

Complete your TV viewing experience with the **Times - M.A.N. Pack**. Get **MOVIES NOW** **TIMES NOW** **ROMEDY NOW** **ET NOW** **MXN** **MIRROR NOW** & **ZOOM**.
Ask your Cable/DTH operator for the **Times M.A.N. Pack** at ₹13 p.m. + taxes.

Cong fears losing north Indian votes if MNS joins oppn front

Prafulla.Marpakwar
@timesgroup.com

Mumbai: The Congress is not in favour of accommodating the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena in the Cong-NCP-led 'Maha Aghad' or opposition front in the state.

A senior Mumbai Congress leader, who did not wish to be named, said it would be wrong to accommodate the MNS in the opposition alliance due to the stand taken by Raj Thackeray against Hindi-speaking migrants in Mumbai. "Raj Thackeray has never expressed any regret for the MNS's assaults on Hindi-speaking people in the city. In fact, in the recent past, MNS workers have again stepped up their activities. Raj does not have faith in the Constitution and had been discriminating against people on the basis of religion and caste," he said.

The Congress leader pointed out that there are more than 60 lakh Hindi-speaking people in the city. Most of them — 35 lakh — are from eastern UP and the rest are from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and

Rahul likely to address LS poll rally in Mumbai early in March

Congress president Rahul Gandhi will address election rallies in Maharashtra in the first week of March, while the Congress-NCP alliance will launch its campaign for the Lok Sabha polls from Nanded, the hometown of state Congress president and former chief minister Ashok Chavan. According to a senior Congress leader who did not wish to be named, Rahul Gandhi is likely to address a poll meeting in Mumbai on March 3. The Nanded rally of the Congress-NCP alliance will be addressed, besides Chavan, by NCP president Sharad Pawar and AICC general secretary Mallikarjun Kharge. It will be followed by another rally at Parli Vajinath in Beed district. **TNN**

Chhattisgarh. "We believe that most of them are sympathisers of the Congress. Under such circumstances, it would be a disaster to accommodate the MNS. We will only end up eroding our base in the city," he said.

Ajit Pawar had said last week that "in view of the fact that the MNS has a considerable presence and had polled a large number of votes in earlier elections, we should accommodate it." A day later, he even had a meeting with Raj Thackeray. It was on the same

day that Ajit Pawar made a strong push for inclusion of MNS at a meeting of senior leaders presided over by NCP president Sharad Pawar. Ajit Pawar then took up the matter during the Congress-NCP meeting attended by Ashok Chavan and state NCP president Jayant Patil.

Raj Thackeray had in February last year conducted a public interview of NCP chief Sharad Pawar on the Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce grounds in Pune. Before his nephew pushed for the

MNS's inclusion, Sharad Pawar had recently said there would be no truck with the MNS for the elections.

On the seat-sharing formula, Chavan said on Saturday it had almost been finalised. "An agreement has been reached on contesting 48 seats. It has been proposed that the Congress will contest 26 seats. A panel of three nominees has been drafted for each seat. The list of candidates will be placed before the central screening committee, and we expect a final decision early NCP will contest 22 seats," Chavan said.

On allotment of seats for like-minded parties from within the Congress-NCP quota, Chavan said four seats had been proposed to be kept aside for the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Vikas Aghadi, two for the Raju Shetti-led Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatana and one each for CPM and RPI. So far, there has been no response from Ambedkar. "There is a row over Ahmednagar and Aurangabad seats. But I am sure it will be resolved amicably," Chavan said.

Union govt ups minimum price for sugar

The tussle between sugar cane farmers and factories in western Maharashtra is set to end with the Union government hiking the minimum support price (MSP) of sugar in the retail market by Rs 2 per kg and announcing a subsidy for sugar mills. Leaders of Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatana (SSS) said they hope the decision will end the current crisis in the sugar industry in the state, but the sugar factories were cautious in their reaction. The Union government on Friday increased the MSP of sugar from Rs 29 to Rs 31. This will effectively reduce the gap between manufacturing cost and selling price. The government has also given an assurance that factories that follow government norms will get subsidy between Rs 200 and Rs 250 per tonne.

