

MUMBAI: The Mumbai Police booked 406 people on Sunday and registered 317 cases against them for lockdown violations. According to police, of the 317 cases registered against the violators, 116 were

registered against those found opening their shop establishments, 106 for wandering in public places without a valid reason and 63 for not wearing a mask in public places. — Staff Reporter

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Lactating mothers soon to be allowed walk-ins for vax jab

Pregnant women who wish to take dose must obtain certificate from gynecologist

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The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) will allow walk-ins for lactating mothers to get vaccine in Mumbai on Tuesday or Wednesday. This comes after the Centre last week gave approval to start vaccination for lactating mothers.

Civic officials said they have received guidelines from the Indian Council of Medical Education and Research (ICMR) and soon they will be issuing guidelines for the same.

Senior health officials said they will hold meetings with hospital authorities and preparing fresh guidelines. They will direct all the vaccination centres to make the necessary arrangements for lactating mothers.

"We were ready to vaccinate but due to shortage of vaccines citizens are being vaccinated in phases only. We have covered all age groups except lactating mothers and pregnant women. But now we have got approval for and have received the guidelines



for it which will be followed at all the vaccine centres. We are issuing guidelines and all lactating mothers will be allowed walk-ins at the vaccine centres," he said.

In the meantime, the BMC issued a statement saying if pregnant women wish to receive the covid vaccine, such pregnant women will need to be given a written certificate from the gynecologist treating them on their head (letterhead) regarding covid vaccination.

Pregnant women will also have to give their consent for vaccination after receiving such a certificate from a gynecologist. Both the gynecologist's certificate and the consent form should be brought along with the vaccination center and handed

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over to the vaccination center. Moreover, Lactating mothers and pregnant women will be allowed to walk-in at vaccination centres in the first three days of the week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

Dr Lancelot Pinto, Consultant Pulmonologist, PD Hinduja Hospital & MRC said there is a significant amount of data available for mRNA vaccines being safe in pregnancy.

While the data for non-mRNA vaccines is not as robust yet, there is no reason to strongly believe that mRNA vaccines carries any risk in pregnancy (the clinical trials did not include pregnant women, which is why there was a lack of data, but there

wasn't any reason to believe that it is unsafe).

"Pregnancy is now being recognized as a risk factor for moderate-to-severe disease, which is why the potential benefits of vaccination possibly outweigh the potential risks. Women with underlying clotting disorders should discuss the risks and benefits with their obstetricians before making an informed decision," he said.

Priyanka Chaturvedi, Shiv Sena's Rajya Sabha MP and deputy leader of the party, on Monday informed in tweet that the BMC is going to give the option for Covid vaccination to pregnant women as well.

Dr Ashwini Bhalarao Gandhi, Consultant Gynecologist at P D Hinduja Hospital said vaccination against Covid during pregnancy and lactation, at present there is limited data regarding safety of vaccines.

The main question is whether vaccination will lead to anomalies in foetus or have any ill effects on going pregnancy like miscarriage or premature delivery etc.

Hiran Murder Case: Another cop dismissed

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The Mumbai Police dismissed another policeman, who was arrested in the Anitla bomb scare case and subsequent murder of Thane-based businessman Mansukh Hiran, on Monday.

Police constable Vinayak Shinde is the third person to be dismissed so far in connection with the case. The city police have already dismissed A.P. Sakhin Vaze and his subordinate Riyaz Kazi after they were arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with the case.

Shinde's dismissal order has been issued by additional commissioner of police West region and it is issued under article 311(2)(b) of Constitution of India, which deals with dismissal, removal or reduction in rank of persons employed in civil capacities under the union or state on certain grounds.

At a time of his arrest Shinde was already under suspension after he was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment in Sakinaka Bayas fake encounter case. Shinde came out of jail on parole in May 2020. Shinde along with a bookie was arrested by the state Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and handed over to NIA after the case was taken over by the central agency.

Police inspector Sunil Mane who was also arrested by the NIA in the case is also likely to be dismissed, said officials.

BMC ropes in over 300 doctors from Mumbai's slums before 3rd wave

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Amid warning of a third wave likely to start by July across the state, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has now directed all the ward officers to reactivate the general physician in the slum areas and give them training to handle patients with Covid symptoms to curb the spread of virus.

There are more than 300 general physicians in the slum areas with whom meetings are being conducted on ward level. Civic officials said these general physicians or family doctors are close to people staying in slum areas and they know everyone personally. The civic body has asked them to shift to moderate or severe symptomatic Covid patients to the hospital or jumbo centres. Moreover, the line of treatment should be decided by the state Covid-19 task force.

Suresh Kulkarni, Additional Municipal Commissioner (AMC) said they are taking all necessary steps to stop the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus in slums. They asked the ward officers to hold meetings with the general physician in the respective slums of their wards and alert them about the third wave and what measures should be taken to curb cases.

Everyone is working together to curb the cases across Mumbai, especially in the slum areas, which was the hot-spot in the first wave. After proper restrictions, cases were



controlled in the second wave. We need to follow the same protocols so that when the third wave starts, cases don't rise in the slums. We have re-activated all the general physicians," he said.

