

## Dina chiefs arrested yet again get bail

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AJIT KUMAR Oberoi and Inderjot Kaur Oberoi, executive director and managing director respectively of Dina Institute of Hotel and Business Management, Undri were arrested on Monday for allegedly cheating seven students of its post-graduate diploma course in business management (PGDBM) by overcharging fees.

The couple were arrested in July last year for allegedly cheating 44 students, of which charge-sheet was filed in 37 cases, while filing of charge-sheet was pending in seven cases for completion of investigation. On Monday, the Chatuhshrungi police arrested both who were on bail, in these seven pending cases, and produced them in the court of judicial magistrate first class (JMFC) S B Deore.

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They through their lawyer S K Jain moved their bail application after the court remanded them to judicial custody.

The court granted them bail against personal bond of Rs one lakh and solvent surety of Rs 50,000 each per case. This means that they have to submit a personal bond of Rs 14 lakh and solvent surety of Rs seven lakh for the seven cases.

Jain moved the bail application stating that the sessions court had granted bail to them in the earlier 37 cases and that their custody was not required for investigation.

Even as Sudarshan Shah, counsel for the complainant students, opposed the bail application, the court granted them bail on the conditions of attending court every Tuesday and Friday from 10 am to 11 am till the charge-sheet is filed, not leaving Pune district, depositing their passports, not tampering with evidence and not threatening the witnesses.

The police had charged them under Sections 420 and 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating) of the IPC.

It was in February 2009 that 16 students of the PGDBM 2007-'09 batch filed a petition in the JMFC Court, alleging that the institute had charged exorbitant fees from them.

A year later, more students from the 2008-10 batch joined them. Sub-inspector Nagnath Deokare, who is investigating the case, said, "We have received a complaint from 44 students of PGDBM 2007 and 2008 batches of the Dina Institute."

# All cities in state alerted: DGP

NAXAL THREAT ■ Maoists wanted to increase manpower in city, says Paransis

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IN the wake of the recent arrests of alleged Naxalites from Pune, the state police have alerted all other cities in the state, said Ajit Paransis, Director-General of Police of the state on Monday.

"The Naxalites wanted to increase manpower and spread their ideology in the city. So we have alerted

other cities in the state. ATS is investigating the Naxalite arrests cases. More information cannot be shared with the media as it may hamper investigation," Paransis told reporters after the inauguration ceremony of Vrindavan Garden lawn constructed by the wireless communication department of the police on Baner Road.

The Pune sub-unit of the ATS arrested 10 Naxalites

from Shirur on May 13, who are suspected to be affiliated to the Sidhu Kanu Dalam, an independent Maoist group from West Bengal. The 10 were picked up from Pune's Railway Station complex while they were trying to escape on the Azad Hind Express, police said.

Earlier, in the last week of April, the ATS teams arrested six suspected naxalites including five women and a Pune-based man Sid-

dharta Bhosale, who was a student of MA Economics at the reputed Ferguson College.

Investigations had revealed top Naxal operatives gave special training to Bhosale at Gadchiroli. He was then given the task of recruitment of students and labourers from cities like Pune, Nashik and Thane, for strengthening the naxal movement.

Angela Sontakke, ar-

rested from Thane, was wife of naxal leader Milind Teltumbde and secretary of the Golden Corridor Committee of the Communist Party of India (Maoist). The committee aimed at spreading the naxal network in cities of Gujarat and Maharashtra state by organising youths and labourers and also arrange safe shelters and good medical facilities for Naxal operatives.



DGP Ajit Paransis in the city on Monday.

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## Tax dues in, KCB puts 150 more defaulters on notice

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THE Khadki Cantonment Board (KCB) has issued notices to 150 families and business establishments for failure to pay taxes and other dues to it with the board collecting nearly Rs 2.4 crore, around 89 per cent of the dues, by the end of March.

The KCB, in a recent assessment, found that per centage of non tax recoveries which form the major part of its collections had increased compared to the last year, but still the collections have not been 100 per cent. While the non tax revenues increased to 89 per cent from the last year's 85 per cent and were pegged at Rs 1.73 crore, the tax recoveries went down to 72 per cent at Rs 77 lakh from 80 per cent last year.

KCB chief revenue superintendent V R Panse said there has been an increase in recoveries this year compared to last year. "There has been a buoyancy in revenues this year. However, there is still a percentage of people who have not paid the taxes and since January this year we have issued notices to some 150 people."

