

## Court relief for owners of flats in PITA row

Mayura Janwalkar

Granting relief to the landlady whose premises were being used by her tenant to run a brothel, the Bombay high court recently ordered the Pune commissioner to reconsider her case before sealing her premises.

The order can be beneficial to owners of leased premises who may be unaware what their property is being used for. Under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 when a place where prostitution is raided by the police it is ceased and can be released only after the order of a magistrate.

"Most times the property remains sealed for at least a year and the landlady is deprived from using it for any purpose," explained additional public prosecutor DP Adsule.

The court was hearing the petition filed by Pune resident Sushila Karkunwar, 50, who had rented out her property to one Urmila Tamang in Budhwar Peth. Karkunwar learnt that Tamang was indulging in "immoral activities" from the premises and served an eviction notice to her on August 3 this year and terminated their lease dated July 22. Karkunwar's property was, however, sealed by the police after they initiated action against Tamang.

# New airport prompts railways to convert Panvel into rail hub

The extension of the suburban lines from Virar and Karjat is planned for the MUTP phase three

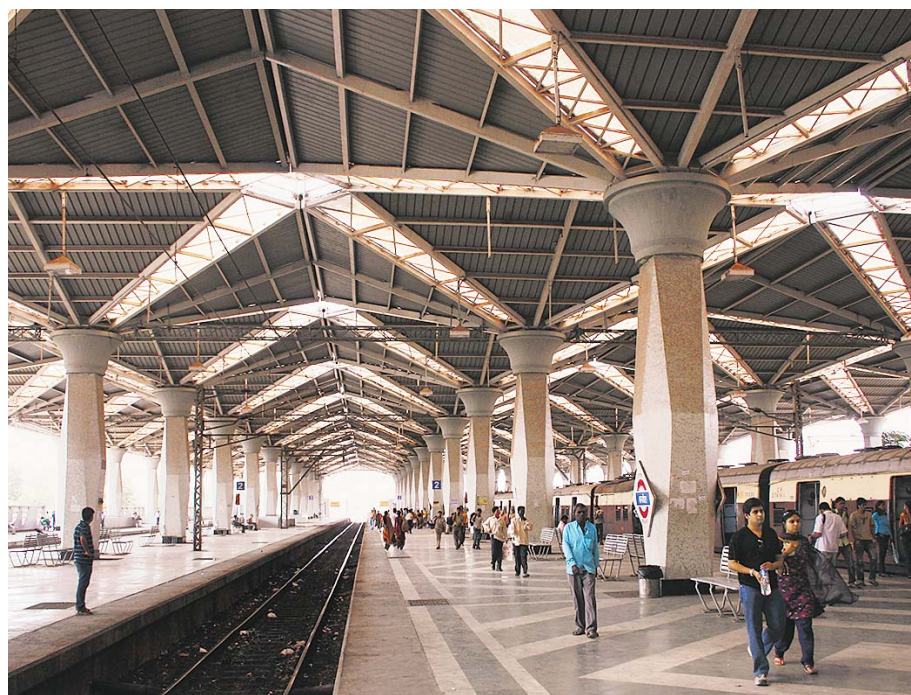
Rajendra Aklekar

With the plans for the second international airport almost finalised, the railways have stepped up their efforts for local train connectivity to the township and chalked out comprehensive plans to convert Panvel into a rail hub, proposing new suburban railway corridors between Karjat and Panvel and between Panvel to Virar.

Giving latest details in the 2011 annual diary, the Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation, the city's railway think-tank, has listed 12 major projects that would be undertaken under the third phase of the Rs 3000 crore MUTP.

With the new airport coming up at Panvel the railways want to ensure connectivity to the spot and will turn it into a hub. "We have plans to extend the local train corridors over the entire MMR Metropolitan Region. Panvel will be a sort of a hub for local trains that ply to CST or Churchgate. The corridors have been elaborately planned in the third phase of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)," Dr PC Sehgal, managing director of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation told DNA.

