

Principals to make meals safer

STRATEGY A 15-member state-appointed group will recommend ways to improve quality of food

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MUMBAI: Principals of more than 35,000 schools in the state withdrew their boycott against food served in the midday meals, on Wednesday. The decision was taken after the state government agreed to set up a 15 member committee to recommend methods to improve the quality of meals served in schools.

The Maharashtra State Secondary and Higher Secondary School Principals' Association, which was protesting across the state since August 16, will now be part of a government committee on children's safety in midday meals.

The committee will be headed by the director of primary education, Mahavir Mane, directors of secondary education and school principals, and is required to prepare a proposal chalking out steps that can be taken to ensure that midday meals consumed by children are safe and of good quality.

The principals seek to make two major recommendations in the proposal.



COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS

A principals' association, which will be part of a government committee to look into quality of midday meals seeks to make two recommendations

First, to develop a device

that can detect if the meal has been poisoned, made with the help of institutes such as IIT

Second, to ensure that an ambulance is available for every school, within 5-km.

The first recommendation is the introduction of devices that detect if the meal has been poisoned. "It is not possible to keep an eye on how the food is prepared, especially if it is being outsourced to contractors," said Prashant

Redij, vice president of the association, Mumbai wing.

Redij said institutes like the Indian Institute of Technology and National Science Association could help in creating these devices.

The second recommendation proposed by the principals is that an ambulance be available for every school, within a five-kilometer radius, in order to provide students with quick medical attention in case of an accident.

THE BOYCOTT

Since August 16, 35,000 aided schools in the state had stopped serving midday meals to protest the poor quality of meals and the new rule that principals will be held responsible for the quality

The indefinite strike began after the recent deaths because of midday meal poisoning in Bihar

On August 19, aided schools in the city also declared their support for the strike

In city schools, the task of preparing midday meals is outsourced and not cooked inside the school. Although the contracts are given after inspection, school principals said it may lead to issues outside their control.

"This is especially required in rural areas," Redij said.

The principals had started the boycott following the recent student deaths in Bihar and parts of Maharashtra, caused by contaminated midday meals.

SOLUTIONS

Teachers withdrew their boycott after the state government agreed to form a 15 member committee, headed by director of primary education, Mahavir Mane, directors of secondary education and school principals.

The committee is required to prepare a proposal chalking out steps that can be taken to ensure that midday meals consumed by children are safe and of good quality.



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HT's coverage

HT had reported earlier this week, that 35,000 aided schools in the state had stopped serving midday meals protesting its quality.

Man, cousin beaten to death over spitting

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MUMBAI: A 31-year-old man was killed and his cousin injured at NM Joshi Marg, following a fight between them and four others (all BMC sweepers) over spitting late on Wednesday.

The police said the deceased spat as the group was passing by, and the group thought he had spat upon sighting them. This led to the fight and finally to the murder.

Police arrested the four people on Thursday. The deceased, Manoj Parmar, and his cousin Navin, 20, were outside their house at the BMC Chawl in Dhanmill junction. Around 11.30 pm, Jayesh Maru, 17, Mayur, 22, their father Chagan, 46 and Dhiraj, 22, were passing by.

"Just as the four were walking by, Manoj allegedly spat into a nearby gutter, which angered the four. The accused thought Manoj did that to show contempt for the group. Soon after, they returned with a knife and bamboo sticks and began assaulting the cousins," said Tanaji Ghagre, senior inspec-

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TANAJI GHAGRE
Senior Inspector,
NM Joshi Marg police

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While Manoj sustained a deep gash between his left armpit and chest, Navin sustained grievous injuries on his forehead and back. The locals rushed the two to KEM Hospital, where Manoj succumbed to his injuries and was declared dead. In his statement to the police Naveen identified the attackers, who live reside in the same chawl.

The police caught all four attackers hiding near a bar. The officials have seized the knife used in the crime. A case under sections 302 (murder) and 307 (attempted murder) has been registered against all the accused and they have been remanded in police custody for further investigation.

Art, with her eyes closed



Rama Satish Shah makes a Lord Ganesha idol with her eyes closed, at Press club in Mumbai, on Thursday. On 12th August, 2012, Shah had completed 2,12,000 idols, over 12 years - a feat accepted as a record by the Limca Book of Records.

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BIKE SET ON FIRE AT SION

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MUMBAI: The Antop Hill police registered a case after a Hero-Honda motorbike was found torched in the Makawadi area, Raoli Camp in Sion (East) on Thursday. Police officers said that the bike, belonging to one Ravindrakumar Gupta, 37, was parked outside his shop. On Thursday, around 1.30am, the bike was seen in flames, following which the Raoli Camp fire brigade was informed. They rushed to the spot and doused the fire. The two-wheeler was completely charred in the incident.

CM, senior police officials skip press conference on crime

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MUMBAI: Crime reporters from Mumbai's print and electronic media on Thursday were in for a disappointment after chief minister Prithviraj Chavan, home minister RR Patil and senior police officials failed to turn up at a much-hyped media conference, convened at the state police headquarters in Colaba, even two hours after the scheduled time.

