand, during the first six months of 2023, which is up to June 30, 62,492 agreements for sale were registered.

In June 2023, a total of 10,319 property sale agreements were registered, as per data available from the state government. The previous June, 9,919 agreements for sale were registered in Mumbai.

Despite the decline in property registrations, real estate consultants and brokerage firms continue to be upbeat. They have been terming the recent sale of properties as a "bull run" of sorts and it being at an all-time high. However, a look at the 2023 property registration data shows a

Table with 3 columns: Month, 2022, 2023. Rows: January (8,155 vs 9,001), February (10,379 vs 9,684), March (16,726 vs 13,151), April (11,743 vs 10,514), May (9,838 vs 9,823), June (9,919 vs 10,319), Total (66,760 vs 62,492).

contradicting picture.

"Those who are into marketing and sale of properties will always try to portray a rosy picture of the industry, because their agenda is simple - to push more sales for their company to maintain a growth trajectory," said an industry player in confidence.

"If the market is too buoyant and the demand as projected by the real estate consultancy firms, why for years is there stagnancy in the property prices?" questioned the same individual, "Price

of a product or service is directly dependent on the interaction between demand and supply. With such a heightened demand, the property prices should have increased month-on-month, but that is not the case despite the inflationary pressures that the Reserve Bank of India's Governor himself has been categorically pointing out, repeatedly."

Overall, in the recent past, the real estate market has witnessed a few headwinds impacting the sale such as infla-

tionary pressure, increase in home loan interest rates, higher stamp duty rate, layoffs, etc.

At every repo rate or interest rate hike announced by the RBI, it is widely known that the real estate industry stalwarts have been presenting itself as upset and coming up with statements that it will impact property sales. Yet, within a few days, they contradict their own statements by mentioning the sales continue to be robust and at an all-time high.

FPJ NEWS SERVICE / Mumbai

The Central Railway (CR) has unveiled a state-of-the-art vacuum cleaner at the Wadi Bunder coaching depot, designed specifically to clean and maintain the Vande Bharat trains. Costing approximately



Rs50,000 per unit, this newly introduced vacuum harnesses cyclone technology, providing powerful suction capabilities for efficient dust and debris removal. It offers remarkable features, including its lightweight design and battery-powered operation, enabling uninterrupted cleaning for up to 60 minutes. Three machines are currently in use, CR officials said.

Modern vacuums for Vande Bharat

Crowd management plan at Thane station

FPJ NEWS SERVICE / Mumbai

The Central Railway (CR) has devised a comprehensive crowd management plan aimed at enhancing the passenger experience and ensuring their safety at Thane station. One of the key measures includes discouraging the use of the Chhatrapati Shivaji

Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) end foot over bridge (FOB) during peak hours.

The authorities have identified this particular bridge as a congestion hotspot and have urged commuters to utilize alternative bridges, distributing passenger flow more evenly and reducing strain on the CSMT end FOB,

said an official.

"Regular announcements are made at Thane station advising passengers against using the CSMT end FOB during peak hours. Additional staff, including Railway Protection Force (RPF) and ticket-checking personnel, have been deployed at Thane station to facilitate crowd man-

agement, guide commuters, and provide assistance when needed. Efforts have also been intensified to communicate and educate passengers about alternative routes and available FOBs," the official said. Most of trans-harbour trains are now allowed to arrive and depart from Platform number 10.

First CBSE school by next academic year in Bhayandar

SURESH GOLANI / Mira Bhayandar

The Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation (MBMC) has planned to start its first Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated school by the next academic year (2024-25). The school building, located in the Indralok area of Bhayandar East, is a ground-plus five-storeyed structure. The civic body has received possession free of cost from the builder, in exchange for a development rights certificate.

The building was initially intended to accommodate a state board school, but after discussions with civic chief Dilip Dhole, necessary changes were incorporated in the original plan. Additional ground space was added to ensure that the proposal for procuring affiliation meets the infrastructural guidelines and standards specified for starting a CBSE school.

Shiv Sena legislator Pratap Sarnaik, who has officially intimated the civic administration of allocating funds from his local area development kitty for digital classrooms and other educational facilities, stated, "Children coming from economically weaker sections of society have a right to access CBSE and ICSE syllabus, but due to the astronomical fees, they are often deprived."

The school will offer free education from kindergarten to class IV, with higher grades added every year. The school building is equipped with toilets and washrooms on each floor and is powered with a 125 Kilo-Volt-Amperes (KVA) generator, ground, and landscaped garden. Around 1,500 students can study in the CBSE school in two batches. An in-principle nod had also been given by the erstwhile education minister to extend grants for the first five years.

Another Navi Mum school hit by teacher crunch

AMIT SRIVASTAVA / Navi Mumbai

The shortage of teachers in schools run by the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) is coming to the fore by the day. After a CBSE Koparkhairane school, the English medium school in Kukshet village in Nerul is reportedly facing a serious shortage of teachers. Like the Koparkhairane school, the Kukshet school is holding classes on alternate days.

Former corporator Suraj Patil has given the civic body a 15-day deadline to provide an adequate number of teachers or he would sit on a hunger strike from July 3. The civic body, though, acted fast and promised to look into the issue, and Patil postponed the threat.

Earlier, Patil along with parents staged a sit-in protest at the office of the deputy commissioner of education department, Dattatreya Ghanwat. Taking note of the protest, Ghanwat assured Patil to recruit teachers within a fortnight.

Patil said that the first English medium school of NMMC was established at Kukshet in 2013. He has been pursuing the recruitment of teachers as there has been a shortage since last year. However, there was no response from the civic administration till he announced the hunger strike. Even parents refused to leave the premises until Ghanwat gave a written assurance.

During the protest, Patil also demanded to set up a CBSE school in Sarsole village in Nerul for which the civic administration assured discussions with the municipal commissioner:

Slab crashes in Nerul housing society, evacuation ordered

AMIT SRIVASTAVA / Navi Mumbai

The Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) has issued a notice to the residents of Nerul's Swagat Cooperative Housing Society in sector 24, asking them to vacate their homes after a slab of the ground floor house collapsed on Friday morning. No one was reported injured, though.

The building has already been classified under the C1 category, indicating that it's the most dangerous and needs to be vacated immedi-

Under section 265 of the Maharashtra Municipal Corporation Act

- 524 buildings declared dangerous
61 under C1 category need to be demolished

LAST YEAR

- 514 buildings declared dangerous
61 under C1 (dangerous) category

ately. Despite receiving notice to evacuate and the water supply being cut off, residents did not leave due to the rainy season. However, in light of the incident, NMMC officials have instructed them to make alternative arrangements and relocate immediately.

Senior NMMC officials, including additional municipal commissioner Sujata Dhole, city engineer Sanjay Desai, and deputy commissioner of the disaster management department Dr Babasaheb Rajle, inspected the site.

ICICI Bank advertisement with public notice regarding secured properties and mortgage details.

CSBI State Bank of India advertisement with public notice regarding secured properties and mortgage details.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL advertisement with public notice regarding secured properties and mortgage details.

MAHARASHTRA MARITIME BOARD advertisement with details on tenders and public notices.

PUBLIC NOTICE regarding land investigation and mortgage details.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES) regarding land investigation and mortgage details.

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