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## Water supply may be hit as tankers won't ply from April 10

PRATIP ACHARYA  
MUMBAI, APRIL 7

THE MUMBAI Water Tankers Association (MWTa) has warned of suspending its services starting April 10 in protest against the civic body's notices to private ring well and borewell owners, asking them to stop supplying water to tankers and obtain a fresh licence from the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA).

In their notices, the civic authorities also maintained that underground wells were becoming hotspots for mosquito breeding. The suspension of services may lead to a water crisis as 1,800-2,000 tanker owners in the Maharashtra capital are affiliated with MWTa.

"We are not calling for any strike, but we are forced to stop our trade. The BMC has said that if the well owners don't take an NOC (No-Objection Certificate) from CGWA, then legislative action will be taken against us. Now FIRs are being registered against our men for not having a new NOC," Ankur Sharma, spokesperson, MWTa, told The Indian Express.

"The CGWA has no office in Mumbai. They are based in Delhi, and they don't return our telephone calls. There's no scope of dialogue for us," Sharma added.

According to CGWA guidelines, a licence would be issued to a well owner only if the well is situated on a land parcel having a minimum size of 200 square metres. The new guidelines also make it mandatory for every well operator to set up a flow meter for recording the flow of water, among others.

Water from tankers is used in residential societies as well as in ongoing infrastructure works like the coastal road, metro, and bullet train projects. The water is also used for other important purposes like cleaning railway coaches and maintenance of public roads, lawns, and gardens, among others.

In 2023, the city reeled under a water crisis after MWTa went on a five-day strike. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) supplies 3.85 million litre per day (MLD) of water against a demand of 4,200 MLD.

Tankers continue to be a key source of water in the city, especially in informal settlements.



A shade has been erected on Gokhale Road on an experimental basis to provide relief to commuters while waiting at the signal. Deepak Joshi

## Citizens battle heat, humidity; IMD says cooler weekend likely at 33°C

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AMID A yellow alert, the city reeled under hot and humid conditions on Monday as the maximum temperature soared to 36.2 degrees Celsius. While a yellow warning will remain until Wednesday, the weather bureau has forecast a cooler week ahead as temperatures are likely to dip up to 33 degrees by April 12.

On Monday, the IMD's Santacruz observatory recorded a maximum temperature of 36.2 degrees, which is three degrees above the normal, while the Colaba coastal observatory logged highs of up to 33.6 degrees. In what left the city grappling with humidity, the recording stations also logged above normal relative humidity levels of over 80 per cent during the period. Its neighbouring pockets like Thane, meanwhile, recorded 38 degrees Monday afternoon.

The current spike in temperatures has come at a time when several regions in the country as well as Maharashtra are experiencing scorching temperatures of over 40 degrees. On Monday, data furnished by the IMD Mumbai showed that Jalgaon was the warmest city of the region at 42.5 degrees, followed by Parbhani which registered 42.1 degrees, Solapur at 42 degrees, Beed at 41.9 degrees while Malegaon recorded 41.6 degrees and Pune logged 40.2 degrees.

Indicating that the uncomfortable spell of weather is here to stay, the IMD has issued a yellow alert of hot and humid conditions in the city between Tuesday and Wednesday in Mumbai, Thane, Palghar and Raigad. The IMD has stated the maximum temperatures are expected to rise over the next four days, followed by a gradual drop of 2 to 3 degrees thereafter across Konkarn. The weather bureau has forecast highs ranging between 36 degrees to 37 degrees until Wednesday at least, which will later drop up to 33 degrees after April 12 (Saturday).

Weather experts have attributed the current rise in temperatures to the influx of dry, warm easterly winds.

## 3-yr-old girl dies as BEST bus runs over her in Borivali, driver arrested

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MUMBAI, APRIL 7

A THREE-YEAR-OLD girl was killed after being run over by a Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) bus in Borivali on Monday.

The driver has been arrested by the Kasturba Marg police station under charges for causing death by negligence. The girl, Mehak Khatun Shaikh, is the daughter of a labourer who lives near Rajendra Nagar in Borivali.

According to police, the accident took place at Rajendra Nagar on Monday afternoon when the BEST bus of route A-301 was heading towards Magathane Depot from Borivali Station (East).

Mehak's five-year-old brother was taking her to the other side of the road when the incident occurred. Her brother is safe, the police said. "She came under the front wheels of the bus and sustained severe head injuries. She was rushed to Shatabdi Hospital in Kandivali, where she was declared dead," said a BEST official.

