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Women empowerment continues - Now in CISF & Corwa

oman empowerment continues unabated. Now Government gives a nod for all woman battalion in CSIF. (See detailed report below).

In the 11th NCRWA held in Hyderabad the biggest panel was in the Woman's Empowerment session with 8 panelist including three men. Mrs Geeta Rao stressed that men should empower women. Further in the General Body meeting held after the conference the new Managing Committee for 2024-2026 has 20% woman, thus CoRWA Walking the Talk.

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BMC election delayed, leaving citizens clueless as civic issues remain unaddressed amid longest gap in local representation

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ven as Mumbaikars voted for the assembly elections on November 20, they are clueless about the polls to the Brihanmumbai Muncipal Corporation (BMC). Civic elections have been delayed by as long as three years. In the absence of elected representatives, civic officials are ruling the roost without any accountability whatsoever.

The roads in most wards are in pathetic state, street cleaning has become lax, hawkers lord over the metropolis' pavements and roads in utter contempt of Bombay high court ruling which bans hawking within 150 metres of railway stations, stalls selling food items in very unhygienic conditions have increased manifold while parks and playgrounds are in a state of neglect.

"Even if citizens complain to BMC officials rarely their complaints are redressed," said Keshav Rao, an activist. Illegal construction has become the norm in almost all the wards.

The absence of elected representatives for nearly three years marking the longest gap in the corporation's 150-year history has alarmed activists.

former corporators and citizen groups. They argue this has led to poor coordination, lack of accountability, and delays in essential civic projects.

The term of corporators ended on March 7, 2022, and currently, municipal commissioner Bhushan Gagrani is serving as the administrator of the BMC. The elections, initially scheduled for September-October 2022, have been postponed for various reasons, leaving the municipal corporation without corporators for an extended period.

The elected corporators are essential for approving proposals and resolutions related to infrastructure development and policy-making. With the corporation currently run by government officials, citizens express a strong need for corporators to address local issues like water supply, road repairs, and sanitation at the ward level.

According to Milind Mhaske, CEO of NGO Praja Foundation, "Corporators serve as a direct link to the public, holding responsibility and accountability to the people. While the administration can maintain Contd. on Page 4

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first-ever all-women CISF reserve battalion comprising more than 1,000 personnel has been sanctioned by the Union government keeping in mind the

burgeoning duties of the force at airports and other vital installations.

Officials told PTI that the unit will be raised from within the sanctioned manpower of the



force of about two lakh personnel. The Union home ministry issued a sanction order

this week approving an exclusive women reserve unit in the force with a total strength of 1,025 personnel led by a senior commandant-rank officer, they said.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has 12 reserve battalions under its establishment contd. on Page 4

