

## MUMBAI: DALIT WOMAN SAYS KEPT AS BONDED LABOURER, RAPED BY 11 AND LEFT FOR DEAD

Her husband who works with her at Satara charcoal manufacturing facility, found her and they managed to escape to Raigad where later activists took them to a police station in Virar

The Mandvi police station in **Virar East** received a case of gang-rape and bonded labour on Thursday. The 28-year-old survivor, a mother of two, belongs to the primitive Katkari tribal community and is a native of Raigad district. She claimed she was raped by nearly one dozen men including the owner of a charcoal manufacturing unit at Phaltan in Satara district. The police are verifying her claims and at the time of going to press, were in the process of recording her statement.

After the registration of the FIR, it will be transferred to the local police station in **Phaltan** for further investigation," said a source from Mira Bhayandar Vasai Virar (MBVV) police. A team of cops has been sent from Satara to Virar to take the survivor to the crime spot to assist in the



investigation. "The woman claimed that she was gang-raped by around 11 men who took turns. According to the woman, the horrific incident took place around 10 days ago when she had migrated along with 20 other families to work as a bonded labourer," said an officer attached to Mandvi police station.

The incident came to light after the woman and her husband managed to escape the horrific workplace under cover of night on Tuesday and the monsoon. "After the incident, the woman is in shock. The accused had kept her husband tied in a separate room and taken her to another place to rape her. Later the accused believed that she had died, so they left her at the spot and set her husband free," Vivek Pandit, chairman, Tribal Development Review Committee, Maharashtra told mid-day.

"Mustering courage, the woman and her husband managed to escape from the crime scene in the middle of the night when it was raining. They risked their lives and reached their hometown in Raigad district where members of Shramjeevi Sanghatana learnt about the incidents and brought the duo to my office in Vasai taluka," Pandit said.

After listening to their ordeal, Pandit informed the Special IG, Konkan Region Praveen Pawar, who immediately informed his team members. But as the survivor was located in the jurisdiction of MBVV police then, she was taken to Mandvi police station. The Superintendent of Police of Satara district, Sameer Shaikh, has been apprised of the case. A reliable source told mid-day that the accused Balu Shaikh has been detained by Satara police.

Accused booked earlier

"Balu Shaikh is a tainted man and in the past, he was booked under Child Labour Act. But he was never arrested. The cops have him detained after the matter.



### Neeyat Review: Vidya Balan Makes An Unconventional Crime Investigator

Neeyat Review: Vidya discards the usual woman-who-knows-it-all tropes and uses a low-key, unshowy acting style to convey a range of emotions in a role that allows her to traverse an impressively wide gamut.

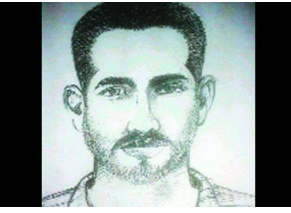
That is about the only semblance of novelty that there is in the plot, which combines some genuinely clever twists with hackneyed hooks and contrived sleights to deliver a whodunnit that is only sporadically effective. The performances, too, are wildly uneven.

While the likes of Neeraj Kabi, Shahana Goswami and Shashank Arora (in the role of a drug-addled drifter) do all that they can to raise the bar, not too many of the rest of the actors in the film are able to produce the sort of goods that could help the narrative offset its weaker stretches.

## SOLVING CRIME | HOW POLICE NABBED ELUSIVE OFFENDER IN 25 CASES OF SEXUAL CRIMES

Ayaz Ansari's victims recalled how on the culprit. While some were looking through CCTV cameras he approached them saying he was a near places where the crimes took place, others were looking friend of their father's and that he through past criminal records to find a match to the description wanted to pass on his mobile given by the victims.

number, the police said. Some remembered that he had a disability in one eye, others a DISTINCTIVE gait, a missing eye and recalled his gait. Most recalled how he approached them the use of the same story to lure introducing himself as a friend of their father and that the minor girls were the first clues for the wanted them to pass on his mobile number. He would then ask police to piece together that the minors to follow him, take them to an isolated spot and instances of sexual harassment and sexually assault them. After multiple complaints were received sexual assault in many areas of the from parents, the police also prepared a sketch and it was city were the handiwork of one man. widely circulated to alert residents to prevent further incidents as much as to nab the accused.



In 2014, the police claimed that the Based on the information including CCTV footage of the areas where he last committed the offence in Sion, person was likely to be the police suspected the man to be Ayaz Mohammed Ansari, a habitual offender, previously arrested in perpetrator of over 25 cases of cases of mobile phone thefts. When they reached his home, the family said that he had not visited for over molestation in the city, primarily its six months. The search for him continued. Subsequently, the brother of the accused alerted the police western suburbs.

