

Fire in 14-storey residential building; no casualty

Mumbai: A fire broke out in a 14-storey residential building in Tikal Nagar on Wednesday, officials said. There was no casualty, they said. The blaze erupted at 12.30pm in a flat on the fifth floor of Sahajivan Tower

located near Chembur-Santacruz link road flyover. Four fire engines and other fire brigade equipment were rushed to the spot and the blaze was extinguished in less than 30 minutes.



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Women's prayer for equality

Catholics unhappy with Vatican's stand on female priests and bishops

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Catholic women from Mumbai campaigning for equality in the church's religious hierarchy are unhappy with the recently concluded meeting of bishops in the Vatican because the event has not produced a clear statement on the issue of ordaining women as priests and bishops.

The Women's Ordination Conference (WOC), an international body formed to campaign for ordination of women as bishops, priests and deacons in the Roman Catholic Church, were "dismayed by the failure" of the meeting to take seriously the calls to open all ordained posts to women in the 1.4 billion-strong church.

In Mumbai, Catholic women who support the campaign, said that the message of a church more inclusive to women has not been endorsed by any actual changes.

The month-long important meeting was held in October. Called the 'Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops', it had been compared to 'Vatican II', a meeting in the 1960s, where far-reaching decisions, including the introduction of native languages in religious services to replace Latin, were made by the church.

The latest synod was the culmination of a long process of 'listening' or smaller meetings at local churches and dioceses (an idea from the current head of the church, Pope Francis) to discuss new ideas and challenges in the global church. One of the issues on the agenda was the greater



WHAT WOC HAS SAID...

- For the synodal process to retain credibility, it will need to take seriously the full equality of women and LGBTQ+ people in every aspect of church life.
- If the synod assembly did not notice the urgent cries, prayers, and hopes of women, or is unwilling to take concrete steps to dismantle church structures and policies that oppress and diminish women, WOC and its supporters will simply need to make themselves even more visible.
- While the meeting acknowledged the "wounds women have experienced at the hands of the church", it fell short of engaging substantially with the healing of those wounds.

role for women in church administration. A final meeting to follow up on last month's event will be held in Vatican City in 2024.

On October 28, the Vatican released what is called the 'final document', a kind of declaration from the meeting. Reacting to the declaration, the WOC said while it supported the meeting's message about the need for the greater participation of women in religious life and church administration, the indication was that the conversation on women in ordained posts should be limited to the permanent diaconate or undefined 'new ministries'.

bringing much relief to priests who can have long workdays, with weddings, funerals, baptisms and religious services lined up one after another.

"What irked people is that the church opened up the diaconate to married men. Women have been saying 'Why only married men?'" said Dr Astrid Lobo Gajiwala, a church member from Mumbai and a leading voice for gender equality in the church. "The question remains that you should not be discriminated against in terms of gender. All leadership roles are linked to ordination," she said.

Other Christian denominations have been faster in bringing in reforms to bring women into the church hierarchy. The Anglican Church, and one of its counterparts in India, the Church of South India, have already appointed women as bishops and priests.

There are other women in the church who want to be hopeful and patient. Sister Normala, the head of the Apostolic Carmel order who attended the Vatican conference, said that she was happy to see the increased focus on women's "deserving dignity". She said "I need to be, however, patient to see the day when the points mentioned in the document, particularly about women, will percolate down at all levels of the Church."

There were some victories at the Vatican meeting for women fighting for equal religious rights. For the first time, women invited to the meeting were allowed to vote alongside bishops.

Help held for siphoning ₹10L from producer

VISHAL SINGH / MUMBAI

A man, who worked as domestic help at a film producer's house in Andheri, has been arrested for siphoning ₹10.5 lakh, informed the DN Nagar police. Syed Irfan Javed, 23, was caught on Tuesday around a week after the offence was registered.

According to Ramesh Jagdish Sharma, 65, the accused is the son of his

former domestic help and was working for him for the past five years. The producer said that he completely trusted Javed hence he used to

He took producer's phone on pretext of calling relatives, and transferred money

lend his mobile phone so that he could call his relatives. Taking advantage of the same, Javed downloaded the PhonePe app and used it to siphon funds from Sharma's account. To leave no trace of the crime, he always deleted the app after transferring the money, said the police, adding that the trans-

ferred in his account. The fraud came to fore when Sharma's landlord called him to inform that the cheque given by him for rent payment had bounced. Immediately, the producer checked his bank statement and found that several lakhs of rupees had been transferred without his knowledge. Upon digging further, he discovered that the account was in Javed's name. The siphoned fund has been frozen, the police said.



