

## TAMIL NADU BJP'S SG SURYAH ARRESTED; UNION MINISTER'S DIG AT RAHUL GANDHI, JACK DORSEY

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Bharatiya Janata Party's Tamil Nadu secretary SG Suryah was arrested by the Madurai district's cyber crime police on Friday night in connection with his recent tweet against MP Su Venkatesan, drawing criticism from Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar and state president K Annamalai.

In the tweet, Suryah had accused Venkatesan of not taking adequate action following the death of a hygiene worker after he was made to clean a drain filled with faeces. In a letter to Venkatesan, Suryah had strongly criticised the incident.

"Your fake politics of separatism stinks worse than that cesspool, find a way to live as a human being, mate!" tweeted Suryah. Describing the arrest of Suryah as "highly condemnable", Annamalai



alleged that his only mistake was to "expose the nasty double standards of the communists, allies of DMK". "Using state machinery to curtail free speech & getting jittery for the slightest criticism is unbecoming of a democratically elected leader and, indeed, are signs of an autocratic leader in the making. Drawing inspiration from autocrats, TN CM Thiru @mkstalin is turning the state into a lawless jungle. These arrests will not deter us & we will continue to be bearers of the uncomfortable truth!" Annamalai tweeted. Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the use of police arrest for tweets is "REAL & TOTAL overreach n violation of right to due process of law n free speech".

"This was the normal tactic to silence by Rahul's Cong during UPA misusing Sec66A - recently its dynast allies too hv done it like @PawarSpeaks n now @mkstalin to prove he wasnt named after Stalin for no reason," the Union minister tweeted.

"Those Free speech 'activists' who jump around at drop of hat must not remain silent now or be branded hypocrites. This type of threat to democracy n intimidation by his 'Secularly Dynast' Allies is perhaps what Rahul was referring to on his tourist trips whn he says 'Democracy is in Danger' n what Rt Hon @jack\_dorsey was referring to as 'jailing n arrest' in his recent interview post his Rip van Winkle siesta. @SuryahSG is being threatened for questioning the death of a sanitation worker who was forced to work in perilous circumstances - He will prevail n we will fight to ensure he is freed from this type of coercion n intimidation," Chandrasekhar added.

Questioning the silence of Venkatesan over the incident, Suryah had said,



### Mumbai Court Acquits Man Of Sexually Assaulting Minor Girl Under POCSO Act

Desired to marry him but their mother opposed the relationship, says the woman who was a teen when the case was filed

Observing that the woman's testimony clearly revealed that she was in love with the 27-year-old accused and her mother opposed the relationship as he was from a different religion, a special court acquitted the man five years after he was booked for kidnapping and sexually assaulting the then 17-year-old. Charged under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) Act, he had been in prison for five months after his arrest, till he secured bail in May 2018.

During the trial, the woman told the court that she had no complaint against the accused and affirmed that they had no.

## FRESH VIOLENCE IN MANIPUR AS MOBS VANDALISE POLICE ARMOURY, FIRE ON FORCES

Joint forces of the Army, Assam Rifles, Rapid Action Force and state police undertook a Flag March in Imphal East district till midnight.

Guwahati: Automatic weapons were fired from Kwakta in Bishnupur district and Kangvai in Churachandpur district of conflict-torn Manipur last night, and intermittent bursts of firing were being reported till early this morning. Police and army sources have said. Multiple incidents of mob build-up and attempted vandalism and arson have also been reported.

Joint forces of the Army, Assam Rifles, Rapid Action Force and state police undertook a Flag March in Imphal East district till midnight. An arson attempt was reported at the Palace Compound near Advance

A mob of about 1,000 congregated last evening and attempted arson and vandalism. The RAF fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the mob, in which two civilians were injured.

Mob build-up near Manipur University was also reported. 200 to 300 people gathered near Thongju at 10.40 pm and attempted to vandalise the residence of the local MLA. A column of the RAF dispersed the crowd.

Another mob last night also attempted to vandalise the armoury of Iringbam Police Station in the Imphal West district. 300 to 400 people tried to ransack the police station at 11.40 pm.

