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STAR MEGA E AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

E-Auction sale notice for sale of 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. Notice is hereby given to public in general & in particular to following Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) that the below mentioned Immoveable properties mortgaged to bank of India (Secured Creditor), the **Symbolic and 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: 09.09.2026 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	Auction Start Price in Rs.	EMD in Rs.
1	MAKARAND SHANTARAM JADHAV & MRUNAL MAKARAND JADHAV BKID1411MAKARAND CHIPLUN BRANCH	Flat No. 412, Fourth Floor, "Green Cove" Apartment, Building "A", Near Pagmala 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. 24,73,609.92 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 15/08/2025 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	20,98,000	2,09,800
2	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. 14,12,586.77 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/01/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	12,97,000	1,29,700
3	UDAY DINKAR NIKAM BKID1455UDAY2 DAPOLI BRANCH	1 BHK Flat No 204, 2nd Floor, A wing, Sumangal Apartment, S. No. & Hissa No. 75A1A2, House No. 980C/3, Village Gimhavane, Tal Dapoli, Dist Ratnagiri, 415712, owned By Mr Uday Dinkar Nikam (Owner-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 12,10,370.89 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/09/2025 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	14,95,000	1,49,500
4	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. W1Z1001750), Village Camp Dapoli, Tal Dapoli, Dist Ratnagiri, Built up area 585 Sq Ft, Carpet Area 488 Sq Ft	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 13,25,761 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/09/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	15,85,000	1,58,500
5	UDAY DINKAR NIKAM BKID1455UDAY1 DAPOLI BRANCH	3 BHK Flat No 301, 2nd floor, Soham Apartment, S. No. 128, Hissa no 8/6, 9/12, House No. 1305(D), Village Gimhavane, Tal Dapoli, Dist Ratnagiri, 415712, owned By Mr Uday Dinkar Nikam (Owner-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 12,10,370.89 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/09/2025 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	42,85,000	4,28,500
6	RAVINDRA GOMAJI GAWADE BKID1471RAVINDRA KUDAL BRANCH	Flat No. 103 having built up area 37.73 m2, First Floor, Type B "Sai Samarth Sankul" building , Survey No. 50A(64), Hissa No. 20,22,23,27,29 within the limits of Nagarpanchayat Kudal, Tal Kudal, Dist Sindhudurg, Maharashtra-416520 in the name of Mr. Ravindra Gomaji Gawade (Proprietor -Mortgagor).	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 21,51,800.17 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 17/11/2025 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	10,99,000	1,09,900
7	MR. SALEEM HUSSAIN SHAIKH BKID1449SALIM MALVAN BRANCH	Residential House situated at House No. 907, Survey No. 43 (61), Hissa No. 4C, At Post Gavkarwada, Hadi, Tal Malvan, Dist Sindhudurg 416606. Area of Plot 200.00 Sqmt in the name of Mr. Saleem Hussain Shaikh (Borrower-Mortgagor)	Total Contractual dues of Rs. 11,05,755.94 Plus UCI from the date of NPA i.e 28/09/2023 + Other Expenses	Symbolic	9,77,500	97,750
8	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. 14,30,939.75 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 31/05/2019 + Other Incidental Expenses	Physical	13,96,000	1,39,600
9	BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA KOLGE & 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. 18,37,329.67 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 23/04/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Physical	14,95,000	1,49,500
10	RASOOLSAB MOHOMMED ALI BAGBAN & KAUSAR RASOOLSAB BAGWAN 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. 17,02,764.5 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 30/09/2017 + Other Incidental Expenses	Physical	18,01,000	1,80,100
11	KASAM ASHRAF DARVE & 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. 8,47,802.45 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/01/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses.	Symbolic	19,00,000	1,90,000
12	VILAS LAXMAN PAWAR BKID1480VILAS BAHADURSHEK NAKA BRANCH	Residential Flat Situated at 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. 16,94,584.02 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 29/04/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	13,82,500	1,38,250
13	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. 14,95,934.13 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/11/2023 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	12,22,750	1,22,275
14	NITIN BHIKAJI PALKAR BKID1400NITINPALKAR RATNAGIRI BRANCH	Flat No. 002, Ground Floor, F-wing, Ajawa Estate, S. No. 61, H.No. 2/1/5/7, Hanuman Nagar, Mouje Madhaliwadi, Grampanchayat Mirjole, in that area near MIDC Mirjole & Railway Station, Tal & Dist Ratnagiri	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 10,87,761.21 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/06/2024 + Other Incidental Expenses	Physical	10,79,200	1,07,920
15	NITIN VAMAN BERDE BKID1400NITIN RATNAGIRI BRANCH	Flat no 5, B wing, Vedant Vihar building, Survey No 247K1a2, Hissa No. 6/1A+6/1/C1+6/1D+6/1E+6/1B, City Survey no 2655/5, Mauje Zadgaon, Partavane Area,Tal and Dist Ratnagiri, Area 600 Sq Ft	Total Contractual dues of Rs. 12,63,700.57 Plus UCI from the date of NPA + Other Expenses	Symbolic	15,62,500	1,56,250
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. 15,67,176.34 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 30/04/2025 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	29,80,000	2,98,000
17	TEJARAM RAJAJI MALI BKID1421TEJARAM SAVARDE BRANCH	Flat No. 203 & 204, 2nd Floor D wing, Classic Residency, S.No. 85/(2) & 90/(2), Near Vahal Phata, Sawarde At Kasarwadi, Tal Chiplun Dist Ratnagiri in the name of Mr. Tejaram Rajaji Mali (Borrower-Mortgagor).	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 29,81,529.79 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 30/03/2025 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	22,15,000	2,21,500
18	MAHESH MARUTI WAINGAKAR BKID1479MAHESH SUKALWAD BRANCH	Residential property situated at Flat No 203, B wing, 2nd floor, Rameshwar Apartment, S. No. 106, H. No. 3A1, Oros Bk, Dist Sindhudurg, admeasuring 512 Sq Ft Built up.	Total Contractual Dues Rs. 12,57,240.84 + UCI from date of NPA i.e. 28/02/2025 + Other Incidental Expenses	Symbolic	10,22,500	1,02,250
19	PRAVIN ASHOK PAWAR BKID1478PRAVIN TALERE BRANCH	Flat No G 4, B Wing, Ground Floor, Mangalmurti Residency, Survey No 37B, Anand Nagar, Kasarde Grampanchayat, Tal Kanakavli, Dist Sindhudurg, 416801,Admeasuring 711.75 Sq Ft (Built Up)	Total Contractual dues of Rs. 14,44,151.13 Plus UCI from the date of NPA + Other Expenses	Symbolic	15,40,000	1,54,000
20	SANTOSH YASHWANT MACHKAR BKID1435SANTOSH RMIE BRANCH	Land situated at M/s Vishwakarma Decorators, bearing grampanchayat door no. 917, Plot No. C-190, back side of Finolex College, MIDC, Grampanchayat Mirjole Tal & Dist Ratnagiri Admeasuring area of 600 Sqm and built up area of 132.01 Sqm owned by Mr. Santosh Yashwant Machkar (Borrower-Mortgager)	Total Contractual dues of Rs. 9,72,081.42 Plus UCI from the date of NPA + Other Expenses	Symbolic	45,60,000	4,56,000