Among the major projects listed are extension of local trains from Panvel to Karjat, building a new suburban line between Virar-Vasai-Diva and



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- ### THE PLAN
- 12-car trains on harbour line; more 15-car trains
  - 5th and 6th lines between Borivli and Virar
  - 3rd and 4th line between Dahanu and Virar
  - Extension of harbour line from Panvel to Karjat
  - New suburban line between Virar-Vasai-Diva and Panvel
  - Fast-train corridor on harbour line
  - Passenger dispersal and entry facilities
  - Extending harbour line to Borivli
- Panvel station will be connected to Virar, the harbour line will be extended from Panvel to Karjat to ensure better connectivity

Panvel and building a fast-train corridor on harbour lines.

"The third phase is at a concept stage and will be modified to be taken further out of Mumbai. We need to take trains beyond Panvel and to smaller townships like Alibag and Roha to get the real benefit of local trains. We plan to

include these further in consultations with the Maharashtra government," Sehgal added.

Another senior official said, "The MUTP-I is about to get over and work on the second phase has already started and should get completed by 2015, after which the third phase shall set in. Once an airport comes up here, this place will need faster connectivity for the common man and extending the existing rail network would be much faster than building completely new modes of transit like the Metro etc."

There is an existing network of rail lines in the region that ferries goods etc and up-

grading them to suburban lines would not be a problem.

The Central Railway, on the other hand, is also finalising plans to convert Panvel into a terminus, for originating and terminating outstation trains to decongest Mumbai. The station is being converted into a major railway terminus at a cost of Rs 27 crore.

## US biz tycoon to visit city, announce real estate project

Donald Trump has tied up with city's real estate developers for Hughes road venture

Shabana Ansari

US business tycoon Donald Trump will be in Mumbai early next year to announce the details of the Trump Towers, a proposed multi-storey residential building on Hughes Road. At 65 storeys, it will be amongst the tallest buildings in Mumbai and each duplex and triplex is expected to cost upwards of Rs40 crore.

It was DNA that first broke the story of Trump planning a project in the city on October 21.

"I think India has amazing long-term potential. The country is going to be one of the greatest places in the world to buy real estate," says the real estate magnate in an exclusive interview in GQ India's forthcoming issue.

In an email to DNA, Trump confirmed that his company had tied up with real estate developers who are providing technical know-how and capital to build in Mumbai. "We are at the forefront of international luxury and are focusing on adding value to the design, marketing and sales process," he added.

He feels that Hughes Road is one of the best locations in the city and is hopeful that Trump Towers would be a great example of super-luxurious apartment blocks. "It



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Trump has recently built Trump World Tower which is a 92-storey building in New York. "People love our buildings, because they know they're going to be in the best location and have the best units and windows and fixtures and all of the things that add up to luxury," he said.

## Journalist, wife assaulted for complaining

Divyesh Singh

A 34-year-old journalist and his wife had never thought that complaining about playing loud music would lead to him and his wife being assaulted. According to the victim's complaint, the accused also stripped him naked after assaulting him.

The victim Swapnatanu Saha, editor of a news channel, and his wife Mandakini, 32, were assaulted by four to five people, who barged into their residence on Sunday night and also robbed the place.

Saha said, "I was having dinner when the accused Sanjay Singh, 34, rang the door bell. I opened the door and he asked me if I had complained about him to his landlord. I told him that we can talk in the



Swapnatanu Saha, editor of a news channel, and his wife outside their Nehru Nagar home on Tuesday —Mukesh Trivedi/DNA

morning as it was too late and shut the door."

He added, "He again knocked on my door and this time Singh's wife barged into my flat. She started abusing

and assaulting my wife. By then Singh and three other people started assaulting me. They did not stop till they stripped me naked and also took away my wife's gold

chain." Saha and Singh have been neighbours for some months now, on Sunday Singh was playing loud music due to which Saha got disturbed and called Singh's landlord to complain on Sunday afternoon. Post this the landlord had told Singh to mend his ways as his actions were disturbing other residents of the society. This enraged Singh and he then with his wife and other unidentified people attacked Saha and his wife.

"We have arrested Singh and action is being taken against him under section 151 of the Bombay Police Act. Also the search is on for the other people who had attacked Saha and his wife at their residence," said a police officer from the Nehru Nagar police station.

## Trees come in between grand Byculla zoo plan

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Municipal officers continue to insist that it was not a botanical garden, but just a zoo.