According to Army sources, a mob of 200 to 300 people surrounded the BJP office a little after midnight at Singjemai, and an Army column dispersed the crowd.

The mob also attempted vandalism at the residence of state BJP president Adhikarimayum Sharda Devi in Imphal West at midnight, but it was prevented by the Army and RAF. The crowd was dispersed, according to Army sources. The attacks in Manipur come a day after the home of the Union Minister RK Ranjan Singh was burnt down by a mob of 1200 which lobbed petrol bombs. The violence between two communities in Manipur has taken a turn for the worse over the last few days, with the property of political leaders being targeted. The centre is trying hard to implement a peace plan, though the law and order situation presently remains extremely volatile.



## NAVI MUMBAI: SAKAL HINDU SAMAJ ORGANISES MARCH TO PROTEST CIDCO'S PLOT LEASE TO MOSQUE

According to representatives of the group, the protest march called "Jan Akrosh Morcha" will start at 9 am from Reliance tower at Sector 4 and go upto Belapur-Uran highway and take a u-turn to culminate at the CIDCO office at sector 19 in the Ulwe node.

Even as the matter of the Sanpada mosque plot is pending before the Supreme Court, a section of residents under the aegis of Sakal Hindu Samaj has decided to oppose the move of the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) offering a plot for a mosque in the newly developed node of Ulwe. The outfit termed the step as 'land jihad' and decided to take out a protest march on June 17.

CIDCO has offered a 300 sqm plot in sector 19 in Ulwe on lease for a mosque. Any local trust formed by project-affected persons (PAPs) of Navi Mumbai can apply for the plot to construct a mosque. The base price of the plot is ₹1,559 per sqm and it can be developed with 1.1 FSI (floor space index). The last date to apply for the plot is August 31. There is also a burial ground behind the plot.

### Appeal for peaceful protest

The outfit has claimed attendance of 5,000 people and that all shops and markets will also be closed as part of the protest. A group member said, "The planning agency invited applications for the plot at a time when there was a holiday in court and it did not take the confidence of the majority of Hindus." The organisers have also appealed to maintain peace during the protest and ensure that no public or private properties are damaged. According to representatives of the group, the protest march called.

## 461 BOGUS COS USED TO SPIN RS 863 CR GST FRAUD; 2 HELD

GURGAON: Two people were arrested on Thursday after a Rs 863-crore GST fraud involving 461 shell companies that were allegedly used to create input tax credits (ITCs) was unearthed.

Officials of the Gurgaon unit of the Directorate of GST Intelligence searched an office in Delhi and arrested the two accused from the city on the basis of documents seized. During the search, they found hundreds of morphed, fake and stolen identity cards such as Aadhaar and PAN cards allegedly used to register the bogus companies, they said. This is the latest large-scale GST fraud to be uncovered in NCR. On June 1, Noida police had busted a gang, also operating from Delhi, which was believed to be behind a Rs 10,000-crore GST fraud. This gang registered around 3,000 companies from stolen or fake identities, and then used the firms to raise e-way bills (documents,



that must be carried while transporting any goods or services) and avail ITC from the government. Six people were arrested in connection with the case.

Similarly, the intelligence unit's officials said on Thursday that the bogus companies were used to create fake ITCs. ITC is credit that companies can seek from the government for having already paid GST while purchasing any other item or service for running their own business. "The office in Delhi was used to create fake IDs to create the shell companies and operate them. A huge number of forged, morphed, fake copies of documents such as rent agreements, electricity bills, Aadhar cards, driving



## FPJ Dialogue: Principal Advisor To CM Reveals State's Infrastructure Roadmap & Expressway Plans

Principal Advisor (Infrastructure) to CM, Radheshyam Mopalwar visited the Free Press House on Friday and spoke about the state's plan for a network of expressways to connect cities and toll, which is every motorist's sore point

