

In Maharashtra Town, BJP-Congress Unite To Keep Sena Out, Then Suspensions



Mumbai Jan., 7 (UNI): The political developments in the Ambernath Municipal Council of Thane district have triggered a major churn not only in the local politics but also across Maharashtra. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has for years aggressively promoted the slogan of "Congress-Free India" at the national level, chose a completely different route in Ambernath by forming an alliance with the Congress to secure power. This unexpected political move was widely seen as a calculated strategy to keep the Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde faction) out of the ruling setup. But the Maharashtra Congress refused such an alliance and suspended Ambernath bloc chief Pradeep Patil and all its elected corporators for what it described as a "violation of party discipline."

An Unexpected BJP-Congress Alliance

In the surprising realignment, the BJP, the Congress, and the Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar faction) had come together to form an alliance named the "Ambernath Vikas

Aghadi." The alliance comprised of 14 BJP councillors, 12 Congress councillors, four from the NCP (Ajit Pawar faction), and one independent corporator. With the inclusion of the municipal president's post, the alliance's strength has risen to 32, giving the BJP a comfortable majority in the municipal council.

Backed by this alliance, BJP leader Tejashree Karanjule was elected President (Mayor) of the Ambernath Municipal Council. This outcome is particularly significant because, after the election results, the Shiv Sena (Shinde faction) had emerged as the single largest party. Despite that numerical advantage, the Shinde faction was sidelined from power through post-poll political manoeuvring.

Maharashtra Congress Action

The Maharashtra Congress president ordered to dissolve the Ambernath bloc Congress committee, dubbing the alliance "completely wrong action" by the local leadership.

In a letter to Pradeep Patil, senior vice president of

State Congress, Ganesh Patil said, "This is a completely wrong action and a violation of party discipline. Considering this matter, by order of the Hon'ble State President, Harshvardhan Sapkal, you are hereby suspended from the Congress party. Furthermore, your Block Congress Executive Committee is being dissolved. Similarly, all the corporators who have violated party discipline along with you are also being suspended from the party."

Fadnavis Says "Unacceptable"

Senior BJP leader and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said the tie-up was unacceptable and would be scrapped. "If any local leader has taken such a decision on their own, it is wrong in terms of discipline and action will be taken," Fadnavis said in an interview with a TV channel. If such an alliance has been formed, an order has been issued to scrap it, he added.

'Congress-Free India' Slogan Under Scrutiny

The BJP's decision to align with the Congress drew sharp criticism from rival parties, especially the

Shiv Sena, led by Eknath Shinde. Sena leaders have termed the alliance ideological hypocrisy and described it as an "improper and unethical coalition." Shinde faction MLA Balaji Kinikar alleged that the BJP, which publicly speaks of eliminating the Congress from Indian politics, has now embraced the same party purely for the sake of power.

He argued that Ambernath should have witnessed a traditional BJP-Shiv Sena alliance and warned that this decision sends a confusing and damaging message within the broader Mahayuti. According to him, such political compromises could have long-term repercussions in upcoming municipal corporation and civic body elections across the state.

Local BJP's Counter

The local BJP leadership had earlier defended its decision by linking it to development and clean governance. Local BJP leader Gulabrao Karanjule Patil stated that the alliance was formed in the larger interest of making Ambernath a fear-free and corruption-free city. He alleged that during the tenure of the Shiv Sena (Shinde faction), serious corruption cases had emerged and that two former municipal presidents had even landed in jail. Karanjule further claimed that the BJP had made multiple attempts to engage the Shinde faction in discussions for a broader alliance in Ambernath, but their leaders failed to respond. Under these circumstances, he said, the BJP was left with no alternative but to join hands with the Congress and the NCP to ensure stable governance.

Iran's "Decisive Response" Warning After Trump's Comment



Tehran Jan., 7 (UNI): Iran's army chief threatened pre-emptive military action Wednesday over the "rhetoric" targeting the Islamic Republic, likely referring to US President Donald Trump's warning that if Tehran "violently kills peaceful protesters," America "will come to their rescue." The comments by Maj Gen Amir Hatami come as Iran tries to respond to what it sees as a dual threat posed by Israel and the United States, as well as the protests sparked by its economic crisis that have grown into a direct challenge to its theocracy. Seeking to halt the anger, Iran's government began Wednesday paying the equivalent of \$7 a month to subsidise rising costs for dinner-table essentials like rice, meat and pasta. Shopkeepers warn prices for items as basic as cooking oil likely will triple under pressure from the collapse of