For deadline-chasing scribes, it came as a surprise,

given that Chavan is otherwise known for his time-bound schedules. Hapless scribes had to finally beat a slow retreat.

On Thursday, Chavan, along with deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar and RR Patil, went to the office of the director general of police for a conference on the review of crimes in half the year.

Senior officials of the Indian Police Service (IPS) in the state were also present at the conference, along with director general of police Sanjeev Dayal.

A press conference was scheduled at 5pm which was later moved up to 4.30pm where Chavan and other senior officials were to address the media after their review conference.

The press conference held significance in the backdrop of the murder of social reformist Dr Narendra Dabholkar, who was shot dead in Pune two days ago. However even after 6.30 pm, none of the officials came to address the media waiting in a shelter built specially for the press conference.

DRUNK BIKER CRASHES INTO ANOTHER ONE

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MUMBAI: A biker was injured after another 25-year-old biker lost control of his motorbike and rammed it into the victim's bike at Malad (West) late on Tuesday. The police said that the accused, Samad Shaikh, was riding under the influence of alcohol. Shaikh, his pillion rider and the victim, Haridhar Ramdayal, were all seriously injured and had to be hospitalised.

The police said that Shaikh had gone to Marve beach with a friend late on Tuesday, where the two had drinks. "Shaikh and his friend were headed back home when he lost control of the bike. At a parking area near the beach, he rammed into another biker Haridhar, 35. The impact was so severe that Haridhar was thrown off and he hurt his mouth," said an official from the Malvani police.

The trio was rushed to a hospital in Malad. "A medical examination showed that Shaikh was drunk at the time. He was booked under IPC sections for rash driving and causing hurt, and section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act for drunken driving. He hasn't been arrested yet as he is recuperating in hospital," said the official.

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MUMBAI: The state government failed to send the draft of the ordinance enacting the anti-superstition law to the governor for his nod on Thursday. On Wednesday, the state cabinet had decided to issue the ordinance with the immediate effect. The draft is now expected to be sent by Friday morning.

Chief minister Prithviraj Chavan had directed the social justice department to initiate the procedure to issue the draft of the ordinance and send it to governor K Sankarnarayanan for approval by Thursday evening. The resolution passed by the state cabinet to issue the ordinance was signed by the chief minister, deputy chief min-

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CHANGES IN THE DRAFT

Two sections from the existing bill have been dropped in the new draft.

"The section with the provision of action against organisations, trusts and their directors has been dropped. Section 13, which dealt with the physical and financial repercussions of rituals, has also been deleted," said an official from the law and judiciary department.

ister and social justice minister on Wednesday evening. The draft was prepared by the social justice department and vetted by the law and judiciary depart-

Anti-superstition ordinance to go for governor's nod on Friday

ment by Thursday evening.

However, the draft could not be sent to the governor as the procedure took longer than expected. "We had to follow protocol for all the procedures right from getting the cabinet approval signed and drafting the ordinance to getting permission from the state legislature as the bill was pending in the houses. We have completed all the formalities today. It will be forwarded to the Raj Bhavan by 11am tomorrow," said Shivajiraj Moghe, social justice minister.

Once the governor receives the draft, the government expects he will revert by Friday evening. After the governor's clearance, the ordinance can be issued by Saturday, said a source from the law and judiciary department.

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Cong, NCP to bury differences before 2014

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MUMBAI: The Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), at their coordination committee meeting on Wednesday night, decided to bury the hatchet by breaking ties with the opposition and other parties in local self-government institutions.

However, despite the resolution, the seat-sharing talks went no further with Congress claiming that their party brass had not communicated about any specific seat sharing formula of 26-22, as claimed by the NCP.

After state Congress leaders put their foot down, it was decided that the allies will snap ties with the opposition parties including the Shiv Sena and Bharatiya Janata Party in other local self-government institutions. In the polls held last year, the allies had fought as rivals from several regions and, in some cases, had tied up with the saffron combine after the elections to wrest power in certain zilla parishes.

But, it was the NCP that had hurt Congress the most in its strong hold, Vidarbha by grabbing power in five districts by tying up with saffron allies. The Congress had joined hands with the Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatana in the Kolhapur zilla parishad to keep NCP out.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- Dhananjay Munde, estranged nephew of Gopinath Munde and a former BJP leader from Beed filed his nomination for the Legislative Council elections to be held on September 2
- The NCP ridiculed the BJP for its resistance to the ordinance on the anti-superstition bill.

chief Manikrao Thakre raised an objection during the seat-sharing talks on grounds that NCP had joined hands with communal forces to capture the zilla parishad in Yavatmal, his home turf. NCP leaders countered the claim and reminded the Congress that it had done something similar in Kolhapur. According to an NCP leader, the process would start from Kolhapur and Yavatmal ZPs, where the party corporators would bring no-confidence motion against the chairman or deputy chairman of the body.

"I had pointed out that unless the NCP snapped ties with the saffron combine, it would be difficult to win the trust of local Congress leaders," said Thakre. "So far, we have not got any information on the 26-22 formula from Delhi. Once we get a signal from our high command, we can move ahead."

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