ANDAR KI BAAT

Back to old ways?

Who in the Union government ordered the hacking of the iPhones of prominent persons? It is difficult to believe that after the Pegasus controversy the government would have been foolish enough to hack into phones especially in view of the fact that Apple's own internal threat intelligence unit will come to know of it first. It is true that Apple itself has diluted its warning by saying that it could be a "false alarm". The alacrity with which the Modi government agreed to a probe and its invitation to Apple to join the investigation shows that the regime has done its homework. In any case, it will be interesting to know the outcome of the probe. Will the opposition have egg on its face?

Shield engineering

Velrasu, additional municipal commissioner (projects) in the BMC, has an FIR filed against him by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai crime branch in the body logs case. Yet the state government has not found it necessary to move him out. Instead, he continues to deal with multi-crore contracts given out by the civic body in the absence of elected corporators, the babus are having a free run of the richest

Making use of enemies

Maharashtra MLA Rais Shaikh has written to Maharashtra governor Ramesh Bais, drawing his attention to an X (formerly Twitter) handle called @mumba171, which has made extremely serious allegations of corruption against three officials of the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation. Shaikh has alleged that there is a deep nexus between these officials and certain contractors executing projects for the corporation. The letter has sent a shiver down the spines of not only these three officials but also others against whom, especially because the @mumba171 handle has several active pro-BJP followers, hence it's also surprising that Shaikh, who belongs to the Samajwadi Party, has taken up the cause. It is learnt that Governor Bais has forwarded the letter to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, but the matter has not moved further. It is said the government is totally busy with the Maratha agitation and hasn't found time to probe the alleged scam that is said to be running into a few thousand crore rupees.

Beat the bond

Even though the Attorney General R Venkataraman told the Supreme Court recently that citizens do not have a right to information under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution about donations received by political parties, many companies are now rethinking about buying electoral bonds from State Bank of India, which alone is authorised to receive any amount of cash towards the purchase of these bonds. It is

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senior IAS officer of Maharashtra has offered to resign after a probe by the Anti-Corruption Bureau. But then the ACB can mean even a retired babu.


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SACHIN'S STATUE UNVEILED

Sachin Tendulkar's statue was unveiled at the Wankhede Stadium in the presence of the former cricketer, his wife Anjali, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, NCP leader Sharad Pawar and other dignitaries

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Extract of Standalone Financial Results for the quarter/six months ended on 30th September 2023

Particulars	Quarter ended on 30.09.2023		Quarter ended on 30.06.2023		Quarter ended on 30.09.2022		Six months ended on 30.09.2023		Six months ended on 30.09.2022		Financial year ended on 31.03.2023
	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited		
	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹		
Total revenue from operations	33,223.17	34,692.59	34,642.81	67,915.76	67,915.76	67,915.76	67,915.76	67,915.76	67,915.76	1,38,770.64	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	5,050.39	5,631.87	3,042.67	10,682.26	10,948.15	20,531.14	10,682.26	10,948.15	20,531.14	20,531.14	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	(7,942.38)	5,620.63	3,023.24	(2,321.75)	10,873.92	19,750.67	(2,321.75)	10,873.92	19,750.67	19,750.67	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	(8,530.60)	4,604.97	2,214.54	(3,925.63)	8,077.98	14,468.34	(3,925.63)	8,077.98	14,468.34	14,468.34	
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(8,335.87)	4,761.93	2,290.89	(3,573.94)	8,158.57	14,566.85	(3,573.94)	8,158.57	14,566.85	14,566.85	
Paid-up equity share capital [Face value ₹ 1 per share]	1,222.40	1,222.40	1,222.37	1,222.40	1,222.37	1,222.40	1,222.40	1,222.37	1,222.40	1,222.40	
Reserves excluding revaluation reserves										1,33,446.15	
Securities premium reserve	31,290.24	31,290.24	31,288.89	31,290.24	31,288.89	31,290.24	31,290.24	31,288.89	31,290.24	31,290.24	
Net Worth	1,24,573.20	1,37,307.82	1,26,136.19	1,24,573.20	1,26,136.19	1,32,545.89	1,24,573.20	1,26,136.19	1,32,545.89	1,32,545.89	
Net Debt Capital	10,625.88	10,624.84	12,908.26	10,625.88	12,908.26	15,058.49	10,625.88	12,908.26	15,058.49	15,058.49	
Net Debt Equity Ratio	0.32	0.29	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.29	0.32	0.32	0.29	0.29	
Basic earnings per share of ₹ 1 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	(6.94)	3.74	1.80	(3.19)	6.57	11.77	(3.19)	6.57	11.77	11.77	
Diluted earnings per share ₹ 1 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	(6.94)	3.74	1.80	(3.19)	6.57	11.77	(3.19)	6.57	11.77	11.77	
Debtenture Redemption Reserve	1,328.75	1,328.75	2,046.00	1,328.75	2,046.00	2,046.00	1,328.75	2,046.00	2,046.00	2,046.00	
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	2.49	1.11	5.33	1.50	2.82	3.88	1.50	2.82	3.88	3.88	
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	7.90	10.13	6.72	8.94	14.55	10.54	8.94	14.55	10.54	10.54	

