

DHARAVI COMPILED MEDIA REPORT

04 Feb, 2025 – 05 Feb, 2025

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 Print	Financial	Mainline	Regional	Periodical
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Print

No	Newspaper	Headline	Edition	Pg
1.	The Times of India	Oppn says budget is for Adani Group	Mumbai	5
2.	Hindustan Times	BMC presents budget with big push on infra	Mumbai	1, 4
3.	Sakal	Opposition to survey in Dharavi continues	Mumbai	3

The Times of India • 05 Feb • Dharavi
Oppn says budget is for Adani Group

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Hindustan Times • 05 Feb • Dharavi
BMC presents budget with big push on infra

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BMC presents budget with big push on infra



BMC commissioner Bhushan Gagrani, flanked by additional municipal commissioners, presented the budget at the BMC headquarters on Tuesday.

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MUMBAI: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) presented its biggest-ever budget on Tuesday, pegged at ₹74,427.41 crore for FY 2025-26, up 19.45% from last year's budget. The budget document, however, showed an increase of 14.19%, taking into account mid-year revised estimates of 2024-25, which put last year's budget at ₹65,180.79 crore.

Even though no new projects were announced, the budget, presented by municipal commissioner Bhushan Gagrani, has been described as 'infrastructure-driven', as large budgetary allocations have been made towards ongoing, big-ticket infrastructure projects, such as the Coastal Road

(North) and Goregaon-Mulund Link Road.

The financially bleeding BEST undertaking has been allocated Rs 1,000 crore in this year's budget. BEST union leaders criticised the "meagre" allocation and said they would soon meet chief minister Devendra Fadnavis and ask him to merge BMC's budget with BEST.

The BMC has also allocated over ₹3,000 crore for the concretising of roads. An allocation of ₹220 crore has been made for developing open spaces and gardens, including the proposed 290-acre Mumbai Public Park. This park will cull a portion from the Royal Western India Turf Club and the Mumbai Coastal Road (South) project, adding 300 acres of open spaces.

No new taxes were announced in this budget. →P4

Biggest budget yet

₹74,427.41 cr

HEALTH

₹7,380 crore

COASTAL ROAD-NORTH
(Versova to Dahisar)

₹4,000 crore

ROAD

CONCRETISING

₹3,111 crore

**CIVIC
BUDGET
2025-26**

No new projects in 'infra-driven' BMC budget

₹74,427.41 cr outlay 14% higher than previous year's budget

58% of budget estimates reserved for capital expenses

No new taxes but BMC mulling solid waste mgmt user charge

₹220.12 crore allocated for developing open spaces

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MUMBAI: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) presented its biggest-ever budget on Tuesday, pegged at ₹74,427.41 crore for FY 2025-26. It exceeded FY 2024-25's budget at ₹59,954.75 crore by 19.45%, but the budget document showed an increase of 14.19%, taking into account mid-year revised estimates at ₹65,180.79 crore.

Interestingly, while no new projects were announced, the budget was described as 'infra-structure-driven', as large allocations have been made towards ongoing, big-ticket infrastructure projects in Mumbai.

Also, no new taxes were announced, except that the BMC is seeking legal opinion to introduce a Solid Waste Management (SWM) user charge to be levied on the end-user, ie individual apartments, by amending the existing solid waste management sanitation byelaws of 2006.

This was the first-ever budget presented by municipal commissioner and administrator Bhushan Gagrani, and also the fourth budget presented by an administrator in the absence of an elected body.

Historically, the revised estimates of capital expenditure (meant for various development and infrastructure works) have always been lower than the budget estimates. However, the situation was reversed for the first time for FY 2024-25, and the BMC will continue with this policy for FY 2025-26 too, to focus on sustainable civic facilities and controlled revenue expenditure.

In line with this policy, this year too, the BMC will maintain an upward trend in expenditure on infrastructure projects, to provide better facilities for the citizens of Mumbai. Capital expenditure has increased from ₹22,787.16 crore in 2024-2025 to ₹26,355.74 crore. The capital expenditure for infrastructure projects such as the Coastal Road, GMLR, and sewage treatment plant has increased from ₹10,210 crore to ₹13,310.97 crore.

Revenue expenditure, which includes salaries of employees, pension and establishment costs, proposed at ₹28,763.94 crore in 2024-25, has increased to ₹31,204.53 crore in 2025-26. Significantly, until 2023-24, revenue expenditure constituted 60% of the budget estimates, while capital expenditure was 40%.

For FY 2025-26, 42% of the budget estimates are reserved for revenue expenditure and 58% for capital expenditure.

While no new projects were announced in the budget, the civic body has requested the state government to declare the BMC's big-ticket projects 'vital urban transport projects' under Section 124B (2-1A) of the Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning Act, 1966. If the request is granted, the BMC would be able to retain 50% of the cess collected through stamp duty, while handing over the remaining 50% to the state government.

On concreting roads in Mumbai, Gagrani said 50% of the work is expected to be completed by June 2025. If residents oppose the concreting of roads in their neighbourhood, the BMC will not proceed with the work.

