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**Harbour line train services to remain shut for over 5 hours on December 31**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29

ONSUNDAY, Central Railway will suspend services for over five hours on the Harbour and Trans-Harbour lines for maintenance work during a mega block.

As per the official information shared by the CR, the Harbour Line services towards CSMT Mumbai from Panvel (10:33 am to 3:49 pm) and services to Panvel/Belapur from CSMT Mumbai (9:45 am to 3:12 pm) will remain suspended.

Similarly the Trans-Harbour services towards Thane from Panvel (11:02 am to 3:53 pm) and to Panvel from Thane (10:01 am to 3:20 pm) will also remain suspended.

The last Harbour Line train from CSMT Mumbai to Panvel will be at 9:30 am. The first train after the block from CSMT Mumbai to Panvel will be at 4:10 pm.

The last Harbour Line train from Panvel to CSMT will be at 10:17 am, and the first train after block from Panvel to CSMT Mumbai will be at 4:10 pm.

The last Trans-Harbour Line train from Thane to Panvel will be at 9:39 am and the first train after the block from Thane to Panvel will be at 4:00 pm.

The last Trans-Harbour Line train from Panvel to Thane will be at 10:41 am, and first train after block from Panvel to Thane will be at 4:26 pm.

## SHOWCAUSE TO TWO OTHER CONTRACTORS BMC fines two contractors Rs 2L each for flouting air pollution norms

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**PRATIPACHARYA**  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29

IN ITS continued action against contractors and firms flouting air pollution mitigation norms, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Friday imposed a penalty of Rs 2 lakh on two contractors conducting road and infrastructure work in south Mumbai.

The two contractors, ME Infra and NC enterprise, were involved in BMC's road concretisation project.

Sudhakar Shinde, additional municipal commissioner, told The Indian Express on Friday

that the BMC also issued show-cause notices to Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited (MEIL) and J Kumar InfraProjects, who are contractors for the Bullet Train and Mumbai Metro project, for not adhering to dust mitigation norms at construction sites.

When contacted, a spokesperson for the Bullet Train project said BMC's inspection was part of a routine visit.

On Friday afternoon, Shinde and a delegation of civic officials carried out an inspection of multiple sites in Mumbai where construction work was underway for various infrastructure projects. Civic officials said during the visit, they found that ME Infra and NC enterprise, who were conducting road work on Grant Road, were found to be flouting rules.

"The BMC's air pollution mitigation norms, that were issued on October 25, mandates barricading at construction sites, including continuous washing and sanitation of the premises. However,

during the inspection we found that these rules were not being followed at the site and the labourers deployed at the spot didn't have protective gears. As a result, we implemented a penalty of Rs 2 lakh on them," said the civic body through a statement.

Shinde said the team also visited construction sites of the Bullet Train project and Mumbai Metro Line 3 in Bandra Kurla Complex.

"In BKC we found that the contractors working on both these sites were not adhering to dust mitigation norms. As a result, we are issuing show cause notices for paying penalties to MEIL and J Kumar, who are the contractors of Bullet Train and Metro. We issued multiple notices to these contractors earlier but still they refused to follow norms. It seems unless we push the violators hard, they won't follow the rules we cite," Shinde told The Indian Express on Friday.

Meanwhile, when contacted a spokesperson of the Bullet Train project said, "We are aware

about the inspection visit however, we are yet to receive any notice from there end. The inspection appeared routine to us. We are adhering to all the norms that have been mentioned by BMC officials."

In November, the BMC had issued a stop work notice to J Kumar infra for not following dust mitigation norms during construction work. Before issuing the stop work notice, the civic body had also issued intimation notices multiple times, asking the firm to adhere to the norms.

As part of its 'Death by Breath' series, highlighting the air pollution woes of Mumbai, The Indian Express had earlier highlighted that BKC emerged as one of the most affected pockets in the city, consistently recording a 'Poor' AQI level of over 200. Express had on October 20, reported that during a visit at the Bullet Train project site in BKC, no dust mitigation measures were implemented at the construction site.

## BMC asks Collector's office to take action against illegal encroachments in Dharavi

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MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29

THE BRIHANMUMBAI Municipal Corporation (BMC) has written to the Collector's office in island city asking it to demolish the illegal structures that have been recently built in the Dharavi area of south central Mumbai.