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Mumbai Election Watch



Maharashtra Asembly Elections 2024 WINNING CANDIDATES MARGINS

Constituency Number & Name	Winning	Name	Party	Age	Gender	Criminal	Education	Total Asset	Total Liability	PAN givenY/
	Margin					Cases				
152 - Borivli	100257	Sanjay Upadhyay	BJP	51	M	2	Post Graduate	Rs 5,31,33,517~ 5 Crore+	Rs 41,98,882~ 41 lacs+	Y
153 - Dhaisar	44329	Manisha Chaudhury	BJP	63	F	3	Graduate	Rs 5,53,75,740~ 5 Crore+	Rs 33,78,804~ 33 lacs+	Y
154 - Magathane	58164	Prakash Surve	SS	62	М	1	Graduate	Rs 9,64,22,017~ 9 Crore+	Rs 28,91,916~ 28 lacs+	Y
155 - Mulund	90032	Mihit Kotecha	BJP	50	м	0	12 th Pass	Rs 14,57,70,945~ 14 Crore+	Rs 9,16,70,919~ 9 Crore+	Y
156 - Vikhroli	15526	Sunil Raut	SS(UBT)	59	М	3	12 th Pass	Rs 6,20,86,065~ 6 Crore+	Rs 1,70,06,152~ 1 Crore+	Y
157 – Bhandup West	6764	Ashok Patil	SS	64	м	5	Graduate Professional	Rs 12,50,00,608~ 12 Crore+	Rs 16,00,000~ 16 lacs+	Y
158 - Jogeshwari East	1541	Anant (Bala)B Nar	SS(UBT)	59	М	3	10 th Pass	Rs 6,98,83,550~ 6 Crore+	Rs 2,66,46,872~ 2 Crore+	Y
159 - Dindoshi	6182	Sunil Prabhu	SS(UBT)	55	М	0	12 th Pass	Rs 14,39,33,103~ 14 Crore+	Rs 3,54,68,518~ 3 Crore+	Y
160 - Kandivali East	83593	Atul Bhathkalkar	BJP	59	М	5	Graduate	Rs 13,32,05,167~ 13 Crore+	Rs 21,21,369~ 21 lacs+	Y
161 - Charkop	91154	Yogesh Sagar	BJP	62	М	2	10th Pass	Rs 7,89,89,368~ 7 Crore+	Rs 2,03,77,906~ 2 Crore+	Y
162 - Malad West	6227	Aslam Shaikh	INC	55	м	5	8 th Pass	Rs 52,98,93,469~ 52 Crore+	Rs 60,00,000 ~ 60 Lacs+	Y
163 - Goregaon	23600	Vidya Thakur	BJP	63	F	0	8 th Pass	Rs 35,36,30,962~ 35 Crore+	Rs 7,85,38,136~ 7 Crore+	Y
164 - Varsova	1600	Haroon Khan	SS(UBT)	62	М	2	10 th Pass	Rs 4,64,54,770~ 4 Crore+	Rs 44,36,180~ 44 Lacs+	Y
165 - Andheri West	19599	Ameet Satam	BJP	48	м	0	Post Graduate	Rs 11,57,51,268~ 11 Crore+	Rs 20,63,244~ 20 lacs+	Y
166 - Andheri East	25486	Murji Patel	SS	52	М	1	8 th Pass	Rs 14,76,47,443~ 14 Crore+	Rs 2,98,77,242~ 2 Crore+	Y
167 - Vile Parle	54935	Alavani Parag	BJP	57	М	2	Graduate	Rs 28,53,69,329~ 28 Crore+	Rs 2,24,52,604~ 2 Crore+	Y
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168 - Chandivali	20625	Dilip Lande	SS	63	м	11	Graduate	Rs 7,37,52,397~ 7 Crore+	Rs 2,48,62,031~ 2 Crore+	Y
169 - Ghatkopar West	12971	Ram Kadam	BJP	52	м	4	10 th Pass	Rs 71.83.37,568~ 71 Crore+	Rs 23,07,43,827~ 23 Crore+	Y
170 - Ghatkopar East	34999	Parag Shah	BJP	55	М	0	Graduate	Rs 33,83,06,20,898~ 3383 Crore+	Rs 37,90,000~ 37 lacs+	Y
171 - Mankhurd Shivajinagar	12753	Abu Asim Azmi	SP	69	м	10	Graduate	Rs 3,09,44,21,964~309 Crore+	Rs 37,17,10,218~ 37 Crore+	Y
172 - Anushakti Nagar	3378	Sana Malik	NCP	37	F	0	Graduate	Rs 22,52,70,402~22 Crore+	Rs 3,15,48,009~ 3 Crore+	Y
							Professional			
173 - Chembur	10711	Tukaram Kate	SS	62	м	1	8 th Pass	Rs 2,59,04,124~2 Crore+	Rs 42,77,528~ 42 lacs+	Y
174 - Kurla (SC)	4187	Mangesh Kudalkar	SS	53	м	0	12 th Pass	Rs 7,48,91,982~7 Crore+	Rs 49,74,781~ 49 lacs+	Y
175 - Kalina	5008	Sanjay Potnis	SS(UBT)	69	м	1	10 th Pass	Rs 6,74,82,665~6 Crore+	Rs 25,25,000~ 25 lacs+	Y
176 - Vandre East	11365	Varun Sardesai	SS(UBT)	32	M	0	Post Graduate	Rs 9,22,04,637~9 Crore+	Rs O	Y
177 - Vandre West	19931	Ashish Shelar	BJP	52	м	1	Graduate Professional	Rs 40,48,84,965~40 Crore+	Rs 1,88,45,734~ 1 Crore+	Y
178 - Dharavi (SC)	23459	Dr. Jyoti Gaikwad	INC	47	F	0	Post Graduate	Rs 12,14,54,711~2 Crore+	Rs 1,47,21,388~ 1 Crore+	Y
179 - Sion Koliwada	7895	R. Tamil Selvan	BJP	66	м	2	10 th Pass	Rs 3,62,68,068~ 3 Crore+	Rs 51,97,351~ 51 Lacs+	Y
180 - Wadala	24973	Kalidas Kolambkar	BJP	71	M	3	10 th Pass	Rs 7,55,40,993 ~ 7 crore +	Rs 10,50,403~ 10 Lacs	Y
181 - Mahim	1316	Mahesh Sawant	SS(UBT)	52	M	13	Graduate	Rs 1,43,22,567 ~ 1 Crore+	Rs 3,46,000 ~ 3 Lacs+	Ŷ
182 - Worli	8801	Aaditya Thackeray	SS(UBT)	34	м	1	Graduate Professional	Rs 23,43,70,078~ 23 Crore+	Rs 43,76,212~ 43 Lacs+	Y
183 - Shivadi	7140	Ajay Choudhari	SS(UBT)	71	м	0	10 th Pass	Rs 8,25,24,397~ 8 Crore+	Rs 23,25,000~ 23 Lacs+	Y
184 - Byculla	31361	Manoj Jamsutkar	SS(UBT)	55	M	0	12 th Pass	Rs.13,30,32,964~ 13 Crore+	Rs.4,21,20,931~ 4 Crore+	Ŷ
185 - Malabar Hill	68019	Mangal Prabhat Lodha	BJP	69	M	2	Graduate Professional	Rs 4,47,09,23,931 ~447 Crore+	Rs 3,06,22,72,630~ 306 Crore+	Y
186 - Mumbadevi	34844	Amin Patel	INC	61	м	1	10 th Pass	Rs 60,86,63,515~ 60 Crore+	Rs 1,74,91,946~ 1 Crore+	v
187 - Colaba	48581	Rahul Narvekar	BJP	47	M	1	Graduate	Rs 1,29,81,08,003~ 129 crore +	Rs 84,68,89,918~ 84 crore +	Ŷ
							Professional			

