

BMC allocates Rs 58.5 crore to 15 corporators; BJP gets largest share

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THE BRIHANMUMBAI Municipal Corporation's (BMC) standing committee on Thursday allocated Rs 58.5 crore to 15 corporators, with BJP members receiving the largest share.

Of the total allocation, four BJP corporators received Rs 34.75 crore, while two Shiv Sena members were allotted Rs 20 crore. Notably, 11 of the 15 beneficiaries are members of the 26-member standing committee, which oversees the civic body's finances.

"The fund is being allocated on the basis of demands made by the corporators. The funds will be utilised by corporator members and group leaders for development of wards across the city," said Prabhakar Shinde, BJP corporator and standing committee chairperson.

The funds were disbursed from a Rs 800 crore corpus set aside by the standing committee from the BMC's Rs 80,000 crore budget for ward-level development works. In addition, Rs 150 crore has been earmarked for the Mayor's development fund.

Among key allocations, BJP leader of the House Ganesh Khankar received Rs 20 crore, followed by Rs 10 crore each to BJP corporator Rajashree Shirwadkar and Shiv Sena group leader Amey Ghole. Deputy Mayor Sanjay Ghadi was allotted Rs 10 crore, while Mayor Ritu Tawde received Rs 2.25 crore. Shinde allocated Rs 2.5 crore to himself.

Leaders from other parties, including opposition leader Kishori Pednekar, Congress's Ashraf Azmi, AIMIM's Vijay Uble and MNS's Yeshwant Killedar, received Rs 2 crore each. NCP's Ajit Raorane was allotted Rs 2.25 crore, while Samajwadi Party's Amrin Abahani received Rs 2 crore. Former Mayor Vishakh Raut was allocated Rs 25 lakh.

Civic officials said allocations are made based on corporators' demands and project merit, with remaining funds to be released through the year as required.

Each of Mumbai's 227 corporators receive Rs 1.6 crore annually for civic works. The funds allocated on Thursday are in addition to this, with no fixed criteria governing their distribution.

IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF MAHARASHTRA

Behind 'illegal statues', a night-time 'Shivsmarak'

Alok Deshpande & Manish Kumar Pathak
Mumbai, March 9



Balraje Aware-Patil

FOR THREE long months, Balraje Aware-Patil and his team were creatures of the night. They would slip into empty plots of land as the world slept, quickly installing pre-built, allegedly unauthorised statues of revered historical figures before disappearing. By the time authorities woke up, the statues had taken on a life of their own, drawing crowds, sparking protests against their removal — and, police allege, helping Aware-Patil build a lucrative business.

That is, until the Solapur Police in Maharashtra caught up with him. On Sunday, the 45-year-old Aware-Patil was arrested on charges of attempted murder, rioting, unlawful assembly and illegally installing statues at government places without permission, under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. At least three are registered against Aware-Patil at Solapur's Madha police station, where he is currently in judicial custody.

"There are a total of 14 cases registered related to illegal statues on government land in Solapur district, and Patil has been named in five cases," Atul Kulkarni, Superintendent of Police, Solapur, said. "The Madha police alone registered seven cases and Patil is booked in three of them. Once an FIR was registered, a team from Madha police reached Patil's residence in Jalna Sunday and arrested him. The police are verifying his involvement in each case."

A senior police officer added:

"Once a statue was installed, it became difficult for authorities to act due to public sensitivity. The exercise [of installing statues] may have been an attempt to encroach land and mobilise local support".

A Government Resolution of May 2017 mandates prior permission from the district collector for any such installation, including on private land. Each proposal must be cleared by a committee and the land must be dispute-free. Violations invite legal action and removal.

Yet, a series of cases have been registered across Maharashtra over such installations. In Buldhana's Chikhla Kakad, an installation on February 4 led to 37 cases and 21 arrests, with the assault of Shiv Sena UBT leader Sanjivani Wagh further fuelling caste tensions. In Solapur's Modnimb, an equestrian statue appeared outside the gram panchayat office in the early hours of March 6, while in Mohol, a full-sized statue of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj was installed near the bus stand on the night of February 21.

In Bhoom in Dharashiv district, the overnight installation

of a Shivaji statue on a busy road led another caste group to counter with a Babasaheb Ambedkar installation nearby, leading to stand-offs. Similar incidents have been reported in Yavatmal, Parbhani, Sangli and Beed. A resident of Mahakala village in Jalna district, Aware-Patil first set up a unit in Churnapur in 2023 to manufacture agricultural equipment. Around the same time, he became part of the Manoj Jarange-Patil-led Maratha reservation agitation. The protest, investigators allege, helped Aware Patil build contacts and expand his reach, and in 2022-23, he set up the socio-cultural Harnaveer Chhatrapati Sambhaji Rajesh Shaurya Pratishthan. He went on to project himself as the leading champion of the 'Shivsmarak movement', holding protests for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj memorials and promising to install 1,000 statues of revered figures in state. Around the same time, his own unit in Jalna shifted to producing fibre statues of historical figures.

In February 2026, he was booked in Beed's Majalgaon for allegedly making threats to police. His social media accounts feature several provocative speeches of him purportedly daring authorities to act against him. "Let's see who can stop us," he says in one such video. His organisation's handles also show multiple late-night installations — including near police stations.