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 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 provide. **Date of Inspection of Immovable Properties: 16.08.2026 to 08.09.2026 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. (For Immovable Property).
10. The Earnest Monet Deposit (EMD) or 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 maid 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 Statuary 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 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: 08.08.2026

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

SPORTS INFRA | 400-metre synthetic track to be inaugurated by CM

G Sreekanth directs upgrade of Divisional Sports Complex

FPJ News Service
CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

As part of the vision to build a developed Marathwada within the framework of a developed Maharashtra, priority is being accorded to the sports sector. Divisional Commissioner and Vice-Chairman of the Divisional Sports Complex Committee, G Sreekanth, has issued directives to provide all necessary facilities and ensure adequate safety measures to transform the Divisional Sports Complex into a training centre of national and international standards.

He was speaking at a meeting of the Divisional Sports Complex Committee held at the Smart City office on Thursday. District Collector Vinay Gowda, Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer Minnu PM, Deputy Director of the Divisional Sports Complex and Committee Member-Secretary Shekhar Patil, officials from the relevant departments, and representatives of the contracting company were present on the occasion.

Sreekanth stated that, in line with the Chief Minister's 'Developed Maharashtra' policy, it is essential to provide modern, superior-quality facilities at sports complexes to groom outstanding athletes from Marathwada. He emphasised the need to focus on creating all the necessary infrastructure to prepare athletes for national and international competitions.

The 400-metre synthetic track at the Divisional Sports Complex is set to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on the occasion of Marathwada Liberation Day. Sreekanth has also directed that district-level sports competitions be organised during the same period.

He issued directives to complete the track work within the stipulated timeframe, as well as works related to establishing a Divisional Centre of Excellence; providing facilities for lawn tennis, wrestling, badminton, boxing (indoor hall), basketball, and football; arranging accommodation for athletes; and ensuring the availability of quality sports equipment, painting, electrical repairs, and restroom upgrades. He also instructed officials to submit a proposal to the District Planning Committee to secure the necessary funds for these works.

Directives were also issued to immediately address the issue of stray dogs within the sports complex premises and the surrounding areas in the interest of players' safety. Additionally, the concerned authorities were instructed to take punitive action against individuals who gather to feed stray dogs in the area.