An access-control project is underway to improve road quality, and upgrades to the Eastern Express Highway and Western Express Highway to reduce traffic congestion. Additionally, a universal footpath policy is being developed.

Gagrani said a budgetary allocation of ₹220.12 crore has been made for developing open spaces and gardens, including the proposed 200.12-acre Mumbai Public Park. This park will cull a portion from the Royal Western India Turf Club and the Mumbai Coastal Road (South) project, adding 300 acres of open spaces.

The BMC has also set aside ₹181.56 crore to repair/improve several markets across the city. As part of a long-term strategy, the BMC plans to enhance revenue by revising the various fees and charges. It has also requested the state government to issue directions to ensure that the premium from additional FSI (Floor Space Index) is shared between the state, BMC, MSRDC and the Dharavi Redevelopment Project. 'As a result, BMC would receive 50%, the state government 25%, and MSRDC 25%. To date, BMC has received its 25% share, adding ₹70 crore in revenue, and we are projected to earn ₹300 crore in 2025-26,' said Gagrani.

He also mentioned other revenue generation strategies such as the vacant land tenancy policy, where land will be developed for public purposes and converted into leases wherever possible. This is expected to generate ₹2,000 crore annually over the next four years.

Additional revenue will come from the proposed transportation and commercial hub at the Dahisar check naka. The BMC also plans collect property tax from commercial units in slums, which is expected to yield ₹350 crore.

Budget at a glance

MUMBAI SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROJECT
₹5,545 cr

COASTAL ROAD (NORTH)
Versova to Dahisar
₹4,000 cr

COASTAL ROAD (SOUTH)
₹1,516 cr

COASTAL ROAD
Last leg from Dahisar to Mira Road
₹300 cr

Goregaon-Mulund Link Road
₹1,959 cr

BEST
₹1,000 cr
Sion Panel Highway flyover
₹500 cr

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
Ashray Yojana (redevelopment of staff quarters of SWM staff)
₹1,300 cr
Solid waste management projects
₹300 cr

RIVERS
Mithi River project
₹453 cr
Rejuvenation of rivers
₹493 cr

EDUCATION
Grammar Books:
₹35.54 cr
Talking Walls:
₹12.6 cr
English Language Lab:
₹10 cr
Guide Books (Providing extra books for Classes 1 to 5):
₹4.43 cr
Student Assessment System:
₹1.7 cr

WATER SUPPLY
Water conveyance tunnel
₹2,270 cr
Major pipeline works
₹460 cr
2000 MLD water treatment plant at Bhandup complex
₹450 cr

ROADS
Concretising of roads
₹3,111 cr
Access control project on Western Express Highway
₹442 cr

HEALTH
Redevelopment of Sion Hospital:
₹345 cr

Art, culture, sports

- Fashion Street in South Mumbai is being redeveloped from a heritage perspective.
- Mini theatres at Wadala and Ghatkopar to be repaired/renovated.
- Under the Goregaon Mulund Link Road project, a Tiger Monument will be built by finding a suitable place in the tunnel passing underneath the Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
- Under the zoo-extension project, exhibits will be developed for various exotic species on a 10-acre plot adjacent to the Byculla Zoo.
- A satellite facility of the zoo will be created for exotic birds in Mulund.
- Kala Ghoda area is being developed to enrich the experience of visitors to this arts precinct.
- 'Mumbai Eye' to be built at a suitable location under the PPP model.



There is no rise in any kind of tax or cess. It is a people-centric budget. The budget is the one that gives relief to a common man and has taken care of health, education, environment
EKNATH SHINDE, deputy CM

The BJP is exploiting Mumbai... It is shocking that the BMC has proposed property tax on small shops in slums
AADITYA THACKERAY, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader

ILLUSTRATION:
GANESH GAMARE

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Opposition to survey in Dharavi continues

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Mumbai

धारावीतील सर्व्हेला विरोध कायम

डीआरपीपीएल कार्यालयावर रहिवाशांचा धडक मोर्चा

धारावी, ता. ४ (बातमीदार) : धारावी पुनर्विकास प्रकल्पांतर्गत धारावीतील झोपडपट्टीमध्ये सर्व्हेलाचे काम सुरू आहे. जवळपास ८० हजार झोपड्यांवर नंबर टाकण्यात आले आहेत, मात्र आम्हाला अंधारात ठेवून सर्व्हेल सुरू असल्याचा आरोप करीत (रविवारी ता. २) रहिवाशांनी डीआरपीपीएल कार्यालयावर धडक मोर्चा काढला होता.

धारावीकरांना नक्की काय दिले जाणार आहे, किती चौरस फुटांची घरे मिळतील, कोणकोणत्या सुविधा उपलब्ध आहेत, याबाबत अद्याप काहीही माहिती दिली जात नसल्याने रहिवाशांनी सर्व्हेल थांबवले, मात्र अदानी ग्रुपकडून मोठ्या प्रमाणात सर्व्हेलाचे काम सुरू आहे. सर्व्हेलच्या नावाखाली माळ्यावरच्या भाडोत्रीनामुदा घर देण्याचे प्रलोभन दाखवून सर्व झोपडीधारकांची कागदपत्रे घेतली जात आहेत. झोपडीधारकांना धारावीमध्येच घर देण्याबाबत कोणतेही लिखित



धारावी : कार्यालयाबाहेर रहिवाशांनी मोठी गर्दी केली होती.