In an exclusive freewheeling conversation with the Free Press Journal on Friday, Maharashtra's Principal Advisor (Infrastructure) to Chief Minister, Radheshyam Mopalwar, showed the infrastructure roadmap of the state and the plans for a network of expressways. Mopalwar is credited to have paved the 701km Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Mahamarg or Mumbai-Nagpur Super Communication Expressway in a record time. The land acquisition for the corridor that connects 10 districts commenced in July 2017 and the foundation stone was laid in December 2018. Four years later, the 520km stretch from Nagpur was thrown open. An additional 80km between Shirdi and Bharvir near Nashik also became operational and the remaining is scheduled for completion in the next few months. Mopalwar also elaborated on the next most crucial point that impacts almost every resident and motorist of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) - the payment of tolls while entering and exiting Greater Mumbai limits.

Mumbai entry point toll Since November 10, 2010, every motorist has had to cough up an ever higher toll.

### DALIT MAN KILLED 'FOR CELEBRATING AMBEDKAR BIRTH ANNIVERSARY' IN MAHARASHTRA'S NANDED

The killing of Akshay Shrawan Bhalerao in Maharashtra's Nanded district has brought to the fore the simmering tensions between the dominant Marathas and the oppressed Dalits. Abhinay Deshpande reports on how a community's dream to celebrate Ambedkar Jayanti was finally fulfilled, only to be followed by tragedy



If Vandana Bai had to describe her son Akshay Shrawan Bhalerao in one word, it is "resolute". The distraught mother remembers how her youngest son, 24, was always worried about the problems and humiliation faced by their community, the Mahars, who are among the largest Scheduled Castes in number in Maharashtra. He was keen to make a change. This determination cost him his life. On the evening of June 1, Vandana sent Akshay and his brother Akash, 29, to a grocery store to buy ingredients for dinner. While standing near the store, in Bondhar Haveli village in the Nanded district, the two Dalit men encountered a group of angry Maratha men. Akash shudders as he recalls what followed. The men, who were part of a baraat (wedding procession), hurled casteist slurs at Akshay and Akash. Moments later, the abuse turned physical.

Seven people have been arrested in Maharashtra's Nanded district for allegedly killing a 24-year-old Dalit man for celebrating Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, police said on Saturday. The incident took place at Bondhar Haveli Village two days ago, said an official of Nanded Police. The deceased was identified as Akshay Bhalerao. Bhalerao was passing by on Thursday evening when the accused were celebrating the wedding of a man from a so-called upper caste community and some of them were carrying swords, the police official said. On seeing Bhalerao and his brother Akash, one of them allegedly said "these people should be killed for celebrating Bhim Jayanti."

### GOREGAON COUPLE FLIES THE COOP WITH RS 174CR

After MP police issue summons to a couple suspected of drug racket based on an arrested courier's statement, they quickly transfer more than half of the alleged R300 crore drug money to other accounts and flee



The Goregaon couple, alleged masterminds of a massive home-based drug distribution racket, have fled their residence, after transferring nearly Rs 174 crore of the alleged Rs 300 crore drug money into various accounts. On Thursday and Friday alone, their accounts show withdrawals of Rs 96 lakh, police said. The Madhya Pradesh police team, which is in town after issuing a summons to the duo, has now issued a lookout notice against them.

Kumar Shailesh Mehta, digital currency enthusiasts and business people, who are accused of running a drug distribution network out of their nest in a posh Goregaon high-rise.

The incident has led to a major political row in the area, after Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde-led) leaders, including a local MLA and corporator, led a protest outside the school. One of the couple's associates, a Mira Road resident, was caught by them with MD worth Rs 17 lakh. On Thursday, mid-day had reported about Shivani Mehta and her husband Ashish

The Khanyadhana police in Shivpuri district of MP were investigating them after one of their associates, a Mira Road resident, Nissar Zuber Khan, 39 was caught by them with 142 grams of MD worth Rs 17 lakh. The police had also seized a silver Santro in the case.

Khan, during interrogation, revealed that he works as a courier for the Mehtas and on June 6, Ashish Mehta called him to his house at Oberoi Esquire and handed over the parcel that was seized by the cops.