Extract of Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter/six months ended on 30th September 2023

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	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited		
	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹		
Total revenue from operations	55,681.93	59,489.66	59,877.52	1,15,171.59	1,23,307.82	2,43,352.69	55,681.93	59,489.66	59,877.52	2,43,352.69	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	159.71	1,841.95	2,624.55	2,001.66	14,570.05	18,121.86	159.71	1,841.95	2,624.55	18,121.86	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	(6,739.19)	1,855.37	2,605.12	(4,883.82)	14,511.38	18,235.12	(4,883.82)	1,855.37	2,605.12	18,235.12	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	(6,511.16)	524.85	1,297.06	(5,986.31)	9,011.06	8,075.35	(5,986.31)	524.85	1,297.06	8,075.35	
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(7,285.35)	(2,647.86)	(2,116.91)	(9,933.21)	(1,013.82)	(5,773.72)	(9,933.21)	(2,647.86)	(2,116.91)	(5,773.72)	
Paid-up equity share capital [Face value ₹ 1 per share]	1,221.24	1,221.24	1,221.21	1,221.24	1,221.21	1,221.24	1,221.24	1,221.24	1,221.21	1,221.24	
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserves) and Non controlling interest										1,03,953.97	
Net Worth	86,577.53	97,935.69	1,04,880.94	86,577.53	1,04,880.94	1,00,462.71	86,577.53	97,935.69	1,04,880.94	1,00,462.71	
Net Debt Equity Ratio	0.79	0.69	0.63	0.79	0.63	0.61	0.79	0.69	0.63	0.61	
Earnings per equity share											
Basic earnings per share ₹ 1 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	(5.07)	0.52	1.24	(4.56)	7.60	7.17	(4.56)	0.52	1.24	7.17	
Diluted earnings per share ₹ 1 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	(5.07)	0.52	1.24	(4.56)	7.60	7.17	(4.56)	0.52	1.24	7.17	
Debtenture Redemption Reserve	1,328.75	1,328.75	2,046.00	1,328.75	2,046.00	2,046.00	1,328.75	2,046.00	2,046.00	2,046.00	
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.21	0.47	3.14	0.32	3.23	2.79	0.32	3.23	3.14	2.79	
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.12	3.55	4.11	1.97	10.48	6.01	1.97	3.55	4.11	6.01	

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Standalone and Consolidated financial results for the quarter/six months ended on 30th September 2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated results for the quarter/six months ended on 30th September 2023 are available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges (www.nseindia.com/www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.tatasteel.com).

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Minister Hasan Mushrif's SUV vandalised; three detained

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THREE PERSONS have been detained after a private vehicle belonging to NCP leader and Maharashtra minister Hasan Mushrif was vandalised...



Hasan Mushrif

The three persons were detained at the spot by personnel deputised near Aamdar Niwas, following which they were taken to the police station...

they targeted me. I am with them and support their demand. I urge the police to let these people go...

Beed district. Violence was also reported in Jhajarapati Sambhajiraj Nagar district. MLAs from ruling Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) staged a protest inside Mantralaya...

Savitribai Phule Women's Hostel allocated Rs 89 crore for renovation

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THE BOMBAY High Court recently said different municipal corporations adhering to different height criteria for women candidates for the post of firepersons was discriminatory in nature...

tioner argued that while the Maharashtra Fire Brigade Service Administration, had notified a minimum height of 157 centimetres for the women candidates...

As a result, nearly 450 inmates from this hostel were relocated to a temporary arrangement in Bandra while the repair and renovation of Savitribai Phule Women's Hostel was finalised.

On Wednesday, the higher and technical education department issued a Government Resolution (GR) approving funds of Rs 89.51,35,000 for the work.

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