

'Coffin, khichdi thieves surrendered over tenders': CM Eknath Shinde slams Thackerays

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NEW DELHI : Launching an attack on the Shiv Sena (UBT) in the ongoing police investigations of alleged scams related to Covid-19 in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Wednesday said that the previous regime of 'coffin and khichdi thieves' surrendered for the sake of tenders. "The stories of corruption during Covid-19 overpower that of Arabian Nights and those are now coming out in the ED and CAG's investigations," he said. Shinde was replying to a discussion

on a resolution of the opposition from last week. Citing details of the police investigation into the arrest of contractor Romin Chheda, Shinde claimed Chheda's highway construction company had been given 57 contracts worth Rs 270 crore in the BMC through roaming power of attorney. "By the blessings of King Aaditya (the sun god), King Varuna (the rain god) showered the tenders on him," said Shinde, without naming Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray and his cousin and Yuva Sena leader Varun Sardesai.



"Chheda was first given the tender of Penguin Park and later of Oxygen plant. This Chheda has a Parihar clothes store in Borivali. The Oxygen plant was completed in October, which was delayed by a month, but was shown as completed in August. Instead of charging Rs nine crore fine, only Rs three crore was charged. Based on bogus work completion papers, a further Rs

80 crore work was taken," the CM said. Shinde said Chheda had been given other pieces of work in Byculla Zoo, administrative office maintenance, water purifiers' supply, housekeeping work at Jogeshwari's Balasaheb Thackeray Trauma Hospital as well as maintenance of air conditioning in BMC hospitals. The Chief Minister claimed that another accused Sujit Patkar's Lifeline company showed bogus doctors and patients, and withdrew bills for medicines. He also alleged that instead of giving 300 grams

khichdi during Covid-19 to workers and labourers at the decided rate of Rs 33, the sub-contractor gave only 100gm khichdi at Rs 16. "The coffin and khichdi thieves are being exposed...I have many more details about the scams. Those in power surrendered when it came to grabbing tenders. All those who have earned money in this business are now exposed," he said. Shinde targeted Thackeray on his recently held protest rally against the proposed redevelopment of Dharavi. "When the settlement is failed, a protest is

organised. We did not change a single condition in the tender process. Adani emerged eligible for the project only after a transparent process," he said. Commenting on the Maratha reservation, Shinde claimed Thackeray, in his then capacity as Maharashtra's chief minister, chose not to make him the chairperson of the cabinet sub-committee of Maratha reservation. "The then CM and Ashok Chavan (who was made the chairperson of the committee) feared that if I was given the post, I will do justice to Marathas," he said.

Parliament approves additional spending of Rs 58,378 crore in current fiscal

NEW DELHI : Parliament on Tuesday gave its approval for a net additional spending of Rs 58,378 crore in the current fiscal ending March 2024, with a large chunk allocated to MGNREGA and fertiliser subsidies.



The gross additional spending would be more than Rs 1.29 lakh crore, out of which Rs 70,968 crore would be matched by savings and receipts. On Tuesday, Rajya Sabha returned the two appropriation bills to Lok Sabha after a brief discussion. Most of the members

who participated in the discussion were from the Treasury benches as a large number of Opposition members are suspended from the House. Opposition members who were present did not participate in the discussion. Last week, Lok Sabha passed the supplementary demands for

grants after a short discussion. Replying to the discussion on Supplementary Demands for Grants in Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary on Tuesday highlighted the key aspects of the first batch of demands for grants. According to the demands

for grants, the net additional spending by the government would be Rs 58,378.21 crore in the current fiscal. The additional expenditure includes Rs 13,351 crore towards fertiliser subsidies and about Rs 7,000 crore towards spending by the Department of Food and Public Distribution. An additional outgo of Rs 9,200 crore is towards spending by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Rs 14,524 crore by the Ministry of Rural Development towards MGNREGA is included in the supplementary

demands. The total supplementary demands for spending by the Ministry of External Affairs is Rs 20,000 crore, which would be adjusted against the reduction of expenditure of over Rs 9,000 crore. For the full 2023-24 financial year, the government has budgeted the fiscal deficit to be Rs 17.86 lakh crore or 5.9 per cent of the GDP. The April-October fiscal deficit was 45.6 per cent of the full-year Budget Estimate of the last fiscal.



A resident looks at a collapsed shed in Yangwa village near Dahejia town in northwestern China's Gansu province. A strong overnight earthquake rattled a mountainous region of northwestern China, authorities said Tuesday, destroying homes, leaving residents out in a below-freezing winter night and killing many in the nation's deadliest quake in nine years.

