

{ HAJI NOORANI CHAWL } OFFICIALS, COPS SENT BACK

Residents of Mumbai chawl refuse to evict immediately, seek extension until May 30

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MUMBAI: When officials arrived late on Thursday night to snap power lines, residents of Haji Noorani Chawl in Elphinstone refused to budge, triggering a tense stand-off that spilled into Friday morning. The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), along with Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport (BEST) teams and Mumbai Police, attempted to disconnect electricity supply to force evacuation of one of the two buildings required for the Sewri-Worli Elevated Corridor project.

The confrontation comes after residents were given barely a week to vacate. MMRDA had issued notices on April 21 to eight residents, directing them to move out by April 24, 2026. Demolition was initially scheduled to begin on April 27, but has

since been deferred. Following residents' demand for time until May 30, authorities have informally allowed a one-week extension beyond the April 24 deadline.

Residents said officials first visited at around 10pm on Thursday to disconnect power, but were met with resistance. Teams, accompanied by police returned on Friday morning, a public holiday to mark International Workers' Day (May Day). During the visit, residents alleged that officials threatened to cut off both electricity and water supply to compel them to vacate.

"We are not refusing to vacate our homes. We have only sought time until May 30. Some families have not even received possession of alternate homes, which are anyway in a poor condition. Yet the authorities are behaving inhumanely," said Munaf Thakur, secretary of Haji Noorani

Chawl.

He added that the replacement flats are plagued by termite infestation and leakages, and residents are being asked to bear repair costs themselves.

On April 29, Hindustan Times had reported that the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA) decided to undertake repairs only after families shift into the allotted flats and spend their own money initially. MMRDA has procured these homes from MHADA for 78 project-affected families under the corridor project.

Local corporator Nishikant Shinde, who visited the site on Friday, said a meeting has been scheduled with the Metropolitan Commissioner and the area MLA on Monday.

"We want to resolve the issues and avoid coercive action," he said.

MMRDA, however, denied allegations of threatening resi-

dents. "We only intend to disconnect utility connections of those who have already vacated their premises," said Sunil Shinde, deputy collector, MMRDA.

At present, eight families continue to stay back, citing incomplete documentation, lack of possession, absence of water supply and pending repairs in their rehabilitation flats.

The eviction is crucial for the Sewri-Worli Elevated Corridor, where both Haji Noorani Chawl and the adjacent Laxmi Sadan are required to construct pillars for a double-decker bridge. Demolition of Laxmi Sadan began on March 27.

The acquisition of the two buildings has seen prolonged resistance over the past year. In April 2025, residents had even stalled attempts to shut the Elphinstone Road flyover.

The bridge was eventually closed to traffic from September 12, 2025.

Govt stadium in kotdwar to be redeveloped

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HARIDWAR: The Shashidhar Bhatt Government Sports Stadium in Kotdwar is being redeveloped into a state-of-the-art sports hub, with plans to intro-

duce coaching facilities for young athletes, officials in Pauri Garhwal said.

District magistrate Swati S Bhadauriya, who recently inspected the stadium, said renovation and expansion work is underway to upgrade infrastruc-

ture and address existing gaps.

"Various shortcomings and scope for developing it into a sporting centre of excellence were identified during the inspection. The gymnasium was found to be ill-equipped and will now be modernised to meet the

needs of fitness-oriented sports-persons. Renovation of the basketball and badminton courts, along with the hockey ground, is also being undertaken to bring them up to standards required for hosting state and national-level tournaments," the DM said.

SNOW TROUT REINTRODUCED IN NAINI LAKE AFTER 36 YEARS

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HALDWANI: Snow trout fish have been reintroduced into Naini Lake after a gap of 36 years, in a bid to improve water quality and restore the lake's ecological balance, officials said.

Kumaon commissioner Deepak Rawat said that in the past, bighead carp and common carp were introduced into the lake, but their population grew excessively and adversely impacted its health. "A research study found that these species were detrimental to the lake."

They degraded water quality and disrupted the balance of oxygen and nitrogen. Common carp, in particular, increased nitrogen and phosphorus levels, leading to further deterioration. They were also damaging the lake's retaining walls while foraging for food," he said.

Following this, the district administration, in collaboration with experts from GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology and Kumaon University, conducted a two-year study.

Based on its findings, mahseer fish were introduced over two years to help control the population of invasive carp species.

"Now, snow trout have been released into the lake. This species had become locally extinct around 1990. After nearly 36 years, their reintroduction is expected to help restore the balance of nitrogen and phosphorus and improve overall water quality," Rawat said.

"A total of 300 fish have been released. Their population and ecological impact will be monitored periodically through scientific studies," he said.

MAN DIES AFTER LORRY HITS WALL, OVERTURNS IN KERALA: POLICE

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PATHANAMTHITTA: A lorry driver was killed after the vehicle hit a wall and overturned at Onnakavu on Saturday, police said.

The deceased was identified as O T Mathai, alias Kunjumon (56). According to police, the tipper lorry belonged to V C Mathew, and Kunjumon was employed as its driver.

The accident occurred around 10.30 am when the lorry went out of control while leaving a parking shed at Aruvikkal, police said, adding that Kunjumon was trapped beneath the vehicle in the crash's impact.

Fire and Rescue Services personnel later reached the spot, lifted the vehicle, and shifted Kunjumon to a hospital, where he was declared dead, police said, adding that a case was registered and the body returned to family members.

{ IN NANAKMATT }

Inquiry ordered into alleged conversion bid

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HALDWANI: The Udhm Singh Nagar district administration has ordered an inquiry into allegations of religious conversions under the guise of worship rituals in Nanakmatta, officials said, adding that a seven-member committee headed by the additional district magistrate (ADM) has been formed and asked to submit its report within 15 days.

According to officials, a religious gathering, described as a 'changaai sabha' (healing prayer meeting), was held on April 19 in Navinagar village of Nanakmatta. Hindutva organisations alleged that conversion activities were being carried out during the event, leading to tensions between two groups.

The situation reportedly escalated into stone-pelting and physical altercations, prompting administrative intervention.

Udhm Singh Nagar district magistrate Nitin Singh Bhaduria said the matter appeared sensitive and warranted a detailed probe.

"Prima facie, the issue involves concerns related to law and order, social harmony and public safety. It is necessary to conduct a fair and factual inquiry," he said.

He added that a seven-member panel led by ADM Pankaj Upadhyay has been tasked with

investigating the case and submitting an evidence-based report within 15 days.

Officials said the committee includes the additional superintendent of police (Rudrapur), district minority welfare officer, district social welfare officer, additional chief medical officer, the sub-divisional magistrate and circle officer of the concerned areas, along with an inspector from the local intelligence unit.

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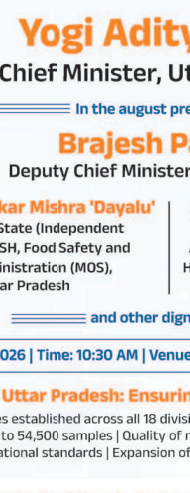
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