Apart from the fear about the destruction of the park's botanical wealth, there were doubts whether the new facilities could be built in such a small area. In May 2010, based on the opinion of two experts — Almeida and the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) director, zoologist Asad Rahmani — the heritage committee also rejected the plan. Considering that the earlier surveys had given conflicting statistics on the park's biodiversity, Almeida was commissioned to do a new tree sur-

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vey in September 2010.

Anil Anjarkar, the new director of the zoo, who was specially brought from Pune's Karaj Zoological Park to oversee the redevelopment plan, said they will submit their report based on Almeida's findings before the heritage committee in the next few weeks. "The zoo and the botanical park have co-existed since 1873. We will maintain the greenery; even a zoo needs vegetation," said An-

jarkar. But Rahmani doubts whether BMC can build the new zoo without stripping away the park's biodiversity. "I have serious trouble with their assurance that they will not cut trees. If they keep their promise, they will not be able to go ahead with their plans," said Rahmani. Anjarkar said the new report will clear the municipal heritage committee's doubts about the project. But Almeida's concluding remarks in the report does not give much hope.

It says: "Current detailed study shows many more tree species. We are even more convinced of our stand that the botanical garden needs to be preserved."

## Adarsh-tainted babus refuse to put in papers

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In case of Lala, the state government has to evoke the Human Rights Act to seek the permission of the president of India. It now transpires that the state government has not carried out any of these exercises before issuing a verbal order asking Tiwari and Lala to quit.

Bureaucrats have started questioning the government's move. More than a dozen IAS officers' children or relatives own a flat in Adarsh, they said.

"Both Tiwari and Lala hold constitutional posts after retirement, which makes it easier for the administration to act. It cannot act in haste in case of tainted babus still in service," said a senior official.



Many foot over bridges like this one on the Eastern Express Highway at Kanjurmarg will appear in the city

## Civic body plans to build 33 foot over bridges next year

Priyanka Sharma

After MMRDA shunned its plan to build criss-crossing skywalks over the city, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has decided to bridge the gap with foot over bridges. The civic body has sanctioned plans to construct as many as 33 foot over bridges (FOB) in the city. This in spite of the fact the existing FOB's rarely witness any pedestrian use, the civic administration has given its nod.

The only silver lining is the fact that BMC won't have to shell out a single pie for their construction. These FOB's will be constructed over by the private builders in lieu of advertising revenues. However, the civic officials maintain that the idea has stuck a chord with them as constructing subways is a tedious task. "The proposal has been given a nod to reduce the pedestrian vehicular conflict in the city. Constructing underground subways is a cumbersome task. There are massive utilities lying underneath and the administration has to juggle with traffic issues. After series of meetings, we are planning to have foot over bridges in 33 locations in the city," said a senior civic official from the Roads and Bridges department.

The FOB's will be built across the city by end of 2011. Some of these FOB's will be seen at Senapati Bapat marg, Worli naka, Annie Besant road, near Sion railway sta-

### COUNTER-POINT

"The builders will obviously prefer the main junctions where high vehicular traffic is witnessed. This way the stretches which are less frequented will be left out. So the purpose is entirely defeated," added a civic official on condition of anonymity.

tion, Sidhivinayk temple, Shivaji Park, Goregaon Link Road, Mahim Causeway, Ghatkopar-Mankhurd link road. A consultant has been appointed to draft the agreement of Expression of Interest (EOI) for the private parties to construct the FOB's.

This is a profitable plan as private developers will take up the task and the BMC would not incur any cost for their construction, he added. The private developer will construct the bridges on DBOT (Design Built Operate and Transfer) basis. "According to the terms and condition finalised the advertising concession rights would be given to the builder for around 30 years. After which the ownership right will be transferred to the administration's hands," the official elaborated.

Standing committee chairman Rahul Shewale pointed out that the revenue generation power would still lie with the BMC as the private builder will construct the FOB's in lieu of only 30% of the advertising rights.

## Walkeshwar to get steady water supply

Pandurang Mhaske

The plush area in South Mumbai will get uninterrupted water supply soon, as the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) decided to install a big water pump to pull water from the Malabar Hill reservoir.