Fly-by-night operations

According to investigators, Aware-Patil's team of 17 workers would sneak prefabricated statues to designated land and

install them overnight "to avoid intervention". The land chosen could be private or government-owned, but its status was often a subject of dispute. On social media, he claimed to have installed over 570 statues across the state — some commissioned by individuals and others undertaken independently. In one of his interviews on social media, he claims backing of well-wishers, without disclosing names. Mahesh Mote, a trader from Beed's Georai who has been accused of illegally installing a Shivaji statue on February 23, said he had got the statue from Aware-Patil for Rs 1 lakh. "We had been demanding the statue for five years. The administration ignored us, so we installed it overnight," Mote told The Indian Express. It was the installation of a statue within a temple premises in Solapur's Anjanagaon on March 31 that appears to have proved too costly for Aware-Patil. A confrontation between two caste groups followed, leading to stone-pelting and injuries to police personnel. The eventual crackdown led to the arrest of Aware-Patil.

The Jalna district administration has now ordered shut his manufacturing unit, with police investigating if he was part of a broader statewide operation. Aware-Patil's "mentor" Jarange-Patil has come out with an appeal against installation of statues at disputed locations. "Our king (Shivaji) sacrificed his life for the betterment of society. Someone is purposely fuelling the dispute. We must look for that person who is selling these statues," the activist said.

Inculcate civic sense, learn from developed countries: HC

Omkar Gokhale
Mumbai, April 9

THE BOMBAY High Court on Wednesday urged citizens to inculcate basic civic sense on roads, observing that routine violations by both pedestrians and motorists are costing lives.

The court passed the order while partly allowing an appeal by the family of a deceased man against an April 2016 order of the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT), seeking enhancement of the compensation. The man had died after being hit by a Thane Municipal Transport Corporation bus in November 2012.

A single-judge bench of Justice Jitendra Jain in its April 8 ruling observed that pedestrians should be careful in following rules, as it is generally observed that people cross the road ignoring signals, which results in accidental death or injury.

"It is high time that we as responsible citizens follow the rules and regulations while crossing the road and by following signals. Merely because there are no vehicles coming from either side, people should not cross the road when the sig-

nals clearly show that they are not supposed to cross the road," the judge observed.

The court also pulled up motorists, observing that though signal jumping has reduced, "more particularly people driving two-wheelers do not follow the signal rules and regulations and at times this has resulted in death and injury of not only the persons driving two-wheelers but also other innocent people".

Seeking strict actions from traffic police against two-wheeler riders violating signal rules, the judge emphasised that "rights and duties are two sides of the same coin and exercise of one must not lead to the neglect of the other".

"In my view, it is high time that the people of this country inculcate within themselves the civic sense which we all have to follow without anyone compelling us to follow," the judge said, adding that we should learn from how people driving vehicles as well as crossing the road behave in developed countries.

The judge said while we follow rules for crossing and

driving in foreign countries while abroad, there is no reason the same should not be done when we return to India.

The man, who was a priest and commission agent suffering from Parkinson's disease and partial paralysis, met with an accident while crossing a road near Aradhana Talkies in Thane in November, 2012, and died in March 2013. The MACT had awarded the family Rs 13.23 lakh with 8% interest, attributing 50% negligence each to the man and the bus driver.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned that, we, on behalf of our client, are investigating the ownership right, title and interest of (i) PANKAJ KAPAL MEHRA, (ii) VANITA PANKAJ MEHRA, (iii) RISHI PANKAJ MEHRA and (iv) KABIR PANKAJ MEHRA (collectively "Landowners"), all adults, Indian Inhabitants residing at 6 D Prem Kurir, 177 Marine Drive, Mumbai 400 020, to all the pieces and parcels of land comprised in **Gat Nos. 29/5, 399, 400 and 401** and measuring in aggregate **10,970 square meters** equivalent to about **2.71 Acres** along with the structures standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Village Dhokawade, Taluka Alibag and District Raigad as more particularly described in the **First Schedule** below (hereinafter referred to as the "Property").

Further, the Landowners have represented to our client that originals of title documents and deeds as more particularly described in the **Second Schedule** below (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Lost Title Documents") have been lost/misplaced.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

(Description of the Property)

All those pieces and parcels of the land measuring in aggregate **10,970 square meters** equivalent to about **2.71 Acres** along with the structures standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Village Dhokawade, Taluka Alibag and District Raigad and more particularly described and bearing Gat numbers and corresponding area as under:

Gat No.	Old Survey Nos.	Area (in square meters)
25/5	(i) Survey No. 2A1/3A+3B/1, (ii) Survey No. 195/1, (iii) Survey No. 194/5 and (iv) Survey No. 196/1	7,700
399	195/2	1,740
400	195/3	700
401	195/4	830
Total		10970 square meters (i.e., about 2.71 Acres)

and bounded as follows, that is to say: - On or towards the North: Village Road & boundary of Gat No. 398 & to some part boundary of Gat No. 25/3 On or towards the South: The boundaries of Gat Nos. 702, 701 & 700 of village Dhokawade On or towards the East: The boundaries of Gat Nos. 398, 405, 696 & 700 of village Dhokawade On or towards the West: The boundaries of Gat Nos. 25/3 & 25/4 of village Dhokawade

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Description of the Lost Title Documents)

1. Sale Deed dated September 05, 2006, and registered with the office of the Sub-Registrar of Assurances, Alibag under Serial No. ALB/2546 of 2006, executed by and between Narayan Govind Mohite in favour of Chandrakant Janu Shirishkar.

2. Sale Deed dated July 10, 2006, and registered with the office of the Sub-Registrar of Assurances, Alibag under Serial No. ALB/1998 of 2006 executed by Sunandabai Harishchandra Todankar and others in favour of Chandrakant Janu Shirishkar.

3. Sale Deed dated March 03, 2005, and registered with the office of the Sub-Registrar of Assurances, Alibag under Serial No. ALB/403 of 2005 executed by Keshav Narayan Patil in favour of Chandrakant Janu Shirishkar.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2026

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Date: 10/04/2026
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