

BUDGET SESSION BEINGS TODAY

BJP to raise issues of action against Rathod, corruption

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AHEAD OF the budget session commencing on Monday, BJP leaders have drawn up a strategy to intensify the attack against the Maha Vikas Aghadi government over several core sectors — agriculture, home, finance and social.

Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnis said that Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's birth anniversary was slipped by the Shiv Sena recently following pressure from the Congress. "The CM did not offer tribute to Savarkar. Not a word on Twitter," he said.

The Opposition also demanded initiation of a criminal case against Shiv Sena minister Sanjay Rathod, who resigned on Sunday. It will also raise issues of corruption in bureaucrat transfers, and constitution of statutory regional development boards for Vidarbha and Marathwada regions.

"The so-called budget session is of such short duration. The government does not want any discussion on important matters. They don't want to face charges of corruption," Fadnis said.

The three-party coalition government has failed the people. There is no coordination nor accountability. The one function which has shown consistency is officers' transfer."

Even after a year, farmers have not received crop loan waiver, the BJP leader alleged. Nor have farmers who repaid loans received the promised incentives.

"Till now, 3.5 lakh farmers have complained of power disconnection. And 75 lakh people have received notice to repay electricity bills or face disconnection. If farmers and poor people are subject to such administrative atrocities by the government, it amounts to Mughal regime," he said.

CM targets BJP over fuel price spike, corruption allegations

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CHIEF MINISTER Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday targeted the BJP over the rise in fuel prices and denied allegations of corruption during the outbreak of COVID-19.

Thackeray, speaking to the media on the eve of the budget session, asked why the BJP is not showing the same agony for the hike in petrol, diesel and LPG prices as shown for electricity bills. "Why are there no protests on that? When Modi government came in 2014, petrol was around Rs 71. Now it has crossed Rs 100 in some states. They have increased cess on fuel and the sum is going to the Centre and not to states," said Thackeray.

On allegations of corruption during the pandemic, Thackeray said, "I pity them because the Dharavi model has been appreciated on the world level but they are making fun of Covid warriors by alleging corruption."

The state budget session, which starts on Monday, has been curtailed to 10 days instead of the usual four weeks. It will start with the address of Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari. The budget will be tabled on March 8.

There are four Bills proposed to be tabled in the session, including Maharashtra Stamp Amendment Bill, Maharashtra State Skill University Bill, The Shakti Criminal Law Amendment Bill and the Maharashtra State Skill University Bill. The Shakti Criminal Law Amendment has been sent to the joint committee of the state legislature that will be taken up during the session.

Meanwhile, the state cabinet,



NCP's women wing members stage a protest at Chichwad against the spike in petrol price. Rajesh Stephen

chaired by Thackeray, gave approval for a revised allocation of Rs 400 crore for the construction of the national memorial of Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray in the previous BJP-led government, approval was given for allocation of Rs 100 crore in January 2019.

Officials from the Urban Development Department said the cost escalation is due to additions of digital mapping projection, virtual reality, audio-visual and technical components and the acquisition of land adjoining the proposed memorial. The cabinet also gave approval to amend laws for further extension to administrators appointed in civic bodies after expiry of the terms.

On BJP leader Devendra Fadnis's remarks that the state's helplessness while in power is recorded in history, CM said, "You came to power by lying and built castles of false promises after coming to power. The history of your government will be recorded as the government putting the country up for sale."

Man held for assault on Marathi actress

Mumbai: Police arrested a 34-year-old man for allegedly attacking a Marathi actress in Goregaon on Friday. The accused was produced before a court and remanded in police custody.

An officer from Goregaon police station said the actress had gone to a doctor and was driving back home on Friday night. Near

Jain hospital in Goregaon, the accused, who was under the influence of alcohol, parked his car in front of her's and got into an argument with the actress, the officer added.

According to police, he manhandled her and attacked her following which she approached the local police station. A team

reached the spot and arrested the accused. Police said they found that he was inebriated.