Multiple teams were formed by the meet him and the police arrested him.

Mumbai police, each tasked with a Following his arrest, the police booked him in at least 25 cases of molestation. His lawyer told the court that different set of tasks to narrow down some of the cases were filed against him in a bid to put the blame on him for other unsolved crimes.

### SOCIAL MEDIA ABUZZ WITH RUMOURS THAT SFJ CHIEF GURPATWANT MANN SINGH PANNU DIED IN A CAR CRASH IN THE USA, KHALSA TODAY EDITOR DENIES

Khalisa Today editor and others close to SFJ has denied rumours of death of Gurpatwant Mann Singh Pannu in the USA

Social media is rife with rumours that the Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Mann Singh Pannu has died after he met with an accident. It is claimed that the leader of the banned terror outfit Sikh for Justice allegedly died in California in the USA.

One social media user MJ was among the first to post on Twitter that Pannu died in a road accident in the USA. After that, several others started posting the same claim.

According to Dainik Bhaskar, Pannu met with a fatal car accident on US Highway 101. However, the report has not been officially confirmed from any side. Pannu was reportedly underground for quite some time now.

Bhaskar reported that to hide his location, he had also switched off his mobile phone. After the suspicious death of Khalistani terrorists Paramjit Singh Panjwar in Pakistan, Avtar Singh Khanda in London, and Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada, Pannu feared for his life and was in hiding.

Recently, after the killing of Khalistan terrorists, Pannu released a video blaming the officials of the Indian Embassy in Canada and America. That was his last threatening video.

Many social media users have shared these speculative and unconfirmed reports

### MUMBAI: PRIME ACCUSED IN ₹4,672 CR DABBA TRADING SCAM HELD BY CRIME BRANCH

During investigation, the Crime Branch discovered that Dhiman Gandhi played a central role in this scam. Acting on information regarding his whereabouts, the police laid a trap and detained him at Sanket building, Mahavir Nagar, Kandivali West.

The Crime Branch Unit No. 11 has bucket trading. According to achieved a major breakthrough in reports, some traders and brokers the ₹4,672 crore dabba trading bet on stock price movements scam by apprehending the prime without incurring a real transaction accused. Dhiman Gandhi (33), was to take physical ownership of a arrested from Mahavir Nagar, particular stock. It is gambling Kandivali west. Despite operating centered around stock price without a license, Gandhi was movements.

allegedly involved in trading During the investigation, the Crime activities through the 'Moody' Branch discovered that Dhiman application. Gandhi played a central role in this Dabba trading refers to share scam. Acting on information trading conducted outside regarding Gandhi's whereabouts, authorized stock exchanges in the police laid a trap and detained order to evade tax payments. him at Sanket building, Mahavir Betting without incurring real Nagar, Kandivali West. Following transaction this interrogation, Gandhi It is also known as box trading or reportedly confessed to his crimes.,



### Covid jumbo centre scam: ED raids 10 places belonging to contractors

Around Rs 1.80 crore cash and incriminating documents have been seized from the tainted contractors during the searches, ED sources told The Indian Express.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) raided 10 places in Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana as part of a fresh round of searches in the Mumbai Covid-19 jumbo centre scam . All the places which were searched belonged to various contractors who provided services to BMC during the Covid-19 period.

These services mainly include setting up make-shift hospitals and also setting up oxygen plants.

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ED sources said that Wednesday the agency officials raided various contractors' places. These contractors are under agency's scrutiny for alleged gross irregularities.

Among the contractors who were raided by the agency include Ghatkopar-based contractor Romin Chheda who was awarded contracts for setting up Oxygen plants.

It is suspected that he received exorbitantly high payments from the BMC.

## MUMBAI EXPORTER DUPES KYRGYZSTAN FIRM OF RS 17 CR; EOW ARRESTS THREE

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Mumbai police have arrested three people including the director and authorised representative of a Mumbai based export company, for allegedly duping a Kyrgyzstan based company and a Delhi businessman to the tune of Rs 17 crore.

The accused company, under the pretext of exporting sugar to the Kyrgyzstan company, accepted advance and then neither supplied the sugar nor returned the advance money, thus cheating the Kyrgyzstan company and also allegedly maligning the nation's reputation in the international market.

The arrested accused Parth Kashinath Jadhav (26), Kashinath Pandurang Jadhav (63) and Ambarnath resident Vikas Gaikwad (52) live in Agridpada. They were arrested on the complaint of Amir Ali (37) owner of an import-export company in Delhi and general secretary of Association of International Businessmen (AIB).