### LOO BREAK! BMC DEMOLISHES SHED WHERE THE TOILET WAS TO COME UP ON MARINE DRIVE

MUMBAI: After much back and forth, BMC has called off its plan to build a toilet on the Marine Drive promenade. On Friday, the civic body began taking down the shed it had placed at the site. Locals had expressed displeasure over the plan to have a toilet.

Assistant municipal commissioner of 'A' ward, Shivas Gurav, confirmed that there are plans to build the toilet at some other site, but a decision on the spot where it will come up is still to be made.

Former BJP corporator Makrand Narwekar from Colaba said that they were in agreement with the citizens' view that a toilet at the spot was not required. The same was raised with the local MLA, Rahul Narwekar, who is also the speaker of the legislative assembly and it has now been decided to build the toilet at another spot. "We understand there is a need for a toilet in the area, but then not at a spot that is bound to mar the design of the locality. BMC needs to put up such facilities by taking all citizens on board as they are the users," he said, adding that he inspected the site on Friday as workers dismantled the shed where the toilet was to come up.

Nariman Point Churchgate Citizens Association president Atul Kumar said, "It serves little purpose to locate a new toilet 600 metres away from an existing toilet facility when the next one is 2.8 km away, at Chowpatty, leaving a huge stretch without any facility."

### BMC CANCELS PERMISSION GRANTED TO SHIV SENA UBT MP RAVINDRA WAIKAR TO BUILD 5-STAR HOTEL ON JOGESHWARI RESERVE LAND

NO BMC OFFICIAL WAS WILLING TO COMMENT ON THE MATTER.



Mumbai: The BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has cancelled the permission granted to Shiv Sena MLA Ravindra Waikar in January 2021, to construct a five-star hotel in Jogeshwari on reserved land. Waikar has decided to challenge the BMC order in the high court. He is asking how he was granted permission in 2021 if his application was not lawful.

The order, signed by the executive engineer (building proposals) K/estward, which has jurisdiction over Andheri East and Jogeshwari East, reads: "It is to inform you that since you have not disclosed to BMC all the facts of the earlier development permissions under Development Control Rule (DCR) 1991 and Agreement dated 09-02-2004 while obtaining development permission under DCPR 2034... as per EODB and Development, permission issued on 20-01-2021 vis-a-vis The CC issued to you are lapsed and hence Development permission granted on January 20, 2021 granted by BMC hereby stands cancelled as per the approval of BMC Commissioner".

Waikar To Challenge Against Order In Bombay HC

Waikar told The Free Press Journal, "I only learnt about the cancellation of development permission today (Friday) but Kirit Somaiya knew it even before my architect and I knew. I will challenge the cancellation order in the high court. In 2021, I got permission from the BMC. I had paid the requisite fees and now, the BMC has cancelled my permission. Why?"

"In 2021, the BMC had agreed that they had given permission in two such cases before my proposal. So what has happened now, for them to suddenly cancel my permission? I believe there was pressure on the BMC commissioner to do so." "This is a dictatorship, not a democracy. I would say it shows the revengeful attitude of the current government. One year before, BMC had given permission and told the EOW and the UD department that my permission was as per the rules and now, they're cancelling it?" he asked.

Waikar Alleges Pressure On Officials

"No rules have been violated. One Kirit Somaiya comes and complains

### MUMBAI: COASTAL ROAD WILL HAVE 16 FLOODGATES TO STOP INUNDATION



Work on installing 14 floodgates is underway; diameter of new sewage channels to be 2.5 times bigger than existing ones.

To prevent inundation at the almost-ready coastal road, the BMC's stormwater drains (SWD) department has planned to erect 16 floodgates at four crucial spots on the 10.58 km stretch. The work of installing 14 floodgates is underway. Explaining the plan in detail, project Chief Engineer Manthaiyya Swami said that the proposed channels, through which the accumulated water will be released into the sea, will have diameters two-and-a-half times bigger than their existing counterparts.