The state government earlier this year had announced the Dharavi Redevelopment Project (DRP), under which 68,000 people including slum dwellers and those with commercial establishments would be relocated.

Under the DRP programme, any beneficiary who has settled in Dharavi before January 1, 2000, would get 300 square feet houses, while those settled between 2000 and 2011 will have

to purchase the houses in exchange of a uniform rate.

However, local authorities from the BMC have said that over the past year several illegal entities have started to come up in Dharavi. The officials have also suspected that many of these structures are being built to stake claim on the houses that the government is set to allot as per the DRP.

While BMC doesn't have the authorisation to demolish these structures, however officials maintained that stop work notices are being issued.

"We have written to the collector's office to take immediate action by demolishing these structures. We have also asked them to verify the documents of some of these structures that has been built very recently to check the authorisation of these properties," said a civic official.

The officials maintained that the larger part of this land parcel where the redevelopment project is set to take place is owned by the collector, therefore the BMC doesn't have direct authority to take action.

"We have also told them that if you need manpower then the BMC is ready to provide, also if the collector's office is ready to give us in writing then we are ready to take action," the official said.

Earlier this month on December 4, the local civic ward office had also written to the land acquisition officer I'm district collector's office urging immediate action on unauthorised construction.

Civic officials said that over the past few weeks several stop work notices were issued to multiple illegal structures that are being built in that area.

## Over 13k cops to keep vigil on city streets on New Year

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OVER 13,000 police personnel will be on Mumbai's streets well after midnight on January 1 to ensure that there are no

law and order issues during New Year celebrations in the city. Police blockades will also be in place to curb drunk driving in various areas.

A note issued by the Mumbai police said that on the occasion of New Year, various

programmes have been organised at important public places, hotels and shopping malls. Accordingly, the city police have planned measures to ensure that the festivities go smoothly.

A total of 2,051 officers and

11,500 police constables will be present on the city's streets, an officer said. In order to oversee them, 22 Deputy Commissioners of Police and 45 Assistant Commissioners of Police have been deployed, the officer added.

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Pune 29 December 2023

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BATTLEGROUND MUMBAI Maratha, OBC outfits plan rally on Jan 20

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29

MUMBAI WILL likely turn into a quota battleground on January 20 next year with both the Maratha and Other Backward Class (OBC) communities announcing rallies in the city on the day.

Maratha activist Manoj Jarange-Patil decided to move his reservation protest to Mumbai by convening a mammoth rally in the city. On Friday, a Maratha delegation landed in Mumbai to shortlist the venue and held a meeting with Mumbai-based Maratha Kranti Morcha coordinators to finalise plans.

While the Maratha outfits formally sought police permission to hold the rally, the venue is yet to be finalised with Shivaji Park, Bandra Kurla Complex and Azad Maidan being the contenders.

"The state government should come out with a formula to resolve the reservation issue. We want Maratha reservation within the OBC category," Jarange-Patil reiterated on Friday.

To counter the Marathas, OBC outfits in Maharashtra are planning protests across the state, including Mumbai. On Friday, the OBC Jan Morcha sought police permission to hold a rally in Mumbai on January 20. "We have formally sought

permission for a rally at Azad Maidan on January 20," OBC Jan Morcha president Prakash Shendge said. "Our rally is for OBC rights. We vehemently oppose reservation of Marathas in the OBC category. We will not allow it at any cost. Marathas should get separate reservation and OBC reservation should remain intact. We will not allow its dilution at any cost," he added.

OBC Mahasangh president Babanrao Taywade said the fight was for OBC rights. "We are not against Maratha reservation but Jarange-Patil is seeking reservation within OBC quota which is not acceptable to us," he said.

With Jarange-Patil's December 24 deadline for Maratha reservation having lapsed, the state government sought more time, arguing the process was underway. "The state government is doing everything possible to ensure Maratha reservation," Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said.

Shinde has convened a special session in February 2024 to find a workable formula to allow Maratha reservation. The state government is also hopeful that the Supreme Court's nod for a curative petition hearing on January 24 is a step forward.

Meanwhile, the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission is working to furnish empirical data to establish the backwardness of Marathas.