According to the official, there was no conductor in the bus when the 48-year-old driver, Prakash Digambar Kamble, was operating it. Kamble has been arrested under relevant sections of the Bhatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) for causing death by negligence.

It was a wet-lease BEST bus operated by the Daga Group. BEST officials are reviewing whether safety protocols were followed and if any lapses occurred in operating the bus without a conductor.

## Air-conditioned study centre launched for underprivileged kids

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MUMBAI, APRIL 7

THE BIRHANMUMBAI Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Monday launched a first of its kind air-conditioned study centre for underprivileged children in Colaba.

Developed by BMC with CSR fundings, the facility is equipped with benches and drinking water facility, which can accommodate nearly 30 children at a time.

Located near the Badhwar Park main signal, the centre seeks to provide respite to students from underprivileged families from the scorching heat, by offering them a space to study during summers and prepare for their exams.

The centre is proposed to


remain open from 11 am to 6.30 pm, enabling children from nearby slums to avail the facility.

According to Makarand Narwekar, former corporator from Colaba, the project was undertaken as the existing study centre at Captain Prakash Pethe Marg was in dire need for an upliftment.

Narwekar said that plans are afoot to develop similar centres across the city. "This centre will benefit hundreds of students who come here to study from the neighbouring slums like Shiv Shakti Nagar, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Nagar, Garib Janta Nagar, Steel Godown etc.," said Narwekar, adding, "It's expected that this centre will get good response from students."



**Lease of Plots for PRIVATE SUPERSPECIALITY HOSPITAL (HEALTH FACILITY) in various nodes of Navi Mumbai**



**Scheme No.: SS/HOSP./01/2025-26**

CIDCO invites tenders for the Lease of plots for Private Superspeciality Hospital at Various Node, Navi Mumbai from an Individual, a Hindu undivided family, a Company formed under Companies Act 1956, Trust/Societies registered under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950, Society Registration Act, 1860, Partnership firm registered under Indian Partnership Act 1932, Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) and any person competent to contract under the Indian Partnership Act 1872 as per the eligibility criteria and terms & conditions prescribed in the e-Scheme Tender Booklet.

### Details of plots

SR. No.	Sector	Area Sq. mtrs.	Base Rate (per Sq. mtrs.) (Rs.)	EMD Amount (Rs.)	
1	Kharghar	30	81A	4000.14	Will Be published in
2	Vashi	7	45	2000	E-scheme Booklet

For details of the e-Scheme, eligibility criteria, terms & conditions, please refer to the e-Scheme Booklet. The e-Scheme Booklet is available w.e.f. 17.04.2025 from 11.00 am to 16.05.2025 at 23.59 hrs. on <https://eauction.cidcoindia.com>. The amount paid towards cost of The E-scheme booklet is non-refundable. CIDCO reserves the rights to cancel the plot/s, amend plot area, reveye plot/s, modify any conditions of the Scheme in its discretion or reject any or all applications without assigning reason thereof.

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Regular Depositors		Regular Depositors	
Table 1		Table 2	
Regular period	Cumulative At Maturity	Monthly	Quarterly
(% p.a.)	(% p.a.)	(% p.a.)	(% p.a.)
12-14 months	7.60	7.35	7.39
15-23 months	7.70	7.44	7.49
24-35 months	8.00	7.72	7.77
36 months	8.10	7.81	7.87
36 months	8.05	7.77	7.82
36 months	8.05	7.77	7.82
36 months	8.05	7.77	7.82

Financial assets		Financial liabilities	
As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	3,865.15	1,191.35	1,218.11
Financial instruments	15.69	146.98	1,244.89
Trade receivables	1,244.89	1,070.21	2,43,334.43
Loans	2,43,334.43	1,79,972.72	3,153.36
Investments	3,153.36	28,730.85	1,012.08
Other financial assets	2,92,772.71	2,13,086.63	

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		Particulars	
As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023
Equity			
Equity share capital	123.60	120.89	120.89
Other equity	17,886.93	51,372.24	
Total assets	72,010.53	51,493.33	
Total liabilities and equity	2,926,614.45	2,136,524.75	

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THREATENING CALLS, SOCIAL MEDIA BACKLASH

Gynaecologist resigns from Pune hospital after woman's death

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IN A significant development, Dr Sushrut Ghaisas, a consulting gynaecologist, stepped down from his position at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital. The hospital has been in the eye of a storm since Tanisha Bhise, who was in her seventh month of pregnancy, was allegedly denied admission due to the non-payment of Rs 10 lakh to the deposit. Bhise later gave birth to twins at Surya Hospitals in Wakad, and due to complications was shifted to Manipal Hospital where she succumbed to irreversible brain injury.