Besides the increase in building rent, rent from leased properties there has also been increase in the license fee within the cantonment area. The contribution from the licence fee



The board collected over Rs 2 crore in taxes by March-end

was Rs 1.2 crore by March 31, this year, covering some 515 properties including the offices and other business establishments. Officials say that the licence fee was collected from the Khadki business centre, market square, vegetable market as well as Range Hill market.

Officials however say that decline in the percentage of tax revenues was due to the fact that the board carried out the fresh assessment of properties this year as a result of which not many people paid the dues.

However, Panse said that revenue collections have shown an increase this year due to the punitive action against people. He said that the cantonment board carried out the seizure of properties from time to time which resulted into an increase in the collections. "We are con-

tinuing with the seizure of the properties whose owners failed to pay the taxes. Recently we sealed some shops in the Khadki business centre as part of our recovery drive," he said.

KCB member S L Kamble said that while the cantonment members were also convincing the people to pay the taxes and other dues, the people have however also been complaining that the after the assessments the property taxes have become too excessive.

"In the 1924 Cantonment Act, it was the civil area committee of the cantonment board which was empowered to impose taxes, but in 2006 the powers were transferred to the CEO due to which there has been no check in the rate of tax increase," said Kamble.

## Oppn boycotts leaders' meet

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CONTINUING with their protest against the transfer of Mahesh Zagade from the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC), the Shiv Sena-BJP and MNS on Monday boycotted the meeting of party leaders called by Mayor Mohan Singh Rajpal, but refused to comment on their abstaining from the meeting. Meanwhile, the new Municipal Commissioner Mahesh Pathak did not take charge on Monday as anticipated. "There is no communication from the Pathak on the day of his taking charge of the office," said civic officials.

The party leaders' meet is held every month chaired by the Mayor. Important issues pertaining to the development of the city and policy matters are taken up in the meeting before being tabled in other committees.

Later, Mayor Rajpal personally visited the office of Shiv Sena and BJP in the civic headquarters to convince the political leaders to give up agitation.

"The Mayor has personally visited our office after we stayed away from the meeting. Thus, we don't want to speak on it anymore," said Sena leader Shyam Deshpande. BJP leader Mukta Tilak said, "We did not attend the meeting. I don't want to comment on it," she said. Later, Mayor Rajpal announced that the general body meeting will be start 12 noon from June onwards instead of the earlier time of 4 pm. "The change in timings of general body meeting has been done to ensure that there is no inconvenience to citizens visiting PMC offices at 4 pm for the civic works," he said.

## COURT Diary

### Jail for man who hit another with rod for 'staring' at him

The Principal District and Sessions court sentenced a man, who tried to kill another man for "staring at him", to five years of rigorous imprisonment and slapped a fine of Rs 1,000 on him. Principal district and sessions judge Anant Badar passed the sentence on Ahmed Munir Shaikh (21) of the railway quarters at Mundhwa for attempting to murder Swapnil alias Kisan Mahant Rajput (21) of Ghorpadi under the influence of alcohol on July 11, 2010. Swapnil had gone to start the water pump at the railway quarters, as his father, a railway employee who usually did the job, was not well. The prosecution said Rajput saw Shaikh sitting on the stairs and consuming liquor and asked Rajput why he was staring at him. He hit him with an iron rod on the head in a fit of rage. Rajput suffered head injuries and was admitted to Sassoon General Hospital for a week. An attempt to murder case had been registered against Shaikh under section 307 of the Indian Penal Code. Additional public prosecutor Ujjwala Pawar examined six witnesses. The victim's testimony and medical evidence was also instrumental in proving the guilt of the accused in court.

### Kidnaping: Man awarded 5-yr term

Additional Sessions Judge R M Joshi has sentenced a man, Khandu alias Khandya Amarnath Lonkar, to five years of rigorous imprisonment for kidnaping a businessman and demanding Rs 3 lakh ransom. According to the prosecution, Lonkar had kidnaped Vilas Vinayak Thakur, who runs a business of renting out cranes in Bhosari MIDC on December 8, 2008. Thakur was in his office when Lonkar arrived on a two-wheeler with accomplices and told him he urgently needed a crane to lift some plates. Thakur refused to go with him, Lonkar threatened him and took Thakur to a bungalow along a nullah on Dighi road. Lonkar demanded ransom of Rs 3 lakh and a monthly amount of Rs 5,000 to set him free and threatened to kill him if the demand was not met. Lonkar made away with Rs 9,500 cash, a gold ring and a Rs 10,000 cheque.

