

MU proposes 15 locations in its plan for new colleges

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Mumbai: A total of 15 locations have been proposed for setting up new colleges in the Mumbai University's perspective plan for academic year 2025-26. While colleges in 13 of the proposed locations will be offering skill-oriented courses, none of them are in Mumbai.

The remaining two locations that were projected in last year's perspective plan have been carried forward. These include one each in Bhiwandi and Andheri. Of these, one will be offering traditional courses and the other will be offering self-financed courses, now termed as 'applied' courses by the university.

The perspective plan for 2025-26 was passed in the university's senate meeting on Saturday. Of the 13 new college locations proposed, three each will be in Thane (Diva, Dhokali, Bhiwandi Padgha), Raigad, and Palghar, and two each in Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg. The plan will be sent to the government for approval, and the government, based on suggestions from different stakeholders, may increase the locations. Once the perspective plan is approved, applications will be invited from college managements. For the current academic year, the government has approved 32 new colleges affiliated with the university.

Of these 32 new approved colleges, 12 will offer only law courses while the remaining colleges will offer regular traditional courses and applied courses under arts, science and commerce faculty.

WEATHER

Colaba Santacruz
27.5° / 27.4°
24.7° / 24.6°
Sunrise: Monday 06:12 hrs
Sunset: Sunday 19:18 hrs
Forecast: Moderate to heavy rain in city and suburbs. Possibility of very heavy rain at isolated places.
Maximum & Minimum temperatures likely to be around 28°C and 24°C
Relative humidity: Colaba 86%, Santacruz 92%

GRP chief had applied to DGP office to regularise hoarding

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The crash claimed 17 lives

Mumbai: Deputy CM and state home minister Devendra Fadnavis confirmed to TOI that the home department has ordered a departmental inquiry against GRP commissioner Ravindra Shisive in the Ghatkopar hoarding case.

In his statement to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the crash, Shisive's predecessor Quaiser Khalid shifted the blame onto Shisive. Both have been blaming each other, according to their statements recorded by the SIT.

A senior officer confirmed that a departmental inquiry was initiated against

nal DGP Nikhil Gupta sent a notice to Shisive, questioning his decision to send the proposal despite the DGP's rejection, stating, "There is no need to erect advertisement hoardings on police land at present as there are other sources of activities for raising funds under the Police Welfare Fund."

In his reply to the notice dated Sept 16, 2023, Shisive acknowledged that he was aware that the hoarding was illegally erected without the DGP's permission by his predecessors. However, he claimed that he had sent the proposal for regularisation with the clean and pure intention of substantially increasing the Police Welfare Fund if

the post-action approval was granted by the DGP's office. He also said he was against the corruption in the department.

Khalid, on the other hand, maintained that he followed legal procedures in granting permissions for the hoarding, which was cleared by his predecessor Ravindra Sengaonkar, and he just approved the hoarding and argued that it was Shisive's responsibility to oversee the construction.

Khalid alleged that during Shisive's tenure, the GRP received four complaints regarding the illegal hoarding from various individuals, but Shisive failed to take action.

Court denies bail to owner of Kamala Mills in cheating case

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Mumbai: Observing that prima facie it appears that the accused committed a flagrant breach of trust, a magistrate's court rejected the bail plea of Kamala Mills compound owner, Ramesh Gowani, arrested earlier this month by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) for allegedly defrauding a businessman of Rs 67.5 crore.

"The offence is grave in nature. If the accused is released on bail, he may impede the ongoing investigation by tampering with evidence and influencing prosecution witnesses," the magistrate remarked.

The prosecution contended that Gowani, who owns a real estate company called Amikrupa Land Developers, had purchased a 2,04-square-metre plot in Santacruz (West) from the complainant and promised to provide Rs 20 crore, 10 flats and a shop in exchange. According to the allotment letter given to the complainant, seven flats were sold to third parties, and two flats were mortgaged to a finance company. The police

registered an FIR against Gowani and his wife, Nidharsana, for cheating and misappropriation of funds.

The prosecution vehemently opposed Gowani's bail plea, submitting that the amount involved in the matter is Rs 67.5 crore, and the recovery of the money is still pending.

They further argued the victim suffered substantial wrongful loss.

The investigating officer

contended the accused prepared a term sheet in 2013 to purchase two plots from the informant, which bears the signature of the accused. He further submitted the accused has paid only Rs 4.7 crore to the victim out of the Rs 15 crore mentioned in the confirmed conveyance deed. Lastly, he emphasised the extensive scope of the offence.

"If the accused is released on bail, he may tamper with evidence and influence prosecution witnesses. The investigation is not yet completed, and statements of witnesses are yet to be recorded," the investigating officer asserted.

The victim also submitted an intervention plea seeking rejection of the bail, alleging there were other victims as well. Another purported victim also opposed the bail plea.

The advocate appearing for one of the victims submitted that the accused has potential to make the relevant payments but intentionally did not do so. It was further submitted that the accused dishonestly induced him to sign the conveyance deed and if released on bail, there is every possibility of fleeing from justice.

Seeking bail, Gowani's lawyer submitted that the accused has paid part of the total amount and has also parted with possession of one flat worth Rs 7.5 crore. He further stated that the accused had handed over a cheque of Rs 2.5 crore drawn in the name of the informant to the joint commissioner of police, EOW, to be given to the informant. However, the informant was not ready to accept the said cheque.

"As such, he submits that the matter is purely of a civil nature. But just to arm-twist the accused, the informant gave it a criminal colour and filed the present report against the accused," the lawyer argued.

Kirit alleges corruption in tenders for hoardings

Mumbai: Kirit Somaiya, a former BJP MP, has alleged malpractices in the tendering process for the four hoardings erected by Ego Media in 2020, including the one that collapsed and claimed 17 lives.

According to Somaiya, the tenders for the hoardings were issued twice, in March and Nov 2020, and both times, it was manipulated. He claimed that out of the seven companies that participated in these tenders, three were fictitious as they all shared the same address of a garage in Goregaon.

Somaiya also alleged that the former GRP chief, Ravindra Sengaonkar, was abruptly removed by the Uddhav Thackeray govt before completing his two-year tenure. Quaiser Khalid was appointed in his place and illegally approved the hoarding size to be 209 x 164 sqft instead of the standard 40 x 40 ft.

Somaiya further claimed that Bhavesh Bhande paid a kickback of Rs 46 lakh to Quaiser Khalid through Mohammad Arshad Khan. —S.Ahmed Ali

SHARP MINDS CALL FOR STRONG FOUNDATION

Sanjay Hadkar



A bus stop in Wadala with pillars resembling pencils attracts schoolchildren

Custody of IAS trainee's mom extended till Mon

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Pune: A magisterial court in Paud in Pune on Saturday extended the custodial remand of Manorama Khedkar, mother of probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar, till Monday in a case related to attempted murder, rioting, threatening and Arms Act violation.

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Maharashtra's disability chief sends activists' plaints to govt

Pune: State disability commissioner Pravin Puri on Saturday forwarded representations from various organisations to the state govt's independent disabilities welfare department under chief minister Eknath Shinde over alleged misuse of disability quota by IAS probationer Puja Khedkar. The department was established in Dec 2022.

Activists in their representations highlighted fraudulent disability documents being used to appear for UPSC examinations. Speaking to TOI, Puri said, "I have forwarded the representations of activists from three local organisations to the secretary of persons with disabilities welfare department — apprising him of the ground reality." On Jul 12, Puri had written to Pune police and district collector requesting them to probe on priority the authenticity of disability certificates and register a case if discrepancies were found. —Nisha.Nambiar

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