'Murder' of MBBS student: Court rejects accused lifeguard's bail petition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29

A SESSIONS court on Friday rejected the bail application of a 32-year-old man booked for the alleged murder of MBBS student Sadiccha Sane in November 2021. Mithu Singh, who worked as a lifeguard, was arrested on January 13 this year on charges including murder, after Sane disappeared on November 29, 2021, but was alleged to have been last seen with him. Her body was not found.

Singh had filed for bail stating that there was no evidence to link him to Sane's disappearance. He claimed that there was no motive shown or any witnesses cited to show that he had committed the murder. It was also submitted that a day after her appearance, the police had detained Singh and subjected him to assault to get him to confess to the crime. He had denied any involvement.

The police claimed that Singh was last seen with Sane in the intervening night of November 29, 2021 and November 30, 2021,



Sadiccha Sane (R) with the accused. Express

and that photos were found on his phone clicked after 2 am with Sane in them. The police also claimed that in 2016, Singh knew that an 18-year-old had fallen in the sea from the Bandstand promenade while she was taking a photograph but her body was not found. It was alleged that Sane's body was disposed of at the same spot by Singh.

Sane, a resident of Palghar, was on her way to write an exam on November 29, 2021. She alighted the Mumbai local train to Bandra station but went to Bandra reclamation instead of the exam. When she did not re-

turn home, her family filed a missing person complaint. Police said their investigation showed that Sane was last seen at reclamation in the company of Singh.

The police also claimed that Singh had made advances at Sane, and alleged that in a scuffle which followed, she suffered injuries to her head, whereupon later her body was disposed of. The police also arrested Abdul Jabbar Ansari, claiming that there were calls between him and Singh on the day of the incident. In October, the court had also rejected Ansari's bail application.

Fire destroys chemical factory in Talaja MIDC, no one injured

Thane: A fire destroyed a chemical factory in an industrial pocket in Navi Mumbai, an official said on Friday.

No one was injured in the blaze that broke out in the factory at plot no. C-03 in the Talaja MIDC area, about 35 km from Mumbai, around 8.30 pm on

Thursday, he said.

Twelve fire engines were pressed into service, and the blaze was put out after eight hours, chief of the Disaster Management Cell of the TMC Yasin Tadvai said. While the fire destroyed the factory, its cause is being probed, he added. PTI

After two missed deadlines, MTHL cost escalates by Rs 2,192 crore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29

THE MUMBAI Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) project, which is expected to be inaugurated early next year, has seen a cost escalation of Rs 2,192 crore or 14.9 per cent, according to information obtained through a Right to Information (RTI) query by activist Anil Galgali.

The original cost of Rs 14,712.70 crore has now increased to Rs 16,904.43 crore, the RTI reply stated.

Originally slated for completion on September 22, 2022, the project faced setbacks due to the Covid-induced lockdowns, leading to two extensions — first to September 22, 2023 and then to December 15, 2023, both unmet. Officials now target an opening in early 2024 for the sea bridge.

Despite two missed deadlines, no penalties have been imposed on the contractors for the project delays, as per RTI information.

The sealink, once opened to the public, will reduce the travel time bringing Mumbai and Navi Mumbai closer. It has been named as Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu.

Mumbai girl swims 36 km from Sea Link to Gateway

NAYONIKA BOSE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29

WITH THE aim of raising awareness about the burgeoning pollution levels in the ocean, city girl, Hazel Raikundalia, braved the seas and swam a distance of 36 km from the Bandra-Worli Sea Link to the Gateway of India on Friday. Under the banner of 'Swim for Sea', the 18-year-old achieved the feat in a span of 7 hr 5 minutes.

Despite being a coastal city with the Arabian sea flanking it to the west, Mumbai is not a popular swimming destination amongst open sea swimmers due to its prominent sea pollution.



Hazel Raikundalia

Seeking to draw attention towards the dangers posed by pollution to the underwater ecology and the pressing need for marine conservation, Hazel — a first-year MBBS student, decided to set forth on her mission and launch the campaign 'Swim for Sea'.

PM Modi to launch Jalna-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi is set to virtually launch the Jalna-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express train on December 30 from Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya during the inaugural event of the Ayodhya Dham Junction railway station.