### City to host Family Court Lawyers' Association conference

Pune will host a statewide conference of family court lawyers in September and around 5,000 advocates from Pune, Nagpur, Nashik, Aurangabad, Akola and Mumbai (Bandra and Thane) are expected to attend. According to advocate Sunil Kotlikar, the "demands like a child access room on the premises of under-construction buildings of the family court in Shivajinagar, appointment of psychiatrists, apart from family and child counsellors to deal with extreme cases of marital discord and violence, an ATM, lockers, a comprehensive e-library dedicated to legal issues which will make it easy for us to take notes and conduct our research, will be discussed at the conference. Lawyers will deliberate on formation of a formal federation of family court lawyers across the state..." said Prafulla Bhavsar, president of the Family Court Lawyers' Association.

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## Techie arrested for abetting wife's suicide

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WANOWRIE police on Monday arrested a 33-year-old software professional under the charges of abetting to suicide of his 29-year-old wife who allegedly hung herself to the ceiling fan early on Sunday.

Police said Anita Gupta is suspected to have taken the extreme step between 2 am and 5 am. As per the complaint registered by her mother Maya Gupta, her husband Vivekchandra Gupta, an engineer working as software analyst with a IT company in Magarpatta, was arrested on Sunday evening.

Sub-inspector P S Mandale said, "As per the complaint, Vivekchandra used to harass his wife for not paying Rs 2.5 lakh for marriage expenses. The mother told us that they had paid Rs 3 lakh in past. But the in-laws of girl kept harrasing her for the money and by saying she does not respect them."

The complaint states that the two had married around two years ago and have a daughter. It said that Vivekchandra had also beaten Anita up when she was pregnant. The family did not lodge a complaint then fearing that the marriage will be broken. After she was found hanging, Vivekchandra took her to a hospital where she was declared dead. He will be produced before the court on Tuesday, the police said.

## CITY ANCHOR WEBSITE THAT HELPS ONE CALCULATE HOW MUCH MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON PETROL, DIESEL OR CNG LAUNCHED

# Petrol pinch: Log on to see how much you spend on fuel

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PETROL prices are rising with an alarming regularity, with the latest increase being the ninth in as many months. In such expensive times, it has become important for people to calculate their day-to-day expenses, especially since the cost petrol seems to be going up in an upward spiral. In fact, the prices have increased by Rs 24 over the past two years.

City-based software company SoftUsvista has created a



The site is an initiative of SoftUsvista

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pan-India website, which helps one calculate how much money is being spent on petrol, diesel or CNG on a day-to-day, monthly and yearly basis. "We are not debating whether the increase in price of fuel is a good thing or not. We just feel its very important to make accounts," said Swapneel Shah, one of the founders of the firm.

The website deals with prices of fuel in cities from all over the country. "Since state taxes vary, we thought we should have each state and union territory covered at least once," said Shah. In addition, the web-

site also shows you a route using google maps to help people reach from Point A to Point B. "We have also made provisions for people to decide their own routes. Often, the most obvious route is not the most economical because of traffic, bad roads, and so on," said Shah. However, he is quite tight-lipped about the technique that they have used in creating the website. SoftUsvista was founded by Swapneel Shah, Subodh Shah and Manjushri Nimbalkar, who were all previously working for multi-national software firms in the city.

This is not the first venture by the firm. "We created a website that calculates the cost of travelling by auto rickshaws and taxis in certain cities of the country. That has been a success, but we felt that the cost of fuel will affect the lives of more people," said Shah. He also claims that the website, that has now been operational for 2 months, received 10,000 hits in the first month. "The impressive thing was that we have not advertised anywhere. The news of our website has just spread word-to-mouth and through Facebook," said Shah.

## MSCB row: Activists take out protest march

PUNE: Bhumata Brigade president Trupti Desai along with her members conducted a protest march in regard of the irregularities of the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSCB). They have also submitted an appeal to resident deputy collector Anil Pawar. With the farmers having to face problems ahead of the kharif season for loans and why the government is not taking complete responsibility, are some of the questions posed by Desai in her appeal. She has said that she would be giving the appeal to Chief Minister on Wednesday. Gram Panchayat vitthalwadi, Jai Amba Mata Mahila Sanstha, Shiv Sena Gokhaleganwiling, Shiv Pratishthan Jan Samanya Manch, Praibha Mahila Mandal are part of the group agitating with Desai. ENS