

'SHIVNERI SUNDARI'

Facing criticism, MSRTC to seek feedback from people in survey

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AMID PUBLIC backlash and opposition criticism over the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation's (MSRTC) decision to introduce female bus attendants, or 'Shivneri Sundari' on e-Shivneri buses, the organisation has decided to reconsider the initiative and plans to conduct a state-wide public opinion survey.

The initiative has stirred controversy, particularly over the name 'Shivneri Sundaris,' which opposition leaders have criticised as regressive and objectifying. Public criticism, especially on social media, has also highlighted the need for more urgent improvements in the state transport system. The initiative proposes including female crew members on State Transport (ST) buses operating between Pune and Mumbai to attend to passengers.

Pramod Nehul, an official from the Pune Division MSRTC, stated that the directive came from MSRTC's central headquarter.

tters in Mumbai. "Once we receive the order, we will begin implementing the process," he said.

Ahijit Bhosle, an official at MSRTC headquarters, confirmed that the public opinion survey will take place before the initiative's official launch. The survey is expected to start after October 25, with details to be decided in an upcoming transport authority meeting. Bhosle added that the initiative has received positive feedback from passengers, which he sees as a good sign. "The recruitment process for female staff will focus on candidates from the hospitality management sector," he added.

Bhosle also noted that there are currently 100 Shivneri buses, with 75 in the Pune division. While the hospitality service is expected to commence soon, no specific timeline has been set.

MSRTC had recently announced this initiative, alongside others, such as establishing 'Anand Health Centres' at 343 bus stations in memory of the late Anand Dighe. The decision followed the 304th Board meeting, led by newly appointed chairperson Bharat Gogavale.

Taste of nostalgia: How faral choices are bound by memories and tradition for most

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WHILE DIYAS, fireworks and rangolis are integral to Diwali, there cannot be celebrations without the quintessential Diwali faral. Unlike more trends, choices for the faral are still dictated by nostalgia – the childhood flavours and aromas that filled one's own kitchen. Preparing the faral, thus, becomes a way to revive connections to one's past despite changes to social structures and ways of living.

Geeta Joshi, 49, says that she has always enjoyed Besan Ladoo and Patal Pohe Chivda since her childhood. "Growing up in a joint family, I would see my mother, grandma and older siblings all come together to make Diwali faral. I learned to make my favourite items by watching them. We would also visit extended family to help with their preparations. Nowadays, as joint families are rare and most family members are either working full-time or not interested in making faral at home, this tradition is fading. Since households now have fewer members, making faral for just two or three people feel tedious," she says. She adds that many of her friends and even extended family members buy faral now because of work commitments, which is understandable given the time involved."

A walk through the major markets reveals that faral options are increasingly including cookies and chocolates as well as low-calorie items for the fitness era, but the old favourites of chakli, laddoo, chivda and shankarpali are clear winners in their colourful packed boxes. "While sweets can be unhealthy in large quantities, they remain integral to our culture and celebrations. Unlike chocolates, which some young

Van with gold worth Rs 138 crore intercepted in Pune, verification on

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WHILE CHECKING vehicles in view of the forthcoming Assembly elections, a city police team found gold ornaments worth Rs 138 crore in a private van. Police sources said that an

inquiry has revealed that the van belonged to a private logistic company which has been legally transporting gold, diamond ornaments to different jewellers.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (zone 2) Smartana Patil said in the backdrop of upcoming elections the police have set

up 26 state surveillance teams (SST) points for checking vehicles at different locations in Pune city. Patil said vehicles are checked at the SST point to see if they are transporting cash or anything else suspiciously.

A private vehicle was intercepted at the SST point at Padmavati on the Pune-Satara

Road on Friday morning. Cops found some boxes kept suspiciously in the van. When they checked it, the boxes were carrying gold ornaments worth Rs 138 crore.

So the police informed the Election Commission and Income Tax (I-T) officers. The van was taken into custody by

the I-T department for verification of gold ornaments and their documents given by the driver.

Amit Modak, CEO of P N Gadgil and Sons, a renowned jewellery company in Pune clarified that the van belonged to logistic service, which is used on a daily basis for transportation of gold ornaments to different jewellers and it is done with proper legal procedures.

said the van intercepted by the police carried parcels of various jewellers including P N Gadgil and Sons. Modak clarified that the van belonged to logistic service, which is used on a daily basis for transportation of gold ornaments to different jewellers and it is done with proper legal procedures.



