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collection and disposal to be made more effective, with complaints pouring in about garbage piling up.

Besides BMC officials, the meeting was attended by other agencies such as the railways, the BEST, MMRDA, MSRDC, the traffic police and the NDRF. Since BMC commissioner is chief of city's disaster management he has directed to take measures on monsoon preparedness.

SYEDNA ROW

Attempts made to assassinate me, says Khuzaima

MUMBAI: Khuzaima Qutbuddin, the 74-year-old challenger to the seat of the 53rd Dai Al-Mutlaq and head of the Dawoodi Bohra community, told the Bombay high court on Tuesday that the Mufaddal Saifuddin, the current successor, was aware that his father wanted Qutbuddin as his rightful successor.

Khuzaima alleged in court that his popularity with the Dai made others jealous and thus, Saifuddin, along with his father-in-law, his brothers and his supporters, schemed to malign him in the eyes of the community. "There were also attempts to assassinate me once in Indore and again in Yemen," he said.

Khuzaima made the above submission on the second day of his cross examination before Justice Gautam Patel who is conducting the trial over the Syedna's succession row.

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Satam said, "The civic officials were not taking action on complaints. It was important that the right of pedestrians is maintained. Action was taken against food stalls on the road, which were also affecting traffic. We could have continued with the action till 5pm but as there was shortage of vehicles, we had to stop midway."

mended that while framing these norms and fixing zones, it was necessary to take the views of citizen groups, hawkers and BMC into account.

drains, made of brick masonry, have become dilapidated because of wear and tear over the years.

According to civic officials, "Fixing them is a complex exercise. Once the rehabilitation work is complete, the life of drains will increase by 50 years."

"We will soon issue tenders for another six roads where the strengthening of drains needs to be immediately taken up. We are in the process of surveying other roads too, but they are not a priority yet," said Laxman Vhatkar, chief engineer, storm water drains department.

cial burden of the state.

Attorney general Sunil Manohar, appearing for the state, said the RTE Act only states that the schools have to admit EWS students and they can recover fees from students. He said the Act says schools must just admit students, and not ask for reimbursements of the costs incurred to do so. He said there was a definite lacunae in the Act.

The court then asked why a section of people would be classified as EWS if they have to pay fees, and where students should go if they can't pay the fees.

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MUMBAI: Domestic airlines seem to be wooing the country's business flier this summer with a vengeance.

While a budget airline announced a flash sale for fliers without check-in bags, a full service carrier added three metro route flights at dirt-cheap fares, as they would be operated during the wee hours.

On Monday, budget airline SpiceJet announced a flash sale offering domestic flights at prices almost half of long distance sleeper class fares for fliers travelling without check-in bags.

According to the offer, the airline has put out 1.5 lakh one-way economy class tickets across its domestic network, for travel between July and October.

Air travellers are allowed to carry free check-in baggage up to 15 kg and cabin baggage up to 7kg on board domestic flights.

Travellers picking these discounted tickets would however, have an option to carry check-in baggage up to 15kg at the flat rates of Rs750.

The move appears to be in line with the unbundling of air travel charges popular in the matured aviation markets such as the UK.

In 2013, the civil aviation ministry had allowed domestic airlines to charge air travellers separately for preferable seats, pre-booked meals and ferrying fragile baggage.

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The move to offer cheap flights to corporate travellers who shuttle between metros for a day is likely to get widespread popularity, according to travel trade experts.

"Business travellers comprise more than one-third domestic air travellers in India. And, a significant number of such travellers are