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Branch office: Surat

PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

The Authorised Officer of L&T Finance Holdings Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 [54 of 2002] and in exercise of powers conferred under the said Act is auctioning the following property on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" by way of "PUBLIC AUCTION" for recovery of its dues and further interest, charges and costs etc.

Name of Borrower and Co-Borrower	Secured Property Address	Loan Account Number(s)	Physical Possession Taken	Earnest Money Deposit 10% or more of RP (In ₹)	Total Outstanding dues as on 14.12.2023	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Date of Inspection	Date and Time of Auction
1. Bharat Sonavane 2. Mangalaben Mohanbhai Sonavane 3. Bharat Sonavane (through its Proprietor Bharat Sonavane)	All that Piece and Parcel of Property Address- Plot No. 131 (as Per Sanction Plan Plot No. 89) Admeasuring About 100.3 Sq.yards i.e. 83.86 Sq.mts (as Per 7/12 Admeasuring About 83.69 Sq.mtrs) Of "royal Park-2" Situated At Land Bearing Revenue Survey No. 117 & 105/2 I.e. Block No. 264 (after K.j.p. Block No. 264-89) Of Painter Village Shangore Taluka Olpad District Surat And The Said Plot Is Bounded As Follows: Boundaries: East Adj. Property Of Plot No. 160 West Adj. Road North Adj. Property Of Plot No. 130 South Adj. Property Of Plot No. 132	H008263 00121105 646 & H008263 00121105 646L	29.10.2023	Rs. 1,52,600/-	Rs. 23,71,207.86/-	Rs. 15,26,000/-	18.01.2024	23-01-2024 at 3 pm
1. Mayur Pareshbhai Patel 2. Apexa Mayur Patel	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Address- Plot No. 75 Admeasuring 5.91 X 10.97 I.e. 64.83 Sq. Mts. i.e. 697.87 Sq. Feet, Along With 47.28 Sq. Mts., Undivided Share In The Road & Cop. In "Shri Residency", Situate At Revenue Survey No. 351/2, Block No. 420 Admeasuring Hecto- Are- 0-93-94 Sq. Mts., & Re. Survey New Block No. 470 Admeasuring Hecto- Are- 0-94-08 Sq. Mts., Of Moje Village Haldharu, Taluka Kamrej, Dist. Surat Gujrat Boundaries: East Society Raod West Plot No. 70 North Plot No. 76 South Plot No. 74	SRTHL170 00891, SRTHL170 00892	01.12.2023	Rs. 1,44,670/-	Rs. 25,26,824.72/-	Rs. 14,46,700/-	18.01.2024	23-01-2024 at 1 pm
1. Ashwinkumar V Zadafiya 2. Shantaben Valjibhai Zadafiya	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Address- Flat No. 402, On The 4th Floor Admeasuring 994 Sq. Feet I.e. 92.38 Sq.mts Super Built Up Area & 642 Sq. Feet I.e. 59.67 Sq.mts, Built Up Area Alongwith Undivided Share In The Land Of "bhaktidhara Residency-2, Building No. J" Situate At Revenue No. 54, Block No. 128 Admeasuring 915 Sq.mts., & Akr Rs. 13.00 Paise, Of Moje Sayan, Ta: Olpad, Dist. Surat Boundaries: East Flat No. J-401 West Open Land North Flat No. J-403 South Open Land	SRTHL180 01593, SRTHL180 01721	29.10.2023	Rs. 68,834.50/-	Rs. 27,27,892.44/-	Rs. 6,88,345/-	18.01.2024	23-01-2024 at 11 am