Two Amrit Bharat Express trains — the Darbhanga-Ayodhya-Delhi (Anand Vihar Terminal) and the Malda Town-Bengaluru — and five other Vande Bharat Express trains will also be flagged off on the occasion.

As per the Central Railway, the Vande Bharat Express special train to Mumbai city numbered 02705 will consist of eight coaches and will complete the journey from the Maharashtra city of Jalna in 7 hours and 45 minutes.

The Vande Bharat Express will be given a warm welcome at Manmad Junction, Nashik Road, Kalyan Junction, Thane, Dadar Central, and CSMT Mumbai station on Saturday. It will be welcomed by Members of Parliament, legislators, guardian ministers, school students, and the public.

Two held for duping student of Rs 2.45 lakh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 29

THE MUMBAI police on Friday arrested two persons from Gujarat for allegedly duping a 19-year-old student in Matunga on the pretext of facilitating a part time online job. The duo had defrauded the student of Rs 2.45 lakh.

After their arrests, investigators scrutinised 20 bank accounts of theirs and learnt that the two had received about Rs 60 crore in the last three months by cheating people from different states.

According to police officials, the two arrested persons have been identified as Rupesh Thakkar (33) and Pankajbhai Gordhanbhai (34) from Kalol area of Gandhinagar in Gujarat.

Police said, the student was in his hostel on October 28 when he received a message from an unknown number asking if he was interested in an online part time job.

"As he responded, the 19-year-old was added to a group on Telegram app after which he was asked to perform some tasks by investing his money for which the complainant got heavy returns," said an officer. "It was to lure him as he got duped after he invested another Rs 2.45 lakh," the officer added.

The 19-year-old had lodged a complaint in November after which a case was registered at Matunga police station.

"We got some trails and came to know that the suspects are from Gandhinagar. When we inquired further we got their address and a team was sent and the two were brought to the station for inquiry," said an officer. The police also recovered 33 debit and credit cards, 32 cheque books of various bank accounts, six mobile phones, 28 SIM cards and four rubber stamps of different bogus companies.

"After scrutinising the bank accounts used by them to commit fraud, we came to know that there were transactions of about Rs 60 crore that the two had conducted in the last two or three months. Around Rs 1.10 crore have also been frozen by police from different states," said an officer.

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# Three sculptures in contest for selection as Ram Lalla idol ready

MAULSHREE SETH AYODHYA, DECEMBER 29

THE THREE sculptures from which the final selection will be made for the idol of 5-year-old Ram Lalla to be placed inside the "garbhagriha" (shrine's innermost sanctuary) of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya are ready, members of the Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust said on Friday.

The idols have been carved from stone by three sculptors who worked on them near the temple premises for nearly seven months.

On the eve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ayodhya, the Trust members on Friday inspected the idols and conveyed their suggestions to Trust secretary Champat Rai and treasurer Govind Giri Maharaj who will take the final decision.

While making the suggestions, the trustees were asked to go into the intricacies and other fine details in the sculpting process, sources said.

The three sculptors working on the idol designs are Ganesh Bhatt and Arun Yogiraj from Karnataka and Satyanarayan Pandey from Jaipur in Rajasthan. Bhatt is said to be working on "black-greyish Nellikari rock" (shyam shilla) extracted from Karnataka, Yogiraj on a "white grey" semi-granite rock, while Pandey worked on the famous white Makrana marble stone.

"It will be a standing statue that will be 51 inches in height. The trust members were called today to check the idols," said a senior member of the Trust.

"The design that will best depict the facial expressions, innocence, and physical features as well as divinity of the five-year-old deity will be selected," Champat Rai had said recently.

The existing Ram Lalla idol made of metal which has been worshipped for decades will be used for performing puja rituals while the new one will remain stationary, sources said.

"A decision is also to be taken on the remaining two idols as to whether they will be donated or placed somewhere else. According to the tradition, more than one idol



Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath takes a selfie during his Ayodhya visit on Friday. PTI

of the same deity is not placed usually in a temple," said an expert involved in the project.

## The sculptors

Bengaluru-based Ganesh Bhatt is an award-winning sculptor whose idols have been placed not just across the country but also abroad. He is a disciple of Devalakunda Vaidiraj, a famous sculptor, it is learnt.