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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS (STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED) FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

(All amount in ₹ Million except EPS and unless otherwise stated)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended		Year Ended		Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income	699.84	626.93	719.56	2643.19	738.84	673.69	768.90	2855.62
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	87.66	65.56	102.25	319.14	100.70	91.65	95.38	399.80
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	87.48	65.56	99.68	316.58	98.65	87.66	115.19	410.84
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	64.62	46.88	74.54	233.95	72.72	62.55	91.80	308.04
5	Total Comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive income (after Tax)]	63.06	46.29	74.20	232.42	71.16	61.59	89.56	304.37
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital	280.21	37.37	280.21	280.21	280.21	37.37	280.21	280.21
7	Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	1502.97	-	-	-	1626.84
8	Earning per share (face value - ₹10/- each) Basic (₹) (Not annualized except for year end) Diluted (₹) (Not annualized except for year end)	2.31	1.67	2.66	8.35	2.58	2.22	3.27	10.94

Notes:

- a The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Quarterly financial results filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) and notes thereto are available on the website of the stock exchange(s) i.e. www.bseindia.com, www.nseindia.com and the website of the Company i.e. www.diffusionengineers.com
- b The above unaudited financial results (Standalone & Consolidated) for the quarter ended June 30, 2024 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on October 24, 2024 and were approved by the Board of Directors of the company at its meeting held on even date.

By order of the Board of Directors
For Diffusion Engineers Limited

Sd/-

Prashant Garg

Chairman & Managing Director

DIN-00049106

Adjuncts 401

Place : Nagpur

Date : October 24, 2024



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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. and the Physical Possession of which has been taken over by the Authorised Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. and therefore further offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property described hereinunder, which will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS" basis. Offers are invited to take part in auction through the Web Portal of our e-Auction Service Partner, M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd (www.C1India.com) i.e. <https://www.bankerauctions.com> by the undersigned for sale of the immovable property of which particulars are given below:

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable properties	Reserve Price	Earliest Money Deposit (EMD)	Date/ Time of Auction
1. Mr. Atul Guravkar Warkar, 2. Mrs. Divya Atul Warkar	26.07.2027	26.07.2027, Rs. 25,61,221.15/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Only) as on 26.07.2021	Rs. 10,27,000/- (Rupees One Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Five Rupees Ninety Five Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Only) as on 26.07.2021	10% of Bid Amount - Rs. 10,27,000/- (Rupees One Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Five Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Only) as on 26.07.2021	Date of Inspection of Immovable property: 01.11.2024 - 11.30 am - 12:30 pm Last Date for Submission of Offers / Date of Auction: 02.12.2024 till 5.00 pm, Date / Time of Auction: 03.12.2024 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Important Terms & Conditions of Sale:

- The Auction is conducted as per the further Terms and Conditions of the Bid document and as per the procedure set out therein. Bidders may go through the website of our e-Auction Service Provider, M/s/C1 India Pvt. Ltd i.e. <https://www.bankerauctions.com> for bid documents, the details of the secured asset put up for e-Auction and the Bid Form which will be submitted to the authorized officer at the branch office/regional office as provided hereinabove;
- All the intending purchasers/bidders are required to register their name in the Web Portal mentioned above as <https://www.bankerauctions.com> and generate their User ID and Password in free of cost of their own to participate in the e-Auction on the date and time aforesaid;
- For any inquiry, information, support, procedure and online training on e-Auction, the prospective bidders may contact the M/s/C1 India Pvt. Deptt of our e-Auction Service Partner M/s. Vinod Chauhan, through Tel. No.: +91 7281124254, Mobile No.: 9813887931 & E-mail ID: vinod@bankerauctions.com;
- To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised officer, there is no encumbrance in the property/ies. However, the intending bidders may inspect the property and its documents as mentioned above or any other date & time with prior appointment and they should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrance, title of property/ies put on e-Auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute any commitment or any representation of KMBL. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to KMBL. The Authorised officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues/claims/rights/dues/affecting the property prior to the date of auction.
- For participating in the e-Auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit/upload in the Web Portal (<https://www.bankerauctions.com>) the details of payment of interest-free refundable Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the secured asset as mentioned above by way of Demand Draft in favour of 'Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited' payable at Nagpur along with self-attested copies of the PAN Card, Aadhaar Card, Residence Address Proof, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof as specified above along with the requisite bid/bidder form in this regard.
- The EMD of all other bidders who did not succeed in the e-Auction will be refunded by KMBL within 72 working hours of the closure of the e-Auction. The EMD will not carry any interest.
- The balance amount of purchase consideration shall be payable by the Successful Purchaser/Bidder on or before the fifteenth (15th) day from the date of 'Confirmation of Sale' of the said secured asset by the Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing by the Authorised Officer.
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