Kulkarni further said there are 300-350 general physicians in the slum areas. These GPs are closely connected with everyone so it will be easy for them to create awareness. They know the population of the respective slums and which diseases or comorbidities the residents have.

"We have directed the general physicians to follow the line of treatment decided by the state task force members for treating Covid patients. Patients who have severe symptoms should be immediately shifted to Covid hospitals or jumbo centres for the treatment," he added.

Health experts have welcomed the move. The Covid numbers have dropped below 1,500 over the past two weeks. Now activating family doctors or general physicians is a good idea as it will cover most of the population in slum areas and timely treatment will be provided.

Maha logs lowest daily Covid cases since March 2021

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There has been a drop in the number of Covid cases across Maharashtra on Monday with the state reporting 22,122 new infections and 361 Covid deaths in the last 24 hours, pushing its total positive cases to 56,02,019 and 89,212 fatalities. This is the lowest single-day cases reported since March this year.

Mumbai has witnessed a slight drop in the number of Covid cases on Monday, with the city reporting 1,057 new infections and 48 deaths in the last 24 hours, increasing its total count to 6,88,887 and 14,871 fatalities till now.

The recovery rate in city has increased to 93 per cent, with 1,312 being discharged across the city, taking the total recovery count to 6,53,598. The Covid situation in Maharashtra is improving. The number of daily cases is declining and it is down to around half of what it was in the beginning of this month. In the past one week (May 17-23), the average of new cases recorded in the state was 23,777, whereas in the first week (May 1-7), the average was 56,326. In the second week (May 7-14), it dropped to 42,123 cases a day on an average, according to the statistics provided by the state health department.

Officials said that there is a trend of stretching the testing apparatus. Maharashtra is among the states having conducted maximum tests and the positivity rate has also started coming down.

BMC commences maintenance work of three jumbo centres

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The BMC has undertaken maintenance works of the three jumbo centres which were temporarily shut down during Cyclone Tauktae last week.

BMC officials said that even though the damage caused in the centres is not severe, the corporation has decided to use the time in carrying out maintenance works of these facilities. These jumbo centres are located in Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mulund and Dahisar. They have capacity to accommodate as many as 4,000 beds for patients including oxygen and ventilator facilities.

Considering the downward trend in cases, civic officials said while these facilities remain non-functional, the city won't be any shortage of beds. "All the patients that were admitted in these facilities have been shifted to different hospitals. The daily case tally is also falling so there will be no crisis of beds," said Suresh Kulkarni,



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additional municipal commissioner and in-charge of public health, BMC.

The BMC dashboard on Monday showed that nearly 67 per cent of the beds in Mumbai are vacant. Parag Masurkar, deputy municipal corporation under whose jurisdiction the BKC facility comes, said that the facility will resume on or after June 1. "We are using this time to

carry out maintenance works at the facilities, which was not possible when the patients were there. We are upgrading the infrastructure as well so that better oxygen supply can start. However, the bed capacity will be the same. We have made arrangements for expansion," Masurkar told FJP.

Mihir Kotecha, BJP MLA from Mulund, who is tracking the repair works at Mulund jumbo facility said patients had been complaining. "This is a makeshift facility that hasn't been repaired or maintained in more than 10 months. The AC ducts are being repaired and the water supply and drainage systems are being cleaned. We have plans to reopen in the first week of June," Kotecha said.

Jagdish Oza, BJP corporator from Dahisar, said the partition walls that had fallen during cyclone are now being repaired. "Before the cyclone there were 220 patients which we had shifted to hospitals. Now there is no patient at the facility. We aim to restart the facility after May 30," Oza said.

Trial run of 20 km stretch to begin soon on Metro lines 2A, 7

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The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has achieved a significant milestone in the road cable work of Metro line 2A (Dahisar to DN Nagar) and line 7 (Dahisar East to Andheri East). The trial run of 20 km stretch on these two lines will commence soon.

On Monday, the chief electrical inspector of government of India (CEIG) conducted an inspection through video call of the Over Head Equipment (OHE) line of Metro line 2A and line 7. The section from Dahisar to Kamraj Nagar.

Due to the prevailing pandemic situation and travel restrictions, the MMRDA shared updates to the inspection officer using a digital platform. That is, the proposed plan of metro trial run could be achieved. Now the charging OHE on this metro line 2A of the said stretch will be done on Tuesday. Thereafter, the proposed 20 km trial run (Aarey to Kamraj Nagar) will begin.



The OHE line charging on Metro Line 7 (Aarey to Dahisar East) has been successfully after getting the required approval from CEIG. According to the MMRDA, inspection of OHE by the CEIG is a prerequisite statutory requirement for the section from 25kV 50Hz AC Supply. It is essential to commence the metro trial runs.

The MMRDA has successfully completed the work on the 20km stretch despite Covid-19 related challenges. In the initial phase it will carry out trial run between Aarey and Kamraj Nagar on Metro 2A and 7 and later as work of the remaining part is completed the distance of trial runs will be expanded.