SSS leader, Raju Shetti, said sugar factories should make payment to farmers without delay. "I don't think it is necessary to continue our agitation because of the new development," he said. Sanjay Khatal, managing director of Maharashtra State Co-operative Sugar Factories Federation Ltd, said the increase of Rs 2 per kg would not solve the current crisis. —**Satyajit Joshi**

MALKHAMB GETS A GLOBAL TOUCH



A foreigner does the Malkhamb at the first-ever international championship held in the city on Friday. Participants from more than 15 countries took part in the event

As Sena, BJP hint at tie-up, allies seek pound of flesh

Sujit.Mahamulkar
@timesgroup.com

Mumbai: As the uncertainty over an alliance between Shiv Sena and BJP seems to end, with leaders of both parties sending out positive signals, BJP's smaller allies are aggressively putting forth their demands ahead of the parliamentary and assembly elections slated to be held this year.

A BJP ally, Republican Party of India (RPI), which is led by Union minister of state Ramdas Athavale, wants one Lok Sabha and 16 assembly seats while Rashtriya Samaj Paksha (RSP) led by state cabinet minister Mahadev Jankar wants six Lok Sabha and 15 assembly seats in the state. Athavale represents the Dalit community while Jankar claims to be the leader of the Dhargar community.

Athavale, who wants one Lok Sabha seat for himself to contest, wants the South Central Mumbai constituency, which is currently with the Shiv Sena. The RPI leader is

hoping to win from south Central Mumbai as he may bank on Dalit pockets in the constituency.

Avinash Mahatekar, an RPI leader, told TOI that the party wants only one Lok Sabha seat

While RPI wants 1 Lok Sabha and 16 assembly seats, Rashtriya Samaj Paksha wants 6 Lok Sabha and 15 assembly seats in the state

and 16 assembly seats. "Our party leader is planning to meet and request Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray to leave the south-central Mumbai seat for RPI against Satara LS constituency," said Mahatekar. Sena's Rahul Shewalerepresents South Central Mumbai while the Satara constituency is represented by NCP's Udayanraje Bhosale said to be a tough seat for Sena to win against Bhosale.

Meanwhile, the RSP has demanded six Lok Sabha seats including Madha and Baramati — said to be the NCP's bastion

— and 15 assembly seats. "We want six Lok Sabha seats including Madha, Baramati and Mumbai North-east. Talks have not yet started, but we will soon meet the BJP state functionary soon," said Jankar, president of RSP.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar is likely to contest from Madha constituency while his daughter Supriya Sule may be the candidate from Baramati. Jankar is a member of the state legislative council while Rahul Kul is the only elected member in the party's representative in the assembly.

Jankar, however, said that even after an alliance with the BJP, the party candidates will contest polls on their own party's symbol instead of the BJP's symbol. "I want to take my party to the national level, so my party's candidates will not contest polls on the BJP's symbol," Jankar told TOI.

A third smaller ally, Shiv Sangram, is still to raise its demand. The party's chief, Vinayak Mete, is a member of the legislative council.

PM flags off train to Mumbai, other projects

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Yavatmal/Dhule: Inaugurating a slew of projects during his tour of Maharashtra on Saturday, PM Narendra Modi presented his government's progress report and developmental agenda and stated that if the people of India had not given the NDA a strong and unambiguous mandate in 2014, the country would have been still stuck on the path of slow development.

In Pandharkawda in Yavatmal district, the PM inaugurated schemes including an Eklavya residential school at Kinwat in Nanded, road works and irrigation projects, flagged off the Humsafar AC train between Ajni (Nagpur) and Pune through a video link and handed over symbolic keys to beneficiaries who have got houses under the PM Awas Yojana and certificate to women beneficiaries of several other schemes.



PM Modi was received in Nagpur on Saturday morning by Union minister Nitin Gadkari and CM Devendra Fadnavis

In Dhule he flagged off the Bhusawal-Bandra Khandesh Express through a video link and laid the foundation stone

of the Dhule-Nardana new rail line and the Jalgaon-Mammad third rail line. The development projects inaugurated on Saturday would allow Dhule to compete with Surat in neighbouring Gujarat in the next 30 years, he said.

After beginning his speech in Yavatmal in the local Banjara dialect, paying tributes to the community's saints like Sevalal and speaking for a while in Marathi, Modi said his government had worked tirelessly for farmers and pointed to the Rs6,000 that his government would place annually directly in their bank accounts as income support and the sum of Rs3,000 offered to workers in the unorganised sector as pension.

