

### Court accepts ACB closure report in SoBo bizman case

Mumbai: A special court accepted the Anti-Corruption Bureau's (ACB) closure report on Wednesday submitted in the corruption case registered against south Mumbai businessman Jitendra Navlani under the Prevention of Corruption Act in 2022. It was alleged that Navlani, on behalf of certain Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials, had collected nearly Rs 59 crore between 2015 and 2021 in his own name as well as in the form of secured loans and consultancy fees through shell companies. ACB's 2023 closure report said their probe did not reveal any involvement of Navlani or any ED officials.

"During probe conducted as per the complaint, the accused Jitendra Navlani received a total of Rs 46.96 crores through 36 private companies during the financial years 2015 to 2021 in his personal and company bank accounts. However, the investigation revealed that these transactions were regular business dealings between these 36 private companies and Navlani. Therefore, no evidence was found to suggest that Navlani misused his position to obtain these funds illegally," ACB said in its report.

### Act against illegal parking at 2 Dadar taxi stands: HC

Mumbai: Bombay High Court on Thursday said traffic police and regional transport authority (RTA) must take action against illegal vehicles parked at the taxi stands outside Dadar Post Office on the Ambedkar Road and near Kohinor Mills on the opposite side.

"Be strict," said Justice K R Shriram and Jitendra Jain. They were hearing a 2018 petition by the Mumbai Pune Taxi Owners' Association to allow them to continue to park under the Dadar flyover. It was discontinued following the HC's June 2017 order to BMC to stop parking and park facilities under flyovers.

The RTA, Tardeo, in its Aug 7 reply said it had in Jan 2023 notified parking space for 20 taxis outside Dadar Post Office and 40 taxis in front of Kohinor Mills. But the Association, in its Aug 7 rejoinder, said only 10 cabs are allowed outside the PO in the taxi stand. It is facing the same problem near Kohinor Mills because of Assiad buses and illegal taxi operators. Despite regular complaints to the traffic police and RTA, except taking "some cosmetic action and doing lip service," nothing concrete was done.



Taxi owners had petitioned the court against unauthorised parking

gested parking below the Dadar TT flyover. However, they were removed by the BMC. The Association said as the taxi stand at Kohinor Mills still exists, the traffic authorities are duty-bound under the Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Act and Rules to safeguard their rights and get the stand cleared for parking their 40 vehicles. If it cannot be done, then they should be allowed to park in the lanes between Don Bosco School and UDCT at Wadala."

### Art initiative to revitalise 29 suburban railway stns

Mumbai: A major public art initiative aimed at revitalising Mumbai's suburban rail network is set to debut this October. Spearheaded by a non-governmental organisation, the project, titled "Hamara Station Hamari Shaan" (HSHS), aims to transform 29 suburban railway stations across the Western Railway (WR) and Central Railway (CR) networks, with the involvement of over 20,000 volunteers.

HSHS is billed as India's largest citizen-led public art initiative. It will cover 16 WR stations (from Churchgate to Dahisar) and 13 CR and Harbour Line stations (from CST to Kalyan). In the past 20 days, Project Mumbai's teams, in collaboration with railway officials, have mapped paintable areas, measured locations, and begun designing art tailored to each site. The designs will feature local art, cultural elements, and vibrant colours.

"HSHS will transform into a cultural hub from September when hundreds of citizens—school children, corporate employees, and social welfare organisations—come together to beautify their city and foster a sense of ownership in their neighbourhoods," said Shishir Joshi, Founder and CEO of Project Mumbai. To encourage widespread participation, Project Mumbai has established WhatsApp groups for each station, allowing residents to join efforts near them.—Manthan K Mehta

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### Man slips on oil at home, dies

Thane: A 59-year-old man, Madhusudan Gundu, died of injuries after slipping on oil in his Bhiwandi house on Tuesday. Police said Gundu was taken to hospital but was declared dead on arrival by doctors. An accidental death case has been filed.

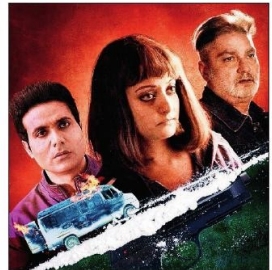
### State project to keep kids safe online

Mumbai: The state will soon introduce the 'Safe Web for Children' project for school students. The project is aimed at preventing online sexual exploitation of children. Launching the initiative, school education minister Deepak Kesarkar on Wednesday spoke about creating a safe environment for children, both in schools and in their homes. He said that children need to be safeguarded from online crimes and abuses.

# A twisted tale of kidnapping gone wrong done right

#### CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Aliya Basu Gayab Hai (Thriller) ★★★
Cast: Vinay Pathak, Raima Sen, Salim Diwan
Director: Preeti Singh
Duration: 1 hour 43 minutes
Language: Hindi (A)



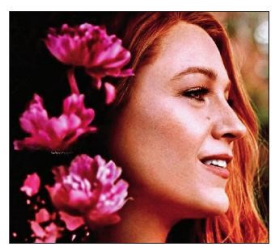
Aliya Basu (Raima Sen), a daughter of a wealthy businessman, finds herself kidnaped by two goons. But what starts as a simple case of kidnapping for ransom, soon turns into a diabolical game of greed and betrayal.

highlight of this modest budget thriller that often leaves its viewer guessing about what will happen next. While the story is restricted between just three central characters, it ends up exploring a range of possibilities between them.

as a dangerous kidnapper, who isn't sure of what he is capable of. Raima Sen is convincing and effective in her role of a beleaguered woman trapped in a very uncomfortable situation. But the actress does rise to the occasion when it comes to showing the strength of her character. Salim Diwan, with all the shades of his character, has a huge scope to perform. However, the actor doesn't go beyond a few expressions to convey the range of his character. Surprisingly, it works in his favor as his character is a mix of gullibility and danger.

#### It Ends with Us (Drama, Romance)

Cast: Blake Lively, Justin Baldoni, Brandon Skienar, Hustin Minhaj, Jenny Slate
Director: Justin Baldoni
Duration: 2 hours 10 minutes
Language: English (A)



Based on Colleen Hoover's bestseller, the love triangle drama follows forist Lily Bloom (Blake Lively), as she embarks on a new life journey in Boston to get over a lingering past trauma. A chance encounter with the charming Ryle Kincaid (Justin Baldoni) makes her optimistic about love and happiness but there's more to him than meets the eye.

"It" stands for in the title. The buck stops with you. You can end to generational trauma when you decide to not tolerate the disrespect that's normalised in the family. No matter how passionate the love, domestic violence should be off limits and a deal breaker.

triggering, empowering, sexy and reflective. Despite the predictable story, events unfold like a slow burn thriller. Good-looking men are often tactfully used in cinema to show a mirror to our bias towards outer beauty. Women lust for Roy's Penn Badgley being an ideal example. Baldoni smartly navigates and explores this aspect, never forgiving or trivialising the violence, nor misinterpreting it as passion but it all feels a tad soapy. This is emotionally heavy and certainly not a breezy watch.

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