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**E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF
IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002**

E Auction sale notice for sale of Movable / Immovable Assets under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and Hypothecated Assets. Notice is hereby given to public in general & in particular to following Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below mentioned immovable properties mortgaged to Bank of India (Secured Creditor), the Symbolic/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" AND "WHATEVER THERE IS CONDITION"** for recovery of respective dues as detailed hereunder against the secured assets Mortgaged to Bank of India from the respective borrower(s)/Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit is shown there against each secured assets. The sale will be done by the undersigned (Authorized officer of Bank of India) through e-auction platform provided hereunder.

DATE & TIME of Action for all properties: 31.07.2026 between 11 AM to 5 PM (With auto extensions clause in case of bid in last 10 minutes before closing).
(Request for inspection of properties can be made at Email ID ratnagiri.ard@bankofindia.co.in and/or by contacting Mr. Anil Kumar : 9689743173, Mr Ritesh Kumar: 9805873551)

Sr. No	Name of Borrower Co Borrower, Mortgagor Property ID Branch Name	Property Details	Total Dues	Possession Type	Reserve Price in Rs.	EMD in Rs.
1	MR. VILAS LAXMAN PAWAR BKID1480VILAS BAHADUR SHAIKH NAKA BRANCH	Survey No. 131, Hissa No. 4/6A, At Village Ghanekunth Taluka Khed, Dist Ratnagiri in the name of Mr. Vilas Laxman Pawar (Borrower-Mortgager).	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 1694584.02 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 29/04/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	15,35,000	1,53,500
2	MR. MAKARAND SHANTARAM JADHAV MRS. MRUNAL MAKARAND JADHAV BKID1411MAKARAND CHIPLUN BRANCH	Flat No. 412, Fourth Floor, "Green Cove" Apartment, Building "A", Near Pargamla Maruti Mandir, Village Kapsal, situated within limits of Chiplun Municipal Council, Taluka Chiplun, Dist. Ratnagiri admeasuring 890 sq ft. build up area and bearing Survey No. 24, Hissa No. 3A & 3B and City Survey No. 6143,6145,6146,6147 in the name of Mr. Makarand Shantaram Jadhav (Borrower-Mortgager) and Mrs. Mrunal Makarand Jadhav (Co-Borrower-Mortgager)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 2473609.92 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 15/08/2025 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	23,30,000	2,33,000
3	MR. AMAR SAVALARAM PAWASE BKID1455AMAR DAPOLI BRANCH	1 BHK Residential Flat Situated at Flat No B, 2nd floor, Shantanu Vishwasadan, S. No. 59/1/5/K3, Near Varad vinayak Mandir, Off Dapoli Dabhol Road, Within Jalgaon GP Limit, Lashkarwadi, Village Jalgaon, Tal Dapoli, Dist Ratnagiri, Built up area 575 Sq Ft, Owned By Mr Amar Savalaram Pawase (Borrower-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 1412586.77 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/01/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	14,40,000	1,44,000
4	MR. RAHUL VIJAY HATISKAR BKID1455RAHUL DAPOLI BRANCH	1 BHK Residential flat situated at Flat No 104, 1st Floor, Gangotri Apartment, Bhumapan No. 739A1A1A1, Upvibhag No 4/2, Nagarpanchayat Milkat No. 58(14)/1, Near Burundi Naka, Behind College of Horticulture, Dapoli Gavtale Road, Camp Dapoli, Tal Dapoli, Dist Ratnagiri, Built up area 400 Sq ft, owned By Mr Rahul Vijay Hatiskar (Borrower-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 956045 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 29/12/2023 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	9,55,000	95,500
5	MR. FIROZ HUSEN CHIPLUNKAR AND MRS. ASMA FIROZ CHIPLUNKAR BKID1455FIROZ DAPOLI BRANCH	2 BHK residential flat situated at Flat No. 310, 4th floor, Farhan Park, C Wing, S. No. 2A, Hissa No. 4+5+9/3, Near Swecha Petrol Pump, Dapoli-Dabhol Road, Camp Dapoli Area, Village Jogale, Tal Dapoli, Dist Ratnagiri, Built up Area 775 Sq Ft, Owned By Mr Firoz Husain Chiplunkar (Borrower-Mortgagor) & Mrs Asma Firoz Chiplunkar (Co-Borrow-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 954902 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 30/06/2017 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	10,90,000	1,09,000
6	MR. SAIMAN ABDUL RAZZAK CHIKATE BKID1455SAIMAN DAPOLI BRANCH	1 BHK Residential Flat Situated at Flat No. 203, 1st Floor, Mount View Park, S. No. 469, H. No. 125 (Old N.P. House 234-6/1, New House No. W121001750), Village Camp Dapoli, Tal Dapoli, Dist Ratnagiri, Built up area 585 Sq Ft, Carpet Area 488 Sq Ft	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 1325761 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/09/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	17,60,000	1,76,000