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BJP sweeps Mumbai, while Shinde's ShivSena has higher winners that the combined Aghadi

The voters in Mumbai delivered a resounding mandate to the BJP, electing 15 of its 18 candidates in the assembly elections in 2024. However, in Mumbai's Shiv Sena rivalry, the Uddhav-led faction outperformed Eknath Shinde's group, winning nine compared to Shinde's five, despite Shinde's faction being the second highest in the state which was even higher that the combined winners of the Aghadi.

Out of 36 winners in Mumbai, 25 have declared criminal cases against themselves in their sworn affidavits with Mahesh Sawant of SS(UBT) declaring highest with 13 cases in his affidavit.

All the 36 winners are Crorepatis, with Parag Shah (BJP) from Ghatkopar East having the highest asset of Rs. 3383 Crore+, while Mahesh Sawant (SS(UBT)) from Mahim constituency has the lowest with 1 Crore+.

As far as Education is concerned there are 18 winners with Graduate and over while 4 with 8^{th} Pass.

Over all state wise, the voters of Maharashtra have punished the Uddhav led ShivSena for its betrayal in 2019 result, for having run away from the jointly fought with the BJP, though being highest, only to get power and joining hands with the opposition to get the Chief Ministership. Both the ruling ShivSena and NCP of Ajit Pawar have won higher than their counterparts led by Uddhav and Sharad Pawar. The Voters (Court) therefore have reinforced the decision of the Election Commission and the then Speaker of the Assembly announcing the ruling groups as the real ones and giving them the party symbols.

Finally, we regret that the A D R - A G N I's M U M B A I ELECTION WATCH could not

bring out the Comparative Statements for each of t h e 3 6 constituencie s for the first time since 2023 when the Supreme

Court mandated the sworn Affidavits along with nominations and help voters vote on an Informed Choice. This was despite the ADR team working day and night analysing the affidavits and could analyse only 2201 out of 4136 candidates by 16^t November. Further, normally there would be 3 or 4 main partys standing for elections, this time there were six (2 groups of 3 parties each) and it would not be fair to bring out the **Comparative Statements** with only two or three candidates analysis in each constituency. MMJ



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Highlights of the 11th National Conference of Resident Welfare Associations

U.V. Rao

Congratulations to the New Apex Body of CORWA! Heartfelt congratulations to all members of the newly elected National Apex Body of CORWA, under the dynamic leadership of Colonel Tyagiji. The conference has truly set a new benchmark in community engagement, policy formulation, and strategic initiatives for the coming two years.

We were honoured to have Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Telangana, as the Chief Guest of the function. His inspiring words and valuable insights on community-driven initiatives and the importance of Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) in fostering urban and rural development added great value to the conference.