As per Ali's police complaint, Iskendar Ullou, a Kyrgyzstan based businessman and a friend of Ali, visited Ali's Delhi office in May 2022 and



told him about scarcity of sugar in his country Kyrgyzstan. Ullou told Ali that his friend Z Kochkorbek's company KG Invest was looking for an exporter to urgently transport 12,000 metric tonne (MT) sugar to them.

Ali, through his friend in Gurgaon, Rohit Sharma's reference, came across a Mumbai based company - Royal Agro Mart Ltd owned by Kashinath Jadhav.

Upon research, Ali and Iskendar found that Royal Agro Mart Ltd had a turnover of Rs 700 crore. Thereupon, KG Invest gave a green signal for trade with the company and authorised Ali and Iskendar for striking

## MUMBAI: MMRDA SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES 3,603 PILLARS IN ONGOING METRO PROJECTS

The pillars are part of the planned 4,929 pillars across the six Metro lines in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), the MMRDA said.

The **Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (MMRDA)** has reached a significant milestone in its ongoing Metro projects with the successful completion of 3,603 pillars.

The pillars are part of the planned 4,929 pillars across the six Metro lines in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). Despite facing various challenges, the MMRDA's dedicated team has been working tirelessly to ensure the heavy-weight precast elements such as pier timely completion of all the metro corridors, an official press release said on Thursday.

Developing a metro system in a bustling city like Mumbai is no easy feat, given the heavy crowds and numerous uncertainties. However, the MMRDA is well-equipped to tackle these challenges head-on. The construction of the elevated metro, along with managing heavy traffic and other activities, is ongoing. To minimize disruption to public traffic and ensure the metro projects undertaken by the safety, most of the metro construction work is carried out during nighttime hours, the



statement said.

During the construction process, particular attention is given to casting and erecting elements such as pier elements are produced at different casting yards, transported to the construction site, and erected using cranes with capacities ranging from 350 MT to 500 MT. Transportation and erection activities for these precast elements are carried out at night to minimize disruption to public traffic and ensure safety, it said.

The metro projects undertaken by the MMRDA are progressing steadily and are set to significantly enhance transportation.

## ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE CANNOT HOLD ACCUSED IN CUSTODY FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS, SAYS MADRAS HC JUDGE

Justice J Nisha Banu made the observation while hearing a petition of jailed Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam leader V Senthil Balaji.

The Enforcement Directorate cannot hold an accused person in custody for more than 24 hours under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Justice J Nisha Banu of the Madras High Court held on Tuesday, reported Live Law.

The High Court bench comprising Justices Banu and Bharatha Chakravarthy had delivered a **split verdict** in a petition filed by the wife of jailed Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam leader V Senthil Balaji, alleging that he had been illegally detained by the Enforcement Directorate.

The division bench had said that the chief justice of the Madras High Court will give further orders on the matter. On Wednesday, Madras High Court Chief Justice SV Gangapurwala named Justice CV Karthikeyan as third judge to hear the petition against arrest Balaji's arrest, reported Live Law. Balaji was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate.

## GUJARAT HC TO DELIVER VERDICT ON RAHUL GANDHI'S MODI SURNAME DEFAMATION CASE TODAY



**New Delhi:** The Gujarat high court will on Friday, July deliver its verdict on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea seeking a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his Modi surname remark.

According to PTI, Justice Hemant Prachchhak will deliver the verdict at 11:00 am.

A stay on conviction would pave the way for Gandhi's reinstatement as a member of parliament. On March 23, a Surat court had convicted Gandhi in a criminal defamation case and sentenced him to two years of imprisonment.

Following the verdict, Gandhi, elected to the Lok Sabha from Wayanad in Kerala, was disqualified as MP under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act.

The disqualification order was issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat on March 24. The disqualification, however, came into effect from March 23, the day the Surat court had pronounced him guilty.

On April 3, Gandhi moved a sessions court seeking a stay on his conviction, which was rejected on April 20. However, he was granted bail on April 13 till the disposal of his appeal.

The case is based on a complaint filed by Bharatiya Janata Party leader Purnesh Modi, based on a speech Gandhi had given in Kolar in 2019 in which he said, "I have a question. Why do all these thieves have Modi in their names whether it is Nirav Modi, Lalit Modi or Narendra Modi? We don't know how many more such Modis will come out."

The complainant held that Gandhi had defamed all people whose surname is Modi.