7	M/S. FASCINATION MR. RAJAN SHANKAR SARDAL, MR. KETAN SHANKAR SARDAL, MRS. UTKARSHA ULHAS PINGLE, MRS. VIBHA VIKAS BERDE, MRS. SHOBHA SHANKAR SARDAL BKID1440FASCINATION DEORUKH BRANCH	3 BHK house situated at Shram Safalya S No.278, H. No. 9, Nagar panchayat House no. 42, Near Soljai Devi Temple, Devrukh, Tal Snagameshwar, Dist Ratnagiri	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 406736 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/01/2023 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	24,40,000	2,44,000
8	RASOOLISAB MOHAMMED ALI BAGBAN BKID1463BAGBAN MARUTI MANDIR BRANCH	2BHK flat No 17, stilt upper 2nd floor, I wing, Red Stone City (Old name Al Naseem Complex), s No. 265, H. No. 2A/1/32, Golap, Ratnagiri Pawas Road, Near Desai Mango and in the area of phenolex, At Mouje Golap, Tal & Dist Ratnagiri, Built up area 800 Sq Ft Owned by Mr Rasoolsaab Mohammadali Baghban & Mrs Qausar Rasoolsaab Baghban (Borrower-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 1702764.5 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 30/09/2017 + Other Incidental Expenses	Physical	20,00,000	2,00,000
9	KASAM ASHRAF DARVE MR IRFAN ASHRAF DARVE BKID1463DARVE MARUTI MANDIR BRANCH	2 BHK Flat No. E-10, Second Floor (Stilt Parking Upper) 'E' Wing, "AL-HAMD PARK", S. No. 50A1, Hissa No. 2B+3A/2, C.S.No.8360, Dongarmala Area ,Peth Killa Road, 80 Feet Highway, Near Mirkarwada, Mouje Rahatagar, Within Ratnagiri Municipal Limit, Tal & Dist-Ratnagiri, Built up area: 842 Sq ft, Owned by Mr Kasam Ashraf Darve & Mr Irfan Ashraf Darve (Borrower-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 847802.45 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/01/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic		
10	MOHAMMAD NAJIBULLAH KAMLUDDIN SHAIKH BKID1463SHAIKH MARUTI MANDIR BRANCH	1 BHK flat No B 206, 2nd floor, B wing, Attari residency, S. No. 71/1, C.S. No. 3473, 3473/1 to 15, Between Church and fish market, At Mouje Rahatghar, Tal and District Ratnagiri, Built up area 546 Sq Ft, Owned by Mr Mohammad Najibullah Kamluddin Shaikh (Borrower-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 1430939.75 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 31/05/2019 + Other Incidental Expenses	Physical	15,50,000	1,55,000
11	MR. BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA KOLGE & MRS. MADHURA BHALCHANDRA KOLGE BKID1463BHALCHANDRA MARUTI MANDIR BRANCH	2 BHK residential flat situated at Flat No A11, Stilt upper 1st floor, A wing, Shree Samarth Krupa building, S. No. 429A17, Vinamra Nagar, Near Shri Krishna Temple, Mouje Nachane, Tal & Dist Ratnagiri, Built up area 597 Sq Ft, Owned by Mr Bhalchandra krishna Kolge (Borrower-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 1837329.67 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 23/04/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	16,60,000	1,66,000
12	RAMA APPA GAVADE BKID1496RAMA NIWALI TITHA BRANCH	1 BHK Flat owned by Shri. Rama Appa Gavade at Flat No. 404, Fourth Floor, "NANDADEEP BUILDING", S. No. 57/B29, KarwanchiWadi (within Grampanchayat Limit), Tal. & Dist. Ratnagiri	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 1495934.13 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/11/2023 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	13,57,500	1,35,750
13	PAKARAM RAIKA BKID1470PAKARAM RAJAPUR BRANCH	1 BHK Residential flat situated at Flat No. C203, Shri Swami Samarth Annex, Gat no 247, 249/1, 248, C Wing, Pachal GP Np 1840, C203, Mouje Bajarwadi, Tal Rajapur, Dist Ratnagiri, Built up area 604 Sq Ft, Owned by Mr Pakaram Raika (Borrower-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 976181.41 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 29/05/2023 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	11,58,000	1,15,800
14	TUKARAM SHIVRAM DUDYE BKID1400TUKARAM RATNAGIRI BRANCH	Municipal House No 22w5000548 (Old H. No. 3161A/6), Flat no A6, Stilt upper 1st floor, A wing, Kanchan Apartment, Tilak Ali, Survey No 8A1 H NO 8A, 8B, 4A/1B/1A, CTS No. 1184, 1183+1183/1+2A, 1187/1B, 1187/B, 1187/2B, Plot No 6, Mouje Rahatghar, Dist Ratnagiri	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 733799.12 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/08/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	13,10,000	1,31,000
15	UMESH KESHAV NESWANKAR BKID1400UMESH RATNAGIRI BRANCH	1 BHK residential flat situated at Flat No 11, Stilt upper 2nd floor, Sea View Residency, At S. No. 188, H. No. 4/1A/14/1, city Survey no 85/1A/14/1, Vishvanagar, Thiba palace Area, at Nachane, Tal and dist Ratnagiri, Built up area 845 Sq Ft, owned by Mr Umesh Keshav Neswankar (Borrower-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 1728065.92 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 30/09/2018 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	22,69,000	2,26,900
16	VIPLAV DIGAMBAR KEER BKID1400VIPLAV RATNAGIRI BRANCH	GP House No. 830, Ground Floor, S No. 10A, Hissa No.11,12,13 & 20, Mauje Juve, Tal & Dist Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, 415639	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 1567176.34 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 30/04/2025 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	33,10,000	3,31,000