The concerned authorities were further directed to prepare a plan to upgrade the parking facilities at the sports complex. Instructions were also issued to fix parking charges for all vehicles entering the complex and implement a 'Pay and Park' facility. Furthermore, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) should be formulated for the use of the newly introduced synthetic track and football field.

Fresh twist in Pune fake Aadhaar-Voter ID case

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The alleged use of a forged Aadhaar card to change a Pune resident's voter ID address has taken a fresh turn after Pune's Deputy District Election Officer claimed the complainant had met her in December 2025 and had been guided on the procedure to pursue the case. However, the complainant has categorically denied ever meeting the official, maintaining that none of his complaints or emails received any response until the matter was reported by the media.

The development comes days after it was reported that 22-year-old Moshi resident Prajwal Gupta's Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) address was allegedly shifted from the Bhosari Assembly constituency to Indapur using a forged Aadhaar card carrying his photograph and name, but a fake Aadhaar number and address.

Conflicting versions over first contact

In an exclusive conversation with The Free Press Journal, Deputy District Election Officer Minal Kalaskar said Gupta had visited her office shortly after discovering the discrepancy.

"Back then in December 2025, we met here in my office. Gupta was here, and we had discussed the issue then only. I had suggested to him that there was a fake Aadhaar card involved, which was the main problem. I informed him that he needed to file a complaint on the UIDAI website so that the process could begin. I had explained the procedure and how the matter could be taken forward. Therefore, saying that we neither responded nor helped him is not correct," Kalaskar said.

Gupta rejects the claim

"I am surprised by what Kalaskar is claiming. I have not met her or even had a chance to speak to her till date. No official from the Election Commission has ever contacted me, acknowledged my complaint or guided me regarding the issue. All my emails and complaints remained unanswered throughout. I only want my grievance to be addressed and the authorities to identify those responsible for using a forged Aadhaar card to deprive me of my right to vote. My intention is not to blame anyone individually. I think Kalaskar may have mistaken me for someone else. But if she is referring specifically to meeting me, that claim is untrue," Gupta told The Free Press Journal.

How the alleged fraud unfolded

According to Gupta, he discovered on December 27, 2025, that his voter ID address had been changed without his knowledge while checking his electoral details ahead of the Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation elections. His voter registration had allegedly been shifted from the Bhosari Assembly constituency to Indapur, making him ineligible to vote in his home constituency.

In an email sent on December 28, 2025, to the Deputy District Election Officer, the Election Commission of India, the Maharashtra Chief Electoral Officer and UIDAI, Gupta alleged that an unknown person had used a forged Aadhaar card containing his photograph and name to alter his voter details. He sought restoration of his original voter records, an inquiry into officials who accepted the forged document and action against those responsible.

He also stated that the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) informed him that the address change application had been submitted using a mobile number that did not belong to him and shared a copy of the Aadhaar document attached to the application. Gupta alleged that the document carried a fake Aadhaar number and a fabricated address while displaying his name and photograph.

Gupta told The Free Press Journal, "I approached the local police station on December 28, but I was asked to first file a complaint with the Election Commission. I then lodged a cybercrime complaint and continued sending reminders after receiving no acknowledgement from the authorities."

He added that he had initially considered approaching the court but was advised that one isolated case might not be sufficient. "If there are more such people whose votes have been fraudulently shifted, then we can file a Public Interest Litigation," he said.

Questions over the verification process

Kalaskar said the office was initially unable to understand how the voter details could have been changed.

"Technically, the form was submitted online. The applicant's mobile number is linked to the EPIC and Aadhaar records. When they are linked, an OTP is sent to the applicant and no activity can take place without it. So we are not able to understand how this happened," she said.

However, the address change application in Gupta's case was submitted before the Election Commission introduced Aadhaar-based OTP verification for online applications in September 2025 following concerns over the process. Earlier, applicants could submit Form 6 or Form 8 by linking a mobile number with an EPIC number without the system verifying whether the Aadhaar details actually belonged to the applicant. Gupta, however, said he never received any OTP either to access his account or to authorise the Form 8 application.

Kalaskar said, "Generally, field verification is conducted in Form 7 cases or in suspicious matters. BLOs are teachers or employees of government departments, schools and colleges and cannot be expected to be available round the clock. If field verification is required for every application, the Election Commission would have to appoint separate staff. BLOs are already reluctant to take up this additional responsibility."

She added that the mobile number allegedly used with the forged Aadhaar card has been traced to another state. She declined to disclose further details, citing the ongoing investigation. She also declined to comment on whether a vote had been cast in Gupta's name in Indapur during the local body elections, saying the information was confidential.

Police inquiry underway

Senior Police Inspector Ganesh Jamdar told The Free Press Journal, "We received the complaint on Wednesday. A preliminary inquiry is being conducted by Police Inspector (Crime) Bhojraj Misal. No FIR has been registered so far. After the preliminary inquiry, appropriate action will be taken."