The Sewerage channel's diameter, and length are to be increased

"Currently, sewerage lines have a diameter of 1,200 mm, which will be increased to 2,000-2,500 mm. New lines will be stretched 100 meters inside the sea. The design will be helpful when the city witnesses high tide," he said, adding that an arrangement has been made near the coastal road, which will be instrumental in flushing the accumulated rainwater if the city experiences a flood-like situation.

### SUKIHANA IS GOING GHOST ON TWITTER FOLLOWING A VIDEO OF YK OSIRIS FORCING HER TO KISS HIM GOING VIRAL.

Sukihana has been a trending topic after a video of YK Osiris kissing her on the mouth when she was visibly not with it at a basketball game surfaced online. On Wednesday (June 14), the "Slut Me Out" rapper decided to nix her Twitter account. Before placing out on Twitter, Suki shared two posts where she addressed her current mental state.

"I drink to hide that I'm very sensitive," Sukihana typed. "I feel things more than the average person. I stopped drinking yesterday but today I've been crying all day. I asked God to strengthen me and use me to help others and order my steps in his word. I just want to go away for a while."

In her final post before deleting her account, Sukihana posted, "I am hurt and I am scared to stand up for myself." A video recently began spreading across the internet that shows Sukihana commenting a basketball game at The Crew League over the weekend. She begins to flirt with YK Osiris who then gets touchy-feely and begins to massage a surprised Sukihana. He then takes things further and grabs her face and tries to kiss her on the mouth. She turns her face away but YK, undeterred, goes in for another kiss while grabbing Suki's face. YK is facing backlash for the cringe-worthy moment, with some fans accusing the "Worth It" rapper of sexual assault.



This account doesn't exist

VIRAL TWEET

### ANDHERI MOTORISTS TO SUFFER TILL DECEMBER

Despite CM's promise that steel crisis will be solved, bridge will be opened by Oct, BMC says 'further delay'

The BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has pushed the deadline for the reopening of Gokhale bridge once again, stating that two of the structure's four lanes will only be completed by the end of the year, if everything goes according to plan.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, at a press conference held on May 19, had said that the bridge would be opened by October and the BMC also announced that it would open two lanes before the monsoon but later blamed steel supply issues for the delay.

The crucial link between the east and west sides of Andheri has been closed since November 2022, as it had been deemed dilapidated. As the bridge's slopes were run-down the BMC already had given a contract for their reconstruction four years ago. But the work was going on at a snail's pace. After closing the bridge, the BMC decided to rebuild the part over railway tracks also and promised to open at least two before the monsoon. However, the civic body is yet to even erect pillars.

P Velrasu, additional commissioner of the BMC, said, "The team is working hard to complete the construction of two lanes by the year-end. "The issue of supply of steel [needed for the fabrication of the bridge] hasn't been solved yet. We are working on it if everything goes according to plan, the bridge may be partially opened by the year-end," said Velrasu.

At the press conference, the CM stated that he had called the steel company concerned and asked them to ensure that the metal is provided as soon as possible while BMC officials said that they would complete work by October in the presence of Shinde. Civic chief Iqbal Singh Chahal also said that the work would be finished by October and construction work would take place during the rainy season.

AB Infrabuild Limited is constructing the stretch over the railway tracks. The company have a work order for the procurement and fabrication of an open web girder to HMM Infra Limited on February 8 and the latter firm ordered structural steel from the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) on March 20. But due to a strike at SAIL's Roorkee plant, there was an indefinite delay and it was not been able to commit to a delivery date. So the order was also placed with Jindal Steel and Power Limited on April 5 and deliveries started at the end of April and will end on July 15. However, the amount of steel that is being provided by Jindal is not enough and the Gokhale bridge reconstruction is still highly dependent on the steel provided by SAIL. The total requirement of steel for the railway portion is 2,600 MT, out of which only 750 MT has been received.

### Rates of Gold & Silver Mumbai Today

Silver Price : 1 Gram of Rupees 73.50  
8 Grams of Rupees 588  
Gold Price: 1 Gram 22 Carat of 5510 Rupees  
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