TERMS & CONDITIONS of E Auctions are as under:
1.E-Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" AND "WHATEVER THERE IS CONDITION"** and will be conducted online.
2. For downloading further details, process compliance, terms & Conditions please visit a) <https://bankofindia.co.in>
b) Website address of E Auction service provider is- <https://baanknet.com/>. Bidder may visit <https://baanknet.com/>, where guidelines for bidders are available. Bidders have to complete following formalities well in advance in order to participate in E Auction.
Step-1: Bidder Registration-Bidder to register on E Auction platform (link given above) using his mobile number and Email ID.
Step-2: KYC Verification-Bidder to upload requisite KYC Documents **ONLY THROUGH DIGILOCKER**. KYC documents shall be verified by the **DIGILOCKER**.
Step-3: Transfer of EMD amount to bidder EMD wallet: On-line/Off-line transfer of fund using NEFT/Transfer using challan generated on E Auction platform.
Step-4: Bidding Process & Auction Results: Interested bidders can bid online on E Auction platform after completing Step 1, 2 & 3. Please note that Step 1 to 3 should be completed by the bidder well in advance, before E Auction date.
3. To the best of knowledge & information of the authorized officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrance, title of properties put for E-Auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The E Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to bank. The Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for third party claims/rights/dues. No claim of whatsoever nature will be entertained after submission of On-line bid regarding properties put for sale.
4. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset, encumbrances, pending charges, taxes, specification, etc. before submitting the bid. The bidder may inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided. **Date of Inspection of Immovable Properties: 16.07.2026 to 30.07.2026 from 11.00 AM to 4:00 PM with prior appointment with above mentioned officials.**
5. Bids shall be submitted through online procedure only. (Subject to website availability)
6. Bidders shall be deemed to have read & understood the terms & conditions of sale & be bound by them.
7. The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price & bidders shall improve their further offers in multiples of Rs.10, 000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand only)
8. The Earnest Monet Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and EMD of the unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded.
9. Physical possession of property will be handed over to successful bidder only after obtaining physical possession from District magistrate in case of property under banks symbolic possession.
10. The Earnest Monet Deposit (EMD) on any other amount deposited towards bid shall not bear any interest and further no interest and/or expenses, charges will be paid in the eventuality of litigation on the bid amount or any other amount paid by the bidder in this process. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price inclusive of EMD already paid, immediately upon same day or next working day as the case may be. The balance of the purchase price shall have to be paid within 15 days of acceptance / confirmation of sale conveyed to them failing which Bank is at liberty to forfeit the amount deposited by the successful bidder.
11. Participation and bidding in the auctions on the website shall be deemed that the bidder has accepted the T&C's pertaining to the auction and is aware of all the Taxes and Duties, and other extraneous factors and the principle of caveat emptor shall apply. It shall also imply that the bidder has carefully gone through the terms and conditions, including amendments, if any, prevailing at the time of auction. No objections or complaints will be entertained once the bid is placed.
12. Neither the Authorized Officer/ Bank nor E Auction service provider will be held responsible for any Internet Network Problem/ Power failure any other technical lapses etc. In order to ward off such contingent situation, the interested bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped with adequate power back up etc. for successful participation in E Auction event.
13. Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties, registration charges and other incidental charges and also the statutory and non-statutory dues, taxes, assessments etc.
14. The Authorized Officer/bank has the absolute right & discretion to accept or reject any or all offers or adjourn/postpone/ cancel the E Auction or withdraw any property thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason therefor. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
15. The sale certificate will be issued in the name of purchaser(s)/applicant(s) only and will not be issued in any other name(s).
16. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002/ For further details, / enquiries, if any, of the terms and conditions of sale, can be obtained from the respective branches on the contact numbers given.
17. Bid once made shall not be withdrawn or cancelled. All bid made from the register user ID will be deemed to have been made by him/her only.
18. This notice is also applicable to borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and public in general.