Arun Yogiraj comes from a family of famous sculptors of Mysuru (Karnataka) for five generations some of whom worked

for the Mysore royal family. He is known for having carved a 30-foot statue of Subhas Chandra Bose, which is placed in the canopy behind Amar Jawan Jyoti near India Gate in New Delhi, and a 12-foot tall statue of Adi Shankaracharya in Uttarakhand's Kedarnath.

His work has also been appreciated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Satyanarayan Pandey also comes from a family of sculptors and has carved idols for ISKCON and Birla temples in the past.

# Ram Rahim seeks takedown of clip by journalist, Delhi HC issues notice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 29

THE DELHI High Court on Friday issued notice on a plea by Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh seeking directions for the takedown of a video posted by journalist and YouTuber Shyam Meera Singh about the former.

A single-judge bench of Justice Shalinder Kaur issued notice to the defendants, Shyam Meera Singh and YouTuber, and listed the matter for hearing on Saturday. The court said that notice be served through email and WhatsApp. The counsel appearing for the Dera Chief said the lawsuit has been filed with respect to a video uploaded on December 17.

The video on YouTube is titled "How Gurmeet Ram Rahim fooled his bhakts?". The counsel said a legal notice was sent by his client on December 21 to YouTube and Shyam Meera Singh who uploaded the video. He submitted that the video is "clearly derogatory, disparaging and denigrating".

"He (Shyam Meera Singh) is a habitual offender... After we put him to notice, he puts out a remark/comment on Twitter (now known as X) saying 'I'm not going to delete these videos'. Totally defiant. He has been accused by the UP administration also for having insulted the CM. An FIR came to be registered at the instance of a UP resident," the counsel said.

The counsel pointed to a report by The Indian Express titled "Journalist booked for 'insulting' UP CM on Twitter". As per the report, police registered an FIR against Singh for his "objectionable tweet" against the UP CM.

# PM TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN JAIPUR Al, Khalistani groups on agenda for DG's meet

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 29

EMERGING CYBER threats from national state actors, challenges posed by AI tools such as ChatGPT, fraudulent identity and banned Khalistani outfits — these will be among the issues discussed at the three-day All-India Conference of Director/Inspector Generals of Police in Jaipur next month, The Indian Express has learnt.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the conference, which will be hosted by the Intelligence Bureau at the Rajasthan International Centre (RIC) in Jhalana from January 5 to 7. As per current expected schedule, officials said, while Modi will arrive in Jaipur on January 6 and leave the next afternoon, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will attend all the sessions.

Sharing details of the tentative agenda, an officer said the conference will discuss, among other things, the worldwide C-Rad initiative (for nuclear and radiological exigencies), emerging challenges in border management, role of police and inter-state coordination, and prison infrastructure.

"Since President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent to the three new criminal law Bills... we are going to discuss the new major criminal bills; special features and further development," the officer said.

Officials said the preparations for the event have started and all

## GOVT DESIGNATES LANDA AS TERRORIST

New Delhi: The MHA on Friday designated Canada-based gangster Lakhbir Singh Landa as a terrorist. Landa, 33, is from Punjab's Tarn Taran district and went to Canada in 2017.

AMHA notification stated, "Lakhbir Singh alias Landa, residing in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, belongs to Abanbar Khalsa International... An open ended warrant has been issued against Landa, and a LOC on June 9, 2021..."

The All-India DG-IG conference is held every year to share the best practices related to internal security, crime and law and order challenges among state police and central agencies.

DGs of all state police departments, intelligence agencies and the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) will be among the 80 officials attending the conference.

Other officials will attend some of the sessions online. The Modi government has been organising this conference outside the national Capital since it came to power in 2014.

the concerned officers have been asked to prepare their presentations, with the tentative agenda on counter terrorism, emerging trends in militancy and hybrid militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, Khalistani communication and logistics network. "Other topics, counter terrorism synergy, emerging threats and terror, review of Left Wing Extremism (LWE), emergency preparedness for nuclear and radiological exigencies, tribal affairs, and measures for checking fraudulent Indian identity documents," the official said.

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# Minor girl 'gang-raped' in Aligarh, hotel receptionist among two arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 29

TWO PERSONS, including a woman receptionist (28), were arrested in connection with the alleged gangrape of a 14-year-old girl in a hotel in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh district, police said.