New Targets and Vision

The conference successfully set new targets for the Apex Body, outlining a comprehensive agenda for the next two years. It aims to integrate high-rise building RWAs, gated communities, and address evolving needs in rural communities transitioning to urbanized living conditions.

Innovative Protocols

The 11th NCRWA marked a significant shift in execution protocols, enhancing inclusivity and reflecting CORWA's evolving structure. This transformation aims to better cater to the dynamic requirements of various communities across urban and rural sectors.

Dynamic Leadership and Coordination

The event showcased the effective coordination of the new leadership team, with notable contributions from Badrinathji and Ramanaji in Hyderabad. The AGM's quick recognition of Badrinathji by assigning him a key position in the Apex Body speaks volumes about his dedication and capabilities.

Vibrant Participation

The enthusiastic presence of delegates created an invigorating atmosphere, re-energizing CORWA members. The vibrant engagement and positive spirit filled the conference with a renewed sense of purpose. Recognition of RWAs



Numerous RWAs were honored with awards for their exceptional contributions, identified by a panel featuring Dr. Chandrakanth, Prof. Mukanti, and Prof. B.V. Rao, a l o n g s i d e G H M C representatives. This recognition aims to motivate RWAs to become active partners within CORWA's framework.

Financial Support and Sponsorships

The 11th NCRWA received substantial financial backing from various sponsors, ensuring the event's success. The support from businesses not only provided visibility for their brands but also highlighted their role as service providers addressing the changing needs of communities. The sponsorship categories included: Diamond Sponsors, Platinum Sponsors, Gold Sponsors, and Silver Sponsors Their generous contributions, including through exhibition displays and advertisements in the conference souvenir, played a pivotal role in the event's financial sustainability.

Exhibition and Souvenir Presentation

Maheshji's meticulous management of the exhibition showcased innovative solutions for RWAs. The revamped souvenir, led by the editorial expertise of young IT professional Gyanada Rao V, provided a fresh and engaging outlook for participants, enhancing the conference's appeal. Youth and Volunteer Engagement

The conference highlighted the involvement of young volunteers from the Rodamistry Social Sciences Institute, senior citizens from the Railway Employees Union, and private security personnel. Their contributions significantly enhanced the event's organisation. The thematic presentations by school students were particularly noteworthy, showcasing the creativity and engagement of the younger generation.

Effective Use of Digital Media The strategic use of digital transformative growth and dynamic initiatives. As highlighted by our esteemed advisor, Abhay Upadhyayji, it is imperative to overcome the current stagnation in RWA membership expansion across states to ensure the organization's long-term sustainability and impact.

Key Areas of Focus

1. Enhanced Communication -Establishing a robust communication framework within CORWA is essential for aligning activities and achieving structured goals. Regular interactions will



platforms, including WhatsApp, Facebook, and LinkedIn, managed by Manish Gupta, facilitated smooth communication and coordination, enhancing the overall experience of the conference.

Women Empowerment Session

The women's empowerment session featured dynamic speakers and activists who drew considerable attention. Their participation underscored the importance of elevating women's roles in RWA leadership and community engagement.

Moving Forward: New Goals for CORWA

With the newly elected Apex Body in place, we anticipate a period of

help set clear targets and address the issues highlighted during the conference.

2. Awareness and Training Programs - Emphasizing awareness campaigns and leadership training will empower RWAs to make informed decisions, fostering inclusive growth and community development.

3. **Political Advocacy** - Focused advocacy efforts are needed to influence political decisions in favour of RWA needs, ensuring effective representation and support for community-driven initiatives.

4. Inclusive Leadership and Membership Expansion - The induction of fresh Contd. on Page4

Hospital Tales - New series -Shades of reality behind the

curtain Tale 1: The Price Tag on Life Part A

K Shrikant Soman, AGNI Trustee r. Dilip (name changed, with due apologies to all those named Dilip) was admitted to the hospital one summer evening, critically ill and in need of immediate care. His family-his wife Sunita, their son Ankit, and daughterin-law Meera-gathered anxiously by his side. The air was thick with worry as they spoke with Dr. Rao, the attending physician. Their message was clear and urgent:Do whatever it takes to save him. Mr. Dilip must survive In that first conversation, there was an unspoken understanding that money was not an issue.

Ankit, the eldest son, reassured Dr. Rao that the family could cover any cost to make sure his father pulled through. Their expectation was that after a week of intensive care, Mr. Dilip would begin to show signs of recovery. The family stayed hopeful, paying the initial hospital bills promptly and with confidence. But life had other plans.