SALE NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS
This Notice is also to be treated as Statutory sale notice to borrower and Guarantor (L/Rs) Under Rules 8(6) Security Interest (Enforcement), Rule 2002
Dear Sir/Madam,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bank of India is having full powers to issue this notice of sale and exercise all powers of sale under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the Rules framed there under. You have committed default in payment of the outstanding dues and interest with monthly rests, costs and charges etc in respect of the advances granted by the bank mentioned above. Hence the bank has issued a Demand Notice to all of you under section 13(2) to pay the above mentioned amount within 60 days. You have failed to pay the amount even after the expiry of 60 days. Therefore, the Authorized Officer, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4), took physical possession of the secured assets, more particularly described in the schedule mentioned above. Notice is hereby given to you to pay the sum as mentioned above before the date fixed for sale, failing which the immovable properties will be sold at and balance due, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost from you. Please note that all expenses pertaining to demand notice, taking possession, valuation and sale etc. shall be first deducted from the sale proceeds, which may be realized by the undersigned and the balance of the sale proceeds will be appropriated towards your liability as aforesaid. You are also at liberty to participate in the sale to be held on the terms and conditions thereof including deposit of earnest money or may bring suitable buyers.
Place: Ratnagiri
Date: 16.07.2026

Sd/-
AUTHORIZED OFFICER,
BANK OF INDIA
NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

MONSOON WATCH | DC asks districts to launch innovative awareness campaigns, ensure effective implementation of the Anti-Superstition and Black Magic Act

'Create awareness on anti-Black Magic Law'

FPJ News Service
CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

Divisional Commissioner G Srikanth has directed all districts in the division to implement innovative initiatives and conduct widespread public awareness campaigns to ensure the effective implementation of the Anti-Superstition and Black Magic Act. He emphasised the need to encourage the active participation of all sections of society in eradicating superstition.

He was speaking at a review meeting of the divisional committee constituted for the implementation of the Anti-Superstition and Black Magic Act on Tuesday. District Collectors, Superintendents of Police, and officials from the Social



Welfare and other concerned departments attended the meeting via video conferencing.

Srikanth conducted a division-wise review of cases registered under the Anti-Superstition and Black Magic Act, public awareness initiatives, and the utilisation of available funds. He directed officials to hold district-level committee meetings regularly and ensure the effective implementation of decisions.

The implementation of the Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act was also reviewed. The Divisional Commissioner directed the concerned agencies to work in coordination to ensure the timely disposal of registered cases, the immediate provision of financial assistance and rehabilitation to victims, and the timely delivery of government benefits.

A review of the functioning of the Transgender Rights Protection and Welfare Board was also conducted. Srikanth instructed all departments to

work in coordination to ensure that transgender persons benefit from various government schemes, their issues are addressed with sensitivity, and they are brought into the social mainstream.

During the meeting, officials also reviewed the status of CCTV cameras at police stations across the division, including those that were non-functional.

The Divisional Commissioner directed that non-functional cameras be repaired immediately and instructed the concerned agencies to coordinate and complete the installation of the proposed CCTV systems at police stations at the earliest.

Senior officials from the relevant departments were present at the meeting.

Gas pipeline bursts

FPJ News Service
CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR



A major gas leak occurred on Tuesday afternoon after an underground Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) PNG gas pipeline was ruptured during excavation work for a water pipeline in front of the Lumax company in the Waluj MIDC area.

The incident triggered panic for a short while. However, a major disaster was averted after the fire brigade and BPCL's maintenance team rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Excavation work for a water pipeline using a JCB machine was underway in front of the Lumax company at around 1pm on Tuesday when the machine struck BPCL's underground PNG gas pipeline, causing it to rupture and resulting in a massive gas leak. Panic spread in the area as gas began escaping rapidly. On receiving information about the incident, a team from the Waluj Fire Brigade immediately reached the spot.