The Malabar Hill reservoir supplies water to Colaba (A-ward) Gurgaon-Churni Road (C-ward) and Malabar Hill-Walkeshwar (D-ward). The reservoir has been functional from 1881 and the BMC has installed electric pumps in 1995 to supply these areas. But their capacity has been reduced due to technical problems and the area does not get adequate water supply. The maintenance of the old pumps is also very expensive.

"Carmichael Road is located at a higher altitude, so it was difficult to supply water to the area. The low water pressure results in overhead or underground tanks taking a lot of time to fill up. This results in more electricity consumption and increases the cost," said an official from the hydraulics department. Now the BMC decided to end the problem and supply water with sufficient pressure to the area. For that the BMC is going to install two electric pumps having capacity of 250 horse power and five pumps having 120 horse power each. The BMC has planned to spend around a crore for the pumps and their installation. And the work will complete in four months. After installation of these pumps the water supply of Carmichael Road, Little Gibbs Road, Ridge Road, Walkeshwar will improve.

PATIENTS TEND TO APPROACH OTHER DOCTORS BEFORE GOING TO DENTISTS

## Headache? Your teeth could be the reason

Menaka Rao

Jack White (name changed), 27, hurt his face while playing soccer in the US four years ago. A professional player then, he would suffer severe migraines.

He met several doctors, one of who gave him antibiotics for infection in the throat. Finally, after keying in his symptoms on the internet, he met a cranio-facial expert in the US who gave him a plate to wear on his teeth that reduced his pain. After he shifted to Mumbai, he got further treatment from Dr Mukul Dhabolkar.

White suffered from temporomandibular joint syndrome after he dislocated his jaw during the soccer match.



"This joint is unique. It's the only joint in our body which works in unison. The unique function is dictated by the teeth. In this syndrome, the teeth tend to overclose. There are a lot of muscles around the

jaw, like ear, neck, forehead, head etc, which when dislocated, lead to anxiety and spasms. The pain will be in all the muscles of mastication," said Dr Hemant Dhusia, head of department, Dentistry,

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Sion hospital. Usually, when patients suffer from this syndrome, approaching a dentist is not obvious. "Patients tend to approach ENTs, neurologists, etc before they reach us," said

Dhabolkar. He added, "Decayed teeth cause headaches. It causes loss of ventricular relation (VR) - that is the upper jaw closes over the lower jaw. This overclosure causes headache."

In White's case, Dhabolkar felt that while the plate reduced VR, it was pushing the teeth down the jaw. "We got him to discard his removable plate and got specialist braces with rubber bands fixed. I also fixed a material on his teeth that resembled a plate to move the jaw gradually upwards," he said.

Dhusia said that in the specialised temporo-modular clinic in Sion hospital, they even have physiotherapists who help such patients.

## 50-yr-old carpenter held for kidnapping neighbour's child

Manish K Pathak

The Samta Nagar police arrested a 50-year-old man for allegedly kidnapping a two-and-a-half-year-old boy, who lives in the same area, on Monday evening when his grandmother was buying clothes for him. The motive is not clear.

The police said that the accused is an alcoholic and slightly mentally unstable and suspect he may have kidnapped the boy to ask for money so that he could fund his drinking.

The police said that the complainant Sita Soni lives in Hanuman Nagar, Kandivli (East). On Monday around 5.30pm, Sita took Aryan to buy clothes for him. When she was busy selecting clothes, the ac-



Vishwakarma was arrested on Monday —Pramad Thakur/DNA

used, Subhash Vishwakarma, took Aryan away.

"When she turned, she saw her grandson was not there. A vegetable vendor, who also lives in the same area, told the family that he had seen Vishwakarma taking Aryan," said assistant inspector Vasant Labde.

The family went at Vishwakarma's house but the door was locked. They approached

the police and lodged a non-cognisable complaint against him.

The police managed to get Vishwakarma's cellphone number and traced him to Andheri. They followed him and found him headed towards Lokhandwala in Kandivli.

Labde said, "When Vishwakarma got down from the autorickshaw we nabbed him near a crematorium. Aryan was with him."

Vishwakarma was produced in the court on Monday and has been remanded in police custody.

He is a carpenter and is married with a child. He stays alone in Mumbai. His family is in Uttar Pradesh. He has a murder case registered against him at the same police station.