Among those arrested is Neeraj Sharma (45), a relative of hotel owner

Ved Prakash Sharma, who along with a local youth, also an accused, is absconding, they added. According to police, the victim's father filed a complaint alleging that the hotel owner and his relative kidnaped his daughter when she was on her way to her school on Wednesday. The accused took the girl to the hotel where they along with two others raped her, he claimed.

Confirming the arrests, Aligarh

Assistant Superintendent of Police Mrigank Shekhar Pathak said the accused were booked on charges of gangrape and the POCSO Act. The FIR was registered under section 376 D (gangrape) of the IPC and POCSO provisions.

"We found the youth had taken the girl to the hotel on a few occasions in the past and raped her. In the inquiry, it was found hotel staff was in connivance with the youth," a police official said.

# Farmer who set himself on fire outside Unnao SP's office dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 29

A 32-YEAR-OLD Dalit farmer, who on Wednesday tried to immolate himself outside the office of the Unnao Superintendent of Police (SP) over alleged laxity by police in a case of land dispute, died on Friday, officials said.

The victim, Srishchand, who had suffered over "50 per cent" burn injuries, died during treatment in a hospital. He took the step since no action was taken in an FIR he had filed against his neighbour and seven of his family members

over a land dispute in October. Meanwhile, Purwa Circle Officer Deepak Kumar Singh and Purwa SHO Suresh Kumar have been removed from their posts after the incident, officials said.

Unnao Additional Superintendent of Police Akhilesh Singh said, "The victim's body was handed over to his family for his funeral rites." SP Siddharth Shankar Meena had ordered a "detailed probe into the allegations levelled by him".

On Wednesday, Srishchand reached the SP's office, doused kerosene on himself and before setting himself on fire.

# Coast Guard rescues man from cruise liner off Goa coast

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, DECEMBER 29

THE INDIAN Coast Guard (ICG) Friday rescued an Indian passenger from an Italian-flagged cruise liner Costa Serena, approximately 80 nautical miles off the coast of Goa and shifted him to a private hospital in Panaji.

Coast Guard officials said the cruise liner raised an alert at 3.20 pm, requesting medical assistance for an Indian passenger, who had experienced a heart-related ailment onboard. The ICG maritime rescue sub coordination centre (MRSC) at Goa launched an operation.

# Pune authority speeds up Rs 333-cr glass skywalk project

AJAY JADHAV PUNE, DECEMBER 29

TO DEVELOP Lonavala as a world-class tourist destination, the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) has taken up an ambitious project worth Rs 333.56 crore to construct a 125-metre long glass skywalk to connect the hill station with two popular tourist spots — Lions Point and Tiger Point.

"A decision was taken to speed up the land acquisition process for the project after it was approved by a high-power committee. The forest department and revenue department are working on it while the PMRDA has undertaken the work of preparing a detailed project report of constructing a glass skywalk near Lonavala. This will boost tourism in the area," said Ramdas Jagtap, a spokesperson of PMRDA.

Jagtap said the work on the project will start as soon as the land is acquired and that it would be completed in 30 months. Maval MLA Sunil Shelke proposed the skywalk project at a location 15km away from Lonavala.

"The forest department, which has jurisdiction over the area where the skywalk project has been proposed, has given the approval for the project to be implemented on 15 hectares of



The project includes construction of a six-metre-wide and 90-metre-long bridge, but the main attraction would be the 125-metre long and six-metre wide skywalk. Express

land," said Shelke, adding that the state government entrusted the responsibility of implementing the project to the PMRDA with funding from the state tourism department.

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, who is also the Guardian Minister of Pune, approved the project in the district planning committee in November.

The project was approved by a high-power committee for financial affairs of the state government a few days ago. The project includes the construction of a 6m wide and 90m long bridge

but the main attraction would be the 125-metre long and 6m wide skywalk. Facilities for adventure sports such as zip lining and bungee jumping, an amphitheatre for 1,000 people, 24 gazebos, and a parking space for 1,500 cars and 2,000 two-wheelers will also be constructed as part of the project. The PMRDA will also widen the roads towards both tourist points.

The Lions Point and Tiger Point are popular tourist destinations, which attract around 10,000 visitors on weekends and at least 2,000 on weekdays.

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