→ लेखी आश्वासन द्या!

जनकल्याण विकास समितीने घेतलेल्या बैठकीत ५०० रहिवासी उपस्थित होते. सर्व सभासदांनी आपापल्या शंका उपस्थित केल्या, परंतु कंपनीच्या अधिकाऱ्यांनी कोणत्याही प्रकारे लेखी अथवा ठोस आश्वासन दिले नाही. लोकांना स्वप्ने दाखवून, पोलिसांचा धाक व प्रलोभन दाखवून सर्व्हेल सुरू आहे. राहते घर ज्या ठिकाणी आहे, त्याच सेक्टरमध्ये घर देणार, असे लेखी आश्वासन मिळाल्याशिवाय आम्ही कागदपत्रे देणार नाही, अशी भूमिका या वेळी आंदोलकांनी मांडली.

आश्वासन न देता घराची कागदपत्रे घेतली जात आहेत ती कशासाठी, याची माहिती दिली जात नाही, अशी माहिती रहिवाशांनी दिली.

Opposition to the survey in Dharavi continues. On Sunday, residents staged a protest at the DRPPL office, claiming the survey was being conducted without providing clear information about the new homes, amenities, or location. They demand written assurance before submitting documents for the survey. The protest involved over 500 residents.

Channel Overview

Business Channel



No Coverage in this segment

Hindi Channel



No Coverage in this segment

English Channel



No Coverage in this segment

Channel Overview

Regional & Others Channel

Total Clip		Top Channel	
2		News18 Lokmat (1)	
1.	 News18 Lokmat	1	
2.	 TV9 Marathi	1	

**News18 Lokmat
Dharavi**

Presenting the budget of Mumbai Municipal Corporation, Provision of 74 thousand 427 crores in the budget. Aditya Thackeray: T...

news • Marathi • 09:57 PM 04 Feb, 2025

**TV9 Marathi
Dharavi**

Adani Group will get the Deonar Dumping Ground site cleaned up for the Dharavi redevelopment project.

Mahatvachya Batmya • Marathi • 07:12 PM 04 Feb, 2025

 Online Coverage

No	Portal Name	Headline (Incorporated with URL)	Reach
1.	Msn India	"Illegal Bangladeshi Migrants In Dharavi Will Get Government Homes In Mulund. I ...	733.9M
2.	Hindustan Times	No new projects in "infra-driven" BMC budget	124.6M
3.	Indian Express	How will you survive if you spend Rs 25k extra every month: Arvind Kejriwal to v...	90.9M
4.	The Times of India	Opposition says BMC budget for Adani and not Mumbaikars	64.4M
5.	Navbharat Times - NBT Education	GMLR, दहिसर-भाईंदर लिंक रोड, कोस्टल रोड के मरीन ड्राइव से वर्ली के लिए खुला खजान...	57.6M
6.	Loksatta - Marathi Newspaper	घटलेल्या मुदतठेवी आर्थिक स्थितीचा एकमेव निकष नाही; पालिका आयुक्त भूषण गगराणी यां...	33.4M
7.	Dailyhunt	"Illegal Bangladeshi Migrants In Dharavi Will Get Government Homes In Mulund. I ...	18.6M
8.	Dailyhunt	Kejriwal urges Delhi voters to reject BJP"s alleged vote manipulation tactics	18.6M
9.	Mid-Day	BMC Budget 2025: Civic body eyes revenue boost through land, tax, and policy re f...	7.5M
10.	Free Press Journal	"Illegal Bangladeshi Migrants In Dharavi Will Get Government Homes In Mulund. I ...	6.4M
11.	Saamana	सोन्यासारखे घर सोडून पत्र्याच्या घरात का जाऊ? धारावी सोडण्यास कुंभारवाड्यातील रहि...	1.2M
12.	Saamana	मुंबईत 10 लाख बांगलादेशी घुसखोर; शोधमोहीम राबवून कारवाई करण्याची हिंदू संघटनांची...	1.2M
13.	Latestly	Illegal Bangladeshi Migrants in Mumbai: हिंदू जनजागृती समितीने जाहीर केली "बांग...	664.7K
14.	Millenium Post	Kejriwal urges Delhi voters to reject BJP"s alleged vote manipulation tactics	239.8K
15.	Urban Acres	Mumbai Faces 30-Hour Water Cut	N/A
16.	India Aajkal	'हम अपनी धारावी नहीं छोड़ेंगे', नहीं छोड़ेंगे" धारावी की आक्रोशित जनता	N/A
17.	Creative Bharat	Mahindra Lifespaces wins redevelopment deal worth ₹ crore for three Mumbai ho...	N/A
18.	OB News	"Illegal Bangladeshi Migrants In Dharavi Will Get Government Homes In Mulund. I ...	N/A
19.	The Mobi World	"Illegal Bangladeshi Migrants In Dharavi Will Get Government Homes In Mulund. I ...	N/A