

Mina Bhargava: The MP for Palghar, Rajendra Gavit, recently met with officials to discuss ways to ease congestion on National Highway 25, between Dahisar and Vaze, and on Thane-Grohodunder Road. The meeting...

Massive hole appears on Samruddhi Highway bridge

Video clips of the bridge, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi only 14 months ago, show a gaping hole where the tarmac should be

KALPESH BHAIKUNJAR (MUMBAI)

A massive hole recently emerged on a bridge on Samruddhi Highway, raising questions about the quality of construction of the state government's showpiece greenfield road project.



The bridge is located near Leligan village in Nandgaon Khandaikar taluka, Amravati district. According to reports, farmers passing by noticed the hole and alerted the administration. Officials soon covered it with green plastic tarpaulin and placed red plastic barriers around it. They also moved the traffic to other lanes.



The highway built at a cost of Rs25,000 crore, has

already developed potholes at various places. A report in October 2022 said there had been 1,382 accidents and 138 deaths on the highway in the first nine months of its operation.

"Within a year-and-a-half of inauguration, substandard work has started appearing on the road," state Congress president Uttam Patil said. "Complaints were made during the design and construction of the highway but the government ignored them. The total cost of the highway was Rs25,000 crore. There was a lot of corruption

during the land acquisition process; thousands of acres were spent on technical teams. The government didn't take much care during the construction," he said. "During the construction phase, the state government ignored the regulations laid down by the National Highway Authority of India," Patil said.

Man gets lifer for killing his 4-year-old son

(CHARUL SHAH JOSHI / MUMBAI)

The City Court & Sessions Court at Kala Ghoda has sentenced a man to life imprisonment for murdering his four-year-old son.

Sekelshing Pawar, 33, threw his son on a platform and repeatedly hit his head against the concrete floor during an argument with his estranged wife at Sandpada railway station in Ward Mumbai, on September 20, 2021. Pawar and his family lodged at the railway station and the incident took place around 8:30am, during rush hour.

The wife immediately called the police and Pawar was arrested. Pawar's elder brother took the child to the hospital, where he died. The court's judgement was based on the testimony of the witness - a woman who sold milk at the station - and CCTV footage of Pawar assaulting the child and later carrying him to the hospital. The court also noted that it was not a case of murder but of culpable homicide not amounting to murder as the accused had no intention of killing his own son.

The court rejected the arguments and observed that there was no grave and sudden provocation to cause the death of the boy. "In the present case the deceased was a small boy aged four years. Accused had knowledge that if such a small boy aged four years forcibly hit on ground (sic) would sustain head injury and would die. The injury caused to the deceased is sufficient in the ordinary course of nature to cause his death," it said.

"The manner in which the accused threw the child on the ground makes it clear that he had intention to cause his death. Therefore, causing grievous hurt, evidence discussed above, the conviction proved beyond doubt that the accused committed culpable homicide to murder child and sentenced to death."

Luxe home interiors fraud: LOC likely against designer

(VISHAL SINGH / MUMBAI)

The Mumbai Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) is investigating an alleged case of criminal breach of trust involving a luxury interior designer.

The EOW is considering issuing a lookout circular against Kothari, who holds a British passport. The case revolves around a high-profile transaction where Kothari allegedly charged Rs19 crore from a 'Well-based' businessman.

Madhav Prasad Satyanarayan Agarwal and his wife Sushma Madhav Prasad Agarwal had engaged Kothari to design their luxury flat in Oberoi Three Sixty West. The project involved using premium materials sourced from Milan and Amsterdam.

However, the Agarwal family discovered that the materials were of subpar quality deviating from the initially agreed-upon standards. Allegations include incomplete work and discrepancies between the promised design and the actual execution.

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The timeline of events reveals that the Agarwal family, initially represented by Shri Agarwal, had entered into an agreement with Kothari in April 2022. Subsequent to this, Kothari took Shri Agarwal and her sister Priyanka on trips to Milan and Amsterdam to inspect the proposed materials with the agreed expenses covered by the complainant company.

By September 2022, Kothari submitted a bill of around Rs19 crore, detailing the quality and quantity of

the materials. He promised to complete the work by June 2023, with a penalty of Rs2 lakh per month for any delays. Moreover, as time progressed, Kothari allegedly sought extensions, citing customisation challenges and large orders.

The situation came to a head in June, when Madhav visited the flat and discovered discrepancies in material quality, design, and incomplete work. It was revealed that Kothari had returned approximately Rs12.5 crore, but a significant amount of Rs19 crore remained unaccounted for. A complaint was subsequently lodged by Anshuman Sharma, a project head at Pujasikura Private Limited, an affiliate of the Agarwal family.

The complaint alleges a transfer of Rs19 crore to Kothari's bank account, with unpaid bills for Rs2 crore. Rs2 crore was also paid to Kothari for designing fees. The EOW has registered a case against Kothari and his mother Priya at Dadar police station.

GRP cop starts fire about finding US pistol, held for possession

(VISHAL SINGH / MUMBAI)

A 30-year-old Government Railway Police (GRP) constable has been arrested for possessing an unlicensed 'Made in USA' pistol and will be charged under the Arms Act. Interestingly, he is also the complainant in the case as he first reported finding the firearm at the Sandhurst Road railway station.

Stationed at CBST, Tulsiwadi, SD, initially reported on February 19 that he discovered the firearm at the railway station. However, the investigation took a turn when constable Shinde's narrative Contrary to his initial claim, no suspicious persons were said to be seen in the area at the alleged time, even though the spot is not covered by CCTV cameras.

On sustained questioning, he confessed to himself placing the pistol on the location. Despite this admission, he remains light-headed about the source of the firearm. The authorities disclosed that it's an automatic .765 caliber weapon, clearly marked as 'Made in USA'.

Cop, wife booked in cheating case

Mumbai Police have filed a criminal case against a constable and his wife for taking money on interest to start a poultry farm and not returning it. The constable had also intimidated and intimidated the complainant when he asked for his month.

The complainant then gave a written complaint to the deputy commissioner of police, after which DS Wang police took cognizance of the matter and registered an FIR. According to officials, Prakash Shah gave a written complaint in the matter after which the police filed a case against Umesh Sengal and his wife.

REMEMBERING THE MAESTRO



A prayer meeting was organised for Pankaj Ullas at a city hotel on Saturday. The ghazal maestro passed away on February 26 at the age of 72

Bank of Baroda advertisement with logo and contact information.

BOI advertisement for a requirement of a manager for a branch in Lakshadweep.

Karnataka Bank Ltd. advertisement for an E-Auction public notice of sale.

CAUTIONERIES OFFICE PRIVATE LIMITED advertisement for an office space.

PUBLIC NOTICE advertisement regarding a legal matter.

OSB State Bank of India advertisement for an E-Auction notice for sale of movable assets.