As the days passed, complications emerged. Mr. Dilip's condition, instead of improving, wavered unpredictably. What was initially thought to be a weeklong stay stretched into two weeks, then three. The doctors adjusted their treatment plans, trying new medications and therapies, but progress was slow. Sunita, typically a pillar of strength for her family, found herself praying more frequently, her hands clasped tightly in hope.

Ankit and Meera took turns handling the logistics paying the bills, signing consent forms, and arranging for specialists. In the beginning, the family had seen these tasks as necessary steps toward Mr. Dilip's recovery. However, as more days passed and the bills mounted, they found themselves in deeper waters. Conversations with hospital staff began to shift. There were fewer updates on his improvement and more discussions about cost.

Govt sanctions 1st ever All-Women Reserve Battalion comprising more than 1,000 personnel for CISF

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As the name suggests, these units are kept in reserve and used as reinforcement when the force gets a new job like temporary duties of conducting elections and permanent tasks of guarding an installation like the Parliament House complex that came under CISF cover this year, an official said.

The force has a huge women interface at facilities like the 68 civil airports that it guards, the Delhi Metro and historical monuments like the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort. The force had projected a requirement of having an all-women reserve battalion which has been recently sanctioned, a home ministry official said.

A part from these installations, the 1969-raised CISF provides a counterterrorist security cover to a number of facilities in the nuclear and aerospace domain apart from those in the private sector like the Infosys offices in Bengaluru and Pune, Reliance refinery in Jamnagar (Gujarat), among others.

Highlights of the 11th NCRWA

Contd. from Page 3 leadership and the use of innovative techniques to expand membership are critical to ensuring the organization's continued growth and relevance. 5. Regular Coordination and Online Meetings - The preparatory online meetings, guided by stalwarts like Raochalikaniji and Jagadishwerji IAS, were instrumental in ensuring the conference's success. Such initiatives should be continued to maintain effective coordination and planning.

6. Cultural and Entertainment Programs - A special highlight of the conference was the musical concert organized by V. Geetha, supported by Seema Agarwal. The concert featured a talented ensemble of musicians who captivated the audience with vocal and instrumental performances,

BMC election delayed

Contd. from Page 1 services, it lacks the capacity for long-term policy decisions and vision. The absence of elected representatives will have lasting implications for governance and community needs."

He emphasised that common citizens struggle to connect with the administration, underscoring the urgent need for immediate elections. "Restoring elected representatives is crucial for addressing community concerns and ensuring accountability," he added.

Ramesh Prabhu, chairman of the Maharashtra Societies Welfare Association said, "The absence of local representation hampers the effective resolution of community issues. Corporators manage funds crucial for development, without them, the potential for meaningful progress is diminished."

Dhaval Shah of the Andheri Lokhandwala Oshiwara Citizens Association stated, "The BMC is currently pursuing several mega projects, but without corporators, it struggles to understand local needs. Elected corporators are essential for the city, as their absence results in longer response times for addressing citizens' adding a delightful and memorable end to the day's events.

In conclusion, the 11th National Conference of CORWA has set a new standard in leadership, community engagement, and strategic planning. With the strong foundation laid by this event, we look forward to the impactful initiatives that the new Apex Body will bring forth, fulfilling the goals and vision outlined by our founder, Dr. Raochalikaniji, and supported by advisors Rajan Chibberji and Abhay Upadhyayji.

The journey ahead promises to be one of growth, innovation, and meaningful contributions to the empowerment of Resident Welfare Associations across the country. Let us march forward w i t h r e n e w e d v i g o r, commitment, and a shared vision for a brighter future for all communities.

complaints."

Vinod Mishra, former corporator of BJP said,"Corporators were the medium to bring local issues to light for speedy redressal. Currently, there is no elected body to question the administration's decisions. There used to be a smooth coordination between the administration and elected representatives, which is now missing."

Vinod Gholap of Fight for Right Foundation said, "Small issues from water leakage to garbage collection, citizens can approach the corporator. Now, most people are not aware where to complain or which civic department to approach. At least corporators could be held accountable earlier."

Ravi Raja, Former Opposition Leader of BMC said, "The absence of corporators has indeed left many development projects in the ward stalled, which previously could be resolved swiftly. It's crucial for the newly formed government after the assembly elections to prioritise conducting BMC elections promptly."

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