At a media conference, Dr Dhananjay Kelkar, medical director of Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, said that there has been rising anger and protests over the unfortunate episode.

Dr Kelkar read out the resignation letter that said Dr Ghaisas was under tremendous mental pressure due to public outrage, threats



Dr Dhananjay Kelkar, medical director of Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, said that there has been rising anger and increasing protests over the unfortunate episode. Express

and criticism. "Dr Ghaisas in his letter has stated that he was unable to focus on his work and was worried that all this would impact his ability to treat other patients," Dr Kelkar said. According to the letter, Dr Ghaisas was also worried about the safety of his family.

Dr Kelkar, who was accompanied by senior doctors, including Dr Ghaisas, said that the administration has forwarded the resignation to the hospital trustees and

that the latter would complete his scheduled surgeries and work by Thursday. Tanisha Bhise is the wife of Sushant Bhise who is a personal secretary of BJP MLC Amrit Gorkhe. Bhise's family members had claimed that Dr Ghaisas sought a deposit ahead of the patient's admission to the hospital. After her death, there were several protests at Deenanath Mangeshkar hospital and members of the BJP's

women's wing allegedly stormed into the clinic run by Dr Ghaisas's mother in Kothrud last week.

Dr Kelkar said that committees were conducting their inquiry and the administration has responded. "An advanced deposit is generally asked in cases where the hospitalisation cost that would be incurred would be more than Rs 5 or Rs 10 lakh or above. However, when I received a call from the patient's relatives, I told them to pay what they could and they would manage the costs later. The patient was not denied admission," Dr Kelkar said and denied that the pregnant woman had been prepped for a C-section and was kept waiting. Dr Kelkar said his staff was overworked and the hospital plans to train them to communicate appropriately with patients and their relatives.

Kelkar and his colleagues ended the press conference and walked out when they were asked about details regarding calls between the patient's relatives and the administration.

Emergency at Mumbai airport for flight from Jaipur following bomb threat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, APRIL 7

AN INDIGO flight from Jaipur to Mumbai landed under full-scale emergency conditions at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) on Monday evening after a bomb threat note was found onboard, officials said.

According to officials, flight GE 5324 from Jaipur arrived safely at Mumbai airport around 8.50 pm after the authorities announced a full emergency at 8.43 pm.

A bomb threat message was discovered in one of the toilets of the plane while it was mid-air. As part of standard safety procedure, the crew promptly notified the air traffic control, and emergency procedures were initiated.

After landing, the plane was taken to a secluded bay and checked by bomb disposal teams and CISF officials. No suspicious object was found, according to sources.

"As a precaution, full emergency was declared at Mumbai Airport at 2043 hrs. The flight landed safely at 2050 hrs. Airport operations remain unaffected. CSMIA is actively coordinating with the airline and security agencies. The safety of passengers and staff remains our top priority," said a CSMIA spokesperson.

According to officials, flight GE 5324 from Jaipur arrived safely at Mumbai airport around 8.50 pm

80-year-old woman dies, flight makes emergency landing at Sambhajnagar

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AN 89-YEAR-OLD woman passenger died onboard an IndiGo flight from Mumbai to Varanasi, which then made an emergency landing at Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar's Chikalathana Airport Sunday.

The incident took place onboard IndiGo flight 6E-5028, which departed from Mumbai on April 6. The elderly passenger, identified as Sushila Devi from Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh, started feeling unwell during the journey.

According to the airline officials, as her condition deteriorated, the crew declared a medical emergency and sought priority landing at the nearest airport. The aircraft landed at Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar around 10 pm.

As the plane landed, emergency response team and medical staff at the airport hurried to check the passenger. But Sushila Devi was found dead by the time she was being taken away for further medical treatment.

In a statement, IndiGo stated, "Flight 6E-5028, flying from Mumbai to Varanasi, was diverted to Aurangabad (Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar) on April 6, as a result of a medical emergency onboard. In spite of immediate medical care, the passenger's condition

did not get better and was pronounced dead onboard." Following the incident, the local MIDC CIDCO police station was notified, and formalities were conducted at the airport. The body of the deceased was taken to the Government Medical College and Hospital, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, for post-mortem and documentation. Having completed all legal formalities, the flight then continued on to Varanasi.