FPJ News Service
BEED

Hundreds of farmers under the banner of the Shetkari Hakk Morcha staged a massive Rasta Roko at Umri Cross Road in Beed tehsil on the Beed-Pimpalner Road on Tuesday, demanding immediate financial relief for drought-hit farmers. The protest was led by farmer leader Rajendra Amte.

Addressing the gathering, Amte demanded that the Maharashtra government provide crop insurance compensation of 17,000 per hectare, as announced earlier, and implement a complete farm loan waiver unconditionally.

He said that inadequate rainfall in Beed district has left standing crops withering in the fields, forcing many farmers to undertake re-sowing. If rainfall does not occur within the next eight to ten days, farmers may be compelled to sow their crops for a third time, further increasing their financial burden.

Amte also urged the government to explore artificial rain (cloud seeding) to save crops, stating that if the country has the capability to send missions to the Moon and Mars, similar technologi-



cal efforts should be used to protect farmers facing an agrarian crisis.

Warning the government against any deviation from its earlier promises, he said the Shetkari Hakk Morcha would not accept any discrimination or irregularities in the implementation of the farm loan waiver scheme.

Following the road blockade at Umri Cross Road, the protesters submitted a memorandum addressed to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis through the Tehsildar, reiterating their demands for immediate crop insurance assistance, cloud seeding, and a comprehensive farm loan waiver.

Prominent participants included Balasaheb More, Rahul Tekale, Ashok Yede, Rohidas Maske, Subhash Giram, Umesh Maske, Khaja Pathan, Deepak Jadhav, Jalinder Shinde, Balibhau Mehete, Rajabhau Salunke, and Masuram Salunke.

Farmers from Khande Pargaon, Nagapur (Khurd and Budruk), Antarwan Pimpri, Umri, Umard Khalsa, Barhanpur, Bhatsangvi, Rakshashbhuwan, Kukkadgaon, Wadgaon Gunda, Mhalas Jawala, Mhasapur, Pimpalgaon Manjara, Eit, Gangnathwadi, Pimpalner, and several other villages participated in the agitation in large numbers.

Santosh Deshmukh Murder: Accused's bail plea rejected

FPJ News Service
BEED

A special court in Beed has rejected the bail plea of an accused in the brutal murder of former Massagjud sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh, ruling that educational qualifications and good academic scores cannot be grounds for bail in a serious criminal case.

The accused, Jairam Chate, had approached the court seeking bail by highlighting his academic record, which included a BSc degree in Computer Science and high scores in his Class 10 and 12 board examinations.

Dismissing the argument, Special Judge Jayshri Pulate observed in the order that

"educational qualification and scoring good marks can by no stretch of imagination be held as a ground to enlarge the applicant on bail," especially in view of the applicant's criminal antecedents.

As reported earlier, Deshmukh was abducted and brutally murdered on December 9, 2024.

Investigators said Deshmukh was targeted because he tried to stop a gang from extorting money from an energy company operating in the area. The brutal killing triggered widespread public outrage and protests across Maharashtra.

Chate is one of seven people arrested in connection with the case. The accused have

been booked under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, and relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

While Chate's counsel argued that he had been falsely implicated, had no links with any gang, and did not derive any financial benefit from the crime, the prosecution presented a different picture.

According to the police, the attackers filmed the entire assault on their mobile phones with the intention of circulating the videos on social media to instil fear

among the public. The prosecution alleged that Chate was actively involved from the beginning. The court noted that in one of the videos, Chate is allegedly seen holding the victim's shirt, stripping him, laughing loudly, and participating in the fatal assault.

Eyewitness statements also prima facie established Chate's active role in the organised crime syndicate allegedly led by co-accused Walmik Karad.

Citing Chate's criminal antecedents and the gravity of the offence, the court rejected the bail plea, observing that the attack was intended to terrorise society and that the applicant was not entitled to bail.



AEIFF felicitates Gowarikar

The organising committee of the Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival (AEIFF) felicitated filmmaker Ashutosh Gowarikar on his appointment as the Festival Director of the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), to be held in Goa later this year. The committee honoured Gowarikar during a visit to Mumbai recently. He recently completed his tenure as the honorary president of AEIFF. The committee expressed gratitude for his significant contribution to the festival during his tenure. AEIFF Chairman Nandkishor Kagiwal, directors Sunil Sukthankar and Chandrakant Kulkarni, Nilesh Raut, Jaiprad Desai, Dnyanesh Zoting, Amit Patil and others were present on the occasion