Terms and Conditions of Public Auction

- The E-auction Sale is being conducted online by the Authorised Officer through the website <https://sarfaesi.E-auctiontiger.net> under the provisions of SARFAESI Act with the aid and through public e-auction mode.
- The public E-auction will be conducted on the date and time mentioned herein above, when the secured asset/s mentioned above will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS & "AS IS WHAT IS" CONDITION.
- For participating in the public E-auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit the details of payment of refundable Earnest Money Deposit of 10% of the reserve price of the secured assets along with copies of the PANCARD, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof on or before 22.01.2024.
- The EMD of all other bidders who did not succeed in the public E-auction will be refunded by LTFH within 7 days of the closure of the public E-auction. The EMD will not carry any interest.
- The successful purchaser/bidder shall deposit the 25% (inclusive of EMD) of his/its offer by way of D.D./P.O favoring "L&T Finance Holdings Limited" payable at Mumbai on or before 18.00 hours on 23.01.2024 i.e., day of e-auction or on the next working day i.e., 24.01.2024, which deposit will have to be confirmed by L&T Finance Holdings Limited, failing which the sale will be deemed to have failed and the EMD of the said successful bidder shall be forfeited. The balance amount i.e., 75% of purchase price payable shall be paid by the purchaser to L&T Finance Holdings Limited on or before the fifteenth day of confirmation of sale of immovable property or such extended period as per provisions of law.
- For inspection of property or more information, the prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer i.e., Name - Piyush Patel, Contact No. 992511077, L&T Finance Holdings Ltd, Eco Commerce Complex, 3rd Floor, 308 to 311 & 322 to 326, G D Goenka Road, Opposite Sangini Arise, Vesu, Surat- 395007 and Santosh Tiwari, Contact No. 9920490126, L&T Finance Holdings Ltd, Office: 6th Floor, Brindavan Building, Plot No. 177, Kalina, CST Road, Near Mercedes Showroom, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400 098. At any stage of the E-auction, the Authorised Officer may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or post-pone the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.
- The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law.
- The Borrower/Guarantors, who are liable for the said outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, about the holding of above-mentioned public E-auction sale.
- The Borrower (s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) are hereby called upon to pay the entire loan outstanding dues as mentioned above before the said E-auction date failing which the L&T Finance Holdings Ltd shall sell the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.
- The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) public at large are hereby restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise with the secured assets referred to in the notice without prior written consent of L&T Finance Holdings Limited.

Date: 21.12.2023
 Place: Surat

Sd/-
 Authorized Officer
 For L&T FINANCE HOLDINGS LIMITED

Solid waste management: PCMC on backfoot as govt stays collection of user charges

MUMBAI : The Maharashtra government Wednesday stayed the collection of user charges from residential properties, industrial establishments and commercial properties under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, by Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation. The government told the PCMC not to collect the charges until a meeting is held in this matter between Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and MLA Mahesh Landge. Landge first raised the issue of user charges being slapped on residential properties in April this year during the Monsoon Session of the Legislative Assembly. Subsequently, he held a meeting with CM Shinde. "I am happy to reveal that the state government has directed the



PCMC not to collect user charges from its residents. The user charges were unjust and had drawn severe criticism from the residents. And therefore, I raised the issue in the House and took it up with the state government," Landge said, adding that the residents, especially those living in residential societies, will save around Rs 150 crore because of the stay. When contacted, Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Commissioner Shekhar Singh said the civic body received the state government's directives regarding user charges. "We will adhere to the state government directives. We will not collect the user charges from the residents until a meeting is held in this regard with the chief minister," the PCMC chief said. Singh said the user charges were being collect-

ed under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, framed by the central government. "PCMC is not the only civic body collecting the user charges. All civic bodies across the country were doing it," he said. The PCMC chief said they were collecting the user charges of Rs 60 from every household and Rs 120 to a maximum of Rs 200 from industrial establishments. "Since we had to collect the user charges with a retrospective effect from 2019, we decided to collect each past year's amount in the subsequent year. This was being done through the property tax bill. The property tax bills are given twice a year. In the 2023-24 property tax bill, we included the charges of this year as well as the user charges of 2019-20," he said.

Covid-19 cases in Karnataka double in 48 hours

NEW DELHI : With increased testing in the light of a spurt in Covid-19 cases in Karnataka, the state has seen a doubling of the number of cases reported over the last 48 hours - from 28 on Monday to 79 on Wednesday morning. One Covid-related death has been reported in Karnataka in the last two days. According to daily updates by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), 79 cases were reported in the state as of 8 am Wednesday - reportedly an increase of 35 cases since Tuesday. On Tuesday the number jumped by 35 cases and rose to 44 from Monday's 28, as per the Centre's data. There were only six new cases reported on Sunday. The neighbouring state

of Kerala has recorded the highest number of active cases at 2,041 as on Wednesday. The number of cases reported in the last 48 hours has increased by 336 (112 from Monday to Tuesday and 224 from Tuesday to Wednesday). Three deaths were reported in Kerala between Tuesday and Wednesday. Karnataka issues advisory against Covid-19; people above 60 asked to wear face masks, avoid crowded areas. Karnataka issues advisory against Covid-19; people above 60 asked to wear face masks, avoid crowded areas. (Express Photo by Jithendra M) With increased testing in the light of a spurt in Covid-19 cases in Karnataka, the state has seen a doubling of the number of cases reported over the last 48 hours - from 28 on

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