An FIR was registered under sections 354 (assault or criminal force on a woman with an intent to outrage her modesty), 323 (vol-

untarily causing hurt), among other IPC sections. An officer said the blood samples of the man were taken to check alcohol consumption. The accused was produced before a local court and remanded in police custody. **ENS**

Maharashtra State Wakf Board Election-2021 (See rules 13 and 14)

ACCORDING to section 13 and 14 (1) (b) (ii), of the Wakf Act, 1995, the Maharashtra State Board of Wakf (conduct of election) Rules 2000, in accordance with the Rule 13 for the election of the Maharashtra State Board of Wakf, I am the Returning Officer and District Collector, Mumbai city intimating through this that, for the election of the board known as 'Maharashtra State Wakf Board' in accordance with the provisions of the said act and of the rules, the Electoral College, for the election of 2 members the schedule to elect members notified below.

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Sr.	Electoral College	Provision	The number of members to be elected
1.	Muslim Members of Maharashtra State Legislature.	Wakf Act, 1995, Section 14(1)(b)(ii)	2 members (two)
1.	Publication Date of election	Date 01.03.2021 (Monday)	
2.	The last date for filling nomination paper	Date 08.03.2021 (Monday) 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	
	Place of receipt of the nomination paper	Returning Officer, Maharashtra State Board of Wakf and District Collector, Mumbai City, Collector Office, Old Custom House, Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Mumbai-400 001.	
3.	Nomination paper verification (scrutiny) date, time and place	Date 09.03.2021 (Tuesday) 11.00 a.m. Returning Officer, Maharashtra State Board of Wakf and District Collector, Mumbai City, Collector Office, Old Custom House, Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Mumbai-400 001.	
4.	The last date, time and place for withdrawing the nomination	Date 10.03.2021 (Wednesday) 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Returning Officer, Maharashtra State Board of Wakf and District Collector, Mumbai City, Collector Office, Old Custom House, Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Mumbai-400 001.	
5.	The election date, time and place if required	Date 22.03.2021 (Monday) From 08.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Office of the District Collector, Mumbai City, Ground Floor, Committee Hall, Old Custom House, Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Mumbai-400 001.	
6.	Date and time of counting of votes	Date 23.03.2021 (Tuesday) 08.00 a.m.	

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SALUTE THE SOLDIER

MARTYRS OF CISF ON 01ST MARCH



CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of these brave hearts. On this day, they laid down their lives for the nation. Their courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to them for their noblest deeds.

CANTONMENT BOARD DEHUROAD Public Notice to file Claims and Objections Form II (See Rule 12 of Electoral Rules 2007)

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public residing in Cantonment area that the Preliminary Electoral Rolls of voters for the Dehuroad Cantonment Board for the year 2020 is open for inspection in the office of the Cantonment Board on all working days between 11.00 am to 04.00pm.

2. Any person whose claims to be entered in this roll and who is not entered therein or is entered in an incorrect place or with incorrect particulars may put in a claim addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Dehuroad to have his/her name entered, or the registry corrected, as the case may be, in the prescribed form available in this office.

3. Any person whose name is borne on this roll and who objects to the inclusion of his own name or that of any other person whose name is on the roll, may prefer the objection addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Dehuroad.

4. Claim shall be preferred in the Form III and objections in Form IV or IV-A, appended to this notice and must be signed by the claimant or objector or by his duly authorized agent. Copies of the form will be supplied free by the Chief Executive Officer on application.

5. Claims and objections may be presented to the Chief Executive Officer at any time during Office hours or sent by post but it must reach him within 20 days of the date of issue of this notice.

6. Claims and objections, which are not preferred in the prescribed form or are not received by the date prescribed, will be rejected.

7. All the claims and objection received in time and in proper form will be heard by the President Cantonment Board Dehuroad or his nominee after 6th April 2021 onward in the office of the Cantonment Board Dehuroad on the date which will be intimated in advance.

No. CBDR/ADM/ELECTORAL ROLL/2020
Cantonment Board Office, Dehuroad, Pune 412101.
Date: 01/03/2021

Sd/-
Brig. Sanjay Khanna
President Cantonment Board
Dehuroad

FINOLEX INDUSTRIES AND MMF TAKE GIANT STEP FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

As we near international women's day, let us take a sneak peek into the projects Finolex Industries Limited (FIL) has invested in via its CSR partner, Mukul Madhav Foundation (MMF).