Governor Vidyasagar Rao, CM Devendra Fadnavis, Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari and Union minister of state for home Hansraj Ahir, in whose Lok Sabha constituency in Yavatmal the rally was organized, were present. Gadkari said, "Because of accelerated irrigation projects and aid provided by the Centre for fast-paced infrastructure projects, Yavatmal would no longer be known by its earlier label as farm-suicide capital." Fadnavis announced a big hike in the revolving capital for women SHGs (self-help groups) — from Rs60,000 to Rs1 lakh — amid cheers from beneficiaries in the crowd. Members of 3,000 women SHGs of Yavatmal and Chandrapur were present", besides tribals and farmers from the region and also from neighbouring Telangana.

Anjuman has shaped minds for 145 yrs, to recall glorious past on founders' day

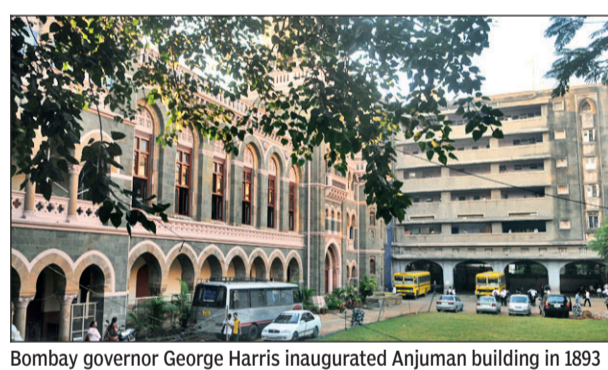
Mohammed.Wajihuddin
@timesgroup.com

Mumbai: The heritage Anjuman-I-Islam building in south Mumbai is currently getting a fresh coat of paint. Its thick walls, high ceiling and antique wooden gate are being scrubbed clean too. The iconic structure will soon be bathed in delightful lights as it does on special occasions such as Independence Day and Republic Day. Anjuman has turned 145 and will celebrate its founders' day later this month.

Even as an impressive list of guests is being finalized to mark the founders' day, an appraisal of Anjuman, located in the heart of the city, seems in order.

Anjuman opened its doors in February 1874 with three teachers and 120 students simultaneously at two places — Babula Tank in Dhobitalao and Dongri. Today, it is a conglomerate of 97 institutions that caters to more than one lakh students. Anjuman's story is not just about statistics though; it is also about the nationalistic and secular values it has imparted over the years.

"Since it was founded by people of stellar nationalistic and secular fervour, Anjuman has imbibed those values and is



Bombay governor George Harris inaugurated Anjuman building in 1893

committed to imparting quality education, discipline and service to the nation," says Dr Zahir Kazi, Anjuman's president and radiologist, seated at his ground-floor office in the building whose walls adorn old photos of the city's many landmarks.

Kazi has evidently crammed important milestones in Anjuman's journey and rattles them off enthusiastically. In 1874, Badruddin Tayabji, the first Indian judge of the Bombay high court and third president of Indian National Congress, solicitor Qamruddin Tayabji, his elder brother, philanthropist Nakhuda Mohammed Ali Roghe, social worker Munsahi Ghulam Mohammed, and a few others met at the Tayabji ho-

use and decided to establish a school. "Munshi Ghulam Mohammed had travelled to several north Indian cities such as Lahore and Delhi where Muslims had established schools named Anjumans. The group decided to have such a school in Mumbai as well and called it Anjuman-I-Islam. At the meeting, Roghe donated Rs10,000 while Tayabji contributed Rs 7,500 towards the school fund," says linguist and researcher professor Abdus Sattar Dalvi.

Once the number of students — all boys; a girls school came up later — swelled to 628, the founders decided to have a permanent building, says Kazi. The then Bombay governor, Lord Reay, laid the foundation

stone of the present building on May 31, 1890, while his successor, George Harris, inaugurated it on February 27, 1893.

While retaining its Islamic roots, Anjuman has maintained its secular character. When Anjuman opened its girls school, later named after Saif Tayabji, at Mumbai Central in 1936, an eclectic list of women managed it: Ms Samson, a Jewish woman, was its principal, Ms Bharucha, a Parsi, its vice-principal, and Ms Parulekar, a Hindu, its head teacher. When it opened its girls school in Bandra next year, Ms Mathai, a Christian, became its principal.