## TELANGANA: 4-YEAR-OLD GIRL KIDNAPPED, RESCUED IN HYDERABAD



**Hyderabad kidnapping case:** The accused identified as Suresh, who stays near the house of the girl in Ghatkesar area, allegedly kidnapped her on Tuesday night when she came out to buy chocolates, police said.

Hyderabad kidnapping case: A four-year-old girl who was kidnapped in Hyderabad was rescued by the police and the man, who had allegedly abducted her was apprehended, police said on Wednesday (July 5). The accused identified as Suresh, who stays near the house of the girl in Ghatkesar area, allegedly kidnapped her on Tuesday (July 4) night when she came out to buy chocolates, they said.

After a complaint was lodged by the girl's parents, police teams swung into action and nabbed the abductor from Secunderabad railway station and the girl was rescued and reunited with her parents, Rachakonda Police Commissioner DS Chauhan said.

Police teams examined the CCTV cameras and caught the accused, police said.

More details are awaited.

## ANDE BHARAT PASSENGER UPSET OVER 'NOW VS THEN' QUALITY OF FOOD, IRCTC RESPONDS TO VIRAL TWEET

A frustrated traveller aboard the Vande Bharat Express recently expressed their dissatisfaction with the **food quality** on the luxury train. In a tweet that quickly went viral, the passenger shared images to illustrate a comparison between the food served during the train's inaugural run and the "stale" food currently being provided. The tweet caught the attention of IRCTC, who responded accordingly.

On Twitter, user @Railfan9971 posted a photo of the "pathetic" meal they were served while travelling on the Vande Bharat train from Madgaon Junction to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. The individual also shared an old picture of the meal they were served at first, stating, "The delicious food from Ahuja Caterers you all were served for free on the inaugural run of 22230 Vande Bharat." Subsequently, they elaborated on the poor quality of food during their recent journey, stating, "Today in 22230 MAO-CSMT Vande Bharat... Pathetic is the only explainable word for it. Stone hard Paneer, Cold Food, Stale Salty Dal all dumped on to the enthusiastic passengers paying hefty Rs. 250 for this food."

The passenger also pointed out some issues as a regular traveller on this train, stating, "the missing Dahi, Sanitizer, and importantly, quality."

Expressing disappointment, they further questioned, "Please lend me a good explanation if your invited guests enjoy such good food, why can't a common paying passenger receive the same quality food... All such work has already created a worst impression on the passengers."



**VIRAL TWEET**

## MANDIRA BEDI ALMOST LOST HER LUGGAGE AT THE MUMBAI AIRPORT, WRITES 'MY KIDS AND I LANDED IN A NIGHTMARE'

Mandira Bedi shared a harrowing experience when she arrived at the Mumbai Airport after spending two weeks in three different countries for summer vacation with her kids.

The actress also posted reels from her trip which encapsulated her whole journey in barely 30 seconds. Each city that she visited had its own speciality.

Mandira Bedi recently went on summer vacations with her kids to three countries. She chose Geneva, Denmark and Greece for her vacation spots. While returning from her long vacay, Mandira faced bad service at Mumbai airport where she had to search for each and every suitcase that they carried on the trip on different conveyor belts.

Mandira wrote, "And so after two weeks, three countries and six airports. My kids and I landed in a nightmare at Mumbai's Terminal 2. Not a single arriving flight is displayed on the screen or on the conveyor belts. Absolute chaos reigns with the hapless passenger not having a clue where to go."

## PAK WOMAN SEARCHED YOUTUBE FOR WAYS TO ENTER INDIA, FOUND LIVING IN GREATER NOIDA

Police have arrested a Pakistani woman who entered India illegally in May. The woman, Seema Ghulam Haider, reportedly turned to YouTube for ideas on gaining entry into India.

Police have arrested a Pakistani woman who entered India illegally in May and was found living in Greater Noida with a man she met online. The 27-year-old woman had searched YouTube for ways to gain entry into India, police told Indian Express.

Seema Ghulam Haider, a resident of Rind Hajiana village in Pakistan's Sindh province, met an Indian man named Sachin Singh while playing the online game PUBG. As their friendship grew, Seema decided to travel to India so they could get married.

The Pakistani woman was already married to one Ghulam Haider, and they had four children together. Ghulam Haider went to work in Saudi Arabia in 2019, and Seema came into contact with Sachin the same year. Their friendship started on PUBG and the two soon began exchanging messages on WhatsApp and Instagram.

In March this year, Seema travelled to Nepal to meet Sachin for the first time. The two stayed in a hotel for a week before the woman went back to her family in Pakistan and came up with a plan to enter India through Nepal.