The airline further said, "We adhered to all standard procedures for safe operating practices to protect the health and safety of all passengers and staff onboard."

Question paper leaked but SCERT says PAT exam to continue as per schedule

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, APRIL 7

AS THE state-wide Periodic Assessment Test (PAT) is scheduled to start on Tuesday, question paper of Class 9 Marathi (first language) which is scheduled for April 8 was seen to be available online on April 7, along with answers, on a YouTube channel. The Maharashtra State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT), which conducts PAT, is in the process of registering an FIR against the YouTube channel for the paper-leak.

But SCERT confirmed that the exam will continue as per schedule with the same question paper as it is not feasible now to replace the question papers which have already been reached in schools across the state.

Teachers, however, have highlighted that PAT paper leak is not limited to Class 9 Marathi paper as few other PAT papers are also seen available online.

According to SCERT, they are now looking for other papers too after knowing about such claims.

Confirming the paper-leak, director of SCERT Rahul Rekhawar said, "Yes, papers of PAT examination of Class 9 are being shown on some YouTube channels. We are registering FIR against them and to close them down with the help of the police department. Examination will not be cancelled." When asked if a different question paper will now be sent to schools, Rekhawar said that paper cannot be changed now. Further urging social media users to not indulge in such acts for TRP, Rekhawar highlighted that SCERT with help from police will investigate how the YouTube channel obtained the question paper.

The state-wide PAT exams are conducted for students in classes 1 to 9, with the goal of standardised assessments, particularly in government-run and aided schools. Introduced last year, the exams include common ques-

tion papers for subjects like English, Mathematics, and Marathi, provided by the Maharashtra SCERT. These papers are conducted as a part of final exams of schools. While students receive regular results from their schools, their performance in these subjects is reported to SCERT, which assesses learning outcomes and recommends interventions where necessary.

The PAT exams are marred with controversy this year. First cause was the common timetable (April 8 to 25) which marked a significant change from established practice of concluding final exams by mid-April.

Schools raised alarm citing concerns that it will affect timely results which are typically out by May 1 and then parents start complaining that this change will interfere with their summer plans. Mahendra Ganpule, former vice president of the Maharashtra School Principals' Association, said, "The SCERT has failed to

maintain confidentiality around PAT papers. There have been reports that there was discretion during transportation of PAT question papers. It is unfortunate that the evaluation of students on leaked question papers will not help in gauging actual learning outcomes, which is the basic purpose of conducting PAT."

CM: Will bring policy for employment of challenged persons

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, APRIL 7

CHIEF MINISTER Devendra Fadnavis on Monday directed the officials to formulate a new policy to ensure employment for persons with disabilities and also start a new scheme on the lines of Ladki Bahin Yojana for them in the state.

The CM also directed officials to prepare a special housing scheme called Gharuk Scheme to provide the rightful shelter to persons with disabilities. Under the scheme, the government will help the beneficiaries who do not have their own land with the necessary land to build a house.

"They are born with disabilities or due to some reason have to face many difficulties in their lives. They have to find a way to excel in their life by overcoming their disabilities. New schemes and policies should be formulated to bring prosperity in the life of such disabled brothers," Fadnavis said while giving instructions to implement these policies and schemes effectively.

The Chief Minister was speaking at a review meeting organized at Sahyadri Guest House regarding various problems of the disabled brothers.

The CM also said that a 'distinct divyang bhavan' will be set up to ensure such persons get all facilities under one roof.

Just like the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin scheme, financial aid received through Special Assistance Scheme will be credited through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), Fadnavis said.

"The state government is trying to make it easier for the disabled brothers in the state to get benefits, and the financial assistance of the disabled brothers will be deposited directly in the bank accounts of the beneficiaries as per the Ladki Bahin Scheme. The government is also positive about increasing the financial assistance of the disabled beneficiaries and is positive about empowering the disabled and improving their quality of life," a statement said.

Man drowns in dam while fishing in Nagpur district

Nagpur: An elderly man drowned while fishing at the Kochi dam in Saoner tehsil of Nagpur district, police said on Monday.

Officials of the Khapa police station said the man, Sattar Aleem Sheikh, a resident of Hingna, left home in a car in the morning on Sunday to fish at the dam, located around 40 km from Nagpur city.

When the elderly man didn't return home by evening, his family searched for him and found his slippers and car near the dam. It appears he slipped and fell into the dam and drowned, they said. PTI

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