Iran's rial currency and the end of a preferential subsidised dollar-rial exchange rate for importers and manufacturers, likely fueling further popular anger. "More than a week of protests in Iran reflects not only worsening economic conditions, but longstanding anger at government repression and regime policies that have led to Iran's global isolation," the New York-based Soufan Centre think tank said. Hatami spoke to military academy students. He took over as commander-in-chief of Iran's army, known by the Farsi word "Artesh," after Israel killed a slew of the country's top military commanders in June's 12-day war. He is the first regular military officer in decades to hold a position long controlled by Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard. "The Islamic Republic considers the intensification of such rhetoric

against the Iranian nation as a threat and will not leave its continuation without a response," Hatami said, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. He added, "I can say with confidence that today the readiness of Iran's armed forces is far greater than before the war. If the enemy commits an error, it will face a more decisive response, and we will cut off the hand of any aggressor." Iranian officials, including Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, have been responding to Trump's comments, which took on more significance after the US military raid that seized Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, a longtime ally of Tehran, over the weekend. But there's been no immediate public sign of Iran preparing for an attack in the region. Iranian state television reported on the start of a new subsidy of the equivalent

of \$7, put into the bank accounts of heads of households across the country. More than 71 million people will receive the benefit, which is 10 million Iranian rials, it reported. The rial now trades at over 1.4 million to \$1 and continues to depreciate. The subsidy is more than double what the 4.5 million rial people previously received. But already, Iranian media report sharp rises in the cost of basic goods, including cooking oil, poultry and cheese, placing additional strain on households already burdened by international sanctions targeting the country and inflation. Iran's vice president in charge of executive affairs, Mohammad Jafar Ghaempanah, told reporters Wednesday that the country was in a "full-fledged economic war." He called for "economic surgery" to eliminate rentier policies and corruption within the country. Iran has faced rounds of nationwide protests in recent years. As sanctions tightened and Iran struggled after the June war with Israel, its rial currency sharply fell in December. Protests began soon after on Dec. 28. They reached their 11th day on Wednesday and did not appear to be stopping. The US-based Human Rights Activists News Agency offered the latest death count of 36 for the demonstrations.

Delhi Mosque And A Graveyard Near Ramlila Maidan: How Controversy Started

New Delhi Jan., 7 (UNI): Old Delhi's Faiz-e-Ilahi Mosque, which made headlines today after a violent clash during an anti-encroachment drive near it this morning, was founded around 80 years ago. The mosque is located directly opposite the Turkman Gate, and the encroachment took place on a plot of land adjacent to it. Before independence, the entire parcel of land, located on the edge of Ramlila Maidan, was claimed to be a graveyard.

In 1942, around 900 square meters were given in the name of a graveyard, said Delhi Municipal Corporation Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh. Later, the mosque was built and its management committee claim ownership of this land today, showing those papers. Read: Mosque, Graveyard And A Court Order: Behind Delhi Demolition Clash

The name of the mosque -- Faiz-e-Ilahi - is an Arabic word that means Grace of God. An elderly local said a Sufi named Shah Faiz Ilahi lived here and the mosque was named after him. His grave is located nearby.



The locals say a Dargah was located here and the mosque was built over it. But later, the mosque's management committee encroached on the adjacent land. Around 1999, they started permanent construction there.

Municipal sources said over the last 20 years, the management committee built rooms for accommodation and then, a two-story banquet hall.

A municipal official, on condition of anonymity,

said gradually, illegal construction had taken place on the land of Ramlila Maidan in the name of a diagnostic center and then a library, covering an area of 4047.55 square yards, which is around one acre.

Attempts were made to contact Matloob -- a member of the Faiz-e-Ilahi Mosque's management committee -- but he did not answer his phone. The mosque's Qazi said he did not want to comment

on the matter at this time. Earlier today, the municipal employees faced the wrath of locals when they went to demolish the illegal structures following orders from the Delhi High Court. A mob of around 30 people threw stones at municipal officials and the police teams. At least five police personnel were injured in the clash. The police used tear gas to control the situation. Five people have been detained so far.

"BJP Respects Vilasrao Deshmukh's Contribution To Maharashtra": Devendra Fadnavis

Mumbai Jan., 7 (UNI): Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday said that although the BJP fights against the Congress, it respects former CM late Vilasrao Deshmukh as he played an important role in the making of the state. His statement comes in the wake of a controversy over state BJP chief Ravindra Chavan's recent remarks that the memories of Vilasrao Deshmukh would be "wiped out" from his hometown Latur. After his remarks made on Monday drew sharp reactions from the Congress and emotional response

from the former chief minister's son and Bollywood actor Riteish Deshmukh, Chavan on Tuesday apologised. Addressing the 'Vijay Sankalp Sabha' rally in Latur ahead of the January 15 municipal elections, Fadnavis said, "Latur has given several big leaders to Maharashtra, including (former Union home minister late) Shivratri Patil Chakurkar, (former CM late) Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar. Chakurkar served as the municipal council chief of Latur and went on to become Lok Sabha Speaker, which is a rare example." Former chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh,



who gave a different identity to Latur, is another such name that is respected beyond the barriers of political parties. His name is key among the leaders who played an important role in the making of Maharashtra, the CM added. On the con-

troversy over Chavan's remarks on Deshmukh, Fadnavis said, "Two days back, there was confusion and disarray here. Our (BJP) state president (Chavan) came here. He wanted to say that politically we want to set a new record here.

