

(MUMBAI), said. The system would be capable of accepting contact less pre-paid

is aiming to promote its Rupay card that is given to account holders of the Jan-

DKC Ozark corridor would be made functioning in 2021.

that travel to their wife at Pune railway station on Sunday.

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► **The high court recently refused to grant stay on demolition of four buildings.**

► **An inquiry will be initiated into the secretary's decision.**

unauthorised structures despite complaints. Only last year, the court had directed the state and Navi Mumbai Corporation to demolish the illegal buildings.

The state's Advocate General Rohit Deo informed the court that an inquiry would be initiated into the secretary's call to the court receiver. AG Deo further told the court that there were many rules regarding illegal construction however the state was bringing in a regularisation policy to bring in uniformity.

SENA'S MAYORAL CANDIDATE FACES LEGAL WRANGLE

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MUMBAI, MARCH 7

An election petition has been filed against Shiv Sena's mayoral candidate Vishwanath Mahadeshwar in the small causes court by Dharmesh Vyas from the Congress party on March 4.

The petition has alleged that Mr Mahadeshwar who won the corporator seat from Santacruz withheld information of drawing salary from government grants and hence was not eligible to contest the mayoral elections to be held on March 8.

The election petition has been adjourned for service till April 6.

According to the petition, Mr Mahadeshwar had deliberately suppressed facts while filing his nomination form for the civic elections.

FAKHRUDDIN TO CONTINUE SAYEDNA CLAIM OF HIS FATHER

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MUMBAI, MARCH 7

The Bombay high court has allowed Taher Fakhruddin to continue contesting the original suit filed by his father, claiming to be successor of the 52nd Dai of the Dawoodi Bohra community.

The original plaintiff Khuzaima Qutbuddin had filed a suit claiming to be the 53rd Dai of the community following demise of the 52nd Dai ul Mutlaq Sayedna Burhanuddin in 2016.

Fakhruddin said that he had replaced his father as his successor and the 54th Dai of the community. However, defendant Mufaddal Saifuddin raised objection saying that continuation of the suit should not be allowed as Fakhruddin was claiming to be successor even before succession of his father

had been established.

The single bench of Justice G.S. Patel was hearing the chamber summons to classify interest of the plaintiffs - Qutbuddin and his son Fakhruddin, and respondent - Saifuddin in the battle for succession to head and leader of the Dawoodi Bohra community after demise of the 52nd Dai.

After hearing both sides, Justice Patel said, "Fakhruddin is allowed to continue his father's suit as his interest is joined with his father's interest till the time a decree on succession is not established."

Justice Patel added, "The objection of the defendant is accepted as it would jeopardise his position and hence, the applicant (Fakhruddin) is allowed to make only some amendments till March 27."

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Train Mishaps

► **The long distance trains were affected after the derailment in Saphale.**

► **Three wagons of a good train derailed at Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar (GBT) on February 28.**

over and fell on their sides. As a result of the derailment, office-goers heading towards CS) were affected. After the mishap, the Central Railway (CR) was left in a panic even though an extra Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport (BEST) buses were pressed into service to bring the situation under control.

BMC may give 'cafe shot' to slum redevelopment

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It is not just the slum rehabilitation authority (SRA) scheme, which will be used for the redevelopment of slums in the city henceforth. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's final draft on Development Plan (DP) 2034 has proposed a cafeteria approach, which will benefit the slum dwellers by providing several options for slum redevelopment.

According to the civic officials, despite being instituted in 1995, the SRA scheme has not been able to provide homes to all the slum dwellers in the city. The current model of SRA is feasible option only for the private developer involved in the slum redevelopment

► **As per the proposal slum dwellers can seek permission for redevelopment by forming their own society.**

process. Until the developer finds the land value of the slum viable, the slum redevelopment does not take place. While the revised DP had suggested the need of a 'cafeteria' approach, where banquet of options is available for slum up-gradation and redevelopment, it had not suggested any specific alternative approach options.

Gautam Chatterjee, the DP planning committee member said, "The alternative plan proposed by urban design research institute (UDRI) for slum up-grad-

tion provide trunk infrastructure and amenities to slum communities and allow for incremental slum up-gradation by the slum dwellers individually or by virtue of plot amalgamation." With this plan, slum dwellers can come forward for the slum redevelopment by forming their own society. The plot can be leased after up-gradation and homes can be built in a phased manner.

The BMC and state government should consider this option to provide an alternative to the SRA scheme, he added.

The SRA scheme was started for the rehabilitation of slum dwellers in the state. The scheme is implemented in three categories - in-situ scheme, PAP scheme and transit scheme.