Although several past presidents, including barrister Akbar Peerbhoy, freedom fighter Moimuddin Harris and Dr Ishaq Jamkhanawala, expanded Anjuman, the institution has grown "phenomenally" in the past decade. A jewel in Anjuman's crown is its Integrated Technical Campus at Panvel. Anjuman's alumni include the spian Dilip Kumar, actor-writer Kader Khan, producer-director Ismail Merchant, cricketers Salim Durrani, Ghulam Parkar and Wasim Jaffer, Dr AR Undre, Dr M A Patankar, politicians AR Antualy and Majeed Memon, and several corporate leaders.

City police take accused to Indore court in ambulance, fail to get transit remand

Mateen.Hafeez
@timesgroup.com

Mumbai: A city police team has been camping in Indore for nine days to take into custody a Rs 9 crore cheating accused. The 62-year-old managing director of a private firm was arrested by Mumbai police and taken in an ambulance to court but the transit remand was not granted as he was lying in the ambulance in the compound.

A team of city economic offences wing (EOW) officers arrested Rajiv Soni from Indore and took him to a local hospital for a medical exami-

nation. Soni complained of high blood pressure and high sugar at the government-run Maharaja Yeshwantrao Hospital. Meanwhile, when the police team reached the court for the transit remand, the judge told them that he first wanted to see the accused physically in court. Police went back to the hospital, hired an ambulance and carried him to the court. Rajiv's lawyer alleged in court that his client was forcefully brought there. Subsequently, the transit remand was not granted. Mumbai police had admitted Rajiv to the hospital on February 8. It is learnt that

the Mumbai police team had to pay for Rajiv's "treatment".

The associate vice-president of a multinational bank, which has its office in south Mumbai, had lodged a complaint of cheating of over Rs 5 crore. Investigations revealed that the amount was around Rs 9 crore. Rajiv and co-accused, Vijay Soni, MD in a private firm, and directors, Sharang Soni, Nirmalkumar Sharma and G P Mathur, were named in the FIR along with Mohanlal Hemrajjan, director of another private firm, Opel Trade Impex Pvt Ltd.

The accused's firm approached the bank for a loan, stating they had bought some goods from Opel. A loan of Rs 9 crore was sanctioned and Rs 5 crore was disbursed. But during scrutiny the bank realised the documents of sale and purchase, and invoices submitted were forged. When a bank official visited Rajiv's office at Nariman Point, he found it was shut down and the accused had fled. On September 2, 2016, a cheating case was registered with MRA Marg police and the case was transferred to EOW. A Mumbai court has rejected Rajiv's interim bail plea.

LEADERS AT 40

THE MBA YOU PURSUE SHOULD NOT BE.

Young has a new definition in today's business. 30 - somethings have established billion dollar enterprises by challenging conventional thinking. The MBA at Bennett is designed to groom you to be such a leader. Because we have a focus on applied learning that enables you to analyse and research the current business cases and develop a perspective on what lies ahead. When you earn an MBA from Bennett, you will be better prepared for the future.

ARE PASSÉ

The MBA from Bennett. Tomorrow is our business. Specialisations: Business Analytics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Marketing, Media & Entertainment and Operations

Admission Scholarships on Tuition Fees for AY 2019 - 20					
Scholarship	100%	50%	30%	20%	10%
CAT or XAT Percentile	90+	85 - <90	80 - <85	75 - <80	70 - <75
GMAT Score	720+	700 - 719	650 - 699	600 - 649	550 - 599
GRE Score	329+	326 - 328	320 - 325	315 - 319	306 - 314
MAT Percentile	99+	95 - <99	90 - <95	85 - <90	80 - <85
NMAT Percentile	95+	90 - <95	85 - <90	80 - <85	75 - <80

- Industry interface through Times of India Group
- Entrepreneurship support through in-house Hatchery
- Interdisciplinary learning
- Powered by Economic Times

Eligibility	Selection based on
Any undergraduate degree with a minimum aggregate score of 50% and minimum duration of 3 years from a recognised University	Valid Scores in CAT/GMAT/ GRE/MAT*/NMAT/XAT followed by Personal Interview <small>*For MAT - 80 percentile and above will be called for interviews</small>

Additional 5% scholarship on tuition fees for candidates with more than 2 years of work experience. Scholarship can continue for 2nd year, subject to qualifying criteria. For details please refer to the website.

www.bennett.edu.in
Call: 9810571225

Campus: Techzone II,
Greater Noida