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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 the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (formerly M/s Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Physical Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 10.02.2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of Inspection are also given as:					
Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)	
1. MR.POLASA VENKATESHAM Y S/O Narayana 2. MRS.POLASA SHAILAJA W/O POLASA VENKATESHAM Both are R/O R/O H no:- 1_4_514/A/1 ward no: 1 block no 4 Kamareddy NIZAMABAD railway gate Kamareddy NIZAMABAD TELANGANA INDIA 503111 STUHNZBD0000152 & SBTHNZBD0000144	DEMAND NOTICE 11-08-2025 Rs. Rs.1053865/- (Ten Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Five Only) & Rs.3957881/- (Thirty Nine Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty One Only) as on 31-07-2025 under reference of Loan Account No. STUHNZBD0000152 & SBTHNZBD0000144	Rs.45,92,880/- (Forty Five Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Only) Bid Increment: Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs.459288/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 09 Feb , 2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	10-FEB-2026 Auction Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Mr. SATISH & Anjibabu 9849225412(M) &9966365296 Property Inspection date- 09-Feb -2026	
Description of Property					
All that the RCC house BEARING No. 1-4-514/A/1, Construction on PORTION of OPEN PLOT No. 103 & PIECE of OPEN PLOT No. 104, Lies in Survey No. 842/A Vide LP No. 67/2008/H. C. No. 10558/2007/H. Ref No. G1/1995/2007, in Ward No. 1 Block No 4 admeasuring North to South 43.0 feet, and East to West: 20.0 Feet, and the total area of which is 860.0 Sq. Feet. (95.5 Sq. Yards), equal to 79.8 Sq Mtrs., in which RCC Plinth area covered 695.0 Sq. Feet, bounded by: East: Open Plot No 101 & 102, North: 600 Feet Wide Road, West: Remaining Portion of Open Plot No. 104 of A. Kamala, South: Remaining Portion of Open Plot No. 104					
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MR.SRINIVASU DIDDE S/O MR.DIDDE VEERA SWAMY 2. MRS. Vinaya Kumari Yedla S/O MR.SRINIVASU DIDDE both are R/O 13-13-29 Gandi Nagar 3rd Street Gandi Nagar Nidadavolu West Godavari Andhra Pradesh INDIA 534301 Loan Account No. SHLHRJMD0000976 & SULHJRMD0000977	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE 08-02-2024 Rs.3449680/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Only) & Rs.200684/- (Two Lakhs Six Hundred and Eighty Four only) as on 28-02-2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHRJMD0000976 & SULHJRJMD0000977	Rs.37,59,450/- (Thirty-Seven Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Only) Bid Increment: Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs.375945/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy xty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 09 Feb , 2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	10-FEB-2026 Auction Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Mr. SATISH & Anjibabu 9849225412(M) &9966365296 Property Inspection date- 09-Feb -2026	
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Nidadavolu Town Taluk in Nidadavolu Municipal Area of Nidadavolu Mandal which is included in Nidadavolu Sub-D of East Godavari District is RS No. 198/4, R.S.No. 199/3 Door No.12-16-1/8 Dakhala Total area 1032 Sq. East : Dr. Boorugupalli Apparao etc. wall -67, South: Uppaluri Venkateswara Rao's taluk wall -141 West: Municipal Road-65, North: Boundary wall of Nantullah Khan -141 Between these boundaries, sq. 1032 undivided joint right of land including 47 square meters or 39,292 square meters of land including all easement rights B.SCHEDULE:"DHARANI ENCLAVE", FIRST FLOOR , Flat No.F3 ,Sq.A.1059 (Including Common Area, Car Parking Area) Boundaries East : Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, West: Flat No.F2, North: Lin & Common Corridor 1059 between these boundaries (including common area, car parking area) consisting of two bedrooms, plot, doors, doors, windows, cupboards, all buildings, car parking, electrical service collections, electrical fitting, common easement rights, you are selling this property. All easement rights including unspecified rights of parking, car, walking and use of common vehicular parking, car, walking and use of stairwell, elevator and stilled floor. This makes the classified plot more vulnerable.					
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