MMF has been working tirelessly over the last two decades, across the verticals of healthcare, education, water conservation & sanitation, to serve our society. Concerns around women's health, education, employability and empowerment have been at the helm. With like-minded partners and collaborations they have been able to succeed in creating impact.

60% of women farmers in Osmanabad have been able to repay their debts & support their children's education. This was possible owing to an intervention by MMF & FIL in 2019 wherein the 312 widow farmers who were identified were educated about the best farming practices, soil testing & selling techniques post harvesting. For this initiative, MMF collaborated with Krishi Vidyan Kendra and at the hands of Shri Chandrakant Dada Patil, former State Agriculture Minister 30 kg of Soya Seeds and 15 Kg of Turar Seeds were donated to each widow for their first harvest.

In continuation with the agriculture vertical, 100 women farmers in rural Maharashtra were exposed to mechanised farming and crop productivity enhancement techniques in association with BISLD. These 100 champions equipped with knowledge and skill are now training 1000 fellow women farmers in turn. They have been able to complete the cycle — not only empower themselves but

Mukul Madhav Foundation
Established 1998

also share the knowledge amongst their community. Before the foundation stepped in, these women have been actively farming and putting their plots of land to optimal use.

FIL & MMF have been working closely in Palghar, Maharashtra since 2017 where they have successfully completed the construction of 500+ individual toilets for the tribal village inmates in collaboration with Yuva Parivartan. In 2019 MMF extended its work with Yuva Parivartan to build safe, hygienic and equipped Menstruation Homes for women who were otherwise banished into unsafe huts when on their period, as per the village customs. Banishing menstruating women is an unhealthy practice amongst certain tribes in Gadchiroli - a tribal, naxal affected and underdeveloped village.

The home built by MMF is eco-friendly, well equipped with bedding, ventilation and electrification. 2 sewing machines have also been provided so that the women can be occupied during their stay and in turn upskill themselves.

Vulnerable HIV positive mothers and sex workers have been reached out to and are provided with dry groceries on a monthly basis and regularly counselled for their rehabilitation. The affected have been provided with sewing machines to create a livelihood opportunity for themselves. Internationally renowned garment house, Kashka, is providing them training and buying



"My motto is Live to Give. As I always say, there is a lot to be done and in collaborating with like-minded partners, MMF has been able to intervene in the remotest parts of the country and bring about npples of positive change. It is admirable to see men stand up and support — as is known it takes two hands to clap."

Mrs. Ritu Prakash Chhabria, Managing Trustee Mukul Madhav Foundation

back the finished goods. An unconventional project saw MMF guide 30 self-driven young ladies to ITI, Pune girls college where



Womens farmer from Osmanabad.

Finolex Industries is honoured to be able to serve the society with utmost transparency. We have a great employee engagement program with our CSR partner. Our teams pan India have been involved in various initiatives that are taken on by Mukul Madhav Foundation. It is heart warming to have Finolex participating and ensuring that each of our initiatives are well maintained and sustained.

- Mr. Prakash Pralhad Chhabria, Executive Chairman, Finolex Industries Limited

they were trained in Plumbing, a vocation which is generally not associated with females. This small batch has created a stir amongst peers and the foundation is likely to support more individuals in the years to come. In addition to providing scholarships to girls in BSc Agriculture and BSc Nursing, a unique initiative — Aaji Bai Chi Shala (grandmothers go to school) was launched where in 100 senior women in rural area of Junnar district, Pune were provided with basic literacy courses to enable them to be more self-sufficient. In the periphery of Mhada, Solapur

100 girls were provided with bicycles to ensure lack of transport and distance does not deter them from continuing their education.

The NGO has strived to make healthcare accessible to all age groups of women — the young with cervical cancer vaccination, middle aged women with Mammography camps and the senior citizens with geriatric screening camps.

Over the last five years the Foundations focus has been on women — to engage, enable & empower across age groups.