ED initiates probe against realty developer

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Enforcement Directorate officials have launched a money laundering probe against a Ghatkopar based real estate developer.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) sources claimed that the laundered amount runs into several crores of rupees and the probe was in connection with the TDR cheating case registered against the builder by the Mumbai police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) in 2019.

Bulder MM Mehta was booked by the EOW after he allegedly, in connivance with two partners of a partnership firm, submitted bogus documents showing he had purchased a huge plot in Oshwara, from the firm and availed of transfer of development rights (TDR) worth Rs 30 crore which he sold in the open market.

As per the sources, the amount earned was then diverted to several other parties and the amount later doubled. All concerned parties including those in other states are under probe by the agency. Sources in the agency said that summons were sent to Mehta to make himself available for the probe, but he has responded to ED summons citing his inability to appear before the agency due to rising covid cases. Fresh summons will be sent again, officials informed.

BJP demands Covid care centre for kids

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As the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has already started planning and gearing up for the third wave, opposition leaders in the civic standing committee have demanded that separate covid care centres should be set up on the lines of Pune Municipal Corporation.

The state government is framing a special paediatric task force that will be responsible for procuring medicines for children, paediatric ventilators and building Covid-19 care centres for children. Meanwhile, BMC has started setting up paediatric wards in



all Jumbo Covid care centres, where 25 beds are reserved for kids.

"There has been no Covid preventive vaccine for the age group of 0-17 years as of now. While the third wave of covid19 pandemic is anticipated to hit the city soon, experts have predicted it is in-

evitable. Considering the only age group that is still vulnerable and not yet introduced to the vaccination process, for now, we need to prepare to cater to this age group. Hence we need to prepare in advance, which we are doing. We have reserved 25 beds as paediatric in all jumbo centres and facilities will be further expanded depending on the situation," said a senior BMC official.

The Maharashtra tourism and environment minister Aaditya Thackeray on May 3, took to Twitter and suggested creating a paediatric COVID care ward and creches in Mumbai. The second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic has

caused havoc in the state, and there should be separate Covid care centres demanded by opposition leaders.

"Children between 0-18 years of age are more likely to be at risk of the Covid19, experts have alerted. Considering the possible third wave, Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has set up a Covid care center for kids. It has many special facilities like accommodation for children along with their parents, toys, audio-visual set up for kids. On the lines of PMC, Covid care for children should also be set up by BMC," said BJP-nominated BMC corporator and standing panel member Bhachandra Shirur.

BMC plans tenders for contractors to prune, maintain trees in city

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The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Monday said that it will float tenders for appointment of contractors for pruning and maintenance of trees in Mumbai.

After the cyclone Tauktae hit the city last week, as many as 812 trees and more than 1,400 branches had fallen across the city,

one of the highest losses in terms of trees in Mumbai. Last week, during the standing panel meeting, the opposition alleged that the contract for maintenance of trees signed with private contractors was not extended post March.

On Monday, during the tree committee meeting, a proposal for appointing new contractors was cleared by the members. "In the wake of the second wave of the pandemic, all the meetings got

temporarily suspended, we had temporarily extended the contract with the contractors whom we had appointed earlier, now a new tender has been raised for appointment of new contractors," said an official of garden cell.

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Facemask violations dip, BMC collects ₹55 cr in 418 days

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The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has collected fines of over Rs 55.56 crores in the last 418 days from 27.58 lakh citizens who were caught without wearing facemasks in public places during the pandemic, a civic official said on Monday.

The data shared by the civic body on Monday however, revealed that the number of offenders caught daily has declined drastically, the civic officials have attributed this to the restrictions in movement under the strict curfew.

As per the data released by the BMC, as

many as 4,314 people were caught without mask on May 1, of which 1,478 were caught by the Mumbai police. And a total fine of Rs 5.57 lakh was collected from these 4,314 offenders the data revealed. The number of offenders as of May 23 has declined to 322 of these 1,454 were caught by the Mumbai police.

And a fine of Rs 6.56 lakh was collected from these 3,282 offenders.

From making masks mandatory to restricting crowd and large gatherings, the BMC has beefed up surveillance and enforcement measures to contain the virus spread.

The violation which attracted a Rs 1000 fine was collected in 418 days from April 20, 2020, to May 23, 2021.

2020. BMC even offered its staff incentive of 10 per cent of the total fine they collect each day.

The BMC deployed marshals to enforce mask rule in public places. While Mumbai police too has been penalising people not wearing masks in public places. Besides this, there are volunteers at the railway stations who have been watching commuters at all railway stations. According to the BMC data, of the 26,87,339 violations of the mask rule, 23,50,159 were caught by the BMC, 3,33,289 by the police and 23,891 by the railway authorities.

Of the total fine of over Rs. 55.56 crore collected from the violators, Rs. 48,28,800 were collected by the BMC, Rs. 6,77,01,800, by the police and Rs 50,39,200 by the railway authorities. These fines were collected in 418 days from April